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## PSW on PC

From one ad hoc committee to another:  
Recommendations made on newspaper

By RICHARD SUENAGA  
Editor

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Pacific Southwest (PSW) District Council unanimously approved 10 recommenda-

Sept. 25 JACL National Board meeting when the conflict over PC's role dominated the discussions and actions of the board. Since then the Ad Hoc Committee has met once by teleconference.

Seeking input and representation to that committee, the PSW Ad Hoc committee has held meetings since December of last year to form its recommendations.

In addition to Mizobe, the PSW Ad Hoc Committee includes Joe Allman, president, Arizona Chapter; Sandi Kawasaki, former PC Board member, member, Downtown Los Angeles Chapter; George Kodama, former national treasurer, member, Venice-Culver Chapter; Arnold Miyamoto, former president, San Fernando Valley Chapter; and Kim Tachiki, PSW PC Board representative, member, APAN Chapter.

The 10 recommendations will be presented at the scheduled Feb. 13 JACL National Board meeting in San Francisco.



RUTH MIZOBE  
Chair, PSW committee

The recommendations were created from PSW's own Ad Hoc Committee formed to make recommendations to Kimura's Ad Hoc Committee, according to Ruth Mizobe, chair and governor of the district.

Kimura created the committee at the

## 10 recommendations

Here are the PSW recommendations on Pacific Citizen guidelines and their corresponding rationale for them as set forth by the PSW Ad Hoc committee:

● **The Pacific Citizen Board and chairperson shall be elected by the membership.**

The Pacific Citizen Board Chair shall be elected by the National Council at the National Convention to serve a two-year term. The Pacific Citizen Board chair shall have voting privileges on the National Board but shall not be considered a national officer.

The district representatives to the Pacific Citizen Board shall be elected by their respective districts to serve a two-year term concurrent with the term of the district governor, with a two-consecutive elected term limit.

**Background and rationale:** The current by-laws provide that the Pacific Citizen Board be recommended for appointment by their respective districts and confirmed by the National Board for staggered three-year terms. The Pacific Citizen board chair is appointed by the national president. Removal of the Pacific Citizen Board in whole or in part may occur with a simple majority of the

National Board. The Pacific Citizen Board chair may be removed by the National President at their sole discretion, without cause.

Currently, there is no direct accountability of the Pacific Citizen Board to the membership. The Pacific Citizen Board appears to be only accountable to the National Board by virtue of the authority to remove its members. The recommendation above provides for direct accountability of the Pacific Citizen Board to the National Council and the membership.

The recommendation of the two-year term allows the terms of office to be clearly defined with the term of the district governor.

● **Similar to the Program for Action, the editorial policy of the Pacific Citizen shall be reviewed and adopted at every National Convention meeting by the National Council for the following biennium.**

It will be the responsibility of the Pacific Citizen Board to ensure that those policies are followed by the editorial staff in the publication of the newspaper.

**Background and rationale:** In re-  
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## Takano runs for Congress

Mark Takano, a public school teacher and Riverside Community College trustee, announced his candidacy for U.S. Representative for the 43rd Congressional District Feb. 9.

Takano came up short by 500 votes in the closest congressional election of 1992 to Republican real estate developer Ken Calvert, declared the winner on election night by a margin of 1,234 votes. Takano's victory was reversed after 17,000 "walk-in" absentee ballots were counted four days later. Takano, a Democrat, was born and raised in Riverside, attending La Sierra High School, where he was valedictorian. After receiving his B.A. in government from Harvard University, Takano returned to Riverside and became a public school



MARK TAKANO

teacher, currently teaching English and history at Rialto High School. In 1990, Takano was elected to the Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College and now serves as vice president of the board. Takano also serves as a board member for the Riverside Ballet Theater and the Greater Riverside Urban League.

## Youth at work

180 people attend national conference in San Francisco Feb. 4-5; hear Bruce Yamashita

Stories and photos:  
GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

SAN FRANCISCO—Bruce Yamashita, speaking Feb. 5 at the National Youth Council Conference, said of his recent victory in his racial discrimination case against the Marine Corps, "David has slain Goliath."

Yamashita was disbarred from the Marine Officers Candidate School in 1989, the Corps has since acknowledged that he was subjected to racial slurs and harassment by his trainers.

"It took five long years, but justice has been won. But despite this victory, it is still a sad day for me because in this country, there is still so much to be done," said Yamashita.

Underscoring Yamashita's message, an elderly white man who said he was a retired Marine colonel briefly

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disrupted the conference morning workshops when he loudly demanded to see Yamashita. The man had read of Yamashita's story in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and had to be escorted out of the hotel by the police.

Yamashita said initially he was un-

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**CONVENING**—Above, standing from left, are Tanya Shifren, Libby Oda, Kim Yoshino, Kerry Kaneuchi and Gary Mayeda. Seated from left are Kelly Wicker, Kim Nakahara and Tracy Ando. At left, speaker Bruce Yamashita chats with attendees, and below, Lt. Richard Shiraishi (right) and Randy Imai, Sacramento Chapter president, speak at workshop.

## When hate crimes hit home

Randy Imai, president, Sacramento Chapter JACL, speaking at the workshop on hate crimes, said that no one can be completely prepared for the kind of racial attack which destroyed the Sacramento Chapter office last year.

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which you feel will address your civil rights," said Imai. "If we hadn't done networking (with other civil rights groups) prior to the attack the support wouldn't have been there."

The chapter president recounted the first frantic hours after the Oct. 2

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## An insensitive exhibit?

Preparations are already being made to commemorate in 1995 the 50th anniversary of the defeat of the Japanese army during World War II, reported the *Los Angeles Times*.

Japan formally surrendered Sept. 2, 1945.

To respect Japanese sensitivities, U.S. military historians have been sent to Tokyo to discuss the matter with Japanese historians.

According to the *Times*, one point which may cause prob-

lems is the fact that the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., is planning to unveil the restored Enola Gay—the U.S. plane which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Military planners are also preparing for D-Day commemorations the same year.

Tentatively scheduled is a large-scale re-enactment of the battle of Normandy.

President Clinton is scheduled to participate in the celebration.

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## Calendar

### Northeast U.S. Washington, D.C.

Sat. Feb. 26-March 2-JACL-Organization of Chinese Americans Leadership Conference (JACL candidates limited to EDC).  
Sun. Feb. 27-Day of Remembrance, 8 a.m., Arlington Hyatt Hotel, Rosslyn, Va. Leslie Hatamiya, speaker, "On the History of Redress." [She is author of "Fighting a Wrong," on the redress movement.]

### Ohio

#### Dayton

Sat. Feb. 19-JACL charter bus to Indianapolis for "Children of the Detention Camp: 1942-46" exhibit.

### Indiana

#### Indianapolis

Fri-Sun. Feb. 18-20-JACL Midwest District spring session, Courtyard, 10290 N. Meridian St. Information: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505.

