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The Class of '95

The JACL national scholarship program annually awards financial assistance to outstanding students across the country in a variety of categories.

This year, the Undergraduate, Graduate and Special Scholarship Committee was chaired by Dr. Alyce Sato of the Intermountain District Council. The Entering Freshman Scholarship Committee was chaired by Emilie Kutsuma of the Mountain Plains District Council. Handling the announcements to *Pacific Citizen* was staff administrative assistant Stephanie Roh.

The 1995 crop of bright young students reflects not only academic achievement but a deep sense of community involvement as well.

"We were all very impressed with the high caliber of students that applied for scholarships," said Dr. Sato. "It is a shame that we cannot give money to each of the applicants."

JACL scholarship
winners—pages 10-14

Troy Shiozawa says stabbing was accidental

Pocatello, Idaho, JA
on trial as JACLers
watch proceedings

On trial for stabbing his former stepdaughter, Troy Shiozawa, 24, testified Aug. 28 that the incident was accidental. The trial, which is expected to conclude this week, has many JACL members concerned that Shiozawa's civil rights have been violated by the Bannock County, Idaho prosecutors.

Shiozawa of Pocatello, Idaho, has been charged with one count of aggravated assault and two counts of aggravated battery. Defense attorney Bron Rammell said that during a conversation between Shiozawa and his former wife, Leslie, 21, in the back seat of her truck, Lexie Hill, 3, fell backwards from the back seat and landed on his open pocket knife. Both mother and child were in attendance during the court proceedings.

"Troy is a cowboy. He has a habit," said Rammell, reported the *Idaho State Journal*.

Rammell said that Shiozawa has a habit of pulling out his pocket knife and using it to clean his nails when he is talking to people. Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls Chapter, told *Pacific Citizen* that 10 people in morning testimony Aug.

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Reflections on war

Sept. 2, 1945

50th

ANNIVERSARY
of the end of

WWII

Fatefully, World War II officially came to an end on Sept. 2, 1945, with the last signatures affixed to a document passed from Gen. Douglas MacArthur to Japanese officials, led by Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, aboard the U.S.S. Missouri docked in Tokyo Bay.

In particular, the four years prior to that event were defining moments for Japan and for the United States. The larger view is that this cataclysmic event also cast the young Japanese American community into chaos and confusion.

Yet through it all a character was forged in battle.

On its 50th anniversary, the ending of the war may seem anticlimactic as the reflections, feelings, insights and controversies continue to this day.

To that end, here then are five veterans who have written their thoughts about this war which continues to bring to the Japanese American community a sense of honor as well as the inescapable and haunting realism of human tragedy.



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THE MOMENT—Gen. Douglas MacArthur stands before Japanese officials who signed the agreement to surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, aboard the U.S.S. Missouri. This was the last formal end to World War II.

The 100th At Anzio, at Biffontaine

By COL. YOUNG OAK KIM

Speaking to a gathering celebrating the achievements of the 100th Battalion, the author gives a beachhead and foxhole view of the tribulations of this famous unit which carved its way across Europe . . .

The 100th earned, the hard way, all recognition bestowed upon it. This being the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, it is well to talk about the 100th.

Upon reflection, I decided against giving my own opinion or citing any of the battles cited in the many published books, because we all feel the 100th was the greatest unit. Because of this built-in bias, I could say anything and exaggerate and you would cheerfully concur. Let me cite two widely separate incidents. I personally participated in both from beginning to end, but the quote is "hearsay."

The first occurred in the Anzio beachhead in early June. Anzio was ringed or surrounded by two German defensive lines, the first on the flat beachhead where the Allies and the Germans were nose to nose for many months, both sides well dug in. The 100th and the 34th Division were positioned on this line fighting the Germans, and other assaulting units passed through us and broke this line while we provided supporting fire. The second German defensive ring was up in the hills overlooking the beachhead. The 34th Division's mission was to capture the pass in the Albanio Hills near

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Japan and the atom bomb question

By FRANK NISHIO

The author, who at one time joined a peace movement, measures the horror of the ultimate weapon against the saved lives of soldiers who fought on the front lines.

Weapon systems had progressed from rock throwing through bows and arrows, sharpened sticks, spears and rock launchers, to gun powder launched projectiles of many shapes and sizes: cannons, mortars, and rockets. Suddenly, a uranium bomb was introduced and immediately topped by a hydrogen bomb. In similar fashion,

single prop warplanes were topped by speedier fighters, flying fortresses, superfortresses and stealth bombers.

If progress takes its normal route, the nuclear bombs of today will give way to a larger destructive force. At each interval, people, correctly, intervened to say, we must stop this nonsense. But the human selfishness, be it for power, control or possession, has always, without exception, superceded the peace and humanitarian movement.

The League of Nations was formed to prevent another "war to end all wars." That move proved ineffective, and WWII followed. Then the United Nations was formed, augmenting the weak points of the League of Nations. But soon the Korean Incident followed, Viet Nam next, and nu-

merous other conflicts, too numerous to list. Each war was fought with bigger and better weapons—that is, harsher, crueler and more devastating.

Now, ask the men fighting these wars if they would suspend usage of a superior weapon because it was thought to be too cruel. The rockets? The flame throwers? Can you imagine pointing a flame thrower at a human being? The napalm? If one hasn't seen a whole mountainside burn from napalm, one can't imagine what it does to a living being. The large transoceanic missiles? Yes, the bacterial warfare and poison gas were suspended, but not stopped; most nations had a stockpile. So now, why did we use the nuclear bomb?

Many peoples of the world have a belief in or a fancy for their

nations' myths. Japan had hers. Their belief was that their country, their people and their emperor were of one origin. All were conceived by Amaterasu-omikami, the omnipotent god. Thus, their land and people were protected by heavenly powers. Their belief in this was twice confirmed. On both occasions, on different invasion attempts by the mighty Mongols, the lesser equipped Japan was saved by "Kamikaze," god's storm. A powerful hurricane wiped out

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More stories—Three more veterans write their personal views of the war—pages 6-7.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall DC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come).

DAYTON

Sun. Sept. 24—General meeting and program 2-6 p.m., info: Darryl Sakada, pres., 513/298-1252. NOTE—"Racial Attitudes and Discrimination in Dayton," and video "Racism in the Media."

Sun. Nov. 5—General meetings and cultural program, 2-6 p.m., info: Darryl Sakada, pres., 513/298-1252. NOTE—Japanese cuisine, language and customs.

Coming Jan. 4-Feb. 14, 1996—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union," Dayton Public Library.

SAINT LOUIS

Sat.-Mon., Sept. 2-4—Japanese Festival, Missouri Botanical Garden., info: Sherry Pratt, 314/963-8115 day, 938-3708 eve.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 14-15—International Folkfest, Queeny Park's Greensfelder Center in West County, info: International Institute of St. Louis 314/773-9090.

TWIN CITIES

Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner; open to any visitor; info: Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall MDC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come).

NorCal-WN-Pac

DIABLO VALLEY

Sun. Sept. 10—Annual potluck, noon-4:30 p.m., at 3165 Treat Blvd, Concord; info: Tsuyako Ajari, 408/252-1213.

SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., National JACL HQ, 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

IMPORTANT

All JACL and Community calendar items must include the following information: what, where, when (date, time), phone number(s) and contact person.

Sat., Sept. 16—JACL's AIDS Memorial Grove work day, Golden Gate Park; info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.

Wed., Sept. 20—San Francisco mayoral candidates' night, JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., S.F., info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.

Sat., Dec. 2—Annual JACL crab & spaghetti feed, Christ United Presbyterian Church, info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.

SAN JOSE

Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; '96 Convention Committee on 3rd Tuesdays, info: 408/295-1250.

Sat. Oct. 21—Casino night, Lou's Village; Mark Kobayashi, chair, 408/295-1250.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Sept. 24—Picnic, noon-4 p.m., Shoreview Park, info: Mary Jo Kobata 415/593-7358, Kate Motoyama 415/574-6676.

WEST VALLEY

Sat., Oct. 7—Keiro Kai dinner, 4-6 p.m., San Jose Buddhist Church Annex, San Jose Japantown, info: Yu-Ai office 408/294-2505. NOTE—Seniors free of charge, others \$15 per or \$25 couple; co-sponsored by Next Generation and Yu-Ai Kai.

Central California

Sat. Sept. 9—DC Meeting, Selma Japanese Mission Church; info: Regional office-Patricia Tsai 209/486-6815.

Sun. Nov. 5—Annual CCDC installation banquet, 5 p.m., Anderson's Pea Soup,

Selma; info: Regional office-Patricia Tsai, 209/486-6815.

FRESNO

Sun. Sept. 10—10th annual Shinzen Run and chapter picnic at Woodward Park. Info: Deborah Ikeda 209/434-1264.

Pacific Southwest

Sun. Oct. 1—5th Biennial recognitions luncheon, 12 noon, Torrance Marriott, info: Carol Saito 213/626-4471.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 28-29—Quarterly session & board elections, Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas; info: JACL Office, 213/626-4471; NOTE—Mtg regis \$20 p/person (includes continental Bkfst and Lunch); Spcl room rate Fri, Sat-\$151.20, chartered bus from JACCC Friday, 1 p.m., lv Las Vegas noon Sunday; \$33 r.t., first come first serve.

API LAMBDA

Sun. Sept. 17—General meeting in L.A., info: May Yamamoto 310/355-8363.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 1-3—7th National JACL Singles Convention / Come Alive in '95, Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa. Registration deadline Aug. 26, c/o Irene Kubo, 927 Folkstone Ave., Hacienda Hts, CA 91745; info: Grace Masuda, 23802 Bluehill Bay, Monarch Beach, CA 92629, 714/496-7779. NOTE—Mixer, workshops, golf tournament, tennis, computer match-ups, dinner-dance, Las Vegas excursion, Japanese American National Museum tour, hospitality rooms.

LAS VEGAS

Sun. Oct. 15—19th annual Luau, St. Viator's Community Center; info: Dean Kajioka, chair, 702/366-1528.

WEST LOS ANGELES

Sat. Aug. 26—Scholarship benefit steak bake, Early Bird bingo, 4 p.m., Sawtelle Gakuen, 2110 Corinth, info: George Kanegai 310/820-5250.

Community calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK

Mon. Sept. 25—JASSI benefit dinner, Rockefeller Plaza, info: 212/255-1881.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Sun. Oct. 29—Chicago Shimpo 50th anniversary dinner, Raddison Lincolnwood Hotel; info: Art Morimitsu 312/478-6170.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Thu.-Sat. Sept. 7-9—MIS National Reunion, Doubletree Suites, Tukwila; info: MIS-Northwest Assn., P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118.

Sun. Sept. 10—Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial dedication, 2 p.m., Keiro Nursing Home.

Thu.-Sun., Sept. 21-24—'95 Seattle Asian American Film Festival, Seattle Art Museum; info: Wm. Satake Blauvelt 209/329-6084 eve/msgs.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Through Oct. 2—Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit Opening: "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990." UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum, 702/382-4443. Co-sponsored by Las Vegas JACL, Nevada Humanities Committee, Nevada Council for the Arts.

California

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. Sept. 10—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4:30 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki 510/482-3280.

Sat. Sept. 23—Nihonmachi Legal Outreach's 20th anniversary festivities, 5:30 p.m., under tent, Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Jack London Square, Oakland; children's menu, art exhibit/sale, info: Tami Suzuki 415/567-6255. NOTE—Tickets \$75 per person, NLO, 1375 Sutter St, #204, San Francisco 94109.

LOS ANGELES

Sat. Sept. 2—"Everything You Wanted to Know about Asian Men but didn't have enough @#! to ask," 8 p.m., JACCC Doizaki Gallery, box office: 213/680-3700, info: 213/628-2725. NOTE—Repeats Sept. 3, 2 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 2-3—"Topaz" by Ken Verdoia, KUED PTV, and other video screening, Sat. 1-4 p.m., welcome reception 5-7 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A. 213/625-0414; Sun., 1-2:30 p.m., "Topaz Remembers" panel, Chuck Kubokawa, moderator; Musical jam session with Toru Saito, 3:30-5 p.m., (RSVP required) JANM; dinner & sing-along, Dr. Harry Kitano, speaker, New Otani Hotel; mini-reunion info: Ron Yoshida 818/363-5198, Daisy Satoda 415/821-0164.

Fri. Sept. 8—JACCC al fresco Dining & Auction, Doizaki Gallery and Plaza, info:

213/628-2725.

Sun. Sept. 10—JANM Family workshop: "Generational Values and Traditions," Rev. Mas Kodani of Senshin Buddhist Temple., 2 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 14—East West Theater's 30th Anniversary season opens, Adaptation of Kaufman-Hart musical and songs of Stephen Sondheim in "Merrily We Roll Along," thru Nov. 5, EW Theater, box office: (Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.) 213/660-0366.

Fri. Sept. 15—JANM Exhibit opening: "Finding Family Stories," Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—In collaboration with Korean American Museum, displays at both sites.

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Correction:

Here is the correct address for Stone Ishimaru's album of camp pictures: **Concentration Camps. USA: a Pictorial Record of Japanese Internment**, TecCom Productions, P.O. Box 39841, Los Angeles, CA 90039; (1994) 151pp, 11x8.5", \$38.50 postpaid. Our apologies for transposing the box number.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

JACL district to investigate charges of discrimination against professor

The NCWNP district at its meeting Aug. 13 voted to form a task force to look into allegations of discrimination and retaliation by faculty in the Asian American studies department of San Francisco State University against Yuko Franklin, a former lecturer in the department.

Franklin, a member of the Golden Gate Chapter, JACL, has accused Marlon Hom, AAS department chair, and his wife Lorraine Dong, a full-time associate professor in the department, of removing her from the staff because of her views on interracial relationships. Franklin said she was fired in 1994 after clashes with Hom and Dong. In an interview with *Hokubei Mainichi* Hom said that the cuts were made for budgetary reasons.

"I was told that I am not a 'true minority' because I am married to a Caucasian," Franklin said. "I was accused of being 'brainwashed by whites' and I was called an 'orange among apples' in Asian American Studies. As a result of these labels, my applications for more than 20 jobs in the department were not just denied, but totally ignored."

Among the allegations in the NCWNP resolution is that the last three job postings in AAS excluded Japanese Americans and that the relationship with the Nikkei has deteriorated with only three of 47 classes devoted to Japanese American issues. Franklin has accused Hom of falsifying comments on her teaching evaluation in 1992 when he was head of the department's hiring and promotion department.

She is currently preparing to file a third grievance to the university and has also lodged a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Franklin claims that she was denied the opportunity to apply for new positions as they became open.



YUKO FRANKLIN

"No one told me about these new positions—even though I was qualified for the jobs and federal affirmative action laws require AAS to notify all potential candidates . . . I heard nothing. I even sent a formal application to AAS, but it was ignored. This was clearly discriminatory treatment, a blatant denial of equal opportunity," said Franklin.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Hom denied allegations that she wasn't informed about the hiring and referred Franklin's specific charges to Pat Bartscher, head of University Counsel. In an interview with the campus *Golden Gater*, Bartscher said that the university is still reviewing Franklin's case, but she said that at this time she didn't find merit in Franklin's claims.

"Hiring and notification are made at the university level. When people narrow it and make personal allegations, I am not going to respond to those allegations," said Hom.

