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## Senate committee votes to save most family immigration

An amendment which modified a proposal to reduce family immigration was passed March 28 by the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C.

Passed in an 11-4 vote, the amendment, put forth by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.) and Mike deWine (R-Ohio), proposed modest cuts to legal immigration, while saving most family preferences. According to the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the vote was a rejection of the severe proposal by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.), who wanted to sharply reduce overall family immigration and make it difficult or impossible to bring parents, adult children, brothers and sisters into the United States.

Under the Kennedy/Abraham proposal, parents, spouses, and minor children of citizens would continue to enjoy unlimited immigration. Some 175,000 visas would be allocated each year to spouses and minor children of permanent residents, and brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens, in that priority. In practice, there would be few visas left over for brothers and sisters, and no new sibling applications would be allowed until the brother and sister backlog is reduced, according to the APALA. However, the Kennedy/Abraham amendment would allocate 50,000 visas a year for five years to clear the backlog for brothers and sisters, and 75,000 a year for another five years. Currently, 65,000 brothers and sisters are allowed in each year.

"We see no rationale for cuts in family immigration, but understand that Sens. Kennedy and Abraham and others did the very best that they could to save family reunification from Sen. Simpson's attack," commented Matthew Finucane, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO.

## How they voted

Voting for the Kennedy/Abraham amendment were Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.), Mike DeWine (R-Ohio), Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.), Joseph Biden, Jr. (D-Del.), Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) and Paul Simon (D-Ill.).

Votings against were: Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.), Hank Brown (R-Colo.), and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.).

## What's growing fast, creating wealth and voting? It's the AP community, study says

A 300-plus-page report which details the enormous growth of the Asian Pacific community, its involvement in business and entrepreneurship, and its voting behavior has been released by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics.

The major policy report on Asian Pacific Americans and federal immigration policy was released at a national press conference March 27 in Washington, D.C.

Titled "The State of Asian Pacific Americans: Reframing the Immigration Debate," the report offers a detailed analysis of Asian Pacific American entrepreneurship and job creation, education, civic participation and demographics. According to LEAP spokespersons, the report was accomplished by a team of 16 scholars and immigration experts based at a dozen universities and

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## PSW reception

# JACL national, regional, D.C. directors welcomed by district

### Staff reports

LOS ANGELES—A trio of new JACL leaders drew more than 100 members of the Pacific Southwest District to a reception at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center March 21.

Headlining the event were Herbert Yamanishi, 52, who took over as national director on Jan. 1; Albert Muratsuchi, 31, newly named PSW regional director; and Robert Sakaniwa, 32, newly named Washington, D.C., representative.

Hosting the event was PSW Gov. David Kawamoto of the San Diego Chapter, as well as a number of district chapter presidents and leaders.

Each of the JACL leaders gave reports or discussed issues affecting the organization, leading off with Yamanishi, who talked about the importance and history of JACL.

"We're on the cusp," he said, referring to the dramatic changes in leadership that have occurred over the past months.



KAWAMOTO



TRIO—JACL National Director Herbert Yamanishi (center), poses with new staff, Robert Sakaniwa (left), new Washington, D.C., representative, and Albert Muratsuchi, new PSW regional director.

Yamanishi said that Japanese Americans must secure their history and build and revitalize and strengthen the network of 112 chapters nationally.

To deal with such issues as affirmative action and the glass ceiling, JACL must strengthen the values of the organization and heighten its motivation to face the challenges ahead.

Muratsuchi (see Q&A below) wasted no time in addressing the priorities of his office. "I've identified two priorities,"

he said. "One is that JACL as a civil and human rights organization must join with others in stopping the anti-civil rights initiative. Two, we must support affirmative action. I am working with Ron Osajima on an educational forum to clarify the misinformation."

Muratsuchi said that Japanese Americans still face discrimination, especially in hiring and promotions—the glass ceiling.

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## Albert Muratsuchi named new PSW regional director

On March 4, Albert Y. Muratsuchi officially stepped into his new role as regional director of the Pacific Southwest District of the Japanese American Citizens League, succeeding Jimmy Tokeshi who had resigned from office a year-and-a-half ago. The new JACL leader and former Los Angeles County deputy public defender must now es-

tablish and re-establish the second largest district in the organization in a time of financial difficulties, changing views and priorities, and the aftermath of internal dissension.

Nonetheless, equipped with a wide and varied background in the public sector, the new leader spoke before a large contingent of his constituency at a March 21 reception and clearly and strongly assayed his role, the JACL, and the tasks ahead. To further elaborate on those matters, Muratsuchi fielded more questions from Pacific Citizen about his position and views. Here is that interview:

**PC:** Tell us about your background. Where were you born? Where did you attend college? What were your academic interests? Did anything in your early life affect you in terms of your desire to participate in Asian American communities?

**MURATSUCHI:** I was born and raised on a U.S. military base on Okinawa. My father is a Kibei-Nisei, a civilian working for the U.S. Army. My mother is an Issei.

I went to UC, Berkeley. I majored in legal studies, a liberal arts study of law, which involved the study of legal philosophy and history, reading the works of Locke, Rousseau and others.

I went to law school at UCLA. The most influential course that I ever took was Introduction to Asian American

History, taught by Prof. Michael Omi. It was my introduction to Asian American Studies and the Asian American student movement. It gave me a sense of identity in terms of my place in American society as a Japanese American, it gave me a sense of purpose, the importance of serving my community.

**PC:** What is your business background? What jobs have you had? Describe what was involved in each.

**MURATSUCHI:** In my immediate previous experience I worked as a Los Angeles County deputy public defender, doing mostly trial work. I did 12 trials, representing indigent criminal defendants. It's great training. It's advocacy for underdogs. You are up against prosecutors, judges, jurors, bailiffs, court clerks. All of whom are probably biased against the defendant. We're almost always thinking on our feet, making quick assessments of what's going on, an assessment of what you can do.

Prior to law school, I was a legislative aide to State Sen. Milton Marks of San Francisco. I worked on civil rights legislation and served as the senator's liaison to Asian American communities in San Francisco, including Japantown, Chinatown and the Richmond District.

I spent most of my time with two pieces of legislation. One was a bill which would prohibit English-only policies in the private workplace. That was eventually vetoed by Gov. (Pete) Wilson. The other bill proposed the creation of a human relations commission to address hate violence and ethnic tensions in California public schools. It would have provided guidelines for interracial and ethnic tensions in state public schools. That

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## JACL calendar

### National JACL

#### AT HEADQUARTERS

Fri.-Sun., April 5-7—National Board and Staff meeting.

#### AT SAN JOSE

Tue.-Sat., Aug. 6-11—34th biennial National Convention, Fairmont Hotel, 170 S. Market St., San Jose, Calif.; info: San Jose JACL Office, 408/295-1250. NOTE—Workshops all day Sat., Aug. 10; Nihonmachi walking tour with Dr. Tokio Ishikawa; booster tours to Yosemite, San Francisco Bay, Monterey-Carmel/Whing-Ding/Homecoming.

### Eastern

#### WASHINGTON D.C.

Sun., June 9—Annual JACL picnic. Details to come.

### Midwest

#### CHICAGO

Sat., June 8—Annual scholarship luncheon, noon-3 p.m., Terrace Garden, Lake Ave. & Harms Rd., Wilmette; info: JACL Office, 312/728-7171.

#### CINCINNATI

Sat., May 4—Chapter benefit yard/bake sale, 10 a.m., 2933 Madison Rd., Cincinnati; info: Jacqui Vidourek 513/861-4860, Shiro Tanaka 513/489-9079. (Rain date: Sat. May 11)

#### CLEVELAND

Through April 11—Exhibit: Manzanar photographs by Toyo Miyatake, Cleveland State University Art Gallery, 2301 Chester Ave.; info: Henry Tanaka 216/229-2491.

#### ST. LOUIS

Sat.-Mon., Aug. 31-Sept. 2—Annual Japan Festival.

#### TWIN CITIES

Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner; 7-9 p.m., open to visitors; info: Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.

Sat.-Sun., April 13-14—Asian Accents/Kanojo Fashions, 1 p.m., Airport Marriott Hotel, 2020 E. 79th St., Bloomington; info: RSVP 4/1, Sally Sudo 612/835-7374.

Wed., April 17—Bob Nakamura film: *Something Strong Within* (1994), 7 p.m. Walker Art Center, Minneapolis. Box office: 612/375-7622.

### Intermountain

#### SALT LAKE CITY

Sat. Aug. 24—"J.A.s in Utah Centennial" program includes Asian history/Kanojo fashion show, banquet, Salt Lake Hilton; info: 801/359-2902. NOTE—Co-sponsored by Intermountain DC, JACL, chapters, Nat'l JACL Credit Union, Nikkei churches and community organizations.

### No. Cal-WN-Pacific

#### JAPAN-TOKYO

Chapter Board on the first Tuesdays unless it falls on the 1st or the 2nd day, Union Church. Info: Ted Shigeno, 0468-76-2431.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Mas Satow (HQ) Bldg., 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public. Info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

#### SAN JOSE

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

#### STOCKTON

Chapter Board on 2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Union Bank. Info: Aeko Fenelon, pres., 209/948-0966.

Sun., April 14—Annual spring trip to Lake Tahoe, Horizons, RSVP by April 5.

### IMPORTANT

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

Teddy Saiki, 1927 S. Grant St., Stockton 95206, 209/465-8107.

#### WEST VALLEY

Mon., April 8—"Next Generation" meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., JACL Senior Center Clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Dr. at Graves Ave., San Jose. Info: Ed Ikeda, pres. 408/974-5695 =ikedal@eworld.com.

Sat., April 20—New member potluck, WVJACL Clubhouse.

Sun., May 5—San Jose Japantown Nikkei Matsuri. Booth info: Dale Uriu 408/736-3007.

### Central California

#### FRESNO

Sat., April 13—Planning retreat, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., School of Education Bldg., CSU Fresno; info: Ronald Kiyuna, pres., 209/434-5807.

Sat., April 13—2nd annual "Fun-Fun" golf tournament, 12 noon tee-off, Rancho Del Rey, 5250 W. Green Sands, Atwater; banquet follows at 6 p.m., Livingston UMC Pioneer Hall, 1169 W. Olive Ave., Livingston; non-golfers invited to awards dinner. Tickets Buichi Kajiwaru 209/394-7571; Sherman Kishi 394-2261; Bob Taniguchi 383-5161; Grace Kimoto 393-2456. Golf registration by April 1 or when limit is reached.

