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Most Native Hawaiians favor self-determination

BY ALAN T. MURAKAMI
Special to The Pacific Citizen

HONOLULU — Nearly 85,000 Native American Hawaiians were sent ballots between July 1 and Aug. 15 asking whether they should elect delegates to propose a native Hawaiian form of governance. On Sept. 11 the vote was announced. Nearly 3 to 1, they favored self-determination (see page 5, Sept. 20-Oct. 4).

A total of 22,294 (73 percent) voted in favor [ae] while 8,129 (27 percent) voted against [a'ole]. Sol Kaho'ohalahala of Lanai, chair-

man of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council, announced the results on the grounds of the State Judiciary Building near the King Kamehameha statue. "This is a Hawaiian victory," he said. Although fewer than 33,000 (40 percent) returned their ballots, the results reflect the will of the Hawaiian people. "The response is no worse than the number of Hawaii's eligible voters who participate in general elections," he noted.

Of the 33,000 ballots returned, 30,423 were eligible to be counted. Ballots from voters who did not sign an affirmation statement on

the return envelope were not counted.

[At the recent National JACL workshop in San Jose on this issue, self-determination by Native Hawaiians was seen in comparison with redress. "Japanese Americans sought redress and won. Should not the Native Hawaiians also gain redress for the loss of their country?"]

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had lifted a temporary stay order on Sept. 10, paving the way for release of voting results. Judge Betty Fletcher and two other judges issued the tempo-

rary stay. The announcement had been delayed three times by a series of legal challenges that have yet to be decided. The elections council wanted to announce the results on Sept. 2, the birthdate of Queen Lili'uokalani.

One lawsuit alleges that the vote interferes with the plaintiff's rights to petition the federal government for sovereignty. Another, filed by Big Island rancher Harold Rice, challenges the state's use of tax dollars to sponsor a vote open only to Native Hawaiians. The appeals court will hear Rice's appeal.

Federal District Judge David Ezra had ruled earlier that there was no constitutional problem with the plebiscite and that the results could be released in the public interest. He said the results would not impede his ability to rule on the constitutional issues. It was Rice's appeal of Judge Ezra's ruling that delayed release of the vote.

"This is the culmination of three years of dog-hard work to bring people to a point where they can express their political will," Mahealani Kamau'u, executive

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Asian Indian wins \$1 million in bias lawsuit

WASHINGTON — Judgment for \$1 million was awarded by a federal jury to an India-born and trained veterinarian on Sept. 5 after a six-day trial in the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia, his attorney Gary T. Brown announced.

The jury found Brij Bhargava had been repeatedly denied promotions because of his national origin and that several officials at the Agriculture Department, where Bhargava was employed since 1975, were biased against foreign-trained veterinarians. He complained being stuck since 1983 at a job grade just below supervisor. He joined the department to work at Department headquarters on measures to improve food safety.

Brown said he had presented testimony and evidence that showed Asian Pacific Americans received fewer promotions than their white counterparts. —Extract: Washington Post ■



PROP. 209 FORUM—Panelists speaking on the hotly-debated California civil rights initiative on the Nov. 5 general election ballot are (from left) Ramona Ripston, Mike Yamamoto, Mary Louise Serafine and Andrew Cho. The Sept. 15 forum was spon-

sored by JACL chapters. Assisting in arrangements for the event were Ron Doi, Gardena Valley JACL president; George Ogawa, South Bay chapter; Miyako Kadogawa, Ken Kishiyama, Greater L.A. Singles, and Joe Sakamoto, Carson.

California Proposition 209 debate on affirmative action heats up

By JULIA HA
Reprinted from the *Rafu Shimpo*

Do you favor race- and sex-based affirmative action programs or not? That question became the bottom line after a lengthy and intense discussion at a Sept. 15 forum on Proposition 209, also known as the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI).

Various JACL chapters have been and are sponsoring a series of public debates on the controversial state initiative which will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Also co-sponsoring the Sept. 15 event at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Community Center, Gardena, were three JACL chapters—Gardena Valley, Carson and Greater L.A. Singles—Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association, and the Gardena Valley YWCA. It drew 150 people for an animated debate, which had some audience members shouting at the

panelists during certain points.

The discussion was intended to clarify what CCRI is and what it does, but panelists disagreed on these basic points. Opponents claimed the measure would effectively eliminate a range of affirmative action programs, from outreach programs to hiring goals, while the measure's supporters argued that only preferential treatment would be outlawed.

Opponents called CCRI a "deceptive" initiative because it masks the true intention of the measure—wiping out affirmative action—behind some of the 1964 Civil Rights Act language used in the proposition's text. The panelists speaking for CCRI repeatedly quoted this passage in the initiative's text, which they said echoed the "civil rights vision."

"The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of sex,

color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

"Nowhere in the initiative is the word 'affirmative action,' said Prop. 209 proponent Andrew Cho, "and that's deliberately done because affirmative action means many things to many people today."

"It will only eliminate affirmative action programs that will discriminate or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, ethnicity," said Cho, who serves as chairman of the Republican Attorneys' Association. He added that Prop. 209 will keep intact affirmative action programs that are based on socioeconomic or educational disadvantage.

"It mirrors and emulates the civil rights vision of 1964 that at the time did not embody quotas, set-asides or preferences," he said.

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Grants criteria for Civil Liberties Public Education Fund announced

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board of Directors, authorized as part of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, has issued its "Notice of Final Grant Regulations" for its research and educational grant program.

The *Federal Register* announcement includes "Supplemental Information and Final Criteria" for such grants. Consistent with the Civil Liberties Act, the CLPEF Board has adopted the following mission statement:

"To sponsor research and public educational activities and to publish and distribute the hearings, findings, and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation, and internment of United States citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood."

The CLPEF Board, then, will evaluate grant proposals using the following general criteria (the listing is not in priority order):

- Projects must be consistent with the stated intent and purposes of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the mission of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board.

- Applicants must have and demonstrate the capability to administer and complete proposed project within specified timeliness and comply with CLPEF Board policies and other applicable federal requirements.

- Applicants must have the experience, knowledge and qualifications to conduct quality educational and/or research activities related to the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans.

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1996 HI Kits are on their way

Holiday Issue advertising kits for all JACL chapters are on their way. On page 3 of this issue is a "Boxscore" listing all 112 chapters and the tally of their 1995 campaign soliciting greetings and one-liners, which is their goal for 1996. Last year there were 82 chapters soliciting greetings, some from their own chapter, to show their heart for PC and JACLers at large.

The open call for articles on the theme, "The Next Millennium," has been sounded. Send them to us as soon as possible. Deadline for all ads and stories is Nov. 30. ■

Houston, JACL, concerned about Asian community-police tension

The Sept 4 front page story of the *The Wall Street Journal's* Texas Journal describes the complicated and baffling case of Minh Suoi, a Vietnamese from Houston now in Virginia's Correctional Center, serving life plus 51 years for his role with several Texas Asian bandits in terrorizing and robbing the Giang family in northern Virginia on Oct. 1, 1988.

A passionate letter written by Houston police officer Al Lotz to

the judge hearing the case in December 1989—Fairfax County (Va.) Circuit Court Judge Bruce Bach—claimed that putting Minh away, "...will show the other Vietnamese criminals that they aren't going to get their hands slapped ... [and would prove to] the good Vietnamese people in the communities that they can trust the criminal-justice system."

Last year, Houston's Asian community activist Glenda Joe op-

posed Lotz, 47, as a candidate for a new local-federal Asian crime task force. Joe, who was recognized in 1994 by National JACL with the Edison T. Uno Memorial Award for Civil Rights, is chairwoman of the Police Advisory Committee, and the link between top Houston police officials and the huge Houston minority population. She had complained over the years about Lotz to his senior staff and police chief Sam Nuchia.

