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The Pacific Citizen staff must also again thank all of the people who help publish this giant issue. In particular, we thank PC helpers, some of whom are shown in the photo above. This year, their assistance and experience made this the most efficient issue ever published in recent times.

We must also thank the JACL volunteers who gather all of the materials for all the chapter greetings. It is work on a grand scale and we offer our profound thanks. Finally, we thank all of the writers who participated in this edition. It is their thoughts and words that make the Holiday Issue something worth reading and keeping.

The strength of JACL has always been the chapters and the network of chapters that spreads across America. While the vast majority of our members and chapters are located within California's borders, it is the chapters and districts outside of California that gives JACL credibility and strength as a national organization.

However, without active, viable chapters the network, itself, is useless. All strong chapters have activities that attract a wide diverse group of people with different needs and aspirations, not just civil rights. While civil rights is an important dimension of JACL issues, by themselves, will not sustain this organization through the 21st century.

Currently, still, the broad financial support, not only in membership, but fundraising comes from loyal JACL members who do not ask, "What's in it for me?" This ethic or attitude that everyone in a civilized society or community has an obligation and duty to those entities they are a part of, is fast declining. It is precisely this ethic of the Issei and older Nisei that has sustained JACL all these years. With the gradual diminution of this quality in people, JACL must depend more and more upon activities at the grassroots level to attract members. Thus, the chapters today that are strong and maintaining and even increasing their membership are those that have activities that attract a wide range of people, relevant to their locality, and have leadership that are not one dimensional, but have broad interests that people of all walks of life relate to. It is these social ties and relationships that bind a chapter together, as well as districts and the national organization.

National organizations, such as JACL, must be more sensitive and responsive to what goes on at the chapter and grassroots level and prioritize and tailor its programs and activities accordingly. If they do not, there will be a continuing decline of support for such organizations as is occurring today.

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Cherry Kinoshita was appointed chairwoman of the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board following the August national convention in Salt Lake City. She is among the most well known JACL leaders across the country, particularly for her efforts on redress as a member of the JACL LEC. In this article the PC chairwoman addresses the serious financial problems besetting the Pacific Citizen.

"News is the first rough draft of history," So said Ben Bradlee, editor of the Washington Post. History did indeed unfold before my eyes as I very carefully turned the yellowed pages of the 50-year old Pacific Citizens.


Browsing through the fragile pages, taking care not to break off the brittle edges, it brought back bittersweet memories of those years past. The PC was our only link to life outside of camp in those interment years when we were so hungry for news. Like so many things of value, news was something you never really realized you'd miss until you were deprived of it. Later, once outside in a strange mid-western city, that link was then important to maintain our ties to the widely dispersed JA community.

For JACL member and non-member subscribers, the PC provides that link to other JA's and the Asian American communities across the nation, particularly in those areas where there may be no other vernaculars. When those 20,000 readers subscribed to the PC, there was an implied contract—that they would receive the number of issues they had paid for. It is a commitment that the Pacific Citizen owes to its subscribers and its advertisers. That pledge was broken when in September the PC was forced by the financial crisis to cut back to a monthly publication.

To face the facts, the $12 allocation for the PC, which has not changed since 1989, falls far short of the actual need for production of an 8 to 12-page weekly. Although advertising revenue has fallen short of projections due to adverse economic conditions, it is unrealistic to expect a membership subscription rate set six years ago to be adequate, given rising production, mailing, overhead, and newsprint costs. Employing draconian measures of financial restraints, reduction of two staff members, and cutting down to approximately $13,466 for 1994.

The Pacific Citizen Editorial Board on Nov. 20 voted unanimously, in view of the continuing severe financial situation, to recommend a semimonthly publication schedule beginning January 1995, with continued monitoring to assess whether the financial status will permit returning to a weekly publication. Even going to a semimonthly schedule, the deficit projected for 1995 may be in the range of $50,000 to $50,000, dependent on the variables of membership/subscriber losses and uncertainties of advertising revenue—balanced against cuts in production/administrative expenses.

How do other publications make a go of it? Although there are several dozen ethnic newspapers in Seattle, when we think of Asian American vernaculars of particular interest to JA's, three publications come to mind.

The oldest, first published in 1974, is the semimonthly International Examiner, which started out under the aegis of the Alaskan Cannery Workers Union, and thus inherits a distinct component issues and human rights advocacy focus. "People issues as opposed to money issues," says Editor Jeff Lin.

With a staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time, supplemented by a host of volunteer contributors, the International Examiner publishes 24 16-page issues a year with two special supplements. Circulation is 12,000 and the subscription rate is $18 yearly.

Started in 1982 as the English edition of the Seattle Chinese Post by energy Assunta Ng, the 28-page weekly covers a wide range of Asian American issues in the fields of business, ethnic concerns, politics, entertainment and sports. "An alternative to the main-stream press" explains current Editor Denny Yamauchi. When Editor/Publisher Ng realized the title of Seattle Chinese Post tended to restrict a wide coverage of Asian American news, she embarked on a name-change contest and settled on Northwest Asian Weekly. A staff of 3 full-timers handles the editorial, graphics, and sales, with 2 part-time free lancees. Circulation is 16,000 and the subscription rate $14.50.

The newest vernacular, the Northwest Asian Daily News, started by Tomio Moriguchi, and edited currently by Sandee Taniguchi, focuses on the Japanese American community as its name implies, featuring Nikkei human interest articles, personalities and events. One full-time and one part-time person handles the editorial responsibilities, and a part-time staffer takes care of circulation and business duties.

Circulation of the 16-page monthly is 9,000, and subscription rate $15 yearly. All three are heavily dependent upon ad revenue with the Northwest Asian Weekly probably the most successful in snags the large corporate accounts, which may account for its relatively modest subscription price. The circulation figures do not represent paid subscriptions but include freebies distributed at places like Uwajimaya and other well attended shops and offices in the International District and outskirts areas.

So there you have rates of $18 for a semi-monthly, $15 for a monthly, and $14.50 for a weekly. The Pacific Citizen generally a weekly of 44 issues and a Holiday Issue, drops by on $12 a year from membership subscriptions.

Without having any second thoughts, each year I write out checks totaling $47.50 to be able to receive all three local papers, even though I could pick up most of the issues free. Would JACLers willingly supplement the $12 PC allocation by voluntarily donating a few dollars more yearly?

Floated at the PNW District Council meeting and Pacific Citizen Editorial Board teleconference were suggestions that the new membership form could include a line for additional donations earmarked for the PC. The membership renewal form could include a line for PC donations, similar to the "bookstore" mode used fairly successfully for redress fund raising. If it just half our membership of 20,000 voluntarily donated $5 or more, PC could publish without a deficit.

Since an increase in the PC allotment cannot be effected without essentially a dues increase, which takes National Council approval, this donation-via-dues method could keep a perpetual stream of funds coming in. Isn't the PC worth your support?
Ethics, Values, and Organizations

By Paul M. Shinkawa

M any of us in JACL are volunteers with day-to-day lives involving little interaction with other Japanese-Americans. Consequently, our lives involve passing back and forth between so-called "real world" activities and JACL activities. This provides for some interesting contrasts between our thoughts and experiences in what sometimes seems like two distinct worlds.

I recently attended a seminar for government ethics advisors. In our state, there has been a strong movement to place a specialist in governmental ethics in each department of government to act as an advisor to both managerial and line staff. Since I've also been involved in legal ethics peer review for several years with the State Bar, the seminar gave me a multi-dimensional insight into how ethics, or as some feel, the lack of it, directs the course of events.

A prominent part of the seminar was based on the concept of core ethical values as described by Michael Josephson, a founder of the Josephson Institute of Ethics. Mr. Josephson is a non-profit organization devoted to ethics awareness and training. Mr. Josephson, in a small booklet he authored entitled Making Ethical Decisions, describes six core ethical values. They are: trustworthiness; respect; responsibility; justice and fairness; caring; and civic virtue and citizenship.

The ideas he espouses are not new. They are based on, and acknowledge, principles laid down by Confucius, Aristotle, Mahabharata, and Jesus. However, he has secularized them by placing them in context with the thoughts of Immanuel Kant and Jeremy Bentham so that they can be used in everyday business and governmental decision-making without the feeling that one is making religious decisions. The "Golden Rule" has thereby become the "Rule of Reciprocity." What with the particularly striking to me in this seminar was the statement that, "Ethics are rules of behavior based on values of right and wrong. Where we disagree as to whether or not behavior is ethical, we are actually disagreeing on the core values underlying the behavior." That is precisely where we have taken JACL.

The seemingly endless debate over inclusiveness of certain groups of people, our failure to come to agreement on actions which may or may not compromise examples of racism, and our marked failure to accord each other even a modicum of respect when we gather together to try to resolve such differences, all point to a severe divergence of values from each other. The prevailing opinion is that everyone else's opinion is wrong. No one seems willing to listen or even disagree in a civil manner. As a result our identity as a community with common values and beliefs is being shaken and torn apart.

One of the elements of our being as a community, despite our wide physical dispersion, is our subscription to common values. In broad terms, trustworthiness; respect; responsibility; justice and fairness; caring; civic virtue and citizenship; have always seemed to me to be what Japanese-Americans believed in. However, this not what I've experienced at recent JACL meetings and from talking with others from around the country, my experience is no longer unusual. Anyone who attended or heard about the 1994 National Council sessions this past summer should have some understanding of what I am describing.

1994 is JACL's 65th Anniversary Year. Perhaps it is time, given the tremendous investment our community has placed in it over the years, to begin a process to salvage it for the years to come. Our leadership has already begun a process of fiscal reform which, if supported by the members, could prevent us from bankrupting ourselves. But, leadership alone is not the solution. Just as community values are the foundation of ethics, so is community involvement the foundation of leadership. If we, as members of a community, cannot come together and reaffirm our values in the areas which are common to us all, and conform our belief in newly held common values, we will no longer be a community.

It is time for JACL members around the country and from within our diverse sub-groups, to begin to examine what our own values and needs are as a larger process needs to be initiated at the district, and national meetings, we should gather to share our ideals and hopes for the future. It can be an instance, professional ethics, so that we are actually assimilated into American society and no longer need JACL. While I doubt that will be a comfortable position, a plausible viewpoint should be dispensed without exploration.

The outcome of every meeting, discussion, and organization, should be shared throughout JACL in order to promote discussion in other meetings. The community values we still hold in common should rise to the top of the agendas, and we will be able to tell our leaders where we want them to take us in the future. Once we can continue what we still hold as common, common values, common goals, and common fears; we will be able to understand why we still need each another as members of a community.

JACL needs to step back from its present difficulties and reassess what we believe in, what we are capable of doing and what we are willing to do to get there. We can only do this if we are willing to honestly look at the way we conduct ourselves, what our common core values are, and how these values affect community and organizational behavior. This process needs to be initiated at the most basic, grass-roots level of JACL in order to be successful.

If we are to have any hope for ourselves as an organization with a future, we must re-clarify our beliefs and commitment to our own set of core values. We must decide what it is that we believe in, and we must ensure that our organization be- haves in a manner consistent with those beliefs. It is only when we are all committed to our own "ethical" behavior within JACL, an ethic that is based on common values, that we can have any confidence that we are still a viable organization setting out to perform our mission of producing, "Better Americans in a Greater America."
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Taking on the Domestic Partners issue

Assembly Bill 2810, which would have granted rights to domestic partners, was vetoed Sept. 11 by California Gov. Pete Wilson. According to the Diablo Valley Chapter, there are plans to reintroduce the bill next year.

The July 22-August 11, 1994 edition of the Pacific Citizen, one of the prime vehicles for disseminating information within the Japanese American community, included an article by Peggy Liggett, a member of the Fresno chapter, that made members of the Diablo Valley Chapter aware of the domestic partners issue and the domestic partners legislation, Assembly Bill 2810, that was pending in the California legislature. In the article, Peggy suggested that a Domestic Partners Act be considered by the National Board of the JACL. What a good idea we said and we began the Diablo Valley Chapter’s venture into the domestic partners issue.

This article does not explore the issue of domestic partners itself but serves to illustrate how one idea can spark a movement, and how one JACL chapter learned the lessons of grassroots organizing to support a cause it believed in.

At the July chapter board meeting, we organized an emergency resolution concerning the pending legislation of seven chapter members Mike and Leah Hamachi, Ezio and Mary Kobayashi, Jon Kurihara, Ted Tsukahara, and Milo Yoshino. Mike and Jon did the early research to find out how we could introduce the domestic partners subject at the National Convention which was only two weeks away. Mike received advice and guidance from Dale Ikedog, of the Clavis Chapter, who was chairperson of the Resolutions and Amendments Committee. Milo contacted California State Assembly Member Rurd Rominated’s office in Walnut Creek for a copy of AB 2810. Mike recruited the eighth member of the committee, John Sosnowski, whose legal background allowed him to be the primary draftsman of our domestic partners emergency resolution. Ted provided constant reminders of the importance of domestic partners legislation for the disabled and for our mature JACL members.

After several closely spaced committee meetings and many telephone calls, our emergency resolution was ready.

Now we needed the endorsements of delegates from five chapters. Jon contacted Patty Wada, NCVNPD Regional Director, who said that Joanne Irani from the Florn chapter had called and expressed interest in the domestic partners legislation. She too had read Peggy’s article and had contacted her Assembly Member’s office for a copy of the bill. Jon called Joanne and advised her of our progress on the emergency resolution and received the Florn Chapter’s support and endorsement.

Carol Kawase from the Sonoma County Chapter was persuaded to support the emergency resolution by the Hamachi. Now we needed just three more signatures. The Kobayashis met with Karyl Matsumoto of the San Mateo chapter.

Mike and Leah had never been to a JACL National convention and were understandably nervous about presenting a potentially controversial issue. When asked by the committee to introduce the resolution on the convention floor, Leah remembered some of the lessons she had learned at the JACL-OCJA Leadership conference she had attended earlier in the year. Upon reflection, Leah said, “At the Washington D.C. Leadership Conference, I had learned the importance of having clear and compelling reasons for the bill, and how important action and persistence.” So, equipped with these skills and motivated by the memories of inspiring speeches, the Hamachis embarked on the great adventure.

Their lobbying efforts began upon arrival in Salt Lake City and they quickly obtained the actual endorsing signatures from Eden Township, San Fernando Valley, and Sonoma County. The following day, Contra Costa, Florn, San Mateo, and Lucy Kishui, NCVNP.

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Highlights of the bill

Subject: Domestic partnerships
Source: Lile Lobby

Digest: This bill creates a statewide registry for domestic partners in the Office of the Secretary of State.

This bill provides that registered domestic partners be afforded hospital visitation rights and conservatorship rights similar to those given to married couples.

This bill provides that domestic partners be included in the state statutory will form.

Analysis: Existing laws provide a statutory scheme within the Probate Code for:

1. The appointment, description of rights and responsibilities and termination of appointment of conservators and guardians.

2. Statutory will with appropriate forms.

This bill would create a statewide registry for domestic partners in the office of the Secretary of State, and would allow an application fee to be charged to cover the costs of the registry.

Under the bill, registered domestic partners would be afforded hospital visitation rights and conservatorship rights similar to those given to married couples.

The bill would include domestic partners in the state statutory will form, in addition to spouses.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a statewide registry for domestic partners, and to provide registered domestic partners with conservatorship and hospital visitation rights.

According to the 1990 U.S. Census report, there were a total of 10,399,700 households in California. Of these, 495,223 consist of unmarried couples. Of the households consisting of unmarried couples:

1. 7% are opposite-sex couples.
2. 7% are same-sex couples.

There are 9,521 senior citizen couples in California, approximately 2% of the total number of unmarried partners.

The bill defines domestic partners as forms for two adults who have chosen to share domestic partnerships, and allows for the establishment of relationships in a living situation, and in an intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring.

The bill provides that a domestic partnership shall be established on the date on which one or both parties execute the declaration of domestic partnership.

3. Neither person is married or is a member of another domestic partnership.

4. The two persons are not related by blood in a way that would prevent them from being married to each other in this state.

5. Both persons are at least 18 years of age.

6. Both persons file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the Secretary of State.

The bill provides for the registration of domestic partners with the Secretary of State by: (1) requiring the Secretary of State to provide for the establishment and termination of domestic partnerships; and (2) allowing the Secretary of State to establish, regulate and charge fees.

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District Governor, signed. The emergency resolution was submit­
ted to the Resolutions and Amend­ments Committee—he, this wasn’t so hard... then the resolution was rejected.