### Pacific Southwest

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 19—Pre-convention DC session, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., University Club, UC, Riverside. Info: JACL Office, 213/626-4471. NOTE—Riverside JACL hosting, Clyde Wilson, site chair.

#### ARIZONA

Sun., April 21—JACL Scholarship Awards luncheon, 1 p.m., Crown Sterling Suites, 2630 Camelback Rd., Phoenix. Info: Mrs. Kathy Inoshita, scholarship committee secretary, 5332 W. Golden Lane, Glendale, AZ 85302, 602/937-5434.

#### DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

Sun., April 21—Women of the Year luncheon, 12:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel.

## How to submit calendar items

Events to be published in Pacific Citizen on a space-available basis must be submitted at least three weeks in advance.

Information must include: name of event, day, date, time, location (site of event, with address, city, and state), and name of individual, with phone number, address or e-mail, for information. Guest speakers or brief information about the event may be added.

Send to: Pacific Citizen, Calendar Item, 2 Coral Circle, #204, Monterey Park, CA 91755; fax, 213/725-0064; or e-mail, PacCit@aol.com.

So. Calif. Japanese Women's Society co-sponsors; RSVP by April 12. \$26 per person. Info: Amy 213/722-3897; Lillian (Nihongo-speaking) 310/822-3363; Sandi 818/284-7042. NOTE—Honoring Betty Iwata, Jean M. Ushijima and Aiko Yamaguchi.

#### RIVERSIDE

Sat.-Sun., April 20-21—2nd annual Orange Blossom Festival chapter booth, Downtown Riverside.

## JACL-Blue Cross meeting set for April 20 in Chicago

The Chicago Chapter, JACL, and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois will again hold a meeting for new enrollment in the JACL Group Health Insurance program April 20 at the chapter office, 5415 North Clark St.

All JACL members interested in hearing more details about the JACL Group Health Insurance Program are invited to attend as well as enroll into the health insurance program.

In addition, subscribers presently enrolled who have issues related to claims servicing and/or benefit questions are also invited to attend. Russell Anderson, account executive at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois, will be present to address all questions and issues regarding your health insurance coverage.

For medical claims: call customer service—800/562-6593; preadmission review—800/621-0970. For dental claims: call customer service—312/938-5900; or 800/367-6401.

Please do not call Russell Anderson; doing so will only delay resolving your problem or answering your questions.

## Alaska, JACL, gathering to be held May 25

The Alaska Chapter, JACL, has scheduled a May 25 gathering near Anchorage.

The event, which invites members from other chapters, will be held at the Alyeska Prince Hotel, about 45-minutes south of Anchorage.

The aim of the event is to introduce the people, sights and history of the Japanese in Alaska, according to Sylvia Kobayashi, chapter president.

Information: Sylvia Kobayashi, 907/561-0809; fax, 907/561-0409.

### For the record

In the March 15-April 4 issue of PC, the e-mail address of Elaine Akagi, JACL nominations committee chair, was listed incorrectly. Here is the correct one:

Elaine Akagi  
JACL  
Nominations Committee chair  
Reiko@aol.com

## Small kid time



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## Gwen Muranaka



# JACL seeks nominations for JA of the Biennium Award

Eileen Namba Otsuji, chairwoman of the Japanese American of the Biennium Committee, announces that the official nominating forms for the **Japanese American of the Biennium** award have been reviewed and are available. To obtain a nomination form, contact your chapter president, district delegates or the National JACL office (Patty Wada or Deirdre Howard)

at 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, 415/921-JACL, or fax 415/931-4671. The nomination form is printed below in this edition of the *Pacific Citizen*. Nominations must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1996.

The National JACL presents this coveted award to recognize and honor Americans of Japanese an-

cestry for their outstanding achievements in various fields of endeavor. The awardee will have received regional, national or international recognition for contributions which have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society. Each biennium, 1 to 3 outstanding individuals may be selected. Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any

one of the following fields.

Arts/Literature/Communications  
Business/Industry/Technology  
Education/Humanities  
Political/Public Affairs/Law  
Medicine/Science  
Sports/all other fields

The Japanese American of the Biennium Award will be presented at the 34th Biennial JACL National

Convention, Sayonara Banquet and Ball, Saturday evening, August 10, Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, Calif.

This gala evening begins at 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner. Black tie optional. US Congressman Robert T. Matsui will host the reception. Entertainment will be provided by the world renowned San Jose Taiko Group.

## Guidelines for the Japanese American of the Biennium Award

The Japanese American of the Biennium Award is the highest public award of the National JACL. The National JACL has presented this recognition to an American of Japanese Ancestry at each Biennial Convention since 1950. A gold medallion suitably engraved and a personalized scroll citation will be awarded to at least one, and up to three (3), individuals in recognition of distinguished achievement or community leadership. Travel expenses to the 1996 San Jose Convention, and hotel accommodations for the night of the banquet, will be provided for each of the recipients by the National JACL.

### Purpose of the Award:

The JACL recognizes and honors those Americans of Japanese ancestry whose outstanding achievements in different fields of endeavor have received regional, national or international recognition and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

### Award Criteria:

Candidates may be from any of the 50 United States or its territories. A candidate need not be a member of the JACL. Key consideration will be given to the extent to which the candidate's contributions or achievements have made an impact upon society and/or influenced an area of American life. The scope of this award may include expanded periods beyond the two years of the biennium or lifetime contributions.

### Award Categories

Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one field. Candidates from at least one, but no more than three, of the following fields will be selected:

1. Arts/Literature/Communications
2. Business/Industry/Technology
3. Education/Humanities
4. Political/Public Affairs/Law
5. Medicine/Science
6. Sports/All other fields

### Nominations

Nominations for the Japanese American of the Biennium must be postmarked by May 1, 1996, and sent to:

Japanese American of the Biennium Committee

JACL National Headquarters  
1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

1. Nominations may be submitted by Chapters, Districts, or by any individual JACL member with appropriate documentation.

2. Nominations should be accompanied by a statement, not more than one page typed, from the nominator stating:

- a. Qualifications of nominee not contained in the application form.
  - b. Particular reference as to how the nominator feels the individual has fulfilled the award criteria.
3. Number of supporting letters should not exceed five (5).

4. The nominee should be consulted before the nomination is submitted to avoid any withdrawals during the selection process.

## Past recipients of the JA of the Biennium Award

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1978 K. Patrick Okura  
1980 Harvey A. Itano; Minoru Masuda; George K. Nakashima  
1982 Harry Kitano  
1984 Yori Wada; George Ariyoshi; Isamu Noguchi  
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1992 Tomio Moriguchi; Kristi Yamaguchi  
1994 Jerry Enomoto; Evelyn Nakano Glenn; Yoshio Uchida

## JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

### 34th Biennial National Convention

#### 1994-1996 Nomination Form

### Japanese American of the Biennium

This form must be completed and postmarked no later than May 1, 1996. Return to: Awards and Recognition Committee, c/o National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

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Arts/Literature/Communications; Business/Industry/Technology; Education/Humanities; Political/Public Affairs/Law; Medicine/Science; Sports/All other fields.

Candidates may be from any of the 50 United States and its territories. Candidates need not be JACL members.

Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one field. The JA of the Biennium Committee reserves the right to make the final determination as to the appropriate category.

### Please Select one Category

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### General Information About the Candidate

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### PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

1. List all achievements and activities of the candidate which specifically qualifies him/her as a Japanese American of the Biennium in the field of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. List background of achievements and relevant activities of candidate which supplements his/her qualifications in this field.
3. List any honors or special recognitions (degrees, elective professional societies, awards, fellowships, appointments, etc.) with date of each recognition.
4. List organizations (professional, religious, civic, charitable, labor, veterans, JACL, etc.) in which the candidate has been active and has held offices. Specify the candidate's contribution in each capacity.
5. List any other activities (committees, political, civic, projects, volunteer work, etc.) outside of the specific field.
6. Statement by nominator, not more than 250 words, regarding:
  - a. How the candidate's contribution has made an impact upon or influenced others, and supporting statements as to why the nominee's qualifications fulfill the award criteria.
  - b. Qualifications of the candidate not covered elsewhere in the application.

Please include any news clippings or other supporting data and no more than five (5) letters of recommendation. Please designate number of pages attached: \_\_\_\_\_

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## National dialogue

By HERBERT YAMANISHI  
JACL National Director

## National update

There are no ads in the *Pacific Citizen* for staff positions! The reason is that all advertised positions have been filled. The following are the new full-time staff for the JACL:

### San Francisco Headquarters

● **Amy Yamashiro**, membership administrator, is both new and old staff. She was originally hired in early 1995, to fill a temporary position to help get the membership program back under control. Subsequently she went on a short-term contract after I arrived. She has since accepted the offer for full-time permanent position to coordinate the membership and Legacy Fund programs. Amy comes to JACL from the private sector having worked as a District Manager for Vector Marketing. She is a graduate of Wellesley College.

● **Deirdre Howard**, administrative assistant, started working just four weeks ago, taking the position that was previously occupied by Stephanie Roh. Deirdre will be handling a variety of projects including the scholarship program and convention responsibilities. Deirdre or "Dede" was previously an administrative assistant in a local law firm. She is a graduate of UC, Santa Barbara.

### Los Angeles Regional Office

● **Albert Muratsuchi** started on March 4 as the new PSW regional director. He comes to JACL from the L.A. County Public Defenders office as a deputy public defender. He also served as a leg-

islative aide to State Sen. Milton Marks. He is a graduate of UC, Berkeley, and UCLA Law School.

### Washington, D.C. Office

● **Robert Sakaniwa** will be taking on the responsibilities of the Washington, D.C., representative beginning April 1. Bob comes to JACL from being a legislative assistant for Congressman Walter R. Tucker. Prior to that he had worked in a Los Angeles law firm in the area of corporate law. Bob is graduate of Middlebury College and the Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles.

With the filling of the positions, only one secretary/receptionist position remains open and one part-time clerical position for the Washington, D.C., office. You will probably learn more about the staff through in-depth interviews from *Pacific Citizen* reporters.

## National convention update

By now every chapter should have received an advance program brochure of the 1996 Biennial Convention. A convention team led by Tom Shigemasa, convention chairperson and Mark Kobayashi, convention co-chairperson are taking on an enormous task. Having organized many conferences, but never a convention... hats off to everyone who has volunteered to help out. A convention has many more facets and an enormous number of people that must be involved and coordinated.

A key piece of the convention,

## JACL Yasui speech contest now open to college students

The guidelines for the 1996 Minoru Yasui Oratorical competition have been expanded to include full-time college students, in addition to high school students 16 and over, according to Deirdre Howard, JACL administrative

assistant.