But in the six years since Minh was sentenced, Asian community leaders in Houston see otherwise, believing that the justice system cannot be trusted.

Past Houston JACL chapter president Daniel Watanabe told WSJ, "It bothers us to no end." Last February, the chapter was among the organizers of a giant Asian town hall meeting aimed at easing tensions with Houston Po-

lice Chief Nuchia. "This really has to be dug into deeper," Watanabe added.

A Vietnamese drama

Lotz was accused in Joe's public statement, cosigned by many other community leaders, with having "an anti-Asian bias," and it was alleged he used "improper identification techniques to manipulate crime victims to implicate [Minh]" in the Virginia crime. Lotz sued

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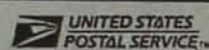
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JACL calendar

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Eastern

NEW YORK

Sat. Nov. 2—52nd Anniversary Celebration (details to be announced).

PHILADELPHIA

Thu. Oct. 17—Play: *The Gate of Heaven*, by Lane Nishikawa and Victor Talmadge, 7 p.m. panel discussion, Upper Ambulatory Lobby; 8 p.m. performance, Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., info: Reiko Gaspar 215/386-0580. NOTE—Play explores themes forged by Nisei soldier liberating a Jewish survivor of Dachau in 1945.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Sat. Nov. 23—Annual meeting, 2-4 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md, JACL Office, 202/223-1240. Sun. Dec. 15—Mochitsuki, 1-5 p.m., BHPC, Bethesda, Md.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sat. Nov. 2—JACL Holiday Fair, 3-8 p.m., Central Euclid Middle School; info: 216/921-2976.

DAYTON

Sun. Oct. 20—Election meeting, 2-6 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron Katsuyama 513/294-8815.

NCal-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun. Nov. 3—Fall DC session, Stockton (locale to be announced).

RENO

Sun. Oct. 20—Halloween potluck, noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Tracey Yamamoto 702/853-4816

SAN MATEO

FRI. OCT. 11—Annual Volunteer Appreciation lunch, Martin Luther King Rec Center; info 415/343-279. NOTE—Herb Yamanishi, speaker; chapter president Allen Sakamoto and board don aprons to serve 52 volunteers.

STOCKTON

Sat. Oct. 19—Annual golf tournament, Van Buskirk
Fri. Oct. 25—Prop. 209 Forum, 7 p.m., Delta Community College; info: Aeko Fenelon 209/948-0966.

WEST VALLEY

Sat. Oct. 5—Keiro-kai, 4-6 p.m. San Jose Buddhist Annex; info: Anthony Chung, 408/294-2505.

Sat. Nov. 16—Election and general meeting.

Sat. Dec. 7—Mochitsuki, 5 a.m.-1 p.m., West Valley JACL Clubhouse.

Central California

TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC

1997: April—CCDC hosts next NCWNPDC-CCDC-PSWDC Tri-District Conference in Las Vegas.

Pacific Southwest

ARIZONA

1998: Jan. 5-Feb. 19—Smithsonian traveling exhibit: "For a More Perfect Union," Phoenix Public Library.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri. Oct. 11—Rap session: "Singles Life-styles of the Nisei/Sansei," 7 p.m., Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena; info: Toshiko Reschke 310/826-6805.

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LAS VEGAS

Sun. Oct. 13—October luau, St. Viator's; info: Ed Wakayama 702/435-2569, Betty Atkins 221-0414.

ORANGE COUNTY-SELANOCO

Sat. Oct. 19—"Shield 65 Plan for JACL Members" (Blue Shield HMO with Medicare, including medical services, prescription drugs, dental and vision care), info meeting, 10 a.m., Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview Ave., Garden Grove, 714/740-9400; info: Betty Oka 714/636-8207, Kurtis Nakagawa 714/528-2176.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Fri. Oct. 11—Cal. Prop. 209 debate, 7:30 p.m., SFV Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford, Pacoima; info: JACL Office 213/626-4471.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

Sun. Oct. 13—Family picnic, noon-5 p.m., Waller Park Area 7, Santa Maria; RSVP by Oct 6, info: Kaz Oye 805/937-5776, Ralph Ohta 934-3076. NOTE—Share your Potluck vegetable dish, salad, musubi, tsukemono or dessert; games, races and bingo, oak-smoked chicken barbecue, hot dogs, soft drinks, plates and utensils will be provided, Donation \$5 adult, \$2 children under 12, under 5 free.

VENICE-CULVER

Wed. Oct. 9—Cal. Prop. 209 debate, 7:30 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles; info: JACL Office 213/626-4471.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun. Oct. 6—"Celebrating Our Heritage" 3-6 p.m., Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Bumley St. (at Carmen Dr.), Camarillo, info: 805/656-6754. NOTE—Admission by donation, Festival of Japanese cultural arts, exhibit, crafts for children, free food tasting, classical dances.

Community calendar

Eastern

WASHINGTON, DC

Sat. Oct. 19—Kristine Yuki Aono's exhibit, "Relics from Camp," 10 a.m., Nat'l Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW, 202/783-7371. NOTE—Two workshops: Oct. 19, 10 a.m.; Sun. Dec. 15, 1 p.m. (Chicago-born Aono lives in the D.C. area; parents were in camp, father at Minidoka, mother at Jerome-Rohwer.)

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat. Oct. 26—Benefit Miyoi-kai auction for Nikkei Manor, 6 p.m. food-wine tasting, 8 p.m. auction, 9 p.m. dance, Washington State Convention Center, 6th floor, Seattle. Sat.-Mon. Nov. 9-11—Asian American Film Festival, "Outsider Within," Seattle Art Museum, tickets available after Oct. 10 at Uwajimaya Seattle/Bellevue; info: SAAFF, Akbert Shen 206/517-4803. NOTE—Eleven programs, starting noon Sat., ending 7 p.m. Mon. with Michael Cho's *Another America* and Yuri Kochiyama's *Passion for Justice*.

Northern Cal

OAKLAND

Sat. Oct. 12—Career Power for Asian Professionals workshop, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Kaiser Permanente, RSVP, \$90 registration, includes breakfast & lunch, Marlene Shigekawa & Associates, 51 Mandalay Rd., Oakland CA 94618, 310/597-1453, fax 510/597-0343, e-mail msa@ix.netcom.com.
Sat. Oct. 26—JASEB 25th anniversary dinner, Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel.
Sat. Nov. 2—MIS Norcal annual luncheon, noon-3 p.m., Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St.; RSVP: Sacramento, Tom Fujimoto 916/4276-6838, Tom Sasaki 916/428-8460; Eastbay, Marvin Uratsuo 510/233-3822, Skeets Oji 510/935-6675; San Jose, Walter Tanaka 408/292-5037, Harry Fukuoka 408/268-268-3658; San Francisco, Paul Ohtaki 415/661-6311.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat. Oct. 12—"Taiko-Swing: Concert for the Generations," 2-4 p.m., Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., info: Anne Yamasaki 415/921-6384. NOTE—Proceeds to National Japanese American Historical Society.
Oct 14-Dec. 8—Exhibit: Splendors of Imperial China: Treasures from the National Palace Museum, Taipei, Asian

Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco; visitors' info: 415/379-8801, tickets: 415/776-1999. NOTE—Exhibit travels to Metropolitan Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago and National Gallery in Washington, DC.

Tue. Oct. 15—Japan Society of No. Calif. Award of Honor Gala: Professor emeritus and Shincho professor Japanese literature Donald Keene, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner, Ritz Carlton, 600 Stockton St., info: 415/986-4383.

Tue. Oct. 29—Japan Society panel: "Hits, Runs and Eras in Bilateral Baseball," 6 p.m., Japan Society, 312 Sutter St., 5th Fl., info: 415/986-4383. NOTE—Speakers: author Robert Whiting, Leron Lee (former player in Japan), Wayne Morgan (Toronto Blue Jay scout), Steve Bilker, KCBS Sports Radio, moderator.

