On the 20th Anniversary of Redress, JLAs are Still Fighting for Justice

Many Japanese Latin American former internees continue to wait for an apology and their redress payments.

By CAROLINE AYOAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

As Japanese Americans across the nation celebrate the 20th anniversary of the landmark redress legislation, Art Shibayama, 78, wonders if justice for him will ever come.

In 1988 Art watched as tens of thousands of former World War II internees started to receive their presidential apologies and $20,000 in redress payments for their forced incarceration. But his reparations never arrived.

It's a battle he and other Japanese Latin American former WWII internees have been waging for more than two decades. But with an upcoming Congressional hearing in July, Art dares to hope that justice for him may soon arrive.

"I'm surprised I'm still fighting. I wasn't a person who would do something like this before," he said. "The U.S. has already said they made a mistake by bringing us here but still justice is not done right.

"Everybody that was in camp should have qualified for the same

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JACL Names JAs of the Biennium

The awards will be presented at the July 16-20 JACL Salt Lake City Convention.

Dr. Tetsuden Kashima and the Hon. Dale Ikeda will be honored with the JACL's Japanese Americans of the Biennium awards at the upcoming Salt Lake City national convention.

Kashima will be presented with the JA of the Biennium award in the area of education and humanities, and Ikeda will receive the award in the area of

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Future Archeologists Hope to Uncover Mysteries of Amache

The summer field school will give local high school students the chance to walk in the footsteps of history.

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

This summer, a group of young aspiring archeologists will comb the former site of Camp Amache for artifacts to literally bring internment history back to life.

It's been dubbed "CSI: Amache," after the popular CBS television series. But this version isn't highly stylized or scripted — it's based on the real life human drama of nearly 8,000 prisoners who once called the Colorado camp their home.

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JACL Applauds Supreme Court Decision to Restore Detainees’ Right to Habeas Corpus

APA leaders liken the weakening of Constitutional rights to the JA WWII internment experience.

By PC. Staff and Associated Press

The JACL is commending the Supreme Court's June 12 ruling to restore Guantanamo Bay detainees' Constitutional right to habeas corpus. The civil rights group calls it a huge step toward restoring a basic tenet of due process.

In its third rebuke of the Bush administration's treatment of prisoners, the court ruled 5-4 that the government is violating the rights of prisoners being held indefinitely and without charges at the U.S. naval base in Cuba. JACL leaders liken the weakening of

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JACL NAMES JAS OF THE BIENNIIUM

Marilyn Monroe, Natalie Wood and even Sharon Tate all found their way to the bowels of the old Hall of Justice building. And they usually arrived in a storm of controversy, shrouded in mystery and delivered into the hands of a man who was regarded as a gatekeeper to the truth.

Their names make up a who's who of tragedy and infamy:

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

For over a decade, some of the world's most famous dead bodies came to Dr. Thomas Noguchi's doorstep.

Dr. Thomas Noguchi was chief medical examiner from 1967-1982.

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Letters to the Editor

Keep Little Tokyo Safe for Future Generations

I am a 14-year-old Hapa living in Arizona. I care very, very deeply about Little Tokyo, even though the first time I visited was only about a year ago. Now I love to visit Little Tokyo. I have visited three times since then, and I seriously would rather go there than Disneyland or the beach.

I feel that it is a place where all Japanese Americans can share their heritage and feel immersed in our own unique culture, both Japanese and American. Little Tokyo is a place where all Japanese Americans have a connection to their past, a place that unites us all.

But much to my dismay, Little Tokyo is slowly shrinking. When I read that the Little Tokyo Mall was bought, I almost cried. Too many Japanese Americans are taking Little Tokyo for granted, thinking it will be the same year after year. It won’t.

Little Tokyo is a place that needs to be visited to be kept alive. So go to Little Tokyo once in a while, see the sights, keep it from being converted to condos or office buildings and keep it safe for our future.

ALEX HARBOTTLE
Arizona Chapter

The Future of JACL

We face a significant problem. There is no certainty that we shall be led to a sense of mission as compelling as the one that drove previous generations. That time of clarity may be over.

We must also be aware of our temptation to expend all our resources and energy in shoring up collapsing structures by holding onto the familiar long after it has lost its possibility for a new life.

Within all of this, the local JACL chapter is critical. The chapter is where people touch the JACL organization and are touched by it.

Our task now is to look at how our vision of the mission of the JACL comes into sharper focus, shaping the way we organize ourselves, and the roles we assign each other to carry out that mission. Only then can we look at an emerging sense of JACL mission and begin to forecast the kinds of changes that will require ordering our input within the JACL.

TAKASUMI KOJIMA
Berkeley, Calif.

Thanks to Our Famous Cartoonist Pete Hironaka

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Yes! Believe it or not, our 1000 Club is 60 years young. At the national convention in Salt Lake City in 1948, the staunch JACLers went on the record that if they could get 1,000 members at $25, they would have enough money to cover our national budget, which was $250,000. This group will be called the 1000 Club and they will host the fun part of the convention.

Of course because of inflation it has gone up in dues to keep up with the times. See you in Salt Lake City!

DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO
Chair, National 1000 Club
Co-Chair, Millennium Club

SPRING CAMPAIGN

P.C.: A Gateway to News on Engaged APA Youth

By NAOMI OREN

Two years ago, I joined the Pacific Citizen editorial board as a way of continuing to be a part of JACL. I have always been a fan of the P.C. because it provides news and information from the perspective of Asian Pacific Americans that is largely ignored by mass media markets.

