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Federal Judge Says Part of Patriot Act is Unconstitutional, Justice Department Finds no Abuses

By Associated Press
and Pacific Citizen Staff

For the first time since the September 11 terrorist attacks prompted a wave of anti-terrorist laws, a federal judge has ruled that the government did not follow the Constitution in designing one section of the USA Patriot Act.

Civil rights activists applauded the decision by U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins that noted a section of the Patriot Act barring "expert advice or assistance" to groups designated as foreign terrorist organizations is unconstitutionally vague. It was the judge's second major ruling on anti-terrorist laws in recent months. She authored a decision upheld in part by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in December.

David Cole, an attorney and Georgetown University law professor who argued the case on behalf of the Humanitarian Law Project, said the ruling marks the first court decision to declare a part of the Patriot Act unconstitutional and unenforceable.

In a 36-page ruling made available Jan. 26, Collins said the ban on providing "expert advice or assistance" is impermissibly vague in violation of the First and Fifth Amendments to the

Constitution.

The judge's ruling said the law, as written, does not differentiate between impermissible advice on violence and encouraging the use of peaceful, nonviolent means to achieve goals.

"The USA Patriot Act places no limitation on the type of expert advice and assistance which is

prohibited and instead bans the provision of all expert advice and assistance regardless of its nature," the judge's ruling said.

The case involved groups seeking to provide advice to displaced Kurdish refugees fighting for independence from Turkey. Some of the plaintiffs also sought to help the Tamil Tigers Eelam in Sri Lanka.

The plaintiffs said they stopped providing help to the groups because they feared they could be imprisoned for 15 years under the USA Patriot Act.

"This is a victory for everyone who believes the war on terrorism ought to be fought consistent with constitutional principles," said Cole, the attorney who argued the case.

Collins' ruling was the first of an expected string of rulings on cases now pending in courts across the country as the result of

L.A. City Council Asks Congress to Throw Out Parts of Patriot Act

By Associated Press
and Pacific Citizen Staff

The Los Angeles City Council approved a resolution criticizing portions of the USA Patriot Act a day after President Bush called on Congress to extend it.

The Jan. 21 9-2 vote makes Los Angeles the largest of the more than 200 cities and towns nationwide whose councils have taken stands against the federal law, which was passed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and granted federal authorities broad surveillance and investigative powers to help combat terrorism.

The symbolic resolution by Councilwoman Jan Perry urges Congress to delete parts of the law that give federal authorities access to library, bookstore and other business records as part of terrorism investigations. The provision has drawn at least one legal challenge in a federal law-

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AA Groups Demand Name Change for Philadelphia Eatery, 'Chink's Steaks'

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

When Susannah Park, 21, first learned there was a restaurant in Philadelphia called "Chink's Steaks" she thought her friend was joking around with her.

Unfortunately her friend was serious. Established in 1949, "Chink's Steaks" is a popular eatery famous for its cheesesteaks right in the small Philadelphia town of Wissinoming.

"The term is offensive. It's equivalent to the N-word," said Park, a West Philadelphia resident, who was shocked to learn that a business would use a racial slur in its name. "Chink" is frequently used in

a manner that is derogatory towards all Asians and Asian Americans. It doesn't matter if you're Korean American, Vietnamese American, or Filipino American, we are all

viewed as 'chinks.' To have this word in the name of a business is an affront to all of those who have suffered and still suffer the pain associated with racism."

Park contacted the eatery's owner Joseph Groh immediately, expressing her concerns and asked that Groh consider changing the name of his business.

ters of the JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Greater Philadelphia United Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the Asian American Bar Association of Delaware Valley (AABADV).

Now the Philadelphia Human Relations Commission has agreed to moderate a face-to-

face meeting between Groh, Park, and Glenn Hing of AABADV although a date has yet to be set.

So far Groh has refused a name change citing business concerns such as the costs involved in making such a change. Groh refused to speak with the Pacific Citizen saying he had "no comment" and has since hired an attorney, Lane Fisher. Several calls to Fisher's office were also not returned.

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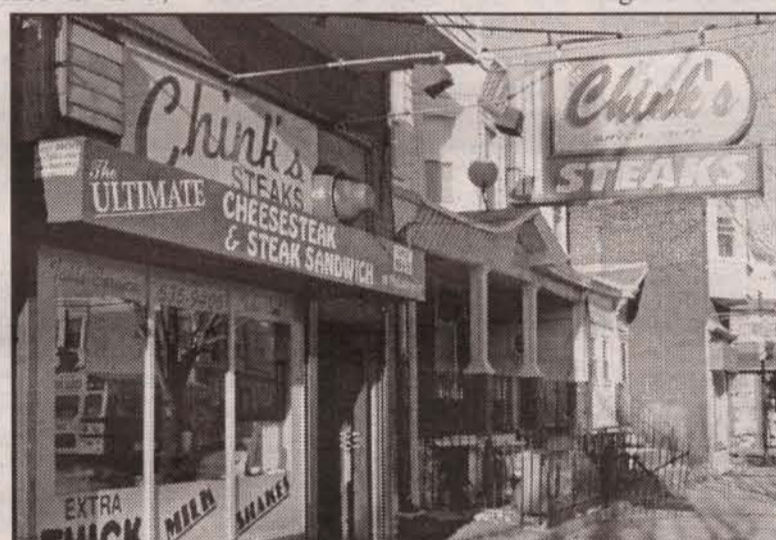


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"Chink's Steaks" in Wissinoming, a small town in Philadelphia, has been around since 1949. Asian Americans, both locally and nationally, are pressing the owner to change the name.

"He was pretty indifferent at first but then he got irate," said Park, who has received the support of the Anti Defamation League and several community groups including the local chap-

Bill Would Restore Race as Factor in Washington College Admissions

By SARAH LINN
Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA—A proposal to reinstate affirmative action in higher education has been applauded by education leaders and state lawmakers, who say the bill would enrich schools and the

MORI MEMO Cultural Awareness

By FLOYD MORI
Nat'l JACL President

When the New Year rolls around, what do you look forward to? Resolutions? A new direction?

Same old thing? I hope all of us are looking to improve somewhere and to change our lives into something new and productive. Sure, I have some personal objectives of getting into better shape and maybe shaving a few strokes off of the golf game. How about looking more outward towards others



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work force.

The Senate bill would allow public colleges and universities to use race, ethnicity and national origin as factors when considering potential students. It comes six years after Washington voters approved Initiative 200, which barred state use of racial and gender preferences in education, hiring and contracting.

Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, D-Seattle, said her bill would allow admission and transfer programs to consider all of an applicant's attributes.

"Being presently prohibited from using race does not serve our colleges nor our prospective students very well," she said at a Jan. 22 hearing before the Senate Higher Education Committee.

"Why is there such fear to embrace total diversity?" asked Rep. Phyllis Kenney, D-Seattle, who sponsored the House version. "It's about looking at the whole person."

Both bills draw on last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision in a case involving University of Michigan law school admissions. The court's 5-4 ruling allows race to be considered to promote student-body diversity.

Gov. Gary Locke wants to bring Washington in line with that rul-

Group Files Lawsuit to Block Michigan Race Ballot Drive

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT—Attorneys have filed a lawsuit in an attempt to block a state petition drive that would allow voters to decide on the future of affirmative action in universities and other public agencies.

Godfrey Dillard and Milton Henry, who defended the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies before the U.S. Supreme Court, sued Jan. 26 in Wayne County Circuit Court to halt the petition

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ing, according to spokeswoman Debora Merle. She echoed the decision in saying there's a "compelling state interest" in continuing affirmative action.

I-200 sponsor Tim Eyman said state lawmakers are ignoring voters' desire for a colorblind education system.

"They're trying to twist what the Supreme Court said into some kind of requirement," the anti-tax activist said in a telephone inter-

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'CHINK'S STEAKS'

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In a *Philadelphia Daily News* article Groh, 41, is quoted as saying, "It's been here 55 years and no one has ever questioned it. Everybody's welcome here. I know there's a lot of racist people in the world but I'm not one of them."

Groh took over the business in 1999 after working at the restaurant for 25 years, ever since he was 16 years old. The restaurant was voted Best of Philly for cheese-steaks by *Philly Magazine* in 2002 and was a winner in the 2003 Best of Citysearch Philadelphia. Groh bought the business from its founder, the late Samuel Sherman whose nickname was "Chink."

In the same *Daily News* article Sherman's widow Mildred explains that her late husband was called the nickname because "He had slanty eyes ... and the kids started calling him 'chink,'" a nickname that is etched on his gravestone. She believes the current controversy is "ridiculous," saying her family is Jewish and far from being racist.

Groh has received a great deal of support from the predominantly white community of Wissinoming who have started their own petition against the name change. He's also seen a boost to his business with an increase in customer flow. Local councilwoman Joan Krajewski has given her support and was quoted in local papers as saying Park is being too "touchy."

Editorials and letters to the editor in both the *Daily News* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* have been supportive of Groh, trivializing the concerns of Park and fellow AAs.

"It's no surprise, given the current reaction, that local white customers thought nothing of seeing a slur on the store, assuming they knew enough to know it was a slur," said Paul Uyehara, JACL EDC governor and a resident of Philadelphia, who has been working with Park to get the name change. "In 1949, how many Chinese Americans would confront a white guy in a white neighborhood about a slur? Those of us who have lived here all our lives never heard of the place."

Uyehara was part of a group of AAs who recently visited local news editors to voice their concerns about the coverage of the story. They let the editors know that they were not happy with what they called "insensitive" coverage of the story.

"It doesn't matter how long the wrong has gone on. Time doesn't change the name or make it right," said Uyehara. "They were wrong

for all these years. Since when does getting away with a wrong for a long time make it okay? The real question is how the owner could be so ignorant for so long."

Park has now formed a group called PERIL — People for the Elimination of Racially Insensitive Language. The group is asking Groh to change the name of his restaurant but also want him to understand why they feel it is important. They also want to educate the public about the racist term first used in the late 1800s against the Chinese and later for all AAs.

"This guy is not a racist," said Park of Groh. "But he didn't understand the issue, he was just ignorant. It's possible that a lot of people think like this and that's why it's problematic."

Toshi Abe of the Philadelphia JACL chapter has lived in the area for three decades and had never heard of the restaurant. "I have lived in the Philadelphia region for close to 30 years and this is the first that I have heard of 'Chink's Steaks,'" he said. "If there have been complaints in the past, they never reached the community in the way that Ms. Park has managed. It's courageous of people like Ms. Park who help give the Asian community a voice, and from that voice, through education, we hope that racial tolerance will improve."

According to the 2000 Census, the Tacomy/Wissinoming area has a 93 percent population of whites and only a 0.01 percent of AAs. In the city of Philadelphia, whites make up 46.4 percent of the population compared to 44.3 percent blacks and 5.1 percent Asian Pacific Americans.

"The fact that we take offense by the name is enough reason for us to do what we can to convince the owner to change the name," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "If the restaurant had been called, 'Jap Noodles' and had gone unnoticed by anyone who took offense for years, would we turn a blind eye to it? Hardly. We would demand a name change and I don't think we're over-reaching in the current situation with 'Chink's Steaks.'"

"I hope that Mr. Groh and the greater Wissinoming community understand that in today's diverse climate and a global economy, we all must be sensitive to racial and cultural differences, and that certain words are inherently hurtful," said NAPABA (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association) President John Yang. "This is an opportunity for Mr. Groh to capitalize on an educational opportunity and a good will opportunity. Mr. Groh must realize that this issue will not just disappear." ■

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rather than thinking, "what's in it for me?" Trying to enjoy life more is something we can all do as well as improving our relationships and service to others.

I am trying to envision what the New Year should bring to JACL. Are we going to do the same old thing or maybe go in new directions, turning over some productive soil that we haven't had time or resources to cultivate in the past? Of course, we are going to do the latter. Some of our emphasis of the past cannot be ignored nor will it ever escape our attention. JACL continues to have some basic instincts that are valuable and important to the community. JACL will continue to struggle for resources both financial and human; yet, JACL will still be the champion of human and civil rights for minorities.