Ernest and Chizu Iiyama from Contra Costa and Marielle Tsukamoto from Florin joined Joanne and the Hamachis in rewriting the resolution which was resubmitted and rejected again. We were getting no where fast. Then a chance meeting with Aaron Owada, an attorney from Olympia Chapter, got us back on track. Aaron joined the committee. Aaron’s knowledge of the convention Rules of Procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order gave us, hope that the emergency resolution could be introduced on the conven­tion floor.

He was meticulously accurate and successful in lobbying commit­tee members and their chairper­sons, district governors, and na­tional officers. Aaron became the chief strategist and authored the final Amended Emergency Resolu­tion 3.

The committee worked feverishly into the late hours lobbying, caucus­ing, and reproducing a mountain of legislative, legal, and lobbying materials. Impasses and frustration, was this really worth it? But Leah remembered, “The need for re­peated efforts to follow one’s goal: networking, explaining, garnering support, collaborating and then success.” Finally, we were allowed to present our emergency resolution—now known as Emergency Resolu­tion 3, on the convention floor where it was passed by a large majority.

The convention was over, our resolution had passed. Was this mission completed and the end of the story? Not quite yet, for Assem­bly Bill 2510 was still pending in the California State Legislature. How could we have impact on this legislation? Alone, we would have very little impact, but with the strength of the JACL perhaps we could make a difference.

The emergency resolution com­mittee became the AB 2810 Com­mittee. Mary Kobayashi volunteered to be our primary contact with California State Assembly Member Robert Campbell's office in Martinez to track the progress of the bill. Milo developed a telephone and fax relationship with Assembly Member Richard Katz’s office. It was Katz from Sepulveda who authored AB 2810.

Katz’s office said that the bill would probably pass in the State Senate and State Assembly and that we should concentrate our letter writing and telephone call campaign at Gov. Wilson. They also advised us that once the bill was passed by the legislature, the governor would have 30 days to sign or veto the bill. Since the state legislature was scheduled to recess by Aug. 31, we realized that we only had about 30 days to mount our campaign.

We contacted members of our chapter to explain AB 2810 and to encourage them to write or to call the governor’s office. We felt the need to do more. Could we get a letter writing campaign out to all of the JACL chapters in California? Both National President Denny Yasuhara and National Director Randy Serizaki encouraged and supported our grassroots effort and wrote statements that we included in our letter to the JACL chapters. In addition, Randy wrote a letter to Assembly Member Katz’s office stating the JACL’s support for do­mestic partners legislation. The JACL national office supplied us with mailing labels with the names and addresses of the presidents and co-presidents of the JACL chapters in California. Patty Wada, our regional director, helpfully edited many of our letters, and patiently answered numerous telephone calls and fax communications.

On Aug. 23, AB 2810 was ap­proved by the California State Senate. It was quickly approved by the Assembly on August 25. The 30­day clock was now ticking.

As we dropped in the mailbox the 76 letters to the California JACL chapters, we wondered if there was anything else we could do.

How about contacting organiza­tions outside of the JACL? George Fujikoa (you know, Mollie’s hus­band), a past member of the Contra Costa County Human Relations Commission, asked members of that commission to write. Mary Kobayashi’s daughter, Keiko, who contacted organizations at Whittier Law School, Mike wrote to and visited with Mayor Ron Beagley of Walnut Creek who wrote to the governor. Through our other per­
Due the quirky nature of the 1994 political season, it is very difficult, even after almost one month, to assess the ramifications of the elections on issues important to Asian Pacific American (APA) communities in Washington state.

To begin with, no one here could have predicted that there would be such a radical restructure of the state's congressional delegation. Along with Democratic majorities in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, this state's congressional delegation has been composed of mostly Democrats since 1976. Suddenly, in one swoop, eight Democrats and one Republican were replaced by seven Republicans and two Democrats who will return to a Congress controlled by Republicans. No where was citizen discontent helped by inaccurate, but catchy, campaign commercials which had nothing to say about the real issues or maybe helped by persistently effective grassroots organizing activities more evident than in Washington state which witnessed the most sweeping changes in the makeup of its congressional delegation of all 50 states. Voters in the state's 5th congressional district even had the audacity to oust the Speaker of the House Tom Foley, whose position is third in line in ascendency to the presidency.

Though the state's largely Republican congressional delegation will join Republican majorities in the House and Senate, it cannot be assumed that the delegation will be unified enough to forge consensus on such key issues as health reform, welfare reform, deficit reduction measures, or even the GOP Contract with America. At least four of the new members have strong allegiances to Christian conservative groups and may be quite independent of their more traditional, mainstream Republican colleagues. APA leaders are concerned about provisions in the GOP Contract with America which proposes to eliminate the eligibility of immigrants, whether they be legal and legal, for approximately 60 federal programs. It is feared that many vulnerable APA elderly immigrants will be cut off of federal benefit programs if these policies are implemented. The successful passage of California's Proposition 187 has spurred activity in Washington state to prevent similar efforts here. LatinoHispanic, civil rights, immigrant rights, and APA organizations are already working to develop networks and strategies to prevent such a movement in Washington state. It is hoped that a coalition of organizations will work together to thwart anti-immigrant initiatives. JACLers were especially jubilant about Kip Tokuda's successful campaign for the state House of Representatives. In addition to serving as the Seattle Chapter's president, Tokuda gained wide respect as director of the Washington State Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect for seven years. Because of his familiarity with the inner workings of the state legislature and the governor's office, Tokuda will have an easy transition with one catch; he will be a member of the minority party now that the Republican sweep has extended to the state House, after twelve years of Democratic rule.

Four APAs ran for seats in the state legislature this year. In addition to Tokuda's victory, first term incumbent Representative Velma Veloria (D) was successful in her bid for re-election. And, in spite of vigorous campaigns in suburban districts, Steve Hobbs (D) and Tony Roberts (R) came close, but could not close the gap to see ELECTIONS/26

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The JACL LEGACY FUND

The need, the programs

Project passes $4.5 million mark: non-profits competing for dollars

By GRAYCE UYEHARA
Chairwoman, Legacy Fund Committee

The Legacy Fund Campaign Committee was held by the JACL National Council at the August JACL National Convention held in Salt Lake City. The campaign kicked off in September 1990 and reached $4,516,077.63 as of June 30, 1994. Additional contributions from June 30 to Oct. 31 have added $22,436.87 for the unadjusted total of $4,538,464. Campaign expenditures for the four years are under $500,000.

The economic downturn which impacted on contributions became evident not only to JACL but to most non-profit organizations. Individuals who are on the mailing lists of non-profits note the intensity of fundraising efforts by those organizations to increase their donor numbers. The reports of established non-profits and the religious denominations show that JACL has joined the ranks of organizations which has been forced to downsize its budget and to face the reality that individuals do not feel secure about their financial security in America.

JACL is going through a period of drastic change. What funds we have will have to be used with thorough consideration of how best we can complete programs which will make a difference in our communities and our nation. Program priorities need to be selected and fully funded for what JACL can do best remembering that we have a great structure of 116 chapters to move programs forward with the support of staff. If JACL undertakes a select few but those that not every other organization can also do, we should be able to take such projects to corporations and foundations for financial support.

The Chronicle for Philanthropy recently reported that the non-profit organizations whose mission is clearly articulated and established continue to receive increased support, the Salvation Army leads U.S. charities in raising funds, followed by American Red Cross. Ranked third is Second Harvest, followed by United Jewish Appeal.

Looking at these organizations, there is no uncertainty about the role and mission of these organizations, The Salvation Army works directly with the poor and the homeless; the American Red Cross is ready to respond to disaster situations and Second Harvest is a national network that supplies food banks across the nation.

The United Way, performing arts groups and Jewish Federations did poorly last year, while those organizations with no growth were the environmental, public-advocacy, health charities and religious groups. Most of the major Protestant denominations have had to downsize as a result of its membership's reduced contributions.

With giving patterns changing in the past five years; corresponding with the uncertainty of our present economy, Non-profit organizations must be sensitive to providing accurate information to those who are being solicited.

The philanthropic advisory service of the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan New York in its 1994 giving guide assessed the 200 most asked-about charities in the city. Today, "donors are concerned about everything from the elaborateness of the invitation to the price of the postage to the deductibility of the gift."

The guide committee states that information is needed to determine the effectiveness of the organization; reference to an annual report is simply not enough.

Besides these reports often don't give you a percentage breakdown on managerial and fund-raising costs, which is crucial to know in the effectiveness of an organization.

The guide assesses the charities against six standards: "public accountability"—the extent to which the charity makes financial records available to donors; how effectively it uses its funds; how truthfully it represents itself in its solicitation and informational materials; the fundraising practices of the charity; how well governed the charity is, and whether the charity abides by all applicable laws and regulations.

As JACL has to develop its fundraising efforts, this guide gives some basic direction before fundraising programs are to be initiated. Professional fundraisers state that an organization must have a clear and working mission to market to potential donors. In other words, the donors must feel their dollar investment will show results of the organization.

The Legacy Fund Grants Program is a result of the earnings from the Legacy Fund. Keeping in mind the giving guide's recommendations that donors need information about the results of their giving, the Legacy Fund will be describing the awards for the first three years. Thus, it will be timely to follow up on this more notable JACL Legacy Fund program. Many of the programs have been completed. There is need to follow up on the awards to find out whether the grants made a difference in our communities.

Note: Denny Yasuhara appointed Grayce Uyebara to chair the Development Committee on Dec. 4 at the National Board Meeting. Until such time as the organization is stabilized and funds are available, the development program will be operating with volunteers. The committee is seeking professionals who will be willing to establishing the JACL development program. Please write to Grayce Uyebara, 685 Bridglington Way, Medford, NJ 08055 if you can help.

Annual Giving broadens JACL funding base

The Annual Giving fundraising plan was initiated in September, 1994, to alloy as quickly as possible the mounting deficit of JACL. The idea was to get out the mailing at the earliest possible date before the year end mailing crunch. With 24,000 members in JACL the idea is to first if we can receive contributions from 2,400 or ten percent of our members to start giving an average of $30 to Annual Giving. The result will be $720,000. A budget of $5,500 was developed for printing the solicitation material, postage and administrative costs. The appeal to the membership was delayed and was mailed in mid-November.

The first returns came from California, then Oregon and Washington, followed by the Mountain states chapters.

The first contributions arrived on November 21.
The grants program

Accounting for ten percent (10%) of the annual earnings, the Grants Program was established specifically to provide funding support for chapter and/or district sponsored programs that reflect and implement the organization’s biennial Program for Action. Goals and objectives of the current biennial program for Action are as follows:

- To secure and uphold civil and human rights.
- To create programs to address the needs of JACL membership.
- To increase JACL’s organizational capabilities to carry out its mission.
- To pursue the conclusion of the pending actions on the injustices of the wartime internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry.
- To increase the number of Japanese and Asian Pacific Americans in leadership positions.
- To preserve the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.

Serving on the selection committee for the 1993-94 biennium were Trisha Murakawa, VP Planning &

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Development, John Hayashi (NCWP), Yas Tokota (IDC), Fuzzy Hisamoto (MPDC), June Schumann (PNW), Tom Kometani (IDC), Kathy Akiya-Vaughn (MDC), and Kerry Kaniechi (CCDC).

During the 1993 selection process Kelly Wicker (PNW) replaced Kerry Kaniechi as the youth representative on the panel. A project chairperson of a submitted proposal, Kerry voluntarily disqualified himself as a judge to avoid any conflict of interest. National Youth Council Chair Kim Nakahara and CCDC District Governor Larry Ishimoto confirmed the committee member change.

In 1994, an illness prevented Fuzzy Hisamoto from participating and she requested that Tom Masamori (MPDC) serve in her place.

1993 Program

Ten percent of the previous year (1992) earnings totaled $12,000. Over thirty applications were received, three times as many as the previous year. The committee selected eleven proposals, offering grants ranging from $500 to $2,000. Awards were distributed by mail in August 1993.

Of the eleven projects awarded, three have been completed, one canceled, and seven were pending completion this summer/fall. Ex exciting circumstances have caused alterations to project completion dates. Two of the pending projects coincided with the National Convention in Salt Lake City, The following provides a brief summary on the status of each.

$2000.00 award

Riverside-Asian Pacific Youth Education Program

The program covers a series of monthly interactive that highlights various Pacific groups and the professional and cultural contributions of each. The year-long program will culminate in a leadership conference. Project pending.

$1500.00 award

Cincinnati-Sponsorship of "US. Detention Camps: 1942-1946" photo exhibition.

(profited in the Pacific Citizen article. March 4-10, 1994 issue). Project completed.

- Olympia-A cultural diversity and civil rights curriculum targeting the fourth grade of Griffin School.
- Four lessons over the course of a week, or on a weekly basis subject to school confirmation, will address the following: 1) Historical-Where Americans Came From, 2) Diversity-Who We Are, 3) The Story of Japanese Americans During World War II, and 4) Civil Rights-Freedom and Equality for All. (Culminating at the end of the curriculum will be a Diversity Party; the children will be taught a simple dance from Okinawa and will be invited to the Olympia chapter-sponsored Bon Odori Festival. About two weeks following the completion of the project’s completion a debriefing will be conducted with the faculty and administration regarding improvements and other feedback on the program. Project pending.

$1000.00 award

Cleveland-"Asian American Retirees"
The August 1993 Travel grant of

district conference workshop featured retirees and panelists with experience in the social work field. Attended by over fifty people, the workshop covered concerns of future housing.

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social and health care needs. Project completed.

Fresno-"Leading the Future" youth conference. Project canceled.

Mount Olympic-Public announcement of donation of Masaka memorial to University of Utah library.

This project coincided with the 33rd Biennial JACL National Convention. A combined Masaka Tribute and JACL Oldtimers Reunion Luncheon was held on August 4, 1994. Etsu Masaoka presented Mike's memorial to the Marriott Library. Speakers included King Thompson from the development staff at the Library and Bill Hosokawa. Project completed.

Portland-The Oregon Nikkei Story

The book will cover 100 years of Nikkei life in Oregon. Harold Onishi, project chairperson sent an update requesting an extension on the completion date because of the bother with the development of this book. Deena Nakata, was changing jobs and moving. Currently the text is being reviewed by a professional editor and accompanying pictures are being collected. Materials were scheduled to be sent to the printer by September 1994. Project pending.

Salt Lake City-Sponsorship of the exhibitions "The View Within", "Framed" and "The Zone of the Interior: Photographs from the Japanese Relocation Camps" with the Salt Lake Art Center.

The display was viewed during the 33rd Biennial JACL National Convention. Speakers scheduled during the exhibitions are Bruce and Norman Yoneyo. creators of "Framed," who discussed the media and its influence to mirror and refract our identities. Profes­ sors Harry Kitano, UCLA and Haruko Moriyasu of the University of Utah in a public discussion about racism and government action; and Jane Beckwith, author and historian, will lead a discussion featuring Topaz survivors who are now Utah residents. Project completed.

Southern California American Nikkei (SCAN)

VELINA HASU HOUSTON

"Nemawashi: Protect the Roots"

This docu-drama film is about three young people who become concerned that their family stories will be lost when their grandmother dies. The project has experienced a delay due to an illness to writer Velina Hasu Houston. The project was about four months behind schedule, making completion of the film last October 1994. For accuracy outside sources have been sought: Smithsonian Institution, Manzanar, Committee and the Japanese Historical Society. Project pending

$500.00 award

Seattle "Building Bridges"

Two cooperative work­shops promises to bring together the Asian and Asian American communities: 1) Scheduled for Sept­ember 1994, an intercultural intercultural workshop for students and educators sponsored by the Seattle School District and the Dept. of Justice. The two­day workshop was designed to train students and educators on conflict resolution skills and cultural under­standings. 2) A joint presentation, of the JACL Seattle chapter and the NAACP was being discussed. 2) Patricia Wata-Kim, music director

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at Cleveland High School, has successfully used music as a medium for bringing cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity to her students. A workshop planned jointly with the Cleveland High School will bring together her music group and a local Taiko group. Prior to the concert students will learn about Japanese culture and have opportunity to talk with concert members. Project pending.

Selenaco-"Chibi no Gakko"
The two-week summer activity program, held in the July 1994, was designed for Japanese American children to learn about their culture and heritage. Project completed.