About the department's relationship with the Japanese American community, Hom said, "I have to run the department, I'm not running it for one person. Nothing has been done that is detrimental to Japanese American

studies program. The program has grown," said Hom. The department chair noted that there are a number of Japanese Americans who currently teach in the department.

"Nothing has changed, in fact enrollment has improved. If the JACL is concerned about the program they should know that we have not done anything detrimental to the Japanese American studies program," said Hom.

Born in Japan, Franklin had been a lecturer at SFSU since 1991 and taught the class in "Japanese American Personality." A Ph.D. in psychology, Franklin is involved in the community as president of Nobiru-Kai, Japanese newcomer services, and as a member of the NCWNP JACL Women's Concerns Committee. The resolution adopted by the NCWNP district was drafted by the Women's Concerns Committee.

Franklin said her troubles began when she guest lectured for Dong in a class on Asian American women. Franklin said Dong disagreed with Franklin's acceptance of interracial relationships.

Franklin called SFSU's Asian American studies department an "old boys network," claiming that men make up 74% of all faculty, teach 85% of the classes and hold 87% of the tenure positions.

"Women in AAS have always been treated as second class citizens. In the first 26 years of the department, only one woman was promoted to tenure position," said Franklin. "Just recently a second woman was promoted to tenure. She is the wife of the chair of the department. That's how affirmative action works in Asian American Studies."

In *Hokubei Mainichi*, Hom denied that he has anything to do with his wife's career advancement and said that he has an agreement with the university.

"We have agreed that I am to have nothing to do with my wife's personnel file," said Hom.

Korean teen pleads guilty in bomb hoax

FORT WORTH, Texas—Last May, while his classmates were looking ahead to college, Peter Jeune Koh, 18, sat in a federal prison cell, accused of placing a fake truck bomb outside a Fort Worth school district building.

And last Aug. 4, he pleaded guilty to federal charges of making a telephone bomb threat and possession of a semi-automatic assault rifle. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 3 before U.S. District Judge John McBryde.

His attorney Tim Evans noted, "Peter has accepted his responsibility. I just hope there is some way in the federal system to be able to take advantage of this young man's tremendous potential rather than destroy it."

U.S. Attorney Paul E. Coggins lauded Koh's decision to plead

guilty: "The key message is that if you think this is a prank, you better realize that it's a federal offense."

The Koh story began May 16, as about 100 students were preparing to take a college advanced placement calculus test, someone called to say a rental truck parked in front contained a bomb, prompting an evacuation.

The truck was found to contain 40 bags of concrete covered by diesel fuel-soaked fertilizer—resembling the truck bomb used a month earlier in Oklahoma City.

According to the *Dallas Morning News*, Koh, son of one of the most prominent Korean American families in Fort Worth, reportedly had told a classmate the previous day that his books and notes for the test were stolen and

he wanted to have the test delayed by devising the bomb hoax.

• On May 25, the FBI announced it was looking for Koh in connection with the hoax. Three youths were traveling with him, but only Koh was wanted on federal charges.

• On May 27 in Greenville, about an hour's drive east of Dallas, they were arrested after a store clerk recognized Koh when the four stopped for gas. The vehicle, a gray van, also contained an AK-47 assault rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, a handgun, knives, retractable batons and cans of chili.

• According to a classmate, Koh was known as a computer hacker.

(Source materials: Herbert Ogawa)

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How to conduct a meeting

National, JACL, offers this series of informational tips to help chapters and districts in facilitating meetings. In this outing:

HOW TO MAKE A MOTION: Start with words "I move that . . ." Once the motion has been seconded, be the first to speak to the motion you have just made. Discuss the motion. Don't just sit there. Talk loudly enough to be heard so the chair will not have to repeat. Discuss only the immediately pending question—don't introduce other topics. Vote on motions. Take an interest in

what is happening. Know what you are voting on. Ask questions if anything is not clear. (Rise to a point of information.) Sit near the front if you have a report to make. Move the adoption of your recommendation if it requires action.

Withdraw motions that you wish you hadn't made or that you realize will not pass anyway. If a suggestion is made to improve your motion before it has been seconded and discussion is called for, accept the change gracefully. If after discussion is in progress, you will need to amend the motion to do this.

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"In these tough times, all working people have to stick together."
Bob Hasegawa, Teamsters Civil Rights Conference Committee

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After acquittal, Wang hit with career-ending disciplinary action

He won the battle, but lost his career. While Capt. Jim Wang, 29, was acquitted of court martial charges surrounding the 1994 "friendly fire" incident in the Persian Gulf which killed 26 people, his Air Force career is over after he and six other career officers were recently disciplined with career-ending punishment.



WANG

Speaking to the *Los Angeles Times*, Wang said he is a victim of double jeopardy and felt "betrayed and lied to."

Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman grounded five officers who were trained to fly for three years, including Wang and the F-15 fighter pilots who fired the shots, and wrote critical evaluations of two non-flying brigadier generals. The Pentagon also announced publicly that there would be no promotions for Wang or the others. The move has been called unprecedented and comes after criticism from sur-

living family members and members of Congress over a lack of disciplinary actions taken against those involved in the incident.

In handing down the decisions, Fogelman defended the disciplinary system.

"The military justice system worked as it was supposed to. I do not recommend any changes," said Fogelman.

Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Garden Grove, Calif.), who chaired the committee investigating the incident, said that the punishment was just.

"Accountability sometimes means that mistakes are career-ending," said Dornan.

Wang, a lead supervisor on an Air Force radar plane, was the only person tried for the accidental downing. The *Los Angeles Times* said that Wang is going to file an appeal to the disciplinary action and has gotten letters of recommendation from two of the families, but has little hope that he will prevail.

"A lot of people in the military know the facts. They know this is B.S. They know that the leadership has gone astray. You can ask anybody on the base right now and the level of respect they have for the commanders is diminished," said Wang.

Wang has maintained that he and his radar crew never gave the F-15 pilots inaccurate information about the identity of the helicopters.

Tatsukawa Memorial awardees announced

LOS ANGELES—Veteran cinematographer Emiko Omori since the late '60s and Filipino community organizer-educator Royal Morales are recipients of the 1995 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Award of \$1,000 for their commitment to community service and achievement in the media arts.

Omori, an infant at Poston, grew up on the small truck farm in Oceanside, graduating from San Francisco State in '67 and worked with KQED's TV-news crew. She convinced her boss to let her cover the first Manzanar Pilgrimage in December, 1969, long before the

mainstream broadcast media began to take an interest. Her credits include, "Hot Summer Winds," which she wrote and directed for PBS in 1991, an adaptation from a Hisaye Yamamoto short story.

She is currently a series producer for the Pacific Islanders in Communications, guiding emerging filmmakers from American Samoa, Guam and Hawaii.

Morales received his MSW degree from USC in 1956, was engaged in youth recreational work.

In addition, he founded SIPA (Search to Involve Pilipino Americans), and from 1982 headed the

Pacific Asian Alcohol Program in Los Angeles until his retirement last year.

He is affiliated with the Asian American Mental Health Training Center and is a publisher of a Filipino American community newspaper.

He has documented community events through the years with his still camera.

The Tatsukawa Memorial Fund is solely supported by individual donations, administered by Visual Communications 213/680-4462.

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WWII Camps

CAMP NEWSPAPERS—Sat., Sept. 23—Two-part panel discussion, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., accompanying JANM's exhibition, "America's Concentration Camps." RSVP required, info: JANM 213/625-0414. NOTE—Camp newspaper editors will share their experiences including Bill Hosokawa, Togo Tanaka, Barry Saiki, Kaz Oshiki, Paul Yokota, Henry Mori.

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Community

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TROY

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29 said that Shiozawa would play with his knife.

Kent Shiozawa, father of Troy, said that one of the investigating officers has been fired for dishonesty and another one was suspended without pay.

"On tape the officer said that Lexie was going to be fine, yet when they arraigned Troy it was for attempted murder on a million dollar bond. He was held for twelve days. In comparison, another fellow was released on bail for \$50,000 for murdering a baby," said Shiozawa.

Kent Shiozawa said that local news coverage has been slanted towards the prosecution, especially a reporter from the local newspaper, the *Idaho State Journal*.

"In a community this size it's a difficult thing have your name being brought into the public all the time," said Kent Shiozawa.

He said he intends to pursue a civil suit against the prosecuting attorney and his staff. Hasegawa, who is with the state advisory committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, said he is considering taking the case to the

Justice Department.

"I think it should be taken to the Justice Department. Troy really received bad treatment. He was jailed incommunicado for 2-3 days. His parents, grandparents did not know where he was, they wouldn't let him use the phone," said Hasegawa.

Defense attorney Rammell has said that Shiozawa has been singled out and treated differently because of his Japanese heritage. During the defense phase, Dr. Garrison, a state forensics specialist, testified that he thought the wound to the baby indicated that it was accidental. Shiozawa passed a polygraph test, which was not allowed into evidence,

was administered by David Raskin, Ph.D., University of Utah.

Raskin said, "On the basis of the polygraphic examination, it is my professional opinion that Troy Shiozawa was truthful when he stated that Lexie Hill was cut by accidentally falling on his knife, when he denied having deliberately stabbed Lexie Hill or Leslie Shiozawa, when he denied having held a knife to Leslie Shiozawa's throat, and when he denied having threatened to kill Leslie or Lexie. The scientific evidence indicates that the confidence in those conclusions exceeds 90%."

Prosecutors claim that

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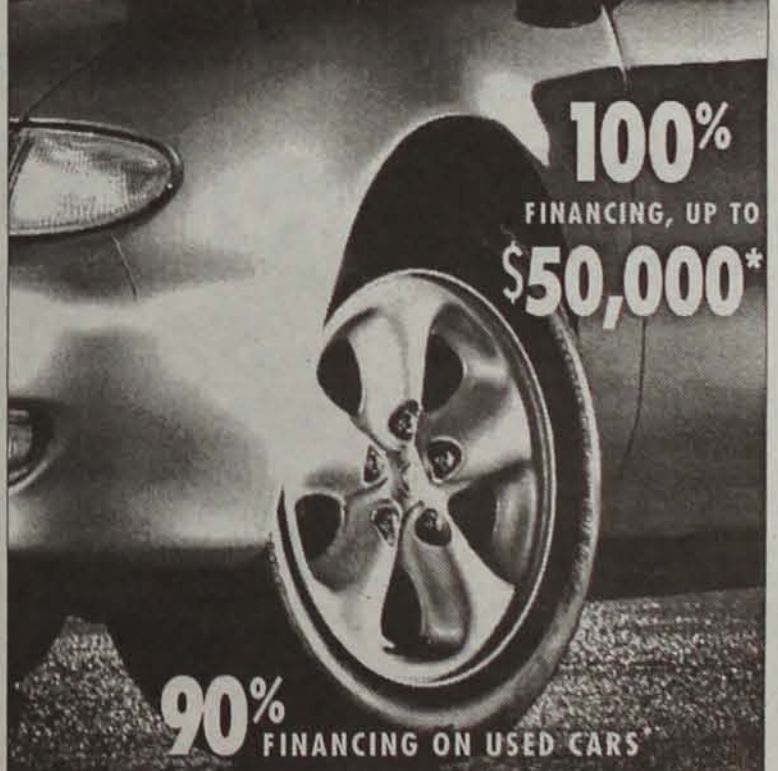
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'Words that remade America'

By **GEORGE AKI**

In the faces and words of the men of the 442nd, the author saw determination: To prove themselves as soldiers—and as American citizens

Gary Wills in his new classic book, *Lincoln at Gettysburg*, has beneath the title this caption: "Words That Remade America."

Many parallel thoughts run through my mind, that of the Japanese American heritage and of Lincoln, as I write of the war.

I go back into my personal history on this subject. In 1943 the war was going badly for the Allies. Some 110,000 of us were incarcerated—children, youth, women and the aged—of which at least 70 percent were American-born citizens. We were forced into one-mile square concentration camps surrounded by barbed wire and patrolled by armed soldiers. We were placed into 10 different areas of incarceration: California, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, Colorado and Arkansas.

In the late summer of 1943, we were re-classified as citizens of the U.S.A. And as an "afterthought" the powers on high decided to ask for "volunteers." And this call came to us as we huddled in barbed-wire enclosures.

What happened? Well, some of us took up the challenge and made this "afterthought" an opportunity.

I have often asked them why they volunteered and their answer was, "To fight for my country!" Many of them added: "To prove to themselves and to others that they were as good as others in

terms of American citizenship.

In my case, I was evacuated two days prior to my graduation from my seminary in Berkeley, Calif., and was ordained a month later at the Tanforan horse race track which was made over into an incarceration center. Then, I made a vow to myself: "I will go where my church will go," and I saw the volunteers as my church.

The result of this "afterthought" is that they indeed proved to themselves and to all others what they really were by becoming the most decorated unit of its kind in the World War II. One presidential unit citation is most highly prized. But our unit, Go For Broke, was awarded seven.

These men, then, made the most of the "afterthought" and turned it into action to remake America. Life had moved swiftly for these young men. In the '30s we lived on the other side of the tracks because of housing discrimination; in employment, doors were closed



Rev. **GEORGE AKI**

us were under "house arrest." We were humiliated in every conceivable way.

The young people in the concentration camps were restless with no glimpse of a future. Then,

'Because they had volunteered, they were disowned by their fathers and cut off from their families. . . many of them never had the chance to mend that wound but died a lonely death in a strange land with no loved one nearby.'

—Rev. George Aki

tight in many sectors; recreational facilities were closed to us Japanese Americans while our white friends could use the facilities. We were stepping stones for those who wanted to get ahead.

Newspapers made it look as though the bombing of Pearl Harbor was our doing. We were all classified as enemy aliens. All of

suddenly, a door was opened for them and a clear call came into our barbed-wire world to volunteer for the U.S. Army.

I came into contact with a few of these men in the Jerome, Arkansas, facilities. Because they had volunteered, they were disowned by their fathers and cut off from their families. How many others

like these there were from the other nine camps, I do not know. But this I know: many of them never had the chance to mend that wound but died a lonely death in a strange land with no loved one nearby. How horrible to die all alone on foreign soil.

Yes, life was short, very short for many of them. But in their limited time, they gave everything they had. They lived their lives to the brim and beyond—living each moment as though it were the last to prove to themselves and to others that they were honor-bound to remake America.

Thus, I learned early in life that it does not take great men or women to do great things, it only takes dedicated people. To that end, I will never forget the night of April 28, 1995 when my wife and I were invited to be with the first Liberators of the Jews who were imprisoned at the Dachau Death Camp. The Liberators were part of the 442nd RCT, the 522nd Field Artillery of which my brother-in-law Leo Shigemi was a member.

The story goes in this way: Our men were "ordered" not to tell anyone of this incident, so dutifully they kept their silence for about 43 years. The news of this episode surfaced in San Francisco. There were a few Dachau survivors there who suddenly decided to seek out some of Japanese American Liberators living in the area. Through classified ads, they found some and so they held a party with lox, bagels and sushi. As I listened to the stories of the Liberators and the Liberated, I sat up straight and said to myself: "I was not one of those heroes but am I proud to be identified with them. I am a Japanese American!"

And this it is important for me to add, that there were many who



reminded us of our heritage and paved a way for us to find ourselves. One of my precious examples is Mary Nakahara. When there was literally a civil war going on in the Jerome, Arkansas, incarceration center, those who had volunteered and those who thought we were "traitors" to those who lost so much due to the evacuation, Mary formed a group called the "Crusaders," whose work was to welcome the boys from Camp Shelby and to make them feel accepted. They were true peace-makers.