Through Feb. 19-April 10-Photo exhibit, "Children of the Detention Camps, 1942-45," Children's Museum, 3000 N. Meridian St. NOTE—Opening ceremonies, 4 p.m., Feb. 19; Dr. Donna Nagata, University of Michigan, speaker. Information: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505.

### Texas

#### Houston

Mar. 12-18-JACL Houston Capler IX Invitational Golf Tournament, over five different courses including Turlay 18, open to Midwest and Mid-Plains JACLers; information: Mas. Yamasaki, 16402 Farnell Court, Spring, TX 77379. Tex. Mex dinner to be held residence of Lance Yamasaki; group restaurant reservations on tap featuring Cajun, Creole, Japanese, Texas-size steaks and oyster bars. AGENDA—Plans for special celebration for (a) Houston Capler X in 1995; (b) Pete Fujitaka Memorial Tournament chaired by Dr. Gerry Shimura in the fall; (c) Dr. Roy Sugimoto Memorial Tournament chaired by Gordon Yoshikawa; and (d) Fall Mini Capler Tournament, co-chaired by Dr. Kaz Mayeda (Detroit), George Sakaguchi (St. Louis), Sam Honda (Twin Cities).

### Idaho

#### Boise

Feb. 25-April 1—"In This Great Land of Freedom: the Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" exhibit, Idaho State Historical Museum, 610 N. Julia Davis Dr., Boise. NOTE—Organized by Japanese American National Museum, information: 208/334-2120.

### Utah

#### Salt Lake City

Sat. March 12—National JACL Credit Union annual meeting, Little America Hotel, information 801/355-8040, 800/544-8828.

### Arizona

#### Phoenix

Sat-Sun. Feb. 26-27—10th annual Malasri, Heritage Square, 6th & Monroe, Phoenix; booth information Helen Tanita, 602/944-2050.

### Nevada

#### Las Vegas

Thu. Feb. 17-JACL Las Vegas ethnic gourmet cooking, 7 p.m., Las Vegas Academy High School, information Y. Caryl Suzuki 702/228-3071.  
Mon. Feb. 28-JACL Las Vegas general meeting, 7 p.m., Nevada Power Meeting Room, 6225 W. Sahara; information Y. Caryl Suzuki 702/228-3071.

### California Sacramento Valley

Wed. Feb. 16—Sacramento Kings' "Japanese American Night" at Arco Arena, vs. Philadelphia 76ers. Tickets: JACL members Betty Sakamoto, Kuni Hirakawa, Tom Fujimoto, Tsuto Ota, Chewy Ito, Mike Sawamura, Lori Fujimoto, Mike Iwahiro, Gene Itogawa, Dick Fukushima, Ralph Sugimoto, Richard Sawamura, Sacramento Taiko Dan. Information: Toko Fuji, 916/441-7900, eves 421-6968.  
Fri. Feb. 25—JACL Sacramento "Day of Remembrance" with potluck after Japanese United Methodist Church, 8529 Franklin Blvd. NOTE—Dr. Clifford Uyeda, San Francisco, guest speaker; seniors over age 80 will be honored. Information: Toko Fuji, 916/441-7900, eves 421-6968.

### San Francisco

Sat. March 12—Asian American (bone marrow) Donor Program casino night benefit, San Francisco Tennis Club. Information: Carol Gillespie, AED, 510/523-3566, 800/59-DONOR.

### Peninsula

Sat. Feb. 26—JACL Sequoia Spaghetti and Crab Feed, 5-8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Temple gym, 2751 Louis Rd., Palo Alto. Tickets from any board member. Information: Floyd Kamagaki 415/604-4021 (fax), 415/856-9652 (res), Don Miyamoto 408/738-4334.

### Eastbay

Sat. Feb. 26—Berkeley Methodist United Church benefit, noon-4 p.m., B.M.C., 1710 Carleton St., information Hiroko Iida 510/234-0881. NOTE—Kamagaki Spring Fashion Collection.  
Mon. Feb. 28—Eastbay Nikkei Singles meeting, 7:30 p.m., Union Bank, 1800 Harrison St., Oakland; information Millie Nakai 510/223-5619.

### San Jose

Sun. Feb. 13—San Jose Nikkei Singles 17th annual installation luncheon, 11 a.m., Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara; RSVP Feb. 3, Betty Uchida 408/257-1935.  
Thu. Feb. 17—Panel discussion, "Legacies of Internment," with Dr. Alexander Yamato, 6 p.m., San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St., 408/294-2787. NOTE—On the panel: author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, Hiroshi Kashiwagi and Lane Nishikawa.

### Salinas-Monterey

Sun. Feb. 13—JACL Coordinating Council of Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, Santa Clara County and Watsonville programs, "Day of Remembrance," 1:30 p.m., California Rodeo Ground, Salinas. NOTE—Harry "Tar" Shiraki, keynote speaker; reception to follow at Salinas Buddhist Temple.

### Stockton

Fri. Feb. 18—San Joaquin Nisei Farmers League 18th annual banquet, 6 p.m., Waterford Town and Social Club, Stockton. Information: Terry Paolotti 209/465-1754. NOTE—U.S. Rep. Richard W. Pombo (R-Calif. 11th Dist.), speaker.

### Los Angeles-Orange

Through March 13—Works of Koji Takai-Jayme Odgers "Musubitsuki" (Relationships), exhibit of graphic design and photography, 12-5 p.m. Tue-Fri, 11-4 Sat-Sun, JACCC George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. NOTE—Free, information 213/628-2725.  
Sat. Feb. 12—Japanese American National Museum (JANM) annual meeting, 11:30-6 p.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles; information 213/625-0414.  
Sat. Feb. 12—"Blue Jay in the Desert" storytelling/book party, 2 p.m., JANM.

369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles. NOTE—Presenting new children's book introducing the WWII internment story by author Marlene Shigekawa and illustrator Isao Kikuchi.

Sat. Feb. 12—Orange County Seniors Singles St. Valentin's Day dance, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Skylarks Country Club, 4800 Wylford Rd., Long Beach. Information: 313/962-5529.

Sun. Feb. 13—Nikkei Widowed Group Valentine's potluck luncheon, 1-4 p.m., JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles; information Karl Gike 310/837-7662. June Ichinose 818/288-7169.

NOTE—"Quality and Affordable Dentistry for Seniors," Philip Kw DOW, speaker; and election of officers.

Sat. Feb. 19—Taste of Little Tokyo, "Oodles of Noodles" with Hiro Nagahashi, noon-2 p.m., JANM, RSVP 213/625-0414.

Sat. Feb. 19—Pasadena Nikkei Seniors benefit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Pasadena Cultural Institute, 595 Lincoln Ave. NOTE—Light lunch and Kanagawa Spring fashion show. Information: Ida Nakayama 213/681-8667, June Nakahiro 818/798-2249.

Sun. Feb. 20—Book party: "Ten Victims: Conversations with Frank and Joanne Iritani," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles; information: 213/625-0414.