Sun. Nov. 3—Nisei Widowed Group meets 2-4 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Margaret Iwai-Ey 510/724-6247.

Wed. Nov. 6—Japan Society Distinguished Lecture series: "Northeast Asia: trends and implications for peace," 6 p.m., Japan Society, 312 Sutter St., 5th Fl., info: 415/986-4383. NOTE—Professor emeritus Robert Scalapino, UC Berkeley, to lecture.

SAN JOSE

Tue. Oct. 15—Yu-Ai Kai Generational Issues forum, 6:30-8 p.m., Yu-Ai Kai, Rm. 300, 588 N. 4th St., San Jose, info: 408/294-2505. Oct. 15 topic: Baby Boomers reach 50 in 1996; Nov. 12 topic: Care-giving; Dec. 10 topic: "No Shimpai."

Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES

Ends Oct. 12—Jude Narita's journey, *Celebrate Me Home*, 8 p.m., McCadden Place Theatre, 1157 McCadden Pl, Hollywood; tickets 213/466-1767.
Ends Oct. 20—"Power of Spirit" drawings and paintings by Tadashi Hayakawa, Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro, info: Robert Hori 213/628-2725.

Ends Oct. 27—East West Players' 31st and final season in the current Silverlake location, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Cabaret, 8 p.m. Thu-Fri-Sat, 2 p.m. Sun., box office: 213/660-0366.

Thu. Oct. 10—"dIS-orient Journalzine" literary readings, 7 p.m., JANM; info: 213/625-0414, David Maruyama 310/437-6669.

NOTE—Readers: Elsa E'der, Diep Tran, Karen Tel Yamashita.
Sat. Oct. 12—East San Gabriel Valley JCC Fall Festival, 1 - 9 p.m., 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina; info: 818/960-2566.

Sat. Oct. 12—Japanese Cooking School classes on traditional New Year's *osechi*, 2-4 p.m., Hollywood Cultural Institute, 3929 Middlebury St., RSVP required, fee covers three lessons on successive Saturdays; info: Matao Uwate 213/628-4688.

Thu. Oct. 17—East West Players Writers' Gallery: reading of sci-fi work *The Descent of Chrome* by Amy Rivera, 7-8 p.m., JANM, RSVP info: 213/625-0414.

Oct. 18-Nov. 3—Cal State Theater Arts and Dance Dept.'s "Fall Ahead" program and dances, *Oguri* with *Renzo* (*butoh*), CSULA State Playhouse, 8 p.m. Fri-Sat, 2:30 Sun, box office: 213/343-4118.

Sat. Oct. 19—Panel: "Fighting Two Battles—Segregated Units of WWII," 1-3 p.m., JANM, RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Nisei of 100/442/MIS, Navajo Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen on panel.

Sun. Oct. 20—Centenary United Methodist Church's 100th anniversary banquet, 12:30 p.m., Bonaventure Hotel, RSVP \$40 adult, \$15 children by Oct. 10, Centenary UMC 213/617-9097, fax 617-7688.

Sun. Oct. 20—Annual Nikkei International Assn. meeting, 1 p.m., luncheon 2 p.m., Sea Empress Restaurant, 1636 W. Redondo Beach, Gardena; RSVP and info: Ron Shiozaki 310/327-4980, Masako Kobayashi 310/676-8949. NOTE—Luncheon in honor of Clarence Nishizu, Paul Bannal and Helen Kawagoe.

Sat. Oct. 26—Presentation: All Nippon Airways essay contest winners, 1-3 p.m., JANM. NOTE—Ten who made their first trip to Japan relate their experiences.

Sat. Oct. 26—Community Health Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Union Church, 3rd and San Pedro St.; info: Bob Watanabe, LTSC 213/660-3729.

Sun. Oct. 27—Troop 37965th Anniversary lunch, 10 a.m.-4, Quiet Cannon, Montebello; info: Mas Fujimoto or Ed Takahashi 213/413-3131.

Arizona

PHOENIX

Sat. Nov. 23—Teahouse dedication, 11:30 a.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, Margaret T. Hance Park; info: Phoenix Parks 602/262-6412. NOTE—Sister City delegation from Himeji to attend.

CORRECTION

● On page 10, Sept. 20-Oct. 3 issue, parents of the Sandra Lynne DeYoung are the late Sam and Faye Sugita of San Diego. Our apologies for any inconveniences due to error in the sumames.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

From JACL

National Youth/Student Council Report
Faces of the futureBy KIM NAKAHARA and
KIMIYOSHINO

The 1994-96 biennium was one characterized by internal turmoil in JACL. The National Board was forced to focus their attention upon reorganization and finances, and consequently programs such as civil rights, education and leadership development were put on hold. The National Youth/Student Council was not immune to this predicament.

As a result, the goals laid out in the 1994-96 youth/student program for action suffered. Financial support was not available, staff-time was limited, and rather than focusing on youth and students, we were also pre-occupied.

Between 1988 and 1994, the National Youth/Student Council made significant gains in increasing membership and awareness about youth/student issues. However, the turmoil resulted not only in a loss of momentum, but in some cases steps backward. In the 1994-

96 biennium, the National Youth/Student Council conference was the primary accomplishment.

Due to reduced staff assistance and decreased funding, the National Youth/Student Council was forced to play a larger role in the conference planning.

Although attendance did not equal that of previous conferences, there were many positive aspects. For example, corporate funding reached an all-time high, and participants were extremely satisfied.

1996-98: Leading Into The Future

After a disappointing biennium, the National Youth/Student Council must revitalize itself and its programs. However, resurrecting this program will require the cooperation and assistance of the entire organization.

For example, it has been more than three years since we had a fully functioning National Youth/Student Council or produced youth/

student-specific recruitment materials.

In order for the National Youth/Student Council to succeed, district councils must identify and recruit potential district youth/student representatives, and chapters must begin to develop programs to meet the needs of this unique population.

The 1996-98 biennium will be a defining one for the JACL; one in which the organization must make some difficult decisions about the future of youth and students. For many years, we have heralded youth and students as "the future" of our organization, but have not been effective in developing their leadership skills.

The challenge for the biennium seems clear—in order for this organization to survive, we must intensify our efforts to recruit, retain and train younger members. More importantly, we must make them feel welcome.

Program of Action
for Student/Youth

IN LIGHT OF our objectives and of our theme, we have developed the following Program of Action,

which will lead us through the next biennium.

1. To empower youth and student members within the JACL, by establishing a fully functional National Youth/Student Council, and by further integrating the youth/student programs into the National JACL's program for action and general operating budget;

2. To recruit youth and student members into the JACL, via the development and distribution of recruitment materials to potential youth and student members, outreach to potential JACL members, and the development of a closer relationship with the membership committee, allowing for cooperation on joint programs;

3. To create programs to meet the needs of youth and student members of the JACL, by providing educational programs for youth/student members of the JACL related to civil rights, cultural preservation, and leadership development; increasing communication between

the National Youth/Student Council and youth/student members; creating programs which will assist young Asian Pacific Island Americans in identifying job opportunities; developing youth and student programs on the district level; and encouraging the development of internship programs and student organizers;

4. To outreach to other Asian Pacific Island American youth and student organizations, by sharing resources, creating working relationships with other Asian Pacific Island American youth/student organizations, and by becoming more involved in issues related to higher education.

5. To foster leadership development which will prepare youth/students to assume leadership roles in the JACL and the community. ■

Nakahara and Yoshino are, respectively, the former chair and representative of the National Youth/Student Council. This is their Aug. 10, 1996 report to the National JACL Council.



