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

RADENA, 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.

"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 obviously was 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.

"I have been waiting so long for [in the United States]," Maria said. "It's like you're waiting forever."

A Second Court Martial

1st Lt. Ehren Watada prepares again to defend his decision not to go to Iraq.

Killed by Hate?

Santedar Singh was allegedly beaten to death by a group yelling anti-gay slurs.

Think Aaden is Cute?

He has seven brothers and sisters that look exactly like him.

A Pro at 16

Golf phenom Tadd Fujikawa makes the decision to go pro.

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

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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 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.

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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, Pa., 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 Harbour: 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...
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 have who a long history with JACL, often look at "civil rights" as our legally defined rights in the Constitution of this great nation.

I would like to broaden civil rights to pass maintain social, physiological and eco- logical change and to be able to seek the inalienable rights our forefathers sought for freedom.

The national JACL has in recent months been involved with the issue of homeland disparities that exist. These disparities in healthcare, in access to care, 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 is Civil Rights (LCRR), agrees that access to good healthcare and treatment at the moratorium taking effect, their application does not fall under the new ban.

Commissioner Diana Obanaueh says it has been difficult to work with the ordinances that Big Sky Farms application currently falls under.

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

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 Minidoka site. From 1942 to 1945, 13,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were confined to the Idaho camp.

Although very little remains of the Minidoka site today, the site currently has national monument status and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "We are a witness to the conflict, the cattle fights. We are supportive of the cattle industry because they are our neighbors," said Jim Amurano, 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 controversy, he said Obanaueh recognizes the historical significance of the Minidoka site.

"The fact that [Minidoka] is now a Harding heretofore is a reason to carefully evaluate our decision," she said. "I do my best to support that the living and working people who were interested in it were there, I will listen to all those who wish to testify or comment."

Big Sky Permit Hearings

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Jerome County, Idaho

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed when his campaign plane crashed in northern Minnesota on Oct. 28, 2002. He died at 43, five months after winning a seat in the Senate to succeed Robert M. Eat.
'I was thinking I was going to die.'

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Trying 1st Lt. Ehren Watada again for refusing 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. 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 "appearance that his mind is made up_" and that he has already made up his mind on some issues. The lawyer noted an "appearance that his mind is made up_" and that he has already made up his mind on some issues.

Watada is charged with violating his unit's deployment decision in June 2006 and with conducting 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 label the first trial as a mistrial was wrong.

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

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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.

“My great-aunt, who turned 100 this summer, would look at me as if I asked her a question about the most uninteresting topic in the world,” Walker said.

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 his great-aunt to talk about the internment camp in Idaho that housed people from Western America.

“I think it’s extremely important that we think about that piece of history,” he said.

As a student, he was told, Japanese leaders warned that Middle-Eastern Americans would be interned.

“They told us that 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 American citizens of Japanese ancestry into military camps.

“Don’t tie in.”

By MARIO YHE Sl}ouid, we hltveseparated the idealism of our essays and our idealism. asked him to do all in our position as a leader in the human rights. Then we moved inside. The suffering of others is neVer as remote as we wish. The barracks at Tule Lake where Walker’s family lived from 1942-46.

For the Best of our knowledge Asian

"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,” he said as he stood next to me for a picture. “We would like to be treated.” 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 prevent the mistreatment of the human rights of detainees, to cease illegal renditions, and to apply the Geneva Convention to all detainees, including those designated enemy combatants."

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Fox Chapel Area High School and Facebook (Continued from page 1)

Maria Watanabe

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called "independent practice associations" (IPAs) to provide medical care. Blue Shield of Pennsylvania, her IPA was the Good Samaritan Medical Practice Association (GSMPA).

"None of the medical decision-making was done by Blue Shield," said William Lee of Fallout Central, a spontaneous spokesperson, who added that they leave it up to medical professionals to determine a patient's medical needs. Blue Shield cut the checks as necessary. In this case, Seldin said Blue Shield denied coverage for Maria's condition until she filed the lawsuit.

Ultimately, the IPAs send all documents pertaining to medical treatments every six months. Blue Shield reviewed the records to determine if auditors then spot check. Blue Shield is not reviewing each case one-by-one, as Seldin explained.