1994 Program

This year’s program has $16,500 to offer in awards. Sixteen applications were received by the postmark deadline of June 1. Similar­ly, the application and selection procedures closely followed that which was set in the two previous years. Applications were made available through National Headquarters on March 1. Applications and/or award application availability were made in several issues of the Pacific Citizen Feb, 25, Mar, 3, Mar 10-4 & April 8-14, May 20-26, May 27- June 21 as well as at the February 1994 National Board meeting and through letters to all district gover­nor's. Diane Mashihiro-Omi, a professional grants maker was consulted for recommendations and assistance.

$2,500 award

Philadelphia-Asian Oral History video of the Philadelphia JACL

The thirty-minute educational documentary will chronicle the evacuation and internment as told through the stories of some of JACL’s most notable members. Supple­menting the "JACL Curriculum Guide," the video can be used in educational programs to incorpo­rate lessons about the interment into their cur­riculum.

$2,000 award

Hoover-"Go For Broke" photo exhibition

Collaborating with the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs (Indianapolis region), the Hoover chapter is sponsoring the photo exhibi­tion. "Go For Broke" to be seen in GRANTS/253

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Community involvement comes in different weights and colors, especially in May of each year when Asian Pacific American Heritage month is celebrated.

For Alaska JACL, Sylvia Kobayashi of Anchorage was invited by the men and women at Eareckson Air Station of the Pacific Air Forces to speak on their theme: "Asian Pacific American: Dedication, Dignity and Distinction."

For Sylvia, it was a four-day trip to a remote military base on Shemya Island at the end of the Aleutian chain—1,300 miles from Anchorage and pick up on local history and tour the airbase and the island studded with Japanese fortifications.

A closely guarded secret military outpost during WWII, the enemy Japanese forces had occupied the islands but were to slip out under dense fog while the U.S. 4th Infantry Regiment landed in May, 1943, from the other side for what was to be the Battle of Attu. Found were two Japanese military dogs, trained to warn of approaching aircraft and ships in the thick fog or at night. The U.S. Navy, at first thought, they were only canine pets.

The Army Corps of Engineers, a group of Alaska Scouts and men of the 4th Infantry built the runway for B-29 Superfortresses, though they never used it. C-53 transports and B-24 bombers were launched from Shemya from June '43, then known as APO 729 and later named Shemya AFB.

For Sylvia, May 20th meant meeting with a veteran of the famed Alaska Scouts, who recalled meeting with Nisei MIS interpreters in the Aleutians.

And the year for the Alaska JACL leader, who is compiling a local history of the pioneer Alaska Issei, it was an unexpected visit and luncheon with a 97-year-old Issei woman, Mrs. Nakamura, in Whitehorse (Canadian Yukon Territory). The spectacular Aurora borealis over the Arctic horizon was another special.

Wearing her Alaskan fur, she and her husband Mas (MIS) staffed the Alaska JACL-MIS display at the recent Family Expo at the Los Angeles Convention Center. "Anything can happen, anytime, anywhere," she vowed as 1995 loomed.
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the film's showing on PBS in May 1995, promotional outreach will be done in the schools and through community groups.

$1,200 award National Youth Council-"NYC Newsletter"

Focusing exclusively on youth/student activities, the first two issues of the "NYC Newsletter" (tentatively titled "Trends") will increase visibility of the NYC and work as an outreach tool for new member recruitment. Proposed articles will be solicited and collected from the district youth representatives.

$1,000 award Midwest District Council-"Rohwer Memorial"

Repairing the severe and continued deterioration of the Rohwer internment camp memorial built by survivors themselves, will provide a lasting educational impression of Japanese American history. Registered as a national historical landmark, this site will be made accessible, especially to those living in the Midwest, South and East. Actively working on this project since 1990, MDC has also applied for funds from the Arkansas Transportation Enhancement Program (ATEP).

$800 award Honolulu-"Born Free and Equal"

His only work of integrated photomontage, photography and text, Amos Adam's "Born Free and Equal" is a book about the internment camp experience which he was invited to photograph by the WRA. The Honolulu chapter's project will endeavor to reprint the book and provide additional chapters recounting book burning episodes following its original publication as well as the AIA experience following World War II.

$750 award Seattle-"Career and Community Involvement Symposium"

Various Asian Pacific American professionals from the fields of social work, media, law, government, education and politics will talk with youth about careers and community involvement in their respective areas. Focus group sessions will provide youth the chance to learn more about each occupation and how volunteer work can be applied toward career goals. A resource pamphlet listing names of organizations, types of volunteers needed, addresses and phone numbers will be made available to participants; enrollment with JACL or other partner organizations will also be available.

Wisconsin-"Chapter Outreach to Students and Educators of Wisconsin"

With fewer than 3000 Japanese Americans in Wisconsin, according to the 1990 census, information about the history of Japanese Americans is sorely lacking in the classroom and public-at-large. Utilizing chapter membership, the Wisconsin chapter project will work toward making available information about the incarceration through the distribution of promotional and program materials and organized personal visits.

$500 award Intermountain District Council-"Hate Crimes Workshop"

This workshop provided a forum for meeting and discussing with FBI officials and police crime unit leaders about how their respective operations perform and investigate, and the implementability of the 1992 Hate Crimes Reporting Act, its ramifications as it becomes effective in 1994. Participants learned about what their communities may do to effectively report hate crimes to their local police agencies. Panelists included William Johnson, deputy superintendent, Boston Police Department.

San Jose-"Follow up to 1942 & 1943 Interviews"

Original interviews of 20 families during their incarceration in 1942 & 43 conducted by anthropologist Marga lant Lantis could be the only set of its kind, according to noted scholar and University of Santa Clara Ethnic Studies Director, Stephen S. Fujita. This project aims to locate and re-interview the respondents, determining how the evacuation, incarceration and resettlement impacted their life course. This study will contribute to JACL's continuing public education efforts.

Sonoma County-"Taking Charge: Making a Difference"

This conference was designed for women (but not excluding men) to provide effective and assertive communication at work, in education, with political issues, in health care and cross-cultural environments. Highly successful and profiled widely in the ethnic press in Northern California, the conference was held in June 1994.

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Las Vegas-"Strength and Diversity" exhibit

As part of the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibit, the "Strength and Diversity," exhibit is scheduled for viewing from July to October 1995 at the University of Nevada's Marjorie Barrick Museum. Preceding the exhibit which centers around the histories of Japanese American women from 1885 to 1990, the scheduled advertising and publicity will include a traveling exhibition at some of the cities the exhibit will be shown.

San Diego-"Curriculum Resource Kit"

To accompany the "JACL Curriculum Guide" the San Diego chapter will develop, design and field test a prototype teacher resource kit that would utilize materials available in the Guide. Currently envisioned the kits will include: a video tape on the relocation, photo-study prints, poster-sized graphics including a local evacuation notice and a set of maps showing military relocation zones, size and location of assembly centers, newspaper articles and interview transcripts.

San Francisco-"American Sons"

Academy award winning producer/director Steven Okazaki's new film "American Sons," currently in post-production, examines how racism shapes the lives of four Asian Americans. Based on over 100 interviews, the film is a one hour dramatic presentation which exposes how prejudice destroys self-esteem and thus perpetuates systems of oppression. Prior to

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Dare to be old

By Mei Nakano

The photograph on the outside of the envelope shows a handsome, white-haired man, muscled, wrinkle-free, smoothly tanned, smiling and wearing a tuxedo perfectly his own. He is, says the caption, 72. A sign-right behind him, the size of a billboard, blares the message: "OLD AGE ISN'T NATURAL."

Excuse me. The envelope contains an ad for Prevention, a magazine widely respected for its progressive approach to matters of health. Inside, a fold-out faces us with: THE SECRET TO YOUNGER SKIN and HOW TO DEFEAT LIVER SPOTS and BUILD A YOUNGER BODY and 101 WAYS TO TURN BACK THOSE SIGNS OF OLD AGE. Although in its content, Prevention emphasizes the health aspects, of aging, it knows what everybody else knows with these come-ons: that young (looking) equals good, old is bad (or at least not good). Which is what makes the ad such good bait. And if we're not careful, we stomach it wholesale.

We old folks have a lot to think about. As we content to be assaulted with this kind of oblique insult that tells us our wrinkles, hearing aids, memory losses, our shuffling steps and our thickened wastelines aren't natural? I don't think so. What could be more natural than growing old? Some people do it with more luck and grace than others, but let us not allow society to define us as diminished human beings because we have various diminished faculties.

Sure, we want to be healthy, vital, in touch with the world. And we should strive towards those things. But if those things are not to be had, for whatever reason, we ought to demand respect regardless. Old age, as Helen Hayes once said, isn't something we must sláve off; it's something we have achieved.

And didn't say "old?" That "of" word appears to be a minor word in polite society. Just try saying something like, "Oh, it's just old age creeping in..." and you'll likely get a snappy response like "Why, you're not old!" It's supposed to make you feel good, help you deny your mirror. My mirror says I'm seventy. And that's old, by anyone's standard.

Why are we as a society, so out-and-out determined to deny old age? A major reason, various authorities tell us, is our terror of death. Old age and death go together like today and tomorrow, one bound to follow the other. For most of us, that thought is not easy. It is the mountain, looming over which we don't wish to climb, reluctant to leave what's behind and to face the unknown before us. Denial blurs its outlines, pushes it beyond our sight.

Old age may also mean loss of independence; that prized possession we've come to count in our retirement years. With the help of IRAs, Social Security, Medicare and Medical insurance, most of us old folks have attained unprecedented financial independence and all that flows from it. But old age with its attendant characteristics of diminishing faculties and illnesses gradually erode that independence. We take pains not to face that loss. As an example, those old folks who have served as models of sacrificial parents have great difficulty redefining that role. Heaven forbid we should have to tell our children we need them, much less have to rely on them.

Another reason we want to deny old age is the undercurrent of prejudices that surges beneath the surface and bubbles up. Notes Ralph Nader, that knight of muckrakers, "There is pervasive prejudice in our society, based not on ability but on age." He cites examples of discrimination against the old in the most critical aspects of their lives: housing, health, employment, and means of moving around. No one wants to be victim to that.

Old people of color know how that feels. Most of us have passed through a stretch of denial at a time when it was "uncomfortable to be Japanese. We negated our Japanese selves in favor of our American selves so to better fit in, so to move about in society more. It was always an uneasy fraud, preventing us from planting our feet on solid ground.

Sterotypes of old folks don't help matters either. We are often seen as wrinkled, useless, sissy, miserly or self-centered. Marcia Seligson, that amusing writer for Lear's magazine, offers the delicious observation that once you pass a certain age threshold—"people begin to speak to you as if you don't quite hear normally—and voices become unnaturally loud, their words slow and deliberate, as if you can't understand them."

On the other side of the coin, old folks sometimes do create the basis for the stereotype. Like "Ma" on the TV program "Golden Girls," we allow that old age connotes on us the privilege of being rude, snide, obnoxious and dismissive to other's needs. (She, by the way, has neverRegisterd funny to me.)

More often than I can count, I've heard this ill-tempered remark from an older: "Well, now that I'm old, I can at least say what I want!" Okay. But should we be rude, crude or hurtful just because we've journeyed a lot of years?

And some of us do behave self-centeredly. It derives largely from the notion that we have "paid our dues" and now deserve the things that younger people want. Examples: older citizens in an upscale "senior" housing development in Arizona vote not to pay taxes for schools, since they no longer have children in school; the major of the aged in California vote for Proposition 187, fearful that hordes of immigrants are raising their taxes. We want, no, we demand, our fullest complement of government entitlements, at the expense of others, more urgent programs. Not pretty.

Here, nearing the end of our visit here on earth, we old folks are a group more advantaged than almost any other old group in history. There are more of us. More of us vote, thereby giving us political muscle. More resources than ever exist for the old, like health care, care for the inner-self, housing and the like. And if we are among the fortunate, we have acquired some wisdom, grace and strength over the years, enough at least to handle the trials that lie before us. Let us make the last years the best years. Both for ourselves, and for our progeny as a legacy. Dare to be who we are. Dare to be old.

Mei Nakano, Nisei author of Japanese American Women: Three Generations, is presently working on her/about her mother. She writes a monthly column in the Pacific Citizen.
NEARLY 20,000 people took part in the Family Fun Weekend from November 10 to November 14 and another 6,000 attended the opening weekend of the Museum's latest exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience." The International Nikkei Symposium, the Annual Fall Dinner honoring U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the National Invitational Golf Tournament were all overwhelming successes due to the contributions of hundreds of individuals, organizations, businesses, and volunteers.

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The fragrance of pines at this time of year brings forth a myriad of memories as I sit here admiring our Christmas tree. The tall, beautiful pine trees were the first things I noticed about Southeast Texas. Growing up in the Rio Grande Valley, we had only pine trees we saw were the ones we purchased at Christmas time.

Pine trees were both a source of beauty and hardship for my father, Jerry Tanamachi, and his family, when they first moved to Texas in 1921. I remember my father telling me that they had to initially clear the land where they wanted to farm. They used dynamite to rid the fields of the stumps of the pine trees, after they had worked laboriously to cut them down. The stumps that remained had to be farmed around. "It was back-breaking work to plant the seeds and dig the farm equipment around those stumps," I remember my father saying. My grandparents, Kumazô and Asao Tanamachi, brought their family to Texas in 1921 as they were not able to purchase land in California. My grandparents, like so many other families, had emigrated from Japan to the United States to begin a new life and to raise their children as Americans.

My grandparents also helped many families settle in Texas. They welcomed them to Texas by offering them a place to stay in their home and shared their land with others so that they could begin farming. One such family was the Isamu Taniguchi, originally from Stockton, California. This summer at the National JACL convention in Salt Lake City, my sister, Debbie Galvan, and I were able to meet one of the sons, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi of Fresno. Dr. Taniguchi said he remembered my grandparents with fond memories. His father, Isamu, designed the beautiful Japanese garden that graced my grandparents' backyard for so many years, as a gift of thanks to them. Mr. Isamu Taniguchi also designed the Japanese Gardens in Zilker Park in Austin, Texas. Mr. Taniguchi's other son, Dr. Alan Taniguchi, resides there.

On the day that my grandparents arrived in Texas, they were accompanied by Miss Toko Shikichi, who helped them with the farming and household work. They worked hard to establish a new life for themselves and their children. The stumps around which they built their home and cleared the land still remain as a testament to their resilience and determination.

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The women's movement

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By CHIZU IYAMA

Do you remember when the media first began to focus on a revived women's movement in the campuses and communities at the end of the 1960s? Of pictures of women burning their bras, and picketing the Miss America contests? There was a small active group of women who agitated for social change as it related to the position of women in society.

They met in groups for consciousness-raising—of examining their lives and their families. They pushed deeply involved. This was the period of the third World strikes at S.F. State and Berkeley, and was a time of awakening on the part of Sansei students to their social and political history.

There was an outpouring of works of art and literature—poetry, short stories, essays, magazines, songs, etc. Asian women contributing to publications, including those exclusively for women. In a sense it was "consciousness raising," of students discovering their own history, stories about their families, and the incarceration of their parents in concentration camps during World War II.

And from this ferment, which included taking on community issues such as saving the International House in San Francisco, or confronting the S.F. Redevelopment Agency to insure the viability of Nihonmachi, marching in Third World contingents against the war in Vietnam that the seeds for the Redress campaign developed. Sansei leadership was crucial in pushing and winning the "Coram Nobis" cases in which the government vacated the judgment against Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi for their challenges of restrictions and internment of Japanese Americans during WW II. And women were an integral part of these movements.

But what about mainstream women's groups? They have become more moderate in their activities, although they retain many of the same objectives—pro choice and equality in all phases of their lives, concern for families, health issues, etc. Women have become a vital force in the political life of this country.

There are now many publications about women, history, studies, etc. Are there Japanese American women active in these movements? I was invited in 1987 to Washington D.C. for a conference sponsored by N.O.W. (one of the largest organizations of women in our country) for women of color. Their leadership was very much aware of the lack of minority women in their organization. I spoke on a panel on "Racial Minorities and Empowerment." I noted that although many Afro American women responded to the conference, there were only a handful of Asians. And this is probably true today.

Are there any groups of Japanese American women active in women's issues today? What are the primary concerns of Nisei women? In terms of what is considered a Japanese American women's group, I can point to two in the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council has had an active Womens Concerns Committee since 1984. Our first venture was a humorous, but realistic, skit about a typical JACL meeting, poking fun at some male dominated assumptions, and the role of women. There are real changes today. In looking at the rosters of present presidents and officers, including the national board, there is a good egalitarian mix. And in 1992 we actually elected the first woman national president Lillian Kimura.

