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## In the Hell of War, Compassion Blossomed

In 1950, Pete Smith was one of the many abandoned Korean children in a war-torn country until an American military police unit adopted him. He's not alone. Thousands of orphans were saved — it was the American way.

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

Pete Smith was only three years old when he was plucked out of a ditch by a U.S. Army sergeant in the city of Pyongyang. It was 1950, the beginning of the Korean War. Pete was alone and half-naked, shivering from the cold, so the sergeant put the toddler inside a duffel bag and drove him to the Army compound.

For five years, Pete was the youngest member of the 728th Military Police A Company stationed in Yongdung Po until he was adopted by another sergeant and taken to his new home in Arroyo Grande, Calif. where he had an all-American upbringing.

Pete, who turns 61 this month, thought that was the end of the story — his own "happily ever after" complete with a strapping hero named John Wesley Smith as a father. But in 2004, Pete attended the 728th's reunion in Springfield, Missouri for the first time and met a group of his other American GI "dads" who helped raise him at the compound.

It's a story that still takes Pete's breath away when he talks about it. Two hundred and sixty six soldiers, many who were barely 18 years old,



*"They're all my fathers whether they accept it or not."*

— Pete Smith about the 728th MP

In 1951, Aubrey Smith (above, right) took a picture with then four-year-old Pete, the company's adoptee. (Right) An older Pete with Pfc. Jack Jackson.

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took on the tremendous responsibility of taking care of an orphan.

"There were so many kids over there. Displaced kids and kids without food. It makes you think why? Why does this story happen?" said Pete from his San Antonio, Texas home.

### Finding his 'Fathers'

At the reunion in 2004, Aubrey Smith, 78, spotted Pete amidst the crowd of veterans in the Springfield hotel conference room and remembered the child he took care of from September 1951 to the end of 1952. As the 728th's mess sergeant, Aubrey made sure young Pete cleared his plate at every meal. They had already spoken on the phone in the months leading up to the reunion,

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## Pushing the Limits of Endurance



Ultrarunner Mark Tanaka during his first place finish at the Kettle Moraine 100-mile run in Wisconsin this past June. It was the 40-year-old's best finish yet.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK TANAKA

Mark Tanaka is a busy ER physician with a young family. He's also a successful ultrarunner where 50-mile and 100-mile races are the norm.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM  
Executive Editor

Long Beach to San Diego. New York City to Philadelphia.

About 100 miles separates these coastal cities. It's a trip most of us would make by car, train, or maybe by air. But for Mark Tanaka, 40, it's

a distance he regularly and voluntarily travels on foot.

Welcome to the life of an ultrarunner

For the past five years Mark has been a regular on the ultrarunners circuit, taking part in 50-km, 100-km, 50-mile and 100-mile runs across the country. This past June he placed first in the Kettle Moraine 100-mile run in Wisconsin, his best finish yet.

"Out on the trails, where the air is clean and you're out in nature, it's meditative time. You can't get that elsewhere," he said. "I'm more fit now than I was in my 20s."

His recent wins include: fourth at the Ohlone 50-km, third in the

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## 74 Years Later, an Honor for California's First Japanese American Winemaker

Community leaders including the Sonoma County JACL successfully campaigned for a city park to be named after Kanaye Nagasawa who once owned the land.

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

In his lifetime, Kanaye Nagasawa brought international recognition to California wine and gained nicknames like the "Grape King" and the "Baron of Fountaingrove." Seventy-four years after he died shrouded in disappointment over racist land laws, the California city he loved toasted their famous vintner once again by honoring his name.

The 33-acre park located at 1313 Fountaingrove Parkway in Santa Rosa, Calif. was officially christened Nagasawa Community Park at Fountaingrove July 28. Dignitaries including the consulate general from Japan in San Francisco and community members gathered on the rolling hills of Santa Rosa alongside a serene lake to celebrate the dedica-

tion of the park in honor of the man who once owned the land.

"It was very nostalgic," said Amy Ichiji Mori, Nagasawa's grandniece who was born on the plot of land when it was part of a 2,500-acre winery named Fountaingrove. As a young girl, Mori remembers seeing the flurry of activities as workers picked grapes to make wine. At the Saturday morning event, a handful of Nagasawa's former workers

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PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY MORI

Kanaye Nagasawa (left) embraces his young grandnephew Kosuke Ichiji, who was born on the Fountaingrove Winery.

## Finally a Reprieve in an Immigration Nightmare

Akiko Campbell's hardship waiver has been approved so she and her two young sons will soon be reunited with her husband in Florida. They hope this is the end of Akiko's fight to stay in this country.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM  
Executive Editor

Akiko Campbell is finally on her way home.

After more than six months of virtual house arrest in her native homeland of Japan, Akiko, 41, and her two young sons will soon be reunited with her husband Keith in their Bradenton, Florida home.

In February, Akiko headed to the U.S. embassy in Tokyo to try to correct a long ago made error in her immigration paperwork, but was instead refused re-entry to the U.S. On July 17 she finally got word that her hardship waiver had been approved, allowing a re-entry visa for her return to her adopted country.

"I felt like it was a dream. I even

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Akiko Campbell with son Leo, 5.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Misconceptions of the 'Comfort Women' Issue



There are assumptions and mis-  
conceptions in the House  
Resolution that members should  
recognize. HR 121, sponsored by  
U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, asks for the  
Japanese government to formally  
acknowledge, apologize, and accept  
historical responsibility ... for  
coercing young women into sexual  
slavery. The assumption and mis-  
conception that Japan has not acted  
on this issue is false.

The truth of the matter is that  
much of what is demanded in the  
resolution has already been accom-  
plished by the government of Japan,  
but the issue is treated in HR 121 as  
brand new.

The issue first came to light in  
1983 in a now discredited book by  
Seiji Yoshida, "My War Crimes:  
The Impressment of Koreans," in  
which the author confesses to  
forcibly procuring women in Korea  
under the direct order from the  
Japanese military. Yoshida later  
admitted that his "confession" was  
not a true story.

However, in 1992, the historian  
Yoshiaki Yoshimi discovered  
incriminating documents in the  
archives of Japan's Defense Agency  
indicating that the military was  
directly involved in running the  
brothels. When Yoshimi's findings  
were published in the Japanese  
media on Jan. 12, 1993, they caused  
a sensation and forced the govern-  
ment, represented by Chief Cabinet  
Secretary Koichi Kato to acknowl-  
edge some of the facts the same  
day.

On Jan. 17, Prime Minister  
Kiichi Miyazawa presented formal  
apologies for the suffering of the  
victims during a trip to South  
Korea.

On Aug. 4, 1993, Yohei Kono,  
the chief cabinet secretary of the  
Japanese government, issued a  
statement by which it recognized  
that "comfort stations were operated  
in response to the request of the  
military of the day," that "The  
Japanese military was directly or

*'What HR 121 is  
asking has already been  
accomplished by the  
Japanese government, but  
has been ignored by the  
resolution.'*

indirectly involved in the establish-  
ment and management of the com-  
fort stations and the transfer of the  
women" and that the women "were  
recruited in many cases against  
their own will through coaxing and  
coercion."

Kono goes on to say the govern-  
ment of Japan "sincerely apologizes  
and [expresses its] remorse to all  
those, irrespective of place of ori-  
gin, who suffered immeasurable  
pain and incurable psychological  
wounds." In that statement, the gov-  
ernment of Japan expressed its  
"firm determination never to repeat  
the same mistake" and that they  
would "engrave such issue through

the study and teaching of history."

In August 1994, then-Prime  
Minister Tomiichi Murayama, on  
the occasion of the announcement  
of the "Peace, Friendship, and  
Exchange Initiative" to commemo-  
rate the 50th anniversary of the  
war's end said:

"On the issue of wartime 'com-  
fort women,' which seriously  
stained the honor and dignity of  
many women, I would like to take  
this opportunity once again to  
express my profound and sincere  
remorse and apologies"

This statement was made in his  
official capacity as prime minister  
of Japan and based on a cabinet  
decision.

Subsequently, every prime minis-  
ter since 1996 — Prime Ministers  
Hashimoto, Obuchi, Mori,  
Koizumi, and Abe — have all  
issued letters of apologies to indi-  
vidual former comfort women  
along with atonement money (20  
million Yen) offered by the Asian  
Women's Fund.

The actions already taken by the  
Japanese government have been  
ignored by the resolution to make it  
seem that nothing has occurred.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, in a July 9,  
2007, letter to the speaker of the  
House of Representatives, stated  
that the letters of apology issued by  
six prime ministers of Japan, each  
acting and speaking in his official  
capacity, would suffice, in the world  
of diplomacy, as official statements.

In 1995 and 2005, the Japanese  
House of Representatives consid-

ered and adopted resolutions related  
to Japan's actions in World War II,  
including the comfort women issue.  
The 1995 resolution adopted by  
Japan's House of Representatives  
provides in part:

"Solemnly reflecting upon the  
many instances of colonial rule and  
acts of aggression that occurred in  
modern world history, and recog-  
nizing that Japan carried out such  
acts in the past and inflicted suffer-  
ing on the people of other countries  
especially in Asia, the Members of  
this House hereby express deep  
remorse ..."

It should be noted that after  
WWII, the issue of compensation  
for Japan's wartime crimes was  
settled — country by country —  
by the Treaty of San Francisco  
with the U.S. and by the relevant  
peace treaties with other coun-  
tries. Thus, from a purely legal  
standpoint, the issue of the com-  
fort women has been settled by  
treaties of peace.

There are many events in our  
own historic past that deserve an  
acknowledgement and apology  
issued by the U.S. Nonetheless, our  
government has not acknowledged  
these actions and perhaps more  
importantly, other countries have  
not officially reprimanded us  
because of it. One of these events  
being discussed in Congress is the  
kidnapping of Japanese Latin  
Americans by the U.S. to be used as  
prisoner of war exchanges during  
WWII

What HR 121 is asking has  
already been accomplished by the  
Japanese government, but has been  
ignored by the resolution.

It's unfortunate that we would  
involve ourselves in a meaning-  
less legislative act that would  
jeopardize a relationship as good  
as we share with Japan, or is that  
the reason? ■



## Letters to the Editor

### PSWD Welcomes New JACL RD

My name is Craig Ishii and I am  
the new PSWD regional director.  
I've been involved with the JACL  
for a couple of years, but I'm very  
excited that I now have the oppor-  
tunity to make a difference and  
push our organization  
into the  
future.

I'm a  
recent gradu-  
ate of UCLA  
where I  
majored in  
history and economics. At UCLA,  
I was a member of the Nikkei  
Student Union (NSU) where I was  
introduced to a variety of cultural,  
political and community issues. As  
a member of that club I was intro-  
duced to the Asian Pacific  
Coalition where I learned a great  
deal about my identity, and about  
my duties as an Asian American  
and as a person of color.