Thu. Feb. 24—"The Maids," by Jean Genet, opens, 8 p.m., East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles; box office 213/666-0366 2-5 p.m. NOTE—All Asian-Pacific cast. Emily Kuroda, Jeanne Sakata, Patricia Ayame Thomson; Alberto Isaac directs; Continues weekends Fri-Sat eves, Sun 2 p.m. through April 3.

Fri. Feb. 25—"Cold Told!" comedy group returns to JANM, 7:30 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414.

Sun. Feb. 27—"Photographer Hiroshi Sugimoto" exhibition art talk, 3 p.m., Museum of Contemporary Art, 250 Grand Ave., Los Angeles; information 213/626-6222.

Sun. Feb. 27—Workshop on "Discovering Your Family Tree," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles; information: 213/625-0414.

Mon. Feb. 28—Japan America Society/Sundance Institute/American Film Marketing Assn. luncheon, 11:30-2 p.m., Miramar Sheraton, 1012 Wilshire, Santa Monica; RSVP 213/627-6217x15. NOTE—Panelists on "Creative Partnering in the New Media World."

Sat. March 5—Japan America Symphony concert: guest soloist Mari Kodama, piano, 8 p.m., Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, tickets 213/489-5660.  
Sat. March 5—East San Gabriel Valley JACC's "Spring" benefit dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Center Gym, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina; information 818/9602566.

Thu. March 10—Japan America Symphony dinner, 6:30 p.m., Regent Beverly Wilshire, RSVP 213/489-5660. NOTE—Mr. and Mrs. Yukiyasu Togo, honorees.  
Sun. March 13—Nikkei Widowed Group installation luncheon; information Karl Gike 310/837-7662. June Ichinose 818/288-7169.

Sat. May 14—CCD/MIS Zebra Platoon reunion, 7 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Torrance; information: Koji Kawaguchi, 8192 Grant Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92646. NOTE—CCD/Civil censorship detachments were stationed during Occupation era in Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka and Pusan.

### San Diego

Feb. 18—US San Diego Day of Remembrance, 11-5:30 p.m., Campus Gallery A of Price Center; information 619/457-3722. NOTE—Sponsored by ASUCSD, UCSB Ethnic Studies Department, Japanese American Society students film slide show, panel discussion by internees.

## Small kid time



## Gwen Muranaka



## JACL Youth Conference

## Asian Americans in film: On screen but still not in power

Story and photo:  
GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

With recent films like *Joy Luck Club*, *Dragon*, and *Heaven and Earth*, have Asian Americans finally come to the forefront in Hollywood? Panelists at the workshop, "Positive Portrayals of Asians in the Media" said in general Asian Americans still have little power or representation in the media.

Lane Nishikawa, artistic director of the Asian American Theater Company, said, "There were 419 mainstream films produced last year. Nineteen were about African Americans, two were about Asians (*Rising Sun* and *Joy Luck Club*). If we had 19 films about Asians we could start talking about change. This is the beginning of change."

Other panelists included: moderator Janice Sakamoto, program director, NAATA; Kenn Kashima, independent filmmaker and Kent Takano, producer of *Scratch*, a television show aimed at teens.

Kashima, who is developing an Asian American sitcom for Castlerock Entertainment, said Asian Americans like any other group have to prove that they can produce at the box office or in the TV ratings.

"Hollywood is very formula.

"Our community is so diverse, it's hard to form that camaraderie."

—Kenn Kashima



PANELISTS—Kenn Kashima and Janice Sakamoto discuss Asian American progress in the media at the JACL youth conference.

Something new is seen as an anomaly, we have to take advantage of that," said Takano.

Among the panelists there was considerable discussion and dispute about both *Rising Sun* and *Joy Luck Club*.

Nishikawa, who will be featured in *Rising Sons*, Steven Okazaki's response to *Rising Sun*, said, "The images haven't changed. (*Rising Sun*) perpetuates a negative view—the audiences were cheering when the Japanese car gets bashed in. We have to speak up as a people."

Takano criticized protesting the film prior to its release.

"If I made a movie about another culture, I wouldn't want to have it stamped bad before anyone has had a chance to see it. We have to be fair about our criticism," said Takano.

Sakamoto, who was involved in pre-production on *Rising Sun*, said that the final cut of the film wasn't as bad as the original script she had seen.

"If it were true to the book, we would still have problems. These are not just images, they affect

perceptions of Asian Americans. The stereotype of all Asians being foreigners does have an effect on how people treat Asians," said Sakamoto.

Kashima, who worked as a video assistant on *Joy Luck Club*, said there was a lot of racial tension on the set. He criticized director Wayne Wang for not having more Asian Americans in prominent positions on the film.

"There were only six Asians who had key positions, everyone else was a production assistant. After that experience, I envy the African American community and their camaraderie. Our community is so diverse, it's hard to form that camaraderie," said Kashima.

Nishikawa said Wang had to prove that his films can make money and then he will have the clout to hire the staff that he wants.

"He's still a young filmmaker who's done six or seven films. By the time he's done 40 films, he's going to be a monster (success). It's an experimental stage. Hang with it and people will catch on," said Nishikawa.

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## CRIMES

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1993 firebombing.

"The first words I heard were at 1:30 a.m. were 'Randy wake up, the JACL office has been firebombed.' It was a feeling of disbelief until we got there," said Imai.

Other panelists included, moderator Helen Zia, former executive editor of *Ms. Magazine* and founding member of the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence; Lt. Richard Shiraiishi, Sacramento Police Department and Doreena Wong, staff attorney, Asian Law Caucus.

Shiraiishi said the police department believe that alleged attacker, Richard Campos is the main perpetrator. Campos, who was 17-years-old when he allegedly committed the crimes, will be tried as an adult and is currently awaiting preliminary hearings.

"There are possibly other suspects, but the evidence is really weak," said Shiraiishi.

The lieutenant said the Sacramento P.D. learned a lot about how to deal with hate crimes from the firebombings. Shiraiishi developed a manual for the police department in response to the firebombings.

"I have never seen the city so scared, so frightened and frustrated. The attack on (Councilman) Jimmy Yee's home was sobering. Here's an attack on a house where people live," said Shiraiishi.

Wong, who directs the Hate Violence Project for ALC, said it's important for people to report any incident of hate crime.

"Whether it is a crime that can be prosecuted or not, the effect on the individual is the same. You need to report if you know of any

incidents," said Wong. "To know the extent of the problem, we have to have numbers."

Zia emphasized that it is individuals, not agencies that must battle hate crime.

"The impression is that the organizations, the attorneys, the police are the first line. That would be a mistaken impression—you are the first line. When Vincent Chin was killed, there were no organizations working on this issue," said Zia.

## YAMASHITA

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sure of whether to protest his treatment by the Marines Corps.

"What can one person do against an institution? It's a very lonely feeling. Friends and family told me to go on and forget about it. But then Bill Kaneko (then president, Honolulu Chapter, JACL and current JACL national vice president) offered to provide the resources to fight back."