Dr. Glen Hollinger, the GSMPA medical director, did overrule Maria’s request, said Seldin, but added that if enrolled in an HIPMO group, they promise to give them a CAT scan if approved, but "they didn’t avail herself to that," he said.

"When the headaches didn’t go away," Seldin said, "they asked for a CAT scan. The CAT scan wasn’t approved, but she didn’t get the scan.

"She was seen by numerous specialists in our medical group," said Hollinger, and after treatment, she said Maria was still being treated by GSMPA. "She continued care within our medical care, she received no other care.

In July 2006, Hollinger said he reached a settlement with GSMPA of $150,000. Dr. Gaye confirmed that Blue Shield did not make an independent medical review or take any action.

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

- Ask for the reason in writing.
- Talk to your doctor about your procedure.
- When you make a phone call, take notes. Write down the date of your phone call. Before the person you talk to, and what the person says.
- Have someone with you for extra support.
- Act soon. If you wait longer than six months, you may lose the right to file a complaint. Ask for an independent medical review on action against your health plan.

*Source: DMMC, California, check with your own state health office.

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

"...the health care system needs to be fixed," quoted by Moore's cutting document and recent national head­
lines 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 HMOs and claims premiums by 14.1 percent in 2008, the highest rate in four years.

Even health care 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 navig­
ing the health care system is edu­
cation.

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

Every year, the OPA publishes an annual Health Plan Report Card on the quality of HMO services. In 2006, the OPA rated the state’s major HMOs based on customer satisfaction, quality of care based on meeting national standards and quality of care based on member surveys. Out of four stars, the HMOs with the best overall ranking in both categories was Kaiser Permanente with four stars, and the HMO with the lowest overall rating was HMO, Kaiser Permanente with three stars.

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Golf

Hawaii Teen Tadd Fujikawa Decides to Turn Pro

HONOLULU—Another teenager from Hawaii is turning pro.

Tadd Fujikawa, the 15-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.

Fujikawa received a sponsor’s exemption to the Reno-Tahoe Open, which starts Aug. 2.

Both said they feel more comfortable knowing they’ll have another Chinese player on the team with them in an otherwise unfamiliar environment.

“Baseball is for us to assist that process,” Cashman said. “The biggest impact we expect to take a couple more

stories by Associated Press and P.C. Staff
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, $20.00) 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 on 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 least in the languages of the Far East... Such was the pitiful state in mid-1941."

It was then Col. John Wocklering who founded the Army military intelligence school and 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 400 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—Alina Oshida, Shigeyo 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). Wocklering had obtained $2,000 from the 4th Army Quartermaster to convert the empty space into class rooms 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 zone "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, 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 Soperhefs, 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 documents, some confiscated from the handfiles 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 men in July 1942, to face the Japanese invasion of fog-bound Attu and Kiska. Sgt. Yako Umemoto and George Hayashida entered caves at Attu to look for survivors and persuade the enemy to surrender. Twenty-eight died surrendering.

Nisei linguists feared that their fellow soldiers would mistake them for the enemy. Most Nisei had bodyguards. T.S. Suzuki 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 for Alaska, where 3,000 Japanese soldiers waited. Of the 19-day battle (May 1943), the US. 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 wound..." 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 Furutani 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 soyu which the Nisei were happy to seize. With offensive plans in the North Pacific shelves, MIS linguists returned (October '43) to school and were reassigned to the Pacific.

"If I had known the Aleutians would be repeated many times over in other parts of the Pacific," McNaughten adds. And this column will be filled with more later.

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. They sat out at room temperature for days until someone buys them.
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 LYNDIA 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.

ALEXIS, 3
Also known as 'the professor,' He's a zoologist in the making.

Aaden, 3
He's a zoologist in the making.

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.

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tricks of glee and the sound of 16 patterning 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 Wyominging, 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 slip they proudly announce, "Mommy, I burped off!"

How Do You Do It?

It's perhaps the most popular question flung at the couple who got married in 1999 after a chance meet­

ting. While 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 in 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 play­

ing takes place and then they take a field trip outdoors for lunch before naptime.

"On a good day, they sleep for one or 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 tech­

nology 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 hard enough 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 Unre­

rinting Guide

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

ication has improved."

