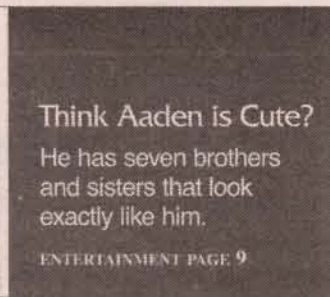




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A Waking Nightmare

The tumor embedded in Maria Watanabe's brain went undetected for years. All the symptoms were there, but she contends her health insurance company denied her care. The survivor is waging a war against her HMO.

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

PASADENA, Calif.—For almost two years starting in October 2002, Maria Teresa Watanabe suffered from increasingly intense headaches and dizziness that robbed her of sleep and basic daily functions. She had blurry vision spells and blackouts that once made her fall down a flight of stairs with her baby cradled in her arms.

What could it be? She had a nagging feeling that her symptoms were similar to a cousin's who died of a brain tumor, so the mother of two confided in her primary-care physician who repeatedly requested from Maria's health insurance company to allow her

to see a neurologist and get the appropriate tests. Each request was denied with the explanation that Maria's condition did not meet "medical necessity criteria."

"I was still scared," said Maria, but since the medical director of her health maintenance organization (HMO) didn't seem to think anything was amiss, she thought "maybe there's nothing wrong with me."

So in July 2003, Maria, along with her husband Hiroyoshi and their two daughters Yurika and Mika, traveled to Tokyo. Her pain intensified, so family members took Maria to a local hospital where she described to the doctor her symptoms and her medical history. He ordered a magnetic brain imaging (MRI) scan the same day.

"The same day," she repeated. "This is the test that I have been waiting so long for [in the United States]."

The scan revealed her worst nightmare: Maria had a brain tumor.

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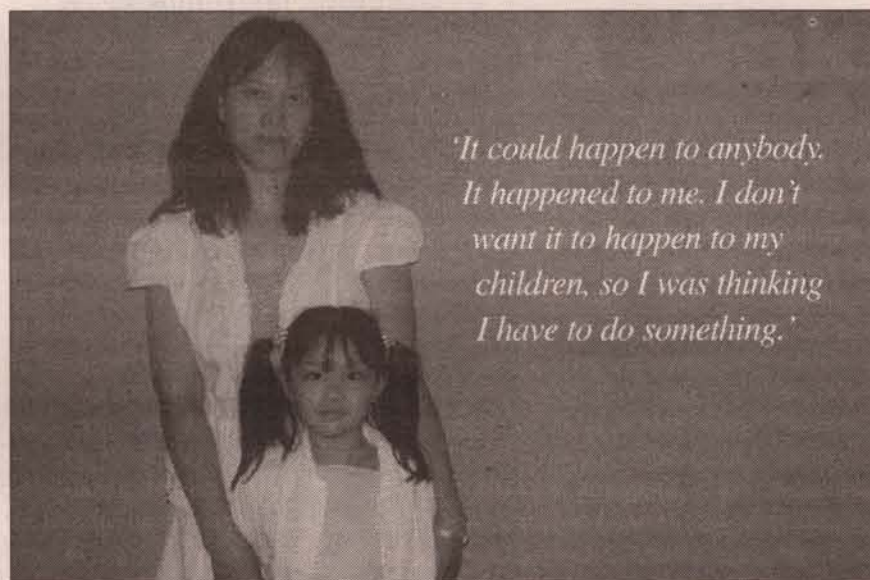


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'It could happen to anybody. It happened to me. I don't want it to happen to my children, so I was thinking I have to do something.'



'I don't want to die and leave my family,' wrote a distraught Maria Teresa Watanabe (above with daughter Mika) in a July 21, 2003, letter to her primary care doctor after being diagnosed with a brain tumor in Japan (left).

Remember Little Manila?

The Stockton community was once the home of the largest community of Filipino Americans in the nation. But like many other ethnic enclaves, it's being threatened by change. Now a preservation group is hoping to save the last three original buildings.

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

The lingering pain of a World War II bullet wound keeps the almost 80-year-old Alberto Alerre confined to the walls of his Steamboat Landing Apartments in Stockton, Calif. But the Filipino WWII veteran manages to escape every once in awhile through a tunnel in his memory and songs from his homeland.

Over the phone, he warbles a haunting refrain about Little Manila and laughs.

"My memory is hazy," said



ONCE A HOTSPOT:
Pioneering Filipino farm workers in the 1920s-30s lived at the Hotel Mariposa (far right), danced at the Rizal Social Club next door and ate at the Emerald Restaurant (far left).

PHOTO: DILLON DELVO

Alerre, who arrived in Stockton in April 1994 by driving through the city's Little Manila. Although the district is a shadow of its former self, he felt a sense of comfort.

"Be it ever so humble there's no place like home," said Alerre. "Anything that is something to do with the Philippines gives us a sense of nostalgia."

These days, the last physical

reminders of the district's historic past as a Filipino hotspot for farm workers and zoot suit clad *manong* (literally "respected elder") are three dilapidated buildings: the Emerald Restaurant, the Rizal Social Club and the Hotel Mariposa on Lafayette Street. One local preservation group wants to save and transform the

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Hearings Set for Controversial Proposed Feedlot Near Minidoka

Jerome County commissioners have set aside Aug. 14 and 15 to debate the Big Sky permit application. Concerns of former internees will be heard only at the hearings, making it necessary for elderly JAs to make a trip to Idaho.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

The hearing dates have now been set for a controversial 13,188 heifer feedlot just a mile and a half away from the Minidoka Internment National Monument. But if former internees want to have their concerns heard, they will need to physically show up at the hearings in Idaho.

The Jerome County Commissioners have set aside Aug. 14 and 15 to hear from Big Sky Farms LLP owned by Don McFarland who want to build the controversial feedlot. Residents who live within a one-mile radius of the proposed feedlot will still be able to write in their concerns beforehand and can also present their testimony at the hearings.

But Japanese American former internees — many today in their early to late 80s — will have to find a way to physically get

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Pittsburgh H.S. Students Create 'Anti-Asians Anonymous' Group on Facebook.com

The AA community protests the group, forcing it to be shut down. Unfortunately, similar hateful sentiment still remains on the popular networking site.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

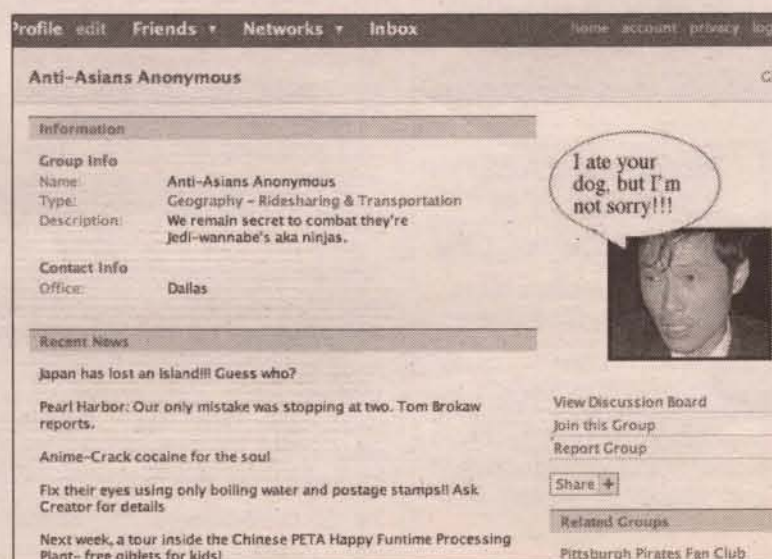
When some students at Fox Chapel Area High School in Pittsburgh, Penn. decided to start their own group on the popular Facebook.com networking site, their choice of topic wasn't the Pittsburgh

Pirates or the new Harry Potter flick — it was an anti-Asian group they cheekily called "Anti-Asians Anonymous."

"I ate your dog, but I'm not sorry!!!" is the bubble quote beside a generic photo of a young Asian man. And under "Recent News" there are fake news titles like: "Pearl Harbor: Our only mistake was stopping at two. Tom Brokaw reports" and "Another Chinese hideout in a giant bowl of urine. Where'd they go?"

Among the 25 group members, 16 are identified as currently attending

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Never-ending Fight for Civil Rights

By FLOYD MORI

Almost daily I find myself reciting in meetings or to the press the description of JACL as "the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the nation."

We who have a long history with JACL often look at "civil rights" as our legally defined rights in the laws and in the Constitution of this great nation.

I would like to broaden civil rights to encompass maintaining a social, physiological and economic environment that enhances our ability to seek the inalienable rights our forefathers sought for future generations.

The national JACL has in recent months been involved with the issue of health disparities that exist in our country. These disparities in health-care, in access to healthcare, and in treatment for illness have a negative impact on the wellness of minorities in this country.

The main civil rights coalition in the country, The Leadership Council on Civil Rights (LCCR), agrees that access to good healthcare and treat-



ment is a "civil right" in a developed nation such as the United States. The JACL is a charter member of this prestigious organization and maintains a seat on LCCR's executive board.

When we are in bad health it is difficult to fully take advantage of the liberties afforded us by our legal system. Therefore, the JACL will press forward to advocate for reducing the health disparities which affect the Asian American community.

The JACL also continues to advocate for a legal system that preserves our basic right to due process. Several provisions in the Patriot Act and the Military Commissions Act moved our nation further away from the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Secret eavesdropping on citizens, torture and the elimination of *habeas corpus* are examples of the encroachment upon basic civil liberties we have seen in recent years.

The JACL, of all communities, should understand what war hysteria and bigotry can do to a targeted minority population. The president, congress, and the courts have spoken loudly in the past that we must not allow these things to happen again. Therefore, the JACL has been part of a working taskforce of civil rights

groups that have been meeting with members of congress to educate them on the dangers that our civil liberties face. This working task force has been effective in re-educating congress about the meaning and need to maintain the right to *habeas corpus* even during times of war.

While the Redress movement was a great accomplishment of the JACL, it remains relevant to many of the issues we deal with today. The movement to preserve the internment camps is witness to the fact that many today see the lessons learned from having permanent educational reminders of the value of civil liberties.

The Washington, D.C. JACL office, with our intern Tim Koide, is working with the offices of Sen. Daniel Inouye and Rep. Xavier Becerra to give Japanese Latin Americans some of the same justice afforded Japanese Americans who were forced into concentration camps during World War II. We are working on the bill that will create a study commission similar to the commission that studied the JA case.

The JACL has also been working with various congressional delegations to introduce legislation that will provide for the National Park Service to conduct special recourse studies to determine the best and

most effective way to present the internment camps as an educational element for our nation's history.

Legislation to allow a study for the Tule Lake campsite is moving through congress. Further legislation to expand the Minidoka National Monument site has bi-partisan support and is moving through the legislative process with the support of JACL.

The legislative maneuvering that has blocked the progress of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform legislation has been a major disappointment to its supporters. We look to immigration being a major polarizing issue in the 2008 election season. In the meantime we will see families kept apart, the flow of illegal immigration to continue, and negative impacts on critical industrial sectors of our economy.

Civil rights today is beyond simply gaining rights that should be available to all. Civil rights means maintaining what we have earned in the past. Civil rights means providing an environment that allows all to pursue our rights to life, liberty, and happiness. The fight seems never ending and, therefore, the need to have the JACL at the legislative table is as essential today as it ever has been. ■

MINIDOKA FEEDLOT

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Minidoka's future neighbors?

to the hearings to give their two minutes each worth of comments. Only then will they be given a chance to express their concerns about the stench of manure and potential pollutants having a negative impact on the historic Minidoka site.

"It would be nice if they would allow written testimony from the former internees," said Dr. Frank Kitamoto, a former Minidoka internee who will be unable to attend the upcoming hearings. "It would be to [Jerome County's] benefit. This is going to be a national monument. To make it so people will want to come and visit the Minidoka site."

Although the Jerome County commissioners were able to make an exception in allowing former internees to express their concerns at the hearings, an existing ordinance limiting prior written testimony to residents within the one-mile radius area must be followed, said Commissioner Charlie Howell.