In another change from last year, one prize—and not two—will be awarded. College and high school students will be competing in an open category.

The decision to add college stu-

that is about six weeks late in coming together, is the announcement for elections and resolutions procedures. The delay is a consequence of a series of changes including the national director and a new vice president of operations. Each time there was a change, there was a new learning curve to overcome. In addition, a number of modifications to the procedures are necessary. Since we also operate by committee, 14 different people have been reviewing the process, including nine committee chairs. We anticipate that by the time most of you read this article in the *Pacific Citizen*, the forms for nominations, resolutions, and awards will have been received by the chapters.

The procedures for elections and resolutions are critical to the functioning of the JACL. The rules not only define our interpretation of a participatory democracy but also one's beliefs about how relationships should be handled. By carefully reviewing what went right and wrong at the last convention, adjustments will be made to avoid personality clashes and misunderstandings of procedures. The changes in procedures go to the Board of Directors for their final review at the April 6-7 board meeting. The rules of procedure, as a consequence, will not be sent out until later in April.

However, to give everyone a "heads-up," we are sending the forms out now to all of the chapters. This should allow everyone to get board nominees in order, policy changes in draft, and the best adjectives for awards sharpened. The 1996 Biennial Convention is on its way!

dents was made because of the low level of participation by high school students in all districts/regions. The prize reduction was necessary because of budget constraints, Howard said.

Each district/region will be holding a preliminary competition before the convention to determine its finalist. District/regional winners must be submitted to National Headquarters by July 15.

Information: contact district governor or regional director, or call Deirdre Howard, JACL Headquarters, 1/415/921-5225.

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If anyone has information regarding the past and present whereabouts of Yoshito Okihara who lived in Seattle, Washington prior to relocating to a World War II Relocation Camp, please write to me at the Seattle Chapter, Japanese American Citizens League, 111 C & T Building, 316 Maynard Avenue South, Post Office Box 18558, Seattle, Washington 98118-0558, Attn. Grant. I have a Caucasian friend who is very interested in reestablishing a friendship with him.



## 27th trek to Manzanar is set for April 27 as site is developed

"Bridging Generations: Moving Forward" is the theme for the 27th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 1996, at the Manzanar National Historic Site, located approximately 210 miles north of Los Angeles, and north of the town of Lone Pine on U.S. Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra.

Manzanar was designated as a National Historic Site on March 3, 1992, by Public Law 102-248.

Tours of the site will begin at 9:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. The tours will be guided by former Manzanar internees.

The program, which begins at noon, features Ross Hopkins, superintendent, Manzanar National Historic Site, National Park Service. He will update the National Park Service's plans and progress toward developing the site into a cultural landscape that will tell the entire story of Manzanar, from the Native American settlements and the pioneer ranch days to the wartime experience.

"Progress is being made in getting the land turned over to the National Park Service," said Sue Kunitomi Embrey of the Manzanar Committee. "The camp auditorium [which has been used as a maintenance yard by Inyo County] is being cleaned up

and vacated so the National Park Service can take over soon."

The National Park Service plans to use the auditorium as an interpretive center, housing exhibits and other resource material about the entire Manzanar experience.

Pilgrimage organizers are hopeful that the public will be able to view the former camp auditorium during the pilgrimage.

"The National Park Service is getting things done despite having no budget," Embrey said.

"The pilgrimage is a great way to learn about what we're trying to do here and to get involved, and Ross will be there to let everyone know what's happening and how they can support our efforts."

Embrey also pointed out that the pilgrimage is for everyone—not just former Manzanar internees and their families. "We work hard to be representative of all the camps," Embrey said. "Manzanar was chosen to be a National Historic Site because it is the best preserved out of the 10 camps. We hope everyone will feel welcomed at the pilgrimage, whether one has a direct link to Manzanar or not."

The current wave of anti-Asian sentiment will also be reflected in the program. According to organizers, the same sentiment that resulted in the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II is growing stronger

once again.

"Racism, hysteria, a failure of political leadership and economic greed were the primary causes of the internment, and those forces are still going strong today," said Gann Matsuda of the Manzanar Committee. "When you examine the initiatives that would deny immigrants access to social services, health care, education, food stamps, welfare, AFDC or deny them citizenship, and when you also look at the moves to abolish affirmative action, it's easy to see that our society continues to look for scapegoats, just as it did over 50 years ago," Matsuda said.

Other speakers in the program will include Bob Gracey of the

Inyo County Board of Supervisors, and representatives of the various governmental agencies involved with the site.

The traditional interfaith religious service and dancing will conclude the formal program.

Pilgrimage participants will then be able to take a quick tour of the site and view the Manzanar exhibit at the Eastern California Museum in Independence.

Organizers say that there will be no formal potluck lunch as in previous years. Participants must bring their own food. Drinking water will be provided.

The event is free and is open to the public. Information: Aki Maehara at 310/338-7620.

## Asian American candidates do well in March 26 primaries

As a result of the March 26 primaries in California, incumbents Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif., 5th Dist.), Rep. Jay C. Kim (R-Calif., 41st Dist.) appear likely to continue their congressional terms next year.

The California State Assembly can expect to see a Japanese American on both sides of the aisle, as incumbent Nao Takasugi (R-

37th Dist.) and former Santa Clara County supervisor Mike Honda (D-23rd Dist.), won their party primaries.

Matsui of Sacramento, unopposed, polled 62,987 votes in a heavily Democratic district. Kim of Diamond Bar polled 22,660 (58%) in the primary of his heavily Republican district. Takasugi of Oxnard had 23,176 (76%) votes

and will face in November an unopposed Democrat, Jose Herrera, who finished with 20,255 votes. Honda of San Jose had 8,916 (38%) in a four-way primary contest. His unopposed Republican, Lisa Sutton, had 7,291 votes.

The Los Angeles Times has published a photograph of Laurie Campbell, the Huntington Beach

woman who entered a special election "as a bogus Democrat" last fall in a critical bid for control of the State Assembly. The name of Campbell, an Asian American by appearance in the photo, was thrown off the ballot by a judge. Her ethnic background was not reported in a March 28 story delving into the grand jury testimony made public the previous day.

## Naturalization program begun by APA group

A naturalization program to assist thousands of Asian Pacific Americans nationwide with the U.S. citizenship process and to provide education on the importance of voter registration and civic participation has been launched by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium of Washington, D.C.

The program, funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Ford Foundation and The Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, was created in response to anti-immigrant proposals in Congress and on the state level. According to spokespersons, the program's primary goal is the enfranchisement of the Asian American community. Proposed anti-immigration legislation and welfare reform legislation may severely curtail the eligibility of legal immigrants for government services and benefits that are available to other Americans in times of need, NAPALC officials said in a press release.

The program features citizenship campaign training—how to conduct citizenship assistance workshops using the group processing model and how to prepare for the Immigration and Naturalization Service interview.

In addition, the consortium offers the training to community-based organizations interested in learning the citizenship group-processing model and other services related to assisting applicants throughout the citizenship process.

The program focuses on outreach approaches, equipment and supplies, recruitment and training of volunteers, and basic citizenship law. Materials and questions are translated into several Asian languages.

The consortium is also distributing a video on the citizenship process which can be offered to local cable stations for airing. It is available in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese.

Information: Patria Klein, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, 1001 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 522, Washington, D.C. 20036, or at (202) 296-2300.



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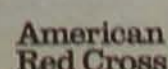
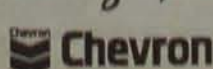
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## Agenda



### Familiar face

Judge Lance Ito (second from left), with his wife, Margaret York, was one of the honorees of the 22nd Asian Americans for Equality banquet, held March 2 in New York City. With him are Ron Uba (right), president, New York Chapter, JACL, and Scott Ito, banquet coordinator and director for leadership development for the AAE.

### NCWNPDC call: 'Give me five!'

Exhorting all of their 10,000 JACLers in Northern California, Western Nevada, Hawaii and Japan, the NCWNP District Council executive board has kicked off a "Give Me Five!" campaign for 1996 "to help JACL return to financial health" with a \$5 contribution from every member—with the prospect of raising almost \$50,000 to go to the National JACL coffers.

Not discounting those who have responded to the JACL Annual Giving Program, the campaign is expected to show both support of and thanks for National JACL's efforts. Donations, payable to National JACL, are to be mailed to Fred Okimoto, DC treasurer, 1580 Franquette Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991.

### Hapa Issues Forum slated for April 13

The third annual Hapa Issue Forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on the UC, Berkeley, campus at 145 Dwinelle Hall. The format will feature a panel discussion in the morning and smaller workshops in the afternoon, the afternoon topics covering (a) gender and sexuality, (b) affirmative action, (c) history and controversy surrounding the use of the word Hapa, (d) parenting mixed-race children, (e) mixed-race identity and (f) other topics.

Among the panelists will be Randy Senzaki, former National JACL director. Chapter secretary Maggie Gabel, Berkeley JACL board member, said the forum, in exploring what it means to be a Hapa/Japanese American, "pro-

poses an alternate view that society should accept that multiracial people can embrace all parts of their heritage. This view promotes a healthy self-concept for multiracial children."

HIF may be accessed by phone at 510/466-5859 or at its computer website: <http://ocf.berkeley.edu/hapa/>

A chapter bingo night for sponsorship funds will be held April 5 at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church.

Panelist Gabel is a Festival Queen candidate in the Cherry Blossom festivities being held in San Francisco Japantown over two weekends, April 13-14 and 20-21, with the grand finale parade beginning at 1 p.m. April 21 at Civic Center and ending down Post St. in Japantown. Originally from Santa Rosa, Gabel obtained her bachelor's degree in sociology from Mills College and her master's in social welfare from UC, Berkeley.

### Florin stages 'Remembrance'

By BILL KASHIWAGI

More than 250 people attended the 14th Annual Time Of Remembrance on Saturday, March 2, at the Florin Buddhist Church Hall. The annual events were preceded by Elk Grove Unified School District exhibits, with classroom presentations and an Educators Workshop at the Florin Buddhist Complex.

The call of the drums performed by the Koyasan Children Taiko opened the ceremony, followed by VFW Post 8985 flag ceremony. The theme for the 1996 event was "Tradition of Education and

Perservance." Joanne Iritani, chapter president welcomed the audience. Guest speaker for the evening was Georgiana White, California State University Sacramento archivist and principal to the Japanese American Archival Collection, as well as an instrumental force in starting the endowment fund to make the collection available for study and display.