By AL MURATSUCHI

What's happening in the PSW District

► Carol Saito, the First Lady of PSW: 18 years of dedicated JACL service (with many more to come, we hope!)

Mark September 11 as Carol Saito Appreciation Day. That day, in 1978, Carol Saito began her 18 years of dedicated service as a JACL staffer in the Pacific Southwest (PSW) office.

As most active JACLers know, she is the woman who has kept the PSW office running for the last 18 years. She loves serving the JA community, and many, many people

love her in return.

Carol is one of those people who does much of the work but rarely gets acknowledged. I'm taking this opportunity (without her permission, of course) to make sure that JACLers realize what a blessing she is to JACL and the community.

► PSW's Affirmative Action Committee: Carrying on JACL's tradition of civil rights advocacy

I've had the good fortune to work with a crew of dedicated JACLers in the PSW District's Affirmative Ac-

tion Committee. This all-volunteer committee, chaired by Ron Osajima of the SELANOCO chapter, has been working hard over the past six months to defend affirmative action.

This fall, the committee organized a series of community forums on California's Proposition 209, the deceptive and radical initiative on the November 5, 1996, ballot that seeks to abolish all affirmative action programs in public education, public employment, and government contracting. JACL is officially opposed to Proposition 209.

Successful forums have already been held in San Diego, Gardena, and Pasadena. Upcoming forums are in Irvine, Venice, Pacoima, and Fullerton. These forums highlight JACL's unique strength: the ability to conduct grassroots outreach throughout Southern California.

In addition to the forums, committee members are working hard to raise money to help defeat Proposition 209. Among them, Phil Shigekuni got the San Fernando Valley JACL chapter to donate \$500. PSW Governor David Kawamoto of San Diego also persuaded many San Diego JACLers to donate.

We seek your help to defeat Proposition 209. Call me at 213/626-4471 if you're interested in joining the Affirmative Action Committee. You can help at upcoming forums, volunteer at a phone bank, a fundraiser, or donate money.

► Make a difference! Join the PSW District Civil Rights Caucus

All JACLers are invited to our monthly Civil Rights Caucus meetings at the PSW regional office. These informal meetings provide an opportunity for JACLers from all chapters to discuss the hottest civil rights issues of the day and develop action plans to get involved.

Some of the issues that the Caucus is currently addressing include hate crimes, the Japanese Latin American redress campaign, voter registration, the New Otani Hotel labor dispute, immigration, and English-only legislation.

I'm very happy to announce that former PSW Regional Director Jimmy Tokeshi has agreed to co-chair the Caucus with experienced leader Ken Inouye of SELANOCO chapter.

Our next meeting is Oct. 28, Monday, 7 p.m., at the JACL regional office in Little Tokyo. If you're interested, call me: 213/626-4471.

Finally, don't forget to vote on November 5, 1996! ■

HI Ad Rates — No Change

As a Holiday Issue record of chapter activity soliciting greetings, the numbers in this boxscore show last year's accomplishment—simultaneously, a goal for this year. After this issue, this boxscore will reflect what has been reserved or turned in to the PC Advertising Department. The chapters in boldface had reserved one page (90 column inches per page) or more in 1995. Of the 112 chapters listed below, 25 (whom we honor as our Bulk-Rate chapters) had reserved one page or more, and 57 more came through with display greetings and/or one-liners (o/l). Thus, 82 chapters (78%) produced for PC in 1995.

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API Lambda.....			Japan.....	58		San Francisco.....	160	
Arizona.....	30		Lake Washington.....			San Gabriel Valley.....		
Arkansas Valley.....			Las Vegas.....	9		San Jose.....	32	2
Berkeley.....	342		Livingston-Merced.....	120		San Luis Obispo.....	12	
Boise Valley.....		37	Lodi.....	6		San Mateo.....	165	
Carson.....			Marin County.....	6		Sanger.....	24	
Chicago.....	180		Marina-SCAN.....			Santa Barbara.....	19	
Cincinnati.....	6		Marysville.....	16		Santa Maria Valley.....		
Cleveland.....	6	26	Mid-Columbia.....			Seabrook.....	17	
Clovis.....	8		Mile-Hi.....	66		Seattle.....	99	
Contra Costa.....	258		Monterey Peninsula.....	110		Selma.....	168	
Cortez.....	48		Mt. Olympus.....	13	18	Sequoia.....	12	
Dayton.....		18	New England.....			Snake River Valley.....	90	
Delano.....	6	16	New Mexico.....	6		Solano County.....		
Detroit.....	12	27	New York.....	72		Sonoma County.....	21	
Diablo Valley.....	8		No. San Diego Cty.....			South Bay.....	4	
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Fort Lupton.....			Pasadena.....	2		Tri-Valley.....		
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Fremont.....	12		Placer County.....			Twin Cities.....	25	49
French Camp.....	7		Pocatello-Blackfoot.....	90	36	Venice-Culver.....	15	
Fresno.....	180		Portland.....	13	22	Ventura County.....	270	
Gardena Valley.....	102		Progressive Westside.....			Wasatch Front North.....		
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D.C. notes

By ROBERT SAKANIWA

The confusing maze of immigration reform

In the, waning days of this historic 104th Congress, there has been a flurry of activity on Capitol Hill as members of Congress try to wrap up their legislative business for the year. One of the major issues that has been developing throughout this session of Congress is immigration reform (in the form of HR 2202).

To recap what has taken place up to this point, HR 2202 started out attacking both illegal and legal immigrants. In today's anti-immigrant atmosphere, it has been easy to shift the fear caused by economic anxiety onto immigrants who are perceived to be, on the one hand, taking jobs and on the other hand coming across the border for free government handouts. Congress was ready and willing to go along with this heightened concern over immigrants and produced legislation with two main components, one part that would have severely cut back on legal immigration and another part to do with illegal immigrants.

In the first of what would be several setbacks for the anti-immigrant forces in Congress, legislators quickly learned that there was no well-founded reason to start placing incredibly low limits on the numbers of legal immigrants who could enter this nation. In fact, there was little support to legislate against legal immigrants at all, therefore, the parts of the legislation that blatantly focused on legal immigrants were taken out altogether. There is consensus that illegal immigration is an issue that must be dealt with in a fair and humane manner, but that this should be kept separate and distinct from issues dealing with legal immigration. Notwithstanding the

fact that legal immigration issues were ostensibly taken off the table, these issues resurfaced in the immigration reform bill that was purportedly aimed only at illegal immigration issues.

Some of the issues that pertain to the illegal immigration and non-documented persons include increasing the size of the border patrol, stiffening the penalties for alien smuggling and document fraud, tightening penalties on non-documented aliens in the U.S., setting up pilot projects for employers to verify worker eligibility and strengthening penalties against employers who hire non-documented workers. Issues that deal with legal immigration include the right of a legal immigrant to receive government benefits and assistance if needed, the amount of income that a legal immigrant would be deemed to have available to him/herself in qualifying for a needs-based program, the amount of time a legal immigrant would be eligible to receive government assistance, and the level of income requirement for a U.S. resident to sponsor a family member to enter this country.

Returning to the legislative history of HR 2202, after the emphasis was placed primarily on illegal immigration, we still saw the above-mentioned issues pertaining to legal immigration creep into the "illegal immigration" bill. Then in the late spring/early summer, Senate and House versions of this bill entered into conference where the differences in the two versions would be reconciled.

One of the most contentious issues during the conference, at least as portrayed by the media, was the so-called Gallegly amendment

which sought to deny public education to non-documented children. Although as a category, this provision could legitimately be considered as an "illegal immigration" issue, it was clear that for both the president and much of the Senate this provision was simply too harsh on innocent children. Therefore the provision was stripped from the conference report on HR 2202. Unfortunately, many of the other provisions affecting legal immigrants were kept in the conference report, such as the benefits that legal immigrants would not be able to receive, the amount of income a legal immigrant would be deemed to have available and the income requirement for sponsorship. This conference report on HR 2202 was passed by the House by a vote of 305-123 on September 25.