More importantly, it was  
through my involvement in NSU  
that I became involved with the  
JACL. Over the past couple of  
years I've been thinking of what  
changes, programs and campaigns  
might be good for the organiza-  
tion. Now as a staff member I can  
begin to implement those ideas.

As the PSWD regional director,  
I'd like to work on the established  
national programs such as toler-  
ance and diversity, and education.  
I'd also like to develop new pro-  
grams in collegiate leadership  
development, a stronger connec-  
tion to the Japanese American  
community as well as the Little  
Tokyo community here in Los  
Angeles. I'd also like to also see  
our civil rights advocacy begin to  
build coalitions, support cam-  
paigns, and continue to educate.

These are, of course, personal  
goals but I'm most interested in  
the ideas that you as members  
have. Please e-mail  
(psw@jacl.org) and pass your  
ideas on to me so we can make  
those ideas a reality.

I feel that the organization has a  
very exciting future and I'm just  
happy to be a part of it.

*Craig Ishii*

PSW Regional Director

### PSWD Welcome Reception for Craig Ishii:

Location: JACCC Garden  
Room

Date: Aug. 16, 2007

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## 442: The True Heroes

With reference to the letter entitled  
"The Courage to Resist" in the July  
20 — Aug. 2 issue of the *Pacific  
Citizen*, the title is certainly applica-  
ble to the so-called "Resisters" of the  
World War II era but I question  
whether it is applicable to 1st Lt.  
Ehren Watada.

The Resisters had a noble objec-  
tive to achieve. They asked for the  
restoration of their civil rights, be  
allowed to return to their homes and  
regain their lost properties before  
they were willing to serve in the U.S.  
Army.

What does Lt. Watada hope to  
achieve in his refusal to obey his  
military orders to lead and accompa-  
ny his unit to Iraq after he voluntari-  
ly joined the Army and took an oath  
to serve his country?

In my opinion, we should await  
the results of Lt. Watada's trial  
before we JACL members and the  
national JACL organization cast a  
support for or opposition to Lt.  
Watada's refusal to respond to his  
military command.

The "true heroes" are the mem-  
bers of the 100th/442nd Regimental  
Combat Team for their extraordinary  
valor and service performed in the  
European Theatre of Operations  
while slogging through mud, snow,  
ice, rain and every conceivable liv-  
ing and climatic conditions.

This unit's extraordinary perform-  
ance completely reversed the public  
opinion regarding us Americans of  
Japanese ancestry. This recognition  
even subsequently filtered down to

the status of the Pacific Islanders and  
other minorities of this nation.

By coincidence on page 11 of the  
above referenced issue of the *Pacific  
Citizen*, there is an article on Sen.  
Nishiyama of Salt Lake City, Utah  
who went to Japan because he was  
unable to obtain employment in the  
U.S.

Incidentally, Nishiyama and Mike  
Masaoka were honored as distin-  
guished alumni of the University of  
Utah. In spite of the Depression, this  
inability to obtain employment in the  
U.S. before the War was the typical  
condition that we Nisei were faced  
with prior to WWII.

*Leo H. Hosoda*

WWII (MIS) & Korean War  
Veteran

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we receive, we appreciate the interest and  
views of those who take the time to send us  
their comments.



# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

## JACL Condemns Race-Based Beach Beating

EL DORADO BEACH, Calif.—Prosecutors are waiting for a medical report on the East Indian man who was reportedly attacked by a South Lake Tahoe couple because of his race.

Assistant District Attorney Hans Uthe said more charges could be pending against Joseph and Georgia Silva, who allegedly attacked the 37-year-old man, who is an American citizen and lives in the Bay Area. The incident happened July 14 at El Dorado Beach.

The couple was cited on suspicion of misdemeanor battery and committing a hate crime. An Aug. 22 arraignment is scheduled in El Dorado County Superior Court.

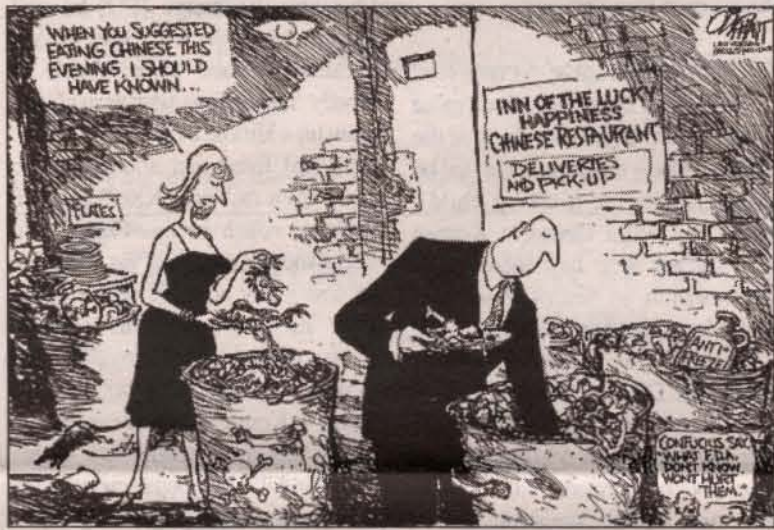
The JACL and other APA groups are working to send letters to the El Dorado police and district attorney's office.

## AAJA Slams Universal Press Syndicate for Pat Oliphant's Latest Cartoon

SAN FRANCISCO—AAJA has written a letter to Universal Press Syndicate opposing a recently syndicated racist cartoon.

Pat Oliphant's cartoon depicts a white couple in an alleyway behind the "Inn of the Lucky Happiness Chinese Restaurant." They are picking through scraps from dumpsters and trashcans for their dinner. The white woman, who is holding a chicken's head, says, "When you suggested eating Chinese this evening, I should have known..."

In the lower right-hand corner, next to Oliphant's penguin, a tiny Chinese man with a Fu Manchu mustache says: "Confucius say, 'What FDA Don't Know Won't Hurt Them.'"



## Group Files Complaint Against UT Over Race-Based Admissions

AUSTIN—The Washington-based Project on Fair Representation has filed a complaint with the U.S. Education Department accusing the University of Texas at Austin of violating a law that bars discrimination by government agencies that receive federal funds.

About 70 percent of UT-Austin freshmen from Texas are automatically accepted under a state law that guarantees top students a spot at the public university of their choice. The rest of the class is selected through a holistic review process that considers many factors, including the applicant's race.

The automatic admissions law was adopted a decade ago after a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision made affirmative action illegal in Texas college admissions. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision, allowing universities to use race as one of many decision-making factors.

APAs make up 14 percent of the student body.

## Intimidation Sparks Showdown Between Muslim Couple and Neighbors

AUBURN, Maine—Some apartment residents in an area of Maine with a history of tension between Muslims and other local residents could face hate-crime charges after a Muslim couple claimed they were subjected to racial taunts and threats.

Kenneth Post, a Muslim convert, and his Yemeni wife, Raihanah Alsameai, said other residents in their building began intimidating them after they moved in in July. Post said his wife is afraid of dogs and that a neighbor's pit bull lunged at her and chased her. He said the situation grew worse when neighbors shouted, "What's your religion?" and "Are you a Taliban?"

Police escorted the couple to a hotel. No charges were filed.

## After 7-year Legal Battle, Chinese Parents Regain Custody of Daughter in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tennessee—A Chinese couple has regained legal custody of their eight-year-old daughter after a seven-year fight to get her back from what was supposed to be temporary foster care.

A Juvenile Court judge in Memphis signed an order returning custody of Anna Mae He to parents Shaoqiang and Qin Luo He, Chinese citizens who came to the United States so Shaoqiang He could attend college.

The order revoked the temporary guardianship of Jerry and Louise Baker, former foster parents who had tried to adopt the girl over her parents' objections.

The high court said the Hes were penalized because they did not understand the American legal system and thought they were giving up their daughter temporarily so she could get health insurance. The family hit hard financial times when Shaoqiang He lost his graduate school scholarship and student stipend at the University of Memphis. ■

# U.S. House Passes Resolution Demanding Japan Apologize for WWII Sex Slaves

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Japan's prime minister said the newly passed U.S. House resolution demanding Japan's formal apology for forcing thousands of women into sex slavery during World War II was regrettable because Japan has already made amends.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a resolution July 30 urging Japan to "formally acknowledge, apologize and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner" for the suffering of so-called "comfort women."

"The resolution is regrettable," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters. "I explained my views and the government's response on this matter during my visit to the U.S. in April."

With an unrecorded voice vote and no opposition, the House adopted the resolution which was sponsored by Rep. Mike Honda.

The non-binding measure is symbolic, but it has brought attention to a dark chapter in history.

"Korean American communities are overjoyed with the news," Eun Sook Lee, executive director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, said in a statement.

Historians say the Imperial Japanese Army forcibly sent hundreds of thousands of women, mainly from Korea, China and the Philippines, to wartime Japanese military brothels to work as prostitutes in the 1930s and 1940s.

Since the government acknowledged the practice in the early 1990s, Japanese leaders have repeatedly



Former South Korean comfort women, who allegedly served as sexual slaves for the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II, shout slogans during an anti-Japan rally in front of Japanese Embassy in Seoul, South Korea.

AP PHOTO/ AHN YOUNG-JOON

apologized over the issue. But in March, Abe triggered anger across Asia by saying there was no proof the women were coerced — reflecting a view among Japan's right-wing politicians, who claim the issue has been fabricated or exaggerated.

In South Korea, presidential spokesman Cheon Ho-sun welcomed the resolution and urged Japan to face up to history.

"The best way of reconciliation is to view history correctly. Japan would not be unaware of this," Cheon said. "We expect Japan to show a changed attitude."

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuhisa Shiozaki said Japan had no plans to lodge a protest with Washington over the resolution.

"We have already worked to clearly explain Japan's view," Shiozaki said. "We will continue to do so."

In Washington, Democratic Rep. Tom Lantos called "nauseating" what he said were efforts by some in Japan "to distort and deny history and play a game of blame the victim."

"Inhumane deeds should be fully

acknowledged," said Lantos, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "The world awaits a full reckoning of history from the Japanese government."

In 1993, Japan's government issued a carefully worded official apology but has rejected most compensation claims, saying they were settled by postwar treaties.

Supporters of the resolution want an apology similar to the one the U.S. government gave to Japanese Americans forced into internment camps during World War II. That apology was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

A fund created in 1995 by the government but run independently and financed by private donations has provided a way for Japan to compensate former sex slaves without making it official. Many comfort women, however, have rejected the money.

