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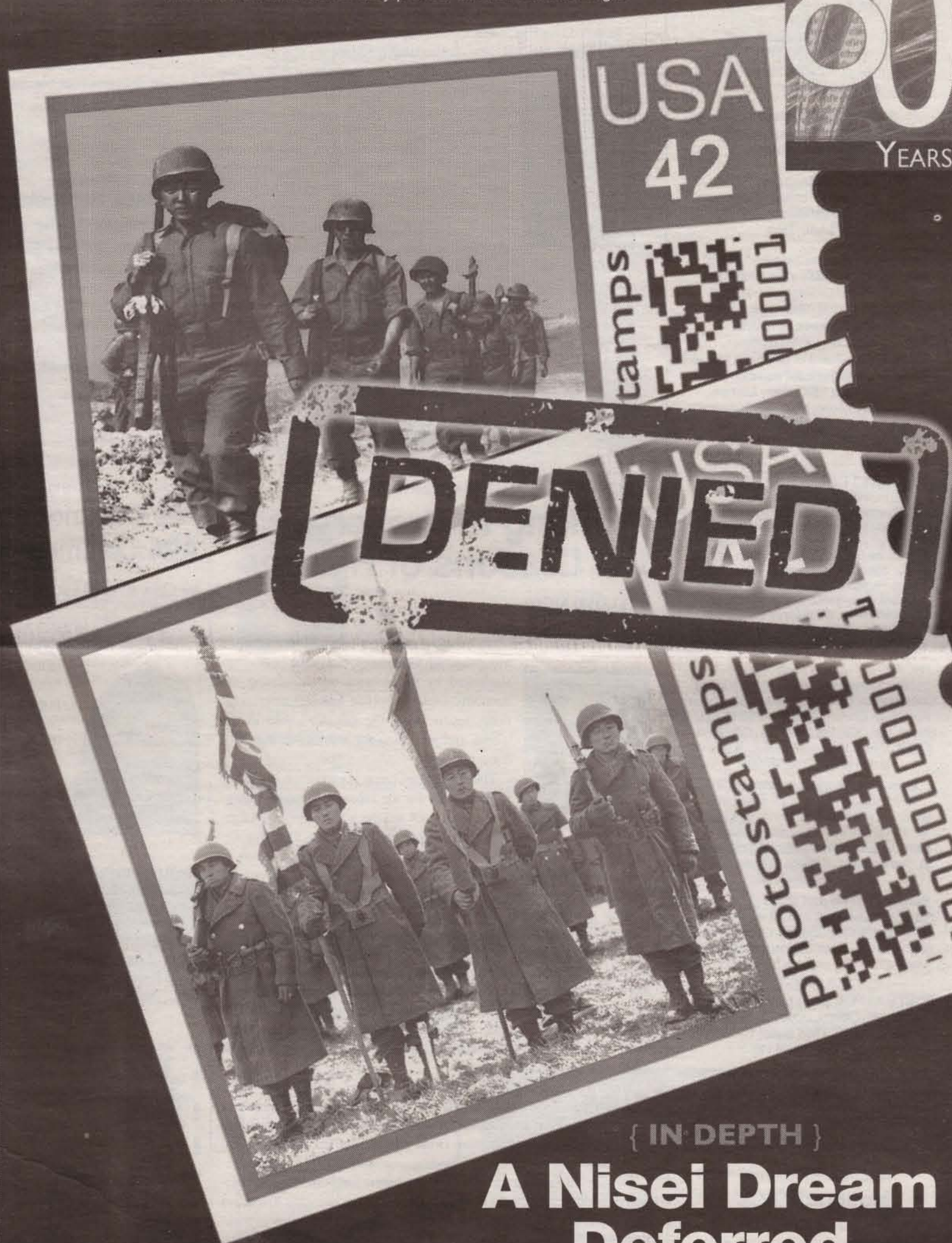
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Letters to the Editor

Honda Responds to Twitter Criticism

In defending San Jose's Japanese American Museum from attack by Sen. John McCain, who claimed that the Museum was not worth federal dollars, there occurred a Twitter shorthand error that I'd like to recognize for JACL members and offer an apology.



Using the new communication forum of Twitter, Sen. McCain had taken issue with earmark legislation that provided supplemental funding for the Japanese American Museum. The Museum had suffered a funding setback after the State of California, which previously promised funding, had to cancel funding due to budget cuts. And while the Museum is not in my 15th district, I was asked to respond as a JA and a supporter of the project.

Eager to defend the project for a host of reasons — long overdue recognition for JAs who served our country, tourism opportunities for our Japantown, and a recovery package for San Jose — I responded to McCain's Twitter feed. As a Twitter response only allows 140 characters, it made for an abbreviated shorthand and the concomitant use of a period that failed to communicate what I intended. It shows how our new communication technologies must be approached with caution and care lest shorthand give short shrift

to cultural nuance.

I have always supported the JACL's efforts to eliminate the racial slur from being used in any way in this country. JAs have too long been the brunt of prejudiced language and I remain, as I have always been, in defense of our community on this matter.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA

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JACL Recognizes Two Millennium Club Members: Eddie Jonokuchi and Joe Uchida

The JACL apologizes for missing the names of two outstanding Millennium Club members from its recognition page in the last issue of the *Pacific Citizen*.

Eddie Jonokuchi and Joe Uchida are both tremendous members of the Millennium Club and are duly noted as such. Thank you to both of you for your selfless support of the JACL and its mission and programs. We look forward to a growing relationship throughout the future.

TIM KOIDE

JACL Membership Coordinator

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Working to Preserve the Lessons of History

By FLOYD MORI

We have seen some very positive measures on camp preservation move through Congress which have been overshadowed by the debates on stimulating the economy, filling important Administration positions, restructuring the military's role in the world, and jockeying for leverage in the 2010 fiscal budget.



The passage of camp preservation measures is good news for the Japanese American community as well as the community at large. Important steps have been taken to assure the

JA experience during World War II will be maintained as a lesson to the world that times of crisis are not an excuse to overlook the important civil liberties guaranteed in our Constitution.

What is important is that we have developed very strong allies in Congress who have been instrumental in assuring that elements of various pieces of legislation were retained in the omnibus appropriations bill and in the major public lands omnibus bill. On the Senate side, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, who is now chairman of Senate Appropriations, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is chairman of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee, provided outstanding leadership in securing funding for beginning the grant program authorized by HR 1492, now Public Law 109-441.

The JACL played a major role in the passage of HR 1492. Congressman Mike Honda, who is on the House Appropriations Committee, played an influential role in the House to support the funding measure. Congresswoman Doris Matsui and others were also strong voices in support of the funding.

Included in the appropriations measure were funds for the construction of additional barracks at Manzanar and land acquisition to expand the Minidoka site to include important artifacts from the camp. In addition, increased funding for special resource studies will allow the National Parks Service (NPS) more flexibility to conduct special resource studies of other JA confinement facilities.

The omnibus public lands bill included the Tule Lake Segregation Center Special Resources Study Act which authorizes the NPS to study the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, Calif., and make recommendations to Congress regarding the future management of and planning for the site. The Tule Lake site was designated as part of

SPRING CAMPAIGN

The Common Thread: Keeping Our APA Communities Interconnected

By LISA K. HANASONO

While teaching an Asian American Studies class at Purdue University, I encouraged my undergraduates to take a critical look at the representation of Asian Americans in mainstream media. My students carefully turned the glossy pages of popular magazines like *Time*, *Glamour*, and *Sports Illustrated* — searching for any stories or images that featured AAs.

The results were startling; despite their best efforts, my students could only find a handful of printed pictures and text that included AAs. Moreover, the majority of images and stories cast AAs in stereotypical roles. My students and I were disappointed with the sheer underrepresentation and gross misrepresentations of AAs in mainstream media.

Throughout history, many newspapers, magazines, and television shows have failed to feature AAs in multidimensional and realistic ways. However, the *Pacific Citizen* has consistently illuminated important stories and unique perspectives of AAs.

Since 1929, the P.C. has served as a common thread that kept the social fabric of AA communities interconnected. From immigration and citizenship issues in the 1930s and the internment period in the 1940s to

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'The Simpsons' Got Their Own Stamp, Now What About the Nisei Vets?

A two-year campaign to honor the heroic JA WWII veterans has much community support, but so far a commemorative stamp has yet to become a reality.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

Bart, Homer and Margie can rest easy. FOX network's famous cartoon family will now be forever immortalized with their very own "The Simpsons" U.S. postage stamp.

But so far the heroic Japanese American World War II veterans haven't been so lucky.

It's been two years now since a grassroots campaign was launched to honor these Nisei veterans with their very own commemorative stamp, but no stamp has yet been approved.

"To overlook American veterans, and true heroes in my opinion ... is shocking," said Wayne Osako, co-chair and campaign coordinator for the Japanese American WWII Veterans Commemorative Stamp Campaign. "That they would continually not consider veterans but continually issue stamps to honor fictional characters — last year they had a stamp series for tropical fruit."

So what is it going to take?

To date, a handwritten and online petition in support of a Nisei vets stamp have a combined total of close to 25,000 signatures. The states of California, Hawaii, Illinois and Arizona have all passed state resolutions in support of a Nisei stamp and Oregon and Washington are considering similar resolutions. Last year Congressman Mike Honda sent a letter of support signed by 40 of his congressional colleagues. And dozens of letters from French and Italian citizens — people from towns liberated by the JA soldiers — have been received.

Last year the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) — a 15-member, all volunteer committee — rejected the Nisei vets stamp proposal and there are no current plans to reconsider it. The committee recently released their selections for 2009. "The Simpsons" were joined by stamps on Alaska Statehood, Edgar Allan Poe, civil rights pioneers and the Lunar New Year.

"It's the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, and citizens are speaking out loudly that we want to honor these Nisei World War II soldiers," said Osako. "So why don't they honor our wishes?"

What's the Hold Up?

Each year CSAC receives about 50,000 stamp proposals and only about 20 are selected. They meet quarterly and the 15-member appointed committee is regularly in flux with rotating new members. Their meetings are also closed to the public and there are no public minutes to see how their decisions are made.

What's clear is that a Nisei veterans stamp has not made the cut.

David Failor, executive director of Stamp Services for the U.S. Postal Service, said the Nisei veterans stamp was not approved last January because of an internal guideline that states: "Stamps will not be issued to honor individual sub-branches, units, or divisions of the military."

But Gerald Yamada, spokesman for the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), believes the Nisei veterans stamp proposal does not violate the guideline since all JA WWII veterans would be honored, not a specific unit.

He also adds, "The continued use of the informal guidelines would raise a broader question about CSAC treating our military as second class citizens. The informal guideline basically says that whatever a military unit or group accomplished, it is not important enough to be honored on a stamp. This is wrong."

In the past, other ethnic soldiers have been featured on a U.S.



Members of the Japanese American WWII Veterans Commemorative Stamp Campaign have been trying for the past two years to get a commemorative stamp in honor of the heroic JA soldiers of WWII. But so far the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee hasn't approved such a stamp. Instead, this year's offerings included a stamp collection for the Fox Network's comedy series 'The Simpsons' (above, right).



stamp including the Buffalo Soldiers in 1994 and Latino American soldiers in 1984 but according to Failor the guideline was established in the mid-90s.

But there may be some hope. Honda's office has gotten some indication that the internal guidelines can be amended or rejected by the committee.

As an alternative, CSAC has suggested a possible commemorative stamp honoring the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C., a monument that exemplifies the history of JAs, including the story of the JA WWII veterans.

Although many agree the Memorial is a worthy stamp subject, they believe the Nisei WWII veterans should be honored with their own commemorative stamp.

"A National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism stamp would be wonderful but the purpose of our campaign, the support from across the nation, was generated from the idea for a stamp to honor the WWII veterans," said Osako. "We want their story to be featured prominently."

"The Memorial represents the patriotism of all Japanese Americans during World War II," said Yamada, former executive director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. "To treat it now as a war memorial would be contrary to the congressional intent authorizing its creation."