Interesting things happen when Congress gets down towards the end of its legislative session, and what has happened in the 104th as it relates to this bill is a prime example. Instead of trying to pass HR 2202 as a free-standing bill, last minute negotiations over the Sept. 28-29 weekend enabled the White House to get some concessions out of the immigration reformers by taking out provisions that would punish legal immigrants for receiving certain government benefits, changing some of the deeming provisions, and reducing from 200 percent (140 percent in the case of minor children and spouses) to 125 percent, the percent of income above the poverty level that a person must have to sponsor a family member entering the country.

The reduction in the income re-

See MAZE/page 12

The Legacy Fund: As campaign ends, JACL records total of \$4,649,323

(Excerpts of the JACL Legacy Fund Report, August 1996)

By GRAYCE UYEHARA
Campaign Chair

The JACL Legacy Fund was established by National Council action at the San Diego convention, June, 1990 ... to establish a perpetual endowment from which only the earnings will be used to implement the organization's mission, its purpose, and its biennial Program for Action.

The initial goal was to raise \$10 million over a three-year period. In 1992 the National Council (at Denver) extended the campaign to five years since the contributions were not at the project level.

This report to the 1996 National Council brings the active campaign to a close. The two years of the campaign produced very little additional funds. During this biennium, JACL has been facing a crisis with its financial matters.

The upside is that through the generosity of many, many contributors who believe in the purpose of JACL, JACL now has for the first time in its long history an endowment with a valuation of more than \$5 million. Those who contributed and those chapters and district leaders who stayed with the task of seeking contributions should take credit for giving JACL some measure of stability and funding for the long term.

The \$10 million was a reachable goal if more chapters supported the campaign. If the two largest districts performed in the same manner as the five districts which average 80

percent of their assigned goal, JACL would have been short of the goal by \$1 million.

This information is shared with you to help us understand that JACL can raise money if we bring back the old motto—*In Unity there is Strength*.

Our financial security also could be better secured. JACL would also be able to fund major programs with high visibility and with potential for many chapter involvement if selected programs are prioritized with sufficient funding. Right now, JACL is not in the position to seek major grants.

The new and younger leadership will have to follow the role model of the Issei and Nisei in their financial contribution to JACL. When the mantle of contributing beyond dues to JACL is accepted by the Sansei and Yonsei, JACL will be able to fund programs which will return JACL to its former eminence.

Having stated the requirements to establish a major endowment as the days of depending on the Nisei will soon pass, the rest of this report will be a summary on the Legacy Fund. This report covers the period from October 1990 to June 30, 1996.

Contributions received	\$4,649,323
Fundraising expenses	474,727
Total to Fund	\$4,175,596
Investment income	803,044
Less distributions	-741,931
Gain/Loss sale of securities	378,346
Net Investment Income	439,458
Fund Balance	\$4,614,054

As of June 30, 1996, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., San Francisco, the

account executive, reports that the Legacy Fund account valuation is \$5,398,986. [a 17 percent increase]. The investment management has been provided by Pine Tree Capital, Nakagama & Wallace, LP, of New York since May 1992.

I wish to recognize the able assistance of Clyde Izumi, JACL business manager, and Amy Yamashiro, Membership and Legacy Fund, for their part in preparation of this report.

The report included (1) Legacy Fund statement, (2) unaudited revenue and expenditures report: 7-1-90 through 6-30-96, (3) Legacy Fund contributions by Districts and Chapters, (4) performance report of Chapters reaching 50 percent and above, (5) chart of Distribution of Earnings.

Distribution Tables:

Annual earnings were distributed accordingly:

(a) 65 percent to National JACL, (b) 20 percent to Chapters through the District Councils in direct proportion to the amounts raised by the chapters,

(c) 10 percent "set aside" for [and applied for by] chapters and district councils for programs consistent with the JACL Program for Action, (grants are not provided for capital projects),

(d) 5 percent reinvested by the Fund. The distributions to Chapters began in January, 1992.

At the 1994 National Council, the distribution table reflected an increase of the 5 percent reinvestment figure to 10 percent, reducing the 65 percent National to 60 percent, other percentages unchanged.

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Historic Japanese tombstone in San Diego stolen

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Marker for seaman who died in 1887 part of area's history

SAN DIEGO—Until it was missing sometime around Aug. 18, when several other graves were vandalized, the tombstone for Japanese Navy Seaman First Class Tsunejiro Toya was just a historic note with Don Estes, a San Diego City College historian.

For Estes, the tombstone of the Toya, who died in San Diego Bay on Nov. 22, 1887, was represented in his mind by a photograph and in the memory of Japanese Americans who have family or relatives buried at Mount Hope Cemetery.

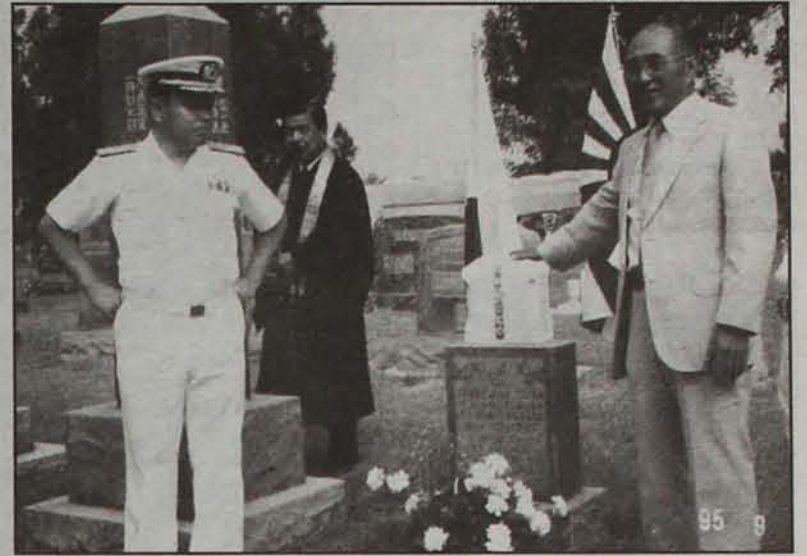
The *San Diego Union-Tribune* on Sept. 12 revived the significance of the tombstone in reporting its loss when Kenzo Sato, a retired Japanese rear admiral and local resident since 1989, discovered the theft. Both he and Estes combed the area in a fruitless search. "I don't want them punished," Sato said of the vandals. "We just wait and hope it will be returned."

Both Sato and Estes had key roles in piecing together the history surrounding the tombstone. Seaman Toya fell overboard from a tug towing his training ship, Tsukuba, out of the harbor. His body was found off Point Loma and buried at the city cemetery. The Tsukuba, on her first visit to San Diego, had stayed in port for four days, according to newspaper files, and the crew had been honored with a banquet and a parade. Twelve years later another Japanese training ship, Hiei, arrived in San Diego with the tombstone for the drowned sailor.

In 1939, Issei leaders had the



AT LEFT—The San Diego gravesite for Japanese seaman Tsunejiro Toya, buried in December, 1887. The missing tombstone sits on top of the dark gray granite with inscriptions in English. Lettering in the white marble piece that was stolen by vandals (at left) is hardly visible and, as Japanese custom says, the Japanese *kanji* (at right) was highlighted with black paint when needed.



Admiral Hasegawa (left) of the Japanese naval contingent training in San Diego, stands at the Toya gravesite while retired Japanese Admiral Kenzo Sato places his hand on the historic tombstone, now missing.