"I understand that all P&Z (planning and zoning) issues affect some person or family one way or another. For every person that is happy an application is approved, there is also someone who may not be happy," said Howell.

Ironically, Jerome County Commissioners recently passed a moratorium on all CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) so they could update various ordinances but because Big Sky's permit was submitted prior to

the moratorium taking effect, their application does not fall under the new policy.

Commissioner Diana Obenauer says it has been difficult to work with the ordinances that Big Sky Farm's application currently falls under.

"I empathize with all the internees of the Hunt encampment and especially those who are challenged by age and infirmity which prevents them from attending and or testifying at the hearings," she said.

Just last month the Minidoka Internment National Monument was placed on the National Trust's list of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places," noting the significance of the former World War II internment camp. From 1942 to 1945, 13,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were forced to live in the Hunt, Idaho camp.

Although very little remains of the Minidoka internment camp today, the site currently has national monument status and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"We are not opposed to cattle feedlots. We are supportive of the cattle industry because they are our neighbors," said Jim Azumano, president of Friends of Minidoka. "But this will affect people beyond a one-mile radius."

Although Howell did not wish to prejudice himself on either side of the controversial feedlot issue, Obenauer recognizes the historical significance of the Minidoka site.

"The fact that [Minidoka] is now a designated historical site is another reason to carefully evaluate our decision," she said. "I will do my best to support this monument and the people who were interred there. I will listen to all those who wish to testify or comment." ■

Big Sky Permit Hearings
Aug. 14-15
3 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Jerome County, Idaho

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Letters to the Editor

The Courage to Resist

Chizu Iiyama's excellent commentary (*P.C.*, July 6-19) brings into stark relief the parallel between the Nisei men who resisted the draft during WWII and Lt. Ehren Watada's refusal to deploy to Iraq. Both acted out of a compelling need to follow the dictates of their consciences. Both took on the mighty goliath of the U.S. government by saying "Hell no, I won't go."

The resisters refused induction into the Armed Services because they and their people were being held in concentration camps; Lt. Watada planted his feet in the sand when ordered to participate in the war in Iraq, a war that he (and a million others worldwide) saw as a violation of international agreements and as well as the laws of humanity. Both stances required a lot of thought, a lot of grit.

But here's a difference. When the resisters, with their Japanese faces, took their stand, neither the public nor the Nikkei community, headed by the JACL, gave them support. Only after jail time and

years of isolation and suffering were the resisters thoroughly vindicated, even regarded as heroes. By way of contrast, in Lt. Watada's case, a fair number of Nikkei, like Iiyama, and many from the general public have stepped up to support him and the principles he espouses. Even so, the military in its intransigency persists in prosecuting him in a court martial to take place late in July.

So here's the thing. If we learned anything from our experience vis-à-vis the resisters, we should not wait to register support for Lt. Ehren Watada. It's not too late for the Nikkei community — and JACL in particular — to step up to the plate to mount a crescendo of support that might make a difference. For information on ways to do that, you can go to www.thankyoult.org or www.couragetoresist.org.

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National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Senate Prayer Led by Hindu Elicits Protest

WASHINGTON—A Hindu clergyman's July 12 morning prayer in the Senate caused protest and arrests.

Rajan Zed, director of interfaith relations at a Hindu temple in Reno, Nev., gave the prayer that opened the day's Senate session. Two women and a man called Zed's prayers "an abomination." Police officers arrested them and charged them with disrupting Congress, a misdemeanor.

Zed was the first Hindu to offer the Senate prayer.

NAACP Symbolically Buries Racist N-word in Public

DETROIT—A civil rights group has put to rest a long-standing expression of racism by symbolically burying a racist slur generally referred to as the "N-word."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hosted a quarter-mile funeral procession and rally for the controversial word. The coffin was interred at the historically black Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery with its own headstone.

The group has been campaigning against the casual use of the word. Mainstream African Americans are particularly offended that many rap musicians use it in lyrics, which has revived it in American slang.

UM to Open Japanese Saturday School

OXFORD, Miss.—The University of Mississippi plans to open a Japanese Saturday school for children whose families are moving from Japan to work at a Toyota plant that is being built in Blue Springs.

Educators say the school, which will be established at Della Davidson Elementary in Oxford, will draw Japanese students from all over northern Mississippi when it opens in April 2008.

It will be the second such school in Mississippi — a Japanese Saturday school opened in Jackson a few years ago when Nissan built a plant in Madison County.

Muslim Woman Sues National Jeweler Over Headscarf

SOLANO, Calif.—A Muslim woman is suing a national jewelry chain for allegedly not hiring her because she wore a headscarf, the plaintiff's attorneys said.

Shereen Attia, 24, of Fairfield, had worked for Whitehall Jewelers, Inc. in a Solano County mall as a part-time sales associate starting in 2004. She received good reviews but was fired when business slowed. Her manager invited her to reapply six months later when a full-time employee quit.

Between employment, she'd become more religiously observant and started wearing a headscarf that covers her hair and neck, but not her face. When Attia turned in her second application to work at the suburban San Francisco store, she was wearing her headscarf. She never got a call back from the company, she said.

APA groups including the Solano County JACL are working to fight what they call a blatant example of job discrimination.

Tammy Duckworth Backing Away from Another Run for Congress



CHICAGO—Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq War veteran with Hawaii ties who ran unsuccessfully for Illinois' 6th Congressional District, said she has decided not to reprise her race against Republican Rep. Peter Roskam.

Now director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, Duckworth said she has decided not to run next year against Roskam.

She fell just a few percentage points short of beating Roskam in the race to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde last November. She received international attention during the race as a veteran who had lost both her legs in the war when a rocket-propelled grenade hit the helicopter she was copilotting.

Oregon Schools Look at Offering Multilingual Education

OREGON, Wis.—The Oregon schools may become one of a small but growing number of districts to offer multiple languages at the elementary level.

The district is considering a plan to teach a different language at each of its three elementary schools. Some options are Japanese, German, Spanish and Arabic.

The Menasha School District has had a similar program for about 14 years. Statewide, about 60 of the state's 425 public school districts offer some foreign language instruction in elementary school.

But few school districts teach multiple languages at that level or start their program in all grades at once.

Oregon's program would incorporate foreign language in science, math and language arts. For example, students learning about rain, snow and clouds in science could also learn those terms in Japanese.

The Oregon School Board has not yet approved the plan. ■

A Man's Death Galvanizes Community Leaders to Push for the Expansion of Federal Hate Crimes Law

Satendar Singh was celebrating the July 4 holiday with a group of friends when he was attacked. Witnesses say the assailants made racist and homophobic remarks.

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Satendar Singh, a 26-year-old Fijian immigrant, died July 5 at Mercy San Juan Medical Center near Sacramento, Calif. after a four-day battle to recover from a July 1 attack being described as a possible hate crime.

Singh's family members and doctors agreed to take him off life support. He died at 4:55 p.m., according to officials.

On July 1, Singh was picnicking with six friends of Fijian and Indian descent at a picnic area near Lake Natoma when a group of Russian-speaking men and women began to harass them with racist and homophobic slurs, witnesses said. The group focused their comments toward Singh, an employee with a local AT&T call center who had been in this country for seven years, according to the *Sacramento Bee*.

Friends say Singh is not gay, but the Russian-speaking men targeted him because he was dancing to Indian music and did not have a date. Later that night, the men attacked



Singh, who was hit once and fell to the concrete pavement, striking his head. No one else was injured.

Singh's death has galvanized Sacramento's gay community and national leaders to support the federal hate crime bill SB 1105, which would extend protections to the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender (LGBT) community. Elizabeth Edwards, campaigning for her husband at a Human Rights Campaign gala in San Francisco, condemned the attack.

"The right to live without the fear of being murdered for whom we love is not a special right," said Edwards at the event.

Current federal law only covers hate crimes that are motivated by race, color, national origin or religion.

Assembly Member Mike Eng recently introduced Assembly Joint Resolution 29, which calls on the federal government to support the

Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which would expand the nation's hate crimes protections to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability. It would also boost local law enforcement tools and resources to investigate and prosecute acts of violence against all protected communities of people.

"It is with a heavy heart that I call on my fellow legislators to support AJR 29 so that we can do more to protect victims of hate crimes and prosecute the perpetrators," said Eng. "Such deplorable attacks are prompted by nothing more than our individual differences that make each one of us unique. We need to send a clear message to Congress and the president that acts of bigotry and violence will not be tolerated."

Law enforcement authorities have not identified any of Singh's attackers. The case has not yet been classified as a hate crime. The American River Parkway Safety Coalition is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attackers. ■

Call the Sheriff's Department with any information about the death of Satendar Singh: 916/874-5115.

U.S. Health Food Company to Add 'China-Free' Label

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Walk through the aisles of any American grocery store and you'll be welcomed by a plethora of labels from "fat-free" to "lactose free" to "may contain peanuts." Now a health food company wants to add a "China-Free" label to all of its products.

Food for Health International based in Orem, Utah makes a variety of nutritional food supplements for both humans and dogs and they want to start letting their consumers know that none of their ingredients are manufactured in China.

So on your next visit to the grocery store, "China-Free" stickers will be on Food for Health products like "9 a Day-Plus" capsules, "Active Adults" whole food shakes and "Healthy Dog" supplements. The company also plans to include their "China-Free" message in their advertisements and promotions.

"It is a response to the (headlines) coming out, and we are taking a position that we are not the only ones reading them," said company presi-

dent Frank Davis to Reuters, referring to the recent news stories about contaminated food products coming out of China.

"I don't want to offend China. I'm just concerned about what's going into products, where it's coming from," he said.

News about pet food products tainted with the chemical melamine from China as the likely cause of illness and death among thousands of pets recently has caused an uproar among U.S. consumers. In addition, stories about tainted toothpaste, phone batteries, and fruits and vegetables have also added to the American consumer's fear of products from China.

On July 10, Zheng Xiaoyu, head of China's Food and Drug Administration, was executed for taking bribes, showing China's increasing willingness to punish those who are responsible for the safety of Chinese products.

But news stories focusing on tainted products from China and the decision by Food for Health to add "China-Free" labels has many Asian

Americans fearing another round of China-bashing.

"Lately there seems to be a resurgence in the China-bashing (and no coincidence, a looming fear of China's economic might) ... How long before it becomes appropriate to apply the 'China-Free' slogan to other aspects of American goodness?" asks Phil Yu on his popular Angry Asian Man blog.

Columnist Jeff Yang echoes Yu's concerns in his column. "Pointing the finger at Asian imports was the default PR strategy for U.S. auto manufacturers in the 1970s because it was easier to blame faceless, nameless hordes of foreigners than to address the industry's real problems. Asian Americans have already seen the fruit that grows from such toxic soil: Twenty-five years ago last month, Vincent Chin, a young Chinese American man in Detroit, was killed by two disgruntled autoworkers who accused him of being part of a conspiracy to 'take away American jobs' before beating him with a baseball bat. Bitter fruit indeed, and a dish we'd rather not see served up again. ■

Japanese Protest U.S. Resolution Over WWII Sex Slaves

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO—A group of Japanese lawmakers and conservatives on July 13 demanded the U.S. Congress retract a resolution criticizing Tokyo for using prostitutes at front-line brothels during World War II.

Thirteen national lawmakers supported by more than 200 local politicians, intellectuals and journalists said the resolution "is based on wrong information that is totally different from the historical fact."

The House Foreign Affairs Committee voted 39-2 last month to urge Japan to "formally acknowledge, apologize and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequiv-

ocal manner" for the suffering of "comfort women" during the 1930s and 1940s.

The endorsement allows the measure to be considered by the full House of Representatives.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has refused to comment on the resolution.

Historians say hundreds of thousands of women, mainly from Korea, China and the Philippines, were sent to Japanese military brothels in the 1930s and '40s. Many say they were forced to provide sexual services against their will to Japanese soldiers.

But many Japanese right-wing politicians claim the issue has been

exaggerated, and say the term "sex slaves" should not be used to describe the women because they were generally paid.

"It was a business," said movie director Satoru Mizushima, who headed the group lodging the protest July 13, a copy of which was submitted to the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. "They made money. They had savings."