A Call for Community Support

CSAC is set to meet on April 23 to 24 and the committee plans to address the many letters of support they have received for the Nisei veterans stamp. But the proposal itself is not on their official agenda for discussion.

Still, the grassroots campaign and organizations like JACL believe it's important to show community support for the stamp. They are calling on individuals and organizations to send in letters as soon as possible.

"The JACL has always recognized the critical role that the legacy of Nisei veterans has been to the entire issue of civil rights and justice," said Floyd Mori, JACL national director. "The JACL will continue its strong support and effort towards the Nisei stamp project."

But Failor notes the letters of support for the Nisei vets stamp will be shared only to show the committee how proponents are responding to their past decisions.

"The Nisei stamp subject is not on the agenda to be reconsidered," wrote Failor in an e-mail to the *Pacific Citizen*.

CSAC plans to meet again in July and campaign supporters are hoping to get the Nisei veterans stamp proposal on the official agenda for reconsideration. Honda's office plans to circu-

late a second congressional letter of support asking for reconsideration.

"I am committed to working with the U.S. Postal Service until recognition for Nisei veterans of WWII is published, in print, on a commemorative postage stamp," said U.S. Rep. Mike Honda. "I hope that USPS will agree with the extraordinary nature of this proposal and respond appropriately — with a postage stamp that not only commemorates but inspires Japanese American service to our country."

A Living Legacy

The story of the JA WWII veterans is an American story. Although many of these soldiers had family members who were confined in internment camps, they volunteered to serve, many never making it back home.

In total, more than 30,000 JA men and women would serve. The 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team became the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in U.S. military history. Members of the Military Intelligence Service are credited with helping to shorten the length of the war by two years. And close to 300 women served in the Women's Army Corps and Cadet Nurse Corps.

The Nisei veterans stamp proposal hopes to honor all of these individuals. And for many, the campaign is very personal.

"The Nisei soldiers were unique because they volunteered out of internment camps. How many would volunteer if imprisoned like they were?" said Fusa Takahashi, 82, grassroots campaign co-chair whose husband Kazuo was a member of the MIS. "What they did was so unbelievable."

Takahashi is hopeful the stamp committee will finally be swayed to approve a Nisei vets stamp.

"I really wish they would issue it for 2010, because most Nisei are in their 80s and 90s and they need to know they are recognized"

For now, campaign supporters are in this for the long haul.

"It's like a marathon ... it won't happen over night," said Osako. ■

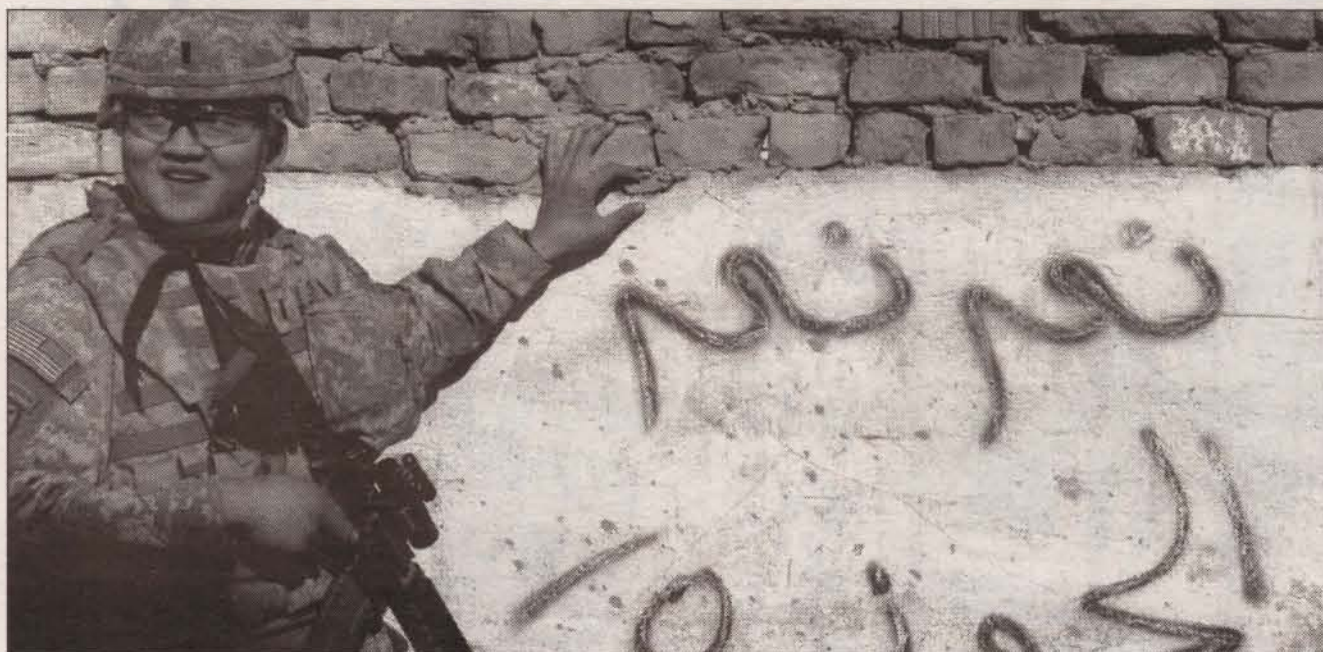
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APA Iraq Combat Veteran Takes on 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'



Choi, now a National Guardsman with the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry in Manhattan, is a West Point graduate and an Iraq War veteran.

It's a personal battle for 1st Lt. Dan Choi, who with three words, 'I am gay,' lands in the center of a national debate about gays in the military.

By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor

During a rifle marksmanship drill with New York Army National Guard, Dan Choi barks out commands over the thunderous roar of gunfire. Call him a weekend warrior, he jokes later.

"I love it," says Choi, 28, a National Guardsman with the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, based in Manhattan. He uses the word "love" several times during the telephone interview, mostly to describe his service to his country, which includes a tour in Iraq. But he also uses it to describe a real human emotion.

Having survived the pains of combat, he says he now realizes what he's been fighting for.

"Love is important."

For Choi, the Anaheim, Calif.-born son of a Southern Baptist pastor and a West Point graduate, being in the Army meant keeping a part of himself secret. It's a truth he struggled with for most of his life until the words tumbled out of his mouth on national television.

"I am gay" said Choi on MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show." And just like that, the weight of silence floated away.

Those three words have landed Choi in the center of a national debate on the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which prohibits lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in the military from being open about their sexual orientation. A bill that would allow gays to serve openly has been introduced in Congress and President Barack Obama has said he supports ending the now 16-year-old policy.

But for now, the law is still the law. And Choi's honesty makes him vulnerable to repercussions. He admits to feeling twinges of fear going to this weekend's drill with the National Guards — the first since his coming out. Would he get arrested? Would he be treated differently? But there's been no issue, he says. Nobody brought it up.

His dad, who served as a military policeman on the South Korean side during the Vietnam War, always said, "If you're not serving something greater than yourself, you're not considered a man."

So Choi is taking a stand against what he calls an immoral law that forces him and many others in the military to lie. He's the face of the newly formed association called Knights Out for LGBT West Point alumni and their supporters. This means appearing on television shows and doing telephone interviews

with simulated warfare going on in the background. It's a whole new world for Choi, who is of Korean descent.

Prior to this, all he knew was the Army.

In a darkened theater in 1998, Choi watched Tom Hanks lead his soldiers on a noble mission in the World War II movie "Saving Private Ryan" and a spark went off in his mind.

"I knew I wanted to be that."

At West Point, Choi majored in Arabic and trained to become a soldier. Because he wasn't allowed to talk about who he was, Choi kept a journal in which he wrote in bold letters: I am gay.

The arguments against LGBTs in the military have consistently revolved around unit cohesion. Over 1,000 retired military officers issued a March 31 statement urging President Barack Obama and Congress to maintain "don't ask, don't tell" saying its repeal "would undermine recruiting and retention, impact leadership at all levels, have adverse effects on the willingness of parents who lend their sons and daughters to military service, and eventually break the All-Volunteer Force."

Among the signatories was Lt. Gen. Allen K. Ono.

"In the military, cohesion is key, especially in the Army when you live in very close quarters. You sleep and you eat and you interact together and to disturb that relationship may be detrimental," he said in a telephone interview. "Change has to be done in moderation. It's an extraordinary

vocation here where one needs to trust the other. It's not time to fiddle with it."

"Don't ask, don't tell" was put in place after President Bill Clinton tried to lift the ban on gay service members in 1993. Since then, over 12,000 service members have been discharged under the policy, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, an advocacy group seeking equal treatment of LGBTs in the military. Of those discharges, 800 were of individuals deemed "mission critical" including Arabic linguists — like Choi.

At a time when the U.S. is engaged in two wars, gay rights activists say that allowing all qualified Americans to serve regardless of sexual orientation would strengthen the military.

In Iraq, Choi filled a critical need: translation. He typed in Arabic and e-mailed local government leaders. But to keep from violating Army policy, Choi told half-truths about girlfriends and past dalliances.

"I created this additional persona to be accepted," a fact, he says which flies in the face of the Army's honor code.

Sixteen years after it was enacted, one of "don't ask, don't tell" staunchest supporters, former Secretary of State Colin

Powell, has called for a reexamination of the policy. For the most part, President Obama agrees, but through comments from White House spokesperson Robert Gibbs and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, seems to be applying the brakes.

Gates, in an appearance on "Fox News Sunday," said that although the president has begun consulting with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on how to lift the ban, action is not imminent because they have "a lot on our plates right now."

"Let's push that one down the road a little bit," Gates said to host Chris Wallace.

"It's sad to hear that," said Martin Hiraga, a former grassroots organizer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We're asking our troops to fight a battle for essential human rights in Iraq and Afghanistan. It seems we should fix our problems at home first."

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., has introduced the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which would replace the current ban with new provisions prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the armed forces. Reps. Mike Honda, Mazie Hirono, Doris Matsui and David Wu are cosponsors.

"I believe that justice, fairness, and our nation's security require that the military revisit their policies to ensure full participation in the armed forces for those who wish to serve, regardless of their sexual orientation," said Honda. "I am hopeful that this policy will finally be overturned and our country can fully honor all the women and men who serve their country."

In 1993, the JACL national board adopted a resolution in support of ending discrimination against LGBTs in the military. Its leaders say the fight today is still very much a JACL issue.

"The 1993 'don't ask, don't tell' legislation was a hypocritical compromise that did not relieve the burden of discrimination, it just codified it," said JACL National President Larry Oda. Just as with the organization's fight for marriage equality, he adds, "JACL stands for equal treatment for all."

"It is a basic issue of justice regardless of race, color, creed, religion, or sexual orientation and we support fairness and justice under the law in all walks of life," said JACL National Director Floyd Mori.

For now, it's one day at a time for Choi. And despite everything, he wants to go back to Iraq. The bottom line is, he loves serving his country. And love has a way of making you stronger.

"Dan in his life is intended to be in front of people," said Matthew Kinsey, Dan's other love. "Somehow, it's in his DNA."

It's a simple idea, said Choi, it's about freedom.

"I might not agree with you, you may hate me, you might even spit on my coffin when I come back, but I'll fight for you to be able to say what you want to say." ■

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Texas Rep. Betty Brown Apologies for Remarks on Asian Names

AA groups had demanded an apology from Texas Rep. Betty Brown who had made disparaging remarks.

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas—A Texas lawmaker under fire for saying that Asian American voters should adopt names that are “easier for Americans” has apologized for her remarks.

State Rep. Betty Brown, a Republican, issued an apology April 9 for the comments made during a House Elections Committee hearing discussion on voter identification legislation on April 7.

Brown said the remark came during a conversation on the difficulty of translating names and that she was referring to transliteration issues when she asked a representative of the Organization of Chinese Americans whether AAs could adopt names that “we could deal with more readily here.”

Ramey Ko, the representative, had testified that people of Asian descent have problems voting because they sometimes list legal names that had been transliterated in addition to common English names on their driver’s licenses or other identification.

Brown said she was not asking Ko to change his name.