AT LEFT—Commander of the Japanese naval training contingent, Admiral Kataro Hasegawa, stands in prayer before placing flowers. The monument (at right) is also historic, in memory of 12 Japanese who lost their lives in 1916 when the rain-swollen Otay Dam broke loose.

grave transferred to the section where many other Japanese were buried, and remounted the headstone on top of a larger granite monument. There it remained unmolested for more than 50 years.

The gravestone escaped being desecrated all during World War II, its significance practically unknown until Estes was intrigued by the date—1877—while writing the history of the San Diego Japanese community. He uncovered the story of Toya from the files of the *San Diego Union*.

Sato came to San Diego in 1957 for a year's training in sonar. He met Yoshiko Saito, a San Diego Nisei, and they were married the following year. The couple moved back to San Diego in 1989 after he retired from the Japanese navy and then from a trading company. Two years ago, they were visiting

the gravesites of her parents when Sato became intrigued with Toya's monument, obtained information from Estes and continued the investigation in Japan.

Sato found that Kantaro Suzuki, who would become Japan's prime minister at the end of WW II, was a crew member of the Tsukuba. After Sato related the story to his naval buddies, officers and seamen of a Japanese naval contingent here last year for joint exercises laid a wreath at the grave.

Sato told the *Union-Tribune* he hesitated making the theft known for fear it could affect bilateral relations. "It would bring shame on the United States," he explained.

In revisiting the site with Sato, Estes declared, "For Japanese Americans, it really is an important piece of their history." ■

Photo: FRANK IRITANI



Colorado memorial

Memorial Circle honoring the late Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr at the East Lawn of the Colorado State Capitol in Denver is dedicated Sept. 18 with pouring of Amache soil. Tom Okubo (right), ex-Amache internee, holds the bucket while State Senate president Hon. Tom Norton assists. One plaque recognizes Carr's dissent to the Evacuation, another that Amache was one of 10 federal detention camps for U.S. citizens of Japanese descent, and another is a commemorative statement from the Colorado Bar Association, the (Denver) Japanese American Community, and the Citizens of the State of Colorado. (See Bill Hosokawa's column on page 10.)

Photo: JEM LEW



Gift

National JACL President Helen Kawagoe (center) receives \$3,000 contribution from Joyce Kuruma (left) and Grace Masuda, co-chairs of the JACL singles convention held in 1995. Kawagoe said that the money will be used to return *Pacific Citizen* to a weekly publication. The event was held at the Sept. 13 meeting of the Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter in Gardena, Calif.

6 named in D.C. memorial design

WASHINGTON—Not to be confused with the WWII monument near the Nation's Capitol in tribute to Japanese American patriotism, in care of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, the design competition for the National World War II Memorial has come down to six finalists, with the winner to be announced late this year, according to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Intended to memorialize America's WWII veterans and acknowledge the war's importance at home as well as abroad, it is to be located on the Mall, a 7.4-acre plot of land and water at the east-

ern end of the Reflecting Pool between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Designers were challenged to fit in a 65,000 sq. ft. underground building in the Potomac flood plain for a "hall of honor or remembrance," an auditorium and a visitor information center. The projected \$100-million cost will be privately financed, in keeping with the practice established by such recent memorials as those for the Korean and Vietnam war veterans.

More than 400 entries were received. Among the 12-member design jury was Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii). ■

CRITERIA

(Continued from page 1)

- Projects should be designed to maximize the long-term educational, research and community development impact of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

- Projects should build upon, contribute and expand the existing body of educational and research materials on the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans during World War II.

- Projects should include the variety of experiences of the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans and its impact before, during, and after World War II, including those Japanese Americans who served in the military.

- Projects should link the Japanese American exclusion and detention experience with the experiences of other populations so that the causes, circumstances, lessons, and contemporary applications of this and similar events will be illuminated and understood.

- Applicants are encouraged to involve former detainees, those excluded from the military areas, and their descendants in the development and execution of projects.
- Applicants are encouraged to

develop a national strategy and plan for raising the level of awareness and understanding among the American public regarding the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans during World War II so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood.

- Applicants are encouraged to develop local and regional consortia of organizations and individuals engaged in similar educational, research and community development efforts.

- Applicants are encouraged to coordinate and collaborate with organizations and individuals engaging in similar educational, research and community development endeavors to maximize the effect of grants with respect to a) impact on geographic regions; and/or b) impact on institutions, public policy, or culture; and/or c) impact on academic field or discipline.

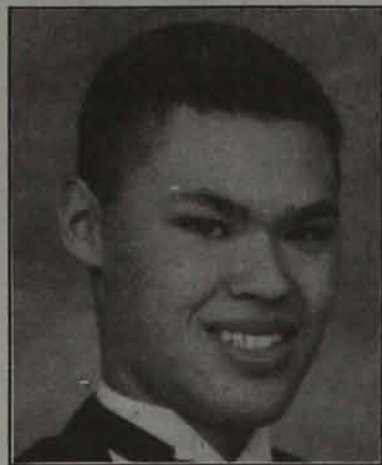
- Applicants are encouraged to utilize creative and/or innovative methods and approaches in the development and implementation of their projects.

- Applicants are encouraged to seek matching funds, in-kind contributions or other sources of support to enhance their proposal.

Freshmen

Sumitomo Bank Scholarship

Winner: Nathan Tsuzaki
JACL Chapter: Contra Costa
Institution attending in 1996: UC, Berkeley
Field of Study: Science



Nathan found his niche at El Cerrito High in the Speech and Debate Team. His successful debate competitions were balanced with his strong academic record and participation in volleyball, basketball, baseball and tennis. Nathan also spends time at the Sakura-kai senior citizens program and attends the East Bay Free Methodist Church where he assists in the day care program and church maintenance.

Essay Excerpt: "I could have never achieved what I did if it weren't for the people around me. My family, friends, and community all had a role in shaping my path toward the future. The encouragement from my Nisei grandparents was especially important. I have learned the importance of education and self-worth. Now is the time for me to take another step toward my future."

Mas & Majiu Uyesugi Scholarship

Winner: Lisa Marie Zorn
JACL Chapter: Washington, DC
Institution attending in 1996: Undecided
Field of Study: Computer & Electrical Engineering

Nominated as a Presidential Scholar, this 1600 SAT achiever is also an AP Scholar who was involved with the Odyssey of the Mind, Computer Team, and the Physics Team. Internships with David Hull at the Army Research Laboratory of Adelphi and with Dr. Thomas Fu at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, solidified her pursuit of an engineering degree.

Essay Excerpt: "My goal, though well contemplated is deceptively simple: I want to be a person who is respected for ability, knowledge and accomplishment. I want to be the best at what I do because of my dedication to a job I love. I want to be looked to for my wisdom, my friendship and my strength."

Mitsuyuki Yonemura Scholarship

Winner: Anthony Horos
JACL Chapter: Washington, DC
Institution attending in 1996: Georgia Institute of Technology
Field of Study: Computer Engineering

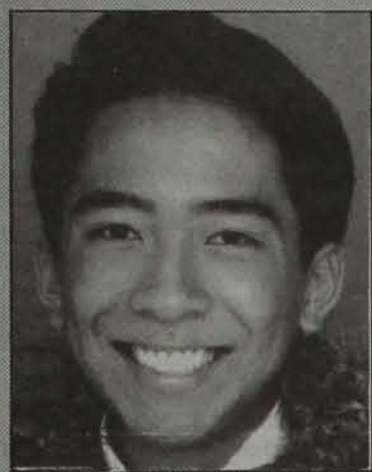
Commended as a National Merit Scholar in 1995, Anthony has been active in the Environmental Club, Asian American Club and Wooten Marching Band since his freshman year at Thomas Wooten High School. Additionally, he has donated his time to St. Raphael's Church, participating in youth activities and various volunteer projects.