So, what is new is that which is old. The values and strengths of the Japanese American community have grown from the culture of our forefathers. The culture from the "old country" has combined with the newer JA culture to form some very important and good values that need to be understood and preserved. Yet our efforts to maintain a connection with and an understanding of these values has lain dormant for some time. National JACL needs to lay a stronger foundation in providing vehicles that allow those in our pres-

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the Patriot Act.

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said in a statement from Washington, D.C. that the Patriot Act is "an essential tool in the war on terror" and asserted that the portion at issue in the ruling was only a modest amendment to a pre-existing anti-terrorism law.

Another challenge to the Patriot Act is pending in Detroit where the American Civil Liberties Union argued that the act gives federal agents unlimited and unconstitutional authority to secretly seize library reading lists and other personal records. JACL is a supporting organization in the lawsuit.

And in a recent Justice Department investigation into possible civil rights and civil liberties abuses under the Patriot Act, no abuses were found except for a few instances of mistreatment of Muslim and Arab people, mainly at U.S. prisons, according to a report released Jan. 27.

Among the 1,266 recent civil rights and civil liberties complaints received between June 14 and Dec. 15, 2003, only 17 involved Justice employees and merited a full investigation, according to the report by Glenn A. Fine, the department's inspector general.

ent and future generations an opportunity to discover more clearly who they really are as they understand who their forebears were.

In order to foster cultural awareness, I will be proposing that JACL have a national standing committee on culture and the arts. It has been pointed out to me that few ethnic cultures have the national interest of the general populace of Americans, as does the culture of the Japanese. While we like to eat a variety of ethnic foods, few go beyond that experience with ethnic cultures other than with Japanese. Japanese art, technology, philosophy, and cultural values seem to maintain high interest among many in America. The basics of our heritage, culture and values need to be better maintained and understood by our young people.

JACL is strengthening our relationship with The Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art at the Clark Center in Hanford, Calif., in order to develop some vehicles that will enhance opportunities for all of us to begin knowing who we really are and to have a first hand experience with Japanese culture. It is hoped that this will help us all to develop more pride in who we are and give us more motivation to embrace some of the core values of our culture. This is one of my main resolutions for JACL in the New Year.

Thank you for your continued support of JACL. May you all have a joyful and prosperous year in 2004. ■

Of those, most involved excessive force, verbal abuse and other alleged mistreatment at Bureau of Prisons facilities.

Congress required the inspector general to investigate possible civil rights and civil liberties abuses directed against Muslims, Arabs and others as part of the Patriot Act.

In all, the inspector general checked 162 complaints involving Justice employees. Another 384 were against other federal agencies or state and local government entities and were referred to those agencies for investigation. ■

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suit filed in July by the American Civil Liberties Union and Islamic groups. Several community groups including JACL are supporting organizations in the lawsuit.

"This city has a commitment to civil rights," Perry said. "We should be for a government that helps us and uplifts us, not one that enslaves us."

Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski said the council was urged to take action by city librarians.

Council members Dennis Zine and Jack Weiss opposed the action, while four members were absent.

On Jan. 20 Bush asked federal lawmakers in his State of the Union address to renew expiring portions of the act. ■

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NAPALC Applauds Daschle-Hagel Bipartisan Immigration Reform Bill

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

WASHINGTON—The Senate's top Democrat joined a Republican colleague Jan. 21 in offering an immigration plan that would tie work to the prospect of legal residency for millions of people living in the country illegally.

The plan by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Nebr., also would increase spending on border security and tackle backlogs of immigrant visas that keep families separated.

The senators proposed that undocumented workers and their families living in the United States be given the chance to become "invested stakeholders" in the country by earning legal permanent residence through work.

"We would like to thank Senators Daschle and Hagel for acknowledging that hard-working immigrants with roots in the United States must be given meaningful opportunity to come out of the shadows and earn their way towards becoming permanent, fully integrated members of our society," said Traci Hong, immigration staff attorney for the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC).

Under the proposal, undocumented immigrants must have worked at least three years in the country and one more year after the legislation is enacted. They also must pass national security and criminal background checks, and they would be required to have lived in the United

States at least five years prior to passage of the reforms.

They also would be required to have paid federal taxes, know English and U.S. civics, and pay a \$1,000 fine for having lived in the country illegally.

In addition, the senators' proposal would remove limits on the number of spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents who can get visas to come to the United States and apply for residency, treating them like the spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens.

"We can tighten and bring common sense to a patchwork of immigration law that makes no sense," Hagel said.

Hagel and Daschle said they are not offering amnesty for undocumented immigrants.

"Amnesty is: We forgive, we forget and we move on," Hagel said. "These are earned rights, earned green cards and earned status."

Earlier this month, President Bush proposed setting up a temporary worker program open to foreigners and people working illegally in the United States. They could work for three-year renewable periods, but once their job is completed they would have to return home. However, they could apply for legal permanent residence from their native countries, if they qualify.

The Hagel-Daschle plan would limit the number of temporary workers that could come in from abroad to 350,000. Bush did not set a limit on temporary workers, allowing the number to be determined by the marketplace. ■

Hearing Set for Former Army Chaplain Yee Arrested in Florida

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Army Capt. James Yee, the Muslim chaplain originally suspected of espionage at the prison for terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay's Navy base in Cuba, has seen the case against him wither, but he still faces criminal charges.

Yee has never been charged with spying, even though military prosecutors first predicted he would be prosecuted for espionage and aiding the enemy — both capital offenses.

His often-delayed preliminary hearing was set to resume Feb. 4.

The hearing was postponed for five days when prosecutors discovered the Guantanamo legal staff mistakenly included a classified document in investigation packets delivered to Yee's attorney and to the hearing officer at Fort Benning.

The chaplain's attorney, Eugene Fidell, said the mistake shows Army officials are confused about the security classification of evidence and should drop the case.

Another delay came when Army officials conducted a review of documents in the chaplain's possession when he was arrested at the

Jacksonville, Fla. Naval Air Station, upon his return from Guantanamo on Sept. 10.

Experts have reviewed thousands of documents, said Lt. Col. Bill Costello, a spokesman for the U.S. Southern Command, who called it "a complicated process."

Yee's lawyers say they have to see the evidence to properly defend

tries.

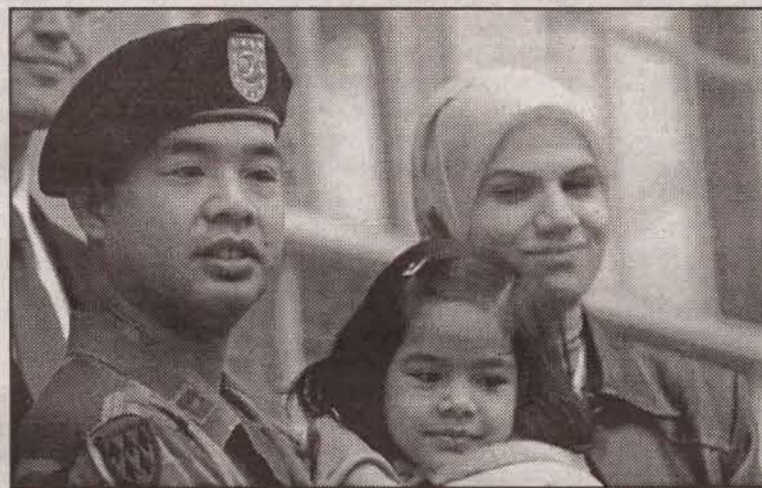
Initially, there were reports that Yee was being investigated as part of an espionage probe at Guantanamo and he was held for 76 days in a Navy brig at Charleston, S.C., much of the time in leg irons and manacles.

Instead, he faces charges of mis-

handling classified material, failing to obey an order, making a false official statement, conduct unbecoming an officer for allegedly downloading porn on his government laptop and adultery. The Army added the pornography and adultery charges when he was released from the brig.

A Navy lieutenant testified last month that she had an affair with Yee, who is married. Adultery is a crime under military law.

When the hearing ends, Col. Dan Trimble, a military judge, could recommend a court-martial, the dismissal of some or all charges, or an administrative penalty such as a reprimand. If court-martialed and convicted on all charges, the 35-year-old Yee could face up to 13 years in prison. ■



AP Photo Army Capt. James Yee holds his daughter Sarah, 3, during a press conference at Fort Benning. To his right is his wife Huda.

the chaplain.

"To hold a hearing without affording the defense an opportunity to review the documents upon which the charges rest would violate Chaplain Yee's rights," Fidell said.

Yee, a 1990 West Point graduate who left the military for four years to study Arabic and Islam in Syria, returned as a chaplain and counseled some of the prison camp's detainees from more than 40 coun-

JACL Teacher Workshop on Internment and Arab Americans

By BILL YOSHINO and PATTY WADA

Japanese Americans interned during World War II and Arab Americans targeted after 9-11 told their stories of "what it means to be an American" at a JACL teacher training workshop held recently at the University of Michigan at Dearborn.

Workshop panelists Toshi Shimoura and Mary Kamidoi, members of the Detroit JACL, and Ishmael Ahmed, director of ACCESS, an Arab American social service agency, spoke of how their lives changed in an instant — from being carefree Americans going about their daily lives to being looked upon with suspicion by fellow citizens and their own government.

Though their experiences in the days following Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 11, 2001, took place some 60 years apart, the similarities were startling and the differences noteworthy.

The daylong workshop, attended by Detroit-area high school teachers, was interactive and included an historical overview of the JA and Arab American experience in the United States, coupled with a discussion of how citizens and public officials alike define "loyalty" and "patriotism."

The teachers took a critical look at how the media plays a critical role in shaping public opinion and influencing public policy, especially when that media promotes stereotypes and misinformation. The teachers were asked to test their own knowledge of the Arab/Muslim community in the United States so they would be better equipped to dispel stereotypes about this ethnic and religious group.

Workshop facilitators Sharon

Ishii-Jordan, a Creighton University professor, and Greg Marutani, a member of the JACL Education Committee, led the teachers through an examination of how our country has, during times of war, balanced the rights of citizens with issues of national security, and called upon the teachers to state what governmental decisions they felt were justified and which were not.

This day-long workshop was the first in a series of three teacher trainings to be sponsored by the national JACL. These workshops are funded by a \$74,000 grant awarded to the JACL by the Chevron/Texaco Foundation under its "September 11th Anti-Bias Project."

The grant proposal, written by JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino and NCWNP Director

Patty Wada, competed against some 300 proposals and was one of 19 selected nationwide by the National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ), which administers the grant.

The next teacher-training workshops are scheduled for March 13 in San Francisco and March 27 in Houston. Materials and lesson plans developed from these sessions will complement the JACL Curriculum & Resource Guide and become an integral part of future workshops conducted by JACL chapters across the country. ■

Bill Yoshino is the Midwest regional director and Patty Wada is the director for the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific district.

Democrats Call for Renewal of President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs

Democrats called on President George Bush to renew the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders at a town hall meeting Jan. 13 in Santa Clara, Calif.


In 1999 then President Bill Clinton signed an Executive Order to establish the commission to define and improve the AAPI community's relationship with the federal government. So far President Bush has failed to renew the Executive Order which expired last July.

"The commission has advised the President on Asian American and Pacific Islander health issues, as well as on the fundamental concerns with language access and cultural competence in federal programs," said Mike Honda, D-San Jose, chair of the

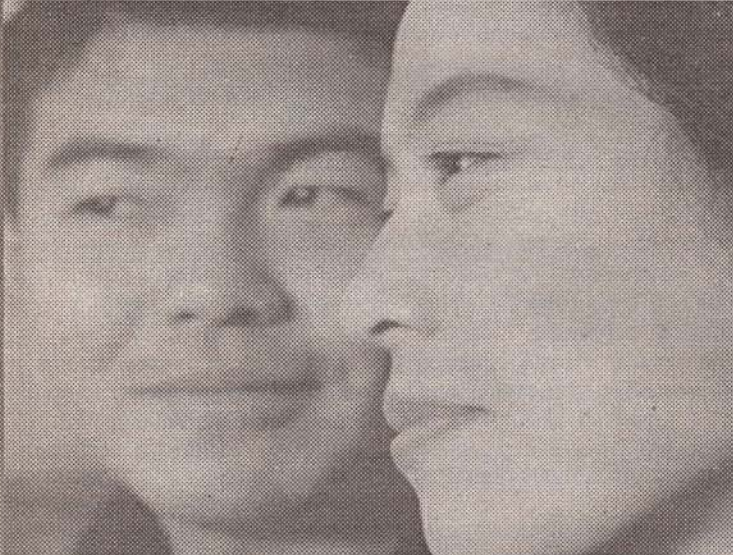
Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. "But President Bush has paid little attention to these critical needs of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community."