"Peace can be realized when (Japan) sincerely repents for its past and apologizes," said Kil Won-ok, a former sex slave. ■

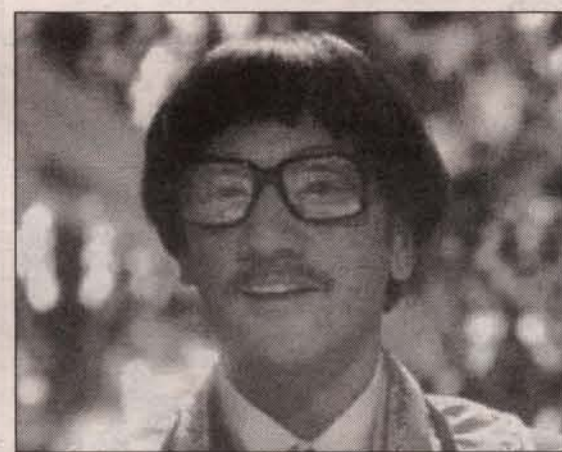
# MANAA Blasts Rob Schneider for Offensive Racial Caricature in 'Chuck & Larry'

The Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) — the only organization solely dedicated to monitoring the media and advocating balanced, sensitive, and positive coverage and depictions of Asian Americans — is offended by Rob Schneider's yellowface portrayal of a Japanese man in the current number one movie in the country, "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" starring Adam Sandler and Kevin James.

In a scene where the main characters journey to Canada to get married, Schneider plays a minister who makes their union official, donning prosthetic make-up (slanted eyes, bigger nose, darker skin color, etc.) to play a stereotypical Japanese nerd with thick glasses and a bowl-style hair cut who speaks in broken English with missing "r"s.

Entertainment Weekly's Lisa Schwarzbaum wrote: "I felt victimized by the stereotype shtick of ... Schneider." And Emmy-nominated actor Masi Oka ("Heroes") told USA Today he was also offended by the yellowface portrayal.

"In August of 2006, shortly after Mel Gibson's tirade against Jews, Schneider, pointing out he was half Jewish, took out a full page ad in Daily Variety promising to never work with the writer/director/actor," said MANAA Founding President Guy Aoki. "We wish Rob had the same pride about being part-Asian. Somehow, we don't think he'd make



Rob Schneider's yellowface portrayal of a Japanese man in the movie "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" has angered several members of the Asian American community.

the same assertion against someone who spouted anti-Asian hatred because the actor has himself done quite a good job of putting down people of Asian descent.

"As Richard Roeper of 'Ebert and Roeper' recently said in his review of 'Chuck and Larry,' 'Rob Schneider's Filipino background [he's a quarter] hardly excuses his portrayal of an Asian minister in perhaps the most egregious stereotype of its kind since Mickey Rooney in 'Breakfast at Tiffany's.'"

Schneider has also repeatedly perpetuated the stereotype that Asian men have small penises in a 2005 movie he co-wrote, "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (e.g. an Asian male prostitute says in broken English, "I no more man-whore! Too much danger! I take my three inches elsewhere!").

Besides an AA fireman who gets no lines, the only other Asian faces we see in "Chuck and Larry" are five

Asian women who come out of a van wearing Hooters-like clothes to "pleasure" Chuck (Sandler) and who're later seen "having fun" with each other while waiting for Chuck to come back to bed.

"Therefore," Aoki points out, "the impression people get from watching this film is that Asian men are disgusting-looking geeks and that Asian women are sluts."

"Sandler showed his movie to GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) and edited out scenes they deemed offensive because he didn't want to make a movie that would offend the gay community. He should've shown it to MANAA; we would've had quite a few things to say to him," he said.

MANAA has consulted with studios about their films, including "Rising Sun" and "Pearl Harbor." The organization can be reached at: manaaletters@hotmail.com or 213/486-4433. ■



## APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

### Shimomura, Former JACL Nat'l President, Gets Nomination for Judgeship



Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has nominated former JACL National President **Floyd Shimomura** for a judgeship in either Sacramento or Yolo counties.

The nomination was submitted to the State Bar's Judicial Evaluation of Nominee's Commission for review. Shimomura's interview is set for Aug. 6 in Los Angeles. The final report should go to the governor in late August or early September.

Shimomura recently retired as the executive officer of the California State Personnel Board. He was elected JACL national president in 1982. He is JACL's current chair of the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee.

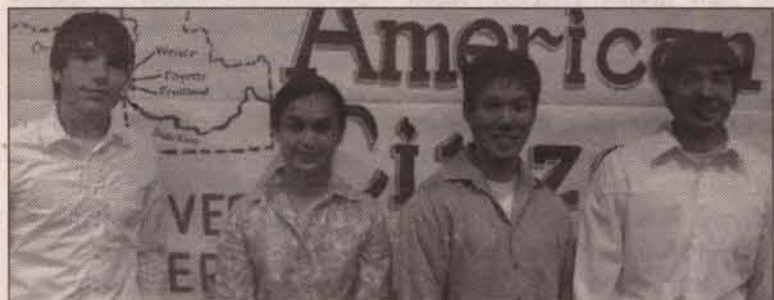
### Yang Nabs Top Award for Graphic Novel

**Gene Luen Yang's** graphic novel, "American Born Chinese," won the Eisner Award for best graphic album as part of Comic-Con 2007.

The Eisner, one of the highest honors in the industry, is given to an artist for his or her creative achievement in comic books.

The graphic novel follows the life of a young Chinese American boy who moves from San Francisco's Chinatown to the suburbs, where he is one of two Asian children in the school.

### Snake River JACL Recognizes its Scholars



The Snake River chapter recently awarded \$2,000 scholarships to **Stephen Heleker, Kayla Yano** and **Marcus Heleker** at their 2007 graduation banquet.

Pictured above are the high school seniors who attended with their parents and grandparents: Heleker, Yano, **Mark Mizuta** and **Marcus Heleker**.

### Umemoto Takes 'Miss Washington' Title

**Elyse Umemoto** beat out 22 other contestants to become the first woman of Native American and Japanese American descent to win the Washington State pageant.

Umemoto, 23, ran on a platform she called, "Embracing Diversity, Empowering Women." She is studying political science and psychology at Pacific Lutheran University.

Her "Miss Washington" title qualifies her to participate in the Miss America contest next year in Las Vegas.

### Ventura County JACL Names Scholarship Winners



A special reception was held recently at the Japanese American Christian Chapel honoring outstanding Ventura County high school students.

Pictured above are winners of the scholarship awards: (l-r) **Kelsey Koga, Alina Warner, Heidi Narasaki, Jessica Fujimoto, Jeanine Shimatsu, Tracy Akashi, Devan Block, Trina Block** and **Jennifer Kuo**. Winner **Jessica Stoll** is not pictured.

### Taguba Cited for Military Accomplishments and Community Service



During a special naturalization ceremony for 25 new Americans at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, an American by Choice award was given to Ret. Major Gen. **Antonio M. Taguba**.

Taguba was a distinguished commander of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. In 2004, he directed and conducted an informal investigation in the Abu Ghraib prison torture allegations. Taguba recently retired after a 34-year military career.

The American by Choice initiative recognizes the significant achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens. ■

*'But for us, it was more important that they receive the gifts — simple as they were — oranges, apples [and] color crayons.'*

— **Jack Jackson**, 728 MP A Company from 1952-55



### PETE SMITH

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but in Springfield they saw each other again for the first time since leaving Korea.

Aubrey showed Pete a dog-eared picture taken of the two of them in 1951. In the black and white photo, four-year-old Pete is saluting the camera. Kneeling at Pete's side is Aubrey in his 20s, his eyes hidden in the shadows.

Pete has no recollection of this photo being taken. In fact, up until the reunion he thought he was a child of South Korea who wandered onto the Yongdung Po compound and enchanted his future father, but there was more to the story.

"There were six to seven individuals who remembered me and had pictures of me. It was really enlightening," said Pete.

They told him stories about the past he couldn't remember and didn't know. It's likely Pete is from North Korea. He has vague recollections of crowds of Koreans walking on the roads, likely refugees who would scatter and hide in the ditches when American planes flew overhead, said Aubrey.

"That's where we think Pete may have gotten separated from his family," he said.

No one knows the identity of the sergeant who originally picked Pete up from the ditch. The men tried to place Pete in an orphanage, but they were all overflowing with children like Pete — innocent casualties of war. So the men of the 728 MP decided to raise Pete themselves, and since the Army prohibited the housing of "indigenous" individuals, they simply taught Pete to hide.

It became an unofficial rule that whoever assumed the title of mess sergeant would also inherit Pete.

"Pete was kind of passed down to me," said Aubrey with a laugh. "I'm just like any other American soldier. We like kids. We always felt sorry for the kids in the combat zone."

At Yongdung Po, little Pete spent his days shadowing the soldiers during poker games and minding his own chores. He was given a small American pocket dictionary to learn new words and the troop would quiz him on American presidents and states.

"He really loved the American soldiers. He did what he thought he needed to do and he wanted to be one of us," said Aubrey.

Somewhere along the way, the duty of caring for Pete was transferred to the supply sergeant. In 1954, Sgt. John Wesley Smith came to Yongdung Po and met the troop's unofficial adoptee who began slumbering in the supply room.

"... I think that's where [John] fell in love with him," said Aubrey.

Pete remembers John telling him about his adoption, his new home in California and his new mom, Thelma. Before they left Korea in August 1955, the men of the 728 MP pooled their money and gave the boy they helped raise \$650 — big money for soldiers who were making less than \$100 a month.

"I felt tremendous gratitude," said Pete about finally realizing the truth about the men who saved his life. "They're all my fathers whether they accept it or not."

### A Compassionate Army

"American servicemen had to be taught to aim a gun and shoot at the enemy. They did not have to be taught to pick up a crying child," said Dr. George Drake, a Korean War veteran who has done extensive research on American servicemen's humanitarian efforts.

During the Korean War, American GIs saved the lives of over 10,000 Korean children and helped sustain over 54,000 in more than 400 orphanages, said Drake, who runs a Web site dedicated to Korean War children and their heroes.

In war, bits of atrocities grab headlines, but the real story are the acts of compassion that go virtually unrecognized, he said.

He's been working tirelessly over the years to celebrate the caring spirit of American soldiers through photo exhibits and speaking engagements. He even poured \$50,000 of his own money to build a shrine to these American heroes in Bellingham, Wash.

The Korean War Children's Memorial in Big Rock Garden Park was dedicated in July 2003.

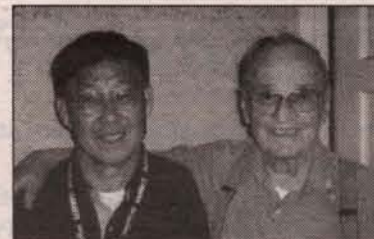
"These are stories that every mother of a serviceman or any person should be proud of," said Drake.

Jack Jackson, a desk sergeant for the 728 MP A Company from 1952-55 also knew Pete at Yongdung Po. He said Pete wasn't alone. Many Korean children flocked to the compound to find jobs in exchange for food and gifts. Most had their family to go home to, but Pete and another orphan named Tony did not.

"It was here that we pooled money, which was almost nonexistent [except for] 50 cents here and there. We managed to get Tony a new outfit," said Jackson. "All of the kids within the compound had a Christmas party ... But for us, it was more important that they receive the gifts — simple as they were — oranges, apples [and] color crayons."