Essay Excerpt: "I strive to emulate

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarships

Winner: Andrew Hongo
JACL Chapter: Honolulu
Institution attending in 1996: Yale University
Field of Study: Humanities

This talented singer and student, has a holiday album recorded with



his parents, with whom he has done extensive touring in California and Japan. Andrew carried a 3.96 GPA at Punahou High School in Honolulu, where he was a National Merit Semifinalist, National Honor Society member, and four years on the Dean's List. He was also a member of the Speech and Debate team, and an active participant in Student Government.

Essay Excerpt: "I realize how indebted I am to those who have invested their lives in me: my parents, pastors, teachers and coaches. And I wonder how I could ever repay this overwhelming 'on,' I can choose to use the gifts and talents that I have been given to serve and minister others. I hope that through my college experience I will gain knowledge, wisdom, discernment, and understanding that I can use to help other people."



Winner: Lauren Williams
JACL Chapter: South Bay
Institution attending in 1996: Harvard University
Field of Study: Mathematics

First in her graduating class of 646, this 4.0 with a perfect 1600 SAT is also a National Merit Semifinalist, National Honor Society Member and AP Scholar. She has

also won numerous awards in math-related contests on the local and state levels. Lauren is also an accomplished violinist, performing with the Southwest Youth Orchestra, South Bay Conservatory Orchestra and the Palos Verdes Strings.

Essay Excerpt: "As I matured, my early interest developed into an admiration for the characteristics that are the hallmark of the Japanese: high ideals, perseverance, discipline. I see myself as being the lucky recipient of many of these qualities, having acquired them over the years. With the determination and discipline that has been my heritage, I am confident that I can succeed in our world which rewards these qualities. Though I realize the need for JACL's protection of the Japanese from inevitable prejudices, I believe that the Japanese as a race have earned the respect of the world at large."



Winner: Colin Fisher
JACL Chapter: Lake Washington
Institution attending in 1996: New England Conservatory of Music
Field of Study: Jazz Performance. This 1996

Lake Washington High School Football Scholar/Athlete of the Year carried a 4.0 GPA and was first in his senior class of 431. Colin, an accomplished trumpet player, is credited on the CD compilation "East Infection," and toured with the Apple Pie Blues Band on the West Coast in 1995. He is also the co-editor of the school paper *Limited Edition* and president of the Band Council.

Essay Excerpt: "Life is not about Jazz, but about ideas. My compulsion with music does not exclude my searching for ideas in sciences, in words, or in people. It merely allows me to view things with a clearer purpose. Music has enhanced and expanded my mind, and compelled me to seek food for my personal beast. In doing so, the change is a continuing one. So, it is change that drives my life, com-

1996 JACL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This member of the National Honor Society was also the principal clarinet player for the school band, and first tenor in the jazz

band.

He was

also com-

mitted to the

school paper, where

in his senior year he was

the front page/features editor.

Scott also volunteered as a Zoo

Teen for four years, at the Metro

Washington Park Zoo. He could

also be found at the Epworth United

Methodist Church where he was a

member and co-chaired the Pacific

Northwest Winter Conference.

Essay Excerpt: "I have set no limits

for myself, I set goals. In my life,

I imagine no limits, no boundaries,

no lines to stay inside. I must con-

quer all adversity set before me. I

elling me toward a greater intellectual awakening."

Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Scott Hiromura
JACL Chapter: Gresham Troutdale
Institution attending in 1996: Oregon State University
Field of Study: Zoology

Essay Excerpt: "I have set no limits for myself, I set goals. In my life, I imagine no limits, no boundaries, no lines to stay inside. I must conquer all adversity set before me. I

Union Bank Scholarships

Winner: Neal Oku
JACL Chapter: Venice/Culver
Institution attending in 1996: Loyola Marymount University
Field of Study: Business

This 4.0 student is a four-year California Scholarship Federation Member and 1996 winner of the Venice High School Principal's Award of Merit. In addition, Neal was also captain of the volleyball team and a participant in the CBO basketball league. Neal has been active in both the Lutheran Youth Fellowship and the Junior YBA. He has also found time to volunteer at the Venice Senior Nutrition Center as well as the Westside Center for Independent living.

Essay Excerpt: "Being of mixed heritage, half Mexican and half Japanese, has played an important role in shaping who I am to-



day. I take great pride in my heritage and embrace it rather than reject it. My mixed heritage has given me many experiences I otherwise would not have had. I have not been confined or limited as some of my peers of single heri-

tage have allowed themselves to be. My heritage has given me many opportunities to grow and has enriched my life."



Winner: Daniel Hong
JACL Chapter: Diablo Valley
Institution attending in 1996: MIT
Field of Study: Business

Comfortable in the water, Daniel has lettered in varsity swimming and water polo. He's no fish out of water in the academic arena either; a 4.0 GPA and member of both the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society, he has proven discipline in the classroom and the pool. Civic minded, Daniel has also volunteered since 1994 at Kaiser Permanente and participated in programs to provide meals for the homeless.

Essay Excerpt: "I believe that my Japanese, Taiwanese and American heritage have enabled me to gain a broad and unique perspective of the world. Having lived in Taiwan for two years, and having parents who primarily speak Japanese, I have been exposed to a myriad of cultures and languages. It has been my goal to take the good aspects of all three cultures and live my life according to those values."



believe in the perseverance of self, something that the world does not believe in today."

Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship

Winner: Nicole Itano
JACL Chapter: Mile Hi
Institution attending in 1996: Yale University
Field of Study: History

This National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar and member of the National Honors society was active in the Speech and Debate team where she was a national qualifier in Student Congress. Nicole has made a trip to Nicaragua with the Colorado friends of Los Pipitos, a nonprofit group dedicated to helping handicapped children. She has also been an active volunteer in the political arena, volunteering in electoral campaigns, and has interned with Colorado State Senator Dorothy Rupert.

Essay Excerpt: "Being a Japanese American in Boulder has perhaps given me a different perspective, and has emphasized to me the importance of social justice. My sense of belonging to the community cannot be quantified in the activities I have participated or my social group, as there are few Japanese Americans in Boulder, but rather my pride in my heritage, and the affect it has had on the way in which I view the world."

South Park Japanese Community Scholarship

Winner: Megan Morris
JACL Chapter: Salt Lake City
Institution attending in 1996: Brigham Young University
Field of Study: Pre-Medicine

A four-sport athlete who has lettered in soccer, basketball, softball and tennis, and a scholar, Megan is a member of the National Honor Society and has multiple-year recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She also served as math club and German club president and dedicated many volunteer hours at the South Davis Community hospital assisting the homeless, and in a project assisting iodine-deficient youths in Africa.

Essay Excerpt: "With the many racial slurs and cheap shots going around, it's hard to sometimes admit that I am Japanese. Of late things have gotten a lot better, a slur hasn't been directed toward me quite some while. When people ask me of what background I am, I can say with pride because of the JACL, that I am Japanese."

Gongoro Nakamura Scholarship

Winner: Jennifer Namba
JACL Chapter: San Diego
Institution attending in 1996: UC Irvine
Field of Study: Biological Science

Jennifer is Valedictorian of Crawford High School and is recognized as an AP Scholar. She has also been



the most valuable player on the tennis team since 1993. Community minded as well, Jennifer is a teacher at Partnership Vacation Bible school, a volunteer at the Interfaith Shelter and a volunteer host for the House of Japan in Balboa Park.

Essay Excerpt: "My church and my high school are prime examples of institutions which foster cultural awareness as well as racial tolerance. From these environments, I have had the opportunity to observe and thus better understand the value of pluralism. Due to the efforts of the JACL as a representative of human and civil rights, I have been sheltered from the injustice which other Japanese Americans endured less than half a century ago."