Our Committee has sponsored resolutions at national conventions which have passed on pro-choice, family leave, and health care; in the last convention we supported same sex marriages and domestic partners legislation. We help women who have faced discrimination or sexual harassment; we sponsor workshops and social activities, and write articles. Mei Nakano is a columnist for the Pacific Citizen. We work together so well - Nisei, Sansei, and now women from Japan. And in true Nikkei fashion, we potluck our meetings.

The local Florin chapter also has a very active women's group. Ms. Eileen Namba Osugi spoke with enthusiasm about the workshop they recently held on "Preserving the Family," in which they presented panels including Japanese American Gay and Lesbian Issus, Nikkei Identity, and Speaking Out. Nisei women have sometimes been criticized for lack of activism—but there are many ways in which one contributes to the well being of their communities and nation. They have been the cement that ties families together. They have taken care of their loved ones, helped their aging spouses, and their young grandchildren.

They have been very involved in programs for their children—in P.T.A.'s, developing Japanese schools, leading Girl Scouts and Cub Scout troops, etc. Today in their retirement they volunteer in many ways—in the schools, libraries, museums, Japanese American agencies, etc. They help cook, bring hot meals to homebound people, teach classes, and sponsor health fairs. Others teach to schools and colleges about their camp experiences during World War II.

Women like Sox Kitashima continue fighting for people denied redress, but she also volunteers daily at Kimochi Kai "peeling potatoes and cleaning vegetables." She's been helping for over twelve years. Or Mollie Fujisaka, well known for her work with JACL and LEC for years, worked most recently with the Women's Political Caucus. Mei Nakano, writer and author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations" was one of the organizers of the JACL Womens Concerns and more recently the Sonoma County Human Relations Commission. And there's Kiku Funabuki who has led a class on "Total Fitness" at her church for fourteen years in addition to supporting feminist causes. But I could go on and on.

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mainstream organizations, but focus on their families and communities.

"What are the primary problems of Nisei Japanese American women?" I asked some women. Reflecting the diversity in our community, I received different answers. Most spoke of the problems due to aging of family and health. Nisei women are concerned about long term care. They are very reluctant to become a "burden on their Sansei children," and some are not averse to nursing homes, as compared to the Issei. I probed, "Did they favor the Single Payer plan which included long term care in the California Initiative?" and most replied that no one talked about it, although speakers were presented at some of the community centers.

Most felt that Nisei women were brought up with a strong emphasis on family, including an extended family. Many did not have the opportunities nor the inclination for careers. It's an interesting commentary that at a recent Sansei Legacy group ski, a Nisei family conversation was primarily centered on what family members were doing. As one Nisei woman put it, "We sounded so dull."

Others felt Nisei women were reluctant to speak out, but my experience in a Nisei discussion group set up as part of a senior citizen program in Berkeley is that the women are very vocal. We talk about anything — including politics and sex. Perhaps as we get to know one another, we can truly speak our minds. And as we get older, we don't have to "envy" as much. Unlike many women from different ethnic groups, Nisei women are very interesting. Diverse, many into careers Nisei women never imagined, they experience the common problems of other women in our society — divorce, single parenthood, working mothers. But they also face subtle racism and sexism as Japanese Americans.

I found many Sansei women in organizations with an Asian American focus — also primarily in the social service field. So they are active in the newly formed Asian and Pacific Islanders for Reproductive Health in Oakland. Karen Chun pointed out that Asian women are invisible so their needs are not met. This agency is building advocacy regarding health needs, generational problems, sexual orientation, and AIDS prevention. Sansei staff and volunteers are involved; many of their concerns revolve around immigrant women.

I attended the third Asian and Pacific American Women's Retreat organized by ASPIRE, organized to build community and sisterhood for college women on and off campus. I really felt my age. Everyone was in their teens or early 20's, except for the artists who were their speakers. There were about 25 women: Filipino, Japanese, Chinese and American.
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Korean Americans. They spoke very moodyngly about their quest for careers and relationships.

Betty Kano, well known artist talked about her thirty years of activism, from the campus to civil rights, to the peace movement to picketing for freedom for South

Africa and against American policy towards Cuba. This vibrant, working artist tied in her creative activities with her politics and noted the unique cultural background of Asian women. She felt that we could learn a good deal from the experiences and the work of Afro American women. In 1989 Betty and Flo Wong founded the American Women Artists Association to improve the visibility of Asian American women in professional arts gatherings and institutions.

The other speakers Sharon Lum-Ho and Indigo Som gave excellent talks on the problems of Asian American women artists as they tried to move into the mainstream art world. Peggy Sakia formerly with the

Asian Law Caucus is now Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network. This agency focuses on the Asian American perspective to environmental policies and decision making. They were organized in 1993 and are concerned about pollution, safe working conditions and community environmental problems.

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"Two senior citizens, for example, who are in a committed relationship often choose not to get married for financial reasons (because of a loss in social security income).

"Same-sex couples who are in the best sense of the word 'married' legally cannot obtain a marriage license."

"We believe that all persons who are in committed relationships should receive the state's support for basic acts of caregiving: hospital visitation rights, conservatorship, and the sharing of property. AB 2810 offers these protections and as such, enhances the ability of two persons to care for one another."

The California Commission on Aging states that, "This bill will have a positive impact on the lives of many senior citizens in California who find themselves in a position of having to live together without entering into a formal legal arrangement."

Arguments in Opposition: The Traditional Values Coalition argues that this bill lays the foundation for the overturn of the marriage codes in all 50 states. The coalition argues that this bill changes the 'public policy' of California from monogamous, heterosexual marriage between one man and one woman to a recognition and governmental legitimacy of same-sex relationships and transitional relationships."

The Committe on Moral Concerns believes the recognition of domestic partnerships devalues true family commitment and "lends an air of legitimacy to homosexuality."

Concerned Women for America opposes this bill because it opposes homosexual 'marriages' under any circumstances.

**Best of Pete Hironaka... 1994**

**New York**

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Our congratulations for a life well lived and a thank you for being a friend.

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MOVEMENT
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Peggy felt that on a personal level, Sansei women laced problems of child care and of balancing family and career demands. In working with Asian Americans she finds some of the women feel that Japa-
nese Americans tend to occupy more of the decision making posi-
tions. She is aware of cultural values she received growing up in a Japa-
nese American family and is sorting out positive aspects she wishes to pass on to her children.

One of the best known Sansei women in the political field is Sandy Mori, who helped to organize -Kimoichi Kai in 1971 and has been on the Board for many years. She was the first Asian American woman to be appointed to a Board position, and served as President of the Women's Commission. She is currently the Executive Secretary for the San Francisco Health Commission. She felt that the major problem facing Japanese American women "was that of changing roles." She pointed out that the white perspec-
tive in women's movements was different from the Japanese Ameri-
can or Asian American's who were "much more into family and intergenerational roles.

Current chair of the S.F. Status on Women Commission is Caryl Itou. A formersocial worker, she is in business in sales and marketing of toys. She serves as vice-president of ICCJ (Japanese Cultural and Community Center) in S.F. She felt that Sansei/Yousei women are seeking equality and empowerment.

My daughter Patti who is now in Texas looked at the polarization which is occurring in our country. She pointed to the passage of Proposition 187 in California scapegoating immigrants for prob-
lems people-face. She talked about "Japan bashing," she was recently in Decatur, Illinois, where there are three strikes taking place-which affects over 10% of the workers, against Caterpillar. Bridgestone, and Paper Works. She found signs "Dec.
7, 1991—Japs Bomb Pearl Harbor. 1994—Japs Bomb Workers." (Bridgestone Tires is a Japanese company). They were surprised when they joined them on the picket line and commented that racism was not the way to win their strike. The other companies wouldn't be and American owned. She felt the workers were responsive to her concerns and that "people do change in the context of their struggles."

It was very difficult for Jean Ishihashi to bring a suit against the very respected American Friends Service Committee on charges of sexual harassment and unfair termi-
nation. Her case is now on appeal. Besides teaching classes at U.C. Berkeley and studying for her Ph.D. Jean is active in the Afro-Asian Roundtable in S.F. Nihonmachi. She helped to organize this group to promote dialogue between people and to work together on common problems. She feels that she went through an inner struggle to under-
stand and transcend cultural expecta-
tions of women's roles. She felt that Nikkei women need to reach out and work with other minorities. And there are so many other active Sansei and Yousei women and groups. People like Jenny Hotta with her program on Asian Americans on KFAG, Etsa Hatai of U.C. Berkeley on her oral histories Ros Tona at the NAIHS working to preserve the history of Japanese Americans; Julia Estrella and the Pacific Asian Center with its empha-
sis on small groups to examine and free people from internalized racism and sexism, and Mayumi Oda with her Women's Call for a Plutonium Free Future. They spoke on the importance of developing solidarity with other minorities and to take positions on national and interna-
tional issues.

There is an exciting program planned for 1995 in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Two very capable women, Jenny Morozumi and Gen Handa of Friends of Hirokusha, are co-chairing an ambitious set of activities including an Art and History exhibit at the Presidio under the sponsorship of the NAIHS, forums, children's art, dramatic presentations, movies under NAATA, a PEACE curriculum for schools, a video on the Atomic Bomb Survivors, a PEACE wall, etc. They are coordinating activities not only of Japanese American groups in the Bay Area, but also stimulating libraries, schools, colleges, and other organizations to sponsor programs.

And on Nov 15th I attended a preparatory conference for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing. From Aug 30 - Sept. 5, 1995. It was pouring rain, but hundreds of women gathered in Oakland. I attended sessions for Women of Color. We were unofficial delegates, but we had a chance to add on to the proposed statement to be pre-
ented by the official delegates (appointed by our government).

* What a surprise to hear such sharp and incisive comments about the lack of specifics in the official documents (which will be amended). A lot of emotion also, as women wondered how our country could claim leadership in demo-
ocratic rights after the immigrant bashing of our last elections. Other women wept as they recounted stories of their children kidnapped by their husbands and taken to foreign countries.

I asked that environmental con-
cerns, which will be the focus of the Beijing conference include stopping the testing and production of nuclear weapons, and examining the dangers posed by nuclear plants and wastes. There were many Afro American and Latino women speaking out. There were only a handful of Asian American women. But some of us have met and are going to Beijing. Perhaps an Asian Ameri-
can women's delegation?

As Janice Minakata wrote so dramatically: "WATCH OUT! The women are moving; the women are marching, we are changing, we are choosing, we are leading. We are moving..."
Sacramento honors members for service

UNDETERRED—Kathy Inoshita, despite injury, keeps working in both her chapter and community.

Arizona high schools of the chapter’s Sara Hutchings Clardy scholarship awards. She also handles all of the applications for the National JACL scholarship and the Anytown student applications. Kathy rounds up a crew and works herself in folding, labeling and sorting of the monthly chapter newsletter. Round-Up. All of this means extra hours by a willing and dedicated lady, Mrs. Kathy Inoshita.

On March 17, 18 & 19, 1995, the 50th anniversary reunion of the closing of the Gila River Relocation Center will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., and the former Gila River Relocation sites. Canal Camp #1 and Butte Camp #2. Headquarters for the event will be the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, 111 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85001; telephone 1-800-359-7263 for hotel reservations.

Reunion reservations are separate and can be obtained from the area coordinators listed below. Permit for the visit to the old camp sites has been obtained for March, 1995.

If those desiring to visit the old camp sites prior to or after the reunion will need to obtain their permits from the Gila River Indian County, attention: Fred Rider, PO Box E, Sacaton, AZ 85247.

There are 215 room reservations completed with the Hotel and thus far, 264 registration forms have been received by Ben Inoshita.

The Gila River monument fund is over $52,000 as of November 5, 1994. Area coordinators are: Sei Dyo, 21207 S. Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA 90745; tel. (310) 549-2350; Ms. Sue Koyama, 757 S. Taylor Ave., Montebello, CA 90640; tel. (213) 728-3514;

Fukushima. Vice President Lori Fujimoto, Treasurer Ralph Sugimoto, Past President Randy Imai and the following directors: Tom Fujimoto, Toko Fuji, Royce Makishima, Erin Komatsubara, Richard Sawaiamura, Mike Sawaiamura, Gene Irogawa, Gary Kikugoto, Alan Nishi, and Priscilla Ouchida.

Hironaka was honored for 40 years of service included the JACL, Bocho Doshikai, South Sacramento Shinwakai, South Tanoshimikai and the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association.

Ouchida was recognized for her major accomplishments, including the revitalization of the Sacramento Chapter, two terms as vice president of operations of the National JACL, and the monitoring of critical legislation through the California Legislature resulting in the savings of millions of dollars to all Nikkei.

Tsuchida was honored for more than four decades of service to the Sacramento Buddhist Church, Hiroshima Kenji Kinji and the Sacramento Nisei Kai.

Tsuchida was recognized for her accomplishments and awards in the areas of civil rights.

Johnston was honored for his sponsorship as a state senator of the many legislative bills which protected redress awards from taxation.

Nisei Post 8985 VFW was recognized for its service to the public during the fight for passage of the Civil Rights Bill of 1968.


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Kathy Inoshita was born in Los Angeles, California in 1940. She moved to Bumble Bee, Ariz., with her parents and siblings during the World War II. Evacuation. During the war, her family moved again; this time to the Phoenix and Glendale areas.

As a member of the Arizona Chapter, she is perhaps its best example of one who devotes her life to community service. She has been married 32 years to Minoru Inoshita and has a daughter Sandra. Except for a few years spent in Oklahoma and New Hampshire, her involvement in the local community has spanned almost forty years.

She has been a long-time member of the Arizona Buddhist Temple and the JACL. As a young adult, she was active in the Sr. YBA, the co-founder of the English version of today’s temple newsletter, and taught Sunday school classes. Mrs. Inoshita has also been involved in the JACL Arizona Chapter since 1963. She has served as secretary and treasurer on the chapter Board of Directors, and at one time wrote and published the chapter newsletter. For the last twelve years, she has served on the chapter Scholarship Committee. Kathy has handled notification to all of the JACL office members for service.
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Mineta calls for support of JACL, PC, at fund-raiser

By HARRY K. HONDA

LOS ANGELES—The last time Rep. Norman Mineta addressed the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, he told the audience that he was surprised to discover that a booklet containing a résumé and personal information about the congressman was in the possession of a Japanese American, the first time that Mineta had been approached by a JACL member at a fund-raiser.

"I said then, ‘This is different from the old days when I was trying to get people to vote for me,'” Mineta said. "I was surprised to see that people were actually interested in what I was doing, even with our political differences."

Mineta, who is running for re-election this year, noted that his district includes a large number of Japanese Americans, and that he has been working with JACL on various issues, including the proposed $9.3 billion budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mineta said that he is encouraged by the support he has received from JACL and other Japanese American organizations, and that he hopes to work closely with them in the future.

JACL objects to ban on ethnic caucuses

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance/AFL-CIO (APALA) recently denounced the new decision by the House of Representatives to ban ethnic caucuses, such as the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, in the upcoming session of Congress.

The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus was established in May of 1994 and has planned to hire a staff director to study the issue of ethnic caucuses in the House of Representatives.

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A complete publishing schedule will be printed in the next issue.

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**E.R. (JACL HOPE HOSPITAL)**

**CLEAR!**

**Narasaki named director of APA legal group**

The National Pacific American Legal Consortium, the first national legal organization designed to serve the needs of the nation's 7.5 million Asian Pacific Americans, named Harry Narasaki director effective Jan. 1, 1995. She will be based at the consortium's Washington, D.C., office.

### East Wind

**BILL MARUTANI**

**Al-no-ko: (Ai yai yai)**

IN A RECENT column, I pondered the etymology of the term "hapa," (offspring of mixed blood or in whole). I mentioned that I checked through the jiten dictionary, but was unable to find "hapa" listed; that I also checked under "hapa"—believing this to be the correct pronunciation—and that in any case, the term was listed, it meant several things other than "mixed blood." In response to my appeal, a number of readers steered me to the Hawaiian language, several enclosing copies of pages from a Hawaiian dictionary.

Yup. "Hapa" is a Hawaiian term meaning 'half, part, portion, mixed blood, person of mixed blood.' Thus "hapa haole" refers to parts haole (white).

REFERRING TO "AL-NO-KO," a couple of readers suggested that the term had a derogatory twist to it. I never regarded it as a demeaning term, bear in mind that without checking to see how the term was written in nihongo, I just (happily) assumed that perhaps it consisted of the (low) no (nothing) and ko (child) or simply "love child." With such a romantic translation on my part, it could hardly be demeaning.