After decades of denial, the Japanese government acknowledged its role in wartime prostitution after a historian discovered documents showing government involvement. In 1993, the government issued a carefully worded official apology, but it was never approved by parliament. ■

MARIA WATANABE

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'If I be quiet, they will do it again.'

Four years later sitting in her attorney's Pasadena office against a cerulean sky, Maria, now 42, begins to cry.

"I was thinking I was going to die. I was thinking, I won't see her grow up," she said about her daughter Mika, now five.

The pig-tailed girl looks up from her coloring books and notices the tears.

"Mommy, why are you crying? She cries all the time."

"Mommy is talking about when she got sick. Do you remember that?"

The memory of such tumultuous times still carries sharp barbs, but after the tears are wiped away, her face stiffens in determination.

"It could happen to anybody. It happened to me. I don't want it to happen to my children, so I was thinking I have to do something. They have to be aware of what they are doing," said Maria. "If I be quiet, they will do it again."

So Maria decided to speak out and with her attorney Scott Glovsky, she sued her HMO, Blue Shield of California, for breach of duty and contract and unfair business practices. The complaint filed at the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2005 emphasized the fact that Maria had to travel outside of the U.S. to get the medical care she needed.

The cyst in the back base of her head blocked the flow of fluids from her brain to her spinal cord. After it was discovered in Japan, the

'I was thinking I was going to die.'



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIA WATANABE

FAMILY: (l-r) Maria, Mika, Hiroyoshi and Yurika in 2006.

Watanabe family decided to cut their vacation short and come back to the U.S. for the risky procedure. Maria had her first surgery to drain the cyst a few days after returning home, and two additional surgeries a year later.

Her health insurance covered the surgeries, but Maria was outraged that her HMO repeatedly denied her requests to see specialists and get tested.

"I would like to ask why I wasn't sent to a neurologist last January when I first informed you about my headache," wrote Maria angrily in a July 21, 2003, letter from Japan that was faxed to her primary care physician, Dr. Irina Jasper in Los Angeles. "I have two children who need me desperately. I don't want to die and leave my family."

Today, Maria's physical scars are no longer visible, but she said because her condition went so long without being detected, the pressure against her optic nerves has caused her to lose some of her peripheral

vision. Even a request to see an ophthalmologist after her first surgery was denied, her attorney said.

'She received first class care.'

"The first time I came [to the U.S.], my husband told me medical insurance is very important here. He said if you got sick, the only way to go to the hospital is to have insurance," said Maria, a native of the Philippines where she met her Shin Issei husband while working in a production company. They married in 1992 and now live in Eagle Rock, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Maria's story was featured in the controversial Michael Moore documentary "Sicko," which critically dissects the health care industry. But with HMOs in general, Glovsky said, reality is far worse.

In California, most HMOs enter contracts with groups of physicians

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Judge: Army Can Try Watada Again for Refusing to Go to Iraq

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Trying 1st Lt. Ehren Watada again for his refusal to deploy to Iraq won't violate his constitutional right not to be prosecuted twice for the same crime, an Army judge ruled July 6.

Watada's new lawyers, Kenneth Kagan and James Lobsenz, immediately filed notice they will appeal that double jeopardy ruling to the Army Court of Criminal Appeals in Arlington, Va.

Watada is charged with missing his unit's deployment in June 2006 and with conduct unbecoming an officer for comments he made about President Bush and the Iraq war. If convicted, he could be sentenced to six years in prison and be dishonorably discharged.

The lieutenant contends the war is illegal and he would be party to war crimes if he participated. His first trial ended in a mistrial.

The military judge, Lt. Col. John Head, presided over the first trial in February and ended it after questioning whether Watada understood a pretrial agreement he had signed. Head also refused July 6 to disqualify himself from the case.

Head also ruled against Watada's defense team when they contended his decision to declare a mistrial in the first court-martial was wrong.

The developments are likely to delay the start of the second trial, which had been scheduled to begin July 23.

Watada, who is based at Fort



Lewis, continues to perform administrative duties.

Kagan argued July 6 that Head should step away from the case because the judge has created the impression that his mind is made up on some issues. The lawyer noted an e-mail that Head's supervisor sent the judge in February, indicating she believed the mistrial did not create double-jeopardy issues and that a second court-martial could proceed. Kagan said the e-mail suggested there was pressure on Head to rule a certain way.

Head denied he has any preconceived notions.

Lobsenz told the judge he erred in the first trial by not exploring alternatives to calling off the trial midway through. Head ruled against Watada on that issue without comment.

He is expected to issue a written decision soon. The judge is also expected to rule on admissibility of evidence, including whether Watada may call witnesses to testify about the legality of the war. Head excluded such witnesses in the first court-martial. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

JACL's First Mineta Fellow Announced



Meilee Wong is the JACL's first Norman Y. Mineta Fellow. Wong is a recent graduate of the University of Southern California, where she majored in journalism. Wong has interned with the State Department of California in Sacramento and with the office of Rep.

Mike Thompson.

Wong is the daughter of Janlee Wong, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers, California chapter, and Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada.

SFV JACL Awards Scholarships

The San Fernando Valley JACL and the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center honored their scholarship recipients at the Nikkei Village Dining Hall July 3.

The recipients were: Julie Monji and Curtis Takimoto.

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Recognizes Scholarship Winners

Lori Yonemura of Watsonville High School and Jamie Kuratomi of Pacific Collegiate

School in Santa Cruz, have been selected by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL to receive the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship for 2007.

They each wrote an essay on their understanding of Executive Order 9066 - Day of Remembrance.

Both will be attending UC San Diego in the fall.

Salinas Haiku Poet Receives Lifetime Award



The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) named Salinas, Calif.-based haiku poet Violet de Cristoforo as one of this year's recipients of the National Heritage Fellowships lifetime honors, the country's highest honor in the folk

and traditional arts.

Twelve fellowships, which include a one-time award of \$20,000 each, were presented to honorees from nine states.

San Gabriel Valley JACL Honors Its Scholars

The San Gabriel Valley JACL presented their scholarship awards recently. Therese Minoko Nunokawa a graduate from Ruben S. Ayala High School in Chino Hills won the Masaru Higa Memorial Scholarship. The David Ito Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kelly Takeshi Yonashiro, a graduate from South Hills High School in West Covina. Jaymee Nakata a graduate from Diamond Bar High School won the Hide and Fumi Kiyan Memorial Scholarship. Other scholarship recipients included: Andrew Yoichi Komoto and Katrina Megumi Sakaue.

2007 Diablo Valley JACL Scholarship Luncheon

The Diablo Valley JACL recently honored its scholars at an annual luncheon at Miraku Restaurant. Recipients included: Daniel Soraoka, Jessica Chow, Carroll Fife and Moria Wong

25th Anniversary LEAP Awards Dinner

The Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. honored APA leaders and a community-based organization at its annual Awards Dinner Gala July 19. The gala took place at the Los Angeles Hilton in Universal City.

The honorees are: Apl.de.Ap of the Black Eyed Peas; Doreen Woo Ho of Wells Fargo; Sally Huang-Nissen of Huang-Nissen and Associates; Frank Quevedo of Southern California Edison; Van Tran of the Calif. State Assembly; and the Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance. ■



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Refusing to Let History Repeat

Kevin Walker, a film major at Emerson College in Boston, is seeking former internees to interview for a feature length documentary.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANCOUVER, Wash.—Kevin Walker spent years trying to get his great-aunt to talk about the Japanese American internment experience.

Walker, a Hudson's Bay High School graduate now a senior at college, would pry her for details.

"It's too far in the past," his great-aunt, who turned 100 this summer, would say.

But Walker argues that it's very much in the present.

This summer, the film major at Emerson College in Boston is traveling the West Coast, interviewing JAs who were forced to live in internment camps during World War II. He intends to release a feature-length documentary on the topic next year.

"I think it's extremely important that we think about that piece of history," he said.

Following 9/11, he said, Japanese leaders worried that Middle-Eastern Americans would be interned.

"They wanted to make sure it would never happen again," Walker said.

Months after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which forced more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry into military camps. Two-thirds

were American citizens. Walker's own family spent four years, from 1942 to 1946, at the Tule Lake internment camp in Northern California. In later years, his grandparents would recount the happy memories to Walker's mother, Bobbi: How they met, fell in love, got married and gave birth to their first child.

Or they shared amusing details. Shigeno Ichikawa, Walker's grandmother, then in her mid-20s, refused to answer the Loyalty Questionnaire when camp personnel would come by. The questionnaire had two pivotal questions that could have divided their already fractured family.

"Can't you see that I'm doing things?" Shigeno Ichikawa would say to camp personnel, waving them away. "Come back later."

But as he conducts his interviews, Walker is collecting a more raw version of events that point to a time of betrayal, humiliation, tough living and hunger.

Desert sand blew through the shoddy barrack walls. Ten-foot-tall barbed-wire fencing surrounded the camps, and guards in watchtowers looked out for dissidents. The mess halls served Viennese sausage, eggplant and rice that sometimes crawled with maggots.

Recently, Walker interviewed Yoichi Kitayama at Kitayama's Portland home. Kitayama was in his teens when he and his family were interned at Minidoka, an internment camp in Idaho that housed people from Western Washington and Western Oregon.

The walls of Kitayama's home are covered with family photos and

Japanese emblems. He and Walker sat on the back porch, Walker crouched between a plastic playhouse and a lawn chair with his video camera.

Kitayama told Walker about the good times: playing sports, swimming in an irrigation ditch and socializing.

"We were more or less developing ourselves," Kitayama said. "That was more a concern than the other things. People my age, we didn't worry about national situations."

Kitayama later joined the Army and was stationed in Japan.

"I had U.S. uniform on but I looked like them," he said. "But they looked at me as different because I had a uniform on. You know your roots are there, but you don't tie in."

When Walker asked, "Have we learned our lesson?" Kitayama wavered.

"Human nature being what it is — the reaction will always be the same," he said. "Once you get to the third or fourth generation, it makes it more difficult to discriminate

'Have we learned our lesson?'

— Kevin Walker, a filmmaker, asked a former internee



The barracks at Tule Lake where Walker's family lived from 1942-46.

against people. But I don't think the same thing will ever happen again. When they talk about Muslims, it's a lot of talk, but it's simply talk."

Walker hopes Kitayama is right. But when Walker's father, David, told a family friend about his son's project, the friend said, "You want to know what I really think? People of Middle Eastern descent should

be interned." So Walker keeps traveling and gently prodding his subjects with questions about what they ate, how many people lived in their barrack and what they think now, 60 years later. ■

Tell Kevin Walker your internment stories: kevin.walker.w@gmail.com

COMMENTARY

Mr. President, Please End Torture

By MARI OYE

"You've got to treat others the way you'd like to be treated," President Bush told us. "It's important to make choices you can live with for the rest of your lives."



"Several of us made a choice," I said as he stood next to me for a photograph. "We would like you to have this." Then I handed him the letter we had written out the night before. It read:

"As members of the Presidential Scholars Class of 2007, we have been told that we represent the best and brightest of our nation. Therefore, we believe we have a responsibility to voice our convictions. We do not want America to represent torture. We urge you to do all in your power to stop violations of the human rights of detainees, to cease illegal renditions, and to apply the Geneva Convention to all detainees, including those designated enemy combatants."

The President read the letter, looked up, and responded "We agree. America doesn't torture people." I asked him why he had added a signing statement to the Senate's anti-torture bill allowing for exceptions to the ban. "America doesn't torture," he responded.

I told him my grandparents were interned during World War II and that I was concerned about the unfair targeting of some Arab and Muslim Americans after 9/11. A scholar from Montana asked the President to restore the U.S. to its position as a leader in human rights. Then we moved inside for the press conference. The entire exchange took place in the space of a minute, in the hot sun on the White House lawn.

Fifty of the Presidential Scholars signed the letter, agreeing that it was true, that it was respectful, and that it was the right thing to do. Others felt the setting was inappropriate. Although I understand their concern, I strongly disagree with it. We were selected for the program on the basis of our test scores and, in a way, for our idealism.