Asian American groups, including the JACL, were outraged by Brown’s comments and had asked for an apology.

‘Representative Brown’s comments made clear that she lacks an understanding of Asian American cultures and that she in fact undervalues other cultures.’

OCA Executive Director George Wu.



Texas Rep. Betty Brown had said that Asian American voters should adopt names that are “easier for Americans” but has now apologized for her controversial remarks.

“Your comments demand an apology because they were at least insensitive and play into a myth of foreignness about Asian Americans. Moreover, your remarks suggest an undue burden on Asian American voters,” said Floyd Mori, JACL national director, in a statement.

“The greatness of America is that it provides a place where it is safe to be who you are regardless of your race, ethnicity, religion or your name. Your comments fail to echo this sentiment.”

In response to Ko’s comments April 7 on

some of the difficulties AAs had in their voting experience, Brown responded: “Rather than everyone here having to learn Chinese — I understand it’s a rather difficult language — do you think that it would behoove you and your citizens to adopt a name that we could deal with more readily here?”

She later told Ko: “Can’t you see that this is something that would make it a lot easier for you and the people who are poll workers if you could adopt a name just for identification purposes that’s easier for Americans to deal with?”

“Representative Brown’s comments made clear that she lacks an under-

standing of Asian American cultures and that she in fact undervalues other cultures,” said OCA Executive Director George Wu.

The Texas Democratic Party had also demanded an apology from Rep. Brown on April 8.

Brown said in her apology that she understands the “diversity of Texas” and the “enrichment” that AAs have brought to the state.

Spokesman Jordan Berry said Brown’s comments were being used by opponents of voter identification laws to obscure the real issues involved.

“Ninety percent of Texans — Republicans and Democrats — want the voter ID legislation,” he said, referring to a bill recently passed by the state Senate that would require photo identification to vote. “Let’s move forward.”

Critics say that requiring photo identification would depress turnout among the poor, elderly and minorities who may not have government-issued documentation like drivers’ licenses or passports. ■

Iowa Teen Who Took on School’s English Language Tests Wins First Victory



‘We still need a lot of answers, but I feel really good that my academic honors have been restored, and I no longer have to worry about being classified as an [English language learner].’

Phanachone (pictured, left) in a statement

Lori Phanachone gets reclassified as English Language proficient and reinstated into the National Honor Society.

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Iowa’s Storm Lake School District has reclassified an Asian Pacific American honor student as English proficient, according to the student’s lawyer.

“We are thrilled about this development, but continue to seek assurances from Storm Lake on other pending matters,” said Khin Mai Aung, staff attorney for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF).

In March, school officials punished 18-year-old Lori Phanachone with three days of in-school suspension for refusing to take an English language assessment test. Phanachone, who is Laotian American, was born in California to immigrant parents. She has a near perfect grade point average and has excelled academically in all subjects including English.

Storm Lake school officials said there would be a number of further consequences, including more suspension time. In April, Phanachone’s National Honor Society membership was also revoked by school officials. After an uproar from community leaders, it was quickly restored.

“We still need a lot of answers, but I feel

really good that my academic honors have been restored, and I no longer have to worry about being classified as an [English language learner],” said Phanachone in a statement.

School officials have said that even with her high academic achievements Phanachone needed to take an English language assessment test because she listed Lao as her first language when she registered for school.

But Aung said Storm Lake officials are conflating knowledge of another language with an English language proficiency problem. She is working to remove the suspension from Phanachone’s records and have Storm Lake issue a written statement saying that additional punishments will not be imposed.

And they want to clarify Storm Lake’s procedures for assessing whether incoming students are ELLs.

In April, JACL issued a statement criticizing Storm Lake’s actions against Phanachone.

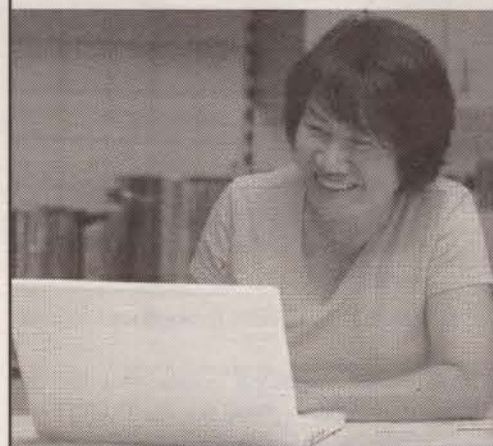
“I can say that we are extremely concerned and would recommend that the language policy at the district needs to be adjusted to be more sensitive to different cultures,” said JACL National Director Floyd Mori, “and that because a student may not list English as his/her ‘first’ language, common sense would dictate that an excellent academic record would show English competency without having to be tested.” ■

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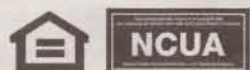
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Pain, Grief, Questions in NY Shootings Aftermath

APA community groups offer condolences to victims, which included several immigrants.

By Associated Press and P.C. Staff

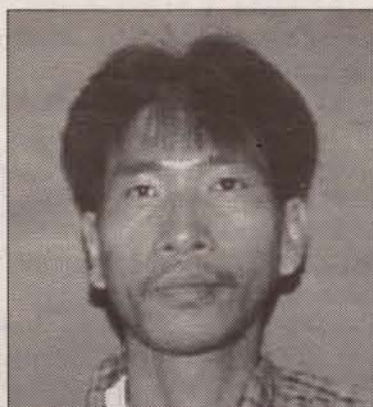
BINGHAMTON, New York—The sister of the man who killed 13 people and took his own life at an immigrant center was depressed about losing his job at a vacuum manufacturer and very frustrated with his poor English skills, his sister said April 6.

In an interview on NBC's "Today" show, Jiverly Wong's sister said she had "occasional communications" with him but they hadn't lived in the same house together for 20 years. The woman, whose name wasn't given during the interview, said her younger sibling kept his feelings to himself.

She could tell he was depressed about losing his job and frustrated with his English speaking skills, she said. The 41-year-old man was ethnically Chinese from Vietnam.

Her family is "very sorry for all the victims and their families," she said.

Four Chinese were among those killed at the center in Binghamton, New York, and a Chinese student was also shot in the arm and leg but survived, officials said. Other vic-



JIVERLY WONG

tims came from Haiti, Pakistan, the Philippines, Iraq, Brazil, Vietnam and the United States.

Asian American community groups offered their condolences.

"The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life on Friday that took place at a center in Binghamton, N.Y. dedicated to helping to improve the lives of newcomers to America. Our condolences go out to the victims, their families and the community," said NCAPA in a statement April 4.

"We do not know all the details about the shooting or the motives of the lone individual responsible for the tragedy. At this time of mourning, we encourage everyone to focus on the needs of the victims and resist using this senseless act of violence

for political purposes. As a nation, we must support the Binghamton community and help them heal."

Wong was "an avid gun owner" who had recently visited a firing range weekly, police Chief Joseph Zikuski said, but authorities still don't know his motive. Authorities don't know whether he had a particular target, and Zikuski said at a news conference the choice of targets may have been random.

On April 5, police defended the 43 minutes it took to enter the building after the first frantic calls from terrified immigrants inside the center. Medical examiners told the district attorney that the injuries were so severe, none of the victims would have survived even if police had entered the building immediately.

Survivors reported huddling for hours in a basement after the shooting, not knowing whether they were still in danger.

Zikuski has said the building was completely cleared between 2:30 and 3 p.m. On April 6, he said police didn't immediately know for sure that Wong was among the dead but his death was later confirmed.

Funerals were held April 6 for three of the victims, Roberta "Bobbi" King, center employee Maria Zobniw, a Ukrainian-born woman who came to the U.S. as a child, and Hong Xiu Mao, a nail salon employee from China. ■

Marriage Equality is Won in Two More States

The victories shine a spotlight on California, where the Supreme Court is slated to make a decision on same-sex marriage.

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Same-sex couples can get married in Montpelier and Sioux City before New York City.

On April 3, the Iowa Supreme Court unanimously struck down a same-sex marriage ban as unconstitutional, making it the third state besides Massachusetts and Connecticut to allow same-sex couples equal access to the union's legal protections.

Then days later, Vermont became the fourth state to legalize same-sex marriage, the first to do so with a legislature's vote.

The Vermont House, on April 7, recorded a dramatic 100-49 vote, the minimum needed to override Gov. Jim Douglas' veto. Its vote followed a much easier override vote in the Senate, which rebuffed the Republican governor with a vote of 23-5.

Marriage equality advocates lauded the historic decisions as ones that

strengthened families and made "a strong statement for equality all across the nation," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign.

And the Washington, D.C. city council recently voted 12-0 in favor of allowing same-sex marriages performed in other states to be recognized in the U.S. capital.

Across the nation, the fight for marriage equality has been bumpy. In March, an effort to force a vote on same-sex civil unions in Hawaii fell three short of the nine required for a full Senate vote.

JACL Honolulu Chapter President Shawn L.M. Benton called the measure's failure disheartening.

Although civil union laws grant many of the rights and responsibilities of marriage to same-sex couples, many gay rights advocates have argued they do not go far enough. California — a place where many activists call the forefront of the battle for marriage equality — also permits civil unions.

In November, Californians passed Proposition 8, a ballot measure that defined marriage as between a man and a woman. It overturned an earlier court decision that legalized same-sex marriage. APA activists say mar-

riage equality is especially important to a community that has felt the sting of marriage discrimination in the past.

Following the passage of Proposition 8, the JACL joined with other civil rights groups to submit an *amicus* brief in support of the Petition for Writ Mandate in the case of *Strauss, et al v. Horton, et al.*

The Writ requests that the Calif. Supreme Court issue an order invalidating Proposition 8 in its entirety.

As an *amici*, JACL supports the petitioners' claim that no Californian should be denied equal protection.

The JACL has been a longtime supporter of marriage equality. In 1967, the organization was an *amici* in the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Loving v. Virginia*, the seminal case that struck down antimiscegenation laws in 17 states.

For now, it's a waiting game for the court's ruling on Proposition 8 and on similar same-sex rights measures across the U.S. The California Supreme Court heard arguments March 5 on whether Proposition 8 should stand, and, if it does, what should happen to the estimated 18,000 same-sex couples who wed last year. A decision is expected within the next two months or so. ■

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Former Chinatown Site is Safe — For Now

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—A judge has issued a preliminary injunction preventing a developer from doing any work at the site of Riverside's second Chinatown.

Developer Doug Jacobs must halt work on the site until at least June 29, the day the case is set to go to court.

Jacobs wants to build a medical office building on the property at the corner of Brockton and Tequesquite Avenues. But The Save Our Chinatown Committee sued the city to keep the historic site intact.

The former Chinatown site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It also is a city and county landmark and a state point of historical interest.



WWII Veterans Celebrate Anniversary of the 442nd's Founding

HONOLULU—Hundreds of 442nd veterans and their families recently marked a milestone—the 66th anniversary of the formation of the famed combat team.

At their annual reunion, 442nd Veterans Club member Bill Thompson said, "Every year we welcome friends back because every year people drop off along the way," according to the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

Calif. Superior Court Judge Vincent Okamoto, who fought in the Vietnam War, keynoted the event.

U.S. Court Says Uighurs Will Not Get 30-day Notice

WASHINGTON—A federal appeals court has overturned a judge's decision to give Chinese Muslim detainees at Guantanamo Bay a 30-day notice of where the U.S. government will send them when they are released.

A federal judge had ordered the government to give a month's notice before releasing nine Uighurs so they could challenge the decision of where they were to be sent.

The Uighurs at Guantanamo are not regarded as enemy combatants, but U.S. authorities, citing fears of persecution, have rejected calls by China that the detainees be returned.

Lawmaker Pushes Bill to Keep JROTC in S.F. Schools

SAN FRANCISCO—A state lawmaker is pushing a bill that would keep the Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps program in San Francisco schools.

Legislation by Assemblywoman Fiona Ma would require the San Francisco Unified School District to offer JROTC to students in grades nine through 12.

The bill has made it through its first hurdle, passing through an Assembly committee.