**Whither our goals?**

BILL HOSOKAWA

Some of the positions ACLU takes are not popular. For example, ACLU has defended the right of people to burn the American flag in public as an expression of protest. At issue in this case is freedom of speech. ACLU takes the position that the right to protest should be unrestricted even though it may take a form offensive to many. Not a few members have had problems with that argument. 

At finisher sponsors ACLU, while expressing abhorrence of fascism, defended the right of a neo-Nazi organization to parade through a predominantly Jewish American community.

More recently, ACLU condemned in strong terms the killing of two pro-choice activists by an anti-abortion activist. But when the suspect was tried, found guilty and sentenced to execution, ACLU protested again because it opposes capital punishment.

In these and other instances, some government officials and members of the Japanese community with whom I have talked express concern that ACLU does not hesitate to take on tough issues.

I have written the following to say that the ACLU chapter passes out awards each year to individuals who have made significant contributions to the cause of human and civil rights.

One of the awards is named for Larry Tajiri, the brilliant wartime editor of Pacific Citizen and JACL stalwart, who died in 1965 while employed by the Denver Post. The ACLU board named it the Larry Tajiri Award to honor his "outstanding and consistent defense and support of civil liberties." This award was presented at a banquet a few weeks ago to Gene Amole, a newspaper columnist, in recognition of his vigorous advocacy of the causes so dear to Tajiri. Several other civil rights advocates, including Daniel Schorr, the veteran TV reporter and radio commentator, were cited at the same time.

In presenting an award named for Larry Tajiri from a platform farther than. This was the first award I have ever won.

I will have forgotten what the first part was."

"GETTING BACK to al-no-ko. One reader introduced me to the term 'konokete.' And, of course, I pulled out the jiten. Literally, the term consists of two kanyuji: magurij (maxi) and chiij (blood), defined as 'mixed blood,' racial mixture, half caste, half breed. "Although it may be that al-no-ko is a Japanese version of non-ano-ko or no-ano-kos, I think it better to diplomatically check the impact of that (new) phrase until I can see what its impact is and at least in this (unfiessed) grandparent's eyes, they're great. I don't know what the chemistry is, but I have yet to see an al-no-ko who was not attractive."

After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the Pacific Citizen.
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Chicago holds anniversary

A vision of the Past. A reflection for the Future. An address by one of the highest ranking Asian American women in state government, and a non-profit organization concerned with music and dance highlighted the 50th anniversary celebration annual dinner of the Chicago JACL. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Omni Hotel.

Karen Suzuki-Okabe, executive director. Department of Human Resource Management of the state of Utah, is the featured speaker with entertainment provided by Patrick Holland and singer Paul Motola.

A native Chicagoan, Suzuki-Okabe noted that her youthful involvement in the arts has afforded her the opportunity for her career in professional service and in dealing with issues of discrimination. As a cabinet appointee of Gov. Michael Leavitt, Suzuki-Okabe is responsible for 18,000 state employees and is a member of the Cabinet. She is director of Anti-Discrimination/Labor Division, Utah Equal Opportunities Commission, and an advisor in graduate studies in public management from Utah State University, and is assistant professor of public administration at the University of Utah. She stated, "The JACL has been the cornerstone of the community and a voice for the Japanese American community. They have been a strong voice for the support of the American community in Illinois and a positive voice for the establishment of policies in the community."

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Obituaries

Breed, Claire E., 89, San Diego, Sept. 6 - died of complications from hip surgery.


Carlile, James, 85, New York, Oct. 2 - died of complications from cancer.

Clay, Jerome, 89, Los Angeles, Oct. 16 - died of heart failure.

Creanga, Ion, 69, San Diego, Sept. 28 - died of complications from cancer.


Dawson, Eliza, 92, San Diego, Sept. 21 - died of complications from cancer.

Defrank, Charles, 68, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.

Delong, Lillian, 77, San Diego, Sept. 17 - died of complications from cancer.

Donaldson, Margaret, 89, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.

Eckert, George, 94, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.

Euler, John, 69, San Diego, Sept. 28 - died of complications from cancer.

Funakoshi, Kiyokazu, 87, San Diego, Sept. 19 - died of complications from cancer.

Garcia, Maria, 93, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Gibson, James B., 81, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Gibson, Robert H., 75, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.


Graham, John W., 85, San Diego, Sept. 21 - died of complications from cancer.

Green, James F., 75, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Green, William H., 85, San Diego, Sept. 7 - died of complications from cancer.

Hill, Helen, 92, San Diego, Oct. 1 - died of complications from cancer.

Hoffman, Robert D., 82, San Diego, Oct. 2 - died of complications from cancer.

Hodgkinson, William E., 85, San Diego, Oct. 2 - died of complications from cancer.

Holm, David, 49, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Hunt, John, 89, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.


Johnson, John M., 81, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.

Kaiser, Charles, 87, San Diego, Sept. 7 - died of complications from cancer.

Ko, John, 71, San Diego, Sept. 17 - died of complications from cancer.

Ko, Sangil, 82, San Diego, Sept. 20 - died of complications from cancer.

Kotin, Mark, 83, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Kremen, Jack, 77, San Diego, Sept. 16 - died of complications from cancer.


Kronenberg, Joseph, 74, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.

Kusakabe, Masayuki, 81, San Diego, Sept. 17 - died of complications from cancer.

La Porte, John, 83, San Diego, Sept. 22 - died of complications from cancer.

Lewis, Paul, 82, San Diego, Sept. 17 - died of complications from cancer.

Ludwig, Ralph, 88, San Diego, Sept. 20 - died of complications from cancer.

Mann, Robert, 90, San Diego, Sept. 24 - died of complications from cancer.

Mann, William R., 84, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

McCall, John, 83, San Diego, Sept. 24 - died of complications from cancer.

McKee, John, 89, San Diego, Sept. 22 - died of complications from cancer.


Miller, John, 88, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Miller, William, 76, San Diego, Sept. 21 - died of complications from cancer.


Munro, Robert, 90, San Diego, Sept. 24 - died of complications from cancer.

Murray, John, 85, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Nakayama, Nakumori, 82, San Diego, Sept. 27 - died of complications from cancer.

Nakayama, Takumi, 68, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Nelson, John, 85, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

Nishimura, Kazuo, 93, San Diego, Sept. 25 - died of complications from cancer.

In this time of Holiday Cheer

We appeal for your help in our search for all the names of World War II Japanese American military personnel that served in the Pacific and European Theaters of Operation between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945. This includes all services and both genders.

Contact the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation to have their names included on the Japanese American World War II Veterans Monument.

THE 1994 PROGRESS REPORT:

The 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation wishes to extend its best Holiday Cheer and to thank all the donors for their continued support.

On October 5, 1994, the city council of the City of Los Angeles passed a resolution: "that a monument as a memorial to the participation of Japanese American soldiers in World War II shall be provided adequate space at the City's First Street North property in the vicinity of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and Museum of Contemporary Arts (MOCA)."

The City of Los Angeles, in their support of the Japanese American Community in developing the Little Tokyo district, gave this land to our Foundation following their deferment to develop the 7.9 acre site.

The Foundation Board of Directors has accepted this offer and is firmly resolved to build the monument.

We continue to appeal for your help in our search for all the names of Japanese American World War II military personnel that served in the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation between the date of Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945.

Send contribution to:
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A time for giving...

In lieu of sending of Holiday Season cards, these JACL members and Pacific Citizen readers are participating in the Holiday Issue Project by sending their greetings to friends in JACL through this special section. The amount of the cost involved in the mailing out of cards is contributed to this JACL/PC project which then turns over this amount as a contribution (less $20 for a Unit-Space on this page) to the JACL Abe & Esther Hagiwara Student Aid Fund or some other JACL/PC fund to be designated by the contributor...If you wish to join them here next year, let us know. We'll remind you by the first of November.

-Pacific Citizen
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My experience with Presidential Classroom was one that I would highly recommend to anyone who has the opportunity. From the moment I stepped off the airplane at Washington National Airport, my adventure in Washington, D.C. had begun.

We had dinner with members of our caucus and instantly we all became good friends. I had about 30 people in my immediate group, originating from places such as Puerto Rico to Russia, and from all over the United States. Some 340 high school juniors and seniors from 40 states, Canada, El Salvador, Japan, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico attended the event.

The days were packed with tours of many of the famous sights including the Jefferson, Lincoln and the Vietnam War memorials. We also toured the Supreme Court, Holocaust Museum, Library of Congress, Capitol Building, House and Senate chambers. We saw the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery — that was particularly moving. We had 12 seminars with some very prominent and powerful figures in Washington. To name a few, we heard from Secretary Hazel O'Leary, U.S. Secretary of Energy; Austin Kiplinger of the Kiplinger Washington Letter; Louis J. Freeh, director of the FBI; and Vice Admiral J.M. McConefl, director of the National Security Agency and chief of the Central Security Service.

Every evening we would have a crossover with other people to debate current events. It was very interesting to see opposing points of view from people who live in different environments. One big issue was gun control, and I learned of the reality for people who literally live in fear for their lives every time they step out of their homes. We also debated the role of Congress and about environmental issues.

. . . I enjoyed every moment I was there and my understanding and appreciation of our governmental system grew tremendously as I learned first-hand how it works. . . . I thank the chapter for sending me.
San Mateo Runs Workshop for Teachers

By Greg Marutani

On October 26th, Mary Jo Kubota, along with Lisa Suyemoto and Karen Arimoto-Peterson, led the Teachers Workshop sponsored by the San Mateo Chapter for teachers in the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Committed to the JACL education program, the Chapter presented a free copy of the JACL Curriculum Guide to each of the teachers attending the workshop. Additional handouts were prepared by the workshop leaders. They included excerpts from other sources, lesson plans, and an additional resource list consisting of material from the local district resource library. The handouts were all three-hole punched so the participants could slip them into the appropriate sections of the Curriculum Guide binder and were duplicated on colored paper for easy reference.

One of the most valuable supplements was the one "Teaching the Japanese American Experience and the Internment which listed ways that teaching the Japanese American experience and internment could be introduced at each grade level as described in the "History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools." The supplement also included the Houghton Mifflin Social Studies series and pointed out the areas which could also be used to introduce the Japanese American experience.

Excerpts from the videotapes "A Personal Matter," "A Family Gathering," and "Days of Waiting" were shown as well as the locally produced videotape "Salt and Chrysanthemum," which is the first of a trilogy about the Japanese Americans in San Mateo County. The first segment focuses on the Issei pioneers as laborers in the salt flats of San Francisco Bay and as flower growers in the County.

Update to JACL Curriculum Guide

Through the work of Izumi Taniguchi, member of the Education Committee and Franklin Ng, professor of anthropology and coordinator of the Asian American Studies Department at California State University at Fresno, the JACL Curriculum Guide is being reviewed to correct typographical errors, clarify portions See EDUCATION/863

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“So what kind of operation is it?” I asked.
Mom matter-of-factly replied, “They’re going to cut open his stomach to look at the growth.”
“Dad has cancer?”
“We don’t know, that’s what they’re going to check.”

I never thought too much about my career. I didn’t have any plans. My parents worried about me and often asked, “What do you want to do with your life?” And I would answer, “I don’t know.” Mom would reply, “I don’t know.” Everything is “I don’t know.” But I didn’t: twenty-seven years old and I still didn’t. I envied people who knew what they wanted to do. Even if what they wanted meant a life of struggle, at least they knew. I always felt that if I knew my career, everything else would fall into place behind it and follow. I was grateful. I didn’t blindly fall into one of those professional careers just for the money. I kept reading articles about lawyers who ended up quiting their firms because it wasn’t what they thought it was going to be, about accountants and engineers who were scouring for jobs in a recession. So I never worried much about it. But I always assumed Mom and Dad would be around.

I was definitely raised more by my mother. She was born in America. Dad was born in Japan. Mom spoke fluent English. Dad spoke fragmented, accented, half-Japanese/half-English. So Mom would scold, lecture and discipline. Dad would agree, reiterate and back her up. I never considered Dad distant or uncaring. I knew he would always be there for me. He always supported me by telling me, anything I wanted to do is OK. I grew up thinking that’s what a father was, quiet, providing and giving open support.

And now I started wondering what it would be like without him, without that unconscious in-the-back-of-my-head knowledge that Dad would be there. I thought of how Mom and Dad reacted to the death of their parents. I remember at age ten, Mom waking me up, sobbing, saying “Peter, Gi-chan passed away.” Dad was on a business trip so she drove us to Gardena in silence, tears still streaming down her face. Ba-chan died last year. After years in the rest home, it was different. It was time. It was expected. It was a peace. Dad was affected by the death of his parents. Mom said he was by his mother, but not his father because he didn’t get along with him. I thought of coming home to visit and not seeing Dad in his recliner reading the paper or watching TV. I took out photo albums and looked at pictures of Dad—the edges of his mouth barely rising, looking not stern but content, perhaps trying to look dignified. There was that one picture of me and Dad. I was a year old and Dad was holding me in front of him. My arms raised out. I was beaming while Dad had an almost outrageous smile of teeth, as if saying, this is my son, look how happy I am.

I went to the mirror to look at my face. So many times growing up, I looked at my face, thinking, that’s not me, not who I picture when I imagine myself in my dreams. I didn’t have a clear picture of who I was, but I knew it wasn’t the face in the mirror. I eventually accepted my face years ago, but I never really studied it and analyzed how much of it was my father. I looked in the mirror now and realized I naturally looked a little sullen, not really stern but content, perhaps trying to look dignified, and I saw my Dad in me.

When I was younger, Dad loved fishing. He went often, if not with others, then alone. As a child I never understood why anyone would want to be alone on a boat. He had often asked me if I wanted to take it up, but I never felt any interest. The last time I had gone fishing with him was 15 years ago, when I was twelve. I remember waking up at three in the morning and driving to Big Bear Lake and Dad and his friend, then bugging them most of the day about when we were going home. So I felt slightly uncomfortable when Mom asked me, “Why don’t you go fishing with Daddy?” “I don’t know, Mom, I never really liked fishing.” Mom paused, still looking down at the food she was preparing. “Daddy would like it, I think.”

I was surprised at that comment. I was expecting, her scolding tone and scolding along the lines of “Peter, you know this must be the last time you can do this with Daddy and you’re going to end up regretting it.”

I wondered how much it would mean to Dad. If I asked him, he would tell me, only if I really wanted to, it doesn’t matter to him.

Dad really made it sound like coming home to visit and not seeing Dad in his recliner reading the paper or watching TV. I took out photo albums and looked at pictures of Dad—the edges of his mouth barely rising, looking not stern but content, perhaps trying to look dignified.

I always wished Dad was as fluent in English as Mom, without the awkward grammar, the heavy accent and the half-Japanese/half-English phrasing. There were moments in the past when I found myself talking to Dad using his way of speaking because I thought he would understand me better. There were a few occasions when I was annoyed and resentful. I felt some of this as I sat on the couch next to Dad’s chair.

“Dad! You wanna go fishing?”

“Yeah.”

“O-kay...Nex- Sa-ta-day?”

“Okay.”

Friday night, Dad took the black cylinders containing his fishing rods out of the garage, stood in the driveway and whipped the rods back and forth/flying an invisible line out into the middle of the street. He opened containers, dug into the dark, moist soil to check that there were enough worms inside. He helped him pack the rods and the tackle box into the trunk.

“Too-mo-ro-o...aaa thu-re-e o’ klok o-rai!” “Okay.”

At three, as we backed out of the garage, my eyes felt almost painless, and the effort to keep them open made them tinge. A warm haze burst around them. The radio was on the news station as we rode on the empty highway. I wanted to talk on the way over but didn’t feel comfortable, and as I pondered what to do I fell asleap.

“Oi, Pee-ta, tsumi yo!”

We had arrived and Dad had parked the car. The sky was still black as we unloaded the car and trudged to the boat rental. As we stepped into the boat, the smell of dirty wet fish and gasoline came to me and took me back 15 years. Dad pulled on the cord to start the motor and the sound roared through the silence, breaking my quiet, nervous feeling of procrastination.

We reached the other end of the lake and Dad tossed out the anchor. I watched and hooked my worm as he did. As he showed me how to cast the line, he tilted the rod back, said “Ko-ni,” and his line flew out. I cast my line in the same direction. “Ohh, guuud,” he said and as we settled back and sat there, I still felt uncomfortable. Do I just start talking? I suddenly realized I never really HAD to talk to Dad before.