Responding to a question about family on the program application, I wrote about how the knowledge of my grandparents' internment at Poston, Jerome, and Gila drives my own commitment to civil liberties. However, I hope that I would have acted on this commitment even if I were not Japanese American. Like my grandparents, I believe that compassion should not be limited by group identity or distance.

Should we have separated the idealism of our essays from the reality of what one can and cannot say in the White House? The Scholars Program in Washington included seminars on leadership and ethics, humanitarianism, and being a good neighbor in a global age.

One lecturer quoted Confucius and then Martin Luther King: "To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage"; "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

What clearer instructions could we have asked for? The suffering of others is never as remote as we wish it to be, never so far away that it does not affect us. A man named Maher Arar once lived a few miles from my hometown. A Canadian citizen with no connection to terrorism, he was apprehended at JFK airport by federal agents and sent to Syria. There, he was repeatedly beaten and abused.

Whether labeled as torture or as "robust interrogation techniques," such acts remain a source of shame and a dangerous precedent for America. The "Torture Outsourcing Prevention Act," currently under consideration by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, would end the practice of extraordinary rendition.

The current administration has sought to redefine torture and limit the scope of the Geneva Conventions. By attaching a signing statement to the Senate's anti-torture bill, President Bush claimed a right to executive powers beyond the reach of checks and balances, international law, and basic morality.

A strange sort of doublethink allows the President to defend the right to torture while simultaneously maintaining that, as he told me, "America doesn't torture people."

America should not. We should stand for more than that, for a country where civil liberties and the constitution remain sacred, where dissent strengthens democracy, and where mistakes, once made, never happen again.

On the White House lawn, we heard President Bush tell us to treat others as we would like to be treated. We asked him to do all in his power to end torture, extraordinary renditions, and detentions without trial.


I hope the President heard our request and will act on it. If he does not, I hope you will. ■

Mari Oye is a recent graduate of Wellesley High School in Massachusetts. She is a member of the New England JACL, and the recipient of the Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship. She will be attending Yale University this fall.

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FACEBOOK

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Fox Chapel Area High School and the two administrators are listed as Fox Chapel students Billy Hagberg and Winston McCarty.

But Hagberg himself takes credit for the group, claiming to have created it over a year ago, getting little notice from Facebook administrators even though the company's own conduct policy states: "you may not post or share content that ... is derogatory, demeaning, malicious, defamatory, abusive, offensive or hateful."

It wasn't until this past June that the site began to receive some unwanted attention, mainly from Asian Americans in the Pittsburgh area and nationally, including Fallout Central, an online space that mobilizes AAs to fight racism.

"By calling, e-mailing, faxing, and writing to the administrators of Fox Chapel Area High School, a clear message was sent out to the high school that this was clearly offensive, racist, and certainly incongruous with the school's touted success in being 'at the forefront of progressive educational initiatives,'" said William Lee of Fallout Central.

By early July "Anti-Asians Anonymous" was no more and creator Hagberg took down his profile from Facebook.com. Unfortunately, a number of similar anti-Asian groups could still be found on the site including: "I hate Asian people"

and "All Texans are racist against Asians!!!"

Why Create Such a Group?

Defiant at first, Hagberg eventually acquiesced to his error in creating the anti-Asian site, although in the same breath he took a swipe at the AA community for singling him out.

In an e-mail response to Fallout Central, Hagberg expressed his thoughts on the controversy: "I apologize to anyone who took offense to this group. I am not a racist, and believe one of the major hindrances in our country and world is ignorance based on race. This was simply a joke, based on the ludicrousness of existing stereotypes. I never meant to incite any hatred, only to get a laugh."

But later on he says, "There are certainly much bigger threats to Asians than a high-schooler on one website. In my opinion, if you are to make any changes, you need to recognize real threats, their sources, and appropriate courses of action. Why didn't anyone ask me about this, instead of random authority figures in my life? I support your cause, but your methods certainly leave much to be desired."

McCarty was listed alongside Hagberg's name as one of the administrators of "Anti-Asians Anonymous" but in an e-mail to the *Pacific Citizen* he says he never agreed to be an administrator. McCarty also apologized for the site, explaining that he had foolishly

joined the group without looking into what it was all about.

"I deeply regret that I was associated with the group and that in so doing offended many people," he said. "I am not a racist and I have many Asian friends that I have humbly apologized to. I sincerely apologize to anyone that was offended by my joining this group."

On July 10, Facebook announced that it had hit the 30 million mark in active members. The site, originally created for high school and college kids as a way to network with their peers, is now open to anyone with a valid e-mail address.

Although the site has a majority of legitimate groups created by users with similar interests, the openness of today's Internet makes it almost impossible to monitor those who have ulterior motives, especially when it comes to hateful sentiment.

Soon after the *Pacific Citizen* contacted Facebook about several anti-Asian groups on the site, an administrator disabled them noting that "Whenever such material is reported to our support staff, we remove the abusive content."

Still, those who want to spread hate will continue to do so. In a quick perusal of the site recently, groups like "Nig Nig Niggers" and "Niggers aren't people too" were still active and seeking new members.

High Schools and Facebook

Although the students were



already on summer break when Fox Chapel High School administrators were notified of the "Anti-Asians Anonymous" Facebook group, the school immediately contacted the parents, noting the seriousness of the students' actions.

"The district and I personally are disappointed and offended by these wrongful actions. We do not dismiss such actions lightly," said Superintendent Anne Stephens. She also noted, "This incident does not represent how the school population or the community population relates to diversity in Fox Chapel."

The students eventually took responsibility for the anti-Asian group and took it down. But Stephens noted the difficulty the school has had in disciplining students for activity conducted outside of school, especially personal involvement in networking sites like

Facebook.

Whether or not Fox Chapel Area H.S. will take any disciplinary action against those students involved in creating "Anti-Asians Anonymous," those in the AA community believe it was because of their vigilance that this hateful group was taken off of Facebook. And it's something they will continue to do.

"If Fallout Central had not put a magnifying glass on what the students of Fox Chapel Area High School were doing, and if the Asian American community ... had not expressed disapproval of it by contacting the school's administrators, that networking group would be freely operating now," said Lee. ■

For more information: www.fallout-central.com, www.facebook.com, www.fcasd.edu

MARIA WATANABE

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called "independent practice associations" (IPAs) to provide medical care to subscribers. In Maria's case, her IPA was the Good Samaritan Medical Practice Association (GSMPA).

"None of the medial decision-making was done by Blue Shield," said David Seldin, a Blue Shield spokesperson, who added that they leave it up to medical professionals to determine a patient's medical needs. Blue Shield cuts the checks as necessary. In this case, Seldin said Blue Shield did not even know about Maria's condition until she filed the lawsuit.

Usually, the IPAs send all documents pertaining to medical treatments every six months. Blue Shield receives stacks of thousands that auditors then spot check. Blue Shield is not reviewing each case one-by-one, Seldin explained.

Dr. Glen Hollinger, the GSMPA medical director, did overrule Maria's MRI request, said Seldin, but added that if a person enrolled in an HMO group feels that the decision is wrong they can appeal to the health plan or the state department of managed health care.

"She had the right to appeal. She didn't avail herself to that," he said. "When the headaches didn't go away. She asked to see a neurologist, who asked for a CAT scan. The CAT scan was approved, but she didn't get it."

"She was seen by numerous specialists in our medical group," said Hollinger, who added that Maria is still being treated by GSMPA. "She continued care within our medical care. She received first class care."

In October 2006, Maria reached a settlement with GSMPA of \$150,000. The jury determined Blue Shield did breach its contract and caused harm of \$65 in damages — for an optometrist visit, said Seldin, who added that the court ruled in favor of Blue Shield.

But Glovsky said the jury ruled that Blue Shield did breach their contract. They are currently in appeal.

"Insurance companies need to live up to their promises and give people what they promise to give them when they take their money," said Glovsky.

'... the health care system needs to be fixed.'

Spurred by Moore's scathing documentary and recent national headlines about the failing health care system, many HMOs and health care providers have been placed under a microscope. Experts say the conditions are not getting any better. Earlier this month, a national human resources firm projected a nationwide hike in HMO monthly premiums by 14.1 percent in 2008, the highest rate in four years.

Even health insurance companies are echoing the call for change.

"Blue Shield's view is that, broadly, the health care system needs to be fixed. We've been the leader in championing universal coverage,"

said Seldin.

For now, many say the key to navigating the health care system is education.

In California, the Office of the Patient Advocate (OPA), an independent state government office, exists to inform consumers about their rights and responsibilities as HMO enrollees.

Every year, the OPA publishes an annual internet-based report card on the quality of HMO services. In 2006, the OPA rated the state's major HMOs based on two categories: quality of care based on meeting national standards and quality of care based on member surveys. Out of four stars, the HMO with the best overall rating in both categories was Kaiser Permanente with three stars. Blue Shield received "fair" ratings.

The Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), which oversees all HMOs in California, also has an HMO Help Center with a toll-free

hotline. The center helps feed consumers information about the best plan for their individual needs and how to proceed with an independent medical review, if qualified.

The number of inquiries is increasing, said Laura Dooley of the DMHC. On average, they receive about 6,500 formal complaints a year.

The key to understanding your health care system is awareness, she said. ■

For more information on California's HMOs: www.dmhc.ca.gov, www.opa.ca.gov

Tips

*If you receive a denial for medical care from your HMO:

- Ask for the reason in writing.
- Talk to your doctor about your problem.
- When you make a phone call, take notes. Write down the date of your call, the name of the person you talk to, and what the person says.
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GOLF
Hawaii Teen Tadd Fujikawa Decides to Turn Pro

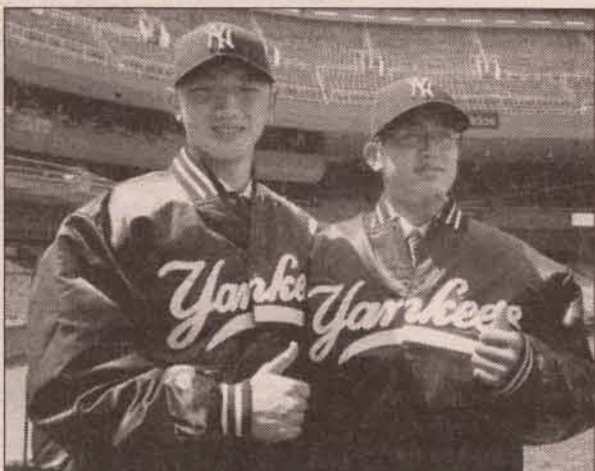
HONOLULU—Another teenager from Hawaii is turning pro. **Tadd Fujikawa**, the 16-year-old who became the youngest player in more than 50 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour, said July 12 he was giving up his amateur status and would make his pro debut in two weeks at the Reno-Tahoe Open. Fujikawa said he didn't discuss turning pro with many of his schoolmates, just a few of his golfing buddies. "It's pretty cool having the 'P' after your name instead of an 'A,'" he said. He scheduled a news conference July 13 at Waialae Country Club, where in January the 5-foot-1 Fujikawa sent the gallery into a frenzy with an eagle on the 18th hole for a 66 that allowed him to make the cut at the Sony Open. "I will work hard to achieve my dreams as a professional golfer and to be a good representative for Hawaii," Fujikawa said in a state-

ment released by Patton Boggs, a Washington, D.C.-based law firm that will represent him. He stole the attention from **Michelle Wie**, the most popular golfer in Hawaii who turned pro at age 15. Wie, who just graduated high school, has spiraled into a miserable slump and has not broken par on any tour in nearly a year. Fujikawa, who just finished his sophomore year at Moanalua High School, first drew attention in 2006 when he qualified for the U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Fujikawa received a sponsor's exemption to the Reno-Tahoe Open, which starts Aug. 2. Kevin Bell, a partner in the law firm who will serve as his attorney-agent, said Fujikawa will ask for other sponsor exemptions on the PGA Tour or try to qualify on the PGA Tour, Nationwide Tour and in Japan until he finishes high school.