### Questions that Remain Unanswered

"I have lived a pretty interesting life," said Pete, who began writing



Pete Smith (above, left) at the recent 728 MP Union with his caretaker Aubrey Smith.

American GIs helped many kids during the Korean War. Jack Jackson's camera captures a moment (left) during a Christmas party for the kids at the Yongdung Po Station.

his autobiography after he retired from the Army in 1992 after 22 years of service.

His new dad, who didn't have any other children, gave Pete everything: the last name Smith, his own birth date of Aug. 15 and a new life.

Pete grew up in the booming agricultural city of Arroyo Grande as the only Korean in a neighborhood of many Japanese Americans. During the summers, Pete worked for the JA-owned Pismo Oceanic Vegetable Exchange (POVE) and played baseball with the POVE Packers, a Babe Ruth league of mostly Sansei boys who won championships almost every year.

"[Pete] lived just a block or so away from us," said Kaz Ikeda, the Packers' coach in the 1960s. "He was a nice young man. As a pitcher he was really aggressive. He never gave me any problems and he always played hard."

With the Army, Pete was able to return to Korea several times, but he barely has any recollection of his homeland. He has no memory of his biological parents.

"Sometimes I fabricate things. I keep thinking I have an older brother, but maybe that's something wishful. In Korea, people came and asked me if I wanted to locate my parents. I didn't know where to begin and how to begin. I didn't want to create a problem I couldn't control. If 100 people said that they were my relatives, what could I do? I kept that door closed," said Pete.

Up until recently, Pete's life had been shrouded in mystery. John didn't talk much about his time in Korea, said Pete's wife Barbara, a Sansei working for the U.S. Department of Defense.

"I don't remember his father talking about the [728 MP] or the reunions," said Barbara. "There were a lot of blanks that he couldn't fill in until later."

Now Pete attends every 728 MP reunion — including the one this past June in Columbus, Georgia — with his own family.

"Growing up, we didn't really talk about it too much. I knew my grandfather, but I didn't know a lot of the details," said Daniel Smith, 29. "When I went to the reunion I had an in-depth look at it. I can see how much my dad meant to them at that time. It was a rough time for them."

"He was kind of a mascot. They took their minds off the way things were and took care of him ... it helped them forget about their surroundings," Daniel added. ■

For more information on the Korean War Children's Memorial or to bring the photo exhibit to your city go to: [www.koreanchildren.org](http://www.koreanchildren.org).



## COMMENTARY

## Why 'Jap' Offends Me

By MAYA YAMAZAKI

My professor recently disclosed that he is a fan of the comedian Sarah Silverman. Many of you will remember her for writing "I love Chinks — and who doesn't?" on her jury selection form in an attempt to be dismissed



from jury duty. I informed him of this episode. Apparently, my professor believes that given the fact that Silverman is a comedian, people will understand that her comments were meant to be ironic and humorous. Rather

than being offended, he suggested that I should take the opportunity to engage in a dialogue about racial slurs and support an obvious parody of racists in our country. "Isn't this a satire of racists that the audience will understand?" he asked.

I disagree. The use of the word "Chink" (or "Jap," or "Gook" for that matter) does not further Asian American civil rights, even when uttered by a comedian whose intent is obviously to discredit the racists who use it (which is giving more credit to Silverman than she probably deserves). The problem with anti-Asian racial slurs is that the mainstream population often does not understand the power of these words.

Nearly everyone in this country understands that the "N-word" is highly offensive and would never utter it in a social setting. The mainstream population even has a commonly understood euphemism that I choose to use. The word itself (and words that sound like it — most famously the word "niggardly") has the potential to ruin political ambitions, topple companies, and destroy careers.

Anti-Asian racial slurs, however, are not often considered to be in the same category as the N-word. People feel entirely comfortable telling me about the "Japs" who bombed Pearl Harbor or their "Jap" car. Even Snoop Dogg feels it is appropriate to say his "eyes Chinky/I'm with Chingy at the Holiday Inn." No one would talk to an African American in casual conversation and use racial slurs and think it entirely appropriate. Jin the MC (an AA rapper best known for his stylings on

BET's *106 & Park*) would never use the N-word in his lyrics.

Implicit in the N-word is a shameful and well-known part of American history. Books, academic lectures, movies, and the media are filled with stories about the struggles of African Americans in this country from the era of slavery to the era of Don Imus. The disparities between African Americans and other Americans in health care, education, and even access to home loans are well documented. The N-word carries with it this history.

When people use anti-Asian racial slurs, whether it be in satire, music, or the like, it is in a vacuum, lacking the historical context and understanding that is inherent in the N-word. People do not know about the laborers toiling to build the transcontinental railroad, the farm hands working the sugar cane plantations, or the internment of over 100,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. To me, anti-Asian racial slurs are weapons that people commonly underestimate.

I am not advocating censorship (as a card-carrying member of the ACLU I would never do that). But I do believe in personal responsibility, an idea that may be too nebulous and humanistic for the masses to support. I ask that the words "Jap," "Gook," "Chink," and

others not be used lightly, for this only furthers the misconception that these words have a place in our common vernacular. I hope that these words in the future will carry with them the struggles, the pain, and the sacrifice of my AA forefathers, along with a new understanding of their power.

My professor assumes that when anti-Asian racial slurs are used in jokes and common

usage, laypeople will know the difference between words you *cannot* say and words you *should not* say ("Jap," like the N-word, being in the former and not the latter group) just by the context in which they are used.

I suppose my professor was right about one thing. Our conversation about Sarah Silverman did create an opportunity for dialogue, and I hope that my classmates and others now know why the word "Jap" offends me. ■

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## Watada Court-martial is Now Set for Oct. 9

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LEWIS—The second court-martial of 1st Lt. Ehren Watada, a Fort Lewis U.S. Army officer who refused to go to Iraq with his unit a year ago, has been rescheduled to Oct. 9.

Watada's trial, originally slated to begin July 23, was postponed at the request of government and defense lawyers. His first trial earlier this year ended in a mistrial. If convicted, Watada faces a maximum of six years in prison and a dishonorable discharge.

Watada became a lightning rod for the peace movement in June 2006 when he refused to deploy for a year to Iraq with the 3rd Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. He said the war is illegal. He is charged with missing deployment to Iraq

with his unit, and conduct unbecoming an officer for four comments he made publicly about the war in Iraq and President Bush.

After his first trial, Watada in April acquired new civilian lawyers, James Lobsenz and Kenneth Kagan of Carney Badley Spellman in Seattle. Lobsenz and Kagan are arguing that the constitutional prohibition against double jeopardy, or being tried twice for the same crimes, prevents him from being court-martialed again. The lawyers are appealing to the Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

Watada continues to work in an administrative position at Fort Lewis. The 3rd Stryker Brigade with which he refused to deploy is slated to begin returning home from Iraq just before his trial begins, after a 15-month deployment. ■

## JACL to Honor True Champions at Gala

The JACL will hold a Gala Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C. Sept. 12 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel.

This will be the organization's first major event of this magnitude held in D.C.

The National JACL Gala Awards Dinner — "A Salute to Champions" — will honor individuals and corporations who have championed the causes of the JACL and the greater Asian Pacific American communities.

Among the award honorees at this inaugural event will be Japanese Ambassador Ryozo Kato, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. Karen Narasaki, president and executive director of the Asian American Justice Center and a former Washington, D.C. representative for the JACL will also be honored.

State Farm Insurance Company will be honored as a corporate partner. The master of ceremonies and narrator for the event will be actor

George Takei.

Norman Y. Mineta — formerly U.S. Congressman and Secretary of Transportation under President Bush — is the honorary chairman of the event.

One of several purposes of the dinner will be to secure funds to establish a public policy fellowship in the name of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

The JACL is seeking support for the gala awards dinner through sponsorships, donations, advertising in the event booklet, table of ten purchases, and attendance at the dinner. ■

## JACL Gala Awards Dinner



Mineta is the chair.

Date: Sept. 12  
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## ULTRARUNNER

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Wife Patti and son Peter came out to support Mark during one of his ultramarathons. At 40, Mark continues to be a regular on the ultrarunners circuit.

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Quicksilver 50-mile, and second in the Ruth Anderson 100-km. He was also named the 2006 Pacific Association USA Track & Field Ultra Grand Prix Male Open Division Champion.

Although his long list of prizes and top-place finishes is impressive enough, what's more astounding is Mark finds time for ultrarunning while working as an emergency room physician. He's also got a wife, Patti, a two-year-old son Peter, and the Castro Valley, Calif. resident is expecting his second son in September.

It's enough to exhaust most people, if not all.

"Once you train your body to do the distances you're in shape to do another race. You get addicted to running that much," said Mark. "If I go one or two weeks without running two to three hours a day I start going through withdrawals."

On this particular day he's already completed a trail exercise, a session that comes just a few days after competing in a 50-mile race in Lake Tahoe, Calif.

In a couple of weeks he's scheduled to take part in a 50-km race near his home in the San Francisco Bay Area, one of two races he tries to get in each month.

### The Addiction Factor

Mark began his career as an ultrarunner at the age of 35, when most runners have already peaked and are on the decline. But now in his 40s, Mark's finishing times continue to get better.

There was some foreshadowing of Mark's talents as a runner. He dabbled in cross-country running during high school and during his medical residency in Chicago he regularly took part in the Chicago Marathon, placing in decent times.

But it wasn't until 2002 that he got his first real taste of ultrarunning at the 50-km race on Chicago's lake front. With no prior experience and little training, Mark at first didn't fare so well in the ultramarathons. Twice he ended up riding in an ambulance to the ER due to low sodium levels and exhaustion.

One of his most difficult experiences came during the 100-mile Lake Tahoe run last year when he got altitude sickness and was barely able to finish. Several times he had to lay down on the trail and for a week later he was coughing up some blood.

But these experiences have only made Mark want to keep pushing himself as an ultrarunner.

"At first I didn't know what I was doing. It was hard but it was still fun. It became a challenge for me," he said. "Running is so addictive."

For non-runners, ultramarathons seem surreal with a good dose of crazy. But for Mark, it's the beauty of the natural terrain and landscapes along those long, endless miles that continue to draw him back. He has also found a lot of camaraderie amongst those who call themselves ultrarunners.

"Some people think ultrarunners

are too out there. But people who run can appreciate," said Mark, who luckily hasn't had any major injuries in his career so far.

### It's Not All in the Family

It took a while for Mark's family to get used to his interest in ultrarunning. His father Shiro, an MD, thought it was too dangerous a sport, putting unnecessary pressure on his joints. His wife Patti, 39, still has mixed emotions about it.

"On one hand I'm happy he can compete so well, but the other part hates it. It's taken over our lives ... it's a huge time commitment for the family," she said. "But it's tough to tell someone who is really good at something to stop."

During the June Kettle Moraine run Mark's parents Shiro and Fumiko drove up from Cincinnati to witness their son's ultrarunning prowess. They were at mile 67 to see their son's progress and Shiro snapped his digital camera as Mark crossed the finish line in first place.