Issues regarding immigration rights are generally broadcast in commercial news outlets as a “Latino issue” and are not represented as an issue that also deeply affects the APA community. News about the struggle to keep or even implement Ethnic Studies programs at institutions of higher education is often neglected. Discussion about the role the presidential campaign has been limited to either the African American community or the Latino community but barely includes other minority groups.

The APA population is said to be one of the fastest growing minority groups in the U.S., yet, it seems that major news outlets have consistently forgotten to include us in their reports.

In an age where the way we consume news is no longer limited by newspapers and nightly television news programs, the P.C. is a refreshing way of getting an APA twist on current issues.

The P.C. has expanded its reach beyond from the newspaper format to its outstanding Web site. With constant updates of news stories fresh off the printing press, access to story-related videos and links, and an archive of past stories, the hard-working P.C. staff has brilliantly brought close to 300,000 hits to its Web site.

That means people from across the country, if not around the world, are reading and looking up information about APA news — and are constantly coming back for more!

Personally, the Web site is a wonderful asset for coverage of current APA news. Whether I’m in the East Bay going to school, in Los Angeles visiting family or hanging out at my grandmother’s in Japan, I can get the latest information on what is going on in JACL while being informed on news in my community.

As a young reader, I look forward to reading articles on how young APAs from JACL and other organizations are getting involved and striving to make change in their community. From coverage of the Count Me In! Campaign across the University of California campuses to articles about the fight to save Little Tokyo from being bought out by major investment companies, I know I can rely on the P.C. for the scoop on the latest APA youth activism.

It’s inspiring to see the people that I met at past youth conferences and read about how we have all grown from being completely unaware of the JACL to becoming strong-minded advocates for change.

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Report: Model Minority Myth Hides APA Academic Trouble Spots
By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

A new education report has confirmed what Asian Pacific American community members have talked about all along — APA students' reputation for academic success has created a false sense that all their education needs are being met. The report, titled "Facts, Not Fiction: Setting the Record Straight," reveals that APAs have earned above average incomes and achieved high average levels of education, said Rep. David Wu at a news conference to release the report. But they are clustered both at the high and low ends of the scale. "The conversation in our society has had this high-income, high-education group completely overshadow this other group of folks," Wu said. "It has been an education process to convince folks that we are not an ethnic group, every one of which has just graduated from Harvard." Compared to other minority groups, APAs have been extremely successful by many academic measures. Excluding Pacific Islanders, over 44 percent of APAs have earned a bachelor's degree — this is 20 percentage points higher than the national average.

In the prestigious University of California system, the number of APAs enrolling each fall has shot up 59 percent in the decade since a ballot initiative ended racial preferences in admissions. But the study notes often overlooked disparities in achievement among the 48 Asian and Pacific Islander groups that fall into the category under the census.

Just 7.5 percent of Hmong immigrants, 9.2 percent of Cambodians and 7.7 percent of Laotians had earned a bachelor's degree in 2000. The myth of student achievement throughout our communities has masked particular linguistic and cultural needs of our young people for far too long," said Rep. Mike Honda. Robert Teranishi of NYU acknowledged that the end of affirmative action significantly boosted the number of APAs at schools like the University of California. But he says it's not clear that the narrow admissions criteria that replaced the old system have benefited APAs overall. "Just as some Asians have probably benefited from the narrow definitions of merit that have been applied in the UC system, I think there are also a lot of Asians that probably are disadvantaged because of that," Teranishi said.

Download the report: www.nyu.edu/projects/care/reports_pubs.html

Racial Balance is Long Gone in Seattle Schools
By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Nearly three decades after Seattle public schools integrated through busing, racial balance is now long gone.

Seattle schools don't look exactly like they did before district-wide busing began in 1978. But the city's public schools, like many districts across the nation, have slowly resegregated. David Fukuhara, who went to Franklin High when it was equal parts white, black and Asian, says he's Watched the diversity of Seattle schools decline as his children have grown, and he thinks they're missing something because of it.

The segregation is often the byproduct of who lives where. North Seattle is mostly populated by white, black and Asian, says Elaine Akagi. "The schools in the areas where immigrants and other people of color reside don't have those luxuries," she added.

The school board is weighing plans to overhaul how it assigns students to schools. Do they assign more students to schools close to their homes? Do they try to ensure racial diversity? The board is more limited than ever in what it can do, especially after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Seattle and Jefferson County public schools in Kentucky could no longer use a student's race in deciding where some students attend school.

In the past, Seattle had housing covenants and other discriminatory practices that limited minority families to certain neighborhoods, so the district's busing plan was adopted in 1977 to help change the schools' racial imbalance.

"When I first moved to Seattle, children were bused from the south end to north end schools, but there was no reverse busing," said Akagi. Mandatory busing did not create much diversity — white enrollment dropped by 28 percent in the first three years of busing, with many students moving to the suburbs or private schools, according to a district history of its desegregation efforts.

More minority than white students ended up riding buses, despite careful planning to avoid that. And too many schools, integrated on paper, were still segregated in the lunchrooms and classrooms.

Jay Ikeda, Seattle public schools' general counsel, said busing "crippled us and diverted us from pursuing quality education."

Was it the right answer?" he asked. "Yes, in 1972." But in 2008, he said, "It's clear under the law that mandatory assignments based on race are not appropriate."

As the district ended busing in 1997, the racial balance at many schools continued to unravel.

The challenge now is to foster diversity without mandating it, said Ikeda. Some districts now are looking at busing some school assignments on family income.

Today, Asian Pacific American students make up 22 percent of the nearly 400,000 in Seattle.

Many stress the social benefits of diverse schools. "I personally think that students who grow up and spend their entire school life in one cultural situation lack the opportunity to learn from their peers. Their views and experiences are limited," said Akagi.