BASEBALL
Yankees' Chinese Players are Meant to be Start of Something Bigger

NEW YORK—Liu Kai and **Zhang Zhenwang** don't speak much English, don't know anything about American culture and when asked which, if any, members of the pantheon of Yankees superstars they're familiar with, Liu offered up: "Randy Johnson." But when the Chinese teenagers — the first from the mainland to be signed by a U.S. Major League Baseball club — were given Yankees caps and jackets by general manager Brian Cashman recently, the first thing each did was take the cap between his hands and bend the brim into just the right curve before putting it on. Yep, they're ballplayers. And it's not just the Yankees who have a stake in their future progress in the United States. Whether either prospect — Liu is a slim left-hander with nice spin on his breaking ball, Zhang is a catcher who takes pride in throwing out baserunners — ever makes it from the Yankees training base in Tampa, Florida, to the "ta lian mang" (major leagues) isn't as important as what they absorb along the way. Major League Baseball, which approved the Yankees' efforts in the country, would like to see the world's most populous country become a baseball hotbed, too. And the more Chinese they can expose to the game, the better. "Even though it wasn't that popular, I can't give it up" Liu said, recalling a childhood in which most of his friends played other sports. Right now, "bangqui" (pronounced "bahng-chee-oh") is a niche game in China, trailing far

behind soccer and basketball in popularity. Because the country has excelled at sports and has more than four citizens for every American, it has the potential to be a fertile ground for player development. It also has a growing middle class with the kind of discretionary income that creates a profitable market for the game. "The only way that's going to happen is for us to assist that process," Cashman said. "The biggest impact that Major League Baseball can have is at the grassroots level." Toward that end, the Yankees announced recently they'd be helping run a baseball camp for 12-16 year olds. The team also will give a video pitching machine — a high-tech device that simulates major league pitching — to the Chinese Baseball Association. This follows the agreement the Yankees came to with the association in January, which calls for the Yankees and the Chinese national team to exchange personnel and support each others' efforts to grow the game. Major League Baseball has also discussed the possibility of opening the 2008 season in China, as it has previously in baseball-mad Japan. Commissioner "Bud Selig and his office are very serious about the growth of this league internationally," Cashman said. And it's Liu and Zhang who are at the forefront of MLB's attempts to pollinate baseball culture in China. Interest is far behind that in other east Asian nations like Japan, South Korea and Taiwan — all of which have produced multiple big leaguers. All four players signed by big league clubs have played in the China Baseball League, the country's top level of competition. Zhang's Tianjin Lions have played for the title every year since the



Pitcher Liu Kai, left, and catcher Zhang Zhenwang pose for photographs after a news conference introducing them.

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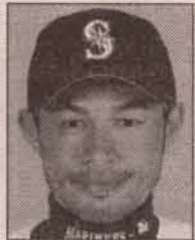
league started in 2002, and won it in '02, '06 and '07. He played "pushou," or catcher, for China in the World Baseball Classic last year. Liu, a skinny starting "tushou," played for the Guangdong Leopards. The two have played together on national teams. Through an interpreter, Liu said that Zhang is "a very good catcher." The two rarely get to see any U.S. MLB games in China — understandable as the country is 12 hours ahead of New York in the summer, but have occasionally watched on the Internet. It also makes some sense that the first Yankees star to come to Liu's mind was the "Big Unit." Johnson only spent two seasons with the Yankees, but he's been in MLB every year of Liu's life. When the pair's work visas come through, which Zhang and Liu said they expect to take a couple more weeks, they'll be getting a crash course in all things Yankee — and Yankees. They'll be exposed to Florida and minor league baseball, where Liu said they are hoping to "learn how to get used to the American sports culture." The two said they have formed few impressions of America so far, although Zhang noted "in the United States it's very free." Both said they feel more comfortable knowing they'll have another Chinese player on the team with them in an otherwise unfamiliar environment. But sports tends to be the great equalizer among athletes with otherwise little in common.


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Ichiro Signs Five-Year Extension

SEATTLE—Great week to be **Ichiro Suzuki**. The Seattle leadoff man signed a \$90 million, five-year contract extension July 13, three days after he was the unanimous MVP of the All-Star game. The deal ensures Seattle, enjoying its best season in four years, will not lose its franchise cornerstone to free agency this fall. Instead, the Mariners will keep the seven-time All-Star and perennial Gold Glove outfielder under contract until age 39. "Now, I have the opportunity to be on one team for a long time. And I am grateful for that," Suzuki said at a press conference announcing the richest contract in Mariners history. "I'm going to do my best to play 10 more years here." Suzuki led the majors with 128 hits going into the July 13 game against Detroit. He was batting .355 with five home runs and 39 RBIs,

and had stolen 23 bases. "We've signed a Hall of Fame-type player," general manager Bill Bavasi said. The contract contains base salaries of \$17 million for each season from 2008-2012. Suzuki also gets a \$5 million signing bonus, as well as deferred money. "The one thing we have made clear since spring training was that it was our goal to have Ichiro play his entire career in Seattle, retire as a Mariner and go into the Hall of Fame in our cap," Bavasi said. "While I don't believe this is Ichiro's final contract, I do think today's signing is a big step in assuring he will spend his entire career here in Seattle," he said. In spring training, Suzuki declared he was intrigued by the prospect of becoming a free agent for the first time. "You have to understand the great opportunity he passed up," Bavasi said. "He's taken himself off a really aggressive market."





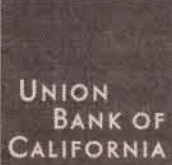
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• HARRY HONDA •
VERY TRULY YOURS

My Summer Reading: 'MIS Nisei Linguists' (Part One)



THE SAGA OF fellow WWII Nisei GIs in military intelligence has been flashed over the past 60 years as bits and pieces in the *Pacific Citizen*, but now at hand are photographs and accounts by James C. McNaughton in his book, "Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in Military Intelligence Service during World War II." (Washington, D.C., USGPO, \$29.95).

Comprised of 12 chapters and relating how much the Army generally mistrusted Nisei in service before Pearl Harbor, the U.S.-born Nisei and especially the Kibei-Nisei educated in prewar Japan were acknowledged to be the best qualified for military intelligence. The War Department in March 1941 began a survey for Japanese-speaking soldiers on the West Coast in case of a "major emergency involving Japan." The Navy totally relied on Caucasians except for one Hawaiian Nisei, Douglas T. Wada, who was recruited in 1937 for counter-intelligence.

Then, about 1,700 Nisei were counted in Hawaii and the West Coast as efforts to start a language school began. The U.S. military attaché in Tokyo was buying dictionaries and sent them to the Fourth Army in San Francisco to establish an intelligence school to train translators and interpreters of Japanese language.

McNaughton writes: "The United States was ill prepared for war in almost every respect, not the least in the languages of the Far East ... Such was the pitiful state in mid-1941."

It was then Col. John Weckerling who founded the Army military intelligence school. He had returned from Japan in 1932, describing his tour and urging fellow officers to volunteer that year in military intelligence. By 1941, the Army had a pool of 40 officers who could speak "at least some Japanese."

Another key figure in MISLS history, Capt. Kai E. Rasmussen, a Danish immigrant who graduated West Point in 1932, spent four years in Japan learning the language, returned in 1940 and was a coast

artillery officer guarding the Golden Gate, "rather than using his language skills." Such was the Army pre-WWII.

The Fourth Army Intelligence School began in November, 1941, at the Presidio of San Francisco with four Nisei instructors: Pfc. John F. Aiso of Los Angeles as chief instructor and three civilian UC Berkeley graduates Akira Oshida, Shigeya Kihara, and Tetsuo Imagawa. They were hired 10 days before the first class of 60 students, including two Chinese American Army reserve officers and two *Hakujins*, convened at a shabby hangar at Crissy Field (now being refurbished by the National Park Service as a historic site). Weckerling had obtained \$2,000 from the 4th Army Quartermaster to convert the empty space into classrooms and living quarters.

Now for some details:

"The Navy program (Feb '42) at UC Berkeley faced the same problem as the Army's Crissy Field. Though students in the Navy were Caucasian, many of their instructors were Nisei (eight of them)." Since the Fourth Army (DeWitt) insisted no person of Japanese ancestry could remain in the exclusion areas "even for important defense work," the Navy school moved in May to Boulder, Colo., a western state where its governor (Ralph Carr) agreed to accept Japanese evacuees.

In May '42, in the first MIS class at Crissy Field of 60, only 40 completed the course; 10 were held back to be instructors. "They didn't know whether they would be sent to Tanforan or somewhere else. No Nisei were deployed to Hawaii where the threat was the greatest."

When the Army in Alaska requested in the spring of '42 for Nisei linguists, Sgt. Yoshio Hotta (later JACL NCWNP regional director) led a team of five, the first to see combat. One of his men, Henry Suyehiro, witnessed the Japanese air raid of June 3-4 at Dutch Harbor. The MISers sat around the next few months, "where their major task was to keep warm." They translated a few docu-

ments, some confiscated from the handful of Japanese settlers in the region. DeWitt had removed all civilians of Japanese ancestry from Alaska, 230 in all, and about 900 Aleuts.

MISLS (Camp Savage) sent 35 more in July 1943 to face the Japanese invasion of fog-bound Attu and Kiska. S/Sgts Yasuo Umetani and George Hayashida entered caves at Attu to look for survivors and persuade the enemy to surrender. Twenty-eight did surrender.

Nisei linguists feared that their fellow soldiers would mistake them for the enemy. Most Nisei had bodyguards. T/5 Satsuki Fred Tanakatsubo took a direct approach at Attu, telling his Caucasian bodyguards: "Take a good look, and remember me, because I'm going in with you."

Over 10,000 American GIs sailed to Attu, where 3,000 Japanese soldiers waited. Of the 19-day battle (May 1943), the U.S. 7th Infantry was stunned by the ferocity of the enemy. "They penetrated into the rear areas, rushed through a field hospital and killing many of the wounded ... When surviving Japanese attackers were finally surrounded, they committed collective suicide with hand grenades ... Over 500 Americans died, 3,000 more were out of action from wounds, trench foot or illness."

For the next assault on Kiska in August, the Allies (Nobuo Furuiye of Denver was the first MIS Nisei attached to the Canadian Army in Alaska) landed and found the island empty except for equipment and a supply of Japanese rations, sacks of rice and *shoyu* which the Nisei were happy to seize. With offensive plans in the North Pacific shelved, MIS linguists returned (October '43) to school and were reassigned to the Pacific.

"The lessons learned in the Aleutians would be repeated many times over in other parts of the Pacific," McNaughton adds.

And this column will be filled one more time with details. ■

• CHERYL WATAMURA MARTINEZ •
A BROAD VIEW

Hygiene Horrors in Germany



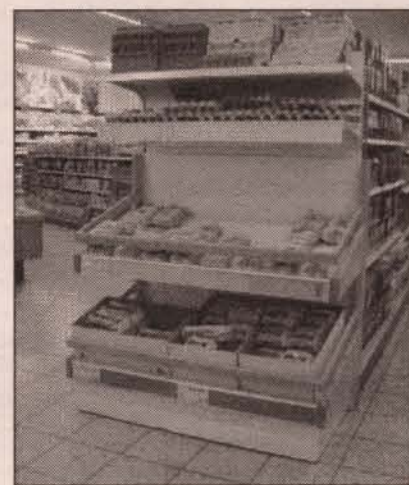
If you're traveling to Germany soon, there are some things you'll find yourselves amazed about. German hygiene is one topic that's always caught my attention, and I always wonder how much that has to do with my Japanese American upbringing. At our house, everything always had to be washed in hot-hot water, and evening bathing was a ritual.

In Germany, there seems to be a schizophrenic attitude toward cleanliness. First of all, the restrooms are really fantastic.

there in their little baskets by the checkout stand, or in clear plastic containers on the shelf, so everyone can see how lovely they are. But they're not kept chilled.

Did we miss something in California, where I came from and where eggs were always in the refrigerated section at the store? You took them out and they were cool to the touch and when you packed them into your fridge at home, they were clean and white. In Germany, I sometimes find myself timidly picking little tiny

'Take eggs. In the supermarket, they aren't refrigerated. They sit out at room temperature for days until someone buys them.'