"My initial reaction was this is crazy. But after attending his ultrarun for the first time I think maybe it's okay. I'm not going to oppose it vehemently anymore," said Shiro, who along with his wife and son are lifetime JACLers.

Fumiko always thought her son would pick a different hobby, perhaps something along the lines of classical piano. But she has slowly resigned herself to her son's ultrarunning addiction.

"I'm not a hundred percent opposed. But I still don't understand why they do that. Looking at them it makes me tired," she said with a chuckle.

Still, Mark was just happy to see his parents at one of his races.

"It was cool that I won the race the first time [my parents] showed up," he said.

### Life is a Training Field

If you're ever in the San Francisco Bay Area you may just see Mark running along its streets. That's because his untraditional training schedule often involves running to and from the hospital to work his hectic ER schedule.

With his wife working full-time, Mark's racing and training schedule is often a compromise. Some days it's his turn to pick up their son Peter at the daycare and most weekends are reserved for family time.

This year his ultrarunning schedule will be on the fly as the Tanaka family prepares to welcome their second son this fall. In the meantime, he's got the Castro Valley race in two weeks.

"Ten years from now I hope to be still doing this," said Mark, even though he concedes a likely drop in his intensity level. After all, he'll be 50 years old. ■

Check out Mark Tanaka's ultrarunning blog:  
<http://ultrainaka.blogspot.com>

## IMMIGRATION

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asked the guy [at the U.S. embassy], is this a dream? I immediately started crying," said Akiko speaking to the *Pacific Citizen* from Japan. "I feel like a heavy weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

Since leaving her Florida home earlier this year, Akiko and her two U.S.-born sons Leo, 5, and Micah, 2, have been living with her parents at their home in Nagano. Stripped of her Japanese passport, for the past six months Akiko and Keith have been waging a transcontinental battle with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The Campbells began a national awareness campaign launching the Web site, BringAkikoHome.com. Politicians were contacted and friends and neighbors have been wearing buttons and placing bumper stickers on their cars — all in an effort to ensure Akiko comes home.

"This has been a real nightmare. I thought about giving up," said Akiko.

But with her re-entry visa a reality now, she is guardedly optimistic about getting on a plane and resuming her life in the U.S.

"I'm already happy but I really need to wait to land in the U.S. and put my feet on the ground," she said.

### Crossing the Elusive Border

These days Akiko, Leo and Micah's smiles seem just a bit brighter, their strides just a little more energetic.

They were the first to give Keith the good news about Akiko's visa, waking him up at 3:50 a.m. Florida time via their Webcam, a mode of communication for the Campbell family the past six months.

"I always believed it would happen," said Keith, 47, of the good news.

The family plans to head home Aug. 24 and Keith will accompany his family from Japan to the U.S. just in case Akiko runs into any problems crossing the border.

Although Akiko will be in possession of her re-entry visa, there's still a chance she could be refused entry into the U.S.



THE CAMPBELLS: (l-r) Matthew, Micah, Akiko, Leo, Keith, and Q.

On her visa it states clearly: "At your port of entry, the CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) officer will determine your immigration status, and if admitted, the CBP officer will stamp your passport showing admission into the U.S. as an immigrant."

"I feel a little guarded about that ... until I have the bird in hand. I don't trust the government," said Keith.

The Campbells' precautionary tone comes from nine years of dealing with the complicated U.S. immigration system. On some bad advice from the U.S. embassy in Tokyo, they got married in 1998 before Akiko's fiancée visa had been approved.

Since then, the Campbells have been through three lawyers and thousands of dollars to try to correct their mistake — but to no avail. Akiko has already had two failed greencard interviews, the reasons for the denial always the same: she committed fraud against the U.S.

"I could still be stopped at the border," said Akiko. But "I just hope everything goes really good."

### First Things First

If Akiko is able to cross that elusive U.S. border, her passport will be stamped with a temporary greencard and she should receive her permanent card within two to three months.

And she will finally be able to resume her life in the U.S.

"The first thing I'm going to do

when I get back is take my dog for a walk."

In addition to most of her belongings, Akiko was forced to leave behind her beloved greyhound, Q — a dog she helped rescue from the local racetrack — when she was refused re-entry to the U.S. in February.

The tears start to flow when Akiko thinks of finally being reunited with Q. "I promised her I would look after her."

She's also looking forward to taking a swim in her pool after several months of sweltering heat in Nagano. A juicy steak sounds good to her too, something that's hard to come by in her native country.

In the meantime, the Campbells are determined to keep the BringAkikoHome.com Web site up and running, not only to keep their story in the media but to help those who are in similar situations.

In the past six months the Campbells have heard from people all over the world. Their words of encouragement have helped Akiko deal with the months of separation from her husband and home.

"I want to give a hug to every single person. Especially to those who have never met me," she said.

For now the Campbells can only wait and hope that on Aug. 24 Akiko will be allowed to cross the U.S. border. ■

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# Next Stop: PGA

Yonsei Zack Miller led his Stanford golf team to its first NCAA championship in 13 years.

He's turning pro and drawing comparisons to another golfer named Tiger.

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

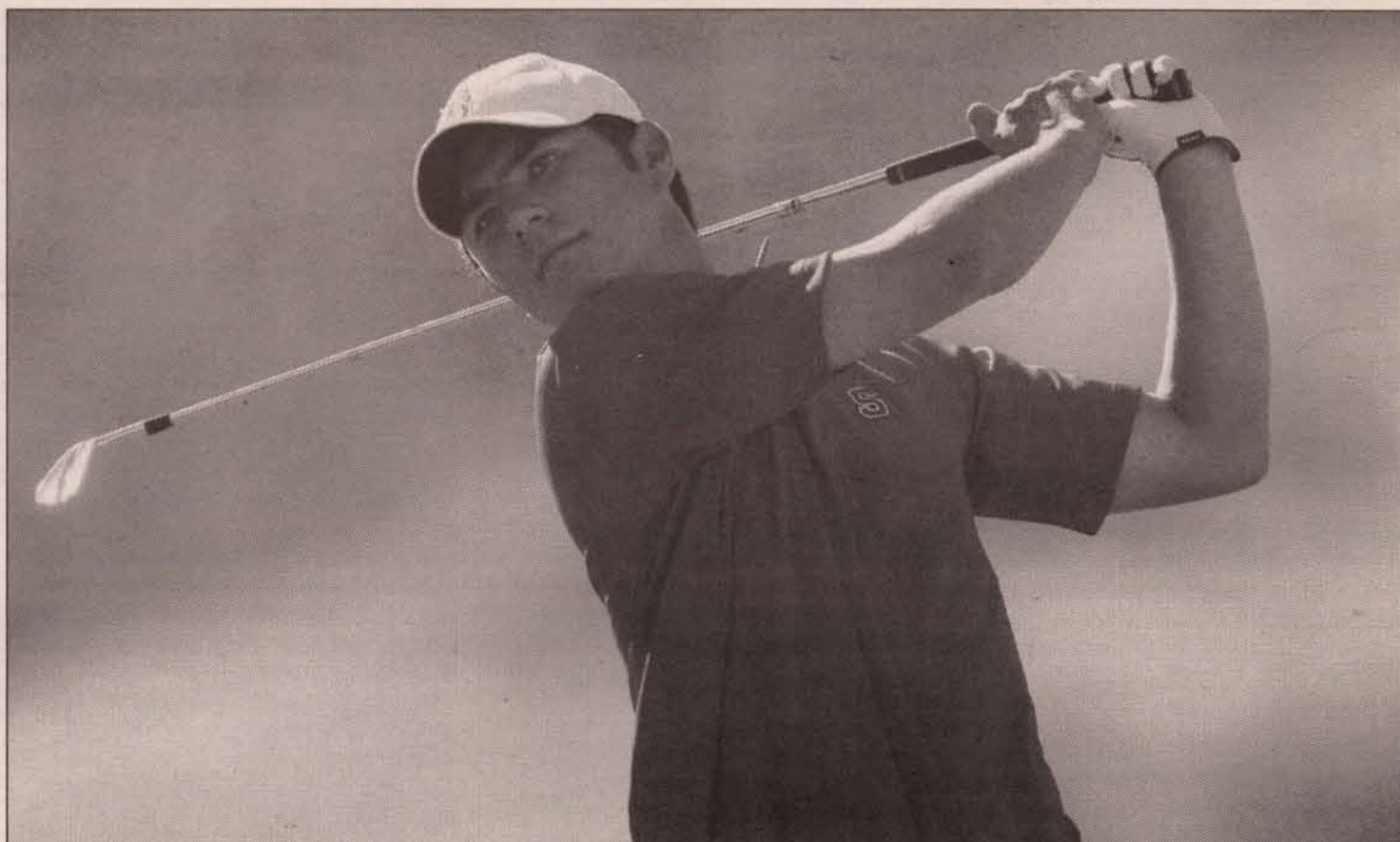


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"Everything happened very quickly," said Zack Miller about his 2006-07 season on Stanford University's men's golf team. Coming into the year, the Stanford Cardinal team had not won a tournament since 2000.

"Our goal was to win any tournament throughout the year," said Miller, 23. At the end of the regular season, the team won six regular season tournaments and was ranked number one in the country. Miller was leading the way.

Still, Head Coach Conrad Ray had his eye on the ultimate prize: the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships. Ray cinched the same title for the Cardinal in 1994 — their last. He was hungry for another.

On the greens of Virginia Commonwealth University in June, the Cardinal men led wire-to-wire and were victorious over University of Georgia by 12 shots to win the NCAA team championship.

"It was an exciting week for everybody involved with Stanford golf. We traveled back from Williamsburg, Virginia to take our final exams. Three days later, we flew to the White House and had the opportunity to meet the president," said Miller. "After only a couple of hours, we were flying home and those were my last days as a senior at Stanford."

With a bachelor's degree in economics in his back pocket, Miller is now embarking on the road to the Professional Golf Association (PGA) — liter-

ally. He's been spending most of his summer traveling and competing in tournaments.

"Zack's future is bright," said Ray. "With a Stanford degree, a great personality and physical skills that very few people have, the sky is the limit."

In Miller, Ray sees glimmers of a former Stanford teammate who roared into the PGA.

"Zack has many characteristics that Tiger [Woods] had when he was in college. He hits shots and has length off the tee that few have."

After a tournament in Buffalo, New York, Miller caught up with the *Pacific Citizen*.

**Pacific Citizen:** Tell me about your travels.

**Zack Miller:** Golf has taken me to some amazing places. The game has taken me to Japan, Scotland, Canada, and throughout the United States. At the end of August 2007, I will be turning professional in golf, which will undoubtedly open up more opportunities to travel to new places. I enjoyed my time traveling to Japan and it is possible that I may decide to play the Japanese tour. I will be playing amateur tournaments and preparing to qualify for the PGA tour. I am currently seeking financial backing to help me jumpstart my professional golf career.