"The sacrifices of my grandparents and parents gave me the moral legitimacy to stand up, take a stand and fight back," said Yamashita.

Yamashita said while he felt personally vindicated he felt for the other minority candidates who were disrespected with him.

"They had no recourse. They didn't have an organization like JACL to take on this fight. Wherever they are, we share this victory with you," said Yamashita.

He told the mostly college-aged audience not to be afraid of taking a stand.

"The great play of life goes on and you may contribute a verse. Make a difference, take a stand, persevere. Because right makes might," said Yamashita.

## ONLY A CRUSHED ROSE

By Dr. Mitsuo Miura

This cannot be a mere display of artifacts which were created during the concentration camp internment. This is an emotionally revealing true story of what had resulted because of The Executive Order No. 9066 of February 19, 1942, and the unprecedented and unjustifiable evacuation of the innocent and bewildered people, the men, the women, the children.

This reveals the story of the uprooting and the severing of their vitality, their forceful concentration, their subjection to severe and intense suffering and deep psychological trauma which could not become completely apparent because of its emotional profoundness, and of the many who were responsible, who had hoped that the prevailing steadfastness of innocence of those people would never endure nor survive the ordeal.

Beyond the countless strands of barbed wire, which was responsible for the depressing atmosphere of hopelessness and physical and emotional torment, the skies above were much brighter and farther, beyond the distant horizon, there continued persistently an invisible and impenetrable demonstration against the forceful and inhumane deprivation of their cherished tranquility which had once belonged to the praiseworthy and proudly innocent people.

Considering all that had happened, and the overwhelming evidence of total disregard for their inalienable rights, their innocence and guiltlessness, and their unblameworthiness, in truth, a rose had been crushed and was willfully cast behind barbed wires.

This, then, is the complete display of the true revelation of their bravery and steadfastness, their integrity, and eventually, of their distinguishable triumphant ascension.

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## JACL Youth Conference

# Taboos prevent talking about AIDS

By GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Speaking at the workshop on Asians and AIDS awareness at the National Youth Conference Feb. 5, Bob Shimabukuro, executive director of the Asian Pacific AIDS Council in Seattle, said that our cultural upbringing sometimes gets in the way of talking about AIDS.

"There are a lot of taboos, not just about AIDS. We have a lot of trouble talking about AIDS," said Shimabukuro, whose brother Sam died of AIDS in 1988.

"We should commit ourselves to dealing with AIDS as a community. I know we talk about sex, it's not something that is taboo," said Shimabukuro.

Other panelists included: moderator Doris Owyang, Names Project, sponsor of the AIDS memorial quilt; Rob Samonte, Filipino Task Force on AIDS and Erika Tamura, a health educator with the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC).

Samonte said that there are currently 400 Asian Pacific Islanders in San Francisco with AIDS. Of those 400, 38% are Filipino, 29% Chinese and 15% Japanese.

"There is a misperception in our community that it's not an immediate risk," said Samonte. "What I'm saying is that each of us is at risk. Not that you're bad or are doing something wrong. AIDS is an equal-opportunity disease."

Tamura, who works with Asian

youth, said JCYC tries to give young people something positive to do so that they don't start taking drugs or having sex at an early age.

"There is a lot of pressure Asian parents put on kids. Whatever you do, you must be number one—some kids get into cigarettes, drugs and delinquency," said Tamura.

"Drugs like PCP reduce inhibitions which can lead to early sexual behavior and all these things can lead to AIDS," said Tamura.

All the panelists said the key to AIDS prevention is education.

"Learn about AIDS, teach what you learn and practice what you teach," said Shimabukuro.

## Florin Japanese school may be town museum

**SACRAMENTO**—Negotiations are underway to convert the pre-war segregated Florin School for Japanese, now leased to the Elk Grove Unified School District, to be the site of the Florin Town Museum.

Southgate Recreation and Parks District has taken the lead to have a surviving historic building in Florin house the area's agricultural relics that have been displayed at the local JACL Time of Remembrance event commemorating the Evacuation.

"The town with its rich Japanese history is in danger of losing its past as development encroaches upon and often destroys the remaining reminders of years gone by," said Sansei spokeswoman Eileen Namba Otsuji and Isamu Kashiwagi, former student of the segregated school system.

Members of the Florin Historical Society and the Japanese American community have endorsed the museum site.

—Bill Kashiwagi

## Permit needed to visit Gila River site

If you are planning on visiting the Canal #1 and Butte #2 sites of the Gila River WRA Center you will need a permit. Information: Lucius Kuyitan, chairman, Natural Resources Standing Committee of the Gila River Indian Community, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85247.

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The 50th anniversary of the closing of the center in 1945 is scheduled for Mar. 17-19, 1995 in Phoenix, Ariz. and at Gila River.



Photo: HARRY K. HONDA

## Labor of love

Volunteers help plant one of 97 donated cherry trees at West Los Angeles' Stoner Park as part of the joint civic beautification project of the Bay Cities Gardeners Federation, West Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, and the City Recreation and Parks Department. Some 90 members from the Gardeners Federation and the JACL Cherry Tree Committee, chaired by Toy Kanegai, which acquired the trees, accomplished the project Feb. 6. In 1931, the Japanese community of Sawtelle presented a Japanese garden, which was refurbished in 1963 by the late UCLA Prof. Koichi Kawana, landscape architect, at Stoner Park.

## All aboard

All aboard is a listing of new 1994 board members of various organizations. Send us your list and an in-focus photo and we'll run them as soon as possible.

### Tulare County JACL

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Scholarship chairman: Lloyd Kurihara  
Insurance commissioner: Kay Komoto  
Official delegate: Lloyd Kurihara

## PSW

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view of the Editorial Guidelines of the *Pacific Citizen* over the past six years, it was difficult to determine which guidelines were adopted by either the *Pacific Citizen* Board or the National Board. It does not appear that the Editorial Guidelines were adopted by the National Council any time in the recent past.

In a letter to PSW, dated Aug. 5, 1993, then PC Chair Paul Shinkawa states that "Copies of the Editorial Policies will be published in the PC for review and comment as soon as they are reduced to writing."

In review of the documents, it appeared to the committee that operating Editorial Guidelines were part of a document written to the NCWNP District Council on Sept. 22, 1993. The committee believed that this document superseded guidelines dated April, 1989, sent to Kim Tachiki in a PC Board orientation package. (Editor's note: Paul M. Shinkawa prepared an editorial policies document dated Sept. 22, 1993. He was, however, fired on Sept. 26, 1993. The document could not have received official status without subsequent PC Board approval. No further action or direction on that document was implemented by the new PC Board chair.)

However, in a recent speech to the Riverside Chapter, JACL, Harry Honda, PC editor emeritus stated that the operating Editorial Guidelines are the responsibility of the PC Board and that the current guidelines appear in the 1982 National Convention minutes.