Roy Herburger, owner-publisher of the Elk Grove Citizen, was honored as "A Friend of the Community." Mary Tsukamoto presented the award. The Elk Grove Unified School District showed support as some board members, as well as EGUSD Superintendent Dave Gordon, Deputy Superintendent Steven Winlock and Superintendent Bob Trigg, attended the ceremonies.

Other local dignitaries attending were Mayor Joe Serna, former mayor Ann Rudin, County Supervisor Don Nottoli and City Councilman Roger Dickinson.

During the course of the evening, 10 local pioneers, mostly Issei and Nisei, and friends of the community were presented with a book of their respective oral history interviews by Marion Kanemoto, chapter oral history project coordinator. Recipients and honorees were Misa Kashiwagi, Tom Oshiro, Percy Nakashima, Woodrow Ishikawa, the late Kazuo Ito, Shirley Yates, Robert Coomes, Kazuo Ninomiya, Al Tsukamoto and George Matsu-moto.

Christine Umeda was general chairperson for the entire annual event. Those who assisted were: education workshop: Aileen Nishio and Joanne Iritani; Elk Grove educator: Mary Tsukamoto; historical exhibit: Iritani and Tsukamoto; artifacts: Teri Mizusaka and

Myrtle Furukawa; barrack: Ted Kobata; food: Myrna Hitomi assisted by Masako Takeoka and Irene Nakashima; treasurer: Kern Kono; reception and name tags: Kern Kono, Sam Kashiwagi, Henry Yui, Tommy Kushi, and Marielle Tsukamoto; sushi: Kae Nakamura; chicken: Emmie Takehara and Fumi Okamoto; rice ball: Mary Kawanishi and Myrtle Furukawa; general logistics: Walter Menda; graphic/lighting/audio: Lenny Mizusaka; guest invitation: Heidi Sakazaki; tickets: Ernie Abe; banner: Stan Umeda; speaker media contact: Sandra Michioka; publicity: Bill Kashiwagi and Frank Iritani; awards and greeter: Marielle Tsukamoto; master of ceremony: Tom

Nakashima; cleanup: George Furukawa; photographer: Frank Iritani.

### Gila Relocation Center helps school

The Gila River Relocation Center Monument Project Committee donated \$10,000 to the Sacaton School District #18 for the Saca-

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Agenda is a roundup of chapter news from the Japanese American Citizens League and other associations and organizations.

### Santa Maria Valley Chapter returns

Staff report

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—What has lingered all these years as a "health insurance" JACL chapter in the Pacific Southwest District Council bounced back into community limelight, as Santa Maria Valley JACL called a dinner meeting on Saturday, March 16, at the Minami Community Center. Over 120 members and interested Nikkei from Lompoc, neighboring San Luis Obispo County and the Santa Maria Valley attended.

Lillian Furukawa, who chaired the reactivation effort, was courting the evening diners for volunteers to serve on the chapter executive board and succeeded by having Milton Yoshiyama, a local attorney, accept the role of president. Other members were similarly being signed to various posts for their first meeting scheduled at the home of Paul

Aug. 6-11, and pictured what lies ahead for the P.C.

Noting that the PC Editorial Board had met the first Saturday in March, Honda related how the general membership all stressed the need for getting the paper back to a weekly format from the current semi-monthly mode.

He also urged the chapter to insure the local Japanese American history is preserved in writing, such that as of the legendary Issei pioneers H.Y. Minami and Setsuo Aratani of Guadalupe Masakazu mentioned in Iwata's *Planted in Good Soil, a History of the Issei in U.S. Agriculture*. Plus other Issei and Nisei figures not mentioned in the book, like Shiroichi and Ray Koyama, Kichimatsu Tani, Toyokuma Tomooka, Kameo and John Furukawa, Hachitaro Saki, and other community leaders such as Ken Utsunomiya (Mr. JACL



Photo: HARRY HONDA

**GIFT TO CITY**—A major contribution, by Issei lettuce king H.Y. Minami, to the City of Santa Maria is the Minami Community Center. The Santa Maria Valley JACL held its reactivation dinner meeting here the first Saturday in March.

Kurokawa, who was introduced to the *Pacific Citizen* as the individual who probably knows the most about the Issei and Nisei pioneers of Santa Maria Valley since the 1900s.

Past chapter presidents were also expected to attend.

Peter M. Uyehara, an active Lion member and longtime 1000 Clubber, was evening toastmaster. Sam Iwamoto, treasurer, was applauded for his devotion to keeping the chapter alive over the years—a situation that has challenged district officers—by servicing membership renewals.

Toru Miyoshi, serving the public the past decade as Santa Barbara County supervisor and serving again as Santa Maria city councilman, welcomed guest speaker Harry K. Honda, PC editor emeritus, who summarized recent activities within JACL, the presence on staff of the new national director Herb Yamanishi, and regional director Al Muratsuchi, the upcoming National JACL Convention at San Jose

in the 1930s), businessman Harold Shimizu (garage owner and the first car dealer in the valley), and general store owner Riichi Miyoshi and his son Toru.

There is a wall at the Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum acknowledging their benefactors, including the JACL chapter. One display features artifacts and photos of Issei contributions to agriculture and a photographic display of Nikkei in the midst of other civic pioneers.

It was learned that the pre-war Japanese farming community in Lompoc, which included a JACL chapter, has seen only one Nisei family come back, but the community has been transformed by Air Force veterans and their Japan-born wives who were assigned to Vandenberg Air Force Base and since retired in the area.

Now a Santa Maria resident, Kaz Yoshitomi Oye, 1985 Greater L.A. Singles chapter president, hopes her Singles members will visit Santa Maria Valley.



### Las Vegas lineup

Special guest at the recent Las Vegas Chapter, JACL, installation were U.S. Sen. Harry Reid (right) and his wife, Landra (second from left), posing with

chapter leaders Joe and Lillian Morizono. Judge Carl Christensen installed officers and JACL President Denny Yasuhara was also present.





Photo: JOE ALLMAN

**GIFT**—Joe Allman (right) and Masaji Inoshita (second from left) of the Arizona Chapter JACL, recently presented the Sacaton School District near Phoenix, Ariz., with a \$10,000 gift. Accepting were Jacob Garcia and Cheryl Hasebe.

## AGENDA

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ton Elementary School in the Phoenix, Ariz., area.

The donation was given to enhance the Sacaton Elementary School computer activities and purchase related items. Presenting the gift were Masaji Inoshita and Joe Allman, both members of

the Arizona Chapter, JACL, Gila River Relocation Center Monument Project Committee. The donation was accepted by Dale Enos, Margaret Armstrong and Lee Thompson, Sacaton School Board members. Also present were Jacob Garcia, superintendent, Sacaton School District #18, and Cheryl Hasebe, principal of the Sacaton Elementary School.

The school is the only public

institution on Gila River Indian Community lands. It is a year-round school with more than 400 students, grades kindergarten through 4th, with students ranging in age from 5 to 12.

The Sacaton Middle School is for grades 5 through 8. A few Bureau of Indian Affairs elementary and middle schools also exist on the reservation.

## Seattle installation features Yamashita

By ARLENE OKI

Marine Reserves Captain and Washington, D.C., attorney Bruce Yamashita was the featured speaker at the Seattle Chapter's 74th annual dinner held at the Doubletree Suites, Tukwila, Wash. Yamashita recounted his difficulties achieving officer status at the U. S. Marine Corps Officer Training Academy. It was a wrenching account of the racism which is pervasive in the U.S. military establishment. Fortunately, through sheer perseverance and tremendous courage, Yamashita was able to overcome many obstacles to finally achieve officer status. His message provided inspiration, enlightenment and purpose for those in attendance at the dinner, particularly for the young adults new to the JACL and its ideals of justice, equality and fair play.

Reflecting the theme of the event: "For the Sake of the Community," awards were presented to Japanese Americans who have distinguished themselves by providing exemplary services to the community. Bob Shimabukuro, director of the Northwest Asian/Pacific AIDS Council and the Chapter's newsletter editor, was

presented with the Don Kazama Award by Sally Kazama. May Namba, a longtime member and dedicated contributor of many JACL committees, received a Sapphire Pin. Community Service Awards were presented to Fumiko Maeshiro, former principal of the Japanese Language School, for her unselfish and tireless efforts to enhance educational opportunities; Judge Thomas Haven who, with his wife, personally organized a permanent exhibit on the WWII internment experience of Japanese Americans in the Kittitas county courthouse; and Russell Akiyama, former administrator of Keiro Nursing Home. Noting his volunteerism at Keiro Nursing Home and St. Peter's Episcopal Church as well as his essential work supporting the Seattle Chapter's activities, a special award was presented to the community's quintessential volunteer, Sam Shoji.

Chapter officers were sworn in (See "All aboard" at right) by National President Denny Yasuhara. Other dignitaries attending the event were King County Executive Gary Locke, Gov. Mike Lowry, Seattle City Council President Jan Drago, Metropolitan King County Council member Larry Gossett, several judges, and various members of the state legislature including Seattle Chapter Board Member and State Representative Kip

Tokuda.

The Seattle Chapter looks forward to another busy year with its focus on youth and continuing efforts to address civil rights issues. Members have already started planning for a major event next year when the chapter will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

## New Mexico to mark 20th anniversary

The New Mexico Chapter, JACL, will celebrate its 20th anniversary Saturday, June 22, at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel.

The chapter was actually founded in the early 1950s. It disbanded in 1956, but with an increasing number of Japanese Americans moving into the state the Albuquerque Chapter was formally created in 1975. Instrumental in reactivating the chapter were Tazue Yonemoto Akutagawa and three Sansei, Glenn Hamada, Ron Shibata and Sonya Yonemoto. And in August of 1976 the new name of the New Mexico Chapter was established.

All former members who have since moved out of state are invited to attend the event. The chapter is particularly seeking the whereabouts of Glen Hamada, who left the state for a job in Hawaii in 1977. Contact Jean Yonemoto Kishiyama, 7624 Osuna Rd. NE,

Albuquerque, NM 87109.

## St. Louis Chapter marks 50th event

By MIKE HOSHIKO

Mike Kimzey was recently installed as the 50th president of the St. Louis Chapter, JACL, by National President Denny T. Yasuhara. Sam Nakano, the first chapter president in 1946, was honored for his long, dedicated service. He was presented with a trip to the upcoming JACL National Convention in San Jose. All past presidents' names were read and those who were present received a round of applause.

A special anniversary booklet with 51 photographs, and a specially designed pin were presented to all those who attended. Bob Mitori presented a 50-year memory lane slide show trip for members and guests.