**PC:** How did your grandfather introduce you to golf?

**ZM:** My grandfather, Ted Narahara, gave me a junior set of golf clubs for my seventh birthday. Every Sunday, we met for breakfast and a round of golf at his golf club in San Francisco. After golf we would stay at the course and practice together on the driving range and putting green. Golf enabled me to have a close relationship with my grandfather. Today, he's one of my biggest fans.

**PC:** What other sports did you play?

**ZM:** Before choosing golf, I was a serious baseball player — a pretty decent pitcher. As in baseball, all I wanted to do was hit the ball as far as I could and that was just a lot of fun for me. Even today, most of the time I just want to hit the ball far.

**PC:** Were you a natural at golf?

**ZM:** Golf came naturally to me. My hand-eye coordination is strong so I was able to improve quickly. I was always successful in my junior tournaments. After traveling to national tournaments at the age of 10 and experiencing success, my parents thought that golf might be worth pursuing. They have supported me since day one and I am very thankful for that.

**PC:** Who has been the biggest influence in life when it comes to golf?

**ZM:** My father, Stan, has influenced me the most, even though he has never played a round of golf. Along with my successes on the golf course, I have experienced many challenges. My father has always been positive and encouraging throughout my career. Golf can be a

lonely sport, and his unconditional support has helped me feel like I can do anything.

**PC:** How many holes-in-one have you had so far? Tell me about your most memorable one.

**ZM:** I have had two holes-in-one. The most memorable hole-in-one was when I was nine years old while playing with my grandfather. It was a downhill 154-yard hole and I hit a 4-iron. The sun had already gone down and visibility was really low. I remember miss hitting my shot and watching the ball miraculously striking the pin and falling in the cup.

My grandfather couldn't see what happened and was very surprised when I told him what happened. He almost couldn't believe when we walked down to the green and found my ball in the cup. My grandfather has played golf for 50 years and never had a hole-in-one. I had played for only two years and at the age of nine had more holes-in-one than he did.

**PC:** Do you still use two putters? Why?

**ZM:** I use a short putter for long putts and a long putter for short putts. I had struggled with putts from under 4-feet at the start of my college year. My putting held me back from having more success than I could have had.

My coach, Conrad Ray, at Stanford recommended that I use a long putter from short range and it instantly fixed my struggles from short range. I kept using my short putter since my distance control was much greater than with the long putter. I realized that almost half of my shots were with the putter so for me it made sense to have two putters that made me feel most comfortable.

**PC:** Talk to us about how you intend to make it to the PGA.

**ZM:** I plan on competing in The PGA Qualifying School in September 2007. My goal is to make it either onto the nationwide tour or the PGA Tour in my first year. It is really easy to get lost in the pool of talented players that make up the mini-tour. The faster I can bypass the mini-tours the better. While I know how difficult this road will be, I feel like I have a realistic shot at securing my PGA card.

**PC:** If you could choose anyone to be your caddy, who would it be?

**ZM:** I don't have anyone in mind to be my caddy — anyone out there interested? ■

## Getting to Know Zack



**Strong JACL roots:** Zack is the nephew of longtime JACL members Geo and Kimi Yuzawa as well as Pat Yuzawa-Rubin, past president of the Chicago JACL.

**Another Bobby Fischer:** 'I like playing chess and played pretty seriously when I was younger.'

**His nickname is 'Yard**

**Sale'** because he always had things falling out of his bag. 'He has been known to show up in a sweater that didn't even come close to matching his outfit or unload piles of snacks and garbage out of his bag at the end of the month,' said Coach Conrad Ray.

**Stat Snippet\***

In his senior year, Zack competed in all 13 events for Stanford with a 71.4 stroke average in 41 rounds played. He recorded three par and 20 under par rounds.

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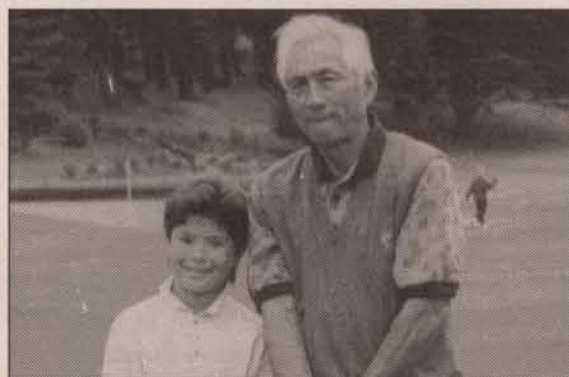


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Zack Miller (pictured above left as a golf neophyte) credits his grandfather Ted Narahara (right) with introducing him to the sport.



• JOHN TATEISHI •  
FOR THE RECORD

## The Grassroots Machinery



There's a notion that the legislative strategies and lobbying machinery of the JACL's redress campaign were created after the federal commission hearings were completed and a monetary redress bill was introduced in the Congress. The reality — the truth — is that the machinery was operational four years earlier and was a function of grassroots lobbying by JACL members to get the commission bill passed. I want to set the record straight on that because those who fought those early battles deserve credit for their accomplishments, especially when so few among their colleagues believed in what they were fighting for.

It was in 1979, with the introduction of the bill to create the federal commission that the grassroots lobbying began. It started with an initial effort to seek resolutions of support from city councils by JACL chapters as a way of educating local decision-makers and testing the lobbying ability of the organization. We went from there to focus on state legislators, pushing resolutions through different state houses for states' support of the redress effort. All were preparation for the two big battles that lay ahead: the bill to establish the commission, and the bill that would seek redress from the government.

At that time, the redress operation at the national level consisted of myself as a volunteer chair of the JACL's redress committee, Carol Hayashino, whom I hired for her street smarts and her research abilities, and Bill Yoshino, the new director for the Midwest region, a savvy strategic thinker and, ultimately, a key figure throughout the JACL's 10 year campaign. My role was to craft both the legislative and public affairs strategies for the campaign and move the issue into the public arena.

I had no experience in grassroots campaigning, nor did Bill or Carol, but it didn't take any special genius to understand that grassroots lobbying had to be a coordinated effort and implemented on several levels to be effective. We had to fight the battle in the public arena, which meant reaching out to the media and to audiences.

"Convince the public and you can convince the Congress," I had told Clifford Uyeda, elected as JACL national president in 1978 and the person who selected me to run the redress campaign. The formula was simple enough. It was getting it done that was, of course, the real challenge.

The nexus of the campaign was the lobbying effort in Washington, D.C., and that effort was coordinated with JACL chapters and coalition partners both locally and nationally. Ultimately, education became the linchpin of the campaign because I knew that without the public's support, we would never get a bill

passed through the Congress. This was a campaign that would be fought in the public arena because it was important to convince the public that the internment wasn't justified and that the branding of Japanese Americans as disloyal to this country was an act of racism and greed.

Consequently, we focused on informing our chapters about facts of the internment through informational and lobbying packets as we introduced the commission bill in the Congress, and it was the chapters that began the arduous task of educating their communities and elected officials. The battle was fought at the grassroots level at first by a handful of JACLers who formed the backbone of the lobbying effort as we fought for passage of the commission bill, and then for redress legislation.

All of this was choreographed around a larger strategy that focused on target areas, with the Midwest being key to our strategy. We assumed strong support from the West Coast states and from the Northeast, but it was apparent to me early on that we needed the Midwest vote. There were more total votes in the Midwest than in the West Coast region, and just as importantly, this was the Heartland, this was Middle America with its strong moral sense and basic beliefs in American democracy and justice. It was also an area that had urban centers with enormous political clout.

And this is where Bill Yoshino became so critical from the beginning and to the ultimate success of the campaign. He coordinated with chapters throughout the region and worked on building coalition partners from city to city. It was a monumental effort just in the Midwest, but it was my belief that we would live or die by what happened there. And that's exactly how it turned out because it was the Midwest vote that ultimately got us over the top with both the commission and redress bills.

The JACL lobbying machinery that served so well to get passage of the Civil Liberties Act needed oiling and greasing at the start but became an efficient operation at various levels, getting congressional votes, building coalition partners, educating the public, and fighting for a historic piece of legislation in the Congress.

In 1979, only a handful of JACLers stood together to oil the wheels of the organization's lobbying machinery, but they persevered to the end. They were the silent heroes of that phenomenal campaign and asked for nothing more than a chance to set the record straight.

*John Tateishi is the immediate past JACL national director.*

• YUMI SAKUGAWA •  
MEMOIRS OF A NON-GEISHA

## Sawtelle Junkie



For the uninformed, Sawtelle Boulevard is a nondescript street off of Santa Monica Boulevard in West Los Angeles. Nondescript — until you hit the three-block stretch nestled between Olympic Boulevard and Missouri Avenue — that can be best described as Downtown Little Tokyo tightly condensed into a single neighborhood. What was once home to botanical nurseries owned by second-generation Japanese immigrants a decade ago is now a flourishing mini-ethnic enclave for Japanese immigrants, college students and Westside hipsters in need of an authentic curry fix.

Because gas was expensive and we could always depend on Sawtelle for a night of drunken karaoke, overpriced Japanese fashion, delicious Japanese dessert crepes and cheap ramen, Sawtelle was my college posse's default destination for quick entertainment and good dining. We all knew the geography of this tiny oasis of shabu-shabu houses, boba cafes and video rental stores as well as the backs of our hands.

Considering how much time and money I spent there over the last four years, maybe it shouldn't have been all too surprising that I would end up working there as a sushi waitress as my very first job right out of college.

No longer a passive, sporadic consumer of the Sawtelle experience, I now depended on Sawtelle as the source of my living wages. Not only that, Sawtelle was where I found all my *natto*, Korean seaweed, green tea and esoteric Pocky flavors when I was done eating my free meal of fried fish, seafood curry and iced Oolong tea after an uneventful lunch shift.

Most importantly, Sawtelle was where I was inducted into the underground network of the restless and effortlessly hip Japanese college students who moved from Japan to Los Angeles to study at Santa Monica College, and when they were not studying English, they worked as servers in the string of Japanese-owned restaurants.

It was through their association that I suddenly had the hook-ups — to discounts to

good sushi, to free ramen meals and to the occasional unofficial discount when I happened to go grocery shopping in my waitress gear.

And then that was that. I have truly become a Sawtelle junkie.

During particularly slow shifts at the sushi restaurant, I learned a lot about my fellow Japanese co-workers. I learned about their motivations that brought them to Los Angeles, to find and experience something that couldn't be found back home. I admired their guts for uprooting themselves from their family, friends and culture to study in a language that they only had a shaky command of.

They taught me useful Japanese phrases; I helped them with English pronunciations. We bonded effortlessly over restaurant gossip, our mutual love for Pinkberry and the fact that we were all ridiculously young and naïve people excited and slightly terrified of the undefined future that lay ahead of us.

And in the end, this was how I came to see Sawtelle Boulevard in that brief, uncertain limbo that followed my college graduation: a close-knit, ever-changing community embodying the Japanese culture that resonated deeply in my bones. Not only that, it was a physical manifestation of a life's transitions, of the chance encounters that occurred when ordinary people's big dreams and life-changing decisions took them to opposite ends of the globe.