Whatever editorial guidelines are in operation today, it remains that to the JACL member it is difficult to understand what the current Editorial Policies of the PC are. Were the National Council to adopt editorial guidelines at each National Convention, the membership would be fully informed of PC policy. As a newspaper of the membership, the National Council should determine the guidelines of publication.

● **There must be an acknowledgment that the *Pacific Citizen* cannot serve solely as an internal vehicle or solely as a newspaper of the National organization. Therefore, an acknowledged compromise position must be taken.**

**Background and rationale:** The committee recognized that there are three communication needs for the National JACL organization and membership.

1. To communicate to the membership, JACL news and news affecting the Japanese American community;
2. To communicate to and educate policy-makers on the issues of importance to JACL and the Asian Pacific Island community and on the positions of the JACL; and
3. To serve as a public relations vehicle.

These ideas are captured in the National JACL Bylaws under Article II. All three needs are important. Not to perform any one of these communication needs, would not be in the best interests of the organization.

The most optimum way to carry out these functions would be to create two publications: one publication for items 1 and 2 and one publication for item 3. However, lack of resources makes this prospect impossible today.

As a result, it was in the committee's opinion that to make the most effective use of our limited resources, compromise must be made. The *Pacific Citizen* cannot function as an independent newspaper like the *LA Times* nor

will it function solely as a public relations piece or "mouthpiece" for National JACL.

● **A minimum of one entire page of the *Pacific Citizen* should be dedicated solely to organizational/chapter news. No advertising should appear on this organization page.**

If there is not enough information to fill the page to capacity, the *Pacific Citizen* may use the "empty" space as they see appropriate.

**Background and rationale:** It has been a common and long standing complaint of the chapters that chapter news does not appear in the *Pacific Citizen*. An entire page dedicated solely to chapter news is necessary to keep membership informed of local events.

By chapters sending notices/articles of their events to National staff, the National JACL can be kept informed of chapter events throughout the organization.

No advertising should appear on this page to give the space necessary to fulfill the need for chapter news and to give the articles prominence in the paper.

● **Editorial and opinion pieces shall be clearly identified as such and shall not appear on the front page of the *Pacific Citizen*.**

**Background and rationale:** While it is important that the editor of the PC be able to express opinions of issues of the JACL, the opinions must be clearly identified as personal or editorial opinion so as to avoid confusion from any National JACL position.

The front page of the *Pacific Citizen* shall be dedicated to news.

● **A column shall be dedicated to National staff and clearly identified as such. This column may not be edited by PC staff.**

**Background and rationale:** This column would be similar to the editorial column of the *Pacific Citizen*. While the PC is to serve as a newspaper and an internal publication, the opportunity to write editorials must be also given to the National staff in the interest of equity and balance in cases of difference of opinion. This editorial should be subject to the same/similar guidelines as the PC editorials.

● **A review should be conducted to determine what *Pacific Citizen's* appropriate funding needs should be in order to meet its stated objective. Once identified and approved the *Pacific Citizen* shall stay within the allocation approved for the publication by the National Council.**

**Background and rationale:** While the committee recognizes that the allocation is not enough to cover the production costs, it is the committee's opinion that the National Staff, National Board and the *Pacific Citizen* must be responsible for remaining within the confines of their respective budgets adopted by the National Council and be responsible for appropriate management of available resources.

To overspend a budget puts extreme pressure on other parts of the organization to cut items and if that is not possible, may contribute to large end of the year deficits crippling to the organization.

To avoid this situation as it relates to the PC, the PC staff and the National organization must either raise revenues for the publication (increase advertising, increase of membership dues, non-

member subscriptions, etc.) or cut costs (number of publications).

● **A study should be conducted and subsequent guidelines on advertising revenues be produced.**

**Background and rationale:** It was unclear to the committee what parameters may exist in the solicitation of advertising. These parameters may include advertising contracts, tax law, JACL policy, etc.

If additional advertising revenue will be needed to assist the cash flow of the *Pacific Citizen*, possible consequences of securing the advertisement must be known. (Editor's note: Ron Shibata, member of the PC Board and PC Finance Committee, has been studying PC's financial situation in regard to advertising revenues, length of issues, profitability and other key areas.)

A policy decision must also be made on what is appropriate advertising. Does the JACL or PC have the ability to deny advertising space to organizations that represent opposition to the National Program for Action or to other organizations that may be soliciting contributions for its own purposes?

● **Only the editor of the *Pacific Citizen* shall be given the determination of annual salary increases for the PC staff based upon performance reviews.**

The performance review and salary determination of the editor shall be conducted by a personnel committee of the *Pacific Citizen* as defined in the personnel manual covering PC employees. Volunteers of the JACL shall not participate in any manner with any other PC performance review.

**Background and rationale:** With the exclusion of the editor, the performance and salary evaluations of the staff of the *Pacific Citizen* should not be the responsibility of the volunteers of the organization. Similar to National JACL staff, the daily performance of an PC/National JACL employee can only be properly made by an immediate supervisor or by the editor/national director respectively.

The editor is responsible for maintaining a salary expenditure within the limits of the biennial budget passed by the National Council.

As with the National Director, the PC Editor's performance evaluation shall be a responsibility of a personnel committee of the respective elected boards.

● **The opinion of "outside" personnel professional(s) should be sought for a determination of the necessity of a separate personnel manual for PC staff.**

**Background and rationale:** The issue of most importance is providing the employees of the *Pacific Citizen* an appropriate personnel manual. While the debate continues, the employees' side. A qualified individual outside of the current debate may be able to bring a swift closure to the discussion with a professional opinion acceptable to both sides as an unbiased opinion.

The committee did not discuss how this recommendation should be implemented.

## Next steps:

- Pursue the adoption of the recommendations at the National level.
- Continue with information gathering on the issues.
- Educate the membership/PSW chapters on the costs of producing the *Pacific Citizen*.



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## Opinions



### From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Safeguarding

In his speech at the Mile-Hi Chapter's installation banquet in Denver a few weeks ago, Paul M. Shinkawa revealed a disquieting piece of information. He said JACL's membership had dropped to only a few more than 19,000.

Twenty years ago when he first joined JACL, Shinkawa said, the membership was 32,000. If he is right about that figure, membership today is only 60% of what it was at its peak. This at a time when the organization, basking in the triumph of lobbying Redress through Congress, could be expected to be building up its ranks.

Despite the dwindling membership, Shinkawa said, "we have increased the size of our hired staff and we have increased their pay until we spend almost \$700,000 each year in payroll costs alone."

Without knowing a great deal more, it is not possible to say whether the increase in staff and payroll costs is justified. But it is clear to even economic illiterates that an organization that depends primarily on membership dues to finance its budget, which JACL does, is heading for deep trouble

when it is spending more money while taking in less. (So far as I know, the United States government is the only organization that can get away with running up huge deficits by spending, year after year, more than its income.)

I do not know JACL's plans for balancing its budget, but there are only two ways it can be done—increased income or cut back programs and expenses. Neither course will be easy as administrators, beginning with Bill Clinton in the Oval Office, know so well.