Normally they're clean, the cubicles have enough paper, and there's plenty of hot and cold running water. What's really impressive are the self-cleaning toilet seats — after you flush, the seat starts turning, passes under a little apparatus on the far side, and comes back sparkling clean.

There are also a variety of flushing devices, enough to set the average American into a panic. If you're searching for that little flush lever, don't look further. Those are passé here in good old new Germany. Most of the levers are built into the toilet, a bit hidden so that you sometimes have to feel for them, especially in the night. And then, there are normally two — one for the quick flush with smaller amounts of water, and a bigger one for a full, completely cleansing giant flush.

The showers in Germany are also a masterpiece of hygienic design. Forget a pipe sticking out of the wall with a showerhead on it. Every home has a bar on which the showerhead slides, so that you can adjust it to whatever height you want. In addition, you can take off the head to make close-up scrubbing easier. And most of those showerheads are adjustable to pump out a stream, a light mist or a massage.

With all this thought going into hygiene, you'd think the country would be full of clean-freaks. Unfortunately, this isn't so. There is another side to the coin, which sometimes has me really wondering. For example, a lot of food products are handled without much care. Take eggs. In the supermarket, they aren't refrigerated. They sit out at room temperature for days until someone buys them. Even the boiled and colored ones at Easter — they just lie

feathers out of the egg containers, where they've been squished between the cardboard and the egg itself.

And then there's the color of the eggs. They're not a milky white, but a kind of dirty white or worse yet, brown. And when you cook them, they have an orange yolk instead of the bright yellow ones I grew up with. In the meantime, I've found out that farmers put a pigment called Canthaxanthin into the feed to make the egg yolks look redder. My comment is simply: EEEIII!

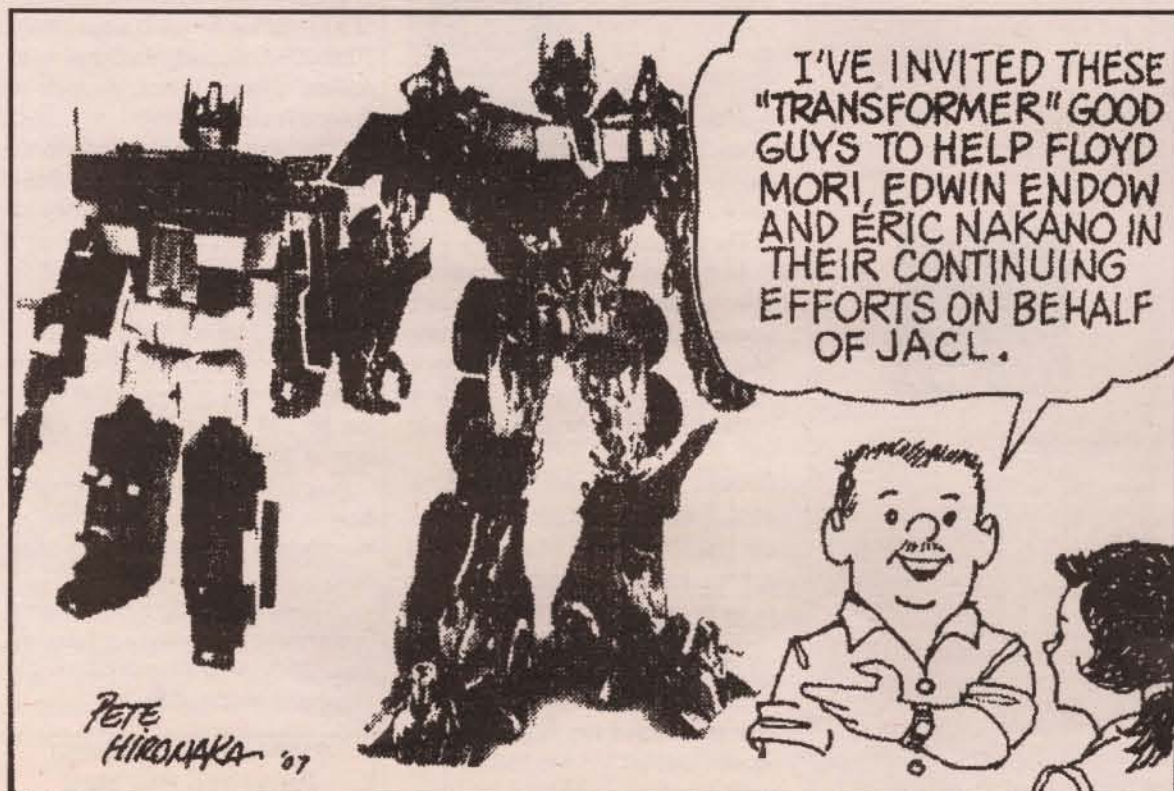
Another problem are the bakeries. People behind the counters handle money, wipe their sweaty brows, and then grab the rolls you just ordered with their bare and unwashed hands. Once I complained, and the baker said to me, "What do you think I do in the kitchen?"

Last week I thought I'd try again to get a sandwich. I walked into the bakery and asked the clerk, who had just finished taking money from the customer before me, if she could tell me what was in one of the bigger sandwiches. She picked it up in her bare hands, clutching it tightly not just with her fingertips but placing it smack into the center of her palm, swung it in front of my face, and said, "You mean this one?" Then she started prying it apart with her fingers and said, "it's ham, see!"

"Oh," I said calmly. "I don't eat pig." And then I walked out without another word.

Yes, Germany is definitely loony when it comes to hygiene. Or has my JA background made me overly sensitive? ■

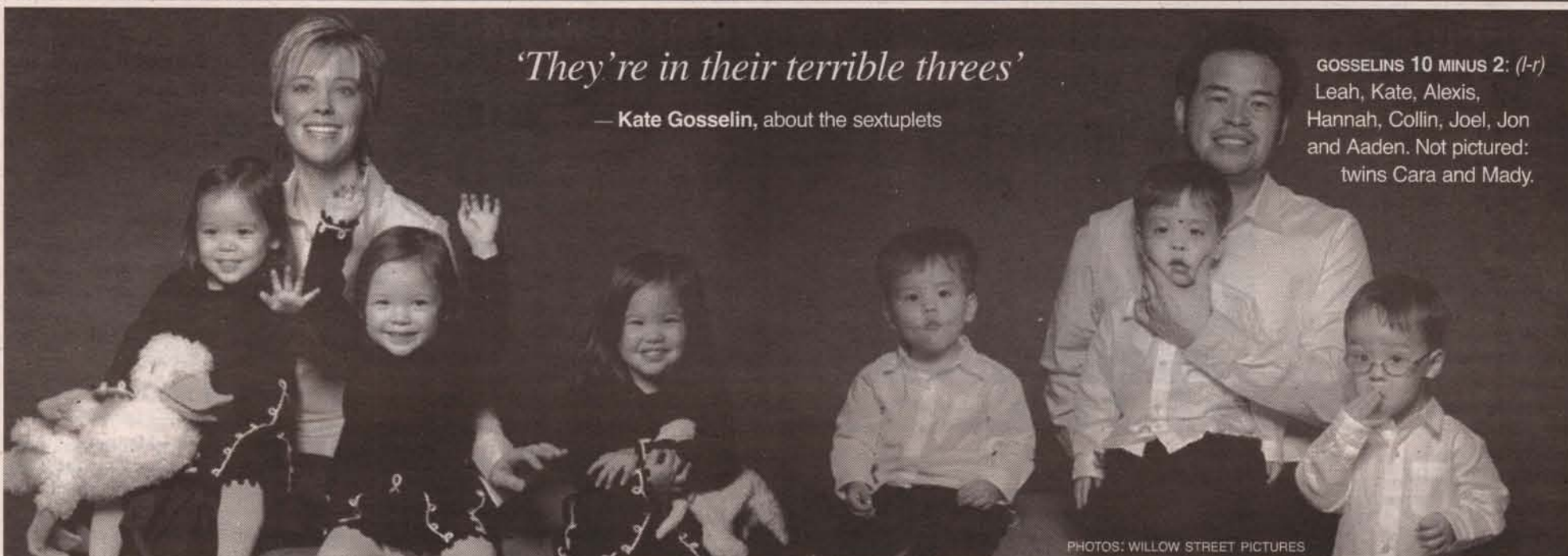
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'They're in their terrible threes'

— Kate Gosselin, about the sextuplets

GOSSELINS 10 MINUS 2: (l-r) Leah, Kate, Alexis, Hannah, Collin, Joel, Jon and Aaden. Not pictured: twins Cara and Mady.



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Eight is Great!

The Gosselins wanted just one more baby after having twins. They got six additional bundles of joy plus a reality television show.

By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor



CARA, 7

One-half of the twins. She helps mom take care of the babies.



MADY, 7

She's a free spirit, imaginative, and loves to perform.



AADEN, 3

Also known as 'the professor,' He's a zoologist in the making.



ALEXIS, 3

She's a wild woman who is really dangerous around the pool.



COLLIN, 3

He's tough, stubborn but loveable and smart.



HANNAH, 3

She likes to play 'mommy' and was most attached to Kate.



JOEL, 3

He always gets the gold star for being best behaved.



LEAH, 3

She's the little princess of the bunch.

Shrieks of glee and the sound of 16 pattering little feet make the Gosselin family home sound like a war zone. It's a dull rumbling that suddenly bursts through the door in tears to complain about baby throw-up. Kate Gosselin sighs.

"For the past few weeks, we've really been exerting our wills," she said through deep breaths from her Wyomissing, Penn. home.

If this were a war, then Kate, 32, and her husband Jon, 30, are outnumbered. They have to contend with eight children who are as Kate describes, so cute you either want to eat them up or squish them a little harder.

Yes, *eight* healthy and happy kids: seven-year-old twins Cara and Mady and sextuplets Alexis, Aaden, Collin, Leah, Hannah and Joel.

The sextuplets, who were conceived through fertility treatment because Jon and Kate wanted just *one* more child, created a media sensation when they were born May 10, 2004.

"They're in their terrible threes ... horrendous threes," said Kate with a laugh.

Of course, there is also a fair share of scatological humor and giggles about bodily functions. Jon, who is half Korean, has passed on some words he picked up from his Hawaiian parents.

Every time the kids let a little toot of air slip they proudly announce, "Mommy, I *bhang* goo-ed!"

How Do You Do It??

It's perhaps the most popular question flung at the couple who got married in 1999 after a chance meeting at a picnic. So the Discovery Health Channel sought to fill in the blanks with the reality television show, "Jon and Kate Plus 8," which captures every gurgle, triumph and potty training session.

"We just agreed that it's okay as long as it's normal for us and our

kids," said Kate about letting cameras into their home. "If it's not fun anymore, we'll have to stop and reevaluate."

They are currently filming their second season and set to go on a long adventurous road trip, which will be a part of the next season. For now, it's business as usual, and their slice of life is fascinating just because of the sheer chaos.

A typical day in the Gosselin household begins at 8 a.m. when Kate, a former nurse, wakes up to sounds of the sextuplets playing. Sometimes she sends the twins down to entertain the toddlers until breakfast at 9 a.m. Some more playing takes place and then they take a field trip outdoors for lunch before naptime.

"On a good day, they sleep for one to three hours. On a bad day they don't sleep at all and spend the day shredding books and creating havoc. I don't know what I'm going to get," said Kate.

Dinner is usually at 6 p.m. when Jon, a government information technology supervisor, comes home. By that time, Kate is watching the clock and softly saying, "C'mon. C'mon." When Jon's car finally rolls up the driveway, "we scream," she said.

"We don't have a lot of flexibility. It's hard work. There are a lot of people in the house at one time," said Kate about the handful of cameramen and producers. "But we are collecting all these memories. We're going to look back on and feel so glad we did this."

Having a camera in the house is humdrum for the kids who all have their own very unique personalities. After all, don't all kids get their own television show?

The Camera's Unrelenting Gaze

"The series has been like marriage counseling for us. It's like another set of eyes," said Jon. "Our communication has improved."