The proposal from the San Francisco Democrat comes after the San Francisco Board of Education voted in 2006 to phase out the JROTC program because of its opposition to military recruitment and the military's policy towards gays and lesbians.

The phase-out is scheduled to be complete in June.



English-only Discussions Still Bother Some

HOUMA, La.—Some Vietnamese American students in Terrebonne Parish say school board members there should publicly renounce a suggestion made last year that graduation speeches be made in English only.

Members of the Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association of New Orleans—which has members in Terrebonne—is taking up the issue with school officials.

Last year, at Ellender High School's graduation ceremonies, two Vietnamese American valedictorians addressed words to relatives in their native language. That led some board members to discuss limiting the use of foreign languages in graduation speeches. However, board members involved in the discussions say they have nothing to renounce because the idea was never adopted or even formally discussed. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

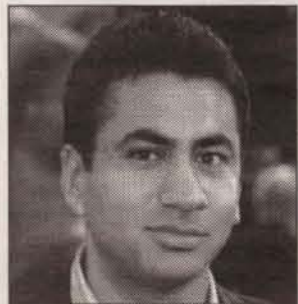
WWII 442nd Veteran Receives Bronze Star

Bob Mizukami, a 442nd RCT veteran, has received a Bronze Star medal for his heroism during World War II.

Mizukami was upgraded to the bronze medal from the combat infantry badge. During WWII, Mizukami and his family were sent to Minidoka. For his heroism on the Italian front, he also received a Purple Heart.

After the war, Mizukami returned to Fife, Washington where he served on the city council, including as mayor from 1980 to 1987.

APA Actor to Join White House Team



The White House has hired **Kal Penn** as a liaison between President Barack Obama's administration and APA constituents. White House spokesman **Shin Inouye** said that the actor who had a recurring role on Fox's TV show "House" and has starred in several movies would join the staff as an associate director in the Office of Public Liaison.

Penn also starred as Kumar in the movie, "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay."

Memorial Foundation to Recognize Medal of Honor Recipients

The Washington, D.C.-based **National Japanese American Memorial Foundation** is honoring four Japanese American Medal of Honor recipients at its April 17 annual gala.

The honorees are: **Sen. Daniel K. Inouye**, **Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura**, **Barney Hajiro** and **George T. Sakato**. These recipients are among the most highly decorated soldiers in American military history.

The foundation will also recognize the CBS Television Network for airing an episode of "Cold Case" based on the WWII internment and Congressman **Xavier Becerra** for his work promoting redress for Japanese Latin Americans.

Masunaga Becomes Hawaii County's New Planning Department Director

Hawaii County Mayor **Billy Kenoi** has named **Margaret Kuroda Masunaga** the new deputy director of the Department of Planning.

Masunaga, 52, is currently a deputy attorney general for the state of Hawaii in the Attorney General's Family Law Division in Kealahou. From 1992 to 2007, Masunaga was Hawaii county deputy corporation counsel practicing in family court in cases involving paternity and child support.

The planning department provides technical advice to the mayor, planning commission and county council on all planning and land use matters.

Suzuki-Okabe Heads JA Service Committee

Karen Suzuki-Okabe has been named the new chief executive officer of the **Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago**.

Prior to joining the service committee, Suzuki-Okabe served as deputy mayor and chief of staff of Salt Lake County. Founded in 1946, the service works to preserve and raise awareness of JA culture.

Suzuki-Okabe replaces interim executive director **Bryan Robson**.

USC to Honor its Distinguished APA Alumni



KTLA Morning News co-anchor **Frank Buckley** (pictured, left) will be among those who will receive leadership awards at the April 17 USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association Scholarship and Awards Gala.

Buckley, an Emmy-award winning journalist, joined KTLA/CW in June 2005 after serving as CNN's Los Angeles-based national correspondent.

Other honorees will include USC professor emeritus **Ken Miura**, who will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, and IW Group president/COO **Nita Song**. ■

Iran Charges American Journalist with Espionage

Roxana Saberi has been held in jail for the past two months.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran—An American journalist jailed for more than two months in Iran has been charged with espionage, her lawyer said April 8, dashing hopes of a quick release days after her parents arrived in the country seeking her freedom.

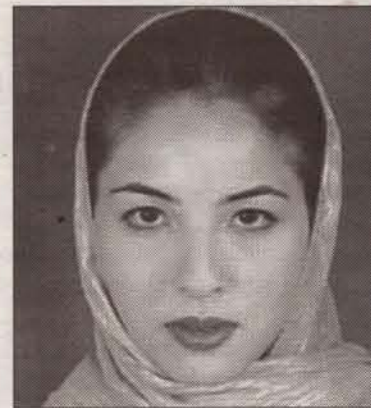
The espionage charge is far more serious than earlier statements by Iranian officials that the woman had been arrested for working in the Islamic Republic without press credentials and her own assertion in a phone call to her father that she was arrested after buying a bottle of wine.

Roxana Saberi, who grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, and is a dual citizen of the U.S. and Iran, has been living in Iran for six years. She has reported from there for several news organizations, including National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Corp.

The announcement of spying charges got the attention of the Obama administration, which has been pushing for her release.

"We are deeply concerned by the news that we're hearing," U.S. Secretary of State **Hillary Rodham Clinton** told reporters at the State Department, adding that the administration has asked Swiss diplomats in Iran for the "most accurate, up-to-date information" on Saberi. Though the U.S. has no diplomatic relations with Iran, it has an interests section at the Swiss Embassy.

Officials in the woman's home



state who have been pressing for action also expressed concern about the direction her case is taking.

"This is disturbing news and is certainly hard to believe," said Senator **Kent Conrad** of North Dakota, noting that at first the government had accused her of working without accreditation. "Now the story is Roxana is a spy? I find this all very hard to believe."

The 31-year-old freelance reporter was arrested in late January. Her lawyer, **Abdolsamad Khorramshahi**, said Saberi has been informed of the espionage charge against her and that he plans to request that she be released on bail until a trial.

Human rights groups have repeatedly criticized Iran for arresting journalists and suppressing freedom of speech. The government has arrested several Iranian Americans in the past few years, citing alleged attempts to overthrow its Islamic government.

In another indication of the seriousness of the case, Saberi's lawyer also learned this week that it would be reviewed by Iran's Revolutionary Court, which normally handles cases involving threats to national security. No date has been set for a trial.

The semi-official ISNA news

agency quoted a judge in charge of the case as saying that Saberi is accused of involvement in spying under the cover of being a journalist.

After her arrest, Iran's Foreign Ministry had initially said she had engaged in illegal activities because she continued working in Iran after the government revoked her press credentials in 2006.

Saberi's parents visited their daughter April 6 in Evin prison, north of the capital, Tehran. The couple from North Dakota met Saberi for half an hour—the first time they had spoken to her since she called them on Feb. 10 to say she had been arrested.

Her father, **Reza Saberi**, and her mother, **Akiko**, were pleased after the meeting and said it appeared their daughter was in good health and in good spirits, according to the lawyer.

Saberi's father has said his daughter was finishing a book on Iran and had planned to return to the United States this year.

Roxana Saberi was Miss North Dakota in 1997 and was among 10 finalists in the Miss America pageant that year. She graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with degrees in mass communication and French and with ambitions to become an international correspondent. Saberi's mother is from Japan and her father is from Iran. Roxana was born in the United States and grew up in Fargo. Her father has said she was determined to go to Iran.

"I was very worried and I was reluctant for her to go," **Reza Saberi** said in an interview March 1. "She was very persistent about it." ■

Senator Stalls Duckworth's Nomination

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—A Republican senator has delayed President Barack Obama's nomination of **Tammy Duckworth**, an injured Iraq war helicopter pilot, to be an assistant secretary at the Veterans Affairs Department.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee didn't vote on the nomination April 2 because North Carolina Sen. **Richard Burr** asked that the panel hold off. Burr, the top Republican on the committee, wants Duckworth and the White House to answer some of his questions. Burr's spokesman, **David Ward**, would not say on April 3 what the questions concerned.

"He's doing his due diligence ... to ensure that veterans have the best representation possible," Ward said.

The White House did not immedi-



ately respond to a request for comment.

The committee chairman, Sen. **Daniel Akaka**, D-Hawaii, called it a "disappointing setback."

"Tammy Duckworth is a talented and qualified nominee who has already given so much for her country and the veterans she serves," Akaka said.

Duckworth, a major in the Illinois National Guard, lost both her legs

and partial use of one arm in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in 2004. She ran for Congress in 2006, but lost.

On Feb. 3, Obama nominated her to the position of assistant secretary of public and intergovernmental affairs. Her duties would include directing VA's public affairs operations, as well as programs for homeless veterans. Soon after her appointment, she stepped down from her position as the director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, where she had worked since 2006.

On April 2, the committee did approve the nomination of **W. Scott Gould** to be deputy VA secretary. ■



[HARRY HONDA]

VERY TRULY YOURS

Highlights of Past JACL Conventions

OUR LOCAL HEADLINES, earlier this month, blared the 15-story Wilshire Grand Hotel (formerly the Statler Hotel) was to be torn down for a 60-story office tower and 40-story hotel (a \$1 billion complex). The Statler (later a Hilton) was spanking new for our 1954 (14th biennial) national JACL convention hosted by the Los Angeles JACL chapters: Downtown, East L.A., Southwest (now the Progressive Westside) and Hollywood.

Why not line up the hotels where JACL conventions were held and tell what I thought were memorable? Biennials were held in the summer. Perhaps the time has come to consider a winter month.

The first biennial (Seattle: Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 1930) met at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce (but not a hotel) at 316 Maynard. Shea Aoki, who was present at this one and attended all subsequent national conventions, was recognized for that unique JACL record at the 40th Biennial at Salt Lake City's **Downtown Marriott** last year.

The third biennial (San Francisco: Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 1934) convened at the famed **Palace Hotel** on Market Street, where guests once arrived on horse-drawn carriages inside at the atrium.

The fifth biennial (Los Angeles: Aug. 28-Sept. 5, 1938) met at the City Hall council chamber, where for the first time JACL favored citizenship for all resident Issei. That finally came in 1952 at the 12th Biennial at San Francisco's vaunted **St. Francis Hotel** facing Union Square.

At the last prewar biennial (Portland: Aug. 28-Sept. 2 at **Multnomah Hotel**), Saburo Kido was elected national president. Unbeknownst, he and the rest of the elected national officers were to hold rein for six years — the duration of World War II.

Oakland was to host the seventh biennial in 1942. Instead, Nisei delegates from the WRA camps and "free zone" chapters in the Intermountain met in Salt Lake City at the Japanese Church of Christ and **Newhouse Hotel** (Nov. 17-24 — and established a Washington JACL office for Mike and Etsu Masaoka).

Then postwar JACL convention sites were all at hotels around the country. The Ninth Biennial (Denver, Feb. 28-March 4, 1946, at the **Cosmopolitan Hotel**) ambitiously mapped many objectives, among them: eliminating racial barriers to immigration and naturalization.

It was **Hotel Utah** (Salt Lake City: Sept. 4-8, 1948 / Aug. 22-25, 1958), **Hotel Stevens** (Chicago, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1950 / as **Conrad Hilton** July 14-18, 1970), **Sheraton Palace** (San Francisco: Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 1956); **El Dorado** (Sacramento: June 29-July 2, 1960); **Olympic** (Seattle: July 26-30, 1962 — a hotel without air-conditioning during a rare heat wave); **Sheraton Cadillac** (Detroit: June 30-July 4, 1964); **Hyatt House** (San Jose: Aug. 21-24, 1968 — where young and hardly known Mayor Norman Mineta was named Nisei of the Biennium); **Palmer House** and **Conrad Hilton** (July 15-18, Chicago); **Shoreham** (Washington, D.C., June 28-July 1, 1972 — Masao Satow testimonial lasted 3 1/2 hours, the longest sit-down luncheon in JACL history).