There was always someone or something to begin, distract and end conversations. So I sat there, and after ten minutes or so, I felt relieved enough to stay silent.

After about an hour we had no bites. I was thinking about the possibility of Dad dying. I thought about the emptiness of the chair. I thought about Dad’s English and suddenly realized that, even though it sometimes irritated me, I would miss it. And with that I asked him, “Dad?”

“E-yeees!”

“Mom said you didn’t like Gi-chan much.”

There was a short pause. “Nooo.”

“Really?”

“I-ee don’t like him.”

“How Heem?”

“Oh, he was not nice to your Ba-chan.”

I sat there, finding it all hard to believe. I assumed he had relented.

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come up and my eyes were feeling a little tired. Looking straight ahead, Dad asked, "Pee-ta wa nani ni naru no ka-na?" I had heard the same question in the same manner so many times before. "I wonder what Peter will become?" "I don't know yet."

"Hayaku kitemeta arao ni nnaa..."

I had given the same response and he gave the same reply. "It would be nice if I would hurry up and decide." And, like always, I said, "I know..." No matter how many times we went through this, his question did make me think. And I had no more an answer than I had for the past ten years or so. I didn't know. Nothing stood out for me, nothing I was even slightly sure about. "Nani ni naru no ka-na?" I heard that phrase over and over in my head. I repeated the literal translation to myself. "I wonder what I would become." It occurred to me that even though Dad was referring to a career, in a literal sense, it meant, what would I become as a person? I wondered if my Dad thought the same thing. Did he wonder what kind of person I would be? Like Mom? Like him? I looked over at him as he stared ahead. Was he proud of the kind of person I already was? I felt a tug at my hands.

"Ooo, Pee-ta!"

I began to reel in the line as the fish broke the lake's surface a few times. My Dad was telling me in Japanese to reel in, reel in, and grabbed the net as the fish came close to the boat.

"Ooo, kore wa ii sakana da."

He said as he gullied up the fish. I remember him saying the same thing 15 years ago, "Oh, this is a great fish." He looked at me and smiled as the flapping fish wet him, and I smiled back.

The rest of the day we caught more fish and sat there in silence. I felt that I didn't need to talk to him anymore. I wasn't going to find out everything about him in one day and I didn't need to. Maybe other fathers told their sons everything about them and the sons felt closer to them because of it, and that was father to them. But Dad was a father to me in my own way. In the same way I saw my father in my face, I See CLAVELL/13
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The Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter has been a loyal friend and supporter of Koreisha Chushoku Kai since 1987. Our association with Koreisha Chushoku Kai began seven years ago when then GLAS President Meriko Morita suggested that we "pass the hat" at our annual Christmas Dinner-Dance to collect donations for "a nutrition program for the elderly" in lieu of the usual gift-exchange. The "hat" has proudly become a tradition for GLAS each Christmas, and because of the warmth and generosity shown to Koreisha Chushoku Kai each year, the Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter of the JACL was a special honoree at the annual Anniversary Banquet hosted by Koreisha Chushoku Kai last year.

**HANA UNO SHEPERD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Hana Uno Sheperd Memorial Scholarship was named in honor of the late Hana Uno Sheperd, who was a charter member of GLAS, and along with her brother, Edison Uno, a pioneer of Redress for Japanese Americans.

Each year the Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter is pleased to present the Hana Uno Sheperd Memorial Scholarship to a deserving high school senior from either Los Angeles County or Orange County. The scholarship is uniquely different from all others in that GLAS chooses to recognize students specifically from single-parent families.

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Florin Chapter presents six topics for women

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Special to the Pacific Citizen

Six speakers with specific topics were featured at the fourth annual Florin JACL Nikkei Women's Day Forum held in September at the Sacramento Marina Harbormaster's conference room overlooking the Sacramento River.

Stacie Hiramoto, legislative advocate for a state disability rights agency, Protection and Advocacy, spoke on Japanese American gay and lesbian issues. Satsuki Ina, professor at CSU-Sacramento and director of its Family-Study Center, spoke on "Nikkei Identity and Self-Image." Attorney Carol Ouye Hisatomi, member of the Sacramento City/County Human Rights Fair Housing Commission, spoke on "Getting Your Act Together: It's Later Than You Think." Lucy Sakamish-Judd, Roseville High School teacher, spoke on "Are You Fit or Fat?" A young entrepreneur, she conducts a weekly aerobic show on local TV 8 and is a certified Covet Bailey "Fit or Fat" instructor.

A travel agency specialist, Irene Tamizato, holder of a 1st degree black belt in martial arts, spoke on "Safety Tips for Traveling Women." Civil rights activist Mary Tsukamoto, retired educator and author, spoke on "Speaking Out: Effective Public Speaking."

The forum, coordinated by Eileen Otsuji Namba and Hisatomi, featured food and prizes from the chapter friends, merchants and professionals.
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(Continued from B10)
suddenly felt my father in myself. Even though I was raised mostly by my mother, I was quiet. Even though I spoke fluent English, I was tentative and inarticulate a lot of the time. I tended to just agree with people. The one way I am different is, unlike him— I liked my father. Maybe Dad was as uncomfortable talking to me as I was to him. I hoped he knew how I felt.

After work, I got in my car and drove to the hospital on the slow, hot, smoggy freeway. I arrived at the hospital, found out where his room was, took the elevator to his floor, then followed the arrows to his room. The door was open. Mom was sitting next to his bed. She saw me and waved me in.

Dad seemed to be asleep, eyes closed, with an oxygen mask on his face. Mom whispered that Dad was awake but the doctors said he should sleep. She leaned in close to tell him I was there.

“Daddy, Pee-ta ga kita yo.”

Dad’s eyes opened a bit. I said “Hi, Dad.” and he nodded and blinked his eyes.

“The anesthesia’s still making him foggy.” Mom explained.

“Are you OK, Dad?” I asked and he nodded again. I looked at Mom. “I guess I should let him sleep, huh?” “Yeah, I guess so. Sorry you came all this way just to watch him go to sleep.” She paused and looked at him. “But I’m sure he’s happy you came.” “Yeah,” I went up close to him and without thinking I said, “I love you, Dad.” His eyes opened a bit and his lips parted underneath the mask and even though no sounds were audible, I heard his response. without any accent. I love you too.
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By DON DELCOLLO

The Contra Costa Chapter, JACL, has a can't-miss activity called Kid's Day. Every year for the last four years, (in 1993 we will produce Kid's Day V), we offered arts, crafts, odori, taiko, dojo kids performances, yosha, making, calligraphy, sumi-e, brush painting, hachimaki, origami, origami making, kendos demonstrations, Kimekomi dolls, etc.

In short, it's an immersion for a day in Japanese traditional culture, a cultural heritage practiced by several generations of Japanese Americans and offered to the next generation of Japanese of Japanese Americans in keeping with the JACL mission—"...to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans."

Kid's Day IV, held May 7, 1994, was again a huge success. The chapter entertained 90 kids in attendance (complete with their parents). Each youngster was allowed to participate in hands-on projects and demonstrations offered that day.

Sadaiko Delcollo and Mary Okamura set up an extensive display of Kimekomi dolls. Kimekomi ningyo dolls (."ning" means human, "gyo" means form) has its origins in the mid-Edo period at the Kamo Shrine in Kyoto. A priest named Tadashige Takahashi began carving dolls from leftover wood and dressing them in scraps of cloth. Today's Kimekomi dolls are dressed in silk and brocade and represent all manner of figures especially ones that represent traditional characters in the arts, theatre, mythologies, legends, heroic and everyday figures; all are immortalized in these dolls.

The Michiya Hanayagi Dance Group performed traditional dances, the kind of dances performed at weddings. They are beautifully choreographed classical dance numbers. These dances were well performed and were well received, especially by the children. The young students who performed for this well-known Oakland dance group were among those who were the featured in the annual San Francisco Cherry Blossom festival parade in April.

Esther Takeuchi, Joan Matsuoka and Julie Kanazawa taught origami, both beginning and advanced. Origami paper from Japan was used to fold Japan was used to fold cranes (even the flapping style), paper boxes, frogs, inflatble paper balloons, animals, and flowers etc. All the kids taught each other and their parents who learned origami as well.

Ron Shiomoto helped the kids to make Daruma face designs—and blind-folded. The relationship of the design to the wish eyes and its eventual fulfillment were explained also.

Dennis Makishima demonstrated the art of bonsai tree trimming, Makishima is an expert in this ancient art. He has dedicated many years of his life to the study of bonsai with years of his life to the study of bonsai with the master bonsai teachers of Japan, and is a recognized American expert. Makishima invited several kids up from See KIDS/B18

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San Jose gears for '96 convention

Plans are rapidly shaping up for the next JACL National Convention to be held in San Jose, Calif., Aug. 6-11, 1996. The event will be coordinated by Tom Shigemasa, convention chair; co-chains Leon Kimura (booster events), Curt Matsushima (administration), and Wayne Tanda (convention events). The Convention Committee intends to provide a variety of programming, including an Old-Timer's Whing-Ding, chaired by George Hinoki, fun activities for youth groups, and interesting workshops and tours for those attending as boosters.

San Jose and surrounding areas have much to offer for those who may wish to combine convention attendance with a family vacation. Several sporting events are planned for the athletically inclined, including golf, bowling, tennis, and volleyball.

The host San Jose Chapter welcomes the assistance of other JACL chapters in planning this biennial event. Assistance will be needed to ensure a successful, smoothly run convention. Several JACL chapters have already offered their assistance, including Berkeley, Fremont, Gilroy, Sequoia and West Valley.

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Having been absent from the pages of the PC for quite a while, it is a real pleasure to be invited to write from the perspective of six months as a United States Marshal. When asked how it is, I quickly recall several phone calls from friends, who were awed at the prospect of my acting like Tommy Lee Jones in the "Fugitive." Also some who called me "Wyatt" were really exercising their imagination. In a more serious vein, more than a few have commented upon the irony of my journey as an inmate from the wartime U.S. concentration camp at Tule Lake, through the stewardship of the California prison system, to wearing the badge of the U.S. Marshal, whose jurisdiction happens to take in Tule Lake.

Considering the high profile place of police in a society so fearful of crime today, as well as one still not free of racism, an Asian American in a visible law enforcement position is perhaps a good thing too. I, like many of our friends, knew little about the Marshal's Service, which has a rich history going back to the days of George Washington, when U.S. Marshals were the first federal law men. Since then, legendary outlaws like Billy the Kid, have been hunted down and killed by U.S. marshals, like Pat Garrett. The low key Marshal's Service actually plays a much greater role in fighting crime today than most know. A good example is the participation of five of our deputy marshals in a strike force of local, state, and federal officers which recently targeted violent criminals in the Sacramento area over a period of two months and arrested over 60. Such networking of police agencies has proven very effective in many jurisdictions.

The priority job of the Marshal's Service is protection of the federal judges and courts. The witness protection program, so often portrayed on TV and films, is the responsibility of the Marshal's Service. The transportation of federal prisoners between prisons, from prisons and jails to courts, is another large job. In fact, I was really surprised to find that the Service operates two 747's, which fly prisoners around the country on a full time basis.

The management and care of assets seized from criminals by federal law enforcement officers is another important task, one that generates over a billion dollars in assets to the government on an annual basis. The U.S. marshal, who is a presidential appointment, of whom there are 97 in the United States, is nominated by a U.S. Senator (in my case, Senator Barbara Boxer) to the President, who submits the nominee to the Senate, which then must confirm the appointment. It is a long process which took all of nine months. There is a current move to depoliticize the marshal's position by making it subject to the merit system. Not withstand the fact that I am a political appointee, the proposed change would be a positive and logical one. The marshal's job is an administrative one. Here, the Eastern District of California covers 14 inland counties extending from Bakersfield to the Oregon border. The day - day management of the district is the job of the Chief Deputy Marshal, a veteran of the Service, and a professional law enforcement officer. Although I am no stranger to law enforcement, I am fortunate to find myself in charge of a district with a reputation for efficiency, and a Chief who I trust and am compatible with. I also have made it a point to get some first hand knowledge of the Marshal's Service by accompanying the deputy marshals on various assignments, something that gives me more knowledge, and makes the job much more stimulating for me.

A different experience occurred recently when I participated in a "Nevada Days" parade in Carson City, as part of a U.S. Marshal's Posse, an organization sponsored by the Marshal's Service in several states. The Posse has been a big hit at various events, and are a positive PR asset to the Marshal's Service.

Recently, the Marshal's Service announced the first examination in some time for Deputy U.S. Marshals, with the Director emphasizing a targeted recruitment drive for minorities and women, with diversification of the Service as a major goal. Utilizing community based organizations and minority police officer organizations, in addition to the usual recruitment sources, we hope to increase the number of minorities and women taking the test.

Finally, as 1994 ends, Dorothy and I continue to count our blessings that we are able to be active and productive at this time in our lives. That spirit, we wish all of our JACL friends a healthy and prosperous future.

Jerry Enomoto
on the job as
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SOME dispute that "The Tale of Genji" (Genji Monogatari), written a thousand years ago, by the woman known as Murasaki Shikibu, is the world's first novel. It appears undisputed that it is the world's first great novel, and even tends to be conceded that it is the supreme masterpiece of classical Japanese prose narrative, perhaps even of the whole of Japanese literature, including that of the modern period.

Yet it concerns a society and culture so different from the modern, appreciation of its demands, patience and imagination from the reader.

It was written in Japanese at a time when most official works in Japan were being written in Chinese. The Japanese in which it was written, moreover, is that of the court at Heian, the region now known as Kyoto. The language differs so much from that of the common people, and so much from modern Japanese, that the Japanese of today need to have it rendered in translation with an explanation of how the Heian culture differs from their own.

The culture of the Heian court had evolved during a long period of peace. Those at court had become preoccupied with artistic pursuits and adjudged a person by his good looks, his taste in clothing and his sensitivity to the inherent pathos of things, especially in the traditional arts.

The preoccupation with good looks may seem the more remarkable when it becomes apparent that the courtiers seemed to spend most of their waking hours in darkness. Their lives centered around their social activities, which tended to be conducted at night and to cease just before dawn.

Upper-class women were sheltered from public view by screens and curtains as well as by ladies-in-waiting and attendants. It would be upon these clustered upper-class women that the author of the oversexed Genji would concentrate, any distraction to women of lesser rank seemingly to be too casual to merit mention by the authoresses.

Yet Genji and the other males are so easily moved to tears they seem feminine to a modern reader. This femininity is indicated in another way.

On one occasion when, at the age of 17, Genji goes to spend the night at the home of the governor of Kii, there his attention is drawn to "a particularly attractive lad of perhaps twelve or thirteen."

Genji is attracted to the lad's sister. He creeps to her bedside and forcibly seduces her.

He takes into his service the lad, her brother, who had caught his eye. He attempts another matinage, using the brother as go-between. This attempt brings a firm rejection from the lady.

Genji consoles himself with the brother. "The boy is delighted, such as Genji's youthful charms. Genji, for his part, or so one is informed, "found the boy more attractive than his chilly sister."

But pedantry appears to have been so casual a matter to the Heian society that it seems to merit no more than this brief mention. So far as it deals with Genji, the rest of the novel concerns his pursuit of upper-class women.

In the society of Genji, the Fujiwara family had married its daughters to royalty and ruled in place of the emperors. In the period depicted, the Fujiwara family was at the zenith of its power.

Murasaki Shikibu was a Fujiwara. Her true given name is unknown. "Except for convulsions and processes of the blood, the names of well-born ladies are not listed in the genealogies," Shikibu. Board of Rites, is an.
A man in a monogamous society. At the beginning of the story, the emperor himself is engaged in a distracting passion. He insists on having his beloved always beside him. On nights when there is music or other entertainment he requires that she be present. Sometimes the two sleep late. Even after arguing he insists on her continued attendance.

Genji is the son of this favorite of the emperor. From her he derives an evident Oedipus complex. She lacks strong family backing and suffers from the insults of jealous competitors. While her son is still a child she becomes ill. Beginning in the first chapter, The Pau­

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On a visit to Aoi, he remarks, "How pleasant it if this year you could manage to be a little friendlier." The suggestion fails to persuade her. From her point of view he seems bent on infatuating her with his amours. She bears him a son but dies soon thereafter.