On the Web: www.seattleschools.org

Minidoka Group Pushes for Statewide Internment Education
By JESSIE BONNER
Associated Press Writer

The farmland faces a skinny stretch of Hunt Road, rural fields that barely resemble the sagebrush-ridden piece of desert where Charles Coiner learned to drive as a teenager in southern Idaho.

The state senator, a Republican from Twin Falls, grew up about 15 miles away from the site where Japanese Americans were detained behind five miles of barbwire during World War II, living in a papercovered barracks at the Minidoka Relocation Center compound.

"Even driving by here as a kid," Coiner said, "nobody talked about it.

Minidoka has been in the news ever since Jerome County commissioners in October rejected an application for a 13,000-animal feedlot from Big Sky Farms Limited Partnership, planned for a location just more than one mile from the historic site. Big Sky Farms' appeal is now being considered in court.

But Coiner revisited the site last month with a group of Centennial High School students on a fieldtrip, the culmination of several weeks the students spent studying the WWII internment camps such as Minidoka. Coiner is among those supporting early efforts by the Friends of Minidoka nonprofit group to bring a comprehensive history of the WWII internment camp into Idaho public schools.

As of now, students are being taught little, if anything, about the history of the site and what took place there, said Friends of Minidoka board member Steve Thorson.

"There isn't a broad understanding of what happened," Thorson said.

The program Centennial High School teacher Gena Marker designed prompted the Friends of Minidoka to pitch a statewide version. Thorson said his proposal could be modeled after a similar curriculum adopted in Washington state.

But the initiative to build a statewide curriculum, a proposal the Idaho Department of Education has agreed to consider and former detainees support, could be complicated because the development of the monument is still in early stages.

Plans for a visitor center at Minidoka are targeted for 2010, said Chad Saito, "what one group of people in our country had to go through."

Nick Wassner, a 14-year-old from Boise, was among the Centennial High School students who visited the Minidoka site in May. He stood on the concrete base of a former warehouse and said he didn't know anything about the site before his class began its project.

"Romone and Juliet, yeah, that stuff you have to learn," he said. "But this stuff hits home a lot better."

Education Officials Investigate Possible APA Bias at Princeton

Critics say Princeton isn’t the only elite university accused of making it harder for APA students to gain admission.

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

The U.S. Education Department has broadened a review into whether Princeton University discriminates against Asian Pacific American applicants.

The university said that it’s providing admissions information to the Education Department as part of an investigation into whether it complies with civil rights law.

The case stems from a federal civil rights complaint filed in 2006 by Jin Li, a Princeton applicant who was rejected from the elite institution even though he had perfect SAT scores, was in the top one percent of his high school class and had earned other honors.

Li claimed that Princeton has set a cap on its admission of highly qualified APA students while taking in less qualified applicants from other racial groups.

Earlier this year, the Education Department decided not just to look at Li’s complaint, but to conduct a general review of whether Princeton is complying with federal civil rights regulations with regard to APA applicants, said Jim Bradshaw, a department spokesman. Department officials, according to Bradshaw, are specifically looking at admissions data for the class of 2010, which Li applied to join.

“I filed the complaint not for my own sake, but rather to hold Princeton accountable for racially discriminatory standards,” Li, who now goes to Harvard, said to the Daily Princetonian. “Therefore, I had hoped from the start that the scope of the complaint would be much wider than an individual case.”

After Li filed the complaint, a Princetonian joke issue last year featured a parody of Li using a mock Asian dialect. It infuriated many APA leaders and prompted debates over the status of APAs at elite colleges.

Affirmative action critics have highlighted the case to argue that highly competitive colleges’ commitment to diversity results in tougher standards for APA students. College officials note that Princeton each year rejects thousands of well-qualified applicants of every racial and ethnic group.

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Habeas corpus rights to the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

“This right was at the core of the World War II incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, who were stripped of their due process rights and detained for years in America’s concentration camps,” said Floyd Mori, JACL national director.

The administration opened the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to hold enemy combatants, people suspected of ties to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

Since then, it has been harshly criticized at home and abroad for the detentions themselves and reports of aggressive interrogations.

Habeas corpus is a centuries-old legal principle, enshrined in the Constitution, that allows courts to determine whether a prisoner is being held illegally.

The administration had long argued that the detainees have no rights and that the system and review process put into place to classify a detainee as an enemy combatant are sufficient substitutes for civilian court hearings.

Roughly 270 men remain at the island prison, classified as enemy combatants and held on suspicion of terrorism or links to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

The JACL has continually opposed legislative and administrative attempts to curtail or weaken the right of habeas corpus.

“The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times,” wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy on behalf of the court.

Kennedy said federal judges could ultimately order some detainees to be released, but that such orders would depend on security concerns and other circumstances.

The ruling could resurrect many detainee lawsuits that federal judges put on hold pending the outcome of the high court case.

In dissent, Chief Justice John Roberts criticized his colleagues for striking down what he called “the most generous set of procedural protections ever afforded aliens detained by this country as enemy combatants.”

Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas also dissented. Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Souter and John Paul Stevens joined Kennedy to form the majority.

The court has ruled twice previously that people held at Guantanamo without charges can go into civilian courts to ask that the government justify their continued detention. Each time, the administration and Congress changed the law to try to close the courthouse doors to the detainees.

The court specifically struck down a provision of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 that denies Guantanamo detainees the right to file petition of habeas corpus.

The head of the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, which represents dozens of prisoners at Guantanamo, also welcomed the ruling.