Continuing: **Sheraton Motor Inn** (Portland: July 2-27, 1974); **Sacramento Inn** (June 21-26, 1976); **Little America** (Salt Lake City, July 17-22, 1978 — only time where each JACler received the convention souvenir book plus snapshots by mail); **Plaza Airport Inn** (San Francisco, July 27-Aug. 1, 1980 — adjacent to SFO as a hotel worker strike affected downtown); **Hyatt Airport** (Gardena Valley, Aug. 10-13, 1982 — A great turnout. Over 950 delegates from 112 chapters registered); **Pacific Beach** (Honolulu: Aug. 14-17, 1984 — adopted its first \$1 million budget); **Hyatt Regency** (Chicago, Aug. 22-26, 1986 — NASA astronaut Ellison Onizuka was Nisei of the Biennium posthumously).

The 30th Biennial at **Mahon Hall** at the UW campus (Seattle: Aug. 4-10, 1988 — to evade high hotel charges for rooms and meals); **Princess Resort** (San Diego Mission Bay resort, June 19-22, 1990); **Sheraton Denver Tech Center** (Aug. 3-8, 1992 — first woman president, Lillian C. Kimura); **Marriott** (Salt Lake City, Aug. 2-7, 1994); the **Fairmont** (San Jose, Aug. 6-11, 1996 — President Clinton chose to meet national board members only in the garage); **Sheraton Society Hill** (Philadelphia: July 1-5, 1998); **Doubletree** (Monterey, Calif., June 27-July 2, 2000 — a \$2.8 million budget was adopted).

Greeting the 21st century at the **Riviera Hotel & Casino** (Las Vegas, June 25-30, 2002); **Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort** (Honolulu: Aug. 10-14, 2004 — JACL's Millennium Club was founded); Sheraton's **Wild Horse Resort** (Chandler, Ariz., June 21-24, 2006 — actually inside the Gila River Indian Reservation) and the 40th Biennial at **Marriott Downtown** (Salt Lake City, Aug. 15-19, 2008) opposite the Salt Palace where historic Japantown was.

Next will be JACL's last biennial in Chicago 2010 as it was decided by a slim half-vote to hold conventions annually from 2011. ■

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[PETER SHIGEKI FRANDSEN]

THE SHIGEKI SHAKE DOWN

The Writing is On ... a Tiny, Pencil-Thin Device

Nasty breath, nasty attitude and a nasty sign on the wall that declared: "Someone who does not read is no better than some who cannot read."

That about wraps up everything I can remember about my sophomore Honors English teacher. In fact, I can't even remember her name. As annoying as the first two items were on that list, it's the last item that has been coming to mind lately over and over again.

There have been multiple, tangentially connected headlines that have surfaced in the last month that force the question on us: what is the future of reading and print media?

Here are a few important examples: Amazon releases Kindle 2.0. *Chicago Sun-Times* files for bankruptcy. Apple Inc. announces iPhone OS 3.0. Denver is declared a one-paper city. The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* axes its print version and goes online only.

Eighteen months into the longest and worst recession in several generations, our country has had its share of bad news. While I do not wish to understate the tragedy of any industry failing, for me the most painful headlines are about the many newspapers in our country that have been forced to cut back, scale down, and in some cases entirely shutter their operations.

The first time I realized that print journalism was in jeopardy was during the fall of 2007 as David Simon poignantly displayed, throughout season five of HBO's "The Wire," how papers like the *Baltimore Sun* were repeatedly asked to simply "do more with less." A 12-year veteran of that very paper, he was uniquely acquainted with the ominous task.

Now the outlook is even bleaker. Ad sales are down. Subscriptions are down. Online reading is up, but free. Plus, online ads do not create the same revenue streams as their print counterparts, especially with Web sites like Craigslist eating up more and more classified ads.

In the early days of the Internet as Web sites were popping up and competing for traffic, most newspapers jumped in head-first offering their content free online — the same content for which they had been charging subscription fees. Now that business model

is broke, both in terms of not working and being out of money.

Does this mean that newspapers will be discarded alongside technology's other victims like the 8-track, cassette, and VHS tapes?

Enter Kindle 2.0 and iPhone OS 3.0.

With one hand technology giveth and the other taketh away.

This spring two tech giants, Amazon and Apple, have launched aggressive new products and features that have the possibility to forever change print media.

Amazon's Kindle is a device that wirelessly downloads books, newspapers and magazines. Roughly priced at \$10 a book, \$10 a month for a newspaper, and a couple dollars a month for a magazine, Kindle offers the convenience of having all your words in one portable, accessible location that is about the size of a regular book, but as thin as a pencil.

Apple's latest iPhone software installation, due out this summer, will also enable subscription-based pricing in their App Store for e-books, magazines, and newspapers. Now you can load all your books, music, newspapers, magazines, e-mails on a tiny device that also makes your phone calls, allows you to surf the internet and fits nicely in your pocket. What more could you ask for?

Lest you think this is an advertisement for Apple or Amazon, let me just say: I hope technology will save print media. I don't know what I would do on my daily commute without the shiny, glossy pages of my weekly *Newsweek* or *The Economist*. I need them to survive for me to survive.

I hope newspapers and other publishing companies can leverage technology to save their businesses, not fall prey to it. Apple and Amazon are just two examples that can offer new possible revenue streams to allow the industry to stay alive, so the rest of us can stay informed. Otherwise, we who read will be no better than those who cannot. ■

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IT'S SPRING FLOWER TIME!



PETE HIRONAKA '09



Have No Fear! 'Secret Identities' is Here!

The Asian American superhero anthology breaks a kryptonite ceiling with characters named Watada, Iwamura and Murakawa.

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

In a world with a bright blue mutant and a silver surfer, there has been one glaring absence: an Asian Pacific American. Sure, sidekicks have been added — sketched like afterthoughts over the years — but for the most part comic books have been like the last uncharted APA territory.

"It felt like a kryptonite ceiling," said Jeff Yang, an author and journalist who pens the column "Asian Pop" for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

And just when we thought we would be forever doomed to reading without representation, in comes "Secret Identities," an "Asian American Superhero Anthology" exploding with superheroes named Watada, Iwamura and Murakawa.

All of a sudden the world — even the ink drawn one — seems at peace.

The anthology is the brainchild of Yang, Parry Shen, Keith Chow and Jerry Ma, all comic book enthusiasts who noticed that the industry dominated by APA artists like Jim Lee and Larry Hama had no APA superheroes. So three years ago, they embarked on a journey to create their own.

"We're trying to make a universe that reflects the real world," said Chow, who has worked with Diamond Comic Distributors.

And just when you start to think that diversifying comic books is, well, silly, ask yourself this: remember when you used to tie your "cape" (usually a large sweater) around your neck, jumped from couch to floor in one bound to save the world? Don't deny it. Everyone dreamed of being a superhero in some way. Just imagine what it would've been like if that superhero looked like you.

"When I was a kid reading comics, I was dying to have a hero of 'our' own," said Ma, a graphic designer for Aeropostale and owner of Epic Props T-shirts. "Someone that was ours and someone we could relate to."

For many, comic books are portals to the impossible. They are ingrained into American culture like apple pie and deeply embedded in every child's imagination.

"Human beings are visual creatures," said Chow, "When you read comics, you have to read the pictures and read the text. But it's not like a film where the images move for you, you have to make the images move in your mind."

In "Secret Identities," APA superheroes like James Imamura, a member of the 100th Battalion's meta-human task force, defeat German super forces with the help of his impenetrable

skin.

They wanted to make these characters' "Asianness" organic, not simply throw yellow paint on the page, said Chow. What's a better source of inspiration than World War II?

The anthology has an entire section devoted to war stories that span across multiple generations and across international borders, including Shen's story "Hibakusha." Yes, *that* Shen from "Better Luck Tomorrow," who before becoming an actor worked at Marvel Comics for a year on the editorial side.



EDITORS: (L-r) Jerry Ma, Parry Shen, Keith Chow and Jeff Yang.

Shen grew up on "X-Men" comics, which included one of the very few Asian characters, Sunfire, whose parents were exposed to atomic bomb radiation. For "Secret Identities," he pitched a story about survivors who turn into superheroes.

"These are stories from the shadows of history," said Shen.

To create the anthology, the editors put out a call for story ideas. It wasn't a coincidence when many were set during WWII, said Yang. "It was all good stuff, but it felt like a mosaic, a collage of things until Jonathan Tseui's '9066,' which focused on a moment of great tragedy and the emergence of great leaders."

In "9066," a previously beloved Nisei superhero discovers that even he isn't immune to wartime hysteria. Shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, he's forced to give up his costume and join other Japanese Americans in a barbed wire internment camp.

Tseui, whose work can also be seen in the anthology "Comic Book Tattoo," created "9066" through inspiration from John Okada's book "No-No Boys."

"When I was asked to participate in 'Secret Identities' by Jerry Ma, I wanted to tell a story that said something about the Asian American experience and not just make an Asian super-

hero for the sake of doing so," said Tseui.

"As Asian Americans, the internment was a point of genesis in terms of how we think about identity," said Yang.

"9066" injects a sense of reality to the superhero genre, but "Secret Identities" isn't all doom and gloom. The charming "S.O.S." creates a chuckle-worthy world where superheroes outsource saving the world to a company called, well, "S.O.S."

Nor are the heroines drawn with a traditional comic book gaze (read: ample bosoms, pin-thin waists and inexplicable junk in the trunk). In fact, one character Faye Oh is a very normal looking (in the comic book world, at least) track star that unlocks her superpowers through acupuncture.

"We were conscious of not making it too preachy," said Shen. "We wanted it to be about cool stories."

Amidst the superheroes with the rippling muscles, there are also stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

"A lot of the book speaks to this notion: heroism doesn't always come from a radioactive spider bite," said Yang. "It comes from dedication to a purpose."

In "16 Miles," one man's superhuman power comes from a very human emotion. The story was inspired by the 2006 death of James Kim, who succumbed to hypothermia after walking for miles in the snow to get help for his family trapped in a car in the wilderness of southern Oregon.

The editors like to call the anthology a trojan horse that lures in readers and instills a grain of curiosity that grows into conversation. They're hoping to jumpstart the dialogue in a series of university speaking engagements and teacher's guides.

It's a great tool to teach kids what they're not learning in school, said Shen.

"It's about time," said Ma. "I never understood why it is so difficult for America to see Asian Americans in a lead role." ■



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Bill Would Give Oversight to Hawaiian Ceded Land Sales

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—Hawaii lawmakers are trying to pass a bill that would allow state land — including former Hawaiian crown land — to be sold unless a majority of the House and Senate vote to disapprove.

The House Finance Committee has passed the measure, which now goes to a vote of the full House before heading to a conference committee to settle differences with the Senate.

This bill is meant to clarify under what circumstances the state can sell or transfer the 1.2 million acres of former monarchy land.

Under the bill advanced April 1, potential land sales would be reviewed by the Legislature before being finalized.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled March 31 that the government's apology for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom didn't strip the state of Hawaii's right to sell or transfer 1.2 acres of former monarchy land.

The court's unanimous decision overturns a ruling by the Hawaii Supreme Court that relied on Congress' 1993 Apology Resolution to block the sale of land conveyed to Hawaii when it became the 50th state.

Native Hawaiians wanted assurances that their former lands wouldn't be sold until their claims over the 1893 overthrow are resolved, but the state of Hawaii has asserted back sovereignty over its government property.

The Hawaii Supreme Court last year had halted sales of the "ceded lands," which represent more than a quarter of the land

in the islands.

The lands should be used not only to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, but also for public education, home ownership and other public uses, the high court wrote in its 12-page decision.

"It settles an issue that's been up in the air for too many decades," said Gov. Linda Lingle, noting that the state has no plans to sell ceded lands. "We felt we had to do what was right for all the people of the state."

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, which sought the moratorium on land transactions, plans to seek a ruling from the Hawaii Supreme Court that doesn't rely on the Apology Resolution.

"We consider the U.S. Supreme Court's decision today to be a favorable one," said OHA chairwoman Haunani Apoliona. "While we would have preferred an outright dismissal of the petition, the result in this case is workable."

The high court sent the case back to the Hawaii courts.

Another option would be for the Hawaii Legislature to determine how to handle the lands instead of the courts such as the current bill requiring a majority vote by the House and Senate.