Instead of renewing the commission in the Department of Health and Human Services, Bush is considering refocusing the commission's efforts solely on economic development by relocating it to the Department of Commerce.

"It is vital that the President guarantee the continuity of the commission for years to come and commits his Administration to improving the health and well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community," said House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. ■





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□ Karaoke Ban Angers Singers, But Police Cite Links to Crime

SAN MATEO, Calif.—A temporary ban on private rooms in karaoke clubs is being criticized as insensitive to Asian Americans, but city officials say it's needed because people have been using the rooms for a lot more than singing.

The private singing rooms, which seat up to 20 people and sometimes have locking doors and no windows or security cameras, are increasingly used as fronts for prostitution, drug use, gambling and alcohol consumption among minors, police say.

The San Mateo City Council voted Jan. 20 to impose a temporary ban on the private rooms in this Silicon Valley suburb, but karaoke fans contend the fears of crime are overblown.

They say the private karaoke rooms are a godsend for shy singers, and are used much more often for birthday parties and private reunions than any lurid affairs in San Mateo, where one of every four residents is of Asian descent.

San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer said she's not trying to silence karaoke, which spread throughout Asia, the United States and Europe since Japanese club owners popularized it in the 1970s. But she said research her department has conducted has shown private karaoke rooms have been used for "quite a few illicit activities."

□ Reno Eighth Most Popular Destination With Asians

RENO, Nev.—A national travel association survey has found that the Reno area is the eighth most popular destination for Asian American travelers.

Las Vegas is No. 1.

The two Nevada cities are ranked ahead of Seattle and Chicago for a share of the AA tourism dollar, according to the Travel Industry Association of America.

Bruce Bommarito, executive

director of the Nevada Commission on Tourism and a travel association board member, credited gambling for part of the draw, but said AAs also like Old West tourism such as that offered by Virginia City.

Paul Byi, director of Asian gambling at the Silver Legacy Casino Resort in downtown Reno and a Chinese American, said catering to the Asian community has been paying off since the resort opened in 1995.

After Las Vegas and before Reno, other top travel destinations for AAs were Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Orange County, Calif., Washington, D.C. and Houston.

□ Lingle Expanding Strategy to Gain Akaka Bill Support

HONOLULU—President Bush signed legislation Jan. 23 establishing a federal Office of Native Hawaiian Relations, as Gov. Linda Lingle said she plans to expand her strategy in trying to win congressional support of the federal Akaka bill.

The measure signed by Bush is part of the \$373 spending bill for most federal agencies and provides \$100,000 to set up the office within the U.S. Department of the Interior to deal with Native Hawaiian issues at the federal level.

While the legislation underscores the special relationship between Native Hawaiians and the federal government, it doesn't extend federal recognition, as would the Akaka bill, which has been stalled in Congress since July.

Lingle plans to go to Washington, D.C. this month to lobby senators to support the bill. Attorney General Mark Bennett will accompany her, as will Micah Kane, director of the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and her chief of staff, Bob Awana, she said.

The Office of Native Hawaiian Relations also is a component of the Akaka bill, named for its sponsor, Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii.

The Akaka bill would extend to Native Hawaiians federal recognition similar to that granted to

American Indians and native Alaskans.

Akaka has said the bill extends the "process of reconciliation" that began with a 1993 Congressional resolution apologizing for the U.S. government's role in overthrowing the Kingdom of Hawaii a century earlier.

□ Not All Hmong at Thailand Camp Eager to Come to the United States

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Thousands of Hmong refugees will soon have the opportunity to leave the Wat Tham Krabok compound in central Thailand and immigrate to the United States, but Hmong leaders in Minnesota said not all of them will take it.

"There's a lot of uncertainty there," said DFL state senator Mee Moua who represents the east side of St. Paul, which contains one of the nation's largest Hmong populations. "I thought all along that people would just say, 'Yes, we want to come to America.'"

"It just breaks my heart that people are having doubts about coming here," said Moua, who has been getting telephone calls from the camp. Moua came from Thailand herself in 1978 and won election to the Legislature in 2002.

Moua said the Hmong refugees are keenly aware of the anti-immigration sentiments in the United States and cuts to human services programs in the wake of the recent recession.

The Wat Tham Krabok compound at a Buddhist temple in central Thailand is scheduled to be closed and its Hmong inhabitants could be repatriated to Laos this year. Hundreds of thousands of Hmong fled after the Lao monarchy fell in 1975.

Hmong refugees still in Thailand have just been offered the opportunity to resettle in the United States, rather than being forced back to their ancestral homes in Laos or trying to live illicitly elsewhere in Thailand. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements



Linda Carol Toyota was recognized recently as among the 2003 YWCA of Houston's Outstanding Women of Achievement. Toyota is the development officer of the Holocaust Museum Houston. The YWCA of Houston has its mission to empower women, girls and families of diverse cultures and faiths and to enhance their quality of life through program services and education. Its one imperative: to thrust its collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists.

Jason Higashi was recently appointed to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California Commission of Human Rights. A graduate of San Jose State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Higashi is currently employed by the State Farm Insurance Companies where he started in the inaugural Minority Internship Program. He is currently a field compliance coordinate in the Marketplace Compliance Department in Northern California. Higashi has served on the Sonoma County JACL board since 2000 and is currently the chapter president. Higashi also attended the 2003 JACL/OCA Leadership conference in 2003.

Notre Dame University has its first Asian American student body president, **Jeremy Lo**, who took over in January, succeeded Pat Hallahan who took a position outside the university during the second semester. Lo was elected vice president. He is part Filipino and part Chinese, the son of Philippine immigrants. Lo is currently majoring in finance and Chinese. As for campus diversity, he pointed to the greatly expanded campus-wide Multicultural Fair at Notre Dame and a recent conference which featured Nigerian President Olesegun Obasanjo.

Irene Y. Hirano was named board chair of The Kresge Foundation recently. Hirano was elected a Trustee of the foundation in May 2001 and is president and

CEO of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. Hirano serves on the American Association of

Museum's Accreditation Commission, is a member of the Smithsonian Institution's national board, and is a board member and secretary/treasurer of L.A. Inc., Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The California College Democrats (CCD) elected **Masato Muso** of UC Irvine as its state vice president for Southern California at the 2004 California Democratic State Convention in San Jose on Jan. 17. He is the first Japanese American to hold the position. As a 21-year-old Nisei Muso has extensive political experience having worked on several local and statewide races and organized numerous voter registration and media outreach efforts. Muso previously served as the CCD state communications director providing vital information to local chapters and served as deputy western region director of the College Democrats of America (CDA) overseeing College Democrats development in seven states.

Michael Shoichi Leong, a graduating senior at The College Preparatory School, has been named one of more than 2,600 candidates in the 2004 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools this year. Now in its 40th year, inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors for high school seniors. Students are selected for their academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities. Michael is the son of Steven Richard Leong and Diane Uratsu Leong. ■

COMMENTARY

Reassessing JACL's Mission

By AL MURATSUCHI

JACL should reassess its mission to appeal to the changing needs of the Japanese American community, and to clearly articulate this mission to attract new lifeblood to the organization. The needs of the community have changed over the years, and JACL should change accordingly, if not to remain relevant to the community's needs, then for the organization's survival.

As recent *Pacific Citizen* contributors have called for (see Gail Tanaka, "A Vision for JACL in the 21st Century," December 2003), JACL members across the country must engage in a national dialogue to define a shared vision of the organization for the future.

To contribute to this dialogue, I propose that JACL adopt the following national mission statement: *JACL is a membership-based civic organization whose mission is to advocate for civil and human rights and to promote the cultural heritage of Americans of Japanese ancestry.*

This simple statement captures the history and essence of the organization, as well as what JACL should continue to strive to be. I

suspect, however, that there may be some points of disagreement, which I address below.

Why does JACL need an official mission statement?

An official mission statement will provide a clear, consistent, and concise answer to the most basic question: what is JACL?

To my knowledge, JACL currently does not have an official mission statement. Without an official mission statement, many different statements have been used over the years to serve its purpose.

For example, the JACL website states, "The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is a membership organization whose mission is to secure and maintain the human and civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and others victimized by injustice." This statement, while capturing one of the primary purposes of JACL, does not encompass the broad range of programs and activities that JACL sponsors, such as scholarships and cultural activities.

Similarly, JACL's *P.C.* newspaper declares, "JACL's mission is to secure and uphold the human and civil rights of Japanese Americans and all Americans while preserving our cultural heritage and values." (*P.C.*, December 2003, p. 4.)

When a prospective member or contributor asks, "What is JACL,"

we should have the same clear and concise answer, from our national headquarters and the *P.C.* to our local chapters and members. An official mission statement will provide a consistent message of what JACL is.

But isn't JACL a "civil and human rights organization"?

Civil and human rights advocacy has always been, and should continue to be, a central focus of JACL.

However, JACL has always been much more than just a civil and human rights organization. This description fails to include the broader range of JACL activities, especially at the local chapter level, that has nothing to do with rights. JACL's official mission statement should be broad and inclusive enough to acknowledge the wide range of activities that JACL sponsors, including social, cultural, and educational activities unrelated to civil and human rights advocacy.

For example, JACL sponsors hundreds of scholarships every year at the local and national levels. Yet, with few exceptions, applicants are not required to demonstrate any record of or commitment to civil rights advocacy.

Given that JACL's scope of programs and activities has always been, and will continue to be, broader than just civil and human rights advocacy, our mission statement should reflect this longstanding reality and aspiration.

Why should JACL be

described as a "civic organization"?

My dictionary defines "civic" as "of a city, citizens, or citizenship." "Civics" is defined as "the study of civic affairs, especially the rights and duties of citizenship." The history and mission of JACL has been about promoting the rights and duties of American citizenship. In this sense, JACL is a civic organization, and not just a rights organization.

Moreover, describing JACL as a civic organization rather than a civil and human rights organization should be more broadly appealing to prospective members, especially young Nikkei. Most people find joining a "civic organization" to be less politically loaded than joining a "civil and human rights organization."

I speak from experience. As a thirty-something former JACL regional director and past president of the South Bay chapter (near Los Angeles), I have struggled for years to recruit young Nikkei to join JACL. Most are interested in community service projects and cultural activities. Many shy away from civil rights, and JACL, as being "too political."

Describing JACL as a civic organization should not diminish the organization's longstanding commitment to civil and human rights advocacy. On the other hand, continuing to describe JACL as a "civil and human rights organization" poses at least two problems. First, this label does not accurately

describe the broader range of activities that JACL sponsors. Second, this label implicitly discourages current and prospective members whose primary interests are in civic service and cultural activities, and not civil rights advocacy.

JACL's official mission statement should accurately reflect not only what we strive for, but also what we actually do. Failure to accurately represent ourselves is like false advertising — when members feel like they did not get what they bargained for, they become resentful, and leave.

In sum, one of the challenges of drafting and adopting a new JACL mission statement is to capture the essence of what JACL is, as well as what it should strive to be. The statement should be broad and inclusive enough so that the organization's wide range of interests and activities are represented. At the same time, the statement should not become a laundry list of the organization's current interests and priorities, because such lists change over time.