## All aboard

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## Opinions



## From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## The right to know

**P**acific Citizen, the gentleman said, is a lot better these days. What do you mean by "better," I asked.

Well, he said, it's become more positive. I like it better that way. It doesn't print as much negative stuff as it used to.

That's probably true, I said. Why do you suppose that there's less negative stuff in the paper?

I dunno, he said. Do you suppose it's because of a new editorial policy?

What do you mean by that? I asked.

Well, he said, maybe they have a new policy to run just the good stuff, the positive news.

And ignore the bad stuff? I asked.

Yeah, he said. Something like that.

And you like it better that way? I asked.

Yeah, he said. I was getting awfully fed up with all that bad stuff, about all the bad things that were going on in JACL.

Well, I said, did you approve of all the bad things?

No, no, he protested. I didn't approve of all the bad things.

Then, I asked, are you saying that you disapproved of the bad things but you just didn't want to know about them?

Well, he said, since you put it that way, I guess you're right because I didn't like to read about them.

Then, I asked, why do you suppose there's less bad stuff in the PC these days? Do you suppose there's a new policy not to print news that might make some people uncomfortable?

Well, he replied, it kinda seems that way.

Are you saying, I asked, that you think there's bad stuff still going on but they— whoever "they" is—have decided you shouldn't be told about it any more?

No, he said, it's not quite that but, but... darn it, quit confusing me.

I'm not trying to confuse you, I said. But let's look at it this way. If something going on in your organization has a funny smell to it, don't you think it ought to be brought to your attention so that you and others like you can get it corrected?

Well, yes, he admitted.

And, I continued, how would you know

there was a problem unless you read about it in your newspaper?

I'd probably never know, he said.

But you and a lot of other folks read the newspaper, I said, and you didn't like what you learned and decided to do something about cleaning up the mess.

Well, he said, if you put it that way...

And, I said, isn't it possible there's less bad stuff in the paper because now there's less bad stuff that needs reporting?

Sure, he said, that's possible.

I'm glad we can agree on that, I said. What we've been talking about explains why there's an amendment to the Constitution that protects the right of newspapers to print what they believe citizens have a right to know.

Thanks, he said, I think I have a better understanding about what newspapers do.

No, I said, don't thank me. I thank you for listening.

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

## East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## The Asian candidacy

**A**N EARLIER COLUMN in this space referred to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's (R-Texas) public appearances. During his quest for the Republican nomination for the presidency, his decidedly Asian-appearing spouse stood prominently by his side. Mindful of the sensitivity and fickleness of the electorate, I expressed admiration for this forthright stance by this couple. Thirteen years earlier, as a statewide candidate for a vacancy on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, I sought to include my face on campaign literature, a suggestion vetoed by my campaign managers. During my campaign appearances in that election, an electorate in the audience referred to me as "one of those guys who bombed Pearl Harbor."

Idiotic? Of course. Unexpected? No.

**AS AN ASIAN** candidate in Pennsylvania, a jurisdiction without a significant Asian populace, perhaps it may be helpful to share a few concepts I developed in campaigning. First and foremost, don't seek to evade your ethnicity; no apologies or explanations should be attempted. At the same time, don't let it become "a chip on the shoulder." Yet, it needs to be addressed and neutralized for two reasons: to surmount the barrier for those few who, knowingly or unknowingly, harbor vestiges of racism (remember, every vote counts); also "to break the ice" so that your audience can "hear" your campaign message, and not be hung

up or otherwise distracted by your ethnicity. As a Japanese American candidate, here are some examples of ice-breakers I've used—with varying results.

**MAKEUP OF LISTENERS** obviously must be taken into account.

Thus, in a prominently Italian neighborhood, I might open with—

"My name is 'Marutani.' I know that sounds 'Italian.' But as you can see, I'm not Italian. While I'd be proud to be an Italian, I'm proud of being who I am: a 'Japanese American.' Anyway, who am I to argue with the Maker's choice of race for this American."

Interpreted: My ancestry doesn't make a difference either way. It's Nature's choice. Who can quarrel with that? When you vote, remember that Italian-sounding name.

Then there's the matter of the '42 uprooting and confinement of Nikkei residing along the Pacific Coast. This stitch may be picked up as follows:

"In selecting Japanese parents for this American, the Maker destined some exciting times for me. For in 1942, when the government rounded up some 120,000 Japanese Americans and their parents and placed them into barbed-wire camps, I was one of them."

To avoid injecting guilt or bitterness into this statement, the following wry humor is to drive the point home—

"Well, this is one judge you won't have to

worry about. He's already 'served time.'"

Moving on to military service—

"After being rejected when I volunteered for military service, I was drafted into the Army infantry. Made 2nd Lieutenant. My brother out-ranked me though: he made Master Sergeant."

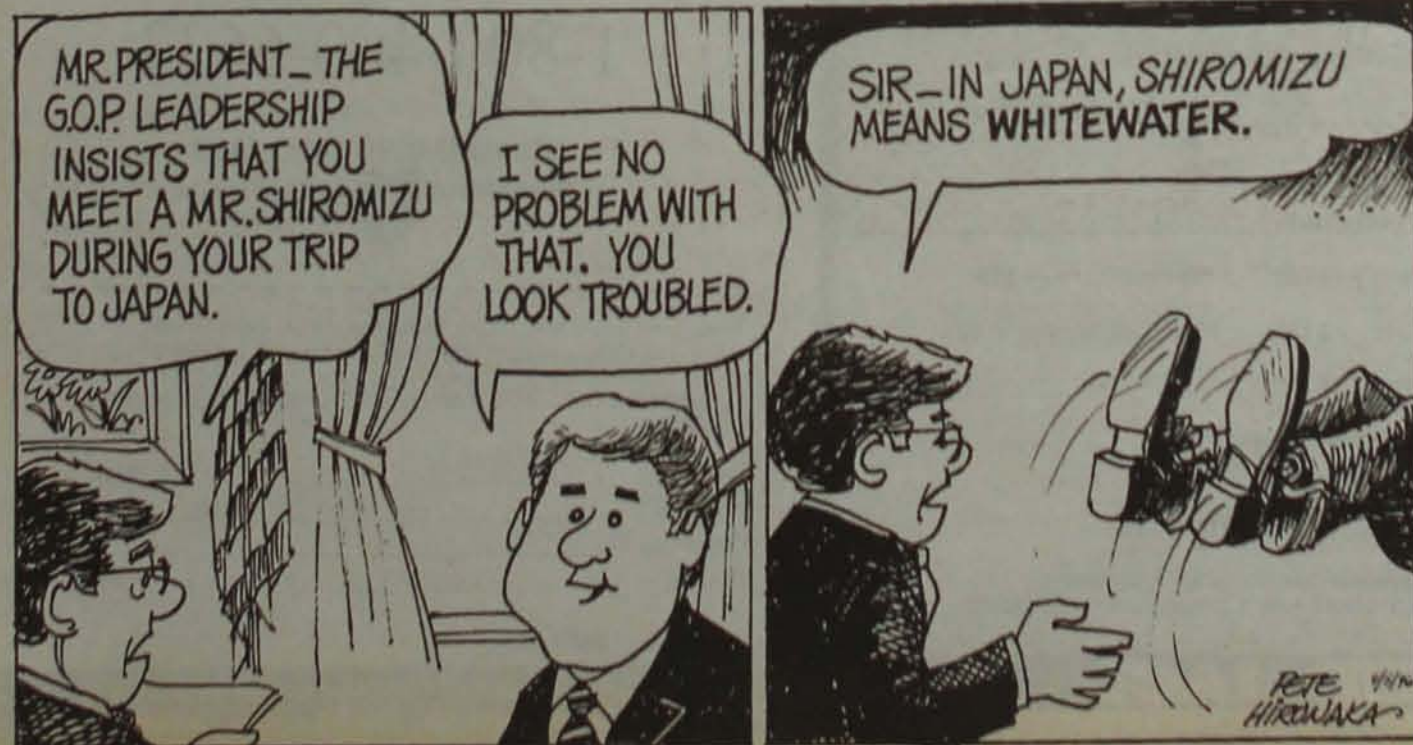
In addressing minority communities it would be erroneous to assume that you're facing a "sympathetic" or "understanding" group and that no ice-breaker is needed. For some you well may be the first Asian they've met eyeball-to-eyeball. To break the ice, after stating my name plus the usual brief pleasantries, I might interject: "Well, 'black is beautiful' and I want to add 'yellow is mellow.' With the lines now cleared, we can communicate. As Americans."

A caution to all this: it must not be contrived. It should not be forced. Don't overdo it. If you don't feel comfortable with any of it, don't do it.

**OTHER APPROACHES** can be developed to turn an adverse factor into a plus, or at least minimize damage. In my first primary election, there were six slots open

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



## Letters

## Redress education fund be restored to full amount

One of the important purposes of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was to educate the American public about the incarceration of Japanese Americans en masse in the American concentration camps during World War II. The Presidential Commission, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), recommended an educational fund for this purpose, and Congress passed a bill which earmarked \$50 million for this purpose.

We are now being told that only \$5 million will be spent toward educational purpose and the rest be spent to pay those who were recently declared eligible for redress.

No amount of money can truly redress the wrong committed against Japanese Americans by their own official government act during World War II. The symbolic payment of \$20,000 for years of detention was finally accepted by the Japanese American community as "meaningful" redress.

Completing the redressing of the Japanese Americans as recommended by Congress should not be by the Japanese Americans themselves by having 90 percent of the "educational fund" eliminated. If additional redress money is necessary, as decided by the Office of Redress Administration, it is the responsibility of our government to come up with the necessary money.

We hope that JACL will strongly protest and not let the government reduce the most important "educational fund" recommended by the government in 1988. This educational fund itself was only 10 percent of the amount asked in the original proposal submitted to Congress by JACL.

Clifford Uyeda

San Francisco

—Chair, JACL National Redress Committee, 1977-1978.

—President, National JACL, 1978-1980.

## Clarifies life of late war hero Richard Sakakida

We wish to express our appreciation for various articles published in the *Pacific Citizen* concerning the late Richard Sakakida. Unfortunately, one of the articles mentioned the undocumented claims made by Filipino guerrillas pertaining to LTC Sakakida's role as an American serviceman in the Philippines during World War II. We are fully cognizant that the *Pacific Citizen* did not endorse such claims but merely stated that they had been made.