"These lands absolutely should never be sold. It's almost like



selling your soul," said state Rep. Faye Hanohano, D-Pahoa-Kalapana. "That's the point because we don't have enough, and we're losing all our resources daily."

U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, reacting to the high court ruling, said he still believes the state and federal government should be negotiating with a "federally recognized Native Hawaiian government."

Akaka is trying to pass a bill that would set up such a government within the islands, with the possibility that some of the lands

would revert to Hawaiian oversight.

The ceded lands could be worth billions of dollars; they comprise all or portions of Honolulu International Airport, a shore-side commercial area on the Big Island, the state's harbors, the University of Hawaii and major parklands.

The Legislature may get the first shot at resolving how to dispose of the lands because this year's session ends May 7, and the Hawaii Supreme Court will likely take longer than that to decide on its response to the U.S. Supreme Court's orders.

"It's no secret that the Hawaii Supreme Court looks to the Legislature as the policy-making institution," said Sen. Clayton Hee, D-Kahuku-Kaneohe, a former OHA chairman. ■

New \$1 Million Grant Program will Preserve, Spotlight History of 'Tragic' WWII Internment

The National Park Service is accepting applications this spring for \$1 million in grants to help study, acquire, spruce up and protect dozens of historic sites where more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were forcibly relocated and detained during World War II.

The new Japanese American Confinement Sites grant program will match \$2 in federal money for every \$1 in non-federal funds and "in-kind" contributions raised by groups working to preserve more than 50 sites and their histories. The grants, to be awarded in a competitive process, will go to eligible private non-profit organizations, educational institutions, state, local and tribal governments and others.

The minimum grant amount available will be \$5,000, matched by the recipient's \$2,500 in non-federal money and contributions. The non-federal "match" can be raised and spent during the grant period and does not have to be "in the bank" when a group first applies for a grant.

Deadline for applications is June 1. Application forms and program details are available at <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/JACS/index.html>.

"We are very excited to be a part of this moment in history as we work towards the preservation of these sites — a tragic reminder of a shameful episode in our past and a compelling lesson on the fragility of our constitutional rights that are so relevant today," said Mike Snyder, Intermountain Region director for the Park Service, whose regional headquarters in Denver will administer the national grant program.

Congress authorized the program in 2006, but funds were not approved until March, when President Obama signed a law setting aside \$1 million. Under the 2006 act, Congress can appropriate up to \$38 million over the life of the program. The goal is to teach and inspire present and future generations by preserving the history and interpreting the lives of JA men, women and children — most of them U.S. citizens — who were relocated and held after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

Locations eligible for grant work include 10 War

Relocation Authority camps set up in seven states in 1942: Gila River and Poston, AZ; Granada, CO; Heart Mountain, WY; Jerome and Rohwer, AR; Manzanar and Tule Lake, CA; Minidoka, ID, and Topaz, UT.

Three are now National Park Service units: Manzanar National Historic Site in 1992, Minidoka Internment National Monument in 2001 and Tule Lake National Monument in 2008. Four are National Historic Landmarks: the Rohwer cemetery and the Granada, Topaz and Heart Mountain camps. Also eligible are more than 40 other locations in 16 states, including civilian and military-run assembly, relocation and isolation centers.

Grants can be used for a variety of projects, including plans and construction of interpretive centers, trails, wayside exhibits and other facilities, research site histories, oral histories, school curriculums on internment history, as well as the purchase of non-federal lands at four of the sites (Jerome, Rohwer, Topaz and Honouliuli, Hawaii). ■

As most of the detention centers were located in the West and Southwest, three Park Service regions — Pacific West, Intermountain and Midwest — and the state of Hawaii will have staffers serving as contacts for more program information. They include:

- Intermountain (AZ, CO, MT, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY): Kara Miyagishima, 303/969-2885, kara_miyagishima@nps.gov;
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For info. online, visit the grant program website at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/JACS/index.html>.

Peru's Fujimori Gets 25 Years for Death Squad

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIMA, Peru—Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison April 7 for death squad killings and kidnappings during his 1990s struggle against Shining Path insurgents.

Outside court, pro- and anti-Fujimori activists fought with fists, sticks and rocks. About 50 people chanted "Fujimori killer!" while several hundred chanted "Fujimori innocent!" before riot police separated them.

The court convicted the 70-year-old former leader, who was widely credited for rescuing Peru from the brink of economic and political collapse, of "crimes against humanity" including two operations by the military hit squad that claimed 25 lives. None of the victims, the three-judge court found, were connected to any insurgency.

Presiding judge Cesar San Martin said there was no question Fujimori authorized the creation of the Colina unit, which the court said killed at least 50 people as the government battled Shining Path terror with a "parallel terror apparatus" of its own. He sentenced Fujimori to 25 years in prison, only five fewer than the maximum.

Victims' family members nodded with satisfaction and shed tears in the courtroom as the verdict was read.

"For the first time, the memory of our relatives is dignified in a ruling that says none of the victims was linked to any terrorist group," said Gisela Ortiz, whose brother was killed.

Fujimori, who proclaimed his innocence in a roar when the 15-month televised trial began, barely looked up, uttering only four words — "I move to nullify" — before turning, waving to his children, and walking out of the courtroom at the Lima police base where he has been held and tried since his 2007 extradition from Chile.

His supporters in the courtroom shook their heads in disgust and groaned in exasperation. Fujimori's congresswoman daughter, Keiko, called the conviction foreordained and "full of hate and vengeance." She said it would only strengthen her candidacy for the 2011 presidential race.

Human rights activists heralded the case as the first in which a democratically elected former president was extradited and tried in his home country for rights violations. ■





Manzanar Pilgrimage to Take Place April 25

The 40th Manzanar Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Los Angeles-based Manzanar Committee, will take place April 25 at noon at the Manzanar National Historic Site.

Each year, hundreds of students, teachers, community members, clergy and former internees attend the pilgrimage. The Manzanar At Dusk program will take place at 5 p.m. that same evening at the Lone Pine High School gymnasium. "Manzanar — Never Again," a short film by Ken Burns, will be screened at the dusk program.

"Over the years thousands have journeyed to Manzanar to honor those incarcerated in America's concentration camps," said Bruce Embrey, co-chair of the Manzanar Committee. "For forty years, the Manzanar Pilgrimage has been held to remember, to honor and to demand that our government never violate anyone's constitutional rights."

Bus transportation to the pilgrimage will be available from Los Angeles, departing at 7 a.m. on April 25 and arriving at the Manzanar National Historic Site at approximately 11 a.m.

The early return bus departs from the site at 4:30 p.m., returning to Los Angeles at approximately 8:30 p.m. The second bus departs after the Manzanar At Dusk program, and arrives in Los Angeles around midnight.

Reservations are now being accepted from members of the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information or to make a reservation, call 323/662-5102 or send an e-mail to 40thbuses@manzanarcommittee.org. The non-refundable fare is \$30 per seat if reserved by April 11 or \$40 after that date. Parking is available for an additional \$6.

Pilgrimage

When: April 25, 12 p.m. (PST)

Where: Manzanar National Historic Site, located on U.S. Highway 395 in California's Owens Valley, between the towns of Lone Pine and Independence

Info: 323/662-5102 or

www.manzanarcommittee.org; blog:

http://blog.manzanarcommittee.org.

Pilgrimage participants are advised to bring their own lunch, drinks and snacks as there are no facilities to purchase food at the Manzanar National Historic Site. Water will be provided at the site.

Former Nisei Internees to Receive Honorary Degrees

During WWII, 39 students held their own graduation behind barbed wire fences.

On Sunday, May 17, the University of Puget Sound will extend a belated honor to its Japanese American students whose studies were disrupted by the World War II internment.

JA students who attended the College of Puget Sound from 1941 to 1942 will receive their honorary degrees, *honoris causa, nunc pro tunc* ("a thing is done at one time which ought to have been performed at another") at the commencement ceremony.

Thirty-nine students were sent to relocation camps in the spring of 1942, according to university officials. In the summer of that same year, the Nisei students conducted their own informal graduation ceremony at California's Pinedale Assembly Center. Official diplomas were sent to Pinedale for those students.

"It is past time that all those students, regardless of their class year, receive recognition here on their own campus, where they belong," said Ronald R. Thomas, president of the University of Puget Sound.

Similar efforts to recognize a past wrong have been undertaken by colleges across the nation. In California, AB 37, a bill introduced by Assemblyman Warren Furutani, is currently being considered by the state assembly to grant honorary college degrees to WWII JAs.

On March 17, JACL National Director Floyd Mori testified before the Assembly Higher Education Committee in favor of the bill, which was passed unanimously. The Committee on Appropriations is now considering it.

Puget Sound has regularly honored students who were interned during the war. Each spring, plaques displaying the students' names are set under the campus' 12



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Eleanor Roosevelt meets with a delegation of young JAs in Tacoma, Wash. in December 1941. Among them were College of Puget Sound students Shigeo Wakamatsu (center) and Waichi Oyanagi (second from right).

cherry trees, some of which were planted by JA students before their evacuation.

Additional trees were planted in a 1989 ceremony organized by students when former internees and their families were invited back to campus to be honored. Origami cranes of many colors decorate the trees each spring celebrating that event.

"Each loyal student removed from campus at that time represented a life and an education suddenly interrupted," said Thomas. "By granting these degrees now, we complete a circle, welcoming these individuals into the ranks of alumni and returning them to full inclusion in the Puget Sound community." ■

Belated Honor

The University of Puget Sound
Sunday, May 17

2-4:30 p.m. in Baker Stadium

Info: www.ups.edu

The University of Puget Sound is trying to locate some of its former Nisei students. If you have any information, please contact Shirley Skeel at 253/879-2611.

JACL NY/SC Announces Biennial Youth Conference

The JACL National Youth/Student Council (NY/SC) is inviting all youth from across the country to take part in the 2009 JACL National Youth Conference.

Every two years, JACL youth and student members converge in one city to meet, interact, and learn about their community, heritage, and culture.

This year's biennial conference will be held at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, from June 26 to 28. The theme of this year's conference is "IMPACT! Your Community — Your Generation — Your JACL."

The conference is expected to be the best ever with an inspiring array of workshops, speakers, and events that will give participants the tools needed to be successful leaders in any capacity, and to gain critical knowledge of a diverse range of issues.

JACL youth and student members will also be able to network with youth and students from other Asian American/Pacific Islander ethnicities from various Midwest cities and regions. As this is the last official JACL National Youth Conference, it will also be an opportunity to be a part of a legacy. ■

For more information and to register online:

http://www.jacl.org/youth/conference-youth.html

To sponsor the conference:

http://www.jacl.org/youth/sponsor.html

To be a chaperone:

http://www.jacl.org/youth/chaperon.html

Sign Up Now for JACL's Project: Community!

Do you want to become the next community leader? Then sign up now to become a participant in JACL's Project: Community!

The eight-session summer program in Los Angeles and San Francisco seeks to empower high school-age participants to become community leaders. In each session, participants engage in discussions and workshops on topics ranging from identity, to the power of place, to grassroots organizing on a youth level.

Project: Community!, which was established by PSW in 2008, expanded to Northern California. Both programs will focus on Japantowns. The JACL recognizes that in order for these communities to survive, interest from youth is needed.

Both programs will gather 15-20 high school age participants who want to learn about community issues

The Los Angeles program, which runs June 23 to Aug. 18, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Little Tokyo's Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. The deadline for applications is May 22. The San Francisco program takes place June 30 to Aug. 4. The application deadline is May 1.

Applications are available online at: www.jacl.org and www.jaclpsw.org. ■

For more information about the L.A. program, contact Kene Kubo at programs@jaclpsw.org or 213/626-4471. For the San Francisco program, contact SFprojectcommunity@gmail.com or 415/921-5225.