Besides the kids, it's the couple's unfailing 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 fol­

lowing us," said Kate. "They invest­

ed 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 Gosselin's 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 "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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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Aug. 9-12—"Partnerships, Perspectives, and Policy" EJGDC/ JACL Bi-District Conference registration is $161; events include a welcome reception, workshops and banquet; Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 865 Connecticut Ave, NW, 202/483-3000; mention JACL-Bi-District Conference for $330/single or $1530/two beds. Info: 777/7287-1710.

West, Sept. 12—Gala Dinner, "A Salute to Veterans" honoring female American police officers in the country who were shot and killed in Baltimore in 1981. Info: Cathleen F. Gallagher, 301/405-0588 or visit www.chieveonstudents.org. Info: Cathleen Gallagher @черевес@cla.org.

NEW YORK

July 25—Film screening, "Officer Tukamatsu": 8:30 p.m.; Asia Society, 72 Park Ave.; film is about Roger Tukamatsu, a 37-year-old American police officer in the country who was shot and killed in Baltimore in 1981. Info: Cathleen F. Gallagher, 301/405-0588 or visit www.chieveonstudents.org. Info: Cathleen Gallagher @черевес@cla.org.

EAST WASHINGTON

July 20—Film screening, "The Beck Building": 5-7 p.m.; Columbia St. NW. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/556-7562.

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio

July 25—"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 sides, and paper goods. Info: Richard Hayashi, 937/528-3426 or jao@paintingbynakasone.com.

MIDWEST

Boulder, Colo.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 17-19—Boulder Asian Film Festival: 7-9 p.m.; Boulder Theater, movies not yet announced; RSVP: info@bordas.org or visit www.bordas.org. Info: Richard Hayashi, 937/528-3426 or jao@paintingbynakasone.com.

SAN FRANCISCO

July 25—Film screening, "The Beck Building": 5-7 p.m.; Columbia St. NW. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/556-7562 or jao@paintingbynakasone.com.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Clackamas, Ore.

Aug. 17—"Oregon JACL Annual Gala Dinner": 6 p.m.; Sheraton Portland Hotel; enjoy different international foods and drinks with JACL Oregon members. Info: Gale Nakamura, 503/555-7562.

PORTLAND

Aug. 30—"Oregon JACL Annual Gala Dinner": 6 p.m.; Sheraton Portland Hotel; enjoy different international foods and drinks with JACL Oregon members. Info: Gale Nakamura, 503/555-7562.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

July 28—Film screening, "The Beck Building": 5-7 p.m.; Sheraton Los Angeles Hotel; enjoy different international foods and drinks with JACL California members. Info: Gale Nakamura, 503/555-7562.

Central California

Hanford

July 31—Film screening, "The Beck Building": 5-7 p.m.; Sheraton Hanford Hotel; enjoy different international foods and drinks with JACL Central California members. Info: Gale Nakamura, 503/555-7562.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles


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In Memoriam - 2007

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akamatsu, Carol Anne, 53, Los Angeles, June 11; survived by parent, Isamu and Michiko; and sisters, Kiyomi Kobayashi and Akayo Munakoski; and brothers, Fujio and Hideo Katakami.

Kawata, Edna, 81, Monterey Park, May 30; survived by husband, Sunao; daughter, Jeanne (Robert) Egusa and Beverly (Tom) Hori; sisters-in-law, Mary (Roy) Yukihiro.

Tanaka, Saye, 83, Los Alamitos, June 2; survived by sons, James (Mary) Yonemoto; sister, Toyoko; brothers, Jeff and Mikio; and half-sister, Yasuko.

Yokoyama, Tomoe, 83, Los Angeles, June 11; survived by parents, Sumiko (Kay) Hanawa, Riko and Teiko (Kenneth) Brock; brother, Takeo (Laura) Kido; and sisters-in-law, Ayako and Mary Kido.

Kumamoto, Tsuneho, 59, Hacienda Heights, May 24; survived by wife, Chieko; daughter, Eri; brothers, Tohru and Miki; and sisters, Iene Hamano, Yoko Suzuki, Fujiko Kitasaki and Setsuko Miyachi.

Mamya, Shigeo, 72, June 8; survived by wife, Yoko (Yoshio) Hanshita; and half-sister, Yasuko.