Right now, there are 30 to 40 wars going on in the world. Let us identify ourselves with one another in kinship and identify ourselves with each other as "builders of Peace and Justice."

Let us begin to build a monument for peace. Helen Keller gives us a constructive thought when she said: "I do not want the peace which passeth understanding. I want the understanding which bringeth peace."

All this from the Book of Life. That Which Remade America.

The Rev. George Aki, in retirement in Claremont, Calif., served with the 442nd RCT as chaplain at Camp Shelby during World War II.

For MISer, war's victims were civilians

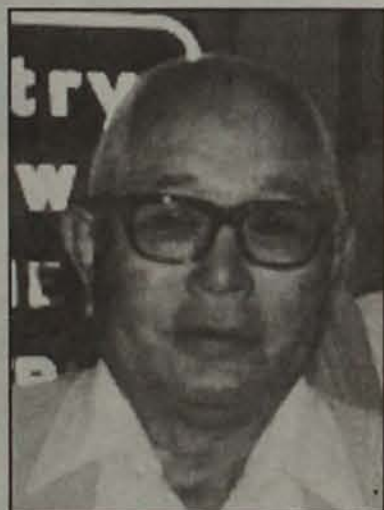
By **NOBORU KISHIUE**

MISer remembers the other casualties of war who were caught up in fear

Fifty years is a long time but it only seems like yesterday when I think back to when I was a soldier in the U.S. Army.

It was the winding down of the fierce battle on Okinawa in which not only many military men were casualties but more than 100,000 civilians on that island were killed as well. They paid a terrific price for being caught in the conflict.

The Nisei linguists, or MISers as we were known only to the units in the Central Pacific, South Pacific, China, Burma and India theaters, were a kind of secret unit and not mentioned in war reports. It was on my first assignment with the unit of the 27th



NOBORU "DICK" KISHIUE

Infantry Division in the invasion of Makin Island of the Gilbert Group that I found out that no photographs or publicity were to be made about us.

When the landing was made on

the island, a *Stars and Stripes* reporter saw us. He asked what we were doing and said it would be a great story, so he took photos of us and started to take notes.

Just then an intelligence officer came up to us and asked the reporter if any photos were taken of us. He then took the camera and threw the film away and told us

that no reports were to be published about us.

Our work was to translate documents, to interrogate prisoners of war and to interpret. On Makin, documents

were captured at a command post and it was readily found out that only one company of Imperial Marines were on the island, which made it easy for the U.S. forces to know whom they were up against. No prisoners of war were taken, but the translation of documents helped tremendously in the fight.

On Saipan, it was a bit different because not only did we have to deal with the military men but also with the vast number of civilians there. The soldiers were instilled to fight to the end, but the civilians were propagandized by the military that American soldiers were savages. These civilians became frightened of them.

'We were given another task to our duties. We attempted to remove civilians out of caves and other places of hiding. . . Many of them committed suicide by throwing themselves off or jumping off the cliffs . . .'

—Noboru "Dick" Kishiue

We were given another task to our duties. We attempted to remove civilians out of caves and other places of hiding. We talked to them on loudspeakers but were not successful. Many of them committed suicide by throwing themselves off or jumping off the cliffs into the ocean.

saved more than a million lives and shortened the war by two years.

MIS combat linguist Noboru "Dick" Kishiue of Hanford, Calif., has been relating his WWII experiences—long classified—at schools and service organizations.

BOMB

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the mighty Mongol fleet.

These miracles led the military, especially the army high brass, to continue resistance to U.S. forces on the eve of landings on Kyushu Island, hoping for some divine intervention. They were training girls to attack with bamboo spears, training children in military tactics, and urging everyone to persevere until god's will was manifested.

Their devotion to the Emperor was consummate. Their conviction was that their country was invincible. And their subjects would fight to the last man. That spirit led to the Kamikaze planes, miniature subs, and torpedoes and explosive-loaded skiffs to be manned by suicide pilots.

When we ask a Nisei "would the Japanese have surrendered?" the answer is usually yes. If the same question were posed to a Kibei, he would most likely have answered no. The Kibei knew the Japanese mythological belief and their spirit to fight to the last man. Confronted with a populus so indoctrinated, the U.S. decision to save not only our own soldiers' lives, but the Japanese children's, women's and elders' lives was a consideration.

A more important question was posed on the strategic value of the bomb. The Russians had agreed to wait three months after the capitulation of Germany before engaging the Japanese. If Russia were given a chance to invade Japan, the same fate which befell Germany and Korea would have befallen Japan. A North Japan and a South Japan. History would

have become a dark, cloudy question mark for the Far East and the world, especially Japan. A divided Japan, with Soviet rule of Northern Japan, would have devastated both the North and South with untold economic difficulties combined with suspicion, conflict and hatred. Would that have changed the balance of power? Of course.

With the Russian occupation of Japan, the benevolent policies of the U.S. would have been replaced by an avaricious and cruel one. North Japan, with 50 years of Russian influence, would have been sucked dry of life and have brought material comfort to Russia. That, to me, is the projection without the timely but horrible use of the atom bomb. The Japanese adore and venerate MacArthur for keeping the Russians out of the occupation. They

really should be giving that admiration to President Truman. With the complexity of Russian occupation and involvement in mind, he risked the use of the controversial atom bomb.

In assessing the decision, Truman was faced with the casualty list of Okinawa, 150,000 to 250,000 Japanese and Okinawans and 14,000 Americans dead. He also considered the nuclear weapon's effect on the future relations with the U.S.S.R. . . But most immediate and most important was the question, should we sacrifice more U.S. men when we have an alternative. Would you send your children to war risking death when a weapon in your possession could save them? Would you be debating the risk of prolonging the war indefinitely with uncountable victims when

immediate cessation of war was possible with the usage of a new weapon? In war there are always sacrifices. For what and for whom do we sacrifice?

Idealism of nonresistance, such as the Indian Buddhists toward the Muslims and the Tibetans toward the Communists, was theoretically admirable. Non-usage of the atom bomb also would have been idealistically admirable. But reality was the frontline warriors facing life and death. Idealism is for us to work for peace.

Dr. Frank Nishio of the Fresno Chapter, JACL, ranks among the notable MIS veterans with a pre-war education in Japan. His grandmother was killed in the Nagasaki bombing and his high school stomping grounds were Hiroshima's streets.

Camp Shelby dedication: Remembering the quality of courage

Inouye thanks Southerners who helped men of the 442nd RCT

In dedicating a memorial at Camp Shelby, Miss., Sen. Daniel Inouye thanks the Southern officers who trained the 442nd and the citizens of the nearby town of Hattiesburg who welcomed the Japanese American troops.

By DANIEL INOUE

My fellow veterans and my fellow Americans. One of the first questions asked most of us was a very simple one. Why did we decide to return to Shelby and to Mississippi? Why after all these years did we decide to take this long journey from our homes many miles away to return to this spot in the continent?

Let me explain to you by telling you a story. On December 7, 1941, we were suddenly plunged into war because pilots who looked like us were in aircraft that dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor. And soon after that the Selective Service System of the United States decided that because of this we could not be trusted and we were declared to be 4C. For those of you who are not aware of these designations, 1A will be physically fit, 4F not fit. 4C was a very special designation for "Enemy Alien." So we were declared to be enemy aliens. Soon thereafter, by executive order, men and women living along the West Coast of the United States were rounded up without any due process and without any laws, and placed into camps in the interior. There were camps as far in the interior as Arkansas. Keeping this in mind, about a year -



SEN. DANIEL INOUE

and-a-half after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a large group of young men, most of them boys, frightened and uncertain of their future, uncertain of their neighbors and fellow citizens, volunteered so that they could demonstrate once and for all that they were just as good, just as loyal and just as patriotic. Imagine a group leaving their barracks and barbed wire encampments, prison camps, and others leaving comfortable homes in Hawaii to be told that we would be stationed in Mississippi.

Keep in mind that most of us had never left home. The only thing we knew was that it was not a nice place, that people were mistreated, and so for many of us it was an anxious time. We didn't know what to expect. We thought that we would be living in hell.

Then soon after our arrival, the ladies of Hattiesburg treated us to all kinds of delicious food, served us, talked with us and danced with us. This was a pleasant and surprising event. Then and soon after, people like Earl Finch and his neighbors began opening up homes and farms and ranches and inviting us to spend a weekend and have picnics with them and make us feel welcomed.

I didn't care for Army barbers, so I stuck my head out in the city of Hattiesburg. None of the barbers threw me out, none refused to give me a haircut, I always had a haircut. But after the war, in my uniform as a captain, a hook on my right hand instead of a hand, with four rows of ribbons, I tried to get a haircut in Oakland, California. There I was told "we don't cut Jap hair."

I've always wondered how the Regiment would have done in combat if we had not enjoyed the hospitality and the genuine acceptance by the people of Hattiesburg. One thing, we left here satisfied

that America was a good land and that the people were good, they were worth fighting for and if necessary dying for. And then we were fortunate because, of all the training areas in the United States, they couldn't have picked a better one than Shelby. Anyone who can survive Shelby can fight anywhere. With snakes, chiggers and ticks, if you can survive that, nothing is beyond this.

But above all, there was another element. Most of our officers were white officers, most of them knew what they were getting into. If it weren't for them, if it weren't for their discipline, if it weren't for their training, if it weren't for their Americanism and their understanding, I think this Regiment would have been a failure. We owe a lot to these officers. It may surprise many of you that most of the officers of the Regiment came from the South. One would think that most of them would be from the North, but my company commander was from Texas, my executive officer was from South Carolina, my platoon leader from southern Missouri, most of the officers in my company were Southerners. They treated us like gentlemen, they treated us like Americans, therefore we fought like Americans.

Therefore in dedicating this

memorial, we're here first with great pride, proud in the knowledge that those we memorialize, those we honor today were our brothers. That they were willing to stand in harm's way and give their all. Secondly, we stand here tall, head up high. Because for their sacrifices it is possible for us to return to Mississippi and to greet all of you as our neighbors, friends and fellow Americans. So we come here in gratitude, we come here with great pride and we come here to thank you, the people of Mississippi and most certainly of Hattiesburg, for making it possible for this Regiment to become the most decorated unit in World War II.

So, ladies and gentleman, I hope you will join me with the same pride that we have in dedicating this memorial in the memory of those who make it possible for us, all of us, to stand tall, heads up high and say "I'm proud to be an American."

Sen. Daniel Inouye, who has been representing Hawaii in Congress since statehood in 1959, was in a military hospital, seriously wounded, when hostilities ceased in Italy in May, 1945.

Camp Shelby: First steps into history

By ALLEN ONO

At June 17, 1995 dedication, today's highest ranking JA soldier pays tribute to the place where the 442nd and 100th began their journey

Camp Shelby had always been a mysterious and magical place for me. I have never been here

before this week. I remember my mother and father in Hawaii talking about Camp Shelby during World War II.

They told me that our friends and neighbors in the Army were serving at a distant place called Camp Shelby. There were news reports and letters home from my brother Harry that said our soldiers were training hard, preparing for combat. Harry, who was in Company A of the 100th Infantry Battalion, also wrote that the sol-

diers had made friends, and that they were well taken care of.

May I talk to the people of Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg and Mississippi?

There's a song about someone being the wind beneath our wings. The wind guides us, lifts us, supports us. The song says that with the help of the wind, we can soar with eagles. To the people of Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg, you became the wind beneath the wings of soldiers who went to war and

won honors and distinction.

May I talk to the soldiers who trained at Camp Shelby.

My mother and father told me about you. They said you were great Americans.

My parents said I should copy you and be like you, and to never let you down. They told me this at the beginning of the war, in the midst of the war, at the end, and after the war.

It was your courage and hero-

ism in combat that brought us honor. You gave me focus, pride, respect and inspiration.

Your legacy continued when I joined the Army in 1955. There were no segregated units because you and others showed that Americans can and should soldier together.

My commanders in 1955 remembered how good you were, and they gave me opportunities to lead and command. There was no

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YOUNG OAK KIM

100th
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Lunuvio and spring loose the 15th armored Division to capture Rome. Gen. Ryder committed the 135th and the 168th regiments for this task—a total of six battalions, not two battalions as cited in Lynn Crost's book. The regimental commander of the 135th was captured in this assault.

Late that afternoon Gen. Ryder arrived at our headquarters and explained the situation, since we were once again a separate battalion directly under his personal command. He then ordered the 100th Battalion to attack at dawn, 6 a.m., to capture the Lunuvio hills and pass, which two regi-

ments had just failed to take.

There was a stunned silence for a moment. I boldly asked as the Battalion intelligence officer, "How can we take an objective where six battalions failed? Why not commit the 133rd Regiment, which has three battalions?" Gen. Ryder calmly and quietly replied, "Because the 100th can take the pass, believe me; whereas, I doubt the 133rd can. Even when the 100th seizes the pass tomorrow, our division will have seized this objective 24 hours late." Of course, we took the objective the next evening. We had the Germans defeated by 9:30 a.m., but we were stopped by massive friendly artillery fire for over seven hours. Most of our casualties that day were from friendly fire which no one could identify or locate.

Gen. Ryder, who was a battalion commander in WWI in France, knew our capability better than anyone else and fully appreciated the 100th.

The second incident occurred in France. Thoughts of France and Gen. Dahlquist still bring bitter emotions even after all these years. Col. Gordon Singles and Gen. Charles Pence shared these same emotions until their deaths. Gen. Dahlquist believed we lacked courage, were untruthful and undisciplined, because we questioned his orders when we encountered conditions entirely contrary to his projections.

To set the background, the 100th Battalion was ordered into

Biffontaine against its own strenuous objections. The 100th was astride the hill between Bruyeres and Biffontaine behind the Germans fighting the 2nd and 3rd Battalions at the base of the hill. The Germans were ignorant of this fact. However, the 100th was low on ammunition, without food, because it was hurriedly taken off Hill "C" and not resupplied. Besides, the 100th was beyond infantry radio range and just barely within the range of friendly artillery fire.

The 100th took Biffontaine per orders, then was cut off by the Germans for three days. Without communications, without supplies of either ammunition or food, and without artillery support, the 100th took extremely heavy casualties. Sakae Takahashi, B Company commander, was badly wounded, Sam Sakamoto, A Company commander, was wounded and captured. I was wounded. The 100th fought its way out with only one or two officers per rifle company and commensurate loss of enlisted men. Hiro Higuchi, as the regimental chaplain, bemoaned in his diary the heavy casualties being suffered by the 100th in Biffontaine. "Maybe now the 100th will no longer be that miracle battalion! Maybe now it will be reduced to being just another really great, great unit like the rest of the 442nd!" A most unusual tribute coming from a religious man, equating the 100th to a miracle.

Now I would like to take a few minutes to discuss the veterans monument which will be built in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, on Central Avenue north of First Street.

I would like to explain the rationale for this monument. First, this is not a war memorial; we will not glorify or honor war. Thus, we emphasize that it is a veterans' memorial. Our message is beamed to two different audiences: Mainstream Americans and future generations of Japanese Americans.

America is a great country because it represents equality of race, creed and gender. . . . We need to educate the American public as to what happened in World War II. We have followed the late Sen. Spark Matsunaga's advice to tell our story again and again, but we are running out of time. Our numbers are growing smaller with every passing day. This monument is our way of telling our unique story long after we are gone.