Kenji Kasai Scholarship

Winner: Keiko Petrosky
JACL Chapter: Houston
Institution attending in 1996: Rice University
Field of Study: Physics



This National Merit Scholar Semifinalist carries a weighted 4.7 GPA and was recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1994-1996. Keiko is co-president of both the French Club and her High School Orchestra and an AISD Medical Intern at Brackenridge Hospital. Keiko has also been a 10-year member of the Girl Scouts of America.

Essay Excerpt: "By pursuing a scientific education, I am preparing to take my place as a citizen of the world. As a medical intern, I have seen science and technology at work to save, cure and improve real lives. I intend to continue my volunteer work while in college, and my career as a research scientist will be a means for me to contribute to my global community."

Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship

Winner: Jennifer Naruo
JACL Chapter: Wisconsin
Institution attending in 1996: UC, Davis
Field of Study: Undeclared

Senior Class President and third in her class, Jennifer has adeptly balanced a heavy academic load, athletics and extracurricular commitments. Additionally, she successfully competed in soccer, track and cross country, achieving all-league honors in soccer and CIF finals in

track. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, CSF Life Member, and A.Y.S.O. girls' soccer coach.



Essay Excerpt: "Some of my most vivid memories of my grandparents were at JACL picnics and Christmas parties. These social gatherings always were an enjoyable learning experience. Many of the older members have shared their life experiences with me, through which I have learned a lot about Japanese culture. I feel our relationship is important because they have taught me to be proud to be who I am."

Undergraduate

Yoshiko Tanaka Scholarship

Winner: Tina Bessette
JACL Chapter: Detroit
Institution attending in 1996: University of Florida at Gainesville
Field of Study: Japanese Language and Culture Teaching

This full-time mother and student is dedicated to her own education while, at the same time, raising her two children to be "intelligent, respectable and productive citizens." Tina plans to pursue a career in Japanese language and cultural instruction. She has also been an active volunteer for the Michigan Democrats in the 10th and 12th congressional districts.

Essay Excerpt: "I feel that it is my responsibility as a Japanese American and a voter to assure that a politician that shares my views of family, community and government remains in office. Because of this, I am willing to do work that may be perceived as menial. That is why I



recently joined the JACL as soon as I learned of its existence. There is strength in numbers, and I know it sounds cliché, but every bit helps. I don't want my children to inherit a world of ignorance and cultural depravity."

Alice Yuriiko Endo Scholarship

Winner: Chika Fujiwara
JACL Chapter: New York
Institution attending in 1996: School of Visual Arts
Field of Study: Fine Arts

Using her illustrative and art skills as her medium, Chika would like to see art used as a way to heal. An Issei from Japan, Chika has suc-



Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Michael Lance
JACL Chapter: Lake Washington
Institution attending in 1996: Whitman College
Field of Study: Biochemistry



Michael would like to see the quality of life improved for people who are mentally and physically handicapped. He has volunteered many hours of his time involved in such projects with Camp Easter Seal and the Bellevue Parks and Recreation Center. Additionally, his interest and talent in the area of science has placed him in the Department of Energy High Science Honors program at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory,

and in the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Student Science training program.

Essay Excerpt: "Despite numerous efforts by various groups in America to achieve equality, disabled people are still excluded in our society. Society has established residences, schools, and recreational centers to better handle the unique needs of the handicapped. However, by encouraging segregation into such specialized facilities, we have effectively denied disabled people the 'pursuit of happiness,' an inherent right that this country was founded on."

Mari and James Michener Scholarship

Winner: Mariko Ryono
JACL Chapter: South Bay
Institution attending in 1996: Harvard University
Field of Study: Women's Studies/Anthropology

This Harvard sophomore was busy her first year, getting involved on campus and in the community while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. Mariko was a Curriculum Coordinator for the Inner-City tutoring program; volunteer at the First Church Soup Kitchen; Steering Committee Member for the Freshman Service Committee and member of HAPA, an organization for students who are biracial or multiracial Asian Americans.

Essay Excerpt: "I am working to make public service and activism a part of the education here at Harvard. It is essential throughout life that people care about their communities, and my lifetime goal is to promote community activism. My father is Japanese American and my mother is Irish American. With the increasing number of Japanese Americans marrying outside of their ethnic community, I think that it is important for organizations...to discuss biracial issues and...what it means to be Japanese American and "hapa," in the United States and world today."

Kyutaro and Yasuo Abiko Scholarship

Winner: Roxana Saberi
JACL Chapter: Twin Cities

Information

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and help others to heal their inner child and nurture self-love.

Union Bank Scholarship

Winner: Derek Izumo
JACL Chapter: West LA
Institution attending in 1996: UC, Berkeley
Field of Study: Business/ International Trade

Derek is a 1995 Lambda Delta Theta member with two years on the Dean's List, as well as a 1996 Cherry Blossom Scholarship recipient. He had an active two years at UC, Riverside, as a member and president of the Ichiban Club and co-founder of the Intercollegiate Nikkei Council, a consortium of Japanese American student clubs in Southern California.



Essay Excerpt: "There have been two activities which have been especially significant in my life thus far—my current college life at UC, Riverside, and my scouting adventures. My demanding schedule has taught me to develop efficient study habits and effective time management skills. Scouting has had a tremendous influence upon my development as a youth. It also molded my leadership ability and provided me with a basic code of morality and conduct."

SCHOLARS

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Institution attending in 1996: Concordia College
Field of Study: Communication

Roxana carries a 3.9 GPA, which has maintained her status on the Dean's List. She is planning to pursue a career in journalism. She has been active in the Concordia On Air TV News Station and written for the campus paper.

Essay Excerpt: "I now believe that although there is a meaning of life, we as humans can not know what this meaning is. We do not have the power to know because only the Ultimate Reality, who some people may call 'God,' knows. The Reality created us and the universe, therefore it is above us. We are alike and equal because all humans were created by the Ultimate Reality. Knowing this, we must accept others' differences and be charitable toward each other."

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Scholarship

Winner: Elizabeth Tamura
JACL Chapter: Seattle
Institution attending in 1996: University of Washington
Field of Study: Psychology



Elizabeth was a squad leader and senior flutist for her High School Marching Band, as well as a member of the Pep Band. She was a fundraising committee member of the Honor Society. She also undertook many community projects in her 12 years as a Girl Scout.

Essay Excerpt: "By becoming a psychologist, I would be able to help those who cannot find the strength in handling the amounts of stress heaped onto them. I would like to be able to help create hope and cures for those who suffer from psychological disease."

Saburo Kido Scholarship

Winner: Cecelia Tatsumi
JACL Chapter: Portland
Institution attending in 1996: University of Oregon
Field of Study: Medicine

This University of Oregon Duck carries a 4.06 GPA, earning her several semesters on the Dean's List, as well as being a Dean's Scholar and Junior Scholar. Cecelia is also active in Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the Student Alumni As-

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarships

Winner: Dean Nakanishi
JACL Chapter: San Mateo
Institution attending in 1996: Willamette
Field of Study: History



This baritone member of the Men's Ensemble Choir at Willamette University is a previous winner of JACL National Scholarships. He is also active in the Willamette Asian Association and the Willamette Community Outreach. His devout Christian faith lead to his participation in the Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, which provides support and a sense of community to Willamette Students.

Essay Excerpt: "The JACL has allowed me to gain a better understanding of who I am and who my predecessors were. During high school I did a research project on the Japanese Americans during WWII and what I discovered opened my eyes. Yet, at the same time I was proud to have learned about the valor, courage, and honor the 442nd and the 100th battalions served with, despite the prejudices and obstacles they faced."



Winner: Carrie Nomura
JACL Chapter: Stockton
Institution attending in 1996: UC, Davis
Field of Study: Psychology

This future UC, Davis, Aggie has maintained her 4.0 