Besides the kids, it's the couple's unflinching interactions that make the show so watchable. Like any other couple, they grate against each other and raise their voices a notch too high while shopping, but in post interviews after watching the footage they hold hands and laugh.

"In the heat of the moment, you say what you say, but later when you see it, you say 'I'm sorry I said that,'" said Jon.

"There were so many people following us," said Kate. "They invested so many prayers and time on us. We get e-mails from people who say that we show the real side — REAL in all capitals — of parenting. Why would I sugarcoat my life?"

The show has also opened up opportunities for the family to travel and meet talk show hosts like Martha Stewart and Dr. Phil. When the Gosselins came to Los Angeles to film a "Dr. Phil" show, they took the kids to a Vietnamese restaurant in Beverly Hills. One of twins looked around and said, "There are so many Asians here."

"We don't live in a very Asian populated area. It's very rural here," said Jon.

But letting cameras into their home also meant letting strangers into their lives. For the Gosselins, criticism about their marriage and their parenting skills comes with the territory. On the Discovery Health Channel chat forum, viewers have devoted ample space to dissecting their marriage, but they've learned to tune those out.

They're in for a new big challenge — they have to potty train the three boys. ■

Catch the new season of 'Jon and Kate Plus 8' starting Oct. 2. For a listing of encore season-one episodes all summer long, check www.health.discovery.com

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Calendar

National

TUKWILA, Wash.

July 26-29—"Changing Faces - Transforming Communities" PNW-IDC JACL Bi-District Conference; registration \$160, \$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@jaci.org.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Aug. 9-12—"Partnerships, Perspectives, and Policy" EDC/MDC JACL Bi-District Conference; registration is \$160; events include a welcome reception, workshops and banquet; Washington Hilton Hotel, 1935 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202/483-3000; mention JACL-District Conference for \$163/single bed, \$183/two beds. 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@jaci.org.

East

NEW YORK

Wed., July 25—Film screening, "Officer Tsukamoto"; 8:30 p.m.; Asia Society, 725 Park Ave.; film is about Ron Tsukamoto, one of the first Asian-American police officers in the country who was shot and killed in Berkeley, Calif.; tickets are \$10 or \$8 for Cinevision/students/seniors. Info: www.officertsakamoto.com.

PHILADELPHIA

Through-Sept. 9—Exhibition, Dragons & Fairies: Exploring Vietnam Through Folktales; Please Touch Museum, The Children's Museum of Philadelphia; exhibit provides a wealth of hands-on, interactive learning about the daily experiences and culture of the Vietnamese people. Info: www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.

WESTFIELD, Conn.

Sun., Aug. 19—New York JACL Summer Picnic; noon-5 p.m.; Takahashi House, 32 Mayflower Pkwy.; bring a dish to serve 6 and enjoy games and swimming. RSVP: Aileen, aileen8@aol.com or Lillian, 973/680-1441 or lckimura@att.net.

Midwest

BOULDER, Colo.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 17-19—Boulder Asian Film Festival; Fri.: Boulder Theater, 2032 14th St.; The Cats of Mirikitani, Gold Digger and Sixes and One Eyed King; Sat.: Boulder Theater, movies not yet announced; Sun.: Shambhala Center, 1345 Spruce St.; A Zen Life: D.E.T. Suzuki, Tandens Journey: Tibetan Village Project and Sacred Places of Dali Lama. Info: Alan Ohashi, 303/910-5782 or www.boulderasianmovies.org.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 18-19—Boulder Asian Alliance Food Festival; 11-5 p.m.; Pearl Street Mall. Info: www.bapaweb.org or Gladys Konishi, 303/443-5404.

CINCINNATI

Sun., Aug. 19—Annual JACL Potluck Dinner; 4 p.m.; Hyde Park Bethlehem Church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.; bring a covered dish to serve 8 persons; featuring sumi-e artist Setsuko LeCroix and the Sakura Ladies Chorus.

CLEVELAND

Sun., July 29—2007 JACL and CJAF Graduation Celebration and Scholarship Luncheon; 12:30 p.m.; Shinano Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd., Richmond Heights; \$18/person, \$15/students; RSVP by July 25. RSVP: Keith Asamoto, 216/921-2976, kasamoto_jacl@yahoo.com or Aiko Ebihara, 440/775-



'Landscaping America: Beyond the Japanese Garden' explores the history and influence of Japanese-style gardens and JA gardeners on the American landscape. The exhibit runs through Oct. 21 at JANM.

4435, raebihara@aol.com.

Sun. Aug. 26—2007 Community Picnic; 10-6 p.m.; Brushwood Shelter, Furnace Run, Summit County Metro Park; enjoy food, games, taiko and relaxation.

DENVER

Sat., Aug. 11—Japanese Association of Colorado Picnic; enjoy food and games. Info: Richard Hamai, 303/839-9637.

EDINA, Minn.

Sun., July 22—Twin Cities JACL Summer Picnic; noon-4 p.m.; Rosland Park, 4300 W. 66th St.; enjoy food, children's games, bingo and fun. RSVP by July 20 to Lisa Shakerin with number of attendees and ages of children, 763/537-6829 or mincks01@aol.com; bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

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.

ST. PAUL, Minn.

Sun., Aug. 19—Twin Cities JACL Golf Tournament; 11 a.m.; Highland National Golf Course; \$55/members, \$60/others; includes green fees, cart and prizes; deadline July 28. Info: Jake Nakasone, 651/248-1896 or jake@paintingbynakasone.com.

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio

Sun., July 29—JACL Annual Summer Picnic; 2-6 p.m.; Wilson Park; enjoy food, music and games for kids and adults; JACL will provide water, lemonade, watermelon, hamburgers, veggieburgers, hot dogs and paper goods; bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. Info: Jane Katusyama, 937/470-4867.

Pacific Northwest

OLYMPIA

Sat., Aug. 18—Olympia Bon Odori; 7-9 p.m., food booth opens at 5 p.m.; obon takes place at Water St. and Legion St.; obon practice is Aug. 17 at the Olympia Community Center, 222 Columbia St. NW. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/556-7562.

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.

Intermountain

MURRAY, Utah

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 10-11—6th Annual National JACL Credit Union Volleyball Tournament; The Park Center at Murray Park, 202 E. Murray Park Ave.; teams must include three female and three male members and up to four alternates; \$150/team with t-shirt and gift package to each member; deadline Aug. 1; participants must be

members of JACL, JACL Credit Union or 1/16 APA or API and or spouse of. Info: www.jaclcu.com.

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; Fred Kitama, an MIS veteran will speak during the luncheon; \$30/adults, \$20/children 12 and under. Info: Milo Yoshino, 925/933-7584 or miloyoshi@aol.com.

MANZANAR

Through Aug. 5—Manzanar Art Show by Artists-in-Residence; Manzanar National Historic Site; Jamie and Melissa Poulsen spent last summer painting and writing poetry inspired by Manzanar and those works are now on display at the Interpretive Center; Interpretive Center is open 9-5:30 p.m. Info: 760/878-2194, ext. 2710 or www.nps.gov/manz.

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.

Through Sept. 9—Exhibition featuring the works of Osamu Tezuka, creator of Astro Boy; Tues.-Sun. 10-5 p.m.; Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin St.; exhibition features more than 200 works including original drawings, covers, and poster; exhibition will be the only one in the United States; \$12/adults, \$8/seniors, \$7/youth 13-17, free for children under 12. Info: 415/581-3500 or www.asianart.org.

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.darumafestival.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.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

July 26, Aug. 2, 9, Sept. 13—JANM's 1st and Central Summer Concert Series; National Museum Plaza, 369 E. 1st St.; July 26, San Jose Taiko; Aug. 2, Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca; Aug. 9, To Alice with Love: Celebrating the Music of Alice

Beach Park; please bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert; drinks and paper goods will be provided; RSVP by Aug. 18 to Betty Wakiji, 805/383-2703.

Hawaii

HONOLULU

Sat., Sept. 29—"Celebration of Leadership and Achievement Dinner presented by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii; 5 p.m.; Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom; event will honor educators in the community as well as a corporate honoree; \$150/person. Info: JCCH, 808/945-7633 or info@jccch.com.

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, Henry Nakano, 714/871-8178 or Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113, v.muraoka@verizon.net.

Nov. 6-7—All-Minidoka Reunion; Golden Nugget Hotel. Info: Tak Todo, 206/362-8195 or tjtodo@aol.com. ■

CORRECTION

In the National Director's report (July 6-19 Issue), Eric Nakano's email address was incorrect. The correct email address is ericnakano@mac.com.

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Akamatsu, Carol Anne, 53, Los Angeles, June 11; survived by parents, Isamu and Michiko; and brothers, Dr. John (Gayle) and Ray.

Fukuma, Yoshio, 76, Monterey Park, June 7; survived by brother, Shogi (Karlene); and sister, Noby Reidell.

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$20 per column inch. Text is reworded as necessary.

Futa, Sunao Tom, 96, San Gabriel, June 8; survived by wife, Tomeyo; son, Dr. William (Sumi); 6 gc.; 5 ggc.; sisters, Tomeko Wada and Haruko Hatanaka; brother, Hiroshi (Sachiko); and son-in-law, Paul Sullivan.

Hasegawa, Kimiko, 91, May 31; survived by daughter, Jeanene (John) Morimoto and Arlene (Toshiro) Hatake; son, Bruce (Irene); and 3 gc.

Higuchi, Mitsuko Ann, 83, Los Alamitos, June 2; survived by sons, Darrell (Carmen), C. Glen (Peggy) and Grant (Lya); daughter, Jan (Duane) Lee; 9 gc.; brother, Jeff Tanaka; and sister, Mary (Roy) Yokoyama.

Ishii, Shigeo, 72, June 8; survived by wife, Kimiko; sons, Yoshihiro (Sanae) and Yoshinobu; daughter, Tamami (Perry) Goldstein; and 6 gc.

Kagawa, Takeo, 86, Fresno, May 27; survived by wife, Yasuko; children, Takeshi, Dr. Takumi (Mirei) and Dr. Kimie (Bruno) Kagawa-Chomel; half-brother, Hiroaki; and half-sister, Yasuko.

Kanegae, Akino, 92, May 21; survived by daughters, Ellen (George) Agcaoili, Marilyn (Ronald) Izumita and Marjory (Ronald) Nakamura; son, Dr. Thomas; 9 gc.; 6 ggc.; sisters, Yukino Eto and Sumi Inamasu; brothers, Toody (George) Yukihiro and Bill (Shige) Yukihiro; and sisters-in-law, Mary Yamami and Toshiko Yukihiro.

Kaneko, Hanako, 83,

Rosemead, May 23; survived by daughter, Jeanne (Don) Tagawa; 3 gc.; sisters, Kiyomi Kobayashi and Ayako Murosaki; and brothers, Fujio and Hideo Katayama.

Kawata, Edna, 81, Monterey Park, May 30; survived by husband, Samuel; daughters, Jeanne (Robert) Egusa and Beverly (Tom) Hori; sister, Lily Endow; brother-in-law, Joe (May) Kawata; sister-in-law, Takane Kawata; and 3 gc.

Kunisaki, Grace Hideko, 85, Alhambra, June 9; survived by sons, Dennis (Cynthia) and Bruce (Joyce); 4 gc.; sisters, Irene (Mas) Nakamura, Sumiko (Kay) Hanawa, Ruth Kido and Teruko (Kenneth) Brock; brother, Takeo (Laura) Kido; and sisters-in-law, Ayako and Mary Kido.

Kuramoto, Toshio, 58, Hacienda Heights, May 24; survived by wife, Chieko; daughter, Eri; brothers, Toyoharu and Mikio; and sisters, Ine Hamano, Yae Suzuki, Fujiko Kitasaki and Setsuko Miyauchi.

Mamiya, Shigeko Mary, May 25; survived by husband, Albert; daughter, Judy (Daniel) Hruska; son, Scott (Kimie); 4 gc.; brother, James (Mary) Yonemoto; sister, Saye Noguchi; and sisters-in-law, Lillian and Rosie Mamiya and Lois Yonemoto.