Shinkawa's warning raises the specter of a gradual diminishing of JACL until it is no longer a national organization, but only a fragmented coalition of independent local clubs linked loosely by ethnicity and personal friendships. In fact, that development may be inevitable during your lifetime if not mine.

This may not be all bad except for some knotty problems, like what to do with the more than 4 million bucks in the Legacy Fund. This is money collected from beneficiaries of Redress with the noble ideal of

ensuring that JACL's mission into the distant future will be adequately financed. What safeguards are written into the Legacy Fund to assure donors that the pledge will be honored? That contingency no doubt has been addressed, but this would be a good time to reassure contributors.

Information about JACL's travail—and its efforts to overcome them—needs to be disseminated to the membership in complete, objective and timely fashion. The only medium that can do it is an independent *Pacific Citizen* through whose pages both the leadership and the membership can get the news and share views. Without that kind of news organ, we will be in the dark about matters that affect all of us.

JACL and its membership on one hand, and *Pacific Citizen* which depends on the membership for its existence, need each other now more than ever before. ☐

*Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the Denver Post. His column appears weekly in the Pacific Citizen.*



## Come-on Sense

KARL K. NOBUYUKI

## We can do it

We just returned from a whirlwind JACL weekend. Our San Fernando Chapter held its annual installation Saturday evening (Feb. 5) and the PSWDC held a special meeting on the issues surrounding the *Pacific Citizen*.

The installation banquet went very well. We were fortunate to have the Downtown, Gardena Valley, GLA Singles, SELANOCO, West L.A. and Ventura Chapter representatives in attendance. (The GLA Singles Chapter brought in a whooping 16 guests!) Our keynote was Reedley-born Sansai Harvey Hanemoto. Remember that name. Hanemoto was titled "The Raging Asian Male" and brought the house to laughter. Hanemoto highlighted the contrast between the positive Asian female stereotype against the all-too-negative Asian male stereotype, thoughts about men, women and relationships in the '90s, and his own personal experiences. The final highlight was a special "interactive" session presented by SFV's own Nancy Gohata. Nancy's special ability had the entire hall standing in song, as they engaged in "group karaoke" and table-by-

table competition. It was fun.

The next morning a special meeting was held by the PSWDC. This meeting was called by our new District governor, Ruth Mizobe.

Evidently, a special "blue ribbon" committee was formed to examine the multitude of issues involving the brouhaha relative to the *Pacific Citizen*. Staff from the PC were in attendance. On special notation from SELANOCO rep Ken Inouye, the PC staff was encouraged to add their comments to the discussion of the District Council. Reportedly, the special committee spent considerable time and energy to review documents and make recommendations to the District Council and subsequently, the National Board, and share these recommendations with other District Councils. (See story page 1.)

Apparently, the special committee scrutinized a "five-inch" thick binder of material before submitting their recommendations, and each member of the panel appeared to be very knowledgeable about each of the issues. They were precise about

their answers to questions from the floor.

Each recommendation presented to the council (there were 22 chapters) passed unanimously. The session lasted approximately three hours, and each delegate appeared to be satisfied that their questions were effectively answered. It was impressive.

Kudois to District Gov. Mizobe. Her leadership was definite. As National Director Senzaki has said, *nin-tai* is critical. Mizobe displayed this virtue of patience and maintained an agenda within the prescribed time period.

**Come-on Sense:** The recent special session of the PSWDC is proof positive that as an organization, "We Can" do what must be done to address our internal differences. There is no need for a "divorce." We are that good... ☐

*Nobuyuki, a former JACL national director, is a member of the San Fernando Valley and Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapters. JACL's column appears regularly in PC.*

## Letters

### Literature, a great love of Mary Oyama Mittler

Thank you for Barbara Hiura's excellent coverage in the *Hokubei Mainichi* of the passing of our sister, Mary Oyama Mittler, and in the *Pacific Citizen* of recent date.

About my sister, Hiura wrote, "She was quite well-read, having been familiar with the writings of John Dos Passos, William Saroyan, William Faulkner and John Fante—mostly Depression writers."

Might I also add that we were also familiar with other great Depression writers and poets such as—Ernest Hemingway, Langston Hughes, Somerset Maugham, Carey Williams, Vincent Sheean, John Steinbeck, Richard Wright, and others.

Hughes and Wright were both Afro-Americans, the former a poet and the latter the first Afro-American novelist. There were also people like Sadakichi Hartmann, the great Bohemian, art critic and poet, who was an Amerasian with a American father and a Japanese mother.

Joe Oyama  
Berkeley, Calif.

### PC, please stop splitting up the articles

You have got to do something about the awful way you split up almost all of your articles over umpteen pages! Very honestly, my eyes and mind are challenged beyond endurance when everything is "continued" on and on in this piecemeal fashion. I love to read the *Pacific Citizen*, but lately, I find myself getting more and more agitated and almost disgusted with the whole lot of you down there. Finish the damned article on the same page, will you? To hell with aesthetics—they don't mean a thing when the reader has to go on an Easter egg hunt for everything. All continuity is lost, and my eyeballs just can't take it anymore.

May Nakano  
Chicago, Ill.

Editor's note: Yes, indeed.

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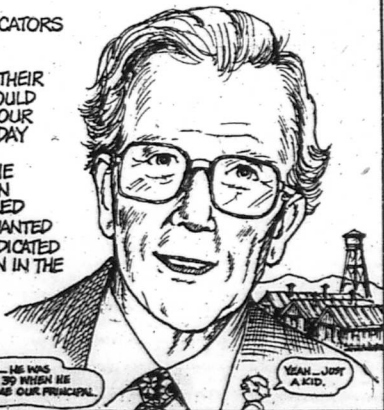
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SUBJECT: MR. DALLAS MCLAREN & OTHER EDUCATORS  
IN THE WRA CAMP SCHOOLS

AS THE '43, '44 & '45 CLASSES CELEBRATE THEIR RESPECTIVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT MR. DALLAS C. MCLAREN, OUR POSTON II PRINCIPAL, REACHES HIS 91ST BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 12TH.

THE PASSING YEARS HAVE PROVEN THAT THE TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS LIKE MR. MCLAREN IN THE 10 WRA CAMPS DESERVE OUR UNBIDDED GRATITUDE FOR SERVICES RENDERED. JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO SALUTE ALL THOSE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO AIDED THE NISEI GENERATION IN THE MOST CRITICAL TIME OF THEIR LIVES.

Pete Hirabayashi



MR. MCLAREN HAS NEVER JIGNED A POSTON II REUNION.

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## The PSW beat

JIMMY TOKESHI

### Racial tensions

Of the many difficult civil rights issues raised in the struggle against hate violence, one of the more contentious have been the racially charged incidents between members of the African American community and Asian Pacific Islander merchants. The media and general public's perceptions of black/Asian tensions in numerous cities across the nation, including New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Indianapolis, Detroit, Chicago, Berkeley, San Diego and Los Angeles, have looked at racial tensions in the most simplistic of terms. The high profile incidents or the racial tensions represented by the episodes of boycotts, shootings of merchants and patrons, and inter-ethnic conflicts grossly overlook the underlying causes and the implications for Japanese Americans.