In spite of the imprisonment of 120,000 West Coast Japanese during WWII, Japanese Americans volunteered from concentration camps to fight for our country. You did this to prove our loyalty to the United States, for though you were American citizens, you were still classified 4C: Enemy Aliens. The monument will show that you rose above hate and injustice. It is this extraordinary history that we propose to record in black granite for all to see and understand. The names of the Japanese American

men and women who participated in combat overseas will be engraved on veterans' memorial monument to give testimony to the overwhelming response given by the Japanese Americans who risked their lives in battle in order to be called Americans. Nowhere in the pages of our history is there a similar story.

The central thrust of this memorial in Los Angeles is to draw attention to the accomplishments of all Japanese American soldiers who served overseas during World War II: the heroic exploits of the 100th, the 442nd, 522nd FA Battalion, 232 Combat Engineer Company, the military intelligence service whose secret missions in the Pacific helped win and shorten that war by two years, and many others who served in other units.

The monument will tell how a team of men wove an invisible bond of common unity, inspired with the spirit of "go for broke." This will also be the first major monument in the United States dedicated to an Asian achievement.

Col. Young Oak Kim, now of San Pedro, Calif., is a retired Army infantry officer whose stint began as a "shave-tail" with the 442nd RCT in training at Camp Shelby and in combat through Italy and France.

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

JA museum pays tribute to vets

This coming Nov. 8 may become the most memorable day since they came home from the wars for Japanese American vets of military service. That will be the day the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles sponsors a "National Salute" to them with the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In pledging support for the event, Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, has written the museum: "In retelling the story of Japanese American pride in this nation and the special contributions of military units during World War II, we illuminate an inspiring demonstration of faith and love for our great nation. From this courageous heritage grew an honored tradition of exemplary citizenship that was passed on and practiced by future generations."

Brown emphasizes World War II, but Japanese American veterans of all the nation's wars will be saluted. The events are centered on a banquet for 3,000 in the Los Angeles Convention Center, a star-studded salute program in an adjoining hall seating 8,000, and the opening of a new war exhibit at the Japanese American Na-

tional Museum in Little Tokyo.

The 50th anniversary of War II's end focuses attention on veterans of that conflict when Nisei went off to battle in defense of the country that had practiced the ultimate racism by putting them and their families in detention camps. The salute is fitting recognition of their courage and faith in the fairness of the nation which, in a hysterical aberration, had scorned them.

Indirectly, the salute also is a tribute to the foresight of men like Mike Masaoka who argued that sharing the military burden was the surest way for Nisei to win acceptance after the war as un-hyphenated Americans. There were a few resentful of the government's treatment, who demanded restoration of their rights before they would accept service. It was a persuasive argument.

But Masaoka replied that patriotism was not a matter for negotiation and the vast majority agreed. Under his leadership the Japanese American Citizens League fought successfully to restore the responsibility of military service to Japanese Americans. Now it should be the logical organizer of a salute to honor the vets.

Unfortunately JACL has fallen on hard times. In the years since its inspired campaign for Redress its leadership forgot to mind the store and the organization was paralyzed by internecine warfare. It still is in disarray as President Denny Yasuhara strives courageously to heal internal wounds that for a period threatened to destroy it. It is in no position to take on a project so vast and imaginative as the salute. Just in time the remarkably well-organized and well-supported Japanese American National Museum has moved into the community leadership role even though that was not its original mission.

Now, as part of its program of preserving our heritage and building pride in our past, the museum is orchestrating organized recognition of the men and women who fought for democracy abroad and against racism at home.

The salute will be a memorable occasion for the vets, and an opportunity for us to say, "Thanks for all you've done for us."

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Letters

Doesn't like Yasuhara's criticism of Nakashima

After seeing President Yasuhara's letter in another publication plus other leaders' comments in (the Aug. 19-31) PC, all I can say is, "Get real!"

The criticism of Regent Steve Nakashima is ridiculous. When he spoke, the room was totally silent—not a peep or murmur out of the scores of protestors on the scene. Yet, our JACL president takes it on himself to launch—on the basis of the Board's resolution?

National JACL for years has been simply (and simple-mindedly) politically correct. Its focus on things like same-sex marriage is silly; it can be an individual opinion but to tie the whole membership to such a resolution is wrong. You leaders can "play," if you like. But when you attack Nisei who disagree with your politically correct position, you irritate me.

When I worked for JACL for a year in the late '40s, its purpose and focus were clear. It was not easy, but the small national staff used energy and ingenuity and fought to reclaim our dignity as Americans. The success has been redemptive. Those you hope to "help" by such programs as affirmative action (or permanent welfare, for that matter) are forever denied this! (Look at what the past 30 years of these programs has wrought.)

I usually just skim *Pacific Citizen* because I think it's on the wrong side on every issue. But I was pleased to note that Assemblyman Takasugi agrees with Steve; he was my late husband's roommate at Temple University long, long ago.

Emily Kuwada Igarashi
San Mateo, Calif.

Reader discovers JA pro basketball player

I came across a curious entry in the *NBA Basketball Encyclopedia* the other day, quite by chance. The entry (just a stat line in the encyclopedia's comprehensive player register) encapsulated the career of one Wataru (Wat) Misaka. The information therein revealed that Misaka played a total of three games for the New York Knicks in the 1947-48 season, scoring a total of seven points on 3-13 shooting from the field and 1-3 shooting from the free throw line. I double checked this surprising information with an old Knick press guide I had on my bookshelf (from 1972) and it confirms that a Wataru Misaka did indeed play for the organization after attending the University of Utah.

The press guide also mentions that, in 1972, Misaka was a resident of Ogden, Utah. It's curious to note that Misaka played out his short NBA career a full three seasons before Nat (Sweetwater) Clifton and Chuck Cooper "broke the color barrier" in the NBA. (or the BAA, as it was known then). Regrettably, Misaka's pioneering

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Moshi moshi

JIN KONOMI

Chanbara and violence

The spate of violent crimes and incidents in recent years has raised a great deal of angry, troubled, lamenting reactions from the public. Lately, reading them in the daily paper, I have been doing my bit of getting angry and troubled, but each time I have found myself reminiscing about my Japanese childhood, with special focus on the *chanbara* movies.

Chanbara is short for "chanchan barabara," the imagined sounds of swords clashing and bodies falling. At first it referred to sword play, but soon it became the name of a genre of motion pictures whose highlights were swordplay. The most popular actor of the genre, and the children's hero, was Onoye Matsunosuke, affectionately nicknamed Medamano Matchan (Matchan of the Eyes). He was a small man, but when he struck a pose his big eyes with a pronounced squint seemed to give him heroic stature. He starred in over 1,000 pictures, and in every one he exhibited an awe-inspiring mastery of make believe swordsmanship which was most convincing, not to say realistic, for I doubt if anybody had ever seen the kind of masterful one-man carnage that he enacted on the screen.

Come to think about it, *chanbara* was

violent stuff. Morally and psychologically speaking, getting high on it was equivalent to getting the jollies from video game and TV violence. Strangely, that is, from today's American point of view, the propriety of allowing the children to feast on a steady fare of *chanbara* did not seem to come into question. It is not that the Japanese public was unaware of the undesirable influence a bad movie could exert on the impressionable young. Only a few years before this period, the French serial "Zigomar" had had a wildly enthusiastic reception throughout the country. The story of a ruthless, elusive thief, who freely used his pistol in making the getaway to the bafflement of the police, it had inspired a rush of copycat motion pictures and copycat robberies. Finally, the Home Ministry had to issue a decree banning the use of the name Zigomar. This picture later led to the enactment of the motion picture censorship law.

So, censorship was already in effect. So, strangely again, by Japanese perception, *chanbara* was not violent. A Matchan character was always the good guy. The enemies he slashed down were always the bad guys. *Chanbara* movies were always about the good guy fighting for the cause of good, meting out Heaven's justice by the instru-

mentality of Matchan's incomparable swordsmanship, make-believe though it was. My mental efforts to find out the why of violence in real life, and the connection between it and media violence always end up here. I feel as though I am onto a factor of the equation which seems to have been given rather scant attention: the moral tradition which ultimately determines how an individual behaves. Take the matter of the accessibility of firearms. Switzerland requires all its citizens to own a fire-arm and what's more, to be proficient in its use. Yet Switzerland is one of the least violent countries in the world.

My non-conclusive conclusion is that between provocation or temptation to violence and actual resort to violence, stands the moral tradition which either moderates, or aggravates, the impulse. In America, more than gun control, what is urgently needed is behavior control. But that kind of talk raises the bugaboo of totalitarianism. The passing of the assault weapon ban is merely a chip off the tip of a monstrous iceberg, the greed, intolerance, bigotry, hatred and all other ugly emotions lurking under the surface of American life.

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THE NOMO-MANIA CONTINUES



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Voices

EDWIN Y. MITOMA

U.S.-Japan trade: What you read may not be true

As long as the U.S. runs a deficit with Japan on the international trade current account, the U.S. will get tough with Japan. If the U.S. had a surplus with Japan, no complaints would be heard from Washington. Softening Japan's resistance to importing cars and auto parts will not alter imbalances.¹

This is not to say that Japan is not at fault with its mercantilism and its non-tariff and distribution barriers to opening up its domestic markets to imports of cars, auto parts, telecommunications, medical equipment, financial services and government procurement—nor to take into account Japan's efforts towards opening up its markets to imports (however slow and insufficient).¹

Most articles on U.S.-Japan trade are not merely news articles but are news from the U.S. government or industry where they are out to make point of a perceived problem. They inevitably cite favorable facts and leave out unfavorable data (a common practice for substantiating claims). It is therefore up to you, the reader to sort out the "wheat from the chaff" and figure out the true intent of the article.

Lee Iococca has declared that the U.S. is the world's "last bastion of free trade." This is far from the truth. With over 8,000 different tariffs the U.S. imposes together with quotas and anti-dumping the U.S. is more protectionist than Japan but is slightly less

than the European Community. Of course Japan has more non-tariff barriers and general resistance to imports.² "Fair trade" is the key word in U.S. trade policy. But what does "fair trade" mean? It means that the trade must be advantageous to U.S. business. It means government intervention to direct, control and restrict trade. It is a measure to protect U.S. businesses by penalizing foreign producers that can sell for less. The result is that the U.S. consumer is the one that suffers for protecting an American firm (usually less efficient than the foreign firm). The U.S. International Trade Commission is responsible for assigning tariffs and the U.S. Department of Commerce is responsible for its implementation. The way these agencies operate is a "horror story," and is described in detail by James Bovard in his book: "The Fair Trade Fraud: How Congress Pillages the Consumer and Decimates American Competitiveness" (1991, St. Martin's Press). There are different roles of foreign firms and American firms. If foreign firms charge a lower price than the U.S. firms, it becomes immediately suspect and is investigated and usually fined for "dumping." The criteria for determining "dumping" is arbitrary, depends upon data provided by the U.S. firms and can usually be figured as guilty even though the foreign firm is pricing their goods normally. The recourse the foreign firm has is to sue but it is so costly

that most just pay the penalty or stop their trade.

Here from a full page ad from the *Wall Street Journal* and the *L.A. Times*, June 22-23, 1995 is the following (you figure out if it is true or not or in between):

HOW OPEN CAN WE BE? You hear a lot of talk these days about Japanese auto markets being closed to American imports. If that's the case, why is it that Japan has the following wide open trade policies: "No tariffs on imported auto or auto parts; * A Preferential Certification procedure for imported cars that requires less red tape and documentation of U.S. cars than our government does of Japanese imports; * Low-interest loans for the marketing of U.S. cars to the Japanese; * Free permanent display space for U.S. car models in major Japanese cities; * Dealers have complete freedom to choose which cars to sell. They're guided by market demand, not government dictates. IF JAPAN IS SO BAD FOR AMERICAN CAR SALES, WHY IS THE JEEP CHEROKEE DOING SO WELL? By tailoring its product to the Japanese market, the right-hand drive Cherokee has enjoyed incredible success among large car buyers in Japan. Currently, there's a six month waiting list for Cherokee delivery. So why aren't the Japanese clamoring for Fords, Chevy's and GM cars? Over there gasoline costs about \$5 a gallon. So most people can only afford small engine cars

with a high fuel economy. Still, America's Big Three automakers continue to export large cars with large engines. And while they've captured 29% of Japan's large car sales, that's only a small portion of the total Japanese car market. If U.S. automakers would build more cars that meet the needs of Japanese consumers, they'd sell more. And to prove the point, consider this. Just look at how well German cars are selling in Japan. Their market over there is even greater than in the U.S. DON'T SLAM THE DOOR ON FREE TRADE. Last fiscal year Japanese automakers purchased \$19 billion worth of parts from U.S. suppliers, an over 600% increase since 1986. And next year, one Japanese dealer network will be selling a version of the Chevy Cavalier under its own nameplate. Clearly, the trade situation between America and Japan is steadily improving. And it will continue to thrive without government intervention on either side. Tariffs aren't the answer. Free trade is. Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Let's take the case of Rice vs. Sugar. Rice in Japan has been protected and subsidized so that it cost four to six times the world rice

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Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

Beijing bound

I'm eyeing this morning—still not packed—waiting for a call three days before D-day (departure day) that our visas have arrived. For China, that is.

Since childhood, when we were told that if we dug a hole deep enough we would reach China, that enigmatic nation has held a grip on my imagination. Its culture, its turbulent history, its uncommon politics, not to mention the amazing films it has exported recently have measurably added to its lure. So, when this opportunity arose to attend the fourth United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, I took it.

But, as of this morning, the Chinese government has still failed to issue visas for the vast number of us would-be conference-goers.

If they come through, however, at least seven Japanese American women out of the San Francisco Bay Area here will join a throng of women attending the conference on Aug. 30 to Sept. 8. NCWNP JACL is

well-represented. Four women—Yuko Franklin, Chizu Iiyama, Lucy Kishaba and I—have worked out of the NCWNP Council-supported Women's Concerns Group for well over a decade. Ann Yabusaki serves as a delegate to the Council.

Peggy Saika, executive director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network and Becky Masaki, director of the Asian Women's Shelter make up the group. Saika has managed to organize a gathering "Asian American Women as Leaders and Organizers" there for AA women who might otherwise not be able to connect.

There are others from across the country who plan to go. I believe it will be the largest contingent of Japanese American women ever to attend the world conference.

Our motives for going are somewhat scattered, but we plan to be involved in the Forum's overall concern over the issue of the poverty of women and all that flows from that. We also have our own issues to

explore, like health and mental health, nuclear-weapons ban, exploitation of children in the workplace and the environment.

We'll be a part of the NGO (Non-government Organizations) contingent. The NGO Forums, a simultaneous gathering with the official UN Forum, was first introduced at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 as a forum for grass-roots organizations. It has since become an integral part of the conference. This year, the NGO gave rise to a tremendous surge of interest, possibly, and ironically, because it's being held in China. More than 35,000 women will convene, the largest gathering of women in history.

The impending presence of NGO, however, poses a sticky wicket for the Chinese government. Made up of community organizations, the Forum will likely raise issues like violence against women, reproductive rights, homosexual rights, the legalization of prostitution—issues to which

Beijing is reportedly sensitive. Some say that's the reason the NGO Forum was moved 30 miles out of the capital to the tourist area of Huairou, well away from the official conference site. Rumor has it that the convention hall there consists of a huge tent.