Of course, adopting a new mission statement is the easy part. The greater challenge is for JACL and its members to continue to define the organization not by mere words, but through action. ■

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A Trip to the U.C. Berkeley JA Culture Night

By ANDY NOGUCHI

Rolling 100 miles from the Sacramento Valley through rainstorms and San Francisco Bay Area traffic; packed in mini-vans, SUVs, and cars; and hell-bent on converging on Berkeley's Bancroft Avenue in one piece, 28 adventurous students (and parents) enjoyed a fun-filled, eye-opening trip recently to the U.C. Berkeley Japanese American Culture Night by the Nikkei Student Union.

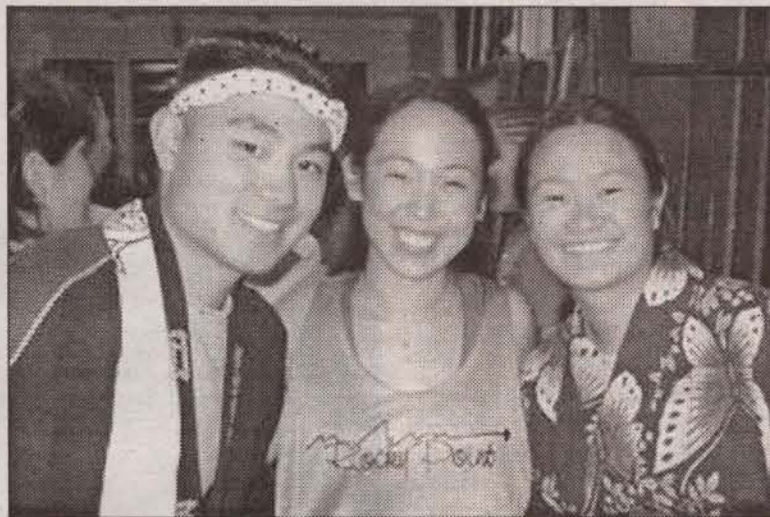
The Florin, Marysville and Placer County JACL chapters organized this trip, co-sponsored by the Northern California JACL's (NCWNP) District Council Youth Committee (DCYC).

Most of us made it to the International House, home to over 600 foreign and American students interested in international affairs and cultures, where we enjoyed dinner in the dining commons. I-House showed students one of the unique living and dining options available at U.C. Berkeley. It held special interest for my wife, Twila, since her father was one of the early Issei students who lived there while attending Cal in the 1930s.

From I-House we made our way down the street to the Bancroft Hotel, site of the first annual JA Culture Night organized by the two-year-old Nikkei Student Union (NSU). They put on an amazing program to a packed house, having to turn people away when the 350-person crowd started to flow out the door.

A Great JA Experience Skit

An expertly written (and acted!) student skit on the JA experience wove throughout the night's program. In poignant, touching, and even rollicking scenes, it told the history of JAs from Issei to Yonsei through several key junctures. It amazingly touched on Issei immigration, creating a foothold in the United States during the anti-



NSU organizers of the U.C. Berkeley JA Culture Night after the event (l-r): Taka Miyaki, Lisa Masai and Kristina Kozen.

Asian period, the forced evacuation, getting established after the war, playing b'ball, dating, Obon odori, and the Yonsei generation learning about the earlier struggles and tough wartime decisions of the Nisei.

The scene with a racist loan officer insulting the Issei farmer made my normally calm wife Twila want to run up to the stage and grab the actor by the throat. The vignette on the young basketball players checking out the girls had my 15-year-old daughter Annie bursting out in laughter.

A rousing performance by the San Francisco Taiko Rising All-Stars had everyone cheering. This collection of young, dedicated performers, all with at least 10 years experience, really stood out with their driving, complex, and tightly choreographed arrangements. Student performances also included some hard-hitting spoken word (dramatic poetry) by gifted playwright Rick Kitagawa, an NSU hip-hop group, and a *koto* duet by talented sisters Kim and Emily Yoshikawa.

All in all, the evening showcased a highly capable and aware group of college students. We received great comments on this trip from many students and par-

ents in our group. My congratulations to the Nikkei Student Union, Culture Night Chairperson Sarah Sasaki, and Co-Presidents Lisa Masai and Kim Yoshihara.

Should the JACL Sponsor these Youth Activities?

I would strongly recommend that JACL chapters consider organizing this type of visit to college events. They are excellent opportunities to open the minds of high school students to Asian Pacific American experiences; familiarize them with vibrant campus organizations, academic programs like Asian American Studies, living situations like Asian theme dorms; and have a lot of fun doing it.

All it takes is some organization, dedicated carpool drivers, a minimal amount of funds, and a desire to reach out and involve young people. I'm glad our Placer County, Marysville and Florin JACL chapters organized this trip — for both the students and us parents. I look forward to more youth events in the future. The JACL needs them! ■

Andy Noguchi is the youth co-advisor of the JACL Florin chapter.

YOUTH FORUM

Samurai and Ninja

By MAYA YAMAZAKI

An interesting phenomenon has been following me ever since the success of "The Last Samurai," a Tom Cruise movie about Meiji, Japan. For some reason, people think that I have become an expert on Japanese history, a Meiji maven, full of all Asian knowledge and able to discern the smallest inconsistencies in the movie. This, however, is entirely surprising because my familiarity with Japanese history is limited to a five-page paper I wrote in high school.



At a holiday party during winter break, a resounding cheer erupted as I walked in the door. I was very impressed that my mere presence could bring about such joy, until I realized that a group of elderly ladies in their Christmas sweaters with curled white hair awaited me on the couch. They cornered me in the living room and began to ask me questions about the movie and samurai in general.

Now if I had walked in wearing a traditional kimono, with my hair done up in a bun and the echo of a gong resounding in the background as I entered the room, I could have understood why they would think that I could answer their questions. But considering that no samurai gentleman with shiny swords escorted me into the room, I was baffled.

In our society today, there is a misconception that Japanese American and Japanese are synonymous. Only eight letters are different in the two descriptors, yet for JA youth today, that one word changes a person's entire identity.

Being Japanese means that I eat rice with almost every meal and live with an understanding of *giri*; but being American means that this is the country that I know, that I was born in, the country that raised me.

To too many people, I am a perpetual foreigner, the recent immigrant. According to their logic, I am from Japan, not Seattle. A friend recently asked me why I try so hard to maintain my culture if my family came to America in an attempt to live the American dream. Living here has never meant abandoning my culture, but rather defining America in the context of my identity.

Asian American youth today are faced with the challenge of reshaping their identities, to ensure that others realize the difference. Just because I know that I am JA does not mean that others will suddenly view me as an American compatriot. I want to be outspoken about the difference, but able to carry my unique background with me.

"The Last Samurai" is a great movie. I cried for almost the entire last hour, but I hope that it does not identify who I am to others. When people watch movies about other cultures, they assume everything they see is true, and that those historical images are reflected in modern society. All movies must be viewed critically, with an understanding that Hollywood has glamorized the events in an attempt to sell more tickets.

To the next person who asks me about samurai because I am JA, I will reply that I am actually a ninja, sent by a secret society planning to revive samurai culture, kimonos and all. Watch out for my throwing stars! ■

Maya Yamazaki is the current JACL national youth council chair.

L.A. Day of Remembrance to Recognize Fighters for Justice

A Day of Remembrance program will take place Feb. 21 at the George and Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theater in Los Angeles to honor those who have displayed courage and leadership during this country's trying times.

The DOR program will also premiere the film "Stand Up For Justice", a 30-minute drama which tells the true story of 16 year-old Ralph Lazo, a Mexican/Irish American Belmont High School student who voluntarily spent over two years at Manzanar concentration camp.

As the only non-Asian to be incarcerated in a concentration camp who was not a spouse, Lazo was a shining example of someone who "stood up for justice." Ralph was only a teenager, but in the face of the prevailing racism and anti-Japanese hysteria, he stood by his friends and shared their trials and tribulations in camp.

Candles will be lit in memory of Lazo, who passed away in 1992. A special tribute will also be paid to Bert Nakano and Linda Mabalot, both of whom passed away in 2003. Nakano was the national spokesperson for NCCR and was a passionate fighter for redress/reparations and justice.

Mabalot was the executive director of Visual Communications (VC) and devoted her life to developing films and other media that would educate and inspire people to struggle against social injustice.

Also being honored are: American Friends Service Committee and civil rights attorneys Wayne Collins, Fred Okrand and A.L. Wirin, who sought justice for Japanese Americans during World War II. The Campaign for Justice, which continues to fight for reparations for Japanese Latins and the civil rights group, Muslim Public Affairs Council, will also have candles lit on their behalf.

Campaigns such as the historic 1903 Oxnard beet strike of Mexican and Japanese farm workers will be remembered, as will present-day groups such as the Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates (KIWA). The ACLU and the law professors from the University of Chicago, who, along with Fred Korematsu and other civil rights attorneys, are challenging the government's unjust treatment of individuals arrested after September 11, 2001, will also be recognized.

DOR is an annual commemoration of the signing of Executive

Order 9066 by President Franklin Roosevelt on February 19, 1942. E.O. 9066 provided the authority to forcibly remove and incarcerate 120,000 JAs from the West Coast during WWII.

This program will be held Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the George and Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theater at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, and is presented by Visual Communications and Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress and is sponsored by the JACL PSW District, the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, and the Japanese American National Museum.

General admission is \$20 and \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and students. For tickets and/or more information call NCCR at 213/680-3342 or Visual Communications at 213/680-4462, ext. 30. Tickets may also be purchased through the Aratani/Japan America Theater Box Office at 213/680-3700. ■

For more Day of Remembrance events across the nation, please see page 10.

UCLA Hosts Inaugural Hitoshi "Moe" Yonemura Scholarship Award Luncheon

The first annual Hitoshi "Moe" Yonemura Scholarship Award luncheon will take place Feb. 8 at noon on the UCLA Campus at the James West Alumni Center.

The Class of 1942 began an effort to establish a scholarship honoring Yonemura at their 60th reunion in October 2002. This long overdue recognition of one of their classmates will be awarded annually to the UCLA junior or senior who best exemplifies Yonemura's finest qualities — leadership, class and campus involvement.

This year's recipient is Matthew Foster. Before entering UCLA

Foster served for four years with the U.S. Rangers. He has been the Cadet Battalion Commander for the Army ROTC, has attained a 3.9 grade point average, and is active in church and other community activities.

Sharon Yonemura Kawaguchi, Moe's niece, plans to attend the event. She will bring the Purple Heart and Silver Star medals Moe earned for his bravery during World War II. Moe passed away in Europe during WWII when he was shot by an enemy sniper bullet.

The cost for the luncheon is \$40. For information contact Elyssa Sims at 310/206-0483. ■

Lawmaker Wants Building Officials to Consider Feng Shui

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—More hippy, dippy jokes about California might be on the way, thanks to a state lawmaker who wants building codes to consider feng shui.

State Assemblyman Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, has introduced a resolution that urges public building officials to accommodate feng shui — the ancient Chinese art of designing structures and arranging objects to create harmonious energy flow.

Yee said Jan. 30 he underestimated the controversy the legislation would bring when he intro-

duced it last month.

The resolution isn't meant to become law or force cities to change how buildings are constructed. Instead, Yee said, it would simply encourage building officials to accommodate the concept and be more sensitive to a cultural practice that can improve environments where people live and work.

But with California facing a steep budget shortfall, Yee's idea might not pencil out. The building industry is also resisting the legislation, citing California's housing shortage and existing regulations that already make building new homes expensive and difficult. ■

JACL Corner

Twin Cities Chapter

Animator virtuoso Iwao Takamoto, best known as the creator of "Scooby-Doo," presented the keynote speech at the 57th Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet of the Twin Cities chapter recently. Maya Nishikawa, WCCO-TV reporter, served as emcee of the event.

Takamoto also presented an informal program for children, sketching several well-known animated characters and discussing how they were brought to life.

Takamoto began sketching while interned as a young man at Manzanar. He worked at Walt Disney Studios for 15 years and designed Scooby-Doo at Hanna-Barbera. Currently, he is vice

president of creative design at Warner Bros. Animation.