All good things eventually come to an end. Two weeks ago, I accepted a job offer to teach English abroad in Japan for a year. I will be quitting my sushi waitress gig at the end of August. I will be leaving for Tokyo in mid-September.

I never expected this indulgent life to last forever. After all, nothing is ever permanent in Sawtelle Boulevard, and maybe that's what makes it so good. ■

*Yumi Sakugawa is a recent graduate of UCLA. She heads to Japan this fall to teach English.*

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# Who Killed Officer Tsukamoto?

Aug. 20 marks the 37th anniversary of Ron Tsukamoto's death. The Berkeley police officer's murder remains unsolved, but a documentary asks new questions.

By LYNDA LIN



In the summer of 2005, Ling Liu was working in Hong Kong when headlines from back home caught her attention: Berkeley Police had, for the second time, arrested suspects in the 1970 killing of Ron Tsukamoto, then a 28-year-old rookie police officer.

She read the article a few more times before the questions started to clutter

her mind: were there many Asian Pacific American police officers in the 1970s? What was it like to be an APA police officer in the midst of such political turmoil?

"For me, I knew so little about Ron Tsukamoto and as best I could I wanted to step into his shoes," said Liu, 29. "I couldn't get it out of my head."

Liu began piecing together the story of the life and untimely death of Berkeley's first Japanese American police officer for her film project after graduating with a master's degree in journalism from the University of California, Berkeley in 2006.

"I wanted to get to know Ron," said Liu, now a reporter for *Time Asia* magazine.

"Officer Tsukamoto," Liu's short film, is riveting. For the first time, we get a glimpse of the real man in the picture next to headlines that scream murder.

Ron was born in Tule Lake during World War II. After the war, the family moved to Berkeley where Gary Tsukamoto remembered his brother loved escorting people to safety through crosswalks. He enjoyed shooting and other "official type things." Onscreen, Gary's expression falls softly when he talks about his brother's soft heart.

Berkeley in the 1970s was electric and ripe for conflict between law enforcement and counter-culture and revolutionary groups like the Black Panthers. After Ron was gunned down shortly after midnight Aug. 20, 1970, as he stood speaking with a motorist on University Avenue, whispers of Black Panther involvement were audible throughout the city. But the claim has never proven true and the homicide remains unsolved.

"For me I couldn't understand it. Why would the Black Panthers be involved in the killing of an officer of color?" said Liu. "I still can't answer this question."

Although the case remains open,

many of those affected by the tragedy still find it difficult to speak about Ron's death.

"Almost everyone was wary. Almost everyone was asking 'Why are you focusing on just the killing of a police officer when there were so many activists who were killed?'" said Liu.

Ron's widow didn't want to participate in the documentary, she said.

This is the San Francisco Bay Area native's first film, but Liu dissects the subject with the precision of a journalist by gathering interviews with APA activists, police detectives and even the prime suspect in Ron's murder, Styles Price — who contends in the documentary that he looks nothing like the police sketch of the suspect.

Price, a former schoolteacher, was arrested in 2005 along with Don Graphenreed for their alleged roles in Ron's murder, but the Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to bring charges against them. Lt. Russ Lopes, who was brought out of retirement to work on the case, no longer works for the Berkeley Police Department. Because of these changes, the Tsukamoto case is basically closed.

So the question remains: who killed Officer Tsukamoto?

"If it lingers in my head, it must be worse for the families and Berkeley police who have been involved in this for 30 years," said Liu.

"Officer Tsukamoto" is currently working the film festival circuit. Liu flew from her home in Hong Kong to attend screenings in San Francisco and New York. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, especially from Ron's friends and family, she said.

One guy drove three hours from Ukiah, Calif. to Berkeley to see the film at a screening at UC Berkeley. He had joined the Berkeley Police force shortly after Ron. ■



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## 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. Aug. 26**—2007 Community Picnic; 10-6 p.m.; Brushwood Shelter, Burnace 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.

### 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.

## Pacific Northwest

### BELLEVUE, Wash.

**Sat.-Sun., Sept. 8-9**—10th Annual Aki Matsuri Fall Festival; Bellevue Community College, Main Campus, 3000 Landerholm Cir. SE; Sat. 10-6 p.m., Sun. 11-5 p.m.; featuring exhibits, performances, demonstrations and food. Info: 425/861-7865 or www.enma.org.



A 5th generation *take zaiku* craftsman (Kazutaka Toda) will exhibit and demonstrate traditional bamboo craft, and conduct a 'kids toy making workshops' using bamboo materials at the Aki Matsuri in Bellevue.

## 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.

**Wed.-Fri., Sept. 26-28**—Annual Moonviewing Celebration; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Portland Japanese Garden, 611 SW Kingston Dr.; write a few lines of poetry, taste miso soup and toast the rising moon; \$25/members, \$35/non-members and reservations are required. RSVP: 503/542-0280, www.japanesegarden.com/events/moonviewing#reservations or events@japanese garden.com.

## 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 Kitaima, 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.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Mon., Aug. 20**—Farewell Banquet in honor of Consul General Yamanaka; 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner; Miyako Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 1625 Post St.; \$53/person; make check payable to JCCNC and return to 1840 Sutter St. by Aug. 10 (no refunds after this date). Info: 415/921-3200.

**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.

## Southern California

### LONG BEACH

**Sun., Sept. 16**—PSW District JACL's Dinner Show; Long Beach Marriott; reception begins at 5 p.m.; this year's dinner will feature the Grateful Crane Ensemble's production "Nihonmachi: The Place to Be"; \$100/person. Info: 213/626-4471.

## LOS ANGELES

**Aug. 9, Sept. 13**—JANM's 1st and Central Summer Concert Series; National Museum Plaza, 369 E. 1st St.; Aug. 9, To Alice with Love: Celebrating the Music of Alice Coltrane; Sept. 13, Celso Duarte and Sonex. Info: www.janm.org.

**Aug. 18-26**—67th Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival; Little Tokyo; events include coronation and dinner, sumo tournament, grand parade, Tofu Festival, cultural exhibits, Pioneer Luncheon, carnival, car show, anime festival, ondo and more; this year's grand parade will feature Japan's Grand Nebuta Float and the Japanese American Korean War Veterans. Info: www.niseiweek.org or 213/687-7193.

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

## VENTURA

**Sat., Aug. 25**—Ventura County JACL Picnic/Beach Party; 11-3 p.m.; Marina Beach Park; please bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert to share; drinks and paper goods will be provided; RSVP by Aug. 18 to Betty Wakiji, 805/383-2703.

## Hawaii

### HONOLULU

**Fri.-Sat., Sept. 7-8**—Shippoyaki Workshop; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH); Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 9-12 p.m.; participants will learn the art of shippoyaki and how to make their own ornamental pieces; \$20/members, \$25/non-members; registration due Aug. 24. Info: 808/9457633, www.jcch.com or info@jcch.com.

**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@jcch.com.

## Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sept. 17-19**—Manzanar High School Reunion featuring the Clubs of Manzanar; California Hotel; highlight will be a slide show of the photos of the clubs and sports teams; Alisa Lynch, a ranger from Manzanar, will present an electronic field trip of Manzanar. Info: Sam Ono, 310/327-5568, 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. ■

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**Akiyoshi, George**, June 24; survived by son, Chris; daughter, Susie; and 12 gc. and ggc.

**Arita, Emiko Amy**, 89, May 19; survived by daughter, Vicki (Jim) Grennan; son, Derek (Joyce); 3 gc.; 4 ggc.; and sister-in-law, Doris Kumashiro.

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**Azuma, Donald Akira**, 67, Chicago, Ill., July 19; survived by wife, Marian; daughter, Naomi; sister, Hiroko (Jim) Miyakawa; and brother, Robert (Kayko).

**Hamada, May Umeko**, 95, Monterey Park, June 15; survived by sons, Kenneth (Dorothy) and James (Paulette); 8 gc.; and 9 ggc.

**Harada, Nancy Chiyoko**, 87, Cypress, June 20; survived by daughter, Christina (Tom) Hara; son, Robert (Patti); 7 gc.; 13 ggc; and 2 gggc.

**Hirata, Shigeru**, 85, June 21; survived by wife, Carole; sons, Ken (Mira), Dennis (Linda), David (Anne) and Don (Nancy); 6 gc.; sisters, Yoshiko (Tom) Seto, Bernice (Shiro) Nagaoka and Jean Hirata; and sister-in-law, Yoko Hirata.

**Honda, Jack Yoshio**, 80, Whittier, July 4; survived by wife, Sada; sons, Scott and Gerald (Barbara); sister, Martha (Terry) Makiyama; and brothers, Roy (Sumi) and Henry (Mary) Honda.

**Ihara, Grace Momoko Endo**, Gardena, June 20; survived by sons, Craig, Danny (Nancy) and Richard; and 3 gc.

**Kajitani, Ikuko**, 88, Anaheim, June 13; survived by daughter, Judi (Ken) Kaminishi; 2 gc.; 6 ggc.; and sister, Kimiko Akagi.

**Kano, Shizue**, 93, Costa Mesa, June 25; survived by daughter, Yorie; son, Toshiharu (Annette); 1 gc.; 1 ggc.; and brother, Katsumi Nekomoto.

**Katayama, Shigetomo "Shig."** 81, Arcadia, June 23; survived by wife, Sang; daughters, Nancy and Tracy (Chris) Katayama Esse; step-daughter, Diana Lee; 2 gc.; brother, Tetsuo (Tomiko); and sister, Kinu Koga.

**Kawano, Kaoru**, 83, N. Hollywood, June 16; survived by sister, Hatsuki Doi; and brothers, Shigeru, Jerry (Sue), and Ray (Mery) Kawano.

**Kaya, Yoshiharu**, 89, Portland, Ore., June 14; survived by daughters, Julie (David) DeFord and Grace (Katsuya) Amasuga; and 4 gc.

**Kinugasa, Tsuyoshi**, 85, Monterey Park, June 10; survived by wife, Mei; son, Howard; daughters, Arlene, Susan Kinugasa and Yumiko Uemoto; and 2 gc.

**Kita, Kiyoko**, 87, Venice; survived by daughter, Mary Bender; son, Sam (Colleen); 4 gc.; sister, Sanaye (Shigeo); and sisters-in-law, Ume Kita and Shigeo Okamoto.

**Kurata, Morio**, 80, Lomita, June 19; survived by wife, Yoshiko; son, James; daughters, Irene, Connie (Vincent) Perez and Romy (Dean) Kanemitsu; 7 gc.; brother, Yoshio, Tsutomu (Masako) and Yasuo (Satoko); and sister, Miyoko Shimahara and Toshiko Yamamoto.

**Marumoto, Hideo**, 88, Harbor City, June 16; survived by wife, Midori; children, Jane (Don) Tanamachi, John (Michiko), Grace Marumoto and Gary (Jihi); and sister, Terue Nishino.