Even so, we are propelled by the momentum of the excitement set in motion last year, and keep our bags open. No one that I know of has dropped out. Even Hillary Clinton, the honorary chair of the U.S. delegation, still has her bags out despite political winds that militate against her going.

And I am fervently hoping at this eleventh hour to be able to pack my bags and get to other end of this hole I've been digging to reach the promised land, China.

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Come-on sense

KARL K. NOBUYUKI

The Sansei Creed

For whatever its worth, it appears to me that the League has for over six decades lived on the premise of the Nisei. A valued concept of the travail of the Nikkeibijin legacy, is the JACL's motto: "For Better Americans in a Greater America." This provided a melancholy perspective of life in America as an American of Japanese ancestry.

Times have changed. The League now looks towards the window of the future. Sansei have arrived and along with the Yonsei, are actively filling the voids of Nisei leadership. Consequently, one would expect that the younger generation is in line to propose its mission statement to JACL. In this column, I'd like to take a stab at it. I call it "The Sansei Creed."

The Sansei Creed

I am proud of being a Sansei, because my parents are Nisei and their parents were Issei.

I now better understand from the experience of evacuation, internment and Redress that the Nisei were the best that best could be. My parents and grandparents suffered immense pain, but withheld their sufferings so I could be on par with the rest. They hid their sufferings and pain so I could move forward; to preserve their integrity and that of the Japanese American community.

Though I know not the specifics of their experiences, the collective record of the Nisei is my sense of pride. Though I know not their experiences, the Nisei veterans

have given me a greater sense of freedom than they had had. Though I know them not individually, as a group, the Nisei are my heroes, my mentors and the basic foundation of my convictions.

What I as a Sansei now experience as life, is well advanced from my Issei grandparents. What I now know as success is beyond what many of my Nisei predecessors could have hoped to achieve; for I am free!

As a Sansei, I commit myself to continue the Nisei Legacy, rooted in the travail of the Issei, to forever move forward and to extinguish any doubt, any question, of the Legacy of the Japanese American. I am committed to continue the battle to insure that future generation will be insured a full and level playing field of opportunity and

growth.

In my life as a Sansei, I shall not forget the achievements of the Nisei, and I am committed to preserve the traditions of the Issei. I shall never tarnish the Nisei Legacy and shall forever honor the sacrifice of the Nisei Veterans and their commitment to the Nikkeibijin Community; for we are ONE, and as a community, we are whole.

Come-On Sense: As a community, we are whole.

A Sansei, Nobuyuki, is a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, JACL. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

1995 JACL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Freshmen

Kenji Kasai Scholarship

Winner: Jessica Anne Matsumori
JACL chapter: Mt. Olympus
School attending in 1995: University of Utah
Field of study: business
Parents: James and Vicki Matsumori

A 4.0 GPA student, Jessica graduated first in her class at Murray High School. Along the way she won numerous honors, including nomination to the United States Presidential Scholar award, the Crest Award as outstanding senior, and nomination to the Sterling Scholar award.



Jessica was also active in many high school organizations, among them, the President's Club, the National Honor Society, Japanese Club, choir, the Biology Club and the Key Club.

Essay excerpt: "I am grateful to have grown up in a family who has supported me in all of my activities and has taught me to be proud of whom I am. Because of them, I am not afraid to try something new or voice an opinion which differs from other's. I have tried to make the most of my time by becoming involved in both school and community."

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Katie Mieke Kozuki
JACL chapter: Diablo Valley
School attending in 1995: Stanford University
Field of study: biological sciences.
Parents: Kent and Joanne Kozuki

Katie received honors in academics and athletics at Alhambra High School. She has received awards in volleyball, basketball and swimming, as well as in biology, math, Spanish, English, chemistry and history.

In addition, she has been involved

Masao and Sumako Itano Scholarships

Winner: Lianna Shizuko Ishihara
JACL Chapter: Orange County
School attending in 1995: UC, San Diego.
Field of study: Biology/pre-medicine
Parents: Kenji and Nancy Ishihara

Lianna was the top student in her class of 351 students, with a 4.0 GPA. In addition, she has achieved honors in both math and science as well as in creative writing. She was a member of a number of school clubs, sports teams and community service organizations, including volunteer work for the homeless and needy.



Essay excerpt: "We must work to preserve and share our own culture and values, while we attempt to understand those of others... I believe that I have done my part to help with this JACL goal both in the community and at school. I have been an active member of the Orange County Buddhist Church and youth groups, which have allowed me to learn more about the Japanese culture and its values."



in student government served on the California Scholarship Federation, and California Girls State.

In community service, Katie has participated in Make A Difference Day, the HIV/AIDS Curriculum and the California Association of Stu-

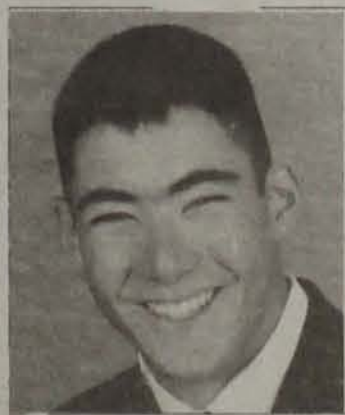
Winner: Brian Goral
JACL Chapter: Wisconsin
School attending in 1995: Michigan State University
Field of study: chemistry, pre-medicine
Parents: Raymond and April Goral

This class valedictorian was first in his class, racking up a number of honors, including the National Honor Society and as a National Merit Scholar.

Brian also was active in sports as a member of the swim and football teams.

In community involvement, Brian was a youth member of the local JACL chapter in Milwaukee, and participated in the annual International Holiday Folk Fair and the First Annual Asian Moon Festival.

Essay excerpt: "I see the world as an ever-changing place where to mold yourself like clay to fit an ideal pattern is not how one should try to live. The mold is changing and being improved, and the carefully crafted form one worked so focused upon may no longer fit..."



Essay excerpt: "I am determined to instigate change in society, much in the same way that the JACL has played a most prominent role in effecting positive change in society over the years. I was first exposed to JACL at a very young age... It is important to me to know that the organization will stand up for and address the rights of Japanese American citizens as it has done in the past..."

Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Karen Miki Kamine
JACL Chapter: Fowler
School attending in 1995: UC, Berkeley
Field of study: biology
Parents: Shigenobu and Aiko Kamine



This number one ranked student in her class has won many scholastic honors, including a math award from Bank of America, medals in the Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, and the UCSB Young Scholar's Program.

Karen also won letters in volleyball and tennis, and participated in student government, the high school band, yearbook and the California Scholarship Federation.

In community involvement, she was a member of the local Buddhist Association, an instructor in Japanese cultural dance, and a volunteer for St. Agnes Hospital.

Essay excerpt: "I'm a Nissei, and am the second Kamine to attend a four-year university. I feel that the JACL has played a large role, not only in my life, but in the lives of everyone in the Japanese community. It has been an institution of Japanese unity, which has brought us together to fight the problems facing us as one unit rather than scattered individuals. It is a center of which reminds us of our heritage and to take pride in our ancestry."

Gongoro Nakamura Scholarship

Winner: Windi Natsuko Sasaki
JACL Chapter: Sacramento
School attending in 1995: UC, San Diego
Field of study: molecular biology
Parents: Stanley and Susan Sasaki

Windi has a long list of academic achievements, including *summa cum laude* and a gold medal on the National Latin Examination; honors in the Golden State Examination for biology, geometry, economics and chemistry; a high score on the American High School Mathematics Examination and an invitation to



Information

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Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarships

Winner: Alexandra Heather Peace
JACL Chapter: Lake Washington
School attending in 1995: Stanford University
Field of study: Undeclared
Parents: Jeffrey and Wedolyn Hongo Peace

Besides maintaining a 4.0 GPA, this valedictorian of the class of 1995 was included in the national *Who's Who of American High School Students* in 1993, a nominee as a Washington Scholar, a member of the cheerleading and drill teams, a member of the choir, and member of the swim and track teams.

In addition, Alexandra volunteered to help the homeless in Seattle, participated in YMCA fund-raising efforts and helped needy children during Christmas holidays.

Essay excerpt: "There are many problems in our world today, often due to a need for mutual respect, understanding, and love. If we know our value, then we have the courage to teach others theirs as well. If we believe we can do all that we dream, we will. By seeing ourselves for what we are, we have the vision to see blind hatred, the thin, frail membrane that is all too often used to shut out the world, to stop it from seeing what we are afraid we are."



Winner: Kristin Kayo Higaki
JACL chapter: San Jose
School attending in 1995: UC, Berkeley
Field of study: undeclared
Parents: Dr. and Mrs. John and Keiko Higaki

Kristin has a long list of achievements, including honors in Spanish, trigonometry, first place in the regional American Public Works Association Centennial essay contest, and recognition in the Academic Decathlon.

She has also served as treasurer, secretary and president at her high school. In sports, Kristin was co-captain in tennis and basketball. She is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, as well as member of the Spanish and Japanese Clubs.

In her home town, she has served on the San Jose Youth Commission, the San Jose Buddhist Church, and as a member of the San Jose Museum of Art for participation in a Day of Remembrance essay contest.

Essay excerpt: "JACL has touched almost every facet of life for Japanese Americans. Whether it be in civil rights or name recognition, JACL has remained a powerful group for over 60 years... JACL has helped me take pride in my heritage. When people ask my nationality, I do not cower when I say that I am full-blooded Japanese American."



take the American Invitational Mathematics Examinations; membership in the California Scholarship Federation; and membership in the National Honor Society.

In addition, Windi was a member of the California Music Educators Association Honor Orchestra and the California Orchestra Directors Association Honor Orchestra. She has also served on the Latin, Science, Medical, Asian and Community Service Clubs.

In community activity, Windi has volunteered for JACL, Toys for Tots, Raley's Senior Gold Rush, and the Florin Road Clean-Up.

Essay excerpt: "If everyone were to make a friend that is different than him, maybe there wouldn't be any more prejudices, and everyone would understand that we are all the same race—the human race."

South Park Japanese Community Scholarship



Winner: Erin Hashimoto
JACL chapter: Eden Township
School attending in 1995: UC, San Diego
Field of study: Biology/pre-medicine
Parents: Fran and Daphne Hashimoto

Erin has achieved a well-rounded high school education. In academics, she is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society, and has received honors in geometry and history. She recorded a 4.4 GPA at Castro Valley High.

In athletics, she was named NorthCoast Section Scholar Athlete and has participated in basketball, cross country and track. In other activities, Erin was a member of the marching band, chamber orchestra, dance organization, the French, Key and Revelation Clubs, Girl Scouts, and found time to be a violin tutor as well.

In community service, she has volunteered at a soup kitchen and assisted the homeless, participated in the local JACL Christmas Program and attended an Asian Youth Conference.

Essay excerpt: "The JACL has opened up many opportunities for me, such as attending a national youth conference in San Francisco about Asians in today's society... The JACL has given me many opportunities in my life... I feel that I have grown as a person as a result of these experiences."

Majiu Uyesugi Scholarship

Winner: Kurtis Kiyoshi Nakamura



JACL chapter: Eden Township

School attending in 1995: UC, Irvine
Field of study: Astrophysics
Parents: Gary and Fran Nakamura

This number one-ranked student scored a great many scholastic achievements, including recognition as a National Merit Scholarship finalist and as a life member of the California Scholarship Federation. In addition, Kurtis received awards for his work in English and the yearbook.

This outstanding student was also recognized for his research papers: *In Search of a National Defense, an Analysis of American Post-Cold War Defense Policies; In Search of a Final Unified Theory of Everything; Nisei Blood in the Military, Japanese American Military Service in World War II; MIsr: One Who Spent Everything, Personal Interview with Sergeant Ben Tomaru Honda; World War II Interview, Personal Accounts by Frank and Hatsuye Nakamura.*

In other activities, he was active on the cross country and track teams, as well participation in the Boy Scouts, the Eden Youth Group and the Oakland Buddhist Church.

Essay excerpt: "For my part, I am extremely interested in my heritage, and I have done a significant amount of research into the history of my family in particular and Japanese Americans in general... It is my belief that those with a deeper understanding of history and heritage and multiculturalism have a dramatically better perspective on people, life, and society."

Mitsuyuki Yonemura Scholarship

Winner: Marisa Noelani Olson
JACL chapter: Salt Lake
School attending in 1995: University of Utah
Field of study: International relations
Parents: Wesley and Linda Olson.



Marisa has achieved a long list of scholastic honors, including outstanding recognition in French, geometry, English, geography, math and science. She has also received the Kiwanis Club Freedom Leadership Award, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the Golden Eagle Award for scholarship, leadership and school activities.

She has been involved in student government, the yearbook, and was a member of the Young Republicans, French, Environmental and English Clubs. In other activities, Marisa participated in water polo, volleyball, dance and piano.

Essay excerpt: "I also believe that to help move our society onward and upward, we must recognize and change the problems we presently have. Ensuring civil rights, one of these major problems, has been a main goal of JACL from the beginning of its existence. This is one of the reasons I am so proud of being part of JACL. It's wonderful to know that I am backed by this power which can protect me and secure the freedoms and rights of others."

Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Naomi Takahashi
JACL chapter: West Los Angeles
School attending in 1995: UCLA
Field of study: Business administration
Parent: Lisa Takahashi



This top student was a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the National Honor Society and was recognized with an "Honors for Entrance" award which is reserved for those applicants whose academic achievement in high school places them in the top five percent of the application pool.

Naomi was also a member of the student council and participated in basketball, mock trial program, Mesa Espanol Club and the Rainbow Coalition, which enhances awareness of cultural diversity.

In other areas, Naomi is a 12-year student of Japanese and has won gold medals in speech contests. She belongs to a church youth group, Asian American Summer Camp and "I.M.Pulse," an Asian American improvisation teen group that explores issues through discussion, interviewing other Asian teens and improvised skits.

Essay excerpt: "Being raised a Japanese American has greatly influenced my life and the way I view things. Raised by parents who grew up in Japan has helped me to become more aware of the Japanese customs and culture... (JACL) is instrumental in raising the awareness of the Japanese American experience... From listening to these personal accounts, I get a better grasp of the history of the Japanese in America, and therefore, I am able to get the best of both worlds."

Undergraduates

Kyutaro and Yasuo Abiko Scholarship

Winner: Corey K. Takahashi
JACL chapter: Chicago
School attending in 1995: Michigan State University
Major: Journalism/history.



Corey is already on his way toward his journalism career goal. Currently working on a double major, Corey has interned at the *State News* and the *Grand Rapids Press* in Michigan. He has worked as a cops and courts reporter and even freelanced as a music reviewer.

He was the grand prize winner of the first annual *Grand Rapids Press* essay contest and was awarded an Asian American Journalists Association and JACL national scholarship.

In community service, Corey has volunteered at the Muskegon Heights Housing Commission and

served as editor of *The Winner*, a publication for children living in Muskegon Heights' East Park Manor public housing complex.

Essay excerpt: "I am an aspiring Japanese American writer. Of the many goals I've established for myself, one of the foremost is to create a mainstream voice for Japanese Americans, and Asian Americans in general. For me this means getting into the action, and the action, as I see it, is the nation's newsrooms... I have always had a strong grasp of what it means to have a Japanese ancestry in America. Our history is rich and complex, and it has often served as a source to which I turned for inspiration..."