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Celebrating the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival

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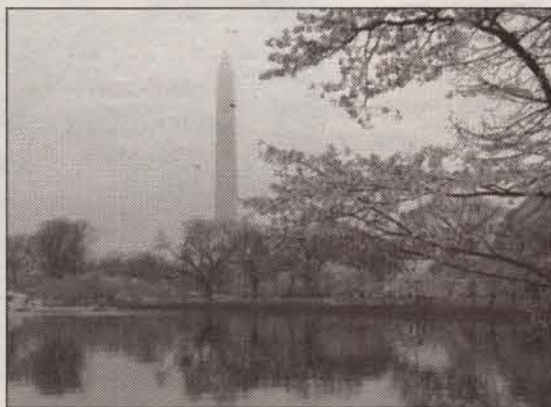
Continuing an annual tradition, the opening ceremony of the National Cherry Blossom Festival was held at the National Building Museum recently. The cherry trees were presented to Washington, D.C. as a gift from Japan in 1912 and are symbolic of Japanese flowering trees and a lasting friendship between people in the United States and Japan.

This two-week petal party takes place around the Tidal Basin, a spectacular sight lined with beautiful cherry trees, and all over town in D.C. to mark the beginning of the celebration of cherry blossoms and the commencement of spring.

The 11th annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk program was held at the National Japanese American Memorial, a monument that commemorates the Japanese American internment experience of World War II and is a tribute to JA veterans. This event highlights the fragility of civil liberties in times of crisis and the vigilant role that everyone must play in maintaining the constitutional rights of all Americans.

During the ceremony, the Honorable Ichiro Fujisaki, U.S. ambassador of Japan, gave a tribute to all JAs. Former U.S. Secretary Norman Mineta also gave greetings. One memorable item was that he unexpectedly greeted the audience with "konban-wa (good evening)" even though it was a morning program. He had just returned from Japan that morning, and had mentioned the time difference between D.C. and Japan, where the time was late at night. He mentioned that while JAs are patriotic to the U.S., they are also proud of their Japanese ancestry.

The National Building Museum was the scene of Family Day activities and the opening ceremony. All festivities were free, and partici-



pants were invited to explore a floating Japanese tearoom, learn to fold *furoshiki*, a Japanese traditional wrapping cloth, and enjoy performances by the Washington Toho Koto Society and others.

During the opening ceremony, Jero, a popular singer in Japan, sang *enka* — a Japanese traditional type of song. Jero was born in the U.S. and is one quarter Japanese. His Japanese grandmother loved *enka* and he went to Japan to become an *enka* singer. Another performer, Kenichi Ebina, showed his unique hip hop dance style. He is a Japanese dancer and the only two-time grand champion at the world famous Apollo Theater.

The next day the lantern lighting ceremony was held at the Tidal Basin. This ceremony featured Japanese traditional performances — Koto, nursery rhymes, and folk songs. Traditional Japanese songs were performed, such as "Sakura Sakura," a famous folk song depicting spring and the cherry blossom season, and "Chatsumi (tea-leaf picking)," a folk song for a special time to pick tea leaves before summer. ■

Mai Suzuki is a university student at Meiji Gakuin in Tokyo, Japan. She is currently on an exchange program at UC Santa Barbara, and is doing an internship at the JACL's D.C. office. She is a new member of the JACL Japan chapter.

JACL Applauds Passage of Serve America Act

JACL recently applauded the passage of The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, a bill that is now on its way to President Obama for his signature. The bill will improve national service programs and increase levels of volunteerism which could help to alleviate some of the economic challenges facing the nation.

"As a volunteer organization, the JACL fully supports this legislation because it serves to increase volunteerism and social innovation to address the most pressing challenges of our society," said National JACL President Larry Oda.

The Generations Invigorating Education (GIVE) Act was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives by a roll call vote of 321 to 105 last month. The Senate Bill which mirrors GIVE, was approved unanimously by the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. The bill, later renamed in honor of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-MA, for his lifelong commitment and personal service given to the nation, passed the Senate on by a bipartisan vote of 79-19. The House approved the Senate amendments by a bipartisan vote of

275-149 on March 31.

This bill helps nonprofit organizations such as the JACL by encouraging volunteers to provide needed human capital for their projects and programs. The JACL extends special gratitude to Sens. Kennedy, Hatch, Mikulski, and Enzi along with Reps. Miller, McKeon, McCarthy, and Platts for their leadership and hard work to bring about bipartisan support of The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

"Service is a core value of the Asian American community. We are extremely happy to see this bill move through the legislative process. The members of the JACL have great capacity to serve, and this bill will help our organization to be more effective in gathering talent to serve the needs of the community," said Floyd Mori, JACL national director, who attended the Service Nation Conference in New York in the fall of 2008.

"The JACL has supported the concept embodied in this legislation from its inception, and we give thanks all those involved in its passage." ■

Japan PM Aso Meets with JA Leadership Delegation



Members of the Japanese American Leadership Delegation meet with Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso.

PHOTO: TED NAMBA

Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso may have just returned from Washington, D.C. where he met with U.S. President Barack Obama but he still made time to meet with the Japanese American Leadership Delegation at his office on March 3.

Aso expressed to the delegation the importance of the U.S. and Japan alliance as a cornerstone of security for all of East Asia. He also talked about the unique role of JAs in strengthening Japan and U.S. relations.

The Japanese American Leadership Delegation took part in a 10-day trip to Kyoto, Tokyo and Okinawa where they met with Japanese leaders from the Parliament, the Foreign Ministry, the U.S. Embassy and business. The delegation program promotes the value of sustained people-to-people relationships as a critical factor in assuring the long-term success of U.S.-Japan relations.

The delegation also met with Her Highness Princess Takamado, Yohei Kono, Speaker of the House of Representatives, leading Parliamentarians from the Upper and Lower

House and Hirokazu Nakaima, Governor of Okinawa.

The Japanese American Leadership Delegation, which began in 2000, is led by Irene Hirano, executive advisor to the Japanese American National Museum. The Japanese American Leadership Delegation is an official trip sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership in collaboration with JANM.

Members of the 2009 Japanese American Leadership Delegation and their state of residence are: Wendy Akemi Abe, Hawaii; Dianne Fukami, California; Michael H. Hirai, Hawaii; Elaine Ikoma Ko, Washington; Robert W. Kumaki, Illinois; Kenneth D. Miyagishima, New Mexico; Debra Nakatomi, California; Ted Tetsuya Namba, Arizona; Patricia Akemi Neilson, Massachusetts; Peter Sakai, Texas; Edward Kiyoshi Shikada, California; Kirk Hiroyuki Tambara, Washington; and Marianne R. M. Yoshioka, New York. ■

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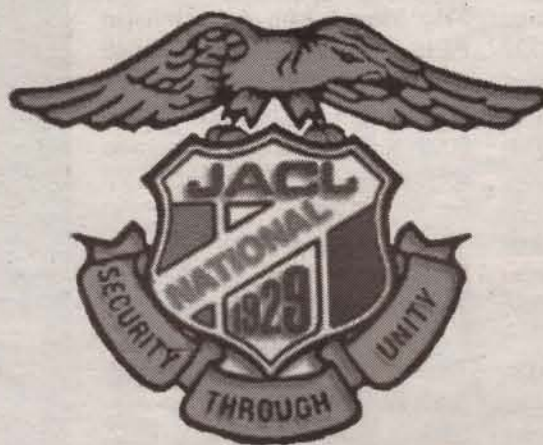
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Calendar

East

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thu., Sept. 17—JACL Gala Dinner; focus will be on the JA veterans from World War II and beyond. Info: www.jacl.org or 202/223-1240.

Midwest

OMAHA

April 23, 26—Play, "Hana's Suitcase"; 4/23 7 p.m., 4/26 3 p.m.; Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd St.; tells the story of a Japanese teacher who receives an artifact from a German concentration camp; \$8/adults, \$5/children 18 and under. Tickets: 402/334-6576, or iweiss@adl.org.

ST. PAUL, Minn.

June 26-28—2009 JACL National Youth Conference, "IMPACT! Your Community - Your Generation - Your JACL"; Macalester College; featuring workshops, speakers and events. Info or to register: www.jacl.org/youth/conference-youth.html.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND

Sat., April 18—Storytelling Festival Finale, "The Immigrant Experience"; 6:30-8 p.m.; Tigard Public Library; featuring Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo, Nancy Wang and Alton Takiyama-Chung; Joan Yasui Emerson will share stories of growing up as the oldest granddaughter of Masao Yasui. Info: www.wccs.org/hearing_voices/index.html.

HANASONO

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Redress in the 1980s and AA youth culture in the 2000s, the *P.C.* has been a nexus of rich stories that document the highlights and struggles of our communities.

It's Time to Celebrate!

As the *P.C.* enjoys its 80th birthday, I enthusiastically invite you to celebrate and show your support by participating in the Spring Campaign! Each year, the *P.C.* has provided a plethora of engaging and entertaining stories about members from our communities. It has kept us in the loop about pertinent AA issues and has helped us celebrate our numerous successes and accomplishments.

By contributing to the Spring Campaign, you can help the *P.C.* commemorate its milestone birthday and help its hardworking staff continue to spread the news about our communities. In addition, supporters may have another reason to celebrate; people who donate \$150 or more will be automatically entered in a drawing for a Mexican cruise!

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Northern California

BERKELEY

Sun., April 26—2009 Berkeley JACL Scholarship Awards Luncheon; noon-2 p.m.; Edoko Japanese Restaurant, 1722 University Ave.; \$20/person, \$15/students 18 and under; RSVP by April 20 to Ron Tanaka, 925/932-7947.

OAKLAND

Sat., May 2—19th Annual Luncheon of Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley; 11:30 a.m.; Yoshi's Restaurant, 510 Embarcadero West; speaker, Dr. Hiromi Sakata and outstanding alumna of the year, Dr. Dorothy Oda. Info: www.jawauch.org or Gloria Imagire, 916/427-8447.

Central California

CLOVIS

Sat., April 18—Health and Wellness Fair; 8:30-12:30 p.m.; United Japanese Christian Church, 136 N. Villa; co-sponsored by Fresno JACL and Central California Nikkei Foundation. Info: 559/237-4006.

FRESNO

Sat., April 25—Fresno JACL's 24th Annual Shinzen Run; Woodward Park. Info: www.proragegroup.com or info@proragegroup.com.

MANZANAR

Sat., April 25—40th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage; noon; featuring speakers, taiko, interfaith service, tributes, ondo and Manzanar At Dusk program (5 p.m., Lone Pine High School Auditorium); buses will

depart from Little Tokyo. Info: www.manzanarcommittee.org or 323/662-5102.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Fri., May 1—4th Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration; 10-1 p.m.; Customer Technology Application Center, 6090 N. Irwindale Ave.; keynote speaker, State Sen. Carol Liu; RSVP by April 29 to jackie@nakatomipr.com.

Through May 17—Play, "Bronzeville"; Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.; The New LATC, Theatre 4, 514 S. Spring St.; play about JAs hiding from relocation in Little Tokyo during 1942; \$30/admission, \$20/students and seniors; Tickets: 213/489-0994 ext. 107 or www.thenewlatc.com.

Sat., May 16—Annual Children's Day Celebration; 10-4 p.m.; Little Tokyo; featuring the Chibi-K kids fun run, San-Tai-San basketball tournament, cultural demonstrations, craft faire, food and more (registration required for Chibi-K and San-Tai-San tournament). Info: www.jaccc.org.

Sat., May 23—JAKWV Memorial Day Services; 11 a.m.; JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St.; honoring those lost in WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Grenada and Iraq. Info: Carl Miyagishima, 323/256-8451, Thomi Yamamoto, 213/387-9033, Robert Wada, 714/992-5461 or Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113.

OXNARD

Sat., May 9—Annual Ventura County JACL Cemetery Cleanup;

Looking Ahead

This year, the *P.C.* has embarked on many new projects. It has already revamped its Web site (www.pacificcitizen.org) to include a members-only area (entitled "My *P.C.*"), an events calendar, and a regularly updated blog (called "*P.C. Beat*").

In today's technologically driven society, news sources must be able to disseminate information online. The *P.C.* has used new technologies and dedicated countless extra hours to offer a highly polished, professional and accessible site for its readers and the public. Funds from the Spring Campaign will help the *P.C.* staff continue this highly regarded service.