**Masumoto, Teruko**, 85, East Los Angeles, June 29; survived by husband, Jack; daughter, Nancy (George) Mye; sons, Earnest (Marie) and Ronald (Elizabeth); 5 gc.; and 4 ggc.

**Matsuyama, Teruko (Nishi)**, 74, Rancho Palos Verdes, June 19; survived by husband, Frank; daughters, Nagisa (Mark) Usui and Chisato (Jason) Yamada; 7 gc.; and sisters, Emiko Rosenow and Hisako Ono.

**Meifu, Hiroshi**, 78, Las Vegas, June 21; survived by wife, Jane; daughter, Valerie Zook; 2 gc.; and brother-in-law-Jeff Tanaka.

**Michihara, Harue**, 92, Carson, June 23; survived by husband, Kazuo; sons, Raymond and Richard (Corinne); daughters, Florence Hayashi and Faith Yamano; 2 gc.; 1 ggc.; and sister, Sadako Osumi.

**Minami, Ronald M.**, 64, Pasadena, June 13; survived by mother, Miyoko; brother, Koji (Carol); and sisters, Judy Minami and Mary (David) Noguchi.

**Morita, Emiko**, 81, Pacoima, June 20; survived by sons, Victor (Marion) and Glen (Lynn) Morita; and 5 gc.

**Nakamura, Nobuichi Takaki**, 95, Hawthorne, June 25; survived by wife, Misato; sons, Bob (Atsuko) and Bill; daughter, Kathy Miceli; 4 gc.; and 4 ggc.

**Nakamura, Norman Tsunetoshi**, June 17; survived by sons, Kenny (Soraya), Randy and Eric; 1 gc.; parents, Joe and Janice; sister, Suzie (Sidney) Usui; and brothers, Gerald (Judy) and Mark.

**Nishi, Soichiro**, 85, Irvine, June 20; survived by wife, Chitose; son, Kenneth (Shari); daughters, Beverly Rogers and Carolyn (Dave) Calica; sister, Yuriko Wakimoto; and 6 gc.

**Nishimura, Thomas Tomu**, 83, Hilo, May 17; WWII veteran; survived by wife, Kuniko; daughter, Theo (Herbert) Kushi; sisters, Mitsuko (John) Phillips and Nora

Nishimura; 3 gc.; and 3 ggc.

**Oshiro, Harry T.**, 82, Los Angeles, June 30; survived by sisters, Motoko Tanaka and Mary Mori.

**Ota, John Tsuyoshi**, 87, June 29; survived by wife, Itsuko; daughter, Nancy (Wayne) Toyota; son, Bob (Deena); son-in-law, Wade Utsunomiya; 4 gc.; and brother, Frank Ota.

**Sakurai, Yoshiko**, 89, Los Angeles, June 17; survived by husband, Isao; and sister, Masuye Inamura.

**Sato, Ineko**, 82, Monterey Park, July 10; survived by sons, Ron (Becky) and Ken (Pat); daughter, Sharon (James Wong); 2 gc.; 1 ggc.; and sisters, Fumi Nishizaki and Kimie Kishi.

**Sera, Moto**, Altadena, June 15; survived by daughter, Naomi (George) Egami; 3 gc.; 6 ggc.; and brother, Masato Chuman.

**Shikuma, Danny R.**, 61, Torrance, June 15; survived by wife, Shirley; daughter, Brandi; son, Cory; mother, Kazuye; brother, Michael (Elaine); and sister, Diane (Ken) Uyeda.

**Shimatsu, Aiko**, 84, June 12; survived by daughter, Megumi; sisters, Kazuko Kono and Fumiko (Kiyokatsu) Oyama; step-son, Clark Shimatsu; brother-in-law, Rokuro (Seiko) Shimatsu; and sisters-in-law, Sadako and Dr. Sumiko Shimatsu.

**Shimokaji, Chieko**, 75, Mission Viejo, June 19; survived by husband, Kiyoshi; son, Michael (Linda); daughters, Gayle (Michael) Shapiro and Leslie (Gino) Aedo; 6 gc.; brother, Kazuo Umeno; and sister, Fujie Murakami.

**Sugano, Jessie Yoshiko Koyama**, 89, Pasadena, June 18; survived by daughter, Laura Sugano-Braud; son, Gordon; 6 gc.; 4 ggc.; and brother, Albert Koyama.

**Takahashi, Steve Takeo**, 87, Gardena, June 18; survived by wife, Takiko; sons, Karl (Mirlo) and Glen (Carol); daughters, Gail Kawato and Susan (Edward) Yamasaki; and 6 gc.

**Takaoka, Hiroo**, 65, Northridge, July 8; survived by wife, Keiko; sons, Daisaku (Kathy), Yusaku and Shinsaku; sister, Chiharu Suganuma; and sister-in-law, Kyoko Utsunomiya.

**Takenaka, Torao**, 81, Gardena, June 15; survived by wife, Emiko; brothers, Setsuo (Akiko), Yukuo (Akiko); sisters, Harue Nakai, Akiko Okamoto, Nancy (Fred) Miyake, Youko Okamoto, Yukiko (Takaji) Nakamura and Yoshiko Nakaoki; and sisters-in-law, Ine Takenaka and Keiko Takenaka.

**Tsuchiya, Frank Masahiro**, 98, South Pasadena, June 18; survived by wife, Masako; son, Yosh (Dale); daughter, Jean (Ernie) Fong; 4 gc.; brothers, Henry and Takashi; and sister, Chizuko Kono.

**Yoda, Takeo**, 89, Montebello, June 12; survived by brothers-in-law, Tsunehiro (Fukue) and Tsutomu (Kazuko) Amano; and sisters-in-law, Chizuko (Yoshiro) Shibata and Helen Amano.

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

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## NAGASAWA

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and their descendents were also in attendance to honor Nagasawa.

Under his leadership in the late 1800s to the early 1900s, Nagasawa's Fountaingrove became one of the 10 largest wineries in California. He was also the first to introduce California wines abroad to Europe and Japan.

Obon dancers and taiko drummers welcomed guests to the grand opening of the park, which includes shady oak trees and a hiking trail along the lake.

"It was quite an accomplishment for a Japanese man, to be so respected in the community," Kosuke Ichiji, Nagasawa's grandnephew said days before the event. Honors like the park dedication are way past due, he added. At the dedication Ichiji, 88, talked about the idyllic part of his childhood growing up in Fountaingrove and riding his horse over the hills.

The memories are tainted with a bit of irony: this was supposed to be Ichiji's land.

Nagasawa's descendents lost the land after Nagasawa died in 1934 because Alien Land Laws prohibited Ichiji, the chosen heir and an American citizen, from inheriting the land. The Ichiji family was forced to move out in 1937, when most of the land was sold. Proceeds from the sale were supposed to go to Nagasawa's family, but after attorney fees and prohibition related debts, the family received \$3,501.42 to be divided among five heirs. Then another indignity happened: internment at Rohwer in Arkansas.

Today, it's difficult to separate the good from the bad.

"It's tragic that it didn't stay in the hands of Japanese," said Ichiji to the *Pacific Citizen* from his home in

Walnut Grove, Calif. "We lost everything and it was very discouraging."

But like the Issei used to say, *shikata ga nai*.

"It's the past now," said Mori. "We're celebrating the present."

### The Makings of a Baron

Nagasawa was born Hikosuke Isonaga in 1852, as the fourth son of a Satsuma Clan samurai, Confucian scholar, stone carver and astronomer. In 1865, at 13, he along with 14 other Japanese men were chosen to go to Europe to study the ways of the Western world. During this time, Japan was closed to the world, so the young men were smuggled out of Japan's Kagoshima Harbor and first taken to Hong Kong. There, Hikosuke Isonaga cut his hair into a short Western-style crop, put on Western clothes and became Kanaye Nagasawa.

Nagasawa settled in England and Scotland for several years to study Western medicine before meeting Thomas Lake Harris, a utopian religious leader whose teachings Nagasawa began to follow. Harris established a community called the Brotherhood of the New Life on the shores of Lake Erie. Harris sent Nagasawa to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York to study winemaking.

But to establish his wine industry, Harris looked West.

In 1875 the men arrived in Santa Rosa and purchased an estate for a new colony they called Fountaingrove, the "Eden of the West." There, Nagasawa began sowing the seeds to make California one of the foremost purveyors of wine at that time.

When Harris left the colony and the "Brotherhood" was disbanded, Nagasawa became Fountaingrove's "baron." He hosted lavish celebrations for Japanese dignitaries at his

home almost every week.

"He did a lot for U.S.-Japan and international relations," said Mori.

In private, the baron was a quiet, even-tempered intellectual.

"He was like a grandfather to me. I can remember him telling me stories of how he brought the property up to what it was," said Ichiji about his granduncle who never married.

"Our house was full of books," said Mori, who remembers following Nagasawa around Fountaingrove. "I understand that he was a student of Eastern philosophy. He was a very small man. He was very tiny."

Up until now, all of the recognitions and honors went to Harris, but Nagasawa was the one who did the planning and building of Fountaingrove.

"He planted the grapes and started making the wine," said Ichiji.

### Paying Homage to the King, 74 Years Later

"California wine was well-known through the world because of Nagasawa," said Marie Sugiyama of the Sonoma County JACL.

In 2005, Bill Montgomery of the Santa Rosa Lamplighter Cemetery Tours and then-mayor Jane Bender contacted the Sonoma County JACL to help put on a short play about Nagasawa and Fountaingrove for the tour.

At the time, aside from a historical exhibit on Nagasawa at the current Paradise Ridge Winery on the property that was once a part of Fountaingrove, the vintner's legacy waned. The 33-acre park was already named Fountaingrove Recreational Park, but Montgomery and other community leaders pushed to have it renamed after Nagasawa.

With the support of Ruth Serrano and Sunae Nakajima Chambers, Sugiyama made a recommendation



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"It's the past now ... We're celebrating the present," said Amy Ichiji Mori (left) with her brother Kosuke Ichiji when they visited Fountaingrove three years ago.

Their granduncle's land has been converted into a park (above).

to the Santa Rosa City Council at their May 1 meeting to rename the park. The city council passed the resolution unanimously.

"First of all he was a very significant influence in the development of our city and our wine industry," said Bender, a current Santa Rosa City Councilmember. "More importantly to me however, is the fact that his land was taken away from his family during the terrible injustices done to Japanese in World War II. By naming the park for him, we are — in an incredibly small way, I admit — acknowledging that this was his land. Personally that means a lot to me and I hope to the others of Japanese ancestry."

Today, the only remnants of Fountaingrove's grandeur are the round red barn, which was used to store the horses, and the old winery. A sign on the main road still marks the location as Fountaingrove, said Mori.

The next phase of development for Nagasawa Community Park will bring about a day camp area, picnic sites and fishing docks.

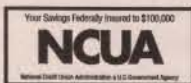
"My children know the history of Fountaingrove. I think something like [the park] may help them understand what happened," said Ichiji. ■

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