Alice Yuriko Endo Scholarship

Winner: Dean Hisashi Nakanishi
JACL chapter: San Mateo
School attending in 1995: Willamette University
Major: Undeclared

Dean has continued his academic achievement from high school to college. At Aragon High School in San Mateo, he was an honor roll student in every semester, was a member of the California Scholarship Federation and was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 1992 and 1993.

At Willamette University in Salem, Ore., Dean received an academic achievement scholarship and a multi-cultural achievement schol-

Union Bank Scholarships

Winner: Richard M. Shiohira
JACL chapter: National
School attending in 1995: UC, Berkeley
Field of study: International relations
Parents: Hideki and Marie Shiohira

Richard received scholastic honors in a variety of areas, including awards for orchestra, English, industrial art, physical education, algebra, geometry and history. He is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and a winner of the Bank of America certificate in foreign language.

He was also named outstanding musician from 1991-94 in the school orchestra. To round out his activities, Richard participated in wrestling, football and volleyball.

In community service, he was a member of Asian Awareness and a volunteer for Friends for Jenny Lin.



Essay excerpt: "I have always been an upward striving person who feels that success is something which comes from within and that surrounding factors are but minor hindrances if one is truly focused on a goal... I hope that my future activities will be helpful to the Japanese community and that I will be able to make your organization proud to have helped me to attain my goals for myself, my community and the nation."

Winner: May Le
JACL chapter: National
School attending in 1995: UCLA
Field of study: Business
Parents: Quy T. and Julia Le

May is an all-around student who won Golden State Examination honors in algebra and geometry as well as awards for her Early Academic Outreach Program Essay and first place award in the Asian Advisory Committee on Crime Essay.



She has also been active in the Pacific-Islander Student Union, the International and French Clubs, the National Honor Society, the Asian Student Union, and advanced courses and programs in engineering and marine biology.

In community service, May has been a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, and the Lincoln Child Center.

Essay excerpt: "Thirteen years ago, my parents brought four children into this country in hopes of finding a better life for all of us. Instead, all we found were lost hopes. My parents struggled in order to feed four mouths... Although I knew my priority should be in school, I couldn't let my parents be responsible for all my expenses like testing and college application fees... I am not ready to give up after 12 years of hard work."



arship in 1994. He is also a member of the college's performing choir, the Willamette Asian Association, the Willamette Community Outreach and the Migrant Tutorial Program which provides help for Hispanic migrant students.

Essay excerpt: "It is my belief that it is more challenging to build another person's self-worth than tearing him down. I have accepted this challenge at school. I am sadly aware of my generation's self-destructive nature, and I know that something must be done... I have discovered that true success comes from meeting the needs of others. I hope to share this great treasure to others through ministry."

Saburo Kido Scholarship

Winner: Karen Yoshiko Matsuoka
JACL chapter: West Los Angeles

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School attending in 1995: Stanford University

Major: Philosophy and religious studies/children and society curriculum.



Karen is already establishing herself with her writing. In 1993 she won the Boothe Prize for Excellence in Writing for her "The Middle Way: A Buddhist Interpretation of the Work and Thought of T.S. Eliot." She also received top marks for essays on the mental health predicament of the Hmong and other topics. She wrote an original poem to be published in the Western Poetry Association's anthology.

In other activities, Karen assisted

the Disability Resource Center reading course material onto audiotape and served as a library monitor and photographer for the *Oxford Student*. She also is a member of the Asian American Student Association Issues Committee, working to establish an Asian American Studies program at Stanford.

A diabetic, Karen devotes a great deal of her time with the American Diabetes Association as a youth delegate and in serving as an intern at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

She is the founder and co-president of Project TEACH (Targeting Educational Action for Children), which assists children in under-resourced public schools.

Currently, Karen is a member of Joint Action Committee Against Racial Intolerance.

Essay excerpt: "When an assumption becomes a stereotype and takes on a life of its own, invincible to all claims running counter to it, racism becomes institutionalized and all the harder to combat. In the face of an entire institution—whether that be a corporation or, in the case of internment, the government—what an individual can do is very limited. It is in such instances when organizations such as the JACL play such a pivotal role. As a collective force—an institution in its own right—the JACL has the power to

combat racism at an institutional level."

Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Renee H. Tanaka

JACL chapter: Berkeley

School attending in 1995: UC, Davis.

Major: Agricultural and managerial economic; minor in Spanish



Renee has received a number of scholastic honors, including a regents scholarship and an annual fund scholarship from UC, Davis. Last year, she made the dean's list.

Among her other activities, she is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the community service society, a student orientation counselor, coordinator of the Asian Student Union Club and member of the Calpirg Environmental Club and the Japanese Student Society. She has performed a variety of community services and activities for the Berkeley Buddhist Church.

Essay excerpt: "The values and norms that I attained by my upbringing, has been the foundation for me to view situations, and to base decisions of choice among various alternatives. This platform of my decision-making is based upon attainment of high standards, honesty, sincerity, and morality."

"Similarly, the JACL organization has had to deal with a wide variety of issues. Based in its origin to deal with Japanese American civil rights violations, JACL has expanded its sphere of influence to deal with a broader list of issues . . . I've admired JACL's involvement in 'speaking up for and representing Japanese American viewpoints' . . ."

Mari and James Michener Scholarship

Winner: Lynn M. Itagaki

JACL Chapter: South Bay

School attending in 1995: Harvard-Radcliffe

Major: English

Lynn has continued her outstanding academic work from high school to one of the nation's most honored colleges. At Harvard, she has received the Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Scholar merit award for a GPA of 3.7 to 4.0.



She is also director of the Harvard Model United Nations, supervising 150-member committee on social, humanitarian and cultural issues. Similarly, Lynn participated in the World Model United Nations, the Harvard Model Congress and the Institute of Politics.

Theater is also among her interests. She has been involved in a number of dramas and productions,

including producing the "Wizard of AIDS," and serving as technician for such varied offerings as "Dracula" and "Pygmalion."

Lynn has served as a tutor for the Harvard Program for International Education and served as a member of the Asian American Association steering committee, as well as the Intercollegiate Asian American Association.

Currently, she is writing a personal memoir on the history of her family in Hawaii and Southern California.

Essay excerpt: "I am a Yonsei, a fourth-generation Japanese American. In my first year in college, I attempted to ground myself in Japan, its national history and modern culture through learning its beautifully lilting language . . . Soon I realized that it was not Japan I wanted to understand and absorb; rather, I hungered for the loving and bitter, happy and ironic stories that my family told: my 15-year-old great-grandmother's crossing of the Pacific in 1915, the shrapnel imbedded in my grandfather's 442 helmet during World War II, my mother's childhood running across Hawaiian beaches with her siblings and cousins . . ."

Yoshiko Tanaka Scholarship

Winner: Sheri Reiko Sakagawa

JACL chapter: Hawaii

School attending in 1995: University of Washington

Major: Business



After an extensive and varied list of achievements in her native Hawaii, Sheri has developed a new academic career at the University of Washington.

As a freshman last year, she was a senator in the Residence Hall Student Association, a member of the Hawaii Club, Circle K Member service group, and Phi Eta Sigma, the undergraduate honor society.

She also participated in special programs such as the Freshmen Interest Group in Business and the Hawaii Club Bible Study group.

Essay excerpt: "In the past, I have been actively involved in learning about my ethnicity academically, and through my high school Japanese club which focused on cultural activities and demonstrations. We coordinated several activities including part of the Japanese club which focused on the cultural activities and demonstrations. . . . Presently, with a myriad of cultures surrounding me at the University of Washington, I look toward my culture and JACL to define my own unique place. I take pride in the struggles endured in the past for me, and I look towards the horizon for hope in my future endeavors . . ."

Dr. Thomas Y. Yatabe Scholarship

Winner: Christie Kawada

School: UCLA

Chapter: South Bay

Christie graduated with honors from West High School in Torrance, California. In addition to being the graduation speaker, Christie was an Honor Roll Student, a member of the California Scholarship Federation, and first place winner of the Southwest Journalism Education



Association Novice News. While at West High, Christie did not just excel in school, but was also editor of *Smoke Signals* (West High newspaper), a varsity cheerleader, and an avid performance jazz and ballet dancer. Currently, Christie is entering her second year in the Honors Program at UCLA. Christie hopes to pursue a degree in pre-medicine, communications or motion picture/television.

Essay excerpt: "The world in which we live has hardships that may seem unfair. Yet, our society offers many challenges; above all, it offers the opportunity for all of us to strive beyond our expectations and contribute to society. JACL has played a significant role in my life as a Japanese American, primarily through its struggle to support our civil rights in America and its continuous efforts to ensure that justice prevails in our modern society."

Sumitomo Bank Scholarship

Winner: Mark Kyoshi Hanasono

JACL chapter: South Bay and Berkeley

School attending in 1995: UC, Berkeley

Major: English

Mark has already made an impressive start at UC, Berkeley. He received the President's Undergraduate Fellowship and the Grace Drake Scholarship, and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the UC Berkeley Honor Students' Society, and the Dean's List, 1992 through fall of 1994.

The scholarship winner also participated in a variety of activities. He is a member of the Tomodachi Japanese American Culture Club as well as the Berkeley and South Bay Chapters of JACL. He has conducted interviews and research into Japanese American history as a part of the Oral History Project of the Asian American Studies Department of the college.



In community work, Mark has interned at the Sansei Legacy Project and at the Asian Law Caucus. He has served as a student coordinator at Keiro Services in Los Angeles and volunteer at the Kimochi Home in San Francisco.

Essay excerpt: "As a Yonsei, I continue the Japanese American tradition my forefathers, the Issei, had established. With respect and determination, I pay tribute to them for their sacrifice. Were it not for their immigration and integration, I would not be where I presently am. For the future immigrants and

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarships



Winner: Junichi P. Semitsu

JACL chapter: Fresno

School attending in 1995: UC, Berkeley

Major: economics

Junichi has already recorded a number of college honors. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the dean's list for four semesters, and has won the chancellor's scholarship award.

He is also a Berkeley Caucus member of the American Civil Liberties Union, an assistant student teacher poet of Poetry for the People, a writer for the *Kawaraban*, a Japanese student journal, and a member of the Minority Pre-Law Coalition.

Junichi is an accomplished musician as well. He has been the pianist for the UC Jazz Ensemble and performed in a variety of theater and musical productions.

In community service, he has assisted in the Quarter Meals Homeless Persons organization, served as a presenter for Diversity Awareness for Resources and Education and is a member of 500 Years of Resistance, a group of students raising consciousness and awareness of issues, from Columbus Day to the rise of violence against Asian Americans.

Essay excerpt: "As an ethnic studies minor, I have studied the uprooted histories of many peoples of color. I also have spent the last three years studying the Japanese language. Using this knowledge of history and language, I helped build the foundation for the Asian Pacific theme house where students help increase their awareness of diverse Asian American cultures and encourage interaction with other students involved with Asian American issues."



Winner: Michelle Kikuye Lau

JACL chapter: San Jose

School attending in 1995: San Jose State University

Major: magazine journalism/sociology

Working toward a career in journalism, Michelle already gained a wide variety of experience. She was the 1994 recipient of a Magazine Alumni Association scholarship and is a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national honor society for scholarship in journalism.

In other academic areas, she also received the Alumni Dean's Undergraduate scholarship of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts and is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the national honor society for sociology. In her junior year, she was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Michelle has been a reporter and executive editor for the *Spartan Daily*. She has been a freelance writer for the college's *Access* magazine and has interned on the Diamite Corporation's *Reflections* magazine and *Teamtalk* newsletter. She has freelanced for the *San Jose Mercury News* and *Nikkei West*.

Essay excerpt: ". . . I've discovered a sense of belonging as I meet influential Japanese Americans within the community. Attending the occasional JACL evening meetings, I have agreed to use my skills as a journalist to help with the public relations aspect of the 1996 National Convention as well as put together a youth dance. But I don't see it as something I have to do, rather it's an educational opportunity to become involved in the Japanese American community."

present generations of ethnic minorities who wish to provide better for their families, I hope to someday aid as a lawyer in public interest. With spirit and enthusiasm, I try my best to honor with my hard work those closest and most supportive of my efforts..."

Union Bank Scholarship

Winner: Nicholas Seiya Namba



JACL chapter: Washington, D.C.
School attending in 1995: George Washington University
Major: international affairs

Nicholas has already won the George Washington Alumni Scholarship award and the Board of Trustees Scholarship award.

He has already made the Athletic Deans List in 1993-94. He is a member of the crew team, the Japan Information Network, the Program Board Corporate Sponsorship Com-

mittee and Project Exploration.

He is also currently the assistant editor of *Gateway Japan* and has worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies as strategic planning intern.

In community service, Nicholas has volunteered for Project Literacy United States and a local soup kitchen.

Essay excerpt: "Honestly, I had a difficult time adjusting to life after arriving at college. It was not the separation from friends and family

or the bland food, rather it was the realization that I really had not been able to get to know or explore my culture that was the cause of my discomfort. Not until arriving at George Washington University did I really consciously realize that being Japanese American means two things: first, a devotion through service to my truly unique culture, and second, a recognition that my Japanese heritage and American culture are not different entities, rather compliments of each other."

Graduates

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarships

Winner: Robert Ryan Morishita
JACL chapter: Mount Olympus
School attending in 1995: University of Utah College of Law

Robert graduated from the University of Utah with an almost perfect GPA of 3.93. He initially received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, but now plans to attend law school in the fall of 1995.

Numerous awards have been bestowed upon Robert during his years at the University of Utah, including a National Merit Scholarship, the President's Award at the University of Utah, Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

In addition, Robert has been actively involved in JACL as the volunteer chairman for youth activities and the Intermountain District Council Youth Council Representative at the 1994 national convention in Salt Lake City.



Essay excerpt: "JACL has been a great benefit to me whether I study engineering or law. My positions in the JACL have prepared me for engineering research or law study by giving me the chance to develop my skills in the areas of leadership, responsibility and motivation. The JACL has also instilled me with a sense of justice and civil rights that I believe sparked my interest in the law profession."

Winner: Susan Masako Kanagawa
JACL chapter: Honolulu
School attending in 1995: Stanford University

Earning her degree in international policy studies from Stanford University, Susan possesses a well-rounded background in which she had the opportunity to work in Japan as a liaison for the Office of the Governor for the State of Hawaii.

In developing her specialization in U.S.-Japan relations, Susan was chosen to attend the Stanford Center for Technology and Innovation, where she studied Japanese language, political economy and technology management for three months in Kyoto, Japan.

Susan will begin her master's degree in international policy studies at Stanford in the fall.

Essay excerpt: "Whether I find work again in state government, or perhaps with private companies or other organizations in Hawaii, I feel that both my experiences at the Office of International Relations and my 'Stanford' education will contribute to my personal success and satisfaction. More importantly, however, these experiences will make me a useful, contributing citizen of this society."



integrative biology and Asian Studies from UC, Berkeley. While there, Miwako received a grant from the Biology Fellows Program, a national Merit Scholarship and a Westlake Foundation Scholarship. Miwako has a long and prestigious history with JACL. She was the winner of the 1992 National Min Yasui Oratorical Competition, in addition to being a Midwest Youth Council representative and a staff person at National Headquarters. In the fall, Miwako will be pursuing her Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Essay excerpt: "As I embark in pursuit of a career in medical or veterinary entomology, I will always carry the influence JACL has had upon me and set my sights for the rewards and acceptance of equal representation looming above us, still visible through the glass ceiling."



Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Miwako Takano
JACL chapter: Berkeley
School attending in 1995: University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Miwako received a degree in

Magoichi and Shizuko Kato Memorial Award

Winner: June Tanaka Hamilton
School: Tufts University School of Medicine
Chapter: National Affiliate



Graduating *magna cum laude* in Child Study from Tufts University, June's love and interest in the welfare of children is illustrated by her desire to become a pediatrician. As her advisor, Dr. Wertlieb of Tufts University writes, "Her pursuit and achievement of excellence is especially noteworthy in that it spans several domains and disciplines."

Being elected to the Phi Beta Kappa and receiving a Tufts Multicultural Service Award, June has participated in a diverse set of activities ranging from being a volunteer at the New England Medical Center Emergency Room and a tutor to Japanese newcomers, to being a counselor for mentally disabled seniors and practicing traditional Japanese folk dancing. In all that June has accomplished, she maintains the support and love of her husband and baby daughter.

Essay excerpt: "The most rewarding experience I had was actually giving birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl two years ago. It was a very personal triumph; one that I still cannot comprehend completely. Now I have more respect than ever for the gift of life, and I am inspired to help bring others safely into the world. I always had the desire to contribute to the well-being of children, and my lifetime goal is to become a pediatrician."

Rev. H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship



Winner: S. Akemi Tanemura
School: University of Puget Sound
Chapter: Seattle

Planning a career in physical therapy, Akemi graduated *cum laude* with a degree in Psychology

from the University of Puget Sound. She received numerous scholastic honors which include being elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, becoming a Trustee Scholar and being recognized by "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Akemi took a major role in creating the "Kids Can Do!" program, which provides mentoring to underprivileged children. Akemi has exhibited her strong affinity towards the Asian American community by serving as an English tutor for Asian immigrant children and as a speaker in the University of Puget Sound Communication and Theater Arts Showcase, where she spoke on Japanese American redress.

Essay excerpt: "I have chosen to enter the field of physical therapy because I wish to improve the quality of life of those patients with whom I work. I have witnessed how physical therapists can alleviate pain, improve movement and function, and teach others about health. As much as I am part of that future envisioned by the Issei and Nisei, I hope to contribute to society in the capacity of a health care provider."

Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship



Winner: Glenn Thomas Tsunokai
School: UC, Riverside
Chapter: National Affiliate

Graduating *cum laude* from the University of California, Riverside with a degree in Sociology, Glenn has had numerous awards bestowed upon him including being selected as the outstanding sociology student in 1990 and being nominated to the honors program at UC Riverside. Glenn has a strong sense of community involvement that is evident with his work as a volunteer at Legal Services in Sacramento, as literacy tutor and as a planner for Project Opportunity, which organized a job fair in the Riverside community. In addition,

Glenn has had numerous teaching and research positions in which he has participated on projects that focused upon the Shin Issei (post-1965 Japanese immigrants to the United States). Glenn will be pursuing his Ph.D. in Sociology from UC, Riverside in the fall.

Essay excerpt: "I love teaching. As a teaching assistant, I truly treasure the opportunity to continually excite and stimulate the minds of my students. For me, there is no bigger reward or satisfaction than seeing 'the light bulb click on' when a student begins to understand a complex concept."

Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Howard Abe
School: University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School
Chapter: San Diego



Howard has a unique educational background in which he graduated with a BS in business administration from San Diego State University, in addition to studying intensive Japanese language and Japan's economy, politics and social structure for two and a half years at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. In addition to being a volunteer for the YMCA Youth Outreach Program, Howard has belonged to numerous business and professional organizations, such as the Associated Business Students Council, the International Business Fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi, Project Coordinator for the Foundation for International Scientific Advancement, and the Japan America Society. Most recently, Howard has returned from Japan, where he was associated with the Japan Management Association Consultants, Inc., to pursue a advanced degree in strategic management from the Wharton School.

Essay excerpt: "Mastering the Japanese language is one of my most significant accomplishments; it has not only enabled me to discover my heritage, it has also changed my life. My Japanese language ability has played a significant role in helping me gain a better sense of my own bicultural identity, and has shaped my current and future professional career."

Special Awards:

Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship

Winner: Terrie Ann Motosue
School: Boston University School of Law
Chapter: Honolulu

Graduating with high honors from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a degree in Political Science/Public Policy, Terrie Ann plans to attend Boston University School of Law in the Fall of 1995. Terrie possesses a vast array of accomplishments including being an active member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor

SCHOLARS

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Society, the recipient of a *Do Something* grant, an Associated Students of Hawaii senator and the youngest elected member of the Honolulu



City and County Neighborhood Board system. In addition, Terrie's sensitivity for social justice led her to found an organization called Hui Ho'ihi ("a group coming together for the cause of respect"), the first volunteer domestic violence education group at the University of Hawaii. In her own words, Terrie's personal philosophy is "to realize positive change through collective empowerment."

Essay excerpt: "Since childhood, I've wanted to help others. Twenty-three years later, I've rolled up my sleeves, pushed for positive change, and responded to the problems of people. Now, as a JACL member and through a career in public interest law, I hope I can continue to contribute not only to the Japanese American community, but towards the betterment of my world."

Sho Sato Memorial Law Scholarship

Winner: Lisa Yumi Gillette
School: De Paul University School of Law
Chapter: Chicago

Possessing a strong dedication to civil rights advocacy, Lisa is entering her second year of law school at De Paul University. While in law school, Lisa is involved in numerous organizations, such as the Student Bar Association, Dean's Advisory Committee, and the Asian American Law Students Association.

In addition to being a Dean's Scholar, Lisa acts as a student advocate, on which she participates in panel discussions with prospective students. To add to Lisa's varied accomplishments, after graduating from the University of Illinois with high honors with a degree in Communications, she was president of Electric Banana Advertising, a self-started home-based advertising and marketing consulting group. Amidst Lisa's busy schedule, she still finds time to tutor Japanese students in English and Spanish, serve as the communications chairperson for St. Phillip's Vestry and participate as a morning shift volunteer for P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter to the Homeless).



Essay excerpt: "After discovering my penchant for civil rights, I started reading all that I could about Japanese Americans and civil rights activism, including Bill Hosokawa's *JACL in Quest of Justice*. In it I found comfort that there have been many Japanese American lawyers,

including Saburo Kido, Walter Tsukamoto, Clarence Arai, and especially Minoru Yasui, the Denver attorney and human rights activist... all members of JACL. The book instilled in me a growing realization that civil rights advocacy is my calling in life."

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarship

Winner: Yuri Elise Makino
School: New York University, Tisch School of Fine Arts
Chapter: New York

Yuri is currently finishing her master's degree in Film and Television from the Tisch School of Fine Arts at New York University. While at NYU, Yuri has received the Tisch School of the Arts Merit Scholarship, in addition to being the head graduate assistant.

A filmmaker by trade, Yuri is writer, director and producer of several short films, such as *Shades of Grey*, *Cold Front*, *Leftovers*, *Other Short Stories* and *Shattering Grey* for which she received an honorary award from the California Student Film Festival. With her JACL scholarship Yuri will finish her senior thesis film, *Umeboshi*, a film about a Japanese American teenager coming of age in a rural Northern California town.

Essay excerpt: "The magic of film is its ability to captivate and move people, but this only happens if at the heart of the film's story there is a universal experience in which individuals can identify."



Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Performing Arts Scholarship

Winner: Junichi Steven Sato
School: De Paul University
Chapter: Chicago



Planning a career in music, Junichi will pursue his master's degree in piano performance from Indiana University in Bloomington. Having received a four-year music scholarship from De Paul University, Junichi completed his bachelor's degree in music in the Spring of 1995.

While at De Paul, Junichi has had a prestigious musical background in which he won first place in the Illinois State Music Competition, a finalist in the Illinois Young Performer Competition and winner of the Chicago Public Library's 7th Annual Young Artist Recital's Audition. Composing music since the age of six, Junichi has held two solo recitals at De Paul, in addition to performing at the Japanese Royal

Wedding Celebration Concert and the Heiwa Terrace. According to Junichi's music instructor, "Junichi's numerous repertoire includes piano concertos and solo pieces of various styles which he plays with technical brilliance and maturity of music."

Essay excerpt: "While the Asian American community is one of the fastest growing groups, it is also the most vulnerable. The JACL exists to protect our civil rights. I learned through the way JACL handles everything that one must not be tolerant of anything that will negatively affect a person or a community."

Abe and Esther Hagiwara Memorial Award

Winner: Ann Miyagi
School: UC, Berkeley
Chapter: East Los Angeles

In her own words, Ann writes, "As I take my next step into college, I intend to explore greater aspects of the meaning of 'Japanese American' and to be an even greater influence in educating others about my rich heritage." Ann's efforts in educating others is evident by her involvement as a youth ambassador to the Youth for Understanding U.S.-Finland Congress International Exchange.

A recent high school graduate from San Pedro Marine Magnet School, Ann was involved in a number of activities, such as the California Scholarship Federation, the D.W. Griffith Honors Society, the World Affairs Council and the San Pedro Pirate Dancers. In addition, Ann is very active in her community, in which she volunteered at the Keiro Nursing Home, Shibata Studio Piano Recitals for the elderly, and the Fred Jordan Mission. Ann will attend UC Berkeley in the fall to study either pharmacology or gerontology.



Essay excerpt: "I view myself as a peacemaker in the world in which I live. By taking advantage of opportunities to educate others about my experiences as a Japanese American, I have broken stereotypes and prejudices against me."

ORA to discuss redress status

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will be meeting with community members to discuss the status of redress, Saturday, Sept. 16 at JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Scheduled to attend: DeDe Greene, ORA administrator and Stuart Ishimaru, counsel to assistant attorney general Deval Patrick. ORA is asking attendees to respond by Sept. 6.

Information: Lisa Vickers, 202/219-9314.

Whereabouts

SHISHERO HAROMI (spelling?)

LOST SCHOOL MATE. Haromi, a male, attended North Hollywood (Calif.) Junior High School in the spring of 1942. Age about 14. This school chum would like hear from or about him. Wayne Patterson, age 69, 2790 N 600 E, Ogden, UT 84414, 801/782-8263.

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TROY

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Shiozawa was obsessed with reconciling with his estranged wife. According to Mark Murphy, deputy prosecutor, Bannock County, Shiozawa forced his former wife off the road as she was driving to her parents' home and deliberately stabbed her daughter and hit Leslie when she refused to reconcile with him.

Leslie, who is Caucasian, testified that Shiozawa was domineering and controlling through the course of their marriage. She said Shiozawa repeatedly stabbed Lexie. Leslie testified that when she saw that her daughter was bleeding she began to fight with her husband and pleaded with him to take her to the hospital. On cross examination, Rammell pointed out discrepancies in Leslie's testimony and taped testimony from the preliminary hearing including that she only saw Lexie stabbed once and that Shiozawa never threw Lexie against the car window as earlier claimed.

Hasegawa said he thought that the defense had presented its case very well and pointed out a number of discrepancies in Leslie's testimony.

"All through the prosecution's case, Leslie showed that Troy was stabbing the baby with his right hand. The last thing the defense asked Troy during redirect examination was 'Are you right or left handed?' and he said, 'I'm left handed.' That kind of dropped a bombshell," said Hasegawa.

The 14-member jury is all Caucasian and includes 12 men and 2 women.

Shiozawa's grandparents are members of the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter and many local chapter members have come out to monitor and ensure that Shiozawa receives a fair trial. There were earlier concerns that Shiozawa's civil rights had been violated after his bail was set for \$1,000,000. This bail was eventually ruled unconstitutional. Early on, according to the defense, the prosecution has claimed that Shiozawa "demonstrates a paternalistic controlling behavior, indicative of Japanese individuals."

In a letter to Mark Hiedeman, prosecuting attorney, Bannock County, Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, said, "It is important that Mr. Shiozawa receive fair, impartial treatment and that he not be singled out for discriminatory treatment because of his racial heritage."

"The JACL understands that

you have a responsibility to ensure that justice is served. We caution and reiterate, however, that individual rights must be protected from selective and excessive prosecution," said Yoshino.

CALENDAR

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Sat. Sept. 16—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California awards banquet, Torrance Marriott Hotel, info: Iku Kiriya 310/324-2875. NOTE—Awardees: Yuji Ichioka, Project Kokoro, Randi Tahara, Mas Dobashi, Masa & June Oshiro.

Sun. Sept. 17—"Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Sachiko and Dom Magwili.

Sat. Sept. 23—"Camp Newspapers" panel discussion, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP, required, info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Bill Hosokawa, Togo Tanaka, Barry Saiki, Kaz Oshiki, Paul Yokota, Henry Mori and other camp newspaper editors and writers.

Sat. Sept. 23—JACCC Roundtable exchange: On starting a children's cultural camp for young Japanese Americans or experience in running one, 2nd floor, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A., info: Marie 818/225-0894 or BJ 714/779-4140.

SAN DIEGO

Sun. Sept. 17—Annual Japan Day program, 1-4 p.m., House of Japan, Balboa Park, info: Paul Hoshi, pres., 619/234-0376.

Walter Weglyn, 69, Osako Uno, 101, die

Walter M. Weglyn, 69, a retired creator of perfumes and husband of author Michi, succumbed of cancer on Tuesday, Aug. 22, in San Diego, Calif.

The Weglyns of New York City worked together to research the Japanese American internment experience during World War II, *Years of Infamy* (1976), "a seminal work written from the perspective of an internee and clearly showed the incarceration was unjustified," commented Dr. Bob Suzuki, CalPoly Pomona president.

Born in Germany and survivor of the Kristalnacht pogrom of 1939, he was among 2,000 Jewish children admitted to the children's camp in Rotterdam.

He arrived in the United States in '47, met Michi Nishiura and later proposed to her at an upstate New York tuberculosis sanitarium. They were married near Washington, D.C. in 1950, despite her parents' opposition.

No funeral or memorial was requested. In lieu of expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to Save the Children, Westport, Conn.; Salvation Army, or the Michi & Walter Weglyn Endowed Chair for Multicultural Studies, c/o Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768.

SALT LAKE CITY—Osako Uno, 101, quietly passed away on Monday, Aug. 21, at the home of her son Raymond with whom she has lived for the past 36 years. Funeral services were held Aug. 26 at the Japanese Church of Christ.



WEGLYN

Born in Okayama, she graduated from Women's University in Tokyo, taught school in Japan and in America. She was employed by Esther Hall, a Methodist Women's Home in Ogden until her retirement in 1960.

Her husband, Clarence, a U.S. Army veteran who fought during WWI in France, predeceased her in 1943 while they were interned at Heart Mountain, Wyo. Others survivors are children Wallace (Magna, Utah), Yuki Tomomatsu (Gardena), 8 gc., and 1 ggs, three brothers (Japan).

Obituaries

"DEATH NOTICES," which appear in a more timely manner, are requested by the family who wish to be billed. The copy from either the family or the funeral director is reworded as necessary. The rate is \$15 per column inch. The following appear on a "space-available basis."

Baba, Hideo, 69, Los Angeles, July 27 in Las Vegas due to auto-pedestrian accident; survived by wife Kimiyo, brother Ted, sister Masako Noda.

Dogen, Yoshio, 78, Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 4; Fire, Wash.-born, Boy Scout Silver Beaver awardee [58], Washington Fire Commissioners life member, Dharma School superintendent 15 years, survived by wife Toshiko, daughter Marianne Takagi, son Gene, brothers Sunji, Satoshi, sisters Hideko Murakami, Tokio Arai.