Greater L.A. Singles Chapter

The JACL Greater L.A. Singles chapter board members and officers were recently installed. Past presidents were also honored at the installation: Midori Watanabe, Tom Shimazaki, Kaz Yoshitomi (now Oye), Karl Noboyuki, Meriko Mori, Kei Ishigami, Janet Okubo, Christine Ishida, Miyako Kadogawa and Janet Okubo.

Gilroy, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapters Hold Joint Installation

More than 60 members and

guests attended the joint installation of JACL officers at the Gilroy, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapters installation banquet.

Tony Boch of San Benito County JACL emceed the event at the San Juan Oaks Golf Course Lodge in Hollister, Calif. The newly installed chapter presidents are: Paul Kaneko of Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Michael Hoshida of Gilroy, and Tony Boch of San Benito County.

The keynote speaker was Santa Clara County Supervisor Don Gage who spoke on the financial crisis facing the residents of Santa Clara County. Superior Court Judge Joseph F.



CHAPTERS INSTALL OFFICERS—Pictured left to right are: Paul Kaneko, president of Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL; Judge Joseph F. Biafore Jr.; Tony Boch, president of San Benito County JACL; and Michael Hoshida, president of Gilroy JACL.

Biafore, Jr. administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers and board members of

the three chapters. Judge Biafore has administered the oath for the past 29 years. ■



GLAS INSTALLATION—Standing (l-r): Ingrid Tsukiyama, Mas Kuwahara, Annabelle Lee, Norma Tazoi, Sally Akazawa, Yuri Tamayo, Paul Bannai, and Ken Inouye, officiant; sitting (l-r): Joyce Binz, Joyce Okazaki, Miyako Kadogawa, Janet Okubo, Louise Sakamoto and Lyn Nishimura; not pictured: Flo Griffen, Tom Hayashi, Nori Imagawa and Kiku Goh.

Ogata Gets Purple Heart After 51 Years

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

PETALUMA, Calif.—It took more than half a century, but a Petaluma man is finally going to be awarded the Purple Heart for his service in the Korean War.

After 51 years, Kensei Ogata, 72, was awarded the Purple Heart and other medals Jan. 13. Ogata was an Army corporal when he was wounded by a shell from an enemy tank while giving a report by telephone to headquarters.

"Ken Ogata was a forgotten hero of a forgotten war," said U.S. Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Petaluma, in a *Los Angeles Times* report.

"This is a small step to set things right with history."

In 1952 Ogata was an American soldier fighting on the Korean front lines when he was severely wounded in the face by a Chinese army tank. The half-century oversight began when Ogata was placed in a South Korean hospital where he was mistaken for a Korean soldier. When the mistake was realized, Ogata was transferred to an American hospital.

But his military records were lost when he was sent to the new hospital. The medals he should have received while recovering — the Purple Heart, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service

Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge — never arrived.

Ogata was still humble, more than a half-century later.

"I don't want to take all the glory from the other soldiers," said Ogata. "Mine was just one in a million stories."

Ogata's son Sho was responsible for contacting Woolsey's office and pushing for his father's long overdue recognition. Sho, 42, is himself a U.S. Army veteran.

"My father has been my hero my whole life," said Sho to the *L.A. Times*. "He never asked for this. I just felt it was something he deserved." ■

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In Sports

BASKETBALL

Yao Ming to Start in NBA All-Star Game; Still Working on Becoming More Powerful Force

HOUSTON—The Houston Rockets are trying to help Yao Ming change his playing style.

China's 7-foot-6 gentle giant has been slow to adapt to the rim-clanging, in-your-face play of the NBA. He's a big man with finesse, and the Rockets would like him to be more of an aggressive force.

In his second season with the Rockets, Yao beat out Shaquille O'Neal in the balloting for starting All-Star center for the Western Conference, but he's still trying to overcome the no-contact style of play he learned from years of playing international basketball.

"It's not something you snap your fingers and it happens — I just wish we could do that," Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said. "It's just the way the game is played here. Even college players from the U.S. have to make the adjustment. Until you get hit, you don't understand that."

Yao was the first player chosen in the NBA draft last year, creating immediate excitement for the Rockets. Houston didn't make the playoffs last year and Yao spent a season learning the brutal nature of the sport as played in the NBA.

Jeff Van Gundy has taken on the job of pushing Yao into an NBA mentality.

"He's teaching me to be more aggressive and the whole team is encouraging me too," Yao said.

Former Rockets forward Matt

Bullard, a teammate of former Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon, expects Yao to reach a high level — once he adjusts to the NBA.

"The Chinese culture is so dif-

ferent, everyone is supposed to be so respectful of everyone else," Bullard said. "Yao comes here against guys who've been playing street ball all their lives and they're going at him as hard as they can."



Houston Rockets' Yao Ming of China (11) blocks the shot of the Denver Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony. Yao beat out Laker Shaquille O'Neal for the starting All-Star center position.

ferent, everyone is supposed to be so respectful of everyone else," Bullard said. "Yao comes here against guys who've been playing street ball all their lives and they're going at him as hard as they can."

"It's going to take him a while to learn that when he has a chance

to dunk on somebody he's got to dunk on them hard." Yao's big frame and strong legs weren't enough to allow him to bang with the game's top physical centers, including O'Neal, as a rookie. Yao has moved forward this season, gaining some 20 pounds after Rockets put him on a weightlifting program.

"We need to continue to get him to be aggressive, to be assertive," Rockets guard Steve Francis said. "When he's like that, we're unstoppable. As he continues to get a feel for his shot and as he gets more comfortable out there, we can only continue to get better."

Still, there have been frustrating moments when Yao hasn't been able to break free of the double teams. And despite his added strength, he still has a tendency to move softly to the basket.

"When he makes his jumper, he is really hard to guard and creates all kinds of problems for the other teams," Van Gundy said. "There is a lot that Yao can do and I think he is looking for his shot a lot more and it's because of his teammates."

Bullard wishes there could be a trend that brought the NBA style closer to Yao's.

"It's been a breath of fresh air for me just to watch him play," Bullard said. "I think the game has gotten to be too much chest-thumping and too much celebrating. I think some of the NBA players ought to bring some of that respect back to their approach to the game." ■

BASEBALL

Report: Yokohama BayStars Hoping to Sign Sasaki

TOKYO—The Yokohama BayStars said Jan. 28 they are hoping to sign Kazuhiro Sasaki after he was formally released by the Seattle Mariners recently, a local media report said.

The 35-year-old pitcher signed papers Jan. 27 to terminate his contract with the Mariners and plans to play in Japan next season.

The Mariners placed their former star pitcher on waivers, which gives other major league teams the opportunity to claim him for the following three days. Sasaki has said he wants to return to Japan. If he is not claimed, he will be unconditionally released.

Yokohama BayStars president Susumu Minegishi said the Central League club hopes to snatch him up. Kyodo News Agency reported.

"There's no reason to wait. We want to get in touch with him," it quoted Minegishi as saying. Kyodo said the BayStars may begin negotiations as early as this month.

The Yomiuri Giants and Nippon Ham Fighters are also reportedly interested but are declining to reveal their intentions until Sasaki is released unconditionally.

Sasaki has been Seattle's career leader with 129 saves over four years. He spent much of last season on the disabled list and went 1-2 with a 4.05 ERA and 10 saves.

Sasaki, who leaves behind a guaranteed \$8.5 million next season, said he was leaving because he wants to be in Japan with his wife and two young children from whom he has been separated since last summer. ■

Dodgers Pitcher Nomo Gets His Own Team

TOKYO—Hideo Nomo is giving back to the system that allowed him to become one of the best pitchers on either side of the Pacific.

The 35-year-old Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, who has tossed two no-hitters in his major league career, now has his own baseball team to go along with his long list of achievements.

The Nomo Baseball Club will be based in Nomo's hometown of Osaka and will begin play this spring in Japan's semiprofessional league.

"If it wasn't for the opportunities I had when I was young, I have no idea what I'd be doing today," Nomo said Jan. 22 at a news conference to introduce the team. "This is my way of contributing to the development of baseball."

Nomo, who joined the Dodgers in 1995 and won Rookie of the Year honors in his first major league season, said he was inspired to lend his name to the team by the charitable efforts of his fellow major leaguers.

"Seeing how major leaguers contribute to causes off the field was an inspiration," said Nomo. "Along with the fact that many teams in this league are having

trouble staying afloat."

Japan's Corporate or semipro league had as many as 237 teams in 1963 but had only 84 last year, according to the Japan Baseball Federation.

Nomo himself played in Japan's semipro league before becoming the first overall pick in the 1989 draft where he was selected by the Kintetsu Buffaloes of the Pacific League. He led the league in wins for four years in a row before heading to the majors.

Nomo, who has also played for the Mets, Brewers, Tigers and Red Sox, said he will offer some advice to his players but will leave most of the coaching up to the manager.

"I don't mind offering advice to pitchers," said Nomo. "But as you know, I'm not an expert in hitting or fielding so I'll leave that up to the manager and coaches."

The team uniforms, provided by Russell Athletic, feature the letter "N" in a baseball with two wing-like marks on either side. The team's cap features a cartoon figure of Nomo in his distinctive "Tornado" windup.

Nomo went 16-13 last season for the Dodgers along with a 3.09 ERA and 177 strikeouts. ■

TNT Sports Announcer Calls Yao Ming 'Chinaman'

TNT Sports Announcer Steve Kerr referred to Houston Rockets center Yao Ming as "Chinaman" during a game against the Memphis Grizzlies Jan. 19.

During the fourth quarter, Kerr was heard saying, Memphis "made a shot over the 7 foot 3 inch 'Chinaman.'" The show then went to a commercial break.

Media Director for TNT Sports Jeff Pomeroy issued the following statement: "Kerr was unaware of the derogatory term and was apologetic that he used the word. It was unintentional and he was unaware of the sensitivity of the word towards the Chinese American community."

Pomeroy added that TNT staff also held a meeting to discuss the issue. He also noted that Kerr's sister-in-law is Chinese American. Eleanor Lee of the Organization of Chinese Americans in Washington, D.C. has already received several messages regarding Kerr's comments and is in the

process of taking appropriate steps. OCA in Sacramento and the Florin chapter of JAACL have also been notified. ■

GOLF

Wie, 14, to Play in France

PARIS—Fourteen-year-old golf sensation Michelle Wie accepted an invitation to play in an LPGA tournament this summer in the French Alps.

She agreed recently to compete in the Evian Masters, tournament spokesman Alain Spieser said Jan. 27.

Wie, an amateur, missed the cut by one stroke last month in a PGA tournament, the Sony Open, in her home state of Hawaii.

The \$2.6 million Evian tournament will be held July 21-24. Defending champion Juli Inkster and Annika Sorenstam, the world's No. 1 player, also will play. ■

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Harry K. Honda

Commodore Perry and the 'Black Ship Scroll' Revisited

OUR NEW YEAR'S visit to San Francisco's (new for Yours Truly) Asian Art Museum focused on their 150th Anniversary U.S.-Japan Relations in their thematic exhibit area. On display is the big picture of Commodore Perry's expedition to open Japan in 1854, scenes drawn by an unknown Japanese artist to show a human perspective that has been immortalized as the "Black Ship Scroll." Other prints of scenes in Shimoda, Yokohama and Tokyo of that time round out the exhibit.

There are twelve hanging scrolls, on loan from the Japanese Society of Northern California, of scenes which were originally drawn horizontally on one continuous scroll. I should have brought my book by Oliver Statler, "The Black Ship Scroll" (Tuttle, 1963), featuring 40 narrow (4-1/2 inches wide) pages of scroll paintings in full color. Each scene includes a narrative in *kanji*, *katakana* and *hiragana* — and very legible. Small initials below each plate in Statler's book indicate where they came from: JSS=Japan Society of San Francisco (now of Northern California) and HAA=Honolulu Academy of Arts.

Inside covers of the book features the scroll map of Shimoda harbor, the town of Shimoda, the villages and points of interest around the bay, the four little islands inside the bay, and where the six American ships were anchored.

Following are the JSS plates (= a scene paired over two narrow pages) in Statler's book: 1 and 2 - Japanese interpreter named Matoi (only Japanese member of Perry's squadron); 3 and 4 - Two Chinese men, stewards to the American officers (at left) and on the facing page (at right) shows a *Kokudo* (dark-skinned person) and Geberu (Lt. Goble, the U.S. Marine Corps officer).