With better reason than the mothers bearing a resemblance, this son of Aoi will bear a resemblance to the son of Fujitubo. The reason can be found in the Oedipal compulsion of Genji, which meanwhile has become directed toward a child. He discovers the child, Murasaki, in the fifth chapter. Lavender, when having fallen ill he seeks help from a holy man living in the northern hills. While convalescing there, he wanders to a nearby house where he catches a glimpse of a beautiful girl of about 10, who reminds him of Fujitubo whom he craves but has yet to sexually possess. After his first glimpse of the child, "He was beginning to make plans: the child must stand in the place of the one whom she so resembled." The bishop from this villa, a former governor, invites Genji to visit, during which the child, Murasaki, is revealed to be the niece of Fujitubo. Genji asks permission to adopt Murasaki, but the proposal is rejected.

Even after returning to the capital, he continues his overtures for the adoption of Murasaki, but his oedipal tendency is also turned toward Fujitubo who, having become ill, had returned to her family. He now continues a meeting with her. Every novel has faults. A major fault of this novel is that this meeting with Fujitubo, that will result in her pregnancy and the birth of a son, is disposed of with a single paragraph. The night passes too quickly for Genji.

"So few and scattered the nights, so few the dreams. Would that the dream tonight might take me with it." He was in tears, and she did, after all have to feel sorry for him.

"Were I to disappear in the last of
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The woman who had arranged the meeting "gathered his clothes and brought them out to him."

Fujitsubo returns to court. The emperor keeps her always at his side. There would be no further dalliance with Genji. Taking precedence over the mother of the heir apparent, she becomes empress. The son she bears Genji, which the emperor believes to be his own, is designated to succeed the present heir apparent as emperor.

"Genji, now 18, finds as much solace as possible with Murasaki whom he has succeeded in adopting. "He is constantly with her, tutoring her in the polite accomplishments and especially in calligraphy." She seems prettier, cleverer, more amusing each time he sees her. "He congratulates himself that his hopes of shaping her into his ideal might not prove entirely unrealistic."

When she is about 15, he decides she is no longer too young for sexual consummation. Previously he had made amorous overtures but she had seemed unable to understand. Sexual possession of her makes his love the greater, but she is surprised and shocked. "What a fool she had been, to repress her whole confidence in so gross and uncivilized a man."

In time she becomes reconciled to the change in the nature of their relationship. Genji's son by Fujitsubo becomes emperor.

Two-thirds of the way through the novel, Genji dies at 52. The novel continues with Kaoru, thought by the world to be Genji's son but really the son of another, by a Genji consort, daughter of an emperor. Genji has been cuckolded by the son of his best friend. Kaoru comes to the center stage with one Prince Nio, son of the emperor regnant.

The novel covers 75 years from the birth of Genji to the events of the last chapter.

The first English translation, by Baron Suematsu, published at the turn of the century, covers less than half of the work.

There have been articles and books in English that give an insight into the novel. One that has been particularly helpful to me is The Tale of Genji: A Reader's Guide, by William J. Puette. Charles E. Tuttle Company. In his A Reader's Guide, William J. Puette says of the Suematsu translation that it "has historical value but little else."

Puette speaks with respect of the translation of Arthur Waley, which appeared in 1933 and compares it with that of Edward G. Seidensticker.

This evaluation is based primarily on the Seidensticker translation, which appeared in 1976 at a time when Seidensticker was Professor of Japanese at Columbia University and already a noted translator. Among his translations have been a number of works by Tanizaki junichiro and Kawabata Yasunari. He won the American National Book Award for Translation in 1970. For his part in introducing Japanese novels abroad, the Japanese Government recently awarded him the Order of the Rising Sun. The Everyman's Library Edition of Seidensticker translation of The Tale of Genji, published by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. in 1992, numbers 1184 pages. This article is based on the Everyman's version.

Of course there have been movies about Genji. One, in color, by Tetsui Takechi, that particularly impressed me I saw was in August 1967.
Some thoughts from Japan

By TED SHIGENO
Japan Chapter, JACL

Japan may not continue to be an economic superpower. Asia is changing. Because of the lingering trade problems some people are saying that the United States should bypass Japan and concentrate on developing trade and investments in other Asian countries. Why hassle with the Japan’s stubborn closed market when there are bigger markets and investment opportunities elsewhere in Asia. Food for thought. The Murayama government, to many people, is a coalition of conflicting parties. Actually it isn’t as strange as it appears. Hosokawa government came into being through a coalition of Liberal Democratic Party renegades and the opposition parties that included the Democratic Socialist Party. The sole reason for these parties to get together was to defeat the Liberal Democratic Party. The Young Liberal Democratic Party renegades could not expect to take over the Party when the old fogies were still around. This was the chance to throw out the old leaders and take over, but that could not be done within the Party. Although the second largest Democratic Socialist Party were sworn enemies, it was necessary to get their support if they were to take power... and so they cooperated together to down the Liberal Democratic Party and succeeded. The Hosokawa government was born.

Ozawa was the kingpin of this movement but once he succeeded in defeating his old Party. He felt that the differences between his political philosophy and that of the Democratic Socialists were so far apart that the the Democratic Socialist Party must be excluded as early as possible from the coalition. When the Hata government was formed Ozawa excluded the Democratic Socialist Party. Ozawa represented the hawks. Hata government had always been considered an interim government. Ozawa-Hata camp felt that Hata could safely resign to form a new Cabi-Det without the support of the Socialists. Now that the Liberal Democratic Party had lost and was out of power, the assumption was that there are many in the Liberal Democratic Party that would be willing to join with Ozawa-Hata group to get back in the government. They counted hawkish LDP members like Watanabe to support the new Cabinet. When Watanabe, whom the Ozawa-Hata group had counted on to bring in enough LDP members to their camp, failed to deliver, the Ozawa-Hata group was in trouble. In desperation they entered Kaifu to vie for the Prime Minister’s post, but lost. The Democratic Socialist Party and Takemura’s Sakigake party, with no love for Hosokawa, decided to get together with the Liberal Democratic Party led by dovish Kono to fight the Ozawa-Hata group. Actually the political philosophy of the Liberal Democratic Party under Kono was more compatible to the Democratic Socialist Sekigake Parties than the Ozawa-Hata group. By offering the Prime Minister post to the Socialists the Liberal Democratic Party was able to win back the government. Although the current government has a Socialist Prime Minister, the Liberal Democratic Party is the biggest party in the coalition and has the biggest say... The Democratic Socialist Party had to compromise their longstanding policies to make the Coalition workable. Such compromise with hawkish Ozawa would be unthinkable... There will be many problems ahead, but it seems the Murayama government is not going to fall that easy.
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She is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the YAMC’s Women on the Move Award, the Human Rights Award and the Fifth Order of the Precious Crown from the Japanese Emperor. She also was inducted into the New Mexico Women’s Hall of Fame. These involved in the sister cities thank Hashimoto for her unequivocal generosity and dedication to Sister Cities.
Nikkei honored with memorial highways

Last August, little more than a year after, concerned Nikkei testified before a California Assembly Committee about a then-proposed Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Highway. The California legislature passed Assembly Concurrent Resolution Number 62 (ACR-62) designating three stretches of California highways as memorial freeways to the contributions of Nisei veterans during World War II.

Introduced in July, 1993 by Assembly Members Tanimura (D-Santa Ana) and Dean Andal (R-Sockey &) with principal co-sponsors Assembly Members Jim Costa (D-Fresno) and Nao Takasugi (R-Oxnard), ACR-62 was adopted by the state Senate and Assembly in August of 1994, and signed into law by Gov. Pete Wilson on Sept. 2, 1994.

Three Nisei fighting units will be honored at three different passage ways:
- In Northern California, State Highway 99, between the cities of Salida and Manteca, will recognize the 422nd Regiment Combat Team.
- In Central California, State Highway 99, between the cities of Fresno and Madera, will recognize the 100th Infantry Battalion.
- In Southern California, State Highway 23, from Highway 101 to Highway 118, will recognize the Military Intelligence Service.

In addition, each of the memorial highway signs will have a "unit of the '100/424/175' triad" at the bottom to unify the three locations.

Ironically, this tribute began when the California state senator Don Rogers picked up a proposal from the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association to name a portion of State highway 99, between Fresno and Tulare, as the Pearl Harbor "Memorial Highway."

Elisa Kamimoto, then-Central California Regional Director, first voiced concern about such a bill to Senator Rogers through a letter. Later, on June 28, 1993, a Japanese American delegation including Kamimoto, Dr. Frank Nishio of the Sierra Nisei VFW Post and Fresno (JACL, and Mary Tsukamoto from Florin JACL, traveled to Sacramento, California's state capital to testify against the bill before the Assembly Transportation Committee.

They sought to educate the Committee on the potential negative reaction such a memorial might cause specifically that the mention of Pearl Harbor evokes anti-Japanese sentiment which reflects unfairly on Americans of Japanese descent and can provoke acts of anti-Japanese violence.

As Kamimoto testified, "We cannot ignore that Pearl Harbor continues to provoke an anti-Japanese sentiment in many Americans... it is essential that we pay tribute in a way that does not inflame emotions or produce undue emotional burden on a group of innocent people."

Dr. Nishio, a veteran of both World War II and Korea, spoke not to belittle the survivors of Pearl Harbor but to point out the sacrifices made by other members of the armed forces in the Pacific War, such as the Japanese American units like the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

After the testimony, several Assembly members expressed sympathy with Assemblyman Andal's proposal to name the highway in honor of the 442nd RCT. Today, Dr. Nishio says that he initially rejected such a proposal, that he and Assemblyman Andal didn't come for recognition, I came to save a life.

Although the proposed Memorial Highway was finally passed, several Assembly members were concerned the group after their testimony to see that recognition could be made for the Nisei who gave so much to our country.

This grass-roots effort, ACR-62 became a reality. As Nishio wrote to the Assemblymen who authored the bill, "The sum expression of the three strips is quite impressive and appropriate to commemorate our Nisei vets' past endeavors and to enhance our stance against hate groups."

Each California state will range money to pay for the construction of Memorial highway signs, estimated at $3500 for each location. In Central California for example, proceeds from raffle tickets were being sold for the Kansogai Holiday Fashion Show in Fresno. December 10 and 11, jointly sponsored by the JACL chapter and the JACL Central California District Council, will go to the price of the memorial markers.

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CCDC holds workshops, discussions, installation

By PATRICIA TSAI
CCDC Regional Director

A whirlwind of JACL events filled the weekend of November 19-20 for those in the Central California district, beginning on Saturday afternoon.

Regional Director Patricia Tsai hosted the first-ever regional office open house with JACL resources, including the latest video piece from national featuring the commissioning of Captain Bruce Yamashita, on display. National President Denny Yasuhara was also on hand to discuss JACL and the concerns of Central California. Several members came by and took advantage of this special opportunity.

Also on Saturday afternoon, CCDC educators hosted an Education Workshop at the Center Plaza Holiday Inn introducing the JACL curriculum and resource guide to local social studies instructors. The workshop committee included Fresno's Debbie Ikeda, Izzy Taniguchi and Frank Nii. Grace Kimoto from Livingston-Merced chapter and Greg Manutani from San Francisco also helped with this workshop that brought together a dozen social studies instructors and sold curriculum guides at a reduced price, subsidized by Fresno JACL.

LINEUP—Among those attending were: from left, Larry Isahimoto, outgoing governor; Denny Yasuhara, JACL president; Patricia Tsai, regional director; Randy Sombi, JACL national director; and Tracy Nahi, incoming governor. Discussions on key issues as well as speakers were featured.

Saturday night saw the 45th annual banquet and installation of officers with the theme, "Focusing on Tomorrow," in Fresno's Centre Plaza Holiday Inn. Judge Tony Ishii served as the master of ceremonies, keeping the program brief and on track. Presentation of Colors was performed by Frank Isogawa and Tom Teramoto of the Sierra Nisei WFW Post #8499 with Hiro Isogawa commanding and leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the color guard, Reverend Keizo Norimoto from the Fresno Buddhist Temple gave the banquet's invocation.

After dinner, Assemblymember Cruz Bustamante from district 31 gave welcoming remarks. Then, District Governor Larry Isahimoto followed with the district awards beginning with the honor of all the 1994 chapter presidents with past president pins, next, Sadako "Sadie" Abe and Carolyn Ikeniya both from Reedley chapter were honored with JACL silver pins.

to award ten years of service at the chapter level.

Clavo's Mae Takahashi was recognized with a sapphire pin, acknowledging ten years of service to the chapter plus five years at the district or national level. Currently chair of the national ad-hoc budget review committee, Mae spoke briefly of her work in JACL, acknowledging National President Denny Yasuhara's past encouragement and support.

Next, National Director Randy Senzaki offered a few words of his own and then installed the 1995-96 district and chapter officers.

National President Denny Yasuhara delivered a relevant and well-received address discussing the leadership, budget and future of JACL. He discussed the need to focus on the needs of the organization, to accommodate the transition in leadership and the changes in policy that may occur because of it and reminded the members of the need to live within their means. While acknowledging the challenges that lie ahead in the near future, he reminded the audience of spirit of JACL and the service done on behalf of those who support him.

In other banquet news, Janet Tamura from Fresno won the grand prize.

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A Sansui writer and former of beaches and grapes in the Central California district of Del Rey, David Masumoto captures the voices of history and generations as they echo through a Japanese American farm community. Masumoto's first story appearing in a P.C. Holder's Issue was the 1960 James Clavell National American Literary Award. Since publication of Country Voices, much has changed in this rural hamlet south of Fresno. The Tokio Club building has been demolished, the bricks worth more than the old, vacated structure. The Japanese Hall was sold, passing on to a new owner and a new generation for use.

The handful of remaining Japanese American farmers still gamble, but the game has shifted to the fields and weeding on market price. They were smart. Unforgettable, omnipresent opponent — Nature.

Masumoto is completing a book for HarperSan Francisco entitled, "Euphaph for a Peach," which will be available in June, 1995.

Siko, bakake, chiba. In these games and others the Jisei gambled with their wages from hours of work and days of toil in the fields. Why? Possibly for the same reasons talks Gambling today, hoping to win, daring to dream, breaking the monotony of a life of poverty or a destiny of impotence.

Mr. T. Morita, a Nisei: "Oh, the Jisei gambled lots, and lost lots money, yet married ones with family. It was stage, but what the hell, you work so hard, so hard and only wanted a chance to win the big time."

Mr. N. Hiramoto, a Nisei: "Them days, a lot of Jisei were good gamblers, like no gambler. They go pick grapes out there and begin playing Jisei [Japanese card game] at their breaks. They were bachelors and had no initiative. Those Jisei were real drinkers too, boy I tell you. Then they go into fights and boy they really fought, yelling at each other in Japanese: "The second and third generations calm, don't fight but the Nisei... why they fight? No other recreation, that's why. Only work, come to the Hall once and a while, talk and gamble... that's about all. Those Jisei were adventurous. The Jisei tell you, couldn't read but knew their cards."

Mr. R. Matsunaka, a Kibei: "The Chinese dominated the gambling scene, already established with their gambling houses, they opened their doors to the Jisei. "Japanese don't own gambling places, they start later. Why Chinese first? They smart people I guess. Games? Mostly Japanese hanafuda [card games] and the Chinese gambling... sanaa... all kinds of games, card game and bakake, shiko... The Chinese experts at those games, some even speak Nihongo [Japanese]."

Mr. G. Sato, a Nisei: "Had those opium dens and shiko and all that stuff. You could go in there and I can still remember how it smelled in there, that sweet smell going in there. Later on I found out, oh yea, that's opium."

"Chinese were smart, house always won. My father's friend gambled his whole ranch away. That's why his wife left him and he's all by himself. His whole place... high stakes but he like it. Why the gamble? Nothing else to do. Not many other Japanese around, so Chinese knew just where to get the money. Oh boy."

Mr. H. Kato, a Kibei from Los Angeles was a migrant worker in his youth. He easily recalled the memories of gambling, not just any gambling house but the Chinese house.

"Chinese ran those houses in every small town. The first night you go in with your money and you'll win 20 dollars. Then the next night you might again win 20 dollars. But then the last night you go in and lose it all, everything they take from you."

"They had all kinds of games, shiko, bakake, chiba."

"Shiko was a game that began with a pile of beans or small objects to count and a pot or a container, and a stick. The object was to guess how many beans would remain in the last pile, one to four beans possible."

"The dealer would take a handful of beans, put them in the center of the table and cover them with the pot. Bets were made and the counting began. The dealer would take four beans away from the pile in a small, handful or push them with a stick. Then he'd take another four and then another four. You won by the number of beans left, one to four. But the dealer was quick and his hands blurred, lots of cheating like taking five beans in one set near the end so that the count made fewer winning bets, the house pocketing the rest."