“The Supreme Court has finally brought an end to one of our nation’s most egregious injustices,” said CCR Executive Director Vincent Warren. “By granting the writ of habeas corpus, the Supreme Court recognizes a rule of law established hundreds of years ago and essential to American jurisprudence since our nation’s founding.”

In addition to those held without charges, the U.S. has said it plans to try as many as 80 of the detainees in war crimes tribunals, which have not been held since WWII.

Nassau Hall is at the heart of the Princeton University campus.

Princeton isn’t the only elite university in the country to face complaints that it makes it harder for APA applicants to gain admission. In his book “The Price of Admission,” Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Daniel Golden described the problem as widespread at top schools, and compared it to the way the Ivy League schools once handled Jewish applicants decades ago.

Princeton says that the year Li applied, 14 percent of the admitted class was APA. The university insists no discrimination is taking place.

“We consider each applicant as an individual, taking many factors into account as we seek to enroll a class that is both excellent and diverse,” said university spokeswoman Cass Chiai.

Victims of World War II Share Stories of Camps
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Former JA internees and survivors of the Holocaust recently swapped stories of loss and hope at the second “Gathering of Friends” event.

Event organizers emphasized that the Holocaust and the internment cannot be compared, but similar themes of egregious injustice are woven into these two historic events. The event’s purpose was to share not compare, event organizer Harvey Gotliffe said to the San Jose Mercury News.

The first gathering was held three years ago at the San Jose Japanese American Museum.

Honolulu Councilman Under Fire for Slur
HONOLULU — City Councilman Rod Tam has refused to meet with members of the Hispanic community to discuss his use of an ethnic slur during a Zoning Committee meeting last month, Hispanic leaders said.

Tam, who has repeatedly apologized for using the term “wetbacks” when referring to undocumented workers from Mexico, said he wants to move on.

Tam was censured by the council June 4, and publicly apologized. But Hispanic groups are working to have Tam removed from his high-powered post as committee chair, or booted from the council completely.

Sikhs Want City’s Bias Crimes Tracked
NEW YORK — The city’s Sikh community wants the Department of Education to track bias incidents after one Richmond Hill High School student punched Jagmohan Singh Premi in the face and tried to remove his turban.

Police are investigating the incident as a hate crime. In May, a Sikh student at another Queens school had his turban removed and his waist-length hair cut off.

Activists say that half the Sikh students at Richmond have been harassed. School officials have promised a full investigation.

JA Church Turns 100
SEATTLE — Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church is celebrating its centennial this year. The JA church, located near the city’s International District, has been a religious mainstay for the community since the late 19th century when Japanese pioneers came to Washington to work as laborers.

During the WWII internment of its congregation, the church was maintained until the post-war years when St Peter’s continued to thrive.

The church will be celebrating its humble beginnings during a June 28 celebration and banquet to acknowledge key events and people who have been part of their history.

New Fu Manchu Restaurant Is Criticized as Racist
MAPLEWOOD, Mo. — A new self-proclaimed panAsian restaurant called Fu Manchu has drawn criticism for its use of the stereotypical Hollywood character’s name and image to hawk "tapa-type dishes along with sushi."

The restaurant, located at 7336 Manchester Road, is adorned with images of the evil Fu Manchu character that was historically played by white actors in yellowface.
Support the National JACL Scholarship Program

JACL is currently conducting a fundraising campaign for its national scholarship program.

Many past recipients of national JACL scholarships have made recent donations to the program. One past recipient expressed appreciation to the JACL for its assistance in her pursuit of her goals, and she generously donated to help future scholars in meeting their educational goals.

Thanks to the generosity of past recipients, the JACL has recently received more than $10,000 in donations to the scholarship fund.

However, donations should not be limited to past recipients. All JACLers are urged to support this program.

JACL scholarships have made many young scholars through its scholarship program. To date, over 1,000 scholarships have been awarded and more than a half million dollars in awards have been made.

Thanks to the hard work of its volunteer committees, the JACL has been able to run the scholarship program with very little administrative costs. However, the costs of attending a university have continued to rise.

The JACL is incorporated in the state of California as a not-for-profit charitable corporation. Any donation should be tax deductible under applicable statutes. The JACL's federal tax identification number is 94-1245885.

Donate
Checks should be made out to "JACL with a notation of 'scholarship fund' on the memo line. All donations can be sent to: The JACL Scholarship Program, c/o JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

For more information, contact David Kawamoto, national JACL scholarship committee chair at 619-287-7583 or dkhawamoto@jacl.org.

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When I first joined the P.C. board, I was unaware of the inner workings of how a newspaper is made. I decided to join an APA news magazine group called hardboiled to learn the process of how a story idea is transformed into an edgy article.

After a year of writing articles and editing articles at 4 a.m. while gulping down double shot Americanos to meet deadlines, consulting with layout editors to look over how each page is organized, and struggling to find writers willing to write certain articles, I realized how much hard work goes into creating one newspaper.

But what was most difficult about being a student publication was the limited amount of budgeting we had to publish our paper. We were forced to cut down the number of papers we published because we didn’t have the funds. Less papers means less visibility, which negatively affects how vocal we can be on important issues.

It’s a struggle all too familiar. Being an editor at hardboiled, I now appreciate the tremendous amount of work the P.C. staff of four people puts in to publish an award-winning national newspaper and consistently update the Web site. The P.C. is a vital part of JACL and provides members with vital information regarding current issues.

We need your support. You can help the P.C. by contributing to the Spring Campaign. Support the engaged APA youth by supporting the P.C.

Naumi Oren currently serves as the youth representative on the Pacific Citizen editorial board.