5 and 6 - One rifleman (at left) and three Americans (at right), probably musicians, who are sight-

seers at Shimoda; 7 - *Hintenderau* ("This is Mr. Hinten," figured to be William Heine) sketching the landscape of Sagishima; 8 - Eight emblems found on all ship's masts: bow, two arrows, *fudé* (brush), stick of wood with a graphite core (pencil), *ko-katana* (penknife), spade, pick-ax and a *koshikake* (folding chair).

9 and 10 - Three sailors at Takegahama surveying distances and recording details on land and sea; 11 and 12 - Group of Americans gathering fish in the net at Tanoshiri; and 13 - Two men standing in a boat, with four rowers, shoot at flying birds, one is ashore with his "thunder-tube" (rifle).

14 - Two men measuring the tide at Tanoshiri Beach; 15 and 16 - Two sailors dancing under influence of strong drink (at left) and picture of two American sailors doing their laundry; 17 and 18 - Man from Canton is under his red umbrella checking prices in Shimoda, while the other is sketching flowers and plants; 19 and 20 - Two men at Daian-ji Temple (at left) are photographing the courtesan, being assisted by another sailor to sit still.

21 and 22 - Picture of two Americans returning to their ship, overjoyed at having bought fresh fish in Shimoda (at left) and on April 6 the ship *Macedonian* arrives with supplies including fine turtles, one being hung by the neck and being prepared to bleed; 23 and 24 - Scene of an American in a Shimoda inn dallying fondly with five *oiran musume* (harlots).

25 and 26 - Mistaking it as a place to eat, the American tastes what was scooped from two barrels that contained hair oil; 27 and 28 - Two Americans strolling the streets of Shimoda for fun are pictured pounding rice.

AN ABSORBING adjunct, Statler also authored the "Shimoda Story" (1969, University of Hawaii Press), the embellished chronicles of Townsend Harris, the American

consul who negotiated the commercial treaty at Shimoda, and the Dutch-born Henry Heuksen, his secretary and interpreter. Statler tells of Japanese hopes that an American consul would never appear, but Harris did in 1856 and spent 16 months accomplishing his mission. Each side believed it was upholding the values of civilization against an opposing barbarian, the author's note explains.

There are also photographic reproductions of engraved illustrations from *Harper's Weekly* of the Grand Embassy's visit in Washington, D.C. (the originals at the Philadelphia Museum of Art), of the *Kanrin Maru*, the first Japanese vessel to sail across the Pacific in 1860, and the American three-masted paddle-wheeling ship, *USS Powhatan*, of the Asian Fleet, which accompanied the *Kanrin Maru's* voyage to America.

The special exhibit will end Feb. 29. The Asian Art Museum, now in the Civic Center (Larkin and McAllister), is known for its comprehensive collections of over 15,000 artworks spanning 6,000 years of history — ancient pieces from Mesopotamia, China and the Japanese *haniwa* from the 500s, and from Korea, ceramics dating from the 1100s.

Who was 'Bismark'?

And this past month while digesting newsy bits in the vintage Tulare County JACL newsletters and comments from its editor, the late Tom Shimasaki [1916-1986], there contains in issue No. 2, September 1973, what may appear to be a legend of the first Japanese to arrive in Tulare County in the 1890s.

Tom found a paragraph in the Tulare County Historical Society publication, "Los Tulares," June 1962, dealing with a Japanese woodcutter named "Bismark" in the Three Rivers area, who subsisted mainly on rodents that he caught or shot with his gun. Several members of the historical society told Tom they had heard of "Bismark" (not to be confused with the German chancellor of the same era who spelled his name Bismarck).

Tom wondered how he was so named for his Japanese name had not been established. He added: "With the passing of the Issei pioneers, Mr. Bismark will become a void in our Japanese American history, unless more factual information is forthcoming." ■

low will be responsible for two or three major health-related projects over a six-month period, to be completed by Dec. 31, and will be given a stipend of \$15,000 and roundtrip airfare from the fellow's home to Wash., D.C.

Eligibility criteria for this program include: undergraduate degree required and work towards advanced degree in health policy or related field preferred; strong sense of self-motivation with maturity to complete independent projects with minor supervision. As this fellowship is specifically focused on national policy issues facing the AAPI communities — particularly those related to tobacco usage control and aging issues — interest and experience in these or other health-related fields is essential to the success of the fellowship. Awareness of issues facing the AAPI community is preferred but not required. The successful candidate must support the goals and missions of both APPEAL and JACL.

Interested persons should visit the JACL website at <http://www.jacl.org/leadership.html> for further information and an application or contact the D.C. office of the JACL at 202/223-1240; or by e-mail: dc@jacl.org. ■



By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

Three-Steps for Marketing Success

As vice president of membership, I've created fundamental changes to help the organization establish a solid foundation toward continuously gaining new members. We have been able to institute the practice of actively recouping lapsed members, as well as giving and offering gift memberships.

One fundamental technique that I would like to encourage every chapter to do is one that I will refer to as the "three-step contact system." The Portland and Washington, D.C. chapters have achieved real success with this technique — I'm sure there are others out there that are successful at this.

In this three-step contact system, a JACler meets non-members and tells them about the organization. At the end of this conversation, if the non-member has not committed to joining, the JACler gets their contact information — most easily done by asking for their business card. After one or two weeks, a follow-up call is made by the chapter, sometimes a different person from the one who made the initial contact. Regardless, the follow-up person is someone who is specifically designated to do this task on a monthly or semi-monthly basis.

Ellen Williams, Washington, D.C. chapter membership chair comments: "Craig Uchida [D.C. chapter president] meets a lot of folks and always encourages them to join, then I follow-up immediately with a snail mail letter, application, and a few brochures about JACL. We also enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for return. If I don't hear [back] in a couple of weeks, I try to call them personally. After they send in their membership, I call to thank them and tell them about the next event."

Added Craig Uchida, Washington, D.C. chapter president: "Getting new members requires aggressive and somewhat compulsive behavior. I am always willing to approach a new face at one of our events and give them the JACL pitch. At other D.C. events (of which there are quite a few) I do the

same thing. I'll get names, phone numbers, business cards, and Ellen will follow up with calls, letters, etc. This seems to work pretty well."

I encourage you to try this for a year. Find a minimum of three events for your chapter to have a booth at in 2004. Aggressively attract people to your booth — a free drawing for some sort of prize is a great idea for an initial "hook". Tell each person about the JACL, ask for their membership, and get their contact information if they don't immediately sign-up. Make sure you follow-up with these people within a time frame where they remember stopping by your booth.

Four simple, but required points: 1. Make JACL highly visible at events; 2. Aggressively attract people to your booth — give away things if you have to; 3. Get their contact info; and 4. Follow-up in a personalized, timely fashion.

It will require some work to do these events if you have not done so before, but if we establish this as a "best practice" I believe it will become easier with time. We can never lose sight of the fact that we are a membership-based organization entirely dependent on the number of people involved. Gaining members is hard work, but it will always pay dividends down the road.

So let's review — chapters should be doing, at a bare minimum, three basic things: 1. Lapsed Members — follow-up monthly; 2. Gift Memberships — should always be offered and efforts should be more aggressive around the holidays; and 3. Three-Step Contact System.

Execute these three steps consistently and I guarantee results. It takes work and people, but neglecting membership duties in a membership-based organization IS NOT an option. Find someone to do it. If there are no current board or chapter members that can do it, find people outside of the chapter to do it. The number of excuses are infinite, but our time to halt the ever decreasing membership numbers of this organization are not.

Let's focus and let's have a great 2004! ■

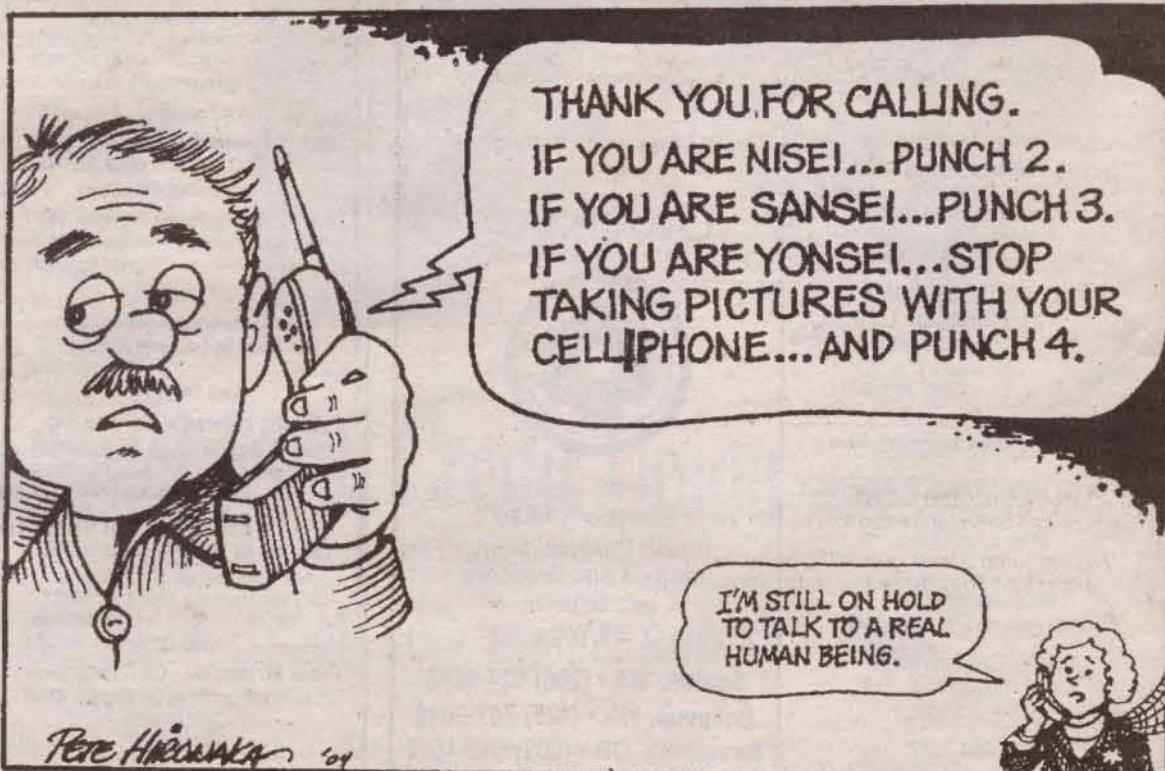
JACL and APPEAL Launch New Health Policy Fellowship

The JACL, along with Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and Leadership (APPEAL), recently announced a new Health Policy Fellowship program providing a young professional with the opportunity to work for six months in the offices of the JACL on issues of public health policy and civil rights.

Applications are now available through the JACL website at <http://www.jacl.org/leadership.html> and are due by Feb. 27.

Funded through a grant from APPEAL, a national social justice network of organizations and individuals working towards a tobacco-free Asian American and Pacific Islander community, the fellow will learn first-hand about policymaking in our nation's capital by working on projects related to healthcare access, tobacco-control and civil rights in health policy. Intrinsic in the fellowship is the opportunity to learn about and contribute to a national movement by advocating for and providing leadership on tobacco control and social justice for AAPI communities.

The successful candidate will serve his or her fellowship in the JACL Washington, D.C. office and will be provided with training and mentorship opportunities. The fel-



Go For Broke Celebrates Opening of Resource Center

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation celebrated the opening of its Resource Center Feb. 5 at an open house in Torrance, Calif. The Resource Center is the only center dedicated to educate the public, especially students and teachers, about the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and other Japanese American units during World War II.

The jewel of the Resource Center is the web-based Oral History Video Archive showcasing 120 interviews of JA WWII veterans from across the country. The interviews, which were conducted by the foundation's Hanashi Oral History Program, are keyword searchable and viewable on the Resource Center's computer stations. These interviews are some of the last primary sources of JA WWII veteran information.