In 1992, the Los Angeles riots focused national attention on the black/Korean tensions with the myriad of serious complex problems relating to institutional racism, the failed administration of criminal justice, the lack of government responsiveness to poverty and the decline of the economy. The most convenient explanation of the Los Angeles riots was the incompatibility of races. However, the media and public officials failed to look below the surface of race and acknowledge the root influences of the racial tensions, interethnic violence and the divisive rhetoric of ethnocentrism.

The best selling book, *Race Matters* by Princeton University Prof. Cornel West, discussed with clarity the racial implications of the Los Angeles riots. West wrote, "What happened in Los Angeles in April of 1992 was neither a race riot nor a class rebellion. Rather, this monumental upheaval was a multi-racial, trans-class, and largely male display of justified social rage. For all its ugly, xenophobic resentment, its air of adolescent carnival, and its downright barbaric behavior, it signified the sense of powerlessness in

American society. Glib attempts to reduce its meaning to the pathologies of the black underclass, the criminal actions of hoodlums, or the political revolt of the oppressed urban masses miss the mark. . . . What we witnessed in Los Angeles was the consequence of a lethal linkage of economic decline, cultural decay, and political lethargy in American life. Race was the visible catalyst, not the underlying cause."

The region in the city of Los Angeles which initially and continue to have many of the so-called black/Asian conflicts and tensions, is an area represented by approximately 750,000 people made up primarily of African American and Latino residents. This region also includes the business and residential communities of Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Filipinotown and the eastern portions of Koreatown. The demographic information for this vast area provided in a 1992 report by the Department of City Planning - Geographic Information System revealed statistics that illuminate some of the underlying causes. The rate of unemployment for this region of the city ranges from 17% to more than 47%, persons 25 or over with no high school diploma ranges from 50% to 89%, youth in poverty of persons under 18 ranges from 27% to 89%, households with no vehicle available range from 30% to 91%, families in poverty from 18% to 83%, and households using 30% or more of their income for housing ranges from 45% to 80%. More than one fifth of the city's population live under those conditions.

While the visible catalysts of ethnic tensions have subsided from attention in the media and the halls of government, the underlying causes which have fueled the racial hostilities still pervade with resilience and relentless savagery. The cycle of unemployment, poverty and the culture of violence have been merciless and devastating for those held by its oppression. For language minorities, particularly immigrant Asian Pacific Islanders that

live and work in these areas, the language barriers and cultural misunderstandings have become a critical liability in a world where personal relationships, a sense of community and a working principle of compassion do not exist.

The fires that consumed Los Angeles and the other urban centers across this nation in 1965 and in 1992 still harbor the fire for social discord. For this reason, the structural conditions that create the suffering and despair for one of our communities cannot be ignored as that other community's problems. While the Korean American merchants were targeted during the Los Angeles riots, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai and other Asian businesses among a host of other ethnic groups were burned and people of all colors were attacked and killed on the streets. Even in the months prior to the riots, Japanese Americans were included with the other Asian Pacific Islanders that had their businesses vandalized with racist graffiti and fire bombed as well as with individuals assaulted and injured.

We are all inextricably linked to one another in this shrinking world, and the Los Angeles riots demonstrated that in the end we can all hang together or we can all hang separately. The civil rights work of JACL on black/Asian tensions has been to acknowledge the inexcusable underlying causes of human suffering and despair. And we consistently work in partnership with other groups in addressing the structural conditions that promote interethnic conflicts. The demonstration of this commitment by the JACL in turn has fostered appreciation, hope and support from other ethnic groups in what the civil rights community as a whole aims to achieve equality, justice and dignity for all.

*Tokeshi is the JACL regional director for the Pacific Southwest district.*

## '94 convention: A time for oldtimers

By SHAKE USHIO  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Special activities and recognitions for the oldtime leaders and workers in JACL are being planned by the 33rd Biennial National JACL Convention at Salt Lake City the first week of August, 1994.

Foremost will the Oldtimers luncheon at noon, Aug. 4, at the 10th floor dining area in the newly refurbished JSM Building (formerly the Hotel Utah).

The opening half, funded by the JACL Legacy Fund and co-sponsored by the University of Utah, will be in tribute to the late Mike M. Massaka, a distinguished alumnus of the University, life-long fighter of civil and human rights for Japanese Americans and for all Americans. His incisive thinking, his eloquent tongue and his dedication will never be forgotten.

An announcement of the placement of all of Mike's papers and memorabilia in the University's Marriott Library will be made at this time.

The second half will be light-hearted, filled with reminiscing and retelling of JACL stories, anecdotes and events by the oldtimers themselves under the

gentle prodding of Dr. Frank Sakamoto from Chicago. Emcee Sakamoto is an oldtimer of wit and charm. It should be a fun-filled afternoon.

For the JACL oldtimers and boosters who don't have the responsibility of attending National Council meetings, there will be plenty to do besides the Convention program of five meal events, interesting workshops, a large exhibitors room, golf and a tennis tournament. Like—outside tours and excursions, two great shopping malls, two food fairs, art center with Asian-oriented exhibits, etc.

Two world-class attractions in Salt Lake City are the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir, that broadcasts every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and the 50-minute film, "Legacy," depicting the strength and resiliency of the human spirit in face of bitter hardship and unrelenting persecution.

(The Convention Hospitality Committee will arrange preferential seating free for the "Music and the Spoken Word" radio program, which may mean adjusting your flight time for the Sunday broadcast.)