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Yamada Wins Democratic Nomination for Calif. Assembly

Marko Yamada has beat out the mayor of West Sacramento to capture the Democratic nomination for California State Assembly in District 8.

With a win in the November general elections, Yamada would be the third consecutive Davis woman to hold the Assembly seat.

Yamada has been a Yolo County Supervisor since October 2003 when she was appointed as the 4th District Yolo County Supervisor by Gov. Gray Davis.

Matsumoto May Become First APA Judge in Eastern New York

Kiko Matsumoto, a U.S. magistrate judge for the Eastern District of New York, is moving closer to getting a Senate confirmation to become a lifetime U.S. district judge in Brooklyn.

If confirmed, Matsumoto will become the first APA in an area that includes Long Island and the second APA federal judge in New York after U.S. District Court Judge Denny Chin.

Matsumoto spent 11 years as a federal prosecutor in Brooklyn, where she helped investigate the Luchesse and Gambino organized crime families. She has been a federal magistrate judge since 2004.

The full Senate's confirmation vote is expected in July.

Matsui is Appointed to Powerful House Committee

The Democratic Caucus has approved Speaker Nancy Pelosi's appointment of Rep. Doris Matsui to the Energy and Commerce Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over issues ranging from national policy on health care and energy, to interstate and foreign commerce and consumer safety.

"The priorities of the people of my district and the challenges they face will be addressed in the committee, and I look forward to bringing a strong voice for them, Northern California, and all of the diverse communities across the country," said Matsui.

Hayashi Commissioned as Navy Officer

U.S. Navy Ensign John T. Hayashi, has graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned a U.S. Navy officer.

Hayashi completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training to receive his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

He has been assigned to Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. before heading to South Carolina to begin nuclear power school in preparation for serving in the submarine force.

Hayashi is the son of David and Ann Hayashi, a former tennis player who won 14 national junior titles and a junior Wimbledon singles title.

Takei Plans to Wed His Partner in September

George Takei, 71, has announced plans to marry longtime partner Brad Altman in a fall ceremony.

Altman said he proposed by setting down on one knee in their kitchen while Takei was eating a sandwich after seeing on TV that the California Supreme Court had legalized same-sex marriage.

They bought each other turquoise and silver wedding rings.

The Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office, “said Noguchi, who occupied a position that people can trust should be the coroner,”

“...I never have to have the same support from JA leaders...” said Sathyavagiswaran. "He put the L.A. County Coroner on the map."

...Noguchi was work­ing on his new autobiography. His last one, 'Coroner,' was a bestseller.

Despite Noguchi’s fame, it happened not once, but twice. He was demoted in 1969 and in 1982.

"I said we can’t let it go. We have to fight it," said Hisako. "With the evacuation and all the prejudice against us, I figured we had to stand up some place."

"If Bobby were not assassinated, the charges were truly nonsense, but we battled it out," said Noguchi’s longtime attorney and friend Godfrey Isaac. "There were a lot of racial overtones... it wasn’t too long after WWII after all."

"In those days, instead of antibiotics, doctors swallowed the throat with an iodine type of solution—it’s awful, but it helped sterilize the throat," said Noguchi.

"If you have to do an autopsy," he coiled while printing out his resume.

The New York senator survived the shooting. "If Dr. Watanu Noguchi had been gunned down in L.A.’s Ambassador Hotel, the man who met him after death still sounds wistful about what could have been..."

"If the senator shot three times? Was his arm raised? Noguchi put the senator’s jacket back on the body to establish the position of his arm. It was a seven-hour autopsy, one of the most thorough in history...

"People in the county and around the world took note. They could not fire me," he said with a smile.

We Had to Stand Up

Despite Noguchi’s fame, it happened not once, but twice. He was demoted in 1969 and in 1982.

The first time, he had an inkling that it was coming, said Hisako. In 1969, charges of misconduct ranging from threatening another employee with a knife to enjoying publicity too much were levied against Noguchi. But neither the couple nor the JA community took the accusations sitting down. They won a spectacular battle in 1969 reinstating Noguchi’s good name.

"I can’t think of any other Asian American in a position of that stature before Dr. Noguchi," said John Saito, a former JACL PSW regional director. "He did break ground."
**Salt Lake City Tourist Hot Spots**

JACL national convention attendees will head to the city July 16-20.

By KATHY AOKI  
Special to the Pacifi Citizen

One of the things I enjoy about going to JACL national conventions is visiting local attractions. In Arizona, I was a busy delegate and didn’t have any chance to do much exploring, but when I travel to Salt Lake City, I hope to visit some tourist attractions.

Four places of interest are: Snowbird’s Aerial Tram, Mrs. Cavanaugh’s Candies, Clark Planetarium and Park City.

According to the Snowbird, Utah’s Web site, it’s a year-round mountain resort. During the summer, people can enjoy hiking, fishing and mountain biking.

The Snowbird’s Aerial Tram—a 10-minute tram ride that takes its “passengers along a 1.6 mile cable tram ride that takes its passengers along a 1.6 mile cable route” is worth the ticket price.

If you love chocolate, Mrs. Cavanaugh’s Candies, Inc. is well known in Salt Lake City for their award-winning candies.

Factory tours are available Monday through Thursdays from 10 a.m. but not on the weekends. Special group tours can be arranged for more than 25 people.

For more information and to schedule a tour, call 801/677-9888. Visit www.mrsavasavas.com for more details.

Clark Planetarium sounds like an interesting place for adults and children to visit. Located in the Gateway Mall, west of the Energy Solutions Arena, the Planetarium offers free exhibits, a variety of educational programs, a science store, and much more.