We wish to state that the guerilla charges against LTC Sakakida remain unproven and if anyone should wish to pursue this matter further, it is recommended that the carefully researched and documented book by Dr. Wayne S. Kiyosaki titled *A Spy In Their Midst: The World War II Struggle of a Japanese American Hero*, be referred to

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## From the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board chair

By MAE TAKAHASHI

### Coming full circle

Should the PC return to weekly editions?

**H**istory has a way of repeating itself... the more things change, the more they remain the same. These old adages could have been written about JACL and the PC!

On Jan. 15, 1981, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, the PC Editorial Board chair at the time, introduced the question he was placing on the "interim" National Board agenda for the 1982 convention. He wrote:

*Many of us had always held that the PC must never become a tool of any elected or appointed officer. This freedom, we believe, is essential for an honest, in-depth, fearless but responsible journalism. This freedom, however, is not possible without PC finances being independent of national JACL headquarters. Under the present arrangement, the PC budget can be cut at the whim of National headquarters. As long as the National JACL budget is under severe constraint, the PC becomes the primary target for budget cutting. It is happening again. The PC has not been in a position to plan for its future.*

*If we learned anything from the 1980*

*National Convention, it was a clear message from the National Council that they considered the PC to be one of the most important functions of JACL.*

Fifteen years later, little has changed. JACL and the PC face the exact same dilemma. JACL's finances are constrained and PC budget cuts turned the PC into a semi-monthly rather than weekly publication.

Currently, the PC is publishing 23 issues on total revenues of approximately \$396,000. Twenty-three percent of the PC's revenues are derived from the PC's holiday issue, 13% from non-member subscriptions, and 11% from advertising and miscellaneous sources. The remaining 53% of total PC revenues comes from a \$12/member allocation from JACL dues, on a one-per household basis.

What about the expense side of the equation? The PC has fixed and variable expenses. Total annual production costs vary depending on the number of PC editions produced. Production costs for each PC edition total approximately \$6,401. Postage accounts for 62% of production

costs, printing and ad costs another 36%, and editorial (columns, illustrations, photographs, reference materials and editorial travel) the remaining 2%.

Certain administrative costs are fixed regardless of the number of PC editions produced. Fixed costs on an annual basis are shown below:

Rent and utilities	\$29,520
Telephone and FAX	10,800
Equipment rental & maintenance	6,970
Meeting and conference costs	6,100
Postage	5,700
Office supplies	1,700
Miscellaneous costs	3,400

Total approximate fixed costs: ... \$64,190

PC staff costs vary depending on the number of editions. Currently, the PC has 3 full-time employees: the Editor/General Manager, Editor Emeritus and Business/Advertising Manager. A fourth full-time position, Assistant Editor, remains unfilled. Three to four full-time employees are stretched very thin producing 23 semi-monthly PC editions.

If the PC returned to a weekly publication, the PC would need to double its staff.

The PC's 1996 budget for 23 editions projects revenues of \$396,003 and expenses of \$387,485 which (barring unforeseen costs) leaves a net income of \$8,518. If the PC returned to a weekly publication, projected revenues would be \$428,704 and expenses would be \$551,071, leaving a shortfall of \$122,367. Adding the subscription income of \$198,600 to the net loss and then dividing the total by 16,550 JACL members equates to a dues increase of just \$8.00/member.

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*Takahashi is a member of the Clovis Chapter, JACL.*



## Come-on sense

By KARL NOBUYUKI

### Rules of procedure

**W**ith a National Convention approaching, it's time again to pull out that version of *Robert's Rules* and refresh one's memory on how to conduct business. It's important for those of us who plan to attend the convention, to focus. Those who recognize how important this convention will be, will be expected to move the organization forward.

The experience of the business sessions in 1994 have taught many of us a lesson in procedures. Consequently, it is important to examine the procedural rules to insure that actions of the National Council are proper.

Most members will probably agree that if the National Council (assembly) adopts a rule, it becomes the law of the League. Likewise, most members agree that the National Council, like any other component of the JACL, is obligated to follow

those rules.

Among the critical elements of the Rules of Procedures, are the following:

1. If the assembly adopts a motion, even if by unanimous consent, that is out of order or improper, the motion is null and void (Bylaws and *Robert's Rules*)
2. If the assembly conducts business that is not in compliance with the laws of the Nation, State, Local government, its own Constitution/Bylaws, they are null and void. (See Improper Motions)
3. A change in the rules requires that any existing rule(s) that conflict(s) with the new proposal also be changed. If that is not done, then the new proposal even if adopted is null and void. (See: Main Motions that are Out of Order and Improper Motions)

At times delegates lament on a revision; that a particular "change" was adopted but

did not address another relevant rule. This creates a conflict. This conflict, it is believed, creates a procedural dilemma. Compounding the problem, of course, is that the new rule may have been printed in the "revised" edition of the Constitution or Bylaws, and assumed to be the procedural law of the group.

In steps, from *Robert's Rules*.

If a motion is adopted by the assembly, but does not address a prevailing rule of procedure, that motion is out of order and is null and void. (See Motions that are Out of Order and Improper Motions). The same applies to motions that are not properly introduced, even if adopted by the assembly. These procedural requirements, contained in *Robert's Rules*, Sections 10 and 38, help to guard against motions that are poorly thought out.

It only makes sense. If an amendment is adopted that conflicts with the rules, then there is an internal problem that is greater than the need for the proposed amendment.

Under the procedural rules of the land, the end does not justify the means. An action that is out of order or improper is "null and void... it's toot-ta-loo tofu time."

**Come-On Sense:** We have the procedural process to protect us from unrestrained interventions. *Robert's Rules of Order* is the procedural process for common sense.

*Nobuyuki, a member of the San Fernando Valley and Greater Los Angeles Chapters, JACL, is the credentials chair for the 1996 Biennial Convention*

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*Amy Tambara*  
Chairperson



## WELCOME

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ing phenomenon. In addition to education, JACL must build alliances and work with multi-racial committees. "JACL must speak for our community interests. We must speak for ourselves and not opportunistic politicians."

Muratsuchi also said that JACL needs to "reach into our own community to heal." It must work together and understand that there is diversity in any community. "We must agree to disagree and work for the best of the community, the best of JACL."

In closing, he said that the organization must facilitate the transfer of leadership from one generation to another.

Sakaniwa, 32, who previously worked as an aide for Congressman Walter Tucker, also stressed the many issues that face JACL—both the internal and external challenges.

The new D.C. representative said that his office will be strongly involved in "vigilantly fighting laws that abridge citizenship—not forgetting the original calling of the organization."

In developing its position, he said that JACL must hear all voices, engage in dialogue, then speak in a unified voice.

Sakaniwa said that JACL must be the voice of a citizen's organization, speaking to policy makers and upholding the integrity of the system—to monitor and correct whenever necessary.

"We need to hold politicians accountable," he said. His job, he added, is to alert members to what is happening in Washington, D.C., and act as a messenger and conduit for the organization.

An in-depth question-and-answer interview with Sakaniwa will be published in an upcoming PC issue.

## Q&amp;A

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bill didn't make it out of the Senate Education Committee.

Prior to that, I was also a Coro Foundation fellow for nine months. It was a political leadership training program. Prior to that I was an intern for the House Judiciary Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. I spent most of my time researching alleged Asian admissions ceilings in universities across the country. I also worked for the ACLU National Legislative office. It was my first introduction to D.C. and public interest lobbying.

PC: What personal and professional experiences, knowledge and skills do you bring to this position? Why did you take this job?

MURATSUCHI: I took a big pay cut to accept this job because it's important for me to work for the community, to work full time on issues affecting the Asian American community, to help JACL become a leader in civil rights advocacy, to help get it back on its feet. I'm hopeful.

I bring a strong background in civil rights advocacy. As a public defender I advocated for the legal rights of indigent defendants. Prior to that, at the ACLU National Legislative office, I learned how public interest groups advocate, lobby Congress, shape national policy. Currently, I'm serving on the boards of the ACLU and Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action of Southern California. I also bring my experience as a public policy advocate at the local, state and national levels. Locally, I was a Coro Foundation fellow in Mayor Art Agnos' office in San Francisco; on the state level, I was a legislative aide to State Sen. Marks; and on the national level, I worked for the House Judiciary Subcommittee and with Congressman Ron Dellums of Oakland.

PC: JACL has weathered a difficult time—a financial crisis as well as internal dissension and controversy. What do you think should be involved in the rebuilding process? What do we need to do differently?

MURATSUCHI: In terms of what is involved in rebuilding JACL, I would like to emphasize two points. One, we need to put to rest any doubts about the financial well-being of JACL. I'm glad to see Herb Yamanishi, an experienced nonprofit administrator, taking charge of the organization. And second, all of us as leaders—whether volunteers or staff—need to recommit ourselves to regain the trust of the membership and community. We have to constantly remind ourselves that we are representing the community—that it's a tremendous responsibility. We must resolve whatever issues remain so that JACL can move on and focus on its civil rights agenda.

PC: You recently talked about priorities or goals. Elaborate on why you think these issues are important. How will you bring these issues to the membership? What will be your role in dealing with these issues? Do you envision specific programs? If so, explain.

MURATSUCHI: As I see it, while my office will address a wide range of issues, two priorities exist. One is to defeat the California (anti-)Civil Rights Initiative. The CCRI is a November ballot measure that seeks to abolish all public affirmative action programs in the areas of employment, education and government contracting. This is one of the most devastating anti-civil rights proposals in recent decades. The danger is that it is far-reaching, its impact will not just be in California but across the country. There is a similar proposition pending in Congress now.

JACL must make a strong commitment to fight for affirmative action. We as Japanese Americans still face racial bias, especially in the areas of hiring and promotions. I personally benefited from affirmative action.

Some in our community may have legitimate concerns about affirmative action, especially in education, such as Japanese American applicants applying for admission to highly selective institutions such as UCLA and Berkeley. We need to evaluate affirmative action programs on a case-by-case basis. But the CCRI is too broad, too sweeping. It doesn't allow for the legitimate uses of race-conscious remedies. That is why we must oppose it.

I'm currently working with

(PSW) district Vice Gov. Ron Osajima of the SELANOCO Chapter to organize a series of educational forums throughout the district. We'll be conducting fund-raising and voter registration activities as well.

My second priority is to work with JACL volunteers to develop the future leadership of our community. We need to talk about three stages of leadership development. One is recruitment, the second is developing leadership either within the existing chapters or forming new JACL chapters which are predominantly young adults, and thirdly, emphasizing the importance not just of developing new leadership, but transferring leadership from one generation to the next. Based on recent experience, if we're not more open to new leadership we'll lose the best talent that we've developed.