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**Aizawa, James T.**, 69, Solana Beach, Sept. 29: Japan-born, survived by wife Asako, daughter Noriko Buckles (Chicago), son Kaz (Pasadena), 2gc, brothers Dr. Joseph and Dr. Hide (both Portland), sisters Iku Masuda, Kunie Mah (both Portland), Teru Masuda (Japan).  
**Asato, Roy S.**, 89, Los Angeles, Oct. 26: Japan-born, survived by sons Hideo (PhD, daughter Yumi), Asato-Lee, sister Sueko Asato (Japan).  
**Babe, Hiroshi**, 69, Los Angeles, Oct. 26: Bellevue, Wash.-born WWII veteran, survived by sons Raymond, Steven, daughters Terri Ann Young, Patricia Yamashita (Berkeley), 5gc, brother Iho (Japan), sisters Aiko Kosai (Cleveland), Miyoko Saki (Monterey), in-law Sarah Nako.  
**Bender, Akiko C.**, 54, Huntington Beach, Oct. 26: former public health nurse, survived by husband Donald, daughter Kristen, parents William and Lily Yamamoto (Pasadena), sister Sandra Paredes (Monrovia), brother Lester (Anaheim).  
**Dehara, Shiro**, 70, Long Beach, Sept. 30: Hollywood-born, survived by brothers Shigeo, Koso, sisters Michiko Kimura, Mutsuko Oshita, in-law Masahiko Tanaka.  
**Eya, Shigeki**, 67, Rancho Palos Verdes, Oct. 27: former public health nurse, survived by wife Koiko, daughter Karen, parents Shig and Gelbe, brothers Randy (Whittier), Rick (Seal Beach), David, sister Laurie.  
**Hayashida, Alan O.**, 23, Redondo Beach, Sept. 30: Torrance-born Yonsei, survived by parents Norman and Robert, grandmother Lynette Blain, brothers Alvin, Lee, Kyle.  
**Higa, Mieke**, 65, Los Angeles, Oct. 1: Hawaii-born, survived by husband, Hideo, daughter Carol Miyahara, 3gc: Hiram, Mary Y., 66, Mission Hills, Oct. 4: North Hollywood-born, survived by son Bob, daughters, N.J. Nakamura, Seiko, Yoko, 4gc, brother Tadao Ishibashi, sister Amy Hatanaka, in-laws Reiko Ishibashi (Japan), Margaret Ishioka, Tatsu T., 74, Los Angeles, Nov. 29: Winslow, Ariz.-born WWII 442nd veteran, survived by wife Mary, son William, 3gc, brother Sam (Colo.), sisters Kiniko Matsutani (N.M.), Jane Nakagi (Neb).  
**Iriye, Masakazu**, 61, Lakewood, Sept. 26: Wilmington-born, survived by wife Mitsuyo, son Mark, daughter Mitsue, in-laws Janji and Masuo Hara.  
**Katozaki, Tadashi**, 86, San Gabriel, Oct. 25: deceased by wife Julia, son Michael, daughter Teruko Shanahan, Patricia Amimoto, Joyce, Yukimi Uchiuma, 9gc, 1 great-gc, brother Hishashi.  
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in-law Susumu Kashiwagi.  
**Hashimoto, Harry O.**, 88, Los Angeles, Oct. 9: Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Raymond (San Diego), Richard, Gary, daughter Alice Hashimoto (Guatemala), 4gc, 2 great-gc.  
**Hatada, Harry H.**, 77, Nimpo, Calif., Oct. 7: survived by wife Setsuko, daughters Sachiko, Naomi Motonaga, 2gc, brother Saburo, sisters Frances Kido, Marie Chikami.  
**Hayase, Dr. Charles K.**, 65, Gardena, Oct. 8: Seattle-born, survived by wife Michiko, son Paul, daughter Helen Hayase-Anderson, 3gc, brother Joshua (Maryland), predeceased by son Henry K.  
**Hayashi, Michael S.**, 38, Long Beach, Oct. 27: Hughes Aircraft electrical engineer for 12 years, survived by wife Koiko, daughter Karen, parents Shig and Gelbe, brothers Randy (Whittier), Rick (Seal Beach), David, sister Laurie.  
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**Kajiwara, Chikao**, 73, Gardena, Oct. 6: San Francisco-born WWII veteran, 67W employee for 27 years, survived by wife Ritsko, son Marc, daughter Karen (Kaguna Niguel), 4gc, brother Harumi (Las Vegas).  
**Kudo, Kiyomasa**, Huntington Beach, Oct. 8: Fukuishima-born jūdōist and wrestler, survived by wife Hisano, sons Dennis, Joji, Kenji, daughter Mary Ann Tanaka, 6gc, 2 great-gc, brother Jack (Seattle), sisters Masako Uno (Phoenix), Jeanne Hiroko Goshie (Belmont), Kudo, Kimiye, 70, San Gabriel, Sept. 23: Reedley-born, survived by husband George, sons William, Jeffrey, daughter Hatsumi Clark (West Covina), Hiroko Sugiea. Sister Ann, in-laws Asako Kudo (mother), Jimmy (Gardena), Joe (Thousand Oaks), Mitsue Shimazaki (Lindsey), Tom (San Gabriel), Ben (Monterey Park), Goro (West LA), Yunko Kamibayashi (West LA).  
**Masamoto, Hisako H.**, 58, Carson, Sept. 24: Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Haruo, sons James, daughters Janice, Joyce, brothers Hideo, Yoneo and Shigenori Tanaka (Japan), sisters Nobuko Furukawa (Japan), Katsuko Tanaka and Isoko Kunisaki.  
**Masakawa, Leo S.**, 80, Los Angeles, Sept. 28: Pennsylvanian WWII veteran, survived by wife Fusae, son John, daughters Masae Kato, Leona Miyoko Masakawa-Gold (Pa.), 6gc, sister Terumi Kajikami (San Mateo).  
**Mitsui, Satoru**, 72, Corona, Nov. 25 in aneurysm, died in hospital in China, San Fernando-born, survived by wife Alice, son John (Chino Hills), Jeff, daughter Janet Mitsui-Brown, 5gc, brother Pete (Los Angeles), sister Mitsuko Umemoto.  
**Mizushima, John S.**, 69, Gardena, Nov. 29: Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Katsuko, son Jack, 1gc, brother Dr. George Y., sister Irene Schoon.  
**Mori, Yukiye**, 93, Los Angeles, Sept. 29: Japan-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son William (Hawaii), daughter Fusako Mori, 1gc, 1 great-gc.  
**Nakazawa, Elsie**, 65, Rosemead, Oct. 4: Long Beach-born Korean War veteran, survived by wife Dorothy, daughter Laura, brothers Gang (Alaska), Koki, John, Alice, Chikawa, Mary and Chiyoko. Nakazawa, Florence Florence Kawaguchi, in-law Tak Shindo.

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Menlo Park, CA - Chisato Kumano, 95 passed away Friday, January 7, 1994. Hiroshima-born Palo Alto pioneer, she is survived by sons, Tadahiko (Palo Alto); Katsuya (Los Angeles), Tom (San Jose), Chisaki (New York); and daughter, Chizuko Iwashita (El Centro). She was predeceased by her husband, Tetsuji K. and son Masahiko.  
**Death Notice**  
**GLADYS K. KOMARU**  
Los Angeles, CA - Gladys Komaru passed away January 31, 1994. She is survived by her husband, Haruo; daughters, Kerrie and Leslie; and son John Komaru. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to The Heart Association, McCormick Mortuary Offices, Inglewood, CA (310) 540-7444.  
**Death Notice**  
**SADA ONOYE**  
Torrance, CA - Sade Onoye, born June 4, 1907 in Salinas, CA died on February 2, 1994 at Torrance at the age of 86. She was a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley in the 1920's. After internment at Pottin II during World War II, she became one of the first to work for the U.S. Government in Washington, DC. Working in the Treasury Department, she was one of more than 25 years, and moved back to California with family in 1979. She was a long time member of the WASH. DC Chapter of the JACL. She is survived by her sister, Gladys Shimazaki; brothers-in-law, Ito Shimazaki and Charles Starnett; and seven nieces and nephews. Burial services at Rose Hills in Whittier, CA were held on February 5, 1994.  
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