The Planetarium’s IMAX Theater shows a variety of films and cosmic light shows. I wouldn’t miss seeing films like “Human Body,” “Mummies: Secrets of Pharaohs” or a cosmic light show entitled “Rock On Demand.”

Ticket prices are $8 for seniors/teens, $6 children 12 and under and $6 for all tickets for shows beginning before 5 p.m., except special engagements.

The Clark Planetarium is located at 110 South 400 West; 801/456-7827.

Park City is known as a mecca for skiing and Robert Redford’s Sundance Film Festival. I’ve been told this mountain town has much to offer tourists—beautiful scenery and lots of restaurants and shops.

Check the Go-Utah.com Web site for more information on Park City.

Time is Running Out for Early Bird Specials!

Harry and take advantage of Early Bird specials, which are set to expire June 30. In addition, you must book your rooms at the Salt Lake Marriott Downtown by June 24 to get the convention rate. The host hotel is a four-diamond (AAA) hotel at a great price. It’s centrally located to many local attractions.

Don’t forget that the JACL national convention is not all business. Fun activities including a July 15 golf tournament and youth convention activities are also available.

Optional tours and excursions include:

**July 14 Topaz Camp Tour** —This tour, conducted by Rick Okabe, was listed on the Web site at $57, but this was based on chartering a bus. It’s now more likely to occur in personal cars and is being organized by Okabe. Jane Beckwith will lead a tour of the Topaz Museum.

**July 15 Wendover, NV fully escorted gaming tour** —Wendover is just two hours west of Salt Lake City. The tour includes a number of giveaways by Wendover Casino.

**July 16 Great Salt Lake & Kennecott Copper Pit Mine** —Visit the Great Salt Lake, one of the saltiest bodies of water on Earth. But drop by the Kennecott Copper Pit Mine, the largest man-made excavation on Earth to get a greater sense of the geologic history of the area.

**July 17 Get the Olympic Experience** —If you can’t make it to Beijing, check out the Utah Olympic Park tour that will take you to the site of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

**July 20 Shopping** —Shop downtown and in Park City.

All of the tours are described in greater detail at: www.mwt.com/jacl.

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What Does America Idolize?

Recently, Fox wrapped its seventh season of “American Idol.” Seven seasons — does this seem outrageous to anybody else? It begs the question: What does America idolize?

Let me begin with this disclaimer: I’ve never really watched an entire episode of “Idol,” so I could be just one of those outside cynics too prideful to embrace this wildcard, overly popular game show.

Even though I did not follow the latest season of “Idol,” being a Utah native and fellow Mormon I could not avoid hearing the innumerable exaggerations about the wonderment that is David Archuleta, the recently loved him enough to vote for him.

And the 1967 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue explains JACL’s position supporting the plaintiffs (the Lovings) that was written by Chicago JACLer Harold Gordon. Last month, Mrs. Mildred Loving, 68, passed away. Several obituaries mentioned the counselors for the principals but not Bill Marutani of Philadelphia, representing the JACL, who was invited to address as a “friend of the court,” arguing against the law. The court ruled unanimously (9-0) that states cannot outlaw marriages between whites and nonwhites, noted here in italics as one of the JACL highlights in Bill Hosokawa’s “Nisei, the Quiet American,” 1982 revised edition.

The Lovings knew each other since they were young, Richard, 17, and Mildred, 11. Referring to the obituary published in The Economist (May 19), “she passed as her father was Cherokee and her mother Rappahannock as well as black. Her hair could easily set straight or wavy. If Mrs. Loving considered herself, it was [American Indian] Prince Pocahontas and Pocahontas married a white man.”

Richard was a gangly white lad who took her out for years in Northern Virginia, used different counters from the whites when they ate lunch in Bowling Green in the middle of the Caroline County of scattered farm houses drying tobacco leaves.

When the Caroline County sheriff, his deputy and jailer broke into their bedroom in Central Point, Va., that warm July night in 1958, Richard and Mildred were asleep. The sheriff asked her husband: “What are you doing in bed with this lady?” He didn’t answer.

The day the court issued its ruling on June 12, 1967, was proclaimed “Loving Day” by interracial couples. The P.C. added the Warren court was impressed by JACL’s minority curiae and Bill Marutani’s plea before the court. Marutani [1923-2004] was then national JACL legal counsel, 1962-1970.

For the record: The 1967 Holiday Issue features a review of the case written by Gordon, a Chicago attorney and the first non-Nikkei (he was Jewish) elected to the National JACL Board as 1000 Club chair (1952-54). He often sang Shina no Yoru at 1000 Club dinner, a tune he learned in occupied Japan. Every time I hear that song, Harold comes to mind.

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Resurrecting Vincent Chin

Filmmakers Curtis Chin and Tony Lam dissect the APA icon’s legacy in their new documentary.

By LYANNA LIN
Assistant Editor

The question mark in the new documentary, “Vincent Who?”, screams for attention. It punctuates a horrifying idea about the Asian Pacific American community that is only now, 26 years after the murder of its namesake, being examined.

Hopefully, it’s not too late.

Most of us know the true story about the June 19, 1982, Detroit murder of a 27-year-old Chinese American man by two white former autoworkers who called him a “Jap,” while they beat him with a baseball bat. Most of us can recognize the ubiquitous photo of the man with the fluffy hairdo smiling contently before he became a hate crime victim.

But is it really a stretch to say that many APAs today don’t know who Vincent Chin was?

Filmmakers Tony Lam and Curtis Chin decided to test this premise at a reputable college campus with good APA student representation. They went to the University of Southern California and asked a random sampling of APA students if they knew Vincent Chin. The litany of “no’s” is almost chilling. Out of about 70 respondents, only one could muster a vague recollection of the name that she associated to some bar fight somewhere.