Patrons can also read the center's collection of out-of-print and uncommon books and reference materials, archival photos, personal essays, and journals, as well as rare

books on the JA experience. Additionally, hard to find documentaries, films, and video presentations on the veteran experience and incarceration of JAs during WWII may be viewed at the center.

Other services the center offers include photo replication from the foundation's private collection and public domain photos as well as a speaker's bureau for schools and other nonprofit institutions interested in having guest veteran speakers in the Southern California region.

Admission to the Resource Center is free and is located at 370 Amapola Ave., Ste. 110, Torrance, Calif. 90501. For information call 310/328-0907, e-mail: ResourceCenter@goforbroke.org.

In addition the website GoForBroke.org has been completely redesigned. The highlight of the website is the Learning Center section which includes everything needed to teach the story of the WWII JA veterans in the classroom. Also the Oral History Video Archive will be accessible through the website. ■

Ikoi-no-tomo, San Mateo Japanese Senior Club, Closes

After 32 years Ikoi-no-tomo, the San Mateo Japanese Senior Club, will no longer meet due to a decline in members.

The organization originally began when JAFL members decided to sponsor Ikoi-no-tomo to provide activities for non-English speaking Japanese seniors. Originally the club had more than 40 members but has since dwindled to only a handful.

The meetings allowed seniors to

come out for weekly meetings with friends and provided various activities. Needle craft, folk singing, Japanese dancing, and various trips to parks and local points of interest were just some of the activities.

Volunteers kept the organization going by providing refreshments and dishes at the meetings. Their crafts and foods were sold at various boutiques to help supplement the group's activities. ■

WASHINGTON

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view. "Just because you're allowed to do it doesn't mean you have to do it."

Initiative 200 won support from 58 percent of state voters in 1998.

"We believe that the government should treat everyone the same," Eyman said. "That consensus is still there."

Some supporters of affirmative action contend I-200 has discouraged minority students from pursuing higher education.

"I've just noticed a big change," said Manik Ahuja, an Indian American student at the University of Washington who returned after an earlier stint there in 1997. Ahuja said some of his peers feel intimidated by the prospect of entering the UW, which he called "the university of the white."

Two dozen people, most of them part of the state education system, signed up to speak in favor of the bill at the hearing.

One was University of Washington President Lee Huntsman, who said exposure to other backgrounds and cultures is essential to learning.

"We cannot do the best job preparing our students as workers and citizens without having diversity be a big part of their experience in college," he said.

The measure would amend but not abolish I-200, said Sen. Don Carlson, R-Vancouver, the committee chairman. He acknowledged the bill could face difficulties in the Republican-controlled Senate.

"I'm anticipating a problem, to be perfectly honest," he said.

Under the proposal, public colleges and universities would be allowed to modify their policies to include race if the changes meet certain minor requirements.

The legislation forbids using quotas or setting aside admission

slots for members of a particular group. Schools would be required to evaluate each applicant individually.

It also would establish a process for periodic review of race-neutral alternatives.

To amend or overturn an initiative, opponents must get approval from the governor and two-thirds of both legislative houses in the

first two years following its passage. After that time, a simple majority will suffice.

California and Texas voters have also banned affirmative action. Ward Connerly, chairman of the Sacramento, Calif.-based American Civil Rights Coalition, is leading initiative efforts to outlaw racial preferences in Michigan. ■

MICHIGAN

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drive, called the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

They argued that the measure attempts to circumvent the Supreme Court ruling, as state laws initiated in the 1960s did after integration was ordered following the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling. *The Detroit News* reported in a Jan. 27 story.

"This referendum is a direct attack on racial preferences, and racial preferences are not unconstitutional and do not per se violate the rights of whites," Dillard said of the ballot proposal.

A preliminary hearing has been set for March 19 before Judge Sue Borman.

Tim O'Brien, the campaign manager of the ballot initiative, said he had not seen the suit and declined to comment.

State Rep. Leon Drolet, R-Clinton Township, called the lawsuit "amazing."

"This initiative, every word of it, is built around equal protection under the law. Their Orwellian doublespeak is laughable," said Drolet, a key advocate of the petition drive.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative began collecting signatures Jan. 12. The question will go before Michigan voters Nov. 2 if the signatures of at least 317,757 registered voters are collected by July 6.

In a recent poll conducted by *The Detroit News*, 64 percent of

Michigan voters said they favored the ban, while 23 percent were opposed.

The newspaper's survey of 400 registered voters was conducted Jan. 7-12 by Mitchell Research & Communications of East Lansing and had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Supporters of the initiative say it is needed to eliminate preferences based on skin color and dispel the stereotype that minorities need a helping hand. Opponents complain the proposal would dismantle affirmative action programs and is misleading because the words "affirmative action" do not appear on the petition.

The ballot initiative group, with the help of California businessman and affirmative action foe Ward Connerly, targeted Michigan for the ballot measure.

The effort followed the U.S. Supreme Court's June 5-4 decision that the University of Michigan Law School could consider race to create a diverse population. The court struck down the university's undergraduate policy as too formulaic, and university officials revised the policy last fall to include a more comprehensive review of each application.

The University of Michigan is not a party to the legal challenge. ■

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PRINCESS GREEK ISLES CRUISE (14 days via Star Princess)	SEPT 27
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All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aki, Misaki, Claremont; Nov. 12; survived by husband George (the last surviving 442nd RCT chaplain).

Date, Keiji Ken, 88, Reno, Nev., Jan. 8; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Mary; daughter Jeanette Yamashiro of Berkeley; and brother Frank of Reno.

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$15 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.

Fuchigami, Bill, Honolulu, Oct. 7; Marysville-born; Amache internee; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran; survived by wife Gladys; sons Brian and Randall; brothers Walter and Robert.

Fuchigami, Kazuko, San Jose, Sept. 9; Marysville-born; Amache internee; survived by brothers Bill, Walter and Robert.

Fujihira, Betty, 81, Milwaukee, Nov. 14; survived by Linda, Jerry, Sherri and Steve.

Fujita, Tadashi, Berkeley, Nov. 11; survived by sons David (Joan) of Lafayette and Kenneth (Virginia) of Pinole; 5 gc. and 3 ggc.; brother William and sister Mae Fujita; predeceased by wife Yoshie.

Hamamoto, Seiji, 83, Los Angeles, Nov. 25; California-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran; survived by daughter Laurine (Jose) Martinez; sons Dennis and Rick; 9 gc. and 1 ggc; sisters Tomi (Ken) Nakata and Yoshiko Monji; sisters-in-law Sally and Ada.

Hayashi, Isono, 99, French Camp, Dec. 9; Okayama-ken, Japan-born; she was the last of the pioneering Issei generation in French Camp; survived by son Kiyoshi (Mariyo) Hayashi; daughter Emiko (Junichi) Shiromizu; 5 gc. and 6 ggc.

Hidaka, Kumiye, 81, Chicago, survived by husband George; sons William (Terri), Victor, James (Anna) and Jon Hidaka;

daughter JoAnn (Alan) Stankevitz; 8 gc.; brother Kenneth Morishita.

Higashi, Teddy, 80, Seattle, Nov. 29; WWII U.S. Army 552nd Field Artillery, 442nd RCT, veteran; survived by wife Jean; sons Tim (Suk Hui), Tom and Toby (Evelyn); daughter Susan (John) Ridge; 7 gc.; siblings Akira (Kimi), Ken (Aki), and Mary Hirata; sister-in-law Toshi.

Hoshida, Haruye "Margie," 94, San Jose, Nov. 28; Santa Clara County-born; survived by son Shunji Kenneth and daughter Akemi Joyce Hoshida; 1 gc. and 1 ggc.

Hotta, Dr. Shoichi Steven, 74, Falls Church, Va., Nov. 2; survived by wife Mary; son Gregory and daughter Stephanie H. Miller; 2 gc.

Imamura, Nobuko, 88, Chapel Hill, N.C., Sept. 26; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Terry (Minori); daughter Vicki (Wil) Saito; 1 gc. and 1 ggc.

Kanaya, Kimiko Tanida, 82, Gig Harbor, Wash., Jan. 2; Portland, Ore.-born; Minidoka internee; survived by husband Col. (Ret'd) Jimmie Kanaya.

Kanegae, John, 70, Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4; survived by wife Marie; daughter Janice (Sam) Park; son Jeffrey; brothers George (Amy) and Ron (Penny); sisters Alice (Art) Yoshizawa, Janice Numata and Jean (Eddie) Nagai.

Kawauchi, Stanley Tokio, 90, Oxnard, Jan. 11; Pepekeo, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Toshie; daughter Linda (Kenneth) Ferguson; sisters Loretta (Harry) Kono and Ellen Goto; brothers Ben (Mary) and James (Helen); and 2 gc.

Kayano, Matsuye, 85, Spokane, Wash., Jan. 8; JACler, Minidoka internee; survived by daughter Lynda Peterson; son Ed; 1 gc.; predeceased by husband Katsuji and son Ken.

Kiwata, Ken, 79, San Francisco, Jan. 16; survived by

wife Rosalyn; sons Richard and Howard; sister Yo Hironaka; and 5 gc.

Masamune, Satoru, 75, Newton, Mass, Nov. 9; Fukuoka, Japan-born; a professor of organic chemistry, he developed a wide array of techniques for synthesizing organic molecules, including antibiotics; survived by wife Takako; daughter Hiroko Masamune of Noank, Conn.; son Tohoru of Los Angeles; sister Michiko Hiyama and brothers Tadashi, Osamu, Shinobu and Tsutomu, all of Japan.

Masaoka, Mary Ann, 88, Mountain View, Jan. 5; JACler; Santa Barbara-born; survived by daughters JoAnn Masaoka Van Atta and Lynn Hartnett; sons Dr. Grant, Alan and Phillip; sisters Clara Hodgson, Rose Hayashida and Barbara Furusho; and 7 gc.

Nakaji, George, Cleveland, Sept. 22; survived by brother Tom (Yuki); sister Mary.

Nakao, Utaka, 89, San Lorenzo, Nov. 25; Mt. Eden (Hayward)-born; survived by wife Kinuye Jean; daughters Janice Nakao of San Lorenzo and Nancy Nakao of Mill Valley; sisters Haru Toriumi and Yuki (Bill) Toriumi; sister-in-law Toshi Nakao and brother Hifumi Nakao; predeceased by brothers Chuichi, Cy and Frank.

Oishi, Daniel Yoshiro, 54, San Pedro, Nov. 29; survived by parents Dan Yoshiro and Sueko Joan; sister Carol (Ronald) Nagai.

Okano, Fujio, 97, Cincinnati, Aug. 23; Bakersfield-born; Japan-educated; survived by wife Misao; son Mark; daughter Mary Lynne.

Okimoto, Frank N., 86, Yuba City, Dec. 30; survived by wife Teruko; daughters Laurie Misaki of Fresno and Linell Wong of Palo Alto; sons Rodney of San Jose and Gerald of San Francisco; 15 gc.; sisters Helen Iwamura of Yuba City, Dorothy Ariyoshi of Richmond and Amy Kuwada of El Cerrito.

Omura, Jewell, 84, Pacific Grove, Dec. 4; Stockton-born; survived by husband Am M. Omura of Pacific Grove; daughter Lynn Standen of Cincinnati; sister

OBITUARY

Kiharu Nakamura, Geisha and Consultant, Dead at 90

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Kiharu Nakamura, who wrote several books about her experiences as a geisha in Japan and served as a consultant on movies and theater productions, died Jan. 5 at her Queens home. She was 90.

Nakamura had been confined to her bed for several years and died in her sleep, said Artemis Willis, a spokeswoman for her family.

In pre-war Japan, she entertained scores of men — including Charlie Chaplin and Babe Ruth — at teahouses in Tokyo. She wrote a book about her experiences, "Edokko Geisha Ichidai-ki" ("Biography of a Tokyo Geisha"), that was published in Japan in

1983 and has since been translated into German, French and Czech. A dozen other books followed.

