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JACL'S ANNUAL "ART IN THE PARK" HAMBURGER BOOTH FUNDRAISER



Connor Chow attempts to recapture the flavor of those made-to-order burgers . . . mmmmm . . . have to wait until 2006 . . .

On June 11th & 12th, the San Mateo JACL staffed a hamburger booth at Burlingame's Art in the Park festival. This was a record breaking year for us with revenues exceeding previous years. This annual event has become one of our major fundraisers which will help enable us to continue with our Chapter's programs.

Our menu consisted of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, teriyaki burgers, chips, beverages, and our new entrée: California Rolls. The sushi was prepared by Tengu Sushi restaurant, Palo Alto – Manager: George Miyashita.

We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped make this fundraiser successful:

Ernie Chan	Sachi Chan
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And thanks to my committee: Steve Katayama, Brent Nakagiri, and Ted Yamagishi for your great ideas and support. It was great seeing JACLers drop by to say hello. We appreciate all of you who came out to support us, and hope to see you again next year.

THE **JERSEY** GUYS" MAKE OUTRAGEOUS AND RACIST COMMENTS ON 101.5 FM
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Craig Carton and Rich Rossi, known as "The Jersey Guys" made insensitive remarks toward Jun Choi [<http://www.junchoi.com/>], a Korean American who is running for Edison, NJ mayor during the April 25, 2005 broadcast of their show:

Craig Carton: I'm using Jun Choi [said in fast-paced, high-pitched, squeaky voice] as an example of a larger problem.

Ray Rossi: and you know

Carton: We're forgetting the fact that we're Americans.

Rossi: You know that he's going to get the whatever that vote is

Carton: And here's the bottom line... no specific minority group or foreign group should ever ever dictate the outcome of an American election. I don't care if the Chinese population in Edison has quadrupled in the last year, Chinese should never dictate the outcome of an election, Americans should.

Carton: We're bending over backwards to cater to fringe groups of people and I don't like it!

Rossi: As long as we understand where you're coming from with the, uh poker table group...

Carton: Well go to AC for one week and try and get a table*ching chong, ching chong, ching chong* [Mimics Chinese accent..] hehe you hit it on 17 you stupid bitch the dealer's got a 5. .I'm holding an 18what're you hitting for you know? They do it all day and night they got their little beady pocketbooks with the little beads on it they take out wads of 100s ching chong ching chong [accent] they don't know how to play the game eh, honey i got a 13 and I'm playing against a 6 . . .

Asian Media Watchdog reported on May 24, 2005 that 80-20 New Jersey Chapter, which is also a member of New Jersey Coalition for Asian American Civil Rights, announced that 101.5FM agreed in writing to the following: Issue an on air, formal and blanket apology by the "Jersey Guys;" Invite Jun Choi (the Korean American candidate who was attacked) to be a guest by "Jersey Guys." [The acceptance by Choi is

unknown.]; Cultural sensitivity training for all 101.5 FM employees; Public access programming focused on promoting awareness of the contributions of Asian Americans; and Diversity committee established at 101.5 FM with community members to foster cross-cultural understanding.

JACL took concerted action against the “Jersey Guys” remarks. If you do not have the time to speak out, write a letter, or email 101.5 FM, your membership in a civil and human rights organization like JACL is important.

EXCERPT FROM HEIDI TANAKATSUBO ADDRESS TO NISEI POST 9879



Without your sacrifices and your courage, we would not be where we are today. We would not have the distinct honor of knowing that the 442nd emerged from World War II as the most highly decorated combat unit in the history of the United States Army. You served with distinction, with honor, and with valor. And for that, your legacies will live on.

The Japanese Americans who fought in World War II did more than just help win the original war on terror. You paved a road for generations to come and not just in the military. The decades since the end of World War II have seen a series of firsts for Japanese Americans: the first Japanese American Senator, the first Japanese American member of the presidential cabinet, and the first Japanese American Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Your experiences in WWII made it possible for Asian Americans to serve their country without the stigma of segregation.

When Japanese Americans today speak of the 442nd and the MIS, we speak with pride, reverence, and awe. The pride we feel is tangible in our voices and it is our duty to see that your legacies live on.

I hope that you speak proudly of your service and know that your children, grandchildren, and Japanese Americans everywhere want to hear your stories. And our future depends on it. Japanese Americans are a distinct group sharing a remarkably unique culture and history. But when your memories aren't passed to others, our pasts slowly wither away.

SAN FRANCISCO/BAY AREA NIKKEI SINGLES OF JCCCNC OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

One \$1500 scholarship is being offered by the San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC). Applicant must be of a single-parent household and a graduating high school senior or post-secondary student planning to attend or currently attending an institution of higher learning or a business or vocational college in the 2005-2006 academic year. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic talent, social and community affiliation, and financial need. Deadline for application is October 31, 2005.

Apply to the San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles of JCCCNC Scholarship Committee, c/o Bill Sakai, Chair, 316 Creekside Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306 or call (650) 493-2406.

SUNDAY MATINEE MOVIE AT JA COMMUNITY CENTER

Sunday Matinee Movie on July 24, 2005: "TWILIGHT SAMURAI" (TASOGARE SEIBEI)
Seibei Iguchi, a samurai widower, works hard each day to support his two daughters and his elderly mother. Yet when word of his prowess with sword spreads, Seibei is reluctantly caught up in a conflict between clans. Academy Award-nominated for Best Foreign Language Film.
2003, 129 minutes, color. Japanese with English subtitles. Free admission.



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