"Two other games were like American keno, numbers or points were taken out of a larger pool and you won by the winning numbers you had chosen. One was called bakake and used a Chinese poem with characters instead of keno numbers. There were about 60 characters in this poem and after a certain amount was crossed out, the one with the most matching ones won."

"Another game was chiba, but instead of numbers or characters, they used a chart with the human body and with pressure points like an acupuncture chart. When these points were crossed out, just like in keno, you won with the most matching points you had chosen."

"There were other games... I don't remember them too well, one was like giant dominos and others were the games like Japanese hanasu. Of
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course now, don't get me wrong. I didn't gamble much but just heard about all of this...
About half way between the Hall and Bert Mori's grocery store stood a stately two story brick building. I remember walking by the structure, the ground level store fronts long ago boarded up with plywood and Mexican graffiti spray can painted in distinct lettering of Del Rey Chicanos.

Upstairs a few windows were open and the rooms appeared occupied, a dingy, yellow curtain blew outwards in a spring breeze, dancing in the air and waving to me, beckoning like a siren. Lively Mexican music flooded out of the corner window and I could have sworn I heard the soft, low laugh of a woman, the haunting, erotic ones adolescent boys overhear and it stays with them for days.

Years later at a New Year's community potluck dinner, I discovered the history of that brick building. An old Kibei man told me that it used to be the Tokyo Club, the centerpiece of J-town in Del Rey, the local mecca for gambling and prostitution along with some stores and saloons that served the community, sort of like an Ise cultural center of those days.

I tried to imagine the soft giggles of a Japanese prostitute coming out of those upstairs windows or escaping through an ajar door on the ground level, and the lively jeers, laughter...
Community service

In Seattle, it's a dedicated group

By RAYMOND ISHI
President, Seattle Chapter

In October, the American Jewish Committee honored Dennis
Okamoto for his years of community service. In his remarks, the keynote
speaker, Wallace Loh, the Dean of the University of Washington Law
School, commented that community service is something that needs to be
learned and developed. Loh said that people don't inherit the willing-
ness to serve their community but it is something that is taught to them
by their family, friends, and co-workers. Community service has been a
strength in the Asian Pacific American community and it is
important that this legacy not be lost.

It was from my parents that I learned how community service can
be time consuming, frustrating, lots
of hard work but ultimately very
satisfying and rewarding. I remem-
ber my parents always being in-
volved in some form of community
activity. My father has a long list of
organizations, commissions, and
agencies that he has helped over the
years. JACL, Nisei Veterans Com-
mittee, First Hill Lions Club, the
Washington State Governor's Com-
mission on Disabilities and Employ-
ment, International District Eco-
nomic Association, Denise Louise
Early Childhood Education Center,
and Chinese Information Service
Center are a few of the commu-
nity organizations that my father has
worked with over the years. As a
small business owner he has pro-
vided countless hours of pro-bono
work for individuals and social
service agencies needing tax and
financial help. And with all this, my
father still had time to coach base-
ball, softball and soccer teams.

While my mother has been on her
share of boards and committees,
the University of Washington
Alumni Board and the American
Cancer Society to name two), it is
her quiet work behind the scenes
that has taught me the most. My
mother is always helping with the
various community bazaars, dinners
and fundraisers. She was the one
volunteering in the classrooms,
talking with other parents with
children in special education, and
hosting board meetings at our
house. As with most Nisei women,
she rarely complains, is always
supportive, and never receives just
recognition for her work. While my
father has left an imposing legacy of
volunteerism to live up to, it is my
mother's quiet commitment and
humility that I find the most chal-
lenging to emulate.

Judging from the activity in the
APA community, it is obvious that
Seattle has been blessed with many
committed community activists and
supporters. I am constantly amazed
at the generosity and philanthropy
of the Seattle APA community.
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District Health Clinic, Asian Coun-
seling and Referral Service, Employ-
ment Opportunity Center, Refugee
Planning Committee, Khmer Asso-
ciation of King County, Center for
Career Alternatives and Denise
Louie Early Childhood Education
Center are but a few of the social
service agencies providing culturally
appropriate services to the APA
community. Numerous volunteers
support the Cherry Blossom Festival,
Northwest Asian American Theatre
and Wing Luke Asian Museum that

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teach and showcase the rich APA culture and history. These organizations continue to flourish because a new generation of volunteers, just as committed as those who started the organizations, donate their time and resources to these important activities.

Seattle has been fortunate that several APA community leaders have been willing to move their community work into the broader arena of public office. Starting with Wing Luke who was elected to the Seattle City Council in the 1960's, many committed APA's have successfully run for public office here in the Puget Sound area. Most recently, Kip Tokuda, former president of the Seattle Chapter, was elected to the Washington State Legislature.

Over the years, these officials pushed the system to address APA issues and concerns, influenced public policy, advocated for services to the community, and maybe most importantly, served as mentors and role models for our youth. Operating in highly visible roles, they have been willing to accept the criticisms, complaints and glare of public scrutiny so our community will have powerful voices on our school boards and in city, county and state government. By successfully working in the public arena, APA officials have broken the stereotypes and have shown that APA's can be leaders in any setting.

While we all don't need to run for public office to positively impact our community, it is important that we do get involved. As Mother Teresa said in her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, "It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the action that we do."

We are lucky to have so many people around us to teach us about community service. Our families teach us the spirit of community service is not about personal gain, but is about taking responsibility for our communities and for each other. From our friends we learn that community service is not about providing charity to the poor but working for justice for all people. From our co-workers we learn that community service is about sharing, sharing our time, our wealth, our knowledge and our good fortune.
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should not... but money, years).

THE FIRE

There comes a time when it seems all the forces of history come together and explode, forever altering the course of development of a community. No one remembers the exact date or year, sometimes in the mid-1920's. They just call it "the fire" that swept through Del Rey's I-town, destroying half of the businesses and boarding houses and marking a turning point in history for this community. It had to be spectacular as a city block was consumed in a glorious blaze, an inferno that engulfed people's dreams and left only charred remains the next morning.

Mr. N. Hiramoto, a Nisei: The whole block was burnt, the year was nineteen twenty...uh...three kan! Sort of around there. It started around midnight, eleven o'clock. The railroad track engineer, he saw that fire coming up, he blew the whistle and woke everybody. It was around April or May kan? Nobody died but all wiped out.

Mr. R. Matsubara, a Kibei: Yeah, about 1927 maybe? That day a windy day you know, fire at nighttime. Everybody sleeping, some men usually play cards too late, so fire had to be late. maybe early morning, everybody sleeping. "Where started? You know all town have boardwalk, you know, like sidewalk. All wood... like front of boarding house. Maybe there kan! There fire started, in front of boarding house. Some one set fire, against the building I guess. Some hakujin (Caucasian)... that's what we figure, but nobody saw it. You know, there were other little fires before this big one, year or two before. First fires started but firemen put water and stop it. See GAMBLING/B53.
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As you know...

"Some problem, hakujin and Japanese didn't get along too well. No fights but Japanese were lot of people but they don't go to hakujin stores. Lot of Japanese bachelor knew Japanese but they can't speak English you know. Business all here in Japan town. Those days Japanese town become town you know and hakujin town just dead. Yea, not much business you know.

Mr. C. Sato, a Nisei: "My folks' boarding house went completely, they lost everything. We were on vacation when it happened in L.A. We came back and there was nothing left...the only thing left was dad had a great big safe. That's all I remember. I was 9 years old. My folks didn't say anything. Nothing, just one of those things. Typical Japanese... nothing you can do about it."

Hall of J-town was destroyed, most of the boarding houses gone: With no places to live, these laborers left Del Rey, some went to other towns, others left to find shelter on the farms where they worked. With the loss of some businesses to draw customers, the rest of J-town gradually declined and closed its doors. The height of business development had been reached, the fire a turning point forever.

There always seems to be an eternal opportunists that stands out amid disaster, something that appears to be good that emerges out of the bad, a simple, innocent action following a calamity. Mr. C. Fujita, a Nisei, explained how the great fire provided him and lots of other kids with a new adventure and opportunity: "That fire must have been in spring, there wasn't no rain. When we went there it was still smoldering. Not a cloud, a bright day. Del Rey was a gambling joint, the whole place had underground trenches all the way through. If they had a rap on this gambling house, they'd move to another house through these tunnels. You could never catch them, those Chinese smart.

"I knew about these tunnels because right after the fire we were in there trying to scrape up the pennies and nickels and dimes. We were picking them up. We went there every day to look for money, burned money too, all in there. We found quite a bit.

"They didn't bury those tunnels for a long time, they had to open. My kids even remember it when we'd pass by."

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Olympia outing

Olympia Chapter, JACL, members enjoyed an October trip to the Portland Japanese Garden. From left, Yukiko Abe, Janet Nakamura, Asako Arima, Reiko Nissi, Kelly Wicker, and Sachiko Emery.
By KIMI YOSHINO

Legacy of Generations. Kodomo no tame ni. For the sake of our children.

In the past several months, I have heard these terms used countless times to describe JACL - or more appropriately - the future of JACL. Yet, as one of the younger members of the organization, I find myself wondering whether we are truly committed to that goal. Sure, we talk about the so-called passing of the torch, but when I look at the membership numbers I see that all is not well. Based on membership totals through September, 36 chapters had no youth of student members. Most had only a handful. The numbers are staggering; it's no wonder our membership is decreasing when most members are over the age of 55.

The burden of passing on the torch does not simply fall on the young people of the National Youth/Student Council which is working hard this biennium to create more programs for younger members. It falls on each and every JACLer to pass on both the legacy of the JACL and the history of our culture. Have you told your children and grandchildren stories about the internment? Have you told them about the discrimination you felt when trying to rebuild your life after the war? Or the victory a mentor program will help hook up students with working professionals who can provide career tips and possible job opportunities.

A National Youth/Student Conference next year will provide educational sessions on topics important to young people. Chapters and districts are committed to starting solid youth programs which will organize sports tournaments and social activities.

At the NCNWP-CCDC-PSW Tri-district conference, we hope to distribute a guide to chapters urging youth/student activities and how to build a program. But we can't do it without the help of JACLers who are willing to pass on the Legacy of Generations. Talk is cheap. So is a youth/student membership. But the rewards can be priceless.
Seabrook celebration

BY MITCH GITMAN

Fifty years ago the small farming community of Seabrook in southern New Jersey began making a unique kind of American history. But it was this year that residents past and present of Seabrook and surroundings made sure in grand style their history would not be forgotten.

The weekend of October 9 and 10 saw the Seabrook 50th Year Celebration and the opening of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center, a small museum within the township municipal building that now primarily commemorates the experience of the 2,500 Japanese Americans who came to Seabrook from 1944 to 1946. They came upon their release from the World War II internment camps to work for Seabrook Farms, then the world's largest frozen foods operation, and they came for a fresh start in American life.

The museum dedication that Saturday, called the People's Inaugural, brought more than 650 people to the auditorium of the nearby middle school. Among the speakers were Jack Seabrook, president/CEO of now-defunct Seabrook Farms during its peak years in the 1950s, and Michi Weglyn, author of the internment camp history, "Years of Infamy."

A banquet Sunday night at a country club brought together 540 celebrants from 27 states. And from Osaka, Japan, came the Reverend Shingetsu Akahoshi. The former priest of the Seabrook Buddhist Temple was a speaker that night, as were New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Arthur Brown and Seabrook-made-good Seiki Murono, now a vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank out of San Francisco.

Both events had to be moved from their original locations due to a much greater than expected demand. And both larger venues were filled to capacity with those honoring Seabrook and their remarkable memories.

Elizabeth Garrison, of Bridgeton, New Jersey, worked at the war relocation center in Topaz, Utah, in the waning years of World War II, making sure people had jobs and housing lined up when they left. She befriended a woman who was a block mayor at the camp, and since 1945, when she left, Garrison has been corresponding with Masako Sano, majiden name Mitsui.

A schoolteacher back in New Jersey, Garrison interviewed a young woman named Darlene Mitsui in 1954 for a babysitting job. She knew from Masako Mitsui, who was in California, that Masako had a brother in the area named James. "All she had was his name on a piece of paper," recalled Darlene, whose married name is Mukoda. And when she went to paper and she said, "Is he any relation to you?" "He's my dad." "In fact," said Garrison, "I'm here tonight as his guest. I'm very honored to be his guest."

Misono Miller, also of Bridgeton, the nearest small city to Seabrook, said of the festivities: "I was surprised at how many people I remembered and what we remembered from our childhood."

Miller is president of the Seabrook chapter of the JACL, which has co-sponsored the museum project. Formed in 1946, the Seabrook JACL chapter now has about 150 members. Miller is quick to remind that the two prime movers who made the museum a reality were SECC president and trustee Ellen Nakamura, of Elmier, New Jersey, and SECC project director John Fuyumune, of Bridgeton.

And she said that if it hadn't been for the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center, Seabrook's history may have hardly been preserved: "People haven't been aware. The museum is the first effort to make a permanent place for the history of Seabrook."

To make history, it also helps to make news. And Nakamura said that, although Seabrook has previously received major media attention, it was nothing near as intense as this year, with two new newspapers across the country, and then "with dozens of media outlets, several of which were from Japan, represented at the 50th anniversary celebration.

Apart from a grant by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, Fuyumune said little fundraising was needed for the project as artifacts and photographs were donated and services were volunteered.

For instance, the skilled services of four Seabrook alumni all,now in California, Norman Fujino Ikeda, a nationally renowned museum designer; professional modelbuilder Bob Hasuksi, who created a detailed

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of the Introduction and Overview, and update where needed.

A special thanks to Gary Mukai, director of SPICE, Stanford University, who provided detailed comments and suggestions which were added to the other comments provided by Joanne Ishibashi from the Florin Chapter, Mike Nakajawa from the Lori Chapter, and Fralin Ng of Fresno.

Contact has been made with representatives of the Japanese Latino group to draft factual and objective information and dates to be considered for inclusion in the revised version of the Curriculum Guide. This is being done as part of the JACL's support of the emergency resolution which was passed at the National Convention in Salt Lake City. Because the material is unbound on three-hole-punched sheets we will probably print only those portions that are considered important this time around and substitute the revised sections into the Guide packets as needed. The revised pages will carry the date of the revision so the Guides can be kept current for everyone, especially the individuals who have already purchased the Guide. While there is no set time line, it would be good to have the tasks completed and printed as soon as possible as more chapters appear to be promoting the Guide and others are ordering more for teacher workshops being planned in the near future.

If anyone has a comment about the Guide, please let us know as soon as possible.

Presentation planned California Council The California Council for the Social Studies has confirmed that the JACL will have a one and half hour time slot at the statewide convention to be held in Fresno from March 2 through Thursday, March 5. The session will be some time on Thursday morning, March 2. The workshop will focus, on the historical and Constitutional issues of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. This workshop will be directed at high school educators. The application offered at least four grade level target groups to choose from: the high school category seemed to be the most appropriate for the first-time presentation at the California Council for the Social Studies.

Thanks to Izumi Taniguchi who contacted Mr. Marvin Awbrey, chairman of the Convention and to Shirley Mead-Mezzetta, Executive Secretary of the Council who sent me the application form.

Applying for national conference Al Hida from the Wisconsin Chapter sent information about the National Council for the Social Studies which will be hosting its 75th Annual Conference in Chicago, November 9 through 12, 1995. The theme is "Building a Future—Visions on proud Traditions." The deadline for applications is January 15, 1995. Al adds that the National Council requires seven copies of a proposal if you have already requested an application.

If anyone is interested in submitting a proposal you can write to Shelly Singer, Program Chair, National Council for the Social Studies, 3501 Newark Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20016-3167 or call (202) 966-784, extension 105. If you decide to write a proposal, would you send a copy to me. It may be beneficial to coordinate our efforts and to try and cover the broadest possible base.

For further information: Greg Marutani, 4205-22nd St., San Francisco, CA 94114

Blue Shield administrator Frances Monika, chairman John Yatsura and consultant Gus hasegawa and Sanger guests: Sanger Mayor Elliott Martinez and his wife, Martha, and Community Chamber of Commerce Director Dan Spears and his wife.

Sunday morning, JACL-Blue Shield hosted their annual commemoration of the morning over brunch also at the Centre Plaza Holiday Inn. There, they announced to the assembled that there would be no rate increase for the second year in a row and then fielded questions from the audience.

All in all, it was a busy and successful weekend. Those co-sponsored events should be congratulated for their successful efforts.

Best of Gwen Munarak... 1994

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A Prayer for the New Year

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