In addition to the Web site, the *P.C.* hopes to pursue other new and exciting projects. A particularly important venture involves the archiving of all *P.C.* stories. Many original documents, held in storage

for decades, are beginning to deteriorate. In the future the *P.C.* staff hopes to be able to scan and digitally archive all past issues and make them available on the *P.C.* Web site.

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8:30 a.m.; corner of Pleasant Valley Rd. and Etting Rd.; light refreshments will be served. Info: Ken Nakano, 818/991-0876.

SANTA BARBARA

April 25-26—6th Annual Surf Perch Open by Santa Barbara JACL; West end parking lot at Leadbetter Park; \$20/entry fee, includes t-shirt (first 50 by May 1), \$10/children 15 and younger. Info: Ted Muneno, 805/452-3617 or Wad Nomura, wnomura@verizon.net.

TORRANCE

Wed., April 29—"Big Head" with artist Denise Uyebara; 7 p.m.; Nakano Theater, Torrance Cultural Arts Center; \$25/adults, \$23/seniors and students.

Arizona



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In Memoriam - 2009

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Akazawa, Kiyomi, 90, Gardena, Mar. 20; survived by son, Ray (Crystal); daughters, Sally and Elaine (Byron) Wakayama; 3 gc.; and brother, Frank (Keiko) Mizote.

Fujinami, George, 86, Placentia, Mar. 24; survived by wife, Kazuko; daughters, Patti (Richard) Zeman and Susan; son, David (Peggy); and 8 gc.

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

Fujinami, Kiyoshi, 83, Monterey Park, Mar. 25; survived by wife, Mine; daughters, Mariko and Noriko (Paul) Moore; son, Chris (Gina); 4 gc.; and 4 ggc.

Gray, Susan Lani Fumiyo, 60, Evergreen, Colo., Mar. 16; survived by husband, Thomas; sons, Mike (Esther) and Mark; 2 gc.; father, Rodney (Flo) Toma; brother, Warren Toma; and sister, Jeannie (Dane) Morinaka.

Hata, Shizuko, 95, April 2; survived by sons, Gary (Joan) and Norman (Mae); daughter, Joyce (Emile) Andry; 10 gc.; 23 ggc.; and sister, Marge (Mit) Kunihiro.

Hiraishi, Tom Takeshi, 79, San Jose, Mar. 31; survived by wife, Jean; daughter, Tisha (Sean) Wolf; brother, Clarence; sisters, Marie Kawayoshi, Amy (Ike) Morimoto, Jeanne (Mits) Yamauchi and June (Mits) Hayashi; brothers-in-law, Aki (May) Gytoku and Seito (Nancy) Gytoku; and sisters-in-law, Sachi

Murata; May Sasao and Barbara Cogburn.

Hiroki, Howard Katsuji, 89, Honolulu, Mar. 27; 100th; survived by daughter, Wanda Stahland 1 gc.

Ida, Annette Sachiko, 84, Glendale, Mar. 17; survived by son, David (Catherine); daughter, Margaret (Ron) Stewart; 3 gc.; brother, Seiji (Emi) Kami; and sisters, Masako (Charles) Hollowell and Kiyoko Luster.

Imoto, Yoshio, 93, Monterey Park, Mar. 25; survived by wife, Mary; sons, Katsumi (Kiyoko), Dr. Ken (Akiyo), Eddie (Emi) and Randy (Tamara) Imoto; daughters, Jeanne (Rev. Kenjun) Kawawata and Linda (Mikio) Okamoto; 10 gc.; and 6 ggc.

Iwana, Dorothy Fumiko, 80, Los Angeles, Mar. 28; survived by sons, David (Iris) and Stanley (Diane); 2 gc.; and brothers, Henry and Herbert (Yuri) Murayama.

Izui, Victor S., 90, Northfield, Ill., April 2; 442nd; survived by daughter, Tina (Dean) Hill; son, Richard (Fumi) Izui; 2 gc.; and brother-in-law, Ruby Izui.

Kazumura, Larry Takeshi, 88, Seattle, Wash.; 442nd; survived by daughters, Linda (Chris) Eng, Sue (Stan) Yamada, Karen Androvic and Betty (Craig) Carr; son, David; and 3 gc.

Kitagawa, David T., 43, Huntington Beach, Mar. 26; survived by parents, Yukio and Keiko; and brother, Ron (Francine).

Komura, Toshiharu, 90, Sacramento, Mar. 26; survived by son, Toshiro; daughter, Keiko (Yoshi) Sawada; brother, Keizo

(Fujiko); and sister, Toyoko Sakayeda.

Koyama, Kosuke, 79, Springfield, Mass., Mar. 25; ecumenical theologian; survived by wife, Lois; sons, James and Mark; daughter, Elizabeth; and 5 gc.

Kubota, Mary Haruye, 88, Mar. 22; survived by sons, Ronald and Lester; sister, Fumi (Ralph) Adachi; brother, Yutaka (Mineko) Watanabe; and sister-in-law, Mikie Watanabe.

Kumada, Arthur T., 85, San Jose, Mar. 31; MIS; survived by wife, Hideko; son, Keith (Debbie); daughters, Kathy and Karen (Randall) Yamamoto; 5 gc.; sisters, Kimi (Ted) Kino and Alyce Morita; and brother, Larry.

Matsui, Frank Kazuto, 84, Lodi, April 5; French Camp JACler; survived by wife, Shiyeko; son, David; and daughter, Terri.

Mayemura, Roy Nobuo, 69, Anaheim, Mar. 18; survived by wife, Kazumi; daughters, Michele (Kevin) Costanza and Robin; 2 gc.; brothers, Susumu (Ana) and Terumi; sister, Mary (Richard) Eubank; and sister-in-law, Louise Mayemura.



MIURA

Miura, Kazuo, 93, Culver City, April 3; MIS; survived by wife, Masaye; daughters, Suzanne and Karen Shoene-

born; son, Gary (Eimee); 4 gc.; sister, Chiyoko Moriwaki; sisters-in-law, Ruri Miura, Tokuye Namiki, Momoyo Fujiu and Yachiryo (Kaoru) Aoki; and brothers-in-law, Yoshinori (Sayoko) and Yutaka Mizuno.

Miyake, Yukio, 75, Sacramento, Feb. 22; Korean War veteran; survived by several nieces and nephews.

Murakami, Ronald Makoto, 64, Hemet, Mar. 20; survived by daughter, Barbara; and brothers, Mike and Jerry.

Nakamura, Kimiyo, 97, Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 10; survived by daughter, Sachi (Takashi) Kariya; 2 gc.; and 1 ggc.

Nishiwaki, James K., 97, Garden Grove, Mar. 15; survived by daughters, Lynne and Jacki (Steve) Matsumoto; 2 gc.; sister, Gladys Hickerson; and brother, Bruce (Susan).

Oka, Henry, 79, Port Hueneme, Feb. 28; survived by sons, Mike, Rick and James; daughters, Teri Glenn, Kimiko Young, Jackie Beltran and Kelly Swift; 12 gc.; and sisters, Fumi Yamanaka and Kaoru Oka.

Sato, Marion Toyoko, 83, Placentia, Mar. 15; survived by son, Larry; 5 gc.; brother, Jerry Nagaishi; and sister, Jane Nagaishi.

Shimamoto, Edgar Akikazu, 87, San Diego, Mar. 28; MIS; survived by wife, Miyoko; 3 daughters; 1 son;

3 gc.; and 1 ggc.



SHIMOMURA

Shimomura, Saburo Sam, 81, Salt Lake City, Utah; Army veteran; survived by brothers, Kenichi (Ayako) and Yukio (Chizuko); and sister-in-law, Joan Kashitani.

Takayama, Yukio Herbert, 72, Honolulu, Mar. 29; Army veteran; survived by wife, Beverly; sons, Todd and Ty; 3 gc.; brother, Stanley; and sister, Sarah Kam.

Tanaka, Raymond H., 77, Vallejo, Mar. 30; Korean War veteran; survived by wife, Ruth; sons, Ray Jr. and Tom (Nelda); daughters, Raynee (Efren) Mercado; Debbie; and Sue (Ralph) Haynes; 10 gc.; 4 ggc.; and sister, Mabel (Joe) Guinan.

Yamaoka, Hatsumi, 90, Mission Hills, Mar. 18; survived by sons, Hidehiro (Etsuko) and Hidekuni (Sueko); daughter, Ruby Yamaoka; 4 gc.; and 1 ggc.

Yamashita, Nelson Tamotsu, 66, Kane'ohe, Haw., Mar. 28; Army veteran; survived by wife, Suzanne; son, Ross; daughter, Robin Anthony; 2 gc.; and brothers, Walter and Roy.

Yoshino, Hikaru, 83, Arvada, Colo., April 9; survived by wife, Chizu; daughter, DeLynne (Steve) Barrow; son, Scott (Brenda); son-in-law, Doug Jordan; 3 gc.; and brother, George. ■

MORI

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the Valor in the Pacific National Monument by President Bush in December 2008.

As we look to the future, we are developing funding priorities for future budget cycles by working with key Senate and House staffers. PL 109-441 authorizes \$38 million in funding for conserving and inter-

preting camp sites and other projects that are related to the WWII internment. This means maintaining strong relationships with these key congressional staffers as well as members of congress.

In the state of Washington, Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell along with Reps. Jay Inslee, Norman Dicks, and Jim McDermott have been extremely helpful in getting camp measures through Congress. Former Sen. Larry Craig and Sen. Mike Crapo of Idaho have been essential for Minidoka issues.

It is important for all of us, whether we have a camp back-

ground or not, to develop strong grassroots ties to our congressional delegation. Members of Congress are moved by citizens from their state and districts. In the future our goal is to mount strong chapter advocacy efforts for the camp preservation projects that we will be championing for future development.

Support is important in areas where camp sites exist as well as from families of those who were in the various camps. We need to continue our quiet work across the board to erect suitable educational facilities that will preserve the lessons of history. ■

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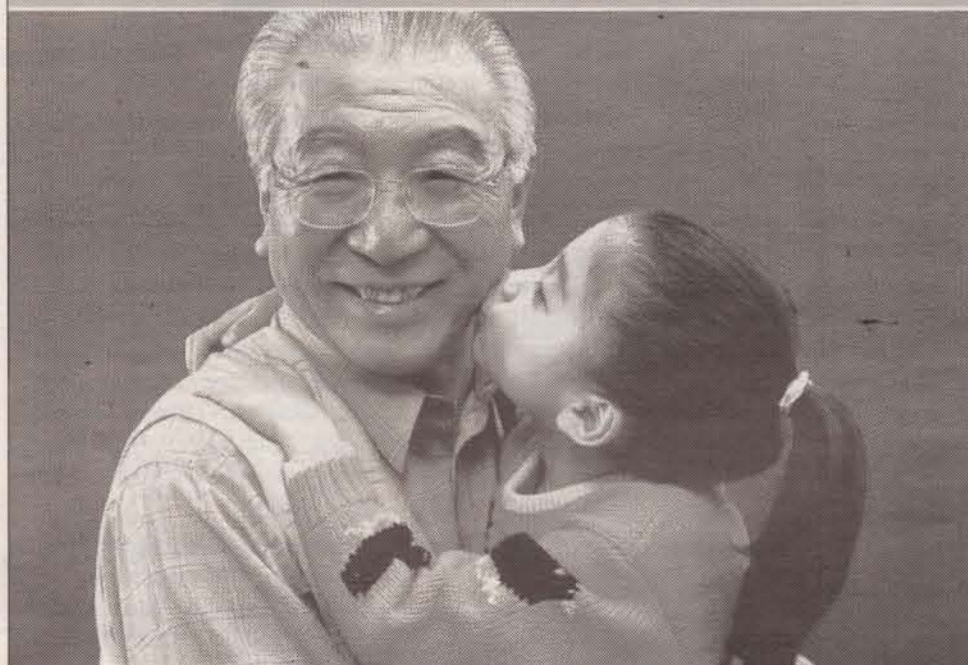
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