She moved to New York City in 1956 and taught samisen for several years. Nakamura worked as a consultant on the 1995 film "Search and Destroy" and on New York theatrical productions of "M. Butterfly" and "Pacific Overtures." She was thanked in the acknowledgments of Arthur Golden's 1997 bestseller "Memoirs of a Geisha," but Golden used another geisha, from Kyoto, as a primary source for the book.

Nakamura had long worked to change popular notions of what it meant to be a geisha, a term that translates as "practitioner of the arts." ■

Claire Minami of Chevy Chase, Md.; 2 gc.; predeceased by brother Kaname Fujishige and sisters Agnes Tsukimura, Jane Nushida and June Fujii.

Osumi, Tom Shinichi, 91, Oxnard, Jan. 3; Honolulu-born; survived by wife Mae; daughter Reiko Osumi Spivey; sons Norman (Kathy), Ted and Gary (Celeste); 7 gc.; 5 ggc.

Sasaki, Shigeru, 82, San Francisco, Dec. 2; Sacramento-born; survived by wife Haruko Sue; sons David (Cindi) and Kenneth (Jill); 2 gc.

Tabata, William, Glen Falls, N.Y., Nov. 5; survived by wife Barbara H.; sons David (Dawn) of Columbus, Ohio, James of Cleveland; stepdaughter Teresa (Tim) Kraska of Wellington, Fla.; stepson Michael (Deborah) Werner of Rotterdam, N.Y.; 2 gc., 4 step-gc.; sister-in-law Lenore Tabata of California; predeceased by brother George.

Terasaki, Yutaka "Tak," 89, Denver, Jan. 3; one of the founders of the Mile-Hi JACL, he helped organize the first postwar national JACL convention in 1946 and was a national vice president in 1953-56; served on the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy 1979 and on the Denver Mayor's Revitalization Task force in 1979-83; survived by wife Mitchie Futamata; daughters Alene Kiku Terasaki and Melanie Froelich; sisters Haruko Kobayashi and Yuriko Nogami; brothers Shoziro and Sam and their wives.

Tochihara, Jim, 77, Brighton, Colo., Nov. 25 service; survived by wife Yasuko; son Allen; daughters Eileen Heath, Terri Tochihara-Dirks and Kristy Tochihara.

Togawa, Kimi, 93, Los Angeles, Dec. 3; Sacramento-born; survived by daughters Akiko Manaka, May Hiroko (Paul) Kiyotoki and June Tomiko (John) Urban; sons Paul Susumu (Betty Paps) and Glenn Noboru Togawa; 8 gc. and 3 ggc.; sister-in-law Mari Sakamoto; predeceased by husband Akira.

Toland, John, 91, Danbury, Conn., Jan. 4; La Crosse, Wis.-born; U.S. Army Air Corps veteran; Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Rising Sun," which tells the story of the Japanese empire from 1936 to 1945 from the Japanese perspective; his books also included "Adolf Hitler: The Definitive Biography" and "Infamy: Pearl Harbor and its Aftermath"; survived by wife Toshiko of Danbury; three daughters; 3 gc.

Tsurusaki Chikaji, 79, Chicago, Dec. 27 service; survived by

wife Yoneko Mizuhata; daughters Patricia (Darryl) Arizo, Janice (Stanley) Shigihara, Deborah (Carl) Migashiro; sons Calvin (Maddie), Kenneth (Nancy) and David (Karen); 17 gc., 3 ggc.; siblings Koji and Fumiyo "Jeri"; predeceased by Shigeto, Tsunoyo and Inouyo.

Washizuka, Shizuo, 89, Gardena, Nov. 19; Los Gatos-born; survived by daughters Michiko Washizuka, Kimiko (Henry) Kiyohara, Naomi Sasano and Jaynie (Sherwood) Prescott; 5 gc. and 2 ggc.

Yamamoto, Masayuki Floyd, 88, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 3; Spokane-born; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran; survived by wife Kimi and brother Richard of Spokane.

Yano, Tokihira "Toki," 85, San Diego, Sept. 11; survived by wife Betty; sisters Dorothy Matsumoto and Chieko Moriyama; and sister-in-law Tamako Yano.

Yorizane, Ruby Chizuko, Reedley, Nov. 20; survived by son Shaw (Georgia) of Fresno and daughter Cheryl (Curtis) Koga of Reedley; 7 gc. ■

DEATH NOTICE

FRANCES KAORU NIIMI

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — Frances Kaoru Niimi, 89, passed away Jan. 10. Services for the Yakima, Wash.-born Nisei were held Jan. 17 at Rose Hills Memorial Park. The deceased is survived by sons, Frank and Gerald (Chiyoko) Niimi; daughter, Lillian Midori Mikuriya; grandchildren, Shelly and Allen (Sara) Niimi and Derek (Phyllis) Mikuriya; two great-grandchildren; brothers, William (Mazie) and Henry (Julianne) Sakai, both of Portland, Ore.; sister, Kimiko Kai of Portland; sister-in-law, Susie Sakai and Chika Niimi of Copalis Beach, Wash. and many nieces and nephews.

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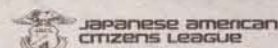
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In Full Bloom
By Caroline Hwang
Dutton
304 pp., \$23.95

Caroline Hwang's debut novel packs the fun of a chic woman's quest for love and fulfillment into a poignant tale of families and heritage. The novel centers around the character of Ginger Lee, who goes to New York to be someone — not to be with someone. Her mother doesn't quite see it the same way. When Lee's mother shows up on her doorstep determined to stay and find her a nice Korean husband before Lee's "bloom" fades, things take a hilarious turn.

Unable to stand up to her mother's ideas about her career and love life, Lee comes up with a plan to sabotage the dates her mother arranges while stepping up her efforts for a promotion at work. But she is tripped up by disastrous dates who reject her before she can reject them, and confusing office politics. Her confidence shaken, Lee starts listening to the only advice that makes sense: her mother's. As Lee comes to grips with her own prejudices, she finds that it is only by embracing her mother and Asian roots that her

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happiness will blossom.
The Lyric Journey: Poetic Paintings in China and Japan
By James Cahill
Harvard University Press
251 pp., \$24.95 paperback

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In this illustrated book, James Cahill looks at three exemplary traditions in this genre, works from three very different times and places, bringing new understanding of the paintings and of the relationship between the art and the societies that produced it.

Cahill surveys the first great flowering of this genre among artists working in the Southern Sung capital of Hangzhou. He shows us the revival of poetic painting in the late Ming artists working in the prosperous city of Suchou. And we learn how artists in Edo-period Japan transformed the style into a uniquely Japanese vehicle of expression.

The Chinese in America: A Narrative History
By Iris Chang
Viking
496 pp., \$29.95 hardback

Iris Chang made headlines in 1997 with the publication of "The Rape of Nanking," which examined the sacking of that city by Japanese soldiers during World War II. With her third book, Chang explores more than 150 years of Chinese contribution to America. She challenges stereotypes of the passive Chinese and

shows how the Chinese in America have a long history of activism, from a week-long strike by Chinese railroad workers in the 1800s to the joint efforts of the San Francisco Bay Area's Red Guard Party and the Black Panthers in the 1960s. Chang also examines the unique position of the little-known Chinese community in the Deep South, where for generations they have straddled the racial divide. Among those interviewed for this section is broadcaster Sam Chu Lin, who grew up in Mississippi. Perhaps less known is the frequency of intermarriage between Chinese men and women of other ethnicities in the 19th century. A popular play at the time even mocked Chinese-Irish unions.

A Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present
By Andrew Gordon
Oxford University Press
384 pp., \$35 hardback

Historian Andrew Gordon examines the overthrow of the Tokugawa in the 1800s and their replacement with direct imperial rule under the Emperor Meiji. It was then that Japan emerged as an economic powerhouse, dominated

by textiles. As Japan became a Western-focused country, there surfaced an intense worry about Japanese tradition and the desire to define Japanese essence. Gordon offers a synthesis of Japan during World War II, its surrender and the consequent American occupation. He captures the economic roller coaster throughout the next 50 years, showing the new challenges that these fluctuating economic and political times brought to the people of Japan. Other questions emerge such as the role of women, who legally have the same rights as men but are kept dependent on their husbands/ fathers, and the waves of immigrants gravitating to an overcrowded Japan.

The Making of Modern Japan
By Marius B. Jansen
Harvard University Press
871 pp., \$18.95 paperback

This book, first published in hardback in 2000, traces Japan's history from 1600s when the country underwent three periods of social and institutional change — the imposition of hegemonic order on feudal society by the Tokugawa shogun; the opening of Japan's ports by Commodore Perry; and defeat in World War II.

Throughout, the book gives voice to the individuals and views that shaped the actions and beliefs of the Japanese, with writers, artists, and thinkers as well as political leaders given their due. The story this book tells is also one of consistency, in which continuities outweigh upheavals in the development of society, and successive waves of outside influence have only served to strengthen a sense of what is unique and native to the Japanese experience.

A Decade of Faith: The Journey of Japanese Christians in the USA (1936-1946)
By Rev. Sumio Koga, D. Min.
Vantage Press
160 pp., \$12.95 paperback

Dr. Sumio Koga, a former World War II camp internee, writes about how Japanese American Christians during the war found renewed faith in God and how the role of faith played in surviving troubled times. The author also discusses *bushido*, the way of the samurai, which may have influenced those Nikkei who felt the need to prove one's loyalty to America. He notes this need resembles the relationship between master and disciple or parent and child, which also resembles the Christian importance of sacrificing for the cross.

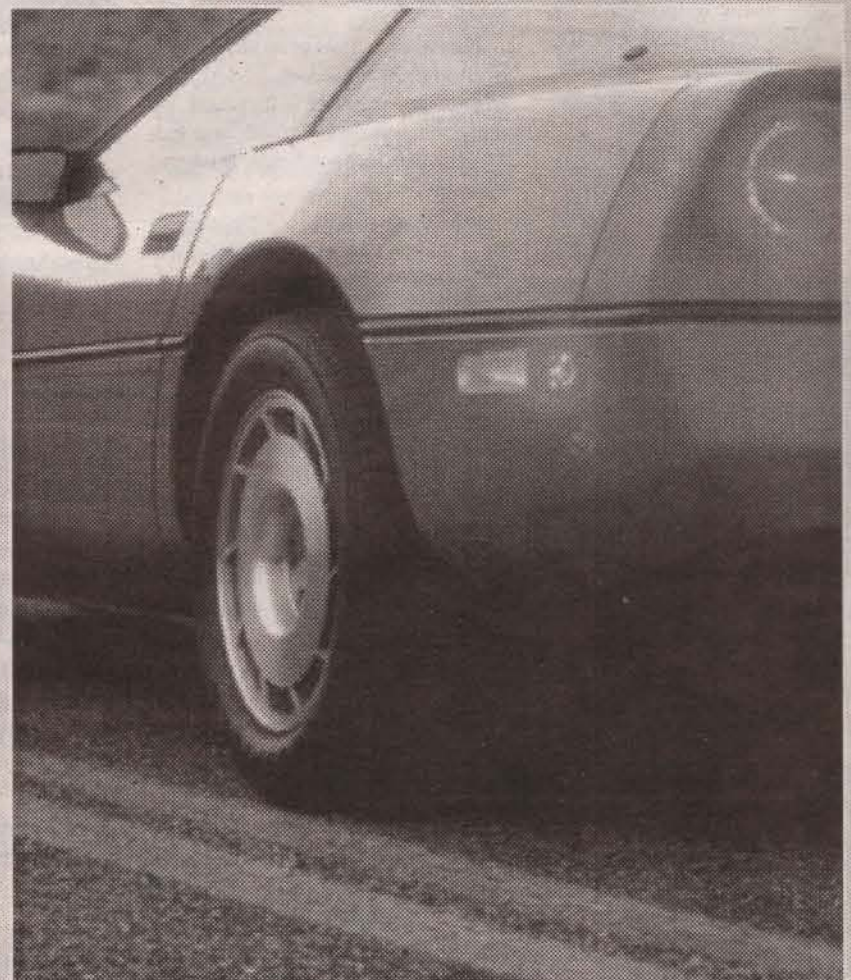


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