There are two models within this district. The South Bay Chapter, with Midori Kamei as president, has done a great job of developing a young adults group where the first president of this group, Christine Sato, will be taking over the South Bay Chapter as president next year.

The SELANOCO Chapter has great participation from young people through the leadership of B.J. Watanabe and Karen-Liane Shiba. The chapter is developing a relationship with UC, Irvine, students, a good target audience, students who may be looking for a community group to identify with once they graduate.

PC: Some have complained that the victim of JACL's financial difficulties has been a lack of programs. In terms of your own offices, will these difficulties impair your efforts?

MURATSUCHI: I hope that we'll be able to get our financial house in order without affecting the district. Currently, we operate on a bare bones budget, with Carol Saito, who for a year and a half has staffed the office without a regional director. We need to restart advocacy programs and we need basic resources for basic costs—phones, photocopying and mail. Eventually, I'd like to see the hiring of a full-time fund-raising staff person, ideally for both the national office and the regional office. Currently, with Carol and me serving a district with 7,200 members and 32 chapters, we can't do political advocacy, membership

services, then on top of that, conduct major fund-raising programs, without additional staff.

PC: What have you seen so far that encourages you in JACL and/or the Japanese American community? Does anything discourage you?

MURATSUCHI: I've been on the job for four weeks and one of the most encouraging events was attending the South Bay Chapter Executive Board meeting where I saw a great mix of generations represented, as well as a very strong and active young adults group sharing leadership activities.

Discouraged? Well, I guess it's meeting so many who have left the organization—especially some of our best young talent that our community has to offer.

PC: Why is coalition building so important? How do you see your office as a participant in this process?

MURATSUCHI: I think that as Japanese Americans, we need to recognize the political necessity of building coalitions with other racial and ethnic communities and civil rights organizations to address a common civil rights agenda. Our community just doesn't have the numbers to stand on our own.

PC: In what directions do you see society and government heading? Do the events of the past few years portend difficulties for us? Is JACL equipped to deal with

these movements?

MURATSUCHI: I've been reading a lot about the economic and social uncertainties in this country, with rapid corporate globalization and rapid technological changes. We need to be prepared for these changes. We need to be at the forefront of addressing an international agenda, especially on U.S.-Japan relations. We need to get on line or get left behind. As we get on line, groups like JACL will become more effective and influential.

The anti-immigrant and white supremacist movements are reflections of these increasing social and economic uncertainties. We need to be prepared to deal with the immediate consequences of these uncertainties such as the rise in hate crimes. We must be prepared to address immigrant bashing, particularly because many Americans don't distinguish fourth generation Japanese Americans from, say, recent Chinese immigrants.

PC: If you've successfully conveyed your concerns to the membership and their response is, "What can we do?", what would your answer be?

MURATSUCHI: There are a lot of things we can work together on in terms of the priorities I've talked about. On affirmative action, the first thing they can do is contact me at the regional office. We can talk about establishing

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The small cities and towns, unless otherwise noted, are all in California.

**Chuman, George, 76**, Monterey Park, Jan. 25; Los Angeles-born MIS veteran, survived by wife Hisako, sons Mamoru, Robert, daughter Jeanne, 3 gc., brother Frank F.

**Dairiki, Hau, 107**, Sacramento, Jan. 8; Hiroshima-born, prewar Penryn resident from 1920, resettled in Sacramento, was among the Issei pioneers honored at the first redress celebration in Washington, D.C.; predeceased by husband Fusakichi and daughter Hatsuye Kurui, survived by sons Setsuo, Sadao, daughters Toshiko, Tsugie Takemoto, 19 gc., 15 ggc.

**Endo, Robert Y., 74**, Carson, Feb. 5; Kent, Wash.-born, survived by brothers Herbert, Frederick (Japan), Arthur, Chiaki, Jun (both of New Mexico), sisters Lillie Madison (Wash.), Esther Thompson, Kikumi Endo.

**Endo, Sam Isamu, 77**, Gardena, Jan. 30; Brighton, Colo.-born, survived by wife Hazel (Sato), sons Dean, Alan, stepsons Peter, Stephen, Philip Sato, stepdaughters Barbara Sato Bennett, 3 gc., 3 step gc.

**Fong, Mildred (Maeda), 77**, San Francisco, Feb. 24; Sacramento-born, prewar Walnut Grove and wartime Amache, Colo., resident, survived by sons Melvyn, Donald, Edwin (Concord), daughters Darlene Chuck, Anna Takahashi (Daly City), 8 gc.

**Fujikawa, Chiyoko A., 71**, Gardena, Jan. 23; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Dale, brothers Fred, Tom, Bill Kita, sister Masako Kobayashi, in-laws John and Jim Fujikawa, Yoshiko Kita, Fumiko Matsumura, Kazuko Kobayashi.

**Fujita, Yoshisuke Harry, 95**, Newport Beach, Jan. 29; Kauai-born, survived by gc. Tina and John Sugimoto, sister Haru Yokoyama (Hawaii).

**Fukeda, Kinuyo, Seattle, Feb. '96**; Hiroshima-born, survived by son George, 11 gc., 6 ggc, predeceased by husband Kurao, son Frank, daughter Alice Yutani.

**Fukuhara, Wallace C., 66**, Los Angeles, Feb. 4; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Janet, sons Russell (Okla.), Wayne (Wash. state), daughters Linda Tanaka (Hawaii), Janis Dyck, Lori, Jill Fukuhara-Farmani, 3 gc., brothers George (Folsom), Richard (Hawaii), sisters Connie Nakamoto, Jeanne Tochimura (Hawaii).

**Furuya, Nobu, 95**, Los Angeles, Jan. 19; Yamanashi-born, survived by son Mai Mamoru, daughter Emiko Kuromiya, 6 gc., 4 ggc., 1 gggc.

**Hara, Shigeichi Harry, 92**, Los Angeles, Jan. 24; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Sue, son Sumio, daughters Sue Hatanaka, Betty Kobayashi, 9 gc., 2 ggc., sisters Asako Fukuhara (San Francisco), Natsuko Hara (Japan).

**Hashimoto, Wataru W., 81**, San Francisco, Feb. 26; Kanagawa-born, survived by wife Chiyoko, son Hideo, daughter Jeannie Furukawa, 3 gc.

**Hifumi, Ruth H., Laguna Hills, Jan. 25**; survived by husband John, son Bruce, daughters Linda Schriver, Cindy Windham, 3 gc., brothers Lester, Louie Uyemura, sisters Carl Asao, Amy Kasuyama.

**Hikida, Keiko, 90**, Seattle, Feb. 19; predeceased by husband Heitaro, survived by sons Ray, Allan, daughters Irene Nakamura, Julie Otani, Gloria Yoshinaka, Joyce Takeuchi, 11 gc.

**Hino, Noboru, 72**, Gardena, Jan. 26; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Michiko, daughter Kristine Ithori, 6 gc., brother Hiromi, sisters Emiko Tsuji, Harumi Inouye, in-law Alice Hino.

**Hoshiko, Paul Jr., 70**, Greeley, Colo., Jan. 5; Kersey, Colo.-born

lifelong farmer, survived by wife Jean, son Dennis, daughters Denise, Diana Tomoi (Fort Lupton).

**Hoshizaki, Yuriko, 74**, Monterey Park, Feb. 7; Seattle-born, survived by husband Ray, sons Glen, Roland, Russell, 5 gc., 2 ggc., brothers Joe Tsujimoto (Wash. state), Ben (Japan).

**Inouye, Shizuye, 96**, Monterey Park, Jan. 22; Kumamoto-born, survived by daughters Lily Sugimoto, Donna, son Yuichi, 4 gc., 1 ggc.

**Ida, Roy M., 80**, Los Angeles, Jan. 22; Los Angeles-born, WWII MIS veteran, survived by daughter Cecilia Yuba, 2 gc., 1 ggc., 4 brothers, 5 sisters.

**Iki, Max Hiroshi, 84**, Alhambra, Feb. 1; Nampa, Idaho-born, survived by sons Philip, John (Wash. state), sister Beth Amano.

**Ito, Nobuko, 93**, Alhambra, Feb. 28; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Akira, Keiji, daughter Setsuko Shimoura (Las Vegas), 8 gc., 13 ggc., 2 gggc.

**Ito, Tamae, 87**, Los Angeles, Jan. 17; Osaka-born, survived by husband Kunimaro, son Rev. Kunishige, daughters Yoshiko Kanegawa, Fumiko Okada, Shizuko, 9 gc., 2 ggc.

**Iwata, Kelsuke, Los Angeles, Feb. 8**; Hawaii-born Nisei, survived by wife Betty, sons Stephen, Wallace, Kent, 1 gc., mother Kikuno, brothers Thomas, Jerry, sisters Carol Yangihara, Michie Uyeno.

**Jue, Ruth Haruyo, 87**, Seattle, Jan. '96; survived by sons Michael (Kent), Dr. Douglas, 4 gc., sisters Lulu Kashiwagi, Alice Kono, predeceased by husband Ted.

**Kaku, Carol, 59**, Las Vegas, Feb. 22; Puunene, Hawaii-born, retired medical insurance clerk in Honolulu, three-year local resident, survived by husband Shoji, sons Kirk, Stuart, father Susumu Sato (Honolulu), brother Roy and sister Jolene Lum.

**Kaneko, Kazuhisa Dean, 22**, Libertyville, Ill., service Jan. 17; survived by parents Takeyoshi/Miyuki, twin sister Marie.

**Katayama, Kiyoko, 72**, Los Angeles, Jan. 28; Marysville-born, survived by husband Jimmy, daughters Suzie, Carol Hauser, 2 gc., brother Ronald Nomi, sisters Betty Watanabe, Sadame Iwasaki (Gilroy), Amy Naito (Reedley).

**Kato, Haruyo, 96**, Seattle, Jan. 6; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Koji, 3 gc., 4 ggc.

**Kasai, Tom T., 80**, Los Angeles, Jan. 24; 100th-442nd veteran, survived by wife Ruth of 53 years, son David, daughters Aileen Ono, Linda Kishimoto, 5 gc., brothers George, James.

**Kerns, Chiyo T., 70**; Seattle, Feb. 11; survived by daughters Hikaru, Janet, sons Harold, Michel, 1 gc.

**Kikumoto, Rev. Paul, Hawthorne, Jan. 29**; Kona, Hawaii-born minister of Seicho-no-Ie, survived by wife Hatsuko, sons Keith (Hawaii), Edward (Oakland), Ronald and Daniel (both Hawaii), daughters Karen Nakayama (Hawaii), Kay Jellison (Seattle), 14 gc., brother Yasuo (Hawaii).