Ishii, Shigeko, 72, June 8; survived by wife, Kimiko; sons, Yoshitomo (Sammy) and Yoshinobu; daughter, Tamami (Perry) Egusa and Beverly (Tom) Hori; and sisters, Irene (Mas) Nakamura, Sumiko (Kay) Hanawa, Ruth Kido and Tenko (Kenneth) Brock; brother, Takeo (Laura) Kido; and sisters-in-law, Ayako and Mary Kido.

Kumagai, Haruyo, 70, Irvine Heights, May 24; survived by wife, Chieko; daughter, Eri; brothers, Tohru and Miki; and sisters, Iene Hamano, Yoko Suzuki, Fujiko Kitasaki and Setsuko Miyachi.

Matsumura, Sumako Matsumura, Rancho Cucamonga, May 29; survived by husband, Hisaburo; son, Tetsuo (Sachiko) and daughters, Yoko (Yoshio) Hanshita and Miki (Takamasa) Koto; and brothers, Yosuke Iida.

Miyamoto, Nobuo, 81, Orange, May 20; survived by wife, Helen; son, Arnold (Gabriella); daughter, Cindy; 4 gc.; sister, Hisako Sakuyama; and brother, Osamu (Atko).

Nakano, Rosi Ikeda, 84, Los Angeles, May 29; survived by son, Glen (Susie); daughter, Noeane (Donal) Yoosukechi; 4 gc.; and sister, Diane Yoshimura.

Nakano, Ryan, 31, Harbor City, June 8; survived by parents, Toshio and Keiko; and sisters, Stephanie (Terri) Nakano; brother, Gregory; and girlfriend, Julie Issamara.

Noda, Masuye, 92, June 2; survived by son, Lynn (Mary); daughter, Sandy; 2 gc.

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

Sato, Eiko, 67, Harbor City, May 27; survived by sons, Jeanny and Kenny; daughter, Cathy; 4 gc.; and 5 gc.

Sato, Yumura "Yuri," 85, Los Angeles, May 24; survived by wife, Toyoko; sons, Garry (Esther) and Robert (Anna) and daughter, Carol; granddaughters, 4 gc.; and great-grandchildren, Pako Okinaga and Yuki Sato.

Shibata, Tadashis, 80, Montebello, May 28; survived by wife, Akio; sons, Andrew and David Hanami; daughter, Lisa; and sister, Chiyoko Hirakawa.

Shimomura, Tatsuki, 79, San Laya, June 8, 2007; survived by wife, Kinoko; and children, Takeshi, Dr. Takumi (Shiho) Tomeyo and Marjory (Mirei) and Dr. William (Surni) Toshiko Yukihiro.

Park, June 7; survived by brother, Kawata. (Ronald) Hatake; son, Bruce (Duane) Lee; 9 gc.; brother, Jeff (Bruno) Masukawa; and sisters, Yaeko Awakami and Terry Hatashita.

Mori, Sumiko, 75, Montebello, May 28; survived by husband, Joe; sons, Yoshihiro (Sanae) and Yoshinobu; wife, Mariko; 5 gc.; brother, Jeff (Bruno) Masukawa; and sisters-in-law, Yumi (Yuji) Takahashi; and 5 gc.

Nakamura, Sumiko, 75, May 28; survived by son, Arnold (Gabriella); daughter, Norene (Neil) Spring, 4 gc.; and sisters, Yaeko Awakami and Terry Hatashita.

Tateishi, Akiko, Culver City, July 8; husband, Martha; children, Clifford (Reiko), Michael (Titia), Rosemary (Rickey) and La, Joe; and sister, Kim.

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ALERE hopes this dream comes true because his American Mariposa, the home of many pioneer 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. The bottom line is we need to work in the fields. Those pioneer 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 Ruiz Social Club, named after Jose Ruiz, 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 McDonald's 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 helped him learn about its Filipino American history.

"There's a certain level of humili­ity 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 Ruiz 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 Ap.d.e.Ap. Young Filipino Americans dressed in bright colored dresses and doused himself 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 Ruiz 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: 'Little Manila Foundation' P.O. Box 1356 Stockton, CA 95201

For more information: 209/477-7143 or www.littlemanila.net See the 'Bebot' video: http://youtube.com/watch?v=VjucrB

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