Fujii, Masakazu, 80, Mountain View, Calif., July 20; survived by wife Shigeko, sons Kenneth, Jack, 4 gc.

Fujii, Satsuki, 90, Glendale, Ariz., July 27; formerly of Berkeley, Calif., survived by daughters Kaoru Sugiyama, Tomoko Matsumoto, Noriko Ito, sons Jiro, Tokumaru, son-in-law Sadao Kubo, gc. Goto, Tokio, Denver, July 26 (sv); survived by son Ben (San Pedro, Calif.), Leo, Al, daughter Lillian Sato, Rose Sakurai (Mission Viejo, Calif.), brother Eddie Morikawa, sisters Doris Nakata, May Yoshihara, Rose Hasegawa.

Hirose, Christopher A., 68, Honolulu, July 24; New York-born Kibei, Japanese-language radio [53]-(Fuji) TV pioneer [72] in San Francisco, survived by wife Charlotte, daughter Renee Kogure, 2 gc., mother Kikuyo, in-laws: brothers Allen Kimura, Leonard, sisters Janet Shiraki, Barbara Nishida.

Horie, George G., 94, Los Angeles, July 19; Hawaii-born Nisei, survived by wife Yoshie, sons Godwin (Jpn), Frank (Watsonville), Alfred, sister-in-law Sumie Horie (Chicago).

Iseri, Victor C., 80, Los Angeles, July 29; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Fumiko, son Ronald, daughter Irene Gee, 4 gc., brother Ernest.

Kakiuchi, Sadayo, 90, Los Angeles, Aug. 1; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Isao, daughters Nobuko, Hisako Nomi,

Aiko Sakata, Fujiko Nakatani, gc. and ggc., daughter-in-law Anna Kakiuchi.

Kawamoto, Mitsuo, 73, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 20; Fowler, Calif.-born 442nd Purple Heart veteran, Omaha JACL president [72-'73], Mountain Plains governor [75-'80], nat'l vice-president research & development [80-'82], survived by wife Eunice, sons Robert, Curtis, daughters Ayako Yatabe (Berkeley), Ruth Miyoshi (Los Angeles), Setsuko Minabe (Los Angeles), 7 gc., 1 ggc., brothers Toshio (Fresno), John.

Kawaguchi, Jeanette H., 63, Fountain Valley, Calif., July 27; Stockton-born, survived by husband Mitsuo, sons Tom, Gary, daughters Gayle Hachiya, 4 gc., brothers Henry and Shig Niizawa, sister Jane Wada.

Kiyan, Yoshio, 72, Los Angeles, Aug. 1; Las Vegas-born, survived by wife Fumi, sister Misako Ono.

Makita, A. Yataro, 91, Carlsbad, Calif., July 27; Shizuoka-born, survived by wife Chizuko, sons Nagahiro, Yoshihisa, Norio (Jpn), daughter Mayumi Morita, 7

gc.

Maruyama, Miyo, San Jose, July 3; survived by son Dempsey, daughters Shizuka Hanao, Toyo Inouye, 11 gc., 14 ggc., sisters-in-law Misako Ono, Alice and Rosie Maruyama.

Matsumoto, Deanna T., 67, Littleton, Colo., July 21 in auto accident near Denver International Airport.

Mayeda, Kenzaburo, 89, Los Angeles, July 30; Niigata-born and former Fresno resident, survived by sons William (Huntington Beach, Calif.), Richard (Cupertino, Calif.), daughter Pauline Nakagawa (Torrance), brothers Bryan DVM (Sacramento), Thomas (Sedona, Ariz.), sister Miriam Fukuda.

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TSUGIO TOM FUJII
Tsugio Tom Fujii, 75, died on July
17, 1995 in Oakland. He is survived
by wife, Penny M.; sons, Tim and
Peter; daughters, Nancy and Monica;
6 g.c. and 1 g.g.c.

DEATH NOTICE

JOHN IKEDA
John Ikeda, 72, San Diego, CA
passed away on May 29; Costa
Mesa, CA-born. He is survived by
wife, Margaret; brothers, Toshio (Los
Angeles) and Jim (Costa Mesa) and
sister, Inez Young (Costa Mesa).

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Mayeda, Kenji, Berkeley, July 22; survived by wife of 46 years Sally, son Paul, daughters Sharon Godfrey, Marian, 6 gc.

Mimura, Alice Y., 85, Torrance, Aug. 1; Fresno-born, survived by sons Bob, Tad, daughter June Morioka, 8 gc., 8 ggc., sisters Emma Kawano, Kay Matsuoka.

Momii, Roy S., Los Angeles, July 28; Brighton, Colo.-born, survived by wife Judy, sons Richard, Douglas, daughters Kathy, Jennifer, 2 gc., brothers Sam, Dick, sister Mary.

Nakamoto, Susumu, 86, Los Angeles, July 24; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Michiye, son Michael, daughters Sumi Yano, Mach Sasaki, Harumi Angelo, Yuri Nishimoto, Patty Ueno (Seattle), 9 gc., 5 ggc., brother Sueo, sisters Fusaye Ota (San Diego), Shizuye Sakata, Matsuye Nakamoto.

Nakashima, Tsuta, 99, Fresno, July 31; Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughters Kazuyo Osaki, Michiko, Yukino Iwasaki, 4 gc., 2 ggc.

Nakashima, Yoneo, 70, Temple City, July 30; Colorado-born, survived by wife Grace, daughters Karyn, Lorraine Hamachi, Penny, 6 gc., sisters Sumi Honda, Kumi Kondo.

Nishi, Frank, 41, Clovis, Calif., July 21; Tokyo-born, survived by wife Myong, sons Ronald, Danny.

Nishino, Kenyon S., 53, Hemet, Calif., July 17 due to complications from shoulder surgery; Long Beach-born, survived by wife Isolda, sons Mark, Derek, Glenn, Kevin, parents Ken (former mayor of Hemet)/Aiko, brothers Gilbert, Alan (Camarillo), sisters Judy Gonzales (Murrieta), Janet Bissett.

Noritake, Yoshiko, 93, Los Angeles, July 22; Okayama-born, survived by husband Motoo, daughters Sumiko Nakano, Hideko Kawaguchi, Tamaye Tsuchiyama, 15 gc., 17 ggc., 2 gggc., brother and in-laws in Jpn.

Obata, Hatsuye, 101, San Lorenzo, June 14; Wakayama-born, survived by daughters Fusae and Emi Obata, predeceased by husband Tomejiro [70], and son Hiroshi [44].

Okamoto, Narumi, 79, Los Altos, Calif., July 29; survived by husband Ray, daughters Kiyomi Katsura, Esther McGinty, 6 gc., brothers George Sasaki (Visalia, Calif.), Tom (Reedley, Calif.).

Ono, Janice M., 50, South Pasadena, Calif., Aug. 1; Chicago-born graduate nurse, survived by husband Allen, sons Doug (Seattle), Jeff (New York), daughter Nadine Lathrop, parents Shigenori/Sakaye Kawagoye, in-laws: mother Chiyeko Ono, brothers Dennis, Richard (Carlsbad, Calif.), sister Francine Kimura.

Ozeki, Hatsuyo, 88, San Francisco, June 16; Alameda-born JACLer, survived by sisters Mitsue Yatabe (El Cerrito), Yasue Amano (Detroit).

Ridihigh, J. Kumiko, 63, Salmon, Idaho, June 25; Osaka-born, survived by husband Robert, daughters, Sherry Connolly (San Diego), Terry Conrad, Marlys Peace (Idaho), Roberta Dietrich (Los Angeles), 7 gc., 4 sisters in Jpn.

Sagara, Kiyoe, 79, Stockton, Calif., Aug. 3; Stockton-born, survived by husband Henry, son Harry, daughters Sachie Shoblo, Fukue Norris, 4 gc.

Sakatani, Toshiko E., 73, Baldwin Park, Calif., July 19; Monrovia-born, survived by husband Yoshito, daughter Sharon Shimozaawa, son Michael, 4 gc., sister Yoshie Sakatani.

Sato, Kazue, 95, Fresno, July 20 (sv); survived by sons Taro, Koji Katagiri, John Sato, 3 gc., 2 ggc.

Shinbori, Mary, 80, San Francisco, July 28; Alviso, Calif.-born prewar Isleton and San Francisco barber, survived by son Dennis, 3 gc., sister Jane Shoji (San

Mateo).

Shiozaki, Yuriko, San Francisco, July 15; survived by son Daniel, daughter Adrienne Woo, 2 gc., brothers Takeshi, Shoji, Minoru and Toshiki Okamura, sister Mitsuko Kamimori.

Shirahama, Todd, 72, Spokane, Wash., July 19; WWII veteran, survived by daughters Geri Nurre (Salem, Ore.), Gloria, 5 gc., brother and 3 sisters.

Shitara, Darla Beth, 43, Long Beach, Calif., July 18 in Tijuana; South Dakota-born, survived by husband Thomas, daughter Jessica, 2 brothers, 3 sisters.

Shoda, Wendy K., 35, Los Angeles, July 29; Van Nuys-born, survived by parents Ken / Chieko, sister Jayne.

Sugimoto, Susie, San Francisco, July 9; survived by son Lawrence, daughter Elaine Tanimura, 4 gc., 1 ggc.

Suzuki, Tomoharu, 65, Whittier, Calif., Aug. 6; Yokohama-born, survived by wife Teru, daughters Kuniko Jessup, Mayumi Kadena, 4 gc., mother Yoki, 4 brothers and 2 sisters (all Jpn).

Tanabe, H. Del, 70, Tacoma, Wash., July 31; Tacoma-born WWII veteran, state certified ombudsman, decorated by Japanese Emperor with Order of Sacred Treasure Silver Rays [89], served on Pierce County Aging and Long-Term Care advisory board, Tacoma-Pierce County Arts Together board, Keiro-Nikkei Concerns board, self-employed gardener, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Douglas (Olympia), daughter Denise Cacciola, 2 gc., sisters Chizuko Shigio, Dorothy Tanabe (Seattle), Midori Sasaki (Seattle), brother Bill (Federal Way), predeceased by parents and brother Yoshihiko.

Tsukahara, Kokichi, 82, Hacienda Heights, Calif., July 25; Tokyo-born, survived by son Yukio, daughters Kimiko Hosokawa, Emiko Fujiyama, 2 gc., brothers Richard and Buster Kawana, sisters Kiyoko Kawahara, Ruth Yonemoto, Jane Shitara, Betty Tsuchiyama.

Tsukuno, Harold 'Ham', 80, Burr Ridge, Ill., May 1; Seattle-born 442nd vet, survived by wife Kay, sons Gary (Fountain Valley, Calif.), Paul, Laurie (Downers Grove, Ill.), 2 gc., sisters Tomi Fujimura, Mary Tabata (Seattle).

Yamada, Frank 'Pancho', 74, Los Angeles, July 26; Long Beach-born, survived by brother Joe, sisters Chiyoko Hori, Haruko Inafuku.

Yamaguchi, Suyeko, 91, Sanger, Calif., July 12; survived by daughters Masako, Yoshiko Umamizuka, 2 gc., 2 ggc.

Yamamoto, Tomiko Nancy, 69, San Francisco, July 26; San Francisco-born, survived by daughter Kyoko Nishida, 1 gc, brother Toshio Ono.

Yamamura, Shizuko, 85, Sacramento, July 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Sam, Tom, Harry, daughters Grace Hatano, Irene Kishaba, Michi Eiri, gc.

Yamashita, Seiya R., 67, Gardena, July 14; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Juanita, sons Neil, Wesley, Bryan, Lawrence, John, daughter Frances Natsue Stibelman, 7 gc., 1 ggc., brother Tom, mother Ann Natsue.

Yoshimura, Kikue Yamada, 80, Torrance, July 23; Lexington, Neb.-born, survived by son Ben, stepdaughter Evelyn Iwasaki, 5 gc., brother Harry K Kanda, sister Eiko Yokoyama (Jpn).

Yuge, Albert Y., 51, Chino, Calif., July 25; Manzanar-born, survived by son Chad, sisters Reiko Gamponia, Yoko Hanaoka, fiancée Shirley Metzger.

SHELBY

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need for me in 1955 to prove myself worthy. You had already done it for me.

You should know that you brought me challenges. Because you were studious and duty bound, these attributes were expected of

me. Because you were courageous, it challenged me to parachute from airplanes, rapel with ropes down cliffs, and insist on leading the main attack.

I served in the Army for 35 fast, wonderful years. I did it the way I hope would please you—with little fanfare and hard work and a vision to leave the Army and the Nation better than I found it.

I am now retired. I thought I would wear my uniform one more time—one more time at Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg.

I wanted you to see these three stars—because these stars are yours. They belong to you. You changed history. No longer do we question whether a Japanese American should be a general. No longer do we wonder whether an individual should command because of the shape of one's eyes.

We will leave Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg tomorrow. I will always remember this magic place that gave our soldiers that firm, solid first step into history.

Allow me another glance of you. I want to see this group that is so powerful that it can make generals.

Lt. Gen. Allen Ono of Honolulu, now retired, achieved the highest Army ranking as a Japanese American.

LETTERS

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sports venture seems to have gone entirely unnoticed by any of the standard publications on basketball history.

I would be very interested in reading more about this Japanese American "pioneer." As his alma mater is listed as being the University of Utah, I would strongly suspect that he was interned in that general area during WWII. I think it would be fascinating to learn how he wound up moving from Utah on his brief stint with the Knicks. The NBA Basketball Encyclopedia indicates that he was not among the five Knick draftees of the season—rather, he was on a "negotiation list." I would also be curious to find out whether he was the victim of racism as a member of the team (whether by his teammates or by those in attendance at the games).

Mark Yasuda

Bellevue, Wash.

TRADE

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price and recently Japan has opened the rice market to foreign imports. Sugar in the U.S. since the 1800s has been protected and subsidized so that sugar prices

are four times that of the world market. The U.S. imposes sugar import quotas to complement high sugar tariffs and direct government subsidies to sugar growers. So there was this big political furor about rice but nothing was ever said about sugar. The only major difference was that Japan allowed zero imports of rice but with the adjustment made by Japan on rice imports, nothing substantial has changed.

You might remember the Motorola cellular telephone case in 1987. Motorola chose to make phones that were not to Japanese specifications. The phones did not operate in the Japanese frequency level. They had the U.S. government pressure the Japanese government to set up a special frequency to cover most of Japan (less the Tokyo-Nagoya corridor) for the Motorola phones. Motorola opted to invest its resources in

Washington rather than to manufacture products to Japanese specifications. Now the former CEO of Motorola heads Kodak and he has instigated a suit of unfair practices on Kodak film. It will be interesting to see how that unfolds.

Balanced stories are almost never available in one article. So, be more curious, keep reading, for it is up to you to figure out the real facts and the intent of the writer.

1. Article by Charles Wolf, Jr., Los Angeles Times, June 11, 1995, "Stimulating Japan's economy, not tariffs will open its markets."

2. Article by James Bovard, "America's biggest trade secret: Closed markets here are killing U.S. jobs: The case for free trade. Bovard is the author of the book, *The Free Trade Fraud: How Congress Pillages the Consumer and Decimates American Competitiveness*, St. Martin's Press, 1991.

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