**Kimura, Hisa, 98**, Los Angeles, Feb. 14; Gifu-born, prewar Los Angeles and longtime Chicago resident, survived by son Hikaru Nagao, daughters Hiroko Nagao Katayama, Florence Kimura Sasabuchi, Lillian

Kimura, Rose Kimura di Cerbo, 6 gc., 3 stepgc., 2 ggc.

**Kuba, Henry Jun'ichiro, 47**, West Covina, Jan. 20; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Brandon, Jeremy, mother Mary, father Joe, sister Darlene Herkowitz, brother Frank.

**Kuruma, Kazuo, 84**, Fremont, Feb. 26; Stockton-born, survived by sons Gary, Dennis, daughter Maxine Hamachi, 4 gc.

**Maesaki, Shinichi, 82**, Temple City, Jan. 29; Seattle-born, survived by wife Tsuruye, son Ted, 1 gc.

**Maruyama, Ernest Y. 71**, Las Vegas, Feb. 26; Hawaii-born 442nd veteran, landscape contractor, two-year resident, survived by daughters Joyce Cuba, Marilyn Tamashiro (both Calif.), 6 gc., 2 ggc., mother Yoshi, brothers Albert, Richard (all Hawaii), sisters Ida Kunimitsu, Flora Tsuna (both Las Vegas).

**Masuda, Shichiro, 94**, San Jose, Feb. 27; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Sueko, sons Edwin, Joe, Harry, daughter Sno Yamashita, 11 gc., 3 ggc.

**Masuyama Hoshi, Rev. Kenyu, 78**, San Leandro, March 13; survived by wife Sachi, sons Kenji, Koji, daughter Shigeo Yamaoka, Junko Bergland, gc.

**Matsunaga, Yoshiko, 83**, Selma, March 4; Woodland-born, survived by son Mitsuo, daughters Dorothy Kobashi, Sally Maresh, Toshiko Horio, Saeko Kurisu, 16 gc., 8 ggc.

**Matsuoka, Kouichi F., 87**, Gardena, Jan. 29; survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Roy, Warren, 2gc.

**Matsushita, Shizuka, 92**, Upland, Jan. 31; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Nobuo Noma (Hayward), daughters Mary (Osaka), Jean Shimazaki, Kumi Sakakura, 9 gc., 11 ggc.

**Miyano, Hiromi, 56**, Monterey Park, Jan. 26; Tokyo-born, survived by sons Gen, Joe, daughter Lisa, father Toshio Ugai, mother Hideko, 2 brothers, 2 sisters all in Japan.

**Mizuhata, Kiyoshi, Bloomington, Minn., Jan. '96**; survived by wife Anna, daughters Marilyn Goodermont, Nan, 3 gc., sister Yoneko Tsurusaki (Oakland, Ill.), brother Jimmy, in-law Thomas T. Kobayashi (Seattle).

**Morinaga, Jimmy K., 90**, Los Angeles, Feb. 5; Kumamoto-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughter Doris Kato (Chino), son Donald (San Gabriel), 9 gc., 12 ggc.

**Nakahara, Harry Yoshito, 78**, Berkeley, Feb. 25; Salinas-born, UC Berkeley graduate '40, architect,

Alameda County grand jury, Martinez Kiwanis president, Berkeley Unified School District master plan committee, survived by wife Betty, sons Martin, Vernon K. (Oakland), Chester (Piedmont), daughter Naomi Nakahara (Sacramento), 9 gc.

**Nakashima, Junji, 73**, San Leandro, March 5; survived by son Lawrence, daughter Sharon J. Clover, sisters Edith Enomoto, Sachiko Masuyama, brother Toshio.

**Niiyama, Yakuichi, 93**, Watsonville, March 12; Okayama-born, survived by wife Ayako, sons Minoru, Masaru, daughter Fumiko Tanimasa, gc. and ggc.

**Nishi, Mary K., 65**, Los Angeles, Jan. 27; Bell-born, survived by husband George, daughters Patricia Eccles, Donna Jackson, 2 gc.

**Nishimoto, Bunso, 72**, Pasadena, Jan. 24; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, daughters Akiko Kobayashi, Chihiro Honbo, Rieko Kuroda, 6 gc., 3 sisters all in Japan.

**Nomoto, Komune, 96**, Los Angeles, Jan. 27; Kochi-born, survived

by son Mitsugi, daughters Patsy Iwaki, Shoko Fukuda, Aiko von Achen, 11 gc., 12 ggc.

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## Scholarship fund established in memory of Helen Mineta

The Helen Mineta Scholarship Fund has been established at the University of California Club of Santa Clara County in memory of the youngest of three older sisters of Norman Mineta, former California congressman. Helen Mineta, who died March 18 of respiratory failure, had been hospitalized since January for lung cancer. She was a non-smoker. The former teacher and activist was 77.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 23, at Wesley United Methodist Church, across the street from the Mineta home on North 5th Street in San Jose, Calif.

She grew up in San Jose, attended San Jose State with plans to teach but was told in 1938 no school district would hire a person of Japanese ancestry. She majored in commerce and worked as a secretary in the speech and drama department at San Jose State. With WWII, the family was evacuated to Heart Mountain, Wyo., while Helen immediately relocated to Chicago to spend the



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war years as an executive secretary for a chemical company. She then worked for her sister, Etsu Masaoka, in Washington, D.C., and obtained another bachelor's degree from UC, Berkeley, with hopes of an appointment at the United Nations.

When her mother died in 1956, she returned to San Jose to care for her father. She obtained her teaching credentials at San Jose State and began teaching government and politics at San Jose High School in 1958. Her father died in 1974 at age 85. Before her retirement in 1988, she was teaching at Gunderson High School.

Helen served two terms on the Santa Clara County grand jury in the early '90s and spoke to groups about the history of Japantown and wartime internment camps. The UC Alumni Club recognized her efforts in advising new students new to Berkeley. She worked hard to get the Center for the Performing Arts built. She had a big role among the JACL pioneers with the upcoming National JACL Convention.

Contributions to the Helen Mineta scholarship fund may be sent to her brother, Dr. Albert Mineta, 1905 University Way, San Jose, CA, 95126. Also surviving is the eldest sister Aya (Min) Endo of Medford, N.J.

## STUDY

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research centers.

"We hope this policy study will serve to inform public discussions and shape public policy deliberations about the most important and compelling policy issues facing the nation's rapidly growing and diverse Asian Pacific American population," said Prof. Don Nakanishi, director of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, who wrote the report's preface. "This report is being released during a year when heightened governmental and public attention

is being focused on our nation's immigration policies, and immigration could become one of the most contentious and emotion-laden topics of discussion during the 1996 presidential election."

The study also concluded that some of the current thinking on immigrant impact on the economy may be false. "The report presents massive new evidence that smashes popular myths about the impact of immigrants on the economy," says Bill Ong Hing, the report's principal investigator and an associate law professor at Stanford Law School. "Those who would claim to 'save jobs' by closing our borders, must now con-

tend with the simple fact that immigration creates jobs."

According to UCLA officials, the report uncovers dramatic statistics on four significant aspects of the contemporary Asian Pacific American immigration experience: the patterns of demographic growth and diversification, the high rates of entrepreneurial activity, the short-term and long-range economic and social benefits achieved by the high educational attainment levels of Asian Pacific Americans, and the high rates of naturalization and electoral participation they exhibit in relation to increased acculturation.

Among the key findings of the report are:

■ The Asian Pacific American population is rapidly expanding: The Asian-Pacific American population grew by 385 percent in the last generation, making it the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. In 1994, it comprised 3 percent of the population; by 2050, its ranks are expected to increase fivefold.

■ Immigrant enterprises create wealth: Fifteen of America's most prominent high-tech companies—with combined revenues of \$22.25 billion—were founded by immigrant entrepreneurs from Asia and the Pacific. In 1990, Asian Pacific Americans headed 300 of the 800 high-tech firms in California's Silicon Valley.

■ Immigrant enterprises create jobs: The number of businesses owned by Asian Pacific Americans grew by 90 percent between 1982 and 1987. Sales and receipts exceeded \$33 billion, with a \$3 billion annual payroll and 351,000 employees in 1987.

■ Asian Pacific Americans are involved citizens: Asian Pacific Americans have the highest naturalization rates, and registered Asian Pacific American voters have one of the nation's highest electoral participation rates.

The study also shows how immigration has had an unprecedented, multi-faceted impact on the Asian Pacific American population during the past few decades. From a largely American-born group of 1.5 million in 1970, the Asian Pacific American population has been transformed through large-scale immigration to a predominantly foreign-born population of 7.3 million in 1990.

The report reflects the joint goals and efforts of two institutions, UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, one of the nation's oldest programs in that field of study, and LEAP, a non-profit, educational, community-based organization founded in 1982 to develop, strengthen and expand the leadership roles played by Asian Pacific Americans.

## Q&A

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educational forums in the local community, make sure that all chapter members are registered to vote, work with the local racial, ethnic and civil rights coalitions in their neighborhoods. We can work on youth recruitment, facilitate chapters in getting in touch with the chapters with the success stories in our district—South Bay and SELANOCO. We can talk about how to start their own young adult groups and help to develop relationships with college campuses. We should encourage parents to encourage their children to join. We should track scholarship winners—keep in touch with them, so that when they get out of college they will hopefully be willing to give back to the organization that gave to them. There's a lot of good work to be done. I'm looking forward to working with all the great people in the district.

## API Caucus to hold reception during Democrats' event

The Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of the California Democratic Party will present its first fundraising reception during the state party convention Saturday, April 13, in Los Angeles. Besides raising funds, the purpose of the event is to gain more visibility for Asian Pacific Islanders within the party, according to caucus chair Mark Takano. Caucus projects include voter registration, voter education, candidate recruitment, training and campaign programs.

Among the honorary hosts for the reception will be Congressman Bob Matsui, a vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The reception runs from 5 to 7 p.m. on the plaza deck of the Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S. Figueroa St. Donations are \$100 for patrons, \$45 for sponsors and \$15 for students and seniors. Reservations, information: Trisha Murakawa, 818/279-2518.

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to reach the ensuing general election. As fate would have it, I drew number eleven—five slots out of the running. In my closing speech (keep it short) I called attention to my unfortunate position on the ballot: "The Good Book says something about 'The least shall be first.' Let the 'last' be first. Look for me there." I don't know whether that helped; but apparently it didn't hurt: my candidacy came in ahead of the entire pack. Good hunting to you.



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