Matsumoto, Sumako Matsu-shima, Rancho Cucamonga, May 29; survived by husband, Hitoshi; son, Tetsuya (Sachiyo); daughters, Yoko (Yoshihisa) Hirayama and Etsuko (Yuji) Takahashi; and 5 gc.

Miyamoto, Nobuo, 81, Orange, May 20; survived by wife, Helen; son, Arnold (Gabriella); daughter, Cindy; 1 gc.; sister, Hisako Sakiyama; and brother, Osamu (Akiko).

Nakao, Rose Hideko, 84, Los Angeles, May 29; survived by son, Glen (Susie); daughter, Norene (Donal) Yasukochi; 4 gc.; and sister, Diane Yoshimura.

Nakano, Bryan, 31, Harbor City, June 8; survived by parents, Toshio and Keiko; sister, Stephanie (Jeffrey) Nuruki; brother, Gregory; and girlfriend, Julee Itamura.

Noda, Masuye, 92, June 2; survived by son, Lynn (Mary); daughter, Ruth; 1 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Saida, Rick Kiyoshi, 46, Los Angeles, June 9; survived by brother, Michael (Laurie).

Sato, Sukeo, 87, Harbor City, May 27; survived by sons, Jimmy and Kenny; daughter, Cathie; 4 gc.; and 5 ggc.

Sato, Yuzuru "Yuzy," 85, Lomita, May 24; survived by wife, Toyoko; sons, Garry (Esther), Robert (Anna) and Brian; daughter, Carolyn; 4 gc.; and sisters, Fuku Okinaga and Yuki Sato.

Shibata, Tadashi, 80, Montebello, May 28; survived by wife, Aiko; sons, Andrew and David Hanami; daughter, Lisa; and sister, Chiyo Hirakawa.

Shimomura, Takaaki, 74, Santa Ana, May 21; survived by wife, Rui; daughters, Shoko (Roger) Kotow and Julie (Hiko) Higashi; 5 gc.; brother, Akihiro (Sakye) Shimomura; and sisters, Terue Fujii, Mikue (Toshinori) Uchihara and Katsue (Shigenobu) Motodera.

Shindo, May Ono, 80, Covina, June 17; survived by husband, George; brother, Ernie (Ruth) Ono; daughters, Kathryn (Wendel) Nuss, Carolyn (Frank) Wills, Evelyn (Thomas) Okamoto; sons, Charles and Robert (Lori); and 11 gc.

Shiozaki, Benjamin "Ben," 81, Los Angeles, June 8; WWII veteran, MIS; survived by wife, Helen; son, Gerry (Eitheia); daughters, Laurey (Steven) Maekawa and Valerie (Steven) Nakada; 4 gc.; brother, Paul (Nancy); and sister-in-law, Mariko Wada.

Sumii, Shuzo, 80, Las Vegas, Nev., May 19; survived by son, Ronnel; and sisters, Yaeko Awakami and Terry Hatashita.

Taguchi, Motokazu, 87, Los Angeles, June 6; survived by daughters, Molly and Linda (Phillip) Imamura; and 2 gc.

Takagi, John Masao, 79, Cypress, June 4; survived by wife, Sadako; daughter, Joanne (Eugene) Burbige; son, Timothy (Sandra); 3 gc.; brothers, Alpha (Mary), Makoto, Ei and Victor (Tami); and sister, Esther Akiyama.

Tateishi, Akiko, Culver City, May 23; survived by son, Craig

IN MEMORIAM Sen Nishiyama, 'Apollo 11' Interpreter, Passes at 95

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Simultaneous interpreter Sen Nishiyama, who was famously known for his broadcast of Apollo 11's first moon landing, passed away July 2 at his home in Tokyo at the age of 95, sources close to him said.

A longtime JACLer, Nishiyama was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1911 and attended the University of Utah. He and Mike Masaoka would later be honored by the school as distinguished alumni.

Nishiyama later earned a degree in electrical engineering at Cal Tech but was unable to find a job during the Great Depression. In 1932 his father passed away and upon returning to Japan with his mother



to place his father's ashes in the family gravesite, he was hired for a job at Japan's Communication Ministry. But to accept the job he had to renounce his U.S. citizenship.

Soon after his arrival in Japan he met and married his longtime wife Shinobu. After World War II, Nishiyama became an advisor to both the Allied forces' general headquarters and the U.S. embassy in Japan. Later on in his career he was an executive and advisor to Sony Corp.

For the past few years Nishiyama had been living in a nursing home in Tokyo. His wife Shinobu passed away a few years ago at the age of 91.

During Nishiyama's famous broadcast of the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969, he interpreted Neil Armstrong's celebrated phrase: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." ■

(Cheryl); daughters, Donna (Glenn) Sanada and Cynthia (Jeff) Tatsumi; 6 gc.; brother, Saburo Nimura; sisters, Mitzi Tanamachi and Misao (Fred) Masukawa; and sisters-in-law, Mutsue Ogata, Rose Tanouye, Janet Norimoto and Fusae Tateishi.

Yamagawa, Kenji "Kenny," May 24; survived by daughter, Candace; son, Clifford; 2 gc.; brother, Joe; and sisters, Kiyo Nakada, Aki Hibbett and Midori Endo.

Yamaki, Ken, 83, June 10; WWII veteran, 442nd, H Co.; survived by wife, Martha; children, Clifford (Reiko), Michael (Tritia), RoseMary (Rickey) Fong and June; brother, Joe; and sister, Kim.

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Yoshihiro, Bobby Hiroshi, 47, June 7; survived by wife, Myrna; son, Ryan; daughter, Robyn; brothers, Akira (Marilyn) and Eiji (Susan); father-in-law, Chuy Chua; and brother-in-law, Jeff Chua.

Yoshimine, Gail Harumi Toguchi, 53, Half Moon Bay, June 7; survived by husband, Jon; son, Devon, mother, Merry Toguchi; brother, Michael (Joy) Toguchi; sister, Katie (Leigh) Fukuzawa; and brothers-in-law, Jeff (Susan) and Jordan Yoshimine.

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. ■

DEATH NOTICE

JAMES MICHIO WATANABE

James Michio Watanabe, retired pathologist in Spokane, Wash. was born Feb. 7, 1924 and passed away July 8. He attended Firwood Elementary school and Fife High School though was prevented from graduating by relocation. He joined the U.S. Army from Minidoka Relocation Camp. After the war he attended the University of Washington, completed his fellowship in pathology, and worked at Sacred Heart Medical Center for 29 years. He held many board position in the Spokane chapter of JACL including president and at one time was governor of the Pacific Northwest District. He is survived by wife Laura of 49 years, 4 children and their spouses, 8 gc., 2 sisters and 2 brothers and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

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LITTLE MANILA

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hotel into a museum and cultural center. Alerre hopes this dream comes true because his American heart beats for vestiges of his homeland.

The Little Manila Foundation is launching a campaign to raise \$4 million for the adaptive reuse of the Mariposa, the home of many pioneering first generation Filipino men during the 1920s-30s and later the headquarters of the labor union movement. The hotel, which saw its last tenant in 2001, is currently in foreclosure proceedings. The foundation is hoping to raise money to buy the building and redevelop it for community use.

"There are no Filipino museums in America. Right now [all the artifacts] are in people's garages," said Dillon Delvo, Little Manila Foundation executive director. "What better place for one than in Little Manila?"

Saving their 'Alamo'

Throughout the nation, ethnic enclaves disappear and get replaced with chain retailers or urban lofts. But foundation members are determined not to let their history slip away. They are going all out to save the building and revitalize Little Manila.

In addition to the \$4 million, the foundation has until Dec. 1 to pay back a predevelopment loan of \$216,000, which was used to clean and prepare the Mariposa for construction.

"It's all we have," said Delvo about the Mariposa. "This is our

Alamo."

They're studying the revitalization effort of Little Tokyo in Los Angeles as an example. For the past seven years, Dillon and other foundation members have worked tirelessly to stop building demolitions and raise awareness about the district's rich history. They've successfully rallied the city for historic designation and fended off redevelopment plans to turn the buildings into an Asian-themed strip mall. In May 2003, the National Trust for Historic Preservation placed Little Manila on its list of "America's Most Endangered Places."

Along the way, the preservation movement also helped shape the identities of Stockton young Filipino American community.

"I was really young when I heard about Little Manila," said Brian Batugo, 18, despite being born and raised in Stockton. One day, he saw a huge crowd celebrating the dedication of the district as a historic site and drank in the history in his backyard.

"Most of the people leading the movement are second generation," Batugo, now a sophomore at the University of California, Berkeley.

Over the years, the foundation has been successful in education, but now they need to focus on fundraising.

"The bottom line is we need money," said Delvo.

A Community of their Own

Starting in the 1920s, Stockton's rich agricultural industry drew many Filipino Americans to its city limits to work in the fields. Those pioneering settlers helped build the city's

economy, but were denied citizenship, land ownership and the right to live in most neighborhoods. So they simply created their own community: a six-block area in downtown around Lafayette and El Dorado Streets.

Little Manila was a slice of the homeland for Filipino immigrants who lived in residential hotel rooms like the Mariposa, worked under harsh conditions and socialized in the district's pool halls and dance halls like the Rizal Social Club, named after Jose Rizal, a national hero of the Philippines.

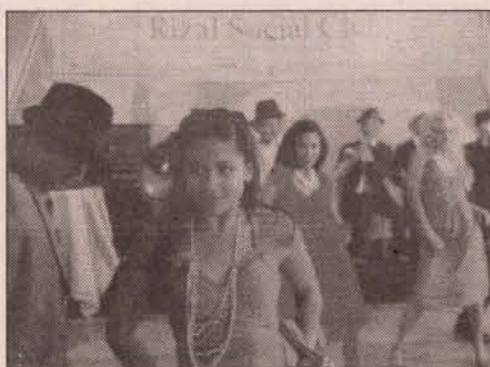
But the thriving community couldn't stand up to change. In the 1960s, state officials razed several blocks of Little Manila to build the Crosstown Freeway that cut right through the heart of the community.

"When they built that freeway ... it wiped out a lot of the history," said Delvo.

In 1999, the city bulldozed another block of Little Manila to make room for a McDonalds and a gas station. That was when the Little Manila Foundation and their young leaders decided it was time to reclaim their history.

An Entire Generation is an Island

In Stockton, many residents spend time plotting their escape from city limits and the word "community" takes on a more transient meaning. But for Delvo, leaving his native city



History was brought back to life (top) at the Rizal Social Club for the 'Bebot' music video. But the sign of the times is development (left).

helped him learn about its Filipino American history.

"There's a certain level of humility in the Filipino culture," he said about his father, Cipriano Delvo, who worked with the United Farm Workers labor movement in the 1960s. "His whole thing was I become nothing like him. He didn't want to see us in the fields, so he didn't teach us history or language."

The silence is also tied into feelings of class and shame. After the Tyding-McDuffie Act passed in 1934 Filipinos were prohibited from immigrating to the United States until the Immigration Act of 1965 opened the door to a wave of new professional Filipino immigrants.

"It was close to 30 years," said Delvo. "That generation was on an island. The post '65 generation had no relationship with Filipino farm workers who have been there for so long. There was a sense of, 'you've

been here for so long and you're still field workers?' My father saw themselves as failures as well.

"We're trying to tell the field worker story. To us, it's the pillar of strength and the origin of our community. Some people don't see it that way," said Delvo.

In fact, opposition of the preservation effort even came from within the Filipino American community. Residents said the buildings represented a sordid part of history, especially the Rizal Social Club where bachelors paid money to dance with women. The building recently came alive with the music of the Black Eyed Peas, a hip hop group with Filipino American member Apl.de.Ap. Young Filipino Americans dressed in bright colored dresses and fedoras brought history back to life in "Bebot," a Tagalog song with the triumphant chorus of "Filipino! Filipino!"

It's the youth who are fighting to reclaim their history.

"Jose Rizal had this saying about how you must look behind you to see where you are going," said Batugo. In the last three remnants of Little Manila, he feels a sense of pride. "I feel this tie to come back to Stockton." ■

To help save the Hotel Mariposa, send contributions to:
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