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## MPDC rejects 'same sex' issue; deals with others

Members of the Mountain Plains District Council (MPDC) gathered for their district meeting March 26-27 in Omaha, Neb. Following are highlights of the two-day event.

● The MPDC voted not to support the concept of same sex marriage in a Hawaii Supreme Court case, an issue which first came up for discussion at the Feb. 12 National Board meeting.

Sharon Ishii Jordan, MPDC governor, said the district's vote didn't reflect an anti-gay stance, but a questioning of whether JACL should take a position on an issue which doesn't affect a majority of the members.

"It wasn't necessarily that the district does not think this issue is a civil rights issue. But it is an issue we don't feel we should take a position on," said Ishii Jordan.

● Ishii Jordan said that the dis-

trict also discussed whether certain position statements should be made by the National Council rather than the National Board.

The governor said the two issues that concerned the district were gay and lesbians and the film *Rising Sun*.

"The feeling was that sometimes it seems like positions are made by a few people who don't necessarily represent the voices of the membership," said Ishii Jordan. "If it was voted on by the National Council and there was disagreement that would be okay, because it had been discussed by the membership."

● The district also discussed the role of the JACL Washington representative. Ishii Jordan said the district felt the D.C. representative should work on issues which

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## 2 students from Japan murdered in carjacking



ABOVE—Some of the crime in a San Pedro, Calif., shopping center. AT RIGHT—Candles and a message are left by community members.

San Pedro, Calif., crime stuns Japanese who still remember Hattori death in Louisiana



Photo: GWEN MURANAKA

Two Japanese exchange students died March 28 after being shot in a carjacking incident. Takuma Ito and Go Matsuura, both 19, were shot March 25 in the back of the head in the parking lot of a supermarket in San Pedro, Calif., according to the *Los Angeles Times*. The two were taken off life support two days after the shooting after being declared brain dead.

Los Angeles police recovered the 1994 white Honda Civic stolen in the attack in San Pedro, after a tip by an anonymous caller. The car is being dusted for fingerprints and other evidence, according to a LAPD spokesman. There are cur-

## Budget includes \$5 million for redress education fund

JACL seeks help from Congressional leaders

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki has praised President Clinton for including in his budget a request for \$5 million for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. "We applaud President Clinton for his continued support of redress," Senzaki said. "JACL has made the fund its number one priority this year. We be-

lieve that the research and education programs on the World War II internment of Japanese Americans, which the fund will support, will play an important role in teaching the general public about the struggles of Asians in America."

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, State and Justice will be active next month on the Department of Justice's

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## More eligible for redress

Some 209 Japanese Americans who either were evacuated, relocated or interned during World War II will be receiving \$20,000 in redress payments, the Justice Department announced March 25. The recipients were found to be eligible for the payments under the

Civil Liberties Act of 1988 by the Office of Redress Administration (ORA).

Under the 1988 Act, and its 1992 amendments, Congress allocated a maximum of \$500 million each fiscal year in redress funding, up to \$1.65 billion. After these

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## JACL, OCA applaud Clinton court nominee Chin

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Organization of Chinese American (OCA) praised President Clinton's March 25 nomination of attorney Denny Chin, 39, to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Chin, the first Asian American to be nominated for a judgeship by the President, was described by the

president as having "demonstrated a strong commitment to equal justice for all Americans."

"JACL is pleased that President Clinton recognizes the importance of ensuring that Asian Americans are represented throughout the legal system and has recognized the outstanding legal talents our community has to offer," said Randy Senzaki,

JACL national director. "We expect Chin to be the first of many Asian American judicial appointments."

Chin is currently with the law firm of Black, Waldman, Elias & Englehard. Prior to joining that firm, he was a partner in the law firm of Campbell, Patrick & Chin and worked as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He is an adjunct law professor at Fordham University Law School.

He received a B.A. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Fordham. Additionally, he is president of the Asian American Bar Association of New York. He resides in Brooklyn, N.Y., with his wife Kathy Hirata Chin.

The nomination is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

## Convention clarification

Some members have been confused about registration for the 1994 JACL convention in Salt Lake City, according to Floyd Mori, convention committee member.

Registration forms and checks should be sent to:

1994 National JACL Convention  
PO Box 17715  
Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117

Checks should be made out to: 1994 JACL Convention.

Information: Floyd or Irene Mori, 801/572-2287.

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rently no suspects in the incident, the *Times* reported.

The murders has provoked outrage in Japan. In response to the slayings, the Japanese government has issued a travel advisory, warning Japanese to be careful when traveling in America, especially Los Angeles.

Walter Mondale, U.S. ambassador to Japan, speaking for President Clinton, expressed condolences to both families.

"This is the saddest day in my time here as an ambassador," said Mondale. He said he hoped the latest shooting involving Japanese students would not diminish Japanese interest in traveling to America.

Ito and Matsuura were both students at Marymount College in Rancho Palos Verdes. They both came to America hoping to pursue filmmaking careers. Ito was born in Japan. Matsuura was born in the United States and lived here until the first grade when his family moved back to Japan. The parents of both students came to Los Angeles to be at their bedtimes and to make the decision about terminating life support.

"These tragedies—such as this one over the weekend in Los Angeles and the killing of (Yoshihiro Hattori) in Louisiana—they are just tragic from every standpoint," Mondale was said. "They give an entirely distorted picture of life in the United States. Most everyone lives a safe and fulfilling life," said Mondale.

At a news conference, Akihiro Ito, speaking of his son, Takuma, said, "For eight months, he had an enjoyable, enjoyable experience in America. Now we must make an effort that this kind of sad event won't happen to Japanese young people

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Photo: JEM LEW

## Fashion fund-raiser

Four JACL chapters joined forces to present their "Step Into Spring" fashion show and luncheon Sunday, March 13, in Carson, Calif. The fund-raising event featuring spring fashions was sponsored by the Carson, Gardena Valley, South Bay and Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapters. The show introduced the chapters to the local community and encouraged membership and participation. Organizers included, from left, Ron

Shiozaki, president, Gardena Valley Chapter; Chris Ishida, president, Greater L.A. Singles Chapter; Midori Kamei, member, South Bay Chapter; Walter Neil, ARCO official and event emcee; Mitsuy Miki, fashion model; Ruth Sakamoto, vice president, Carson Chapter; Joe Sakamoto, president, Carson Chapter; Helen Kawagoe, vice president, Gardena Valley Chapter; and Terry Teruchi, member, Gardena Valley Chapter.