Then they knew it was a much bigger problem.

“The fact that one person had heard of Vincent Chin’s name ... that says something about our community,” said Curtis. “It means we don’t know our own history.”

A Personal Project

The idea for “Vincent Who?” started last year, on the 25th anniversary of the 1987 seminal documentary “Who Killed Vincent Chin?” — why not revisit the case and examine its impact?

For Curtis, the Vincent Chin story has a personal note — he was a family friend. The day after the attack, someone burst into Curtis’ family restaurant to announce that Vincent was in the hospital. For a while even after his death no one really got angry, said Curtis. Everyone assumed the justice system would take care of it.

But when it became apparent that justice was not working — Vincent’s assailants Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz were sentenced to three years probation and each fined $3,000 plus $780 in fees — the community rallied and protested under a united banner. It’s been called the nexus of the APA movement and the awakening of political consciousness, so why has his legacy fallen by the wayside?

What if instead of USC, the filmmakers went to a predominantly African American college and asked students if they knew Martin Luther King, Jr.? What if no one knew? It would be considered a national tragedy, said Tony.

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In a way, Tony could personally identify with some of these USC students. He grew up in Miami, Florida where the only APAs he knew were his relatives.

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He was shooting a scene for “Role Models,” a TV show he produces for Asian-language channel LA 18, series about Vincent Chin. He asked Tony to put together a video highlighting the speakers, and the idea evolved into the documentary.

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Other communities have their icons. Names like James Byrd and Matthew Shepherd roll easily off the tongue.

“What does the Asian American community have?” asked Curtis.

Why Do We Settle?

You can call “Vincent Who?” a revival. It doesn’t focus on the case so much as examines the enormous legacy it left behind. So far, the documentary is still a work in progress. Curtis and Tony are hoping for a fall premiere. But the rough version of the documentary provided to the Pacific Citizen delivers a powerful message about a painful reality.

In one scene, journalist Lisa Ling’s eyes flash with anger. Enough with trying to fit in and appease, get up and do something. It’s emblematic of the community, said Tony. Why do we settle with complacency?

“I think the community tends to be more reactionary. We respond to bad things that happen to us, but we’re not building infrastructure,” said Curtis.

They’ve had two advance screenings so far — one at an Asian American Studies conference in Chicago where educators came away hungry for a new way to teach Vincent Chin’s story.

Some activists know the story so well that they’re tired of talking about it. Some young people say the case is history. Things are better now, so let’s move on to other things. Hopefully this film will remove the question mark and spark critical thinking — this is the filmmakers’ goal.

“I just want our community to be better,” said Curtis.

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And the cast of characters is not the usual slate of people commonly associated with camp reunions and pilgrimages. They are college students like Greg Zuckerman, 22, who has no personal ties with the World War II internment of Japanese Americans, but looks forward to digging for forgotten treasure under a hot summer sun.

"It's a once in a lifetime experience to be a part of these people's lives," said Zuckerman about the June 16-July 11 University of Denver field school in historical archaeology at Amache, also known as the Granada Relocation Center.

The month-long field school will train Zuckerman to survey and excavate as well as engage with site visitors during a national JA conference. A few weeks before heading out to Amache, the University of Denver senior who has never visited an internment camp before, says he feels a little pressure.

"It's nerve wracking ... but it's really important to show exactly how they lived."

Tangible Evidence

This summer field school is the first major step in what university officials call a long-term archeology and heritage project at Amache. The former internment camp located near the town of Granada in southeastern Colorado has the greatest integrity as an archeological site among the 10 main War Relocation Authority camps.

Unlike other camps, Amache has never been redeveloped. Parts of the site had been used for cattle ranching and as trash dumps, but it has largely been inaccessible to the public since WWII ended.

"The tangible evidence is really there," said Dr. Bonnie Clark, an assistant professor at the University of Denver who will be leading the summer field school.

It's almost as if the Amache of today — with its remnant landscaping, largely intact foundations and scattered artifacts — were left in the exact same way as the day its last JA resident left.

Over the years, the integrity of the site has already been compromised by bottle-hunters and passerbys who take away "souvenirs" without knowing their historical value. So archeologists faced an urgent dilemma, especially after Amache's National Historic Landmark designation in 2006 attracted more curiosity — as more people pass through, the site's integrity is endangered.

Up until now the Amache Preservation Society, a group of local high school students and their teacher John Hopper have maintained the site. But there is only so much they can handle, said Clark, so the University of Denver came to the rescue.

"We didn't need to reinvent the wheel here," she added.

In 2003, the town of Granada was awarded a State Historical Fund grant to survey the site and create an historical site management plan. Back then, surveyors just looked for all the surface artifacts and developed a-detailed site map.

This summer, it's time to dig. One of their goals is to find living evidence of planted trees and landscaping cultivated by the internees. During the war years, Amache internees produced many agricultural products included potatoes, onions and corn. Although many of the plants and trees may no longer be visible, Clark hopes to find remnants still in the ground to study the archeology of the historic gardens.

"It wasn't great soil, but since most of the Amache internees were from farming communities in Los Angeles and the Central Valley, they turned their barren land into something that really worked," said Clark. "They were really challenged in an unforgiving environment."

Attracting the Youth

Summer is a tough time to ask a student to endure sweltering heat to dig gingerly in the dirt, but a group of potential young archeologists have answered the call. The team is a small and select group made up of about four undergraduate students and two graduate students. Some high school students from the preservation society will also be participating in the field school.

"We're going to keep them hopping!" said Clark.

For a month, the students will have to wake up early to work out in the field in the mornings and then move their work into the Amache Museum in the afternoons. Since it is a field school, students will also be graded. Clark is looking for reliability and consistency especially with note taking. Because in archeology, you're only as good as the notes you take.

But in exchange for their hard work, the students will literally walk in the footsteps of history and possibly hold the same items in their hands that were last grasped by former internees. For field school participant Dana Ogo Shew, 30, this will be a very personal experience.

Shew's grandmother Sadako Hamasaki is a former Topaz internee. Growing up, "camp" was a

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Legislation was reintroduced in 2007. The Wartime Relocation and Internment of Japanese Americans Act, a bill to create a commission to mend remedies, was introduced by Rep. Xavier Becerra in the House and Sen. Daniel Inouye in the Senate. The legislation was reintroduced in 2007. S. 381 has already passed a Senate committee and HR 662 will be discussed in a committee hearing on July 31. Art and other former JLA internees plan to provide testimony.

"Our ultimate goal is to get the bill passed as soon as possible," said Christine Oh, recently hired legislative campaign manager for Campaign for Justice. "We're still holding hope the bill can pass this session but if not ... we hope to introduce it again next year."

With an election year and time running out in this legislative session, Christine knows that passage of the bill is going to be an uphill battle. But the July hearing is also a chance to garner some much needed publicity on the JLA issue.

"With the election I think it is going to be difficult, but we are going to try to do everything we can," she said. "We want to get as much support as possible in the given time so in the next Congress we will have an easier time."

Campaign for Justice is hoping to raise about $30,000 to help send former JLA internees to the July hearings.

"We need to get proper acknowledgement, an apology and redress for our families who suffered human rights violations at the level of war crimes violations," said Grace. "Part of preserving this little known part of history is the story of not only our families but of the JA community and U.S. history."

For more information:
www.campaignforjusticejla.org

From Mochizuki to 2008

In 1998 JLA finally saw an acknowledgement of their suffering with Mochizuki vs USA, a class action lawsuit that offered an official apology and $5,000 each in redress payments. Although some JLA's did accept the redress offered in the settlement, many JLA's, like Art and his brothers, rejected the lawsuit opting to pursue redress offered in the settlement, many JLA's, like Art and his brothers, rejected the lawsuit opting to pursue redress offered in the settlement, many JLA's, like Art and his brothers, rejected the lawsuit opting to pursue redress offered in the settlement. Because of Shew's family history, she is inextricably linked to Topaz. And that connection has made her closer to Amache.

"When I first found out I was going to be working on this project, I was trying to figure out how to separate the research from my own personal past. It felt weird that we were academically studying something that I am," said the Yorsei graduate student.

But then she realized that her family connection could actually enhance the experience. She plans to tap into her family's memories to interpret her field study findings. And Shew is not alone — she is among some of the younger generations of future leaders hoping to connect with the past.

Archaeological projects have taken place at the other camps — including last month's dig for rock garden remnants at Manzanar's Merritt Park — but Amache continues to excite young preservationists.

The students are passionate about the project because the community is passionate about it, said Clark. "They see themselves a part of something larger."

"I think young people are drawn to this time in history out of respect to the people who experienced it. It's not exactly our proudest moment in American history," said Zuckerman.

Many of the APS high school students want to tell the internment story to as many people as possible, said Jennifer Otto, a graduate student who will also be involved in the field school.

"Many of them also really enjoy the physical work that goes along with the preservation of the camp itself, whether it be mowing the lawn or putting up signs," added Otto, 26. "I think it is pretty amazing to have a class the students are able to take that is so relevant to the history of both the area and the U.S. as a whole."

"I'm happy that there is that interest in the younger people," said Gary Ono, 68, a former Amache internee. "Especially since it's dying out with older people."

This summer, Ono is taking his 16-year-old grandson, Dante Hilton-Ono to Amache for the field school. There, the former professional photographer who coined the "CSI: Amache" name, will help chronicle the events and maybe even dig a little.

"I just thought it would be great to get the family connection," he said. "Maybe Dante will get interested."
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Hedani, Tokui, 91, San Francisco, April 24; survived by daughters, Janet (Steven) Yip and Barbara (Leroy) Hedani-Morisshita; son, Dean (Melanie); 6 gc.; sister, Junko (Tom) Takahashi; and brother, Ken

Kano, Nobuyoshi "Nobi," 93, April 10; WWII veteran, MIS; survived by wife, Tomoko; son, Philip; and daughter, Barbara Joy.

Kuboshima, Toshio, 87, Los Angeles, May 22; survived by wife, Yaeko; sons, Robert and Russell (Patty); and brother, Fred.

Miyagishima, James Kazuchichi, 84, May 28; part owner of Enban Market in Little Tokyo's Japanese Community in politics, said former Seattle Civic Leader, Trudy (Charles) Chastain, Pat Daniels, and Mei Suzuki. She is the sister of Susan Suzuki and daughter Fumi (Susan) Suzuki and son, Robert, 88, passed away at the home of her daughter in Sonoma, Calif. on May 30. Born in Corinne, Utah on Mar. 25, 1920, she was a resident of Stratmhmore, Calif. for the past 60 years.

Chow, Dies

Ruby Chow, a longtime matriarch of Seattle's Chinese American community, a successful restaurateur and a pioneer in Washington state politics, died June 4 of heart failure. She was 87.

"She was an incredible trailblazer and advocate on behalf of Asian Americans, the Asian American community in politics, and a trailblazer for women," said former Gov. Gary Locke, the nation's first Chinese American governor. "She helped shatter the glass ceiling on so many different fronts."

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