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## Calendar

### The East Coast Washington, D.C.

Through April 10—"The Wash," play by Philip Kan Gotanda, 8 p.m., the Studio Theatre, 14th and P St. NW; box office: 202/332-3300. NOTE—Stars Nobu McCarthy.

### The Midwest Indianapolis

Through April 10—Photo exhibit, "Children of the Detention Camps, 1942-45," Children's Museum, 3000 N. Meridian St. Information: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505

### Chicago

Monday, Apr. 11—Chicago JACL Asian American Bar Association, Asian American Institute and the Japanese American Service Committee sponsor, Larry Shinagawa, professor in Asian American demographics, speaking on "Outmarriage and the Future of the Japanese American Community." Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark, 7:30 p.m. Information: Chicago JACL 312/728-7170.

### The Intermountain Boise

Through April 1—"The Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" exhibit, Idaho State Historical Museum, 610 N. Julia Davis Drive; Boise, information: 208/332-4120. NOTE—Organized by Japanese American National Museum.

### Salt Lake City

Sat. April 16—JACL Mt. Olympus Fund-a-Rama, 6:30 p.m., Central High School.

### Nevada Las Vegas

Fri.-Sun. April 22-24—Poston III Reunion, Flamingo Hilton Hotel; Information: 641 E. Kip Patrick Dr., Reedley, CA 93654. NOTE—Friday mixer. Saturday dinner, Sunday brunch.

### Arizona Phoenix

Sun. April 24—JACL Arizona scholarship awards banquet, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 2532 W. Peoria, Phoenix; information: Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434.

### California Sacramento Valley

\*Week of April 17-23—UC Davis Asian Pacific Cultural Week and Film Festival, "Building Bridges, Connecting Worlds," information: event schedule 916/752-4936. NOTE—On-campus lectures (MJJ) in the Memorial Union), music (Mon. noon. Quad; Wed. jazz, 6:30 p.m., Kleiber Hall #3; Fri. 7 p.m., Freeborn Hall), nine films (Sun-Thu. 7 and 9 p.m., free, Chemistry Bldg 194) and Cultural Faire (Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Quad). LECTURES—Topics / Speakers—Immigration, Mon. 6:30 p.m., Film-maker Kenn Kashima, Tue. noon. Capt. Bruce Yamashita USMC, Tue. 6:30 p.m.; Native Hawaiians, Wed. noon; South Asian Women's Collective, Thu. noon; Domestic violence, Fri. noon. FILMS—Sun. 7 p.m. "Women of the Lake of Scattered Souls (China)," 9 p.m. "Soy-jongee (Korea); Mon. 7 p.m. Cannes UNESCO winner, "Boatman from the River Padma (India)," Tue. 7 p.m. "Muddy River (Japan)," 9 p.m. "The Cyclist: Inn 1989," Wed. 7 p.m. "Iron and Silk: US-China 1990," 9 p.m. "Southern Winds: Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, 1992," Thu. 7 p.m.

"Praying with Anger (India)," 9 p.m. tentatively, "Pushing Hands (Taiwan)," Films sponsored by UC Davis Dept. of Chinese and Japanese, Union Bank, Asia Pacific Culture Week, Hawaii International Film Festival.

Sat.-Sun. April 23-24—Sacramento Japanese American Organization 12th annual invitational baseball tournament. Information: Ken Miyao 916/444-2689; Janet Okino 916/422-7111. NOTE—Open to Asian high school athletes, men and women teams in 8 divisions, tournament dance and sport for parents and coaches. Teams expected from Northern, Central and Southern California.

### San Francisco

Sun. April 10—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., information: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki 510/482-3280.  
Sat. Sun. April 23-24—Cherry Blossom Festival, Hiro Yamagata exhibit, Miyako Hotel, information: Gail Ideno 415/249-4180. NOTE—Commemorative posters to be autographed.

### Eastbay

Sun. April 10—JASEB 7th annual Bowlsouth, 2-4 p.m., Lucky Lanes, 13255 San Pablo, San Pablo; information: Laura Takeuchi 510/648-3660. Preregister by April 4.

### San Jose

Sat. April 8—Tom Crouch lecture, 3 p.m. San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S Market St. 408/294-2787. NOTE—Curator of the Smithsonian's exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," speaks on "When the Constitution Failed: The Japanese American Internment episode." Through April 10—"The View from Within: Japanese American art from the internment camps, 1942-45," San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market, San Jose, 408/294-2787. NOTE: April 3—Family Sunday, 11 a.m., "Dances of Japan" by students of Mme. Bando Mitsuta.

### Fresno-Central Cal

Mon. April 11—Fresno City College lecture by UC Berkeley Prof. Ronald Takaki, 7:15 p.m., City College Theater, tickets 209/442-4600.

### Manzanar

Sat. April 23—25th annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar National Historic Site, 11 a.m. Information: Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, 90025; 213/662-5102; Oasis Garden Club 69/377-5366. NOTE—Program includes dedication of Blue Star Memorial Highway marker in cooperation with Oasis Garden Club and Caltrans to honor 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team and U.S. Army MIS. Blue Star markers are posted along federal highways as memorials to those who served and are serving in the U.S. armed forces.

### Los Angeles-Orange

Sat. April 2—Book party for Judge Maryka Omatsu, "Bittersweet: Redness and Japanese Canadian Experience" 11 a.m., and readings by Mitsuye Yamada, Sue Kunitomi Embrey and Hisaye Yamamoto, 2 p.m. of their writings and short stories, both at JANM (RSVP required), 213/625-0414.  
Sat. April 2—One woman show by Jude Narita, "Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei," 8 p.m., Keck Theater Occidental College, 1600 Campus Rd., Los Angeles, 213/259-2922.  
Sat. April 2—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, A Buddhist celebration "Little Tokyo Clean-up," 9 a.m., Higashi Hongyong Temple, 505 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles; Butoh dancing and music, 3 p.m., Japan American Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St.  
Sun. April 3—Little Tokyo Spring Festival. Full calendar of events, 10 a.m.; Hanamatsuri parade of priests,

services, noon; Asian music and dance, 2 p.m., JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.  
Thu. April 7—JACL Marina's "Psychic Faire," 7:30 p.m., Burton Chase Park, near Lincoln Blvd. and Miranda Way, Marina Del Rey; NOTE—Four different psychics.

Fri. April 8—JACL Gila Singles tour: Pacific Citizen, 8 a.m., 4030 Skilton Circle, Culver City; information Miyako 310/839-1194. NOTE—Karl Nobuyuki, speaker.

Sat. April 9—San Gabriel Valley JACL "Day of the Raas," Santa Anita Infield Picnic area #7 (use Parking Lot 6); RSVP April 2, Dani Ujema, 566 E 5th St. Azusa, CA 91702, or ESGVJCC 818/960-2566. NOTE—Proceeds for chapter scholarship fund.

Sat. April 9—Breaking the Glass Ceiling conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, information Asian Pacific Legal Defense & Education Fund, Glenn Yoshida 213/241-5296. NOTE—Registration fee includes bento lunch.

Sat. Sun. April 9-10—"Families Tell to Families," 1-3 p.m., Sat. & Sun. readings by Sandra Mizumoto Posey and playwright Velina Hsu Hozumi; plus Sun. readings by Maria Kwong and her daughter Hana Vander Steur, JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-2414.

Sun. April 10—Little Tokyo Spring Festival. Hanamatsuri services at local Buddhist temples. Information: 213/620-4200.

Thu. April 14—Deadline: Nominations for eighth Nisei Week Pioneers, information: Frank Okamoto, chair, NW Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., #501, Los Angeles 90012. NOTE—Minimum criteria: Age 70, recognized as having given of themselves to the Japanese American community, and as honoree, "will the individual sufficiently honor by relatives and friends to draw support to the Nisei Week festival (Aug. 6-14), parade (Aug. 7) and Pioneer luncheon (Aug. 10)." Recommendations, resume and headshot required.

Fri. April 15—Deadline: Nisei Week "Sounds of Little Tokyo" T-Shirt design contest; details: Nobu Watanabe, Firefly T-Shirts, 330 E. 2nd St., 213/628-4077.

Fri. April 15—6th annual Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable, 9 a.m.-p.m., UCLA Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom, information: Jeff Murakami 213/740-4999, Bill Watanabe 213/680-3729, Meg Thornton 310/825-1006, George Umezawa 213/343-3383. NOTE—Theme: Responding to race realities. Sat. April 16—Calli. Lawyers for the Arts Film and Video Lab seminar for artists, 9:30-3:30 p.m., Westside Pavilion Community Room, Los Angeles, 310/935-8893. NOTE—Pre-register by April 8 for discount.

Sat. April 16—Tosoi Women: Through Harsh Winters," talk by Dr. Akemi Kikumura, 2 p.m., JANM, 213/625-0414.  
Sat. April 16—Orange County Sansei Singles Spring Fantasy dinner-dance, 7 p.m.m., Sequoia Conference Center, 7530 Orangewood Ave., Buena Park; RSVP by April 7, 213/725-1817, 310/862-5529, 818/441-1114.  
Sat. Sun. April 16-17—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, 16th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Japanese Village Plaza, Little Tokyo, 213/620-8861.  
Sun. April 17—"History of Fujinkai in America," talk by Terry Nakawatsae and Eiso Kanegawa of Sennhin Buddhist Temple Fujinkai, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.  
Sun. April 17—Koreisha Chushokuko 8th anniversary banquet, 5 p.m. social hour dinner at 6, Nara Inn Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles, Los Angeles; RSVP: 213/680-9173. NOTE—Rose M. Ochi, Nisei Activity Club and lunch program volunteers with over 10 years are to be honored.

### Gwen Muranaka

### Small kid time



## IN-SIGHT



LILLIAN C. KIMURA

## Convention preview

An invitation to the National JAACL Credit Union's 51st annual meeting in Salt Lake City gave me an opportunity to have an advance look at the site of the 33rd Biennial Convention. As you have read in the *Pacific Citizen*, plans are well underway for what Floyd Mori and his committee hope will be the best event ever. VP/General Operations Neal Taniguchi, Randy Senzaki, Carole Hayashino and I met for a progress report from key committee chairs and Roger Rivera, our consultant, and we concur that the convention will be an outstanding event.

In addition to the business sessions where important decisions about JAACL's future will be made, delegates will not want to miss the Old Timers' Luncheon to be held on the top floor of one of Salt Lake City's tallest buildings, the trip to Topaz and the regular Sunday broadcast of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. While in SLC, Shake and Momo Ushio took me to the broadcast which was really an uplifting experience.

On the Credit Union... At the time of the 50th anniversary, Shake Ushio related in the *Pacific Citizen* a bit of the history of the JAACL Credit Union. It bears repeating that NJAACLUC was organized in 1943 by Hito Okada, then

National JAACL treasurer, and others in response to requests for help by voluntary evacuees and those leaving the Relocation Centers. Starting out with \$2,435 of initial deposit funds, today the Credit Union has assets of more than \$18 million with 3,800 plus members from all over the U.S. It is ably overseen by a board whose chair is Shake Ushio and managed by Terry Nagata. The Credit Union is a membership service—one must be a JAACL member to borrow money and receive other benefits. Chapters may wish to promote the Credit Union to gain new members. (See ad on page 5)

At the 51st annual dinner, I was pleased to receive a check of \$10,000 from the NJAACLUC to the JAACL Legacy Fund. We appreciate this expression of commitment and faith in the future viability of the organization.

As usual, a quarterly meeting of the Intermountain District Council was held at this time. Governor Jeff Itami presided over his first meeting very efficiently and each of the seven chapters of the district was represented by one or more delegates. There was a lively discussion on the issues as the district prepared to assist in hosting the 33rd convention. My thanks to Jeff Itami, Shake and

Momo Ushio, Terry and Leah Nagata and Rich and Karen Okabe for their hospitality. The following Friday, I traveled to Washington for Bruce Yamashita's commissioning ceremony. It was a very moving service with Sen. Daniel Akaka, Reps. Norm Mineta, Patsy Mink, Neil Abercrombie and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Frederick Pang all paying tribute to Bruce. Also on the program were Randy Senzaki and Stuart Ishimaru of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. That evening, we were able to meet the Yamashita family at a reception they gave. Bruce's sister was particularly recognized for her encouragement and support when Bruce was first deciding whether to carry forth his fight. The Honolulu Chapter, JAACL, was there at the beginning and at the ceremony as Bill Kaneko, Steve Okino and Allison Hikida doing the necessary tasks to ensure that the day went well. Steve Okino was especially good as the emcee who kept the program moving. Congratulations to Captain Yamashita! That's thirty for now.

Kimura is the JAACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in *Pacific Citizen*.

## FUNDING

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ment of Justice's appropriations bill containing the 1995 budget request for the fund. Senzaki asked that redress supporters call, write and meet with the key representatives and senators who will be home for the March 28 to April 10 congressional recess. A sample letter can be obtained from any of the JAACL offices or JAACL redress grassroots coordinators.

JAACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki said, "We are asking that constituents of Subcommittee Chair Neil Smith (D-Iowa), and Reps. Bob Carr (D-Mich.), Alan Mollohan (D-W.Va.), David Skaggs (D-Colo.) and David Price (D-N.C.) urge their representatives to support the president's \$5 million budget request." They are past redress supporters and are on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary which has jurisdiction over the Department of Justice. Subcommittee Rep. Jim Moran (D-Va.) is also a member of this subcommittee who should receive letters.

JAACL urged that constituents of the other past redress supporters on the full House Appropriations Committee obtain the support of their representatives as well. These committee members include:

## MPDC

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represent JAACL in general and not make position statements. The district felt that more assistance needs to be given the D.C. representative in terms of direction and the district expressed its appreciation for the work the representative does in legislative arena.

Assisting in the efforts to change Jap Road, MPDC voted to give the Houston Chapter \$1,000. This was reaffirmation of a vote taken at the Cleveland tri-district meeting.

Gordon Hirabayashi spoke about his experiences and showed the video "A Personal Matter" at a

workshop for educators. Earlier he was the speaker at the Friday reception/potluck.

Iehi Jordan, who participated in the workshop, said the focus was infusing Asian American history into school curriculum. Many of the educators who came to the workshop were not Japanese American or they did not have internment experience. After the Hirabayashi talk, they broke into small groups, with an internee in each group to help provide insight into the JA experience.

The MPDC governor also said that they passed out forms to receive the JAACL education curriculum guide.

On *Pacific Citizen*, MPDC passed a resolution saying that

Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.).

Senzaki stressed that in light of the pressure on Congress for deficit reduction, the battle for appropriations is expected to be a tough one. He added, "Although it may be difficult, this is a commitment that we must ensure is fulfilled for the sake of our children and grandchildren."

## ELIGIBLE

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209 payments have been made, a total of \$1.58 billion, representing 79,342 payments of \$20,000 each, will have been disbursed by ORA. ORA has sent notification letters to all the individuals who can expect to receive a payment. Anyone who receives an official notification and does not receive a redress payment by April 6, 1994, should contact ORA immediately by calling the help line at 202/219-6900 or 202/219-4710, for the hearing unpaired. The help line operates Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Potentially eligible recipients who have not yet contacted ORA or who have not returned documents requested by ORA, should do so immediately so that the case can be readied for the next group of payments which is expected to be mailed in July, 1994.

the editorial decisions and management of PC should be entrusted to the PC board as stated in the Constitution and By-laws.

The District also discussed support in concept of the National Council electing the PC board chair. The PC board chair would then have the privileges and voting rights of a National Board member.

Jordan said the district is working on the resolution and amendment changes to bring before the National Council at the convention in Salt Lake City.

Paul M. Shinkawa, member, Houston Chapter, announced to district members that he was not seeking the JAACL national presidency or any other office.

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# PSW condemns killing of students

LOS ANGELES — In the wake of a carjacking involving the shooting deaths of two Japanese exchange students at a San Pedro supermarket on Friday night, March 25, the Japanese American Citizens League, Pacific Southwest District Gov. Ruth Mizobe strongly condemned the double murder while, pressing the assistance of law enforcement and the general public for the apprehension of the assailants. She stated that the murders illustrate "how pervasive the devastating levels of violence have become in our society" as well as recognizing that some of the larger underlying reasons may be linked to the desire for material wealth at the expense of other people.

Mizobe stated, "The pain from

the double murder should cause us to focus on the larger context of violence in our society and to acknowledge some of the underlying economic, social and political influences." She added, "While there can never be an excuse for such random acts of violence against innocent people, we also cannot ignore the harsh consequences of a market culture which says 'Greed is good.'"

Craig Minami, JACL-PSW vice governor, stated that at this point media speculation of a racially motivated incident, although not discounted, is premature and added that the possibility the students may not have understood English as blaming the victim. "The focus should not be about putting one group's interests over

another in terms of media coverage nor should the concerns be limited to the consequences of lost tourism dollars and strain on bilateral relations with Japan, but with our society in what we find acceptable in the levels of crime and violence." He added, "Unfortunately, we accept an incredible amount of violence on a daily basis without thinking twice about it."

Mizobe concluded, "We inevitably are all going to be victims against this insane tide of violence unless we get sophisticated and mature enough to look beyond the surface of the violence in our society and have the courage to work on some of the root causes as a society."

## CARJACKING

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 again."

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Anthony Coletti, a classmate from Marymount, said the murders were "shocking but not surprising."

"It's so disgusting and pointless. It enhances my anger against the problems in America," said Coletti.

He was one of a group of Marymount students that had gathered at the site of the shooting for a candlelight vigil. Strewn with flowers and candles, a sign read, "We must have gun control. Who is next, your child?"

Coletti said he lived in the same South San Pedro apartment complex with Ito and Matsuura, but had moved out because of concerns about crime.



A STATEMENT—Residents of San Pedro, Calif., shocked by the crime, placed flowers on the parking lot site of the killings of the two students from Japan.

"I moved out because of all the gang bangers over there and I moved here (near the supermarket). Then, this happened," said Coletti.

Appealing to the public for help, the LAPD has asked anyone with information on the crime to call the robbery-homicide unit at LAPD's Major Crimes Section at 213/485-2129 or 213/485-2504.



MOURNERS—Students from Marymount College attended a kind of candlelight vigil on Monday, March 28, after hearing of the deaths of the students.

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MEDIA—A Japanese broadcaster sets up a news report. Reaction in Japan was one of shock.

## Memory of other murders

The slayings of Takuma Ito and Go Matsuura are the latest fatal incidents involving Japanese students in the United States, sparking a cry from Japan for more gun control in the U.S.


Other recent incidents include: ● Masakazu Kuriyama, 25, was shot and killed Aug. 21, 1993 as he exited a Concord, Calif. BART train station. To date, no suspects have been found in the incident. At the time of the crime, robbery was thought of as a motive, although Kuriyama was found with his wallet, credit cards \$140 in cash and a Sony Walkman.

● On the way to a Halloween party, Yoshihiro Hattori, 16, was shot to death Oct. 17, 1992 when he and a friend went to the wrong house in Baton Rouge, La. Hattori had been going to the local high school and living with an American family. The case made international headlines and focused Japanese attention on the proliferation of guns in America.

Rodney Penris, 32, who admitted to the shooting, was acquitted of manslaughter charges. Since then, Hattori's father has launched a crusade for greater gun control.

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## Immigration fronts

## AP groups applaud defeat of 2 anti-immigrant amendments

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) applauded on March 24 the U.S. House of Representatives' defeat of two amendments to the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which, if passed, would have had strong implications for the education of immigrants in the United States.

Congressman Toby Roth's (R-Wis.) amendment sought to strike Title VII of the ESEA, the 25-year old Bilingual Education Act, that reauthorizes bilingual education programs. Recognizing that the amendment would have a negative impact on those students with limited English proficiency, the House voted 334-58 to defeat the amendment on March 21.

Congressman Dana Rohrabacher's (R-Calif.) amendment would have required schools to determine how many undocumented students are enrolled in their schools and how many students who are here lawfully but have at least one parent or legal guardian who is not lawfully residing in the United States. OCA expressed the belief that his amendment would have required

educators to act as pseudo-Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) officers, and would have jeopardized the necessary relationships of trust between students and teachers.

Asian Pacific American leaders also were concerned that the amendment would have led teachers to assume that any student who looked or sounded foreign is undocumented, and the withdrawal of children from schools by parents who fear retaliation by the INS. The amendment was so soundly defeated, 329-78, on March 3, that Congressman Rohrabacher did not introduce another amendment that would have denied federal funding for the education of undocumented children.

Stated Ginny Gong, national president of OCA, "The classroom is a sanctuary for many children, and to subject them to the insensitivity of some politicians would threaten their only chance to receive a fair education. Furthermore, the education of our nation's children, regardless of English proficiency or immigration status, should be the top priority of our policy makers. Without equal access to education, our children are insured for a life in the welfare cycle."

## Proposal said to discriminate against legal immigrants, organizations say

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), joined by the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance of AFL-CIO, denounced a provision in "Responsibility and Empowerment Support Program Providing Employment, Childcare and Training Act," H.R. 3500, which would make most permanent residents and other legal immigrants ineligible for over 61 different federal programs. H.R. 3500 was introduced by House Republican Leader Bob Michel (R-Ill.) with Congressman Jay Kim (R-Calif.) as an original cosponsor.

The federal programs from which permanent residents would be barred include medical assistance in all but emergency situations, child health and welfare services, foster care and adoption assistance, school lunch and breakfast programs, food stamps, child milk and other supplemental and emergency food and nutri-

tion programs, child immunization and other health education and screening programs, low income rental, rural and public housing assistance, home loan programs and all other forms of housing assistance programs, all education and job training programs, all programs under the Older Americans Act, low-income energy assistance and weatherization programs, legal services and emergency food and shelter grants.

OCA National President Ginny Gong said, "The Asian Pacific American communities' fear of denying benefits to undocumented immigrants rolling over into the denial of benefits of legal permanent residents may not be far off as evidenced by H.R. 3500. Who will be the next targeted group?"

JACL National Director Randy Senzaki urged the community to let their representatives in Congress know how senseless and bigoted this law would be. He added, "Japanese Americans understand

Daphne Kwok, executive director of OCA, added, "Both of these amendments are results of the anti-immigrant sentiment that is rising at an alarming pace in the United States. Immigrants are being blamed for a spectrum of our country's problems, from taking jobs away from 'real' Americans to causing racial tension to abusing the welfare system. Ironically, these amendments would only increase the possibility of immigrants having to go on welfare."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki said, "JACL commends the House of Representatives for voting against bringing bigotry and divisiveness into the classroom and standing up to cynical plays by a few Congressmen who are seeking reelection by exploiting the worst fears of their constituents."

Matthew Finucane, Director of APALA, noted that, "While this is an important victory, the community must tell Congress to oppose the many other anti-immigrant bills that are being introduced in Congress. People should write their representatives and tell them they are against the scapegoating and penalizing of immigrants."

all too well what the next step will be. It was not that long ago that immigrants from Japan were barred from becoming citizens and as noncitizens were then barred from owning land and hindered in their efforts to make a new life for their families."

JACL Washington Representative Karen Narasaki stated, "This attack on legal immigrants is unprecedented in its callousness. It attacks children and the elderly, and is so inhumane it seeks to cut off emergency food and housing assistance. How does it serve our nation's interest to create a class of sick, hungry and illiterate children and homeless starving elderly?"

APALA Executive Director Matthew Finucane said, "The Republican proposal is mean-spirited and unfair since it goes after those who can least defend themselves. Have they forgotten that their families were once immigrants too?"

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Saluting Capt. Bruce Yamashita

In an era when many Americans would do almost anything to avoid military service, a Sansei Japanese American waged—and won—a five-year fight to win the commission he was entitled to as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Bruce Yamashita's victory over racial discrimination in what has been described as the elite branch of the Armed Forces was publicized recently in nationwide television and nationally distributed newspaper stories. He was given an official apology and his captain's bars were pinned on his uniform in a ceremony in the Capitol's House Armed Services Committee hearing room as friends and high-ranking officials applauded.

The media reports said Yamashita had been subjected to taunts and racial slurs—"We don't want your kind around here—go back to your country"—during an officer candidate course in 1989. Two days before graduation he was kicked out on grounds he had failed to exhibit leadership.

Two high level hearing boards rejected

Yamashita's appeal, indicating that as a policy the Marines condoned racial discrimination. This at a time when Japanese Americans have been graduated from Army, Air Force and Naval academies, achieved flag rank and served with distinction in all three services.

I haven't read of anyone being disciplined for their part in the Yamashita case, but it is interesting that the top Navy officer retired before his time following the Tailhook scandal involving harassment of women. At the least, those responsible for discriminating against Yamashita should be required to study, and pass an examination on the history of Japanese Americans in the U.S. military.

Let's start with the sinking of the Battleship Maine in Havana harbor that touched off the Spanish-American War. Follow that up with their service with the American Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War I, the feats and sacrifice of Nisei in European and Asian-Pacific Theaters in World War II including assignments with

the Marines, their service in the occupation of Japan, their record in Korea and Vietnam, Grenada, the Gulf War, Somalia and all the other messy and bloody conflicts of which they have been a part.

Capt. Bruce Yamashita did us proud by sticking his neck out and forcing the Marine Corps to root out the rot in the system that it had condoned. But more than that he served all Americans by forcing the Corps to acknowledge it was wrong, to apologize for that injustice, and to review its dropout rates and overhaul its officer training procedures.

The Marine Corps will be a better service, and the United States a better country, for Bruce Yamashita's stubborn insistence on justice. His service to his country began even before he received his officer's commission.

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

Letters

Process of 're-normin' can ease controversy

I usually find the Letters to the Editor section to be of great interest. They not only reflect the perceptions and opinions of the readers, but they are more often than not small bites of wisdom and insight. I make no pretense that this letter re the JACL Board/Pacific Citizen controversy will add any such bites, but after sitting through what seems to me to be an interminable run of editorials, columns, and letters, I must had to add to the interminableness. There's an old wisdom about organizations which suggests that the natural history of many organizations is characterized by the expected process of *formin'*, *normin'*, *performin'*, *stormin'* and *mournin'*. The *formin'* or death of an organization can be forestalled if *stormin'* can be followed by a *re-normin'*. My opinion is that the *re-normin'* can only occur if we can identify the basic reason or antecedent for the *stormin'*. If we continue to be hung up on who said what to whom, or how it was said, or if we keep focusing on who did right and who did wrong, we'll never get to the solution. We've got to get to the *re-normin'*, or in this case a clarification and agreement of what the PC is.

We all, I think, desire a free and independent press. It's a value that we hold near and dear. The JACL Constitution establishes this independence! But wait, can the PC truly be free and independent simply because of one section in the Constitution, if the whole organizational structure of the PC remains as it is? A desire can become a reality, if all circumstances are or can be changed to make that desire a reality. For press to be free, it has to be maximally independent as Janice Joplin sang, "Freedom is when you got nothing to lose." Can the PC be free, understanding that absolute freedom is illusory, given the existing structural circumstances? I would argue that a free PC is a contradiction no matter what the JACL Constitution says. I believe that we're here talking about PC's freedom and independence from the JACL, or more specifically from the JACL Board which is after all the elected representative body of the JACL membership.

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Given these realities, it is clear that the PC is structurally, administratively, and operationally closely linked to the JACL.

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Sidebar



MEI NAKANO

Going over the fence

One thing I feel obliged to do, though my desk tilt with a load of work, is to answer the call from teachers—especially elementary school teachers—to talk about U.S. wartime camps. I feel the urgency. First, I think it critical that children be sensitized early to the hurtful, damaging effects of prejudice. Children make race distinctions as young as two years old, say experts. And by the sixth grade, they are acutely aware of differences. The trick is to channel that awareness to tolerance and understanding instead of hate.

Secondly, I feel the urgency because a story coming from the horse's mouth, as it were, is bound to have a greater impact than merely reading an account of it. And, let's face it: we survivors of the camps are fast becoming a diminishing species.

The request to speak generally comes from a teacher (I assume, an exceptional one) who has assigned the reading of the *Houstons Farewell to Manzanar* or Uchida's *Journey to Topaz* to what are usually fourth or fifth graders. As fine as those texts are, I've often wished for material suitable for a greater spread of grades. Now, I'm happy to report, three new books sit atop my crowded desk which help fill the bill.

Marlene Shigekawa's *Blue Jay in the Desert* (Polychrome Books 1993, \$12.95 hb) can be read by second graders on up. It tells the engaging story of a grandfather who carves the likeness of a blue jay for his grandson. The incongruity of a blue jay in the desert becomes a gentle symbol for the displacement of Japanese Americans in desert camps. The boy's understanding of his fate comes through his identification with the blue jay. When the camp gates open up, the boy whispers to his blue jay: "No more blue jays in the desert. We're going home." The book is beautifully illustrated by Isao Kikuchi in a colorful, paper-cut-out style.

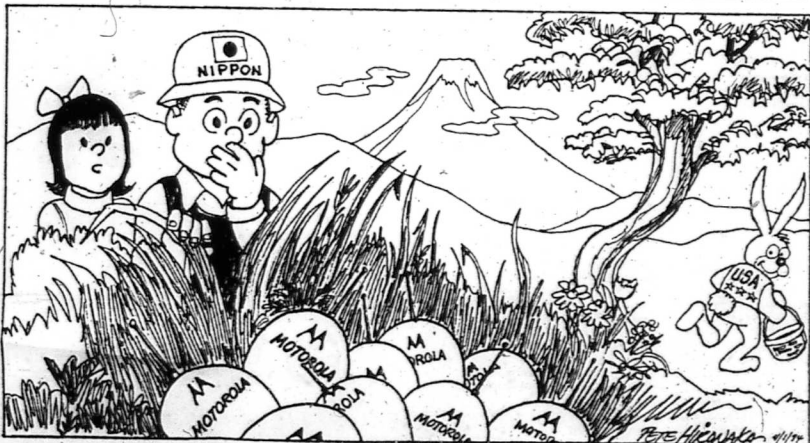
When *Justice Failed* (Stech-Vaughn Co., 1993, \$5.95 pb) strikes a similar chord of incongruence in another key. Written by Steven Chin, a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner, it tells the story of Fred Korematsu, of his arrest and incarceration in 1942 for disobeying the order to report to an internment camp to the day of his vindication forty years later. The main narrative unfolds when Karen, Korematsu's daughter, forces her mother to recount it. It's a hard-hitting story. No symbolism here. The wartime removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast, for ex-

ample, is reported thus: "White Americans who had pushed for removal of Japanese Americans had gotten what they wanted." Aimed at 3rd to 6th graders, I'd say, the book enables students to see clearly the injustice visited upon Korematsu because of his race. They can also see that his vindication came only after two dedicated attorneys and the public came to his aid.

Ken Mochizuki's *Baseball Saved Us* (Lee and Low Books Inc. 1993, \$14.95 hb) takes a solid swing at the subject of wartime camps and scores a homer. The narrator, a young lad, perhaps eight or nine years of age, suffers double prejudice from having a Japanese face and being short. "Shorty" is always the last to be chosen for athletic activities and the kids call him names. In camp, the playing field becomes more level, since the other kids are the same size as he and, of course, have similar facial features. Still, as he plays baseball, he thinks he isn't

See NAKANO/page 7

Nakano, Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations," is presently working on a book about her father. Her column appears monthly in the Pacific Citizen.



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## Voices

By GWEN MURANAKA

## In my hometown . . .

I feel a special grief in the wake of the shooting deaths of Japanese exchange students Takuma Ito and Go Matsura in a San Pedro supermarket parking lot. You see, I live in San Pedro. San Pedro is a small port town and its residents have long made their living off the sea.

Before the war, Japanese Americans from Terminal Island fished the Pacific waters. Perhaps because the Pacific Ocean vistas resemble the warm waters of the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas, Italians and Yugoslavians have also called San Pedro home. I remember the women in black slickers and rubber gloves who worked the local tuna canneries, the fishy aroma of their labors lingering for hours afterward. This is a town where Longshoremen and yuppie professionals live side-by-side—where the

late poet Charles Bukowski would write his whiskey smoke poetry.

San Pedro has always had an identity apart from its too trendy beachtown neighbors. Just a little seedy, it always had a texture of local pride. But times change. Executive Order 9066 emptied Terminal Island of Japanese Americans and most never came back. The canneries are closed and the large Croatian community agonizes about events in their homeland. And now this horrible incident, which has again focused international attention on violent crime in America. Less than 24 hours after the shootings, I was in the very same parking lot, unaware of the incident, going through the small errands which make up a weekend. No doubt on Friday night, Takuma and Go were doing the same thing.

In many ways, it was just an ordinary weekend in L.A. Apart from the national origin of the two exchange students; their deaths are not extraordinary in a county that has seen 333 murders since the beginning of the year. And despite its quirks, San Pedro is an ordinary town. That is what is most frightening about these crimes—how violence has become commonplace in our society, how the horrific has become the mundane.

I used to tell friends who came visiting from Japan that there are dangerous parts of Los Angeles, but you know where they were and how to avoid them. I used to take them around my hometown, showing them how quiet and safe the community is. Now I no longer know what to tell them. Before they died, I hope that Takuma and Go got a chance to see the positive side of San

Pedro. I hope they saw some of the extraordinary and the everyday things that make San Pedro a wonderful place. Too often, hometowns across the country are becoming the site of tragedy. Too many are dying everyday who never become the focus of foreign governments and international media, but whose deaths rend forever the lives of families and friends. In the harsh media spotlight, San Pedro will never be the same again. The criminal who gunned down Takuma and Go on Friday night killed two teenagers, full of hope and promise, and the dreams of a small port town.

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## NAKANO

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"that good." Whereupon his Dad tells him that he must try harder. So, he practices, and:

*All the time I practiced, the man in the tower watched. He probably saw the other kids giving me a bad time and thought that I was no good. So I tried to be better because he was looking.*

Clearly, the game of baseball here serves as a metaphor for Life. (Who of us has not been admonished to try harder when our self worth has been diminished?) And, true to life—at least that of Japanese Americans vis-a-vis the camp experience—Shorty triumphs in the end as he hits a homer that breaks like "it was going over the fence."

Children get at least two benefits from reading books like these. First, they get to see that people who don't look like Dick and Jane, have a life, a history, and that these people are important enough

to be in books. Secondly, their highly developed sense of fairness kicks in and spurs them to think of solutions.

"Do you think a thing like this can happen again?" came a question from a fifth grader not long ago. It's the kind of question one expects from young adults, not from a ten-year-old.

"Yes," I say, flat out. "It could happen again. There is still a lot of prejudice out there. But people like you who pay attention and ask questions, who will someday become involved in issues like this, can prevent such an injustice from ever happening again."

It makes my day to be able to say that.

## LETTERS

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There's an old saying that goes "if it talks like a duck and walks like a duck, it is a duck." But a more wise saying would add, "but if it hatches from a chicken egg, it is a chicken."

So, what's the solution? It can

think of at least three possibilities:

1. Establish the PC as a structural, administratively, and operationally independent entity.
2. Abandon the goal of an independent, maximally free P.C. and become simply a house organ via the route of deleting any references to a free and independent organ in the JAEL Constitution.
3. Constitutionally and normatively define the policies, parameters and procedures to permit relative freedom in the context of relative independence. This, of course, is easier said than done, and will require a very studied and reasoned set of compromises. The key is the word "relative."

The recommendations of the PSW make a whole lot of sense, but it does contain one serious flaw. It does not address the constitutional issue of a free and independent PC. Until the conflict between the constitutional and organizational domains is addressed, I am afraid that we are

doomed to endless argumentation. I look forward to the report of the National Board commissioned Study Group regarding the PC. I hope that it will not ignore the constitutional issue in its deliberations.

I see that the perennial issue of accountability has also reared its head, but unfortunately often in a very simplistic manner. On a very personal basis, I'm not sure whether by accountability I mean letting me know what's going on, or I mean doing things I want done or in a manner in which I want it done, or simply listening to me. If it is the latter two, it

occurs to me that accountability is a two-way street. I need to be responsible and accountable for letting the leaders I elected know what I want and what I want to say. I can do this by actively participating in forging the national agenda via chapter, district and national venues, and by electing representatives who represent my concerns. In effect, accountability is indeed a two-way street. Come to think of it, I've been pretty lax about my responsibilities, so I best not cast any stones.

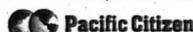
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Ito, Jimmie R., 87, Monterey Park, Jan. 1, Mie-born, survived by daughters June Ito, Hisako Mori, 2 g., Jgg. Kakko, Kimlyo, 76, Los Angeles, Dec. 21, survivor, wife Yuriko Katsuge, 5 g. (all Fountain Valley), sister Setsuko Fuji (Fremont).

Kamachi, Sumi, 70, La Mirada, Dec. 23, Fresno-born, survived by husband Don, sons Steven Kenneth, 3 g., sister Kazu Nagasaka (San Diego), in-laws Roland Kamachi, Harry K Nishimura, Mary Nogawa, Kimi Kamachi, Kato, Bernice S., 83, Gardena, Jan. 2, San Jose-born, survived by husband Paul, sons Paul Jr., Makoto, Ken, 8 g., Kawahara, Yemiko, 71, Lakewood, survived by sons Larry, Robert, Eugene, 6 g., brothers Hajime Koyano, Isamu, sister Kyoko Nakatani.

Kobayashi, Cora M., 77, Pasadena, Jan. 2, Colorado-born, survived by husband George, son Wayne, daughters Irene Sakamoto, Janice Waldorf, Jeanette Nakayama, 8 g., brothers Montakemoto, Ugi, Noboru, sisters Betty Kawano (Denver), Dorothy Iwata.

Kuromi, Corinne R., 65, Los Angeles, Jan. 1, Yucaville-born, survived by daughter Lynn Kanami, son Kevin, brothers Arthur Nishimura (Chicago), Harry, sisters Shizuko Tokunaga, Yemiko Nishimura, Louis Iwasaki.

Kuwano, Kimi, Sunnyvale, Dec. 18, survived by daughter Rose Sumi, Mari Sato, son Stanley, sister Julia Ohji (Livingston), 6 g., predeceased by husband Rev. Susumu.

Matsuhashi, Nancy E., 69, Monterey Park, Dec. 28, Upland-born, survived by husband Kats, son Mark, daughters Linda Asano, Cindy Yoshitake, 5 g., sister Sada Tamura (Minnesota).

Nakagawa, Kosuhiro, 90, Carson, Jan. 1, Fukui-born, survived by wife Kimiko, 4 sons William, Hiroyuki, Yukiyo, Frank, 6 daughters Michiko Yamashita, Lily Brown, Janet Moulton, Patty Hankawa, Betty Yukihiro, Phyllis Lou, 2 g., 16 great-g, in-law Eyo Nakagawa.

Nawa, Frank S., 90, Gardena, Dec. 25, Nagano-born, survived by wife Kiyoko, son John, daughter June Inouye, 2 g.

Nihsite, Sayoko, 72, San Juan Bautista, Jan. 4, Calif.-born, survived by husband Dennis, m son Alan, daughter Milie, 2 g., brother Harry Kuranaga, sister Fusae, 2 g., 16 great-g, in-law Eyo Nakagawa.

Nomura, Toki, 91, Lomita, Jan. 23, Fukui-born naturalized U.S./ citizen, survived by daughters Lily, Joanne Shiba, Rose Eto, Kazuko Fujinami, 12 g., 19 great-g.

Ogawa, Peter T., 72, Long Beach, Jan. 2, San Gabriel-born, survived by wife Marie, sons Chris, Glenn (both Huntington Beach), daughter Janice Omohundro, 6 g.

Ojima, Mizuyo, 68, Sacramento, Jan. 19, Redondo Beach-born, survived by husband Masakazu, brother Koji Yamada, sons Mitchell, Dennis, daughter Marlene Johnson, 6 g.

Okubara, Gary M., 45, Mill Valley, Jan. 7, Millbrae-born, survived by parents Royand Hattuyo, sisters Arlene Kyoko Pfluger, Emiko Fuji, Joyce Brugger, Okamoto, Mitsuno, 84, Chicago, Dec. 18, Fukushima-born, (the last lesser member of the Japanese Episcopal Church of Chicago), survived by son John, daughters Hanako Komachi, Kazuko Sakamoto, 11 g., 4 great-g.

Okubo, Jo, 73, Los Angeles, Jan. 31, San Francisco-born WWII veteran, survived by wife May, daughters Kris Okubo-Watanabe, Patricia Jue, sister Nobuko Sato.

Oriehi, Ted Tetsuo, 72, Monterey Park, Dec. 17, Sacramento-born, survived by wife Iida, daughter JoAnn Onishi Mogg.

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Sakaguchi, Yasuue, 84, San Francisco, Jan. 10, Alameda-born, survived by son Kingo, daughters Yuyoi Otsuka, Michio Sato, Kayoko, sister Fusano Horimoto, g. and great-g.

Sakai, Yuki, 99, Los Angeles, Jan. 27, Aichi-born, survived by daughters Sumiko Kozawa, Hisako, Etsuko, Miyoko Nagai, 3 g.

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Suzuki, Marion H., 63, West Los Angeles, Feb. 12, Long Beach-born retired dietitian, survived by husband Dr. Takao, sons Andy, Mark, 2 g., mother Kimi Sugiyama, brothers Eugene, Dr. Richard, Dr. Raymond, in-laws Sue Sugiyama, Takeko Brzycki.

Takeuchi, Itsuki, 91, West Sacramento, Jan. 2, San Francisco-born, survived by wife Misako, sons Fumio, George, Ben, Kay, daughters Sumie Sasaki, Grace Kunitada, June Kurano, Jojo Ojima, Kathy Tsuda, g. and great-g.

Tomimoto, Miya, 96, Loomis, Jan. 2, Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Tom, Walter, daughters Anne Muneakawa, Emiko Kashiwagi, Teruko Yoshiyama, Toyofuku, Torao, 79, San Jose, Jan. 27, Watsonville-born, survived by mother Haruko, 12 Long Beach-born, Tomoe Fukawa, Matsue Noda.

Tsakamoto, Thomas H., 75, Milpitas, Jan. 12; Longmont, Colo.-born nuserman in San Jose, survived by wife Toshie, sisters Heien Umehani (Denver), Mary Kubota (Los Angeles), in-law Hiroshi Matsuda (Honolulu), Carl Matsuda (Gardena), Janet Matsuda (Honolulu), Betty Kono (Hilo), Jack Matsuda, Takao Matsuda (Thailand), Hanako Doi, Teruko Matsumoto, George Matsuda, Nomo Matsuda (all Honolulu).

Uyehara, Frank Yoshino, 93, Wheat Ridge, Colo. Feb. 20, Yukawa, Japan-born, retired grocer, survived by wife Fusae, son Roy, daughter Dorothy, 3 g., 7 great-g.

Uyeno, Juichi, 88, Concord, Dec. 30, Okama-born, survived by son Hiroshi, daughters Eiko, Yuriko, Yuriko, Sumi, Miyoko Wilson, 9 g.

Watanabe, Kaoru, 78, Mountain View, Jan. 23, Sunnyvale-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Fred, Gene (Napa), Bob (Fountain Valley), daughter Marion Enoksson (Wash.), 9 g., 2 great-g., brother Tom, in-laws Chuziko Watanabe, Kyoko Nakada, Hiroyoshi Nakada (San Mateo), George Nakada (South San Francisco).

Yamamoto, Richard K., 90, Sacramento, Dec. 31; Poston-born, survived by brothers Masaru, Akio (Jpn), Yasuji, father Eigor (Jpn).

Yamane, Shigeko, 68, San Mateo, Jan. 22; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Ken, sons Shuzo, Chizuo, daughter Sachiko, g., in-law Akemi Yamane.

Yamasaki, Sam I., 85, Fresno, Dec. 24; Fresno-born, survived by wife Sumiko, daughters Isako Nakaguchi, Tomoko Morishita, Kyoko, Jane Shiro, Akiko, son Masao, 7 g., sisters Kyoko Zenimura, Lily Ishii.

Yoshida, Ju, 92, San Mateo, Jan. 9; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Seiichi, Seiji, daughters Yoshie Fukada, Matsuyo Saito and g.

Yoshida, Matsumoto, 79, Saratoga, Jan. 13; Hawaii-born, survived by son Tom, Mas, Sam, daughters Harriet Lewis, g., in-law Margaret Yoshida.

Yoshimoto, Fumiko, 70, Yuba City, Jan. 11, Alameda-born, survived by husband George, sisters Maya Aikawa, Miya Aikawa.

Yoshiwara, Shinji G., 72, Cypress, Jan. 15; survived by daughter Joanne Nekota, 2 g., brothers Joe, Shiro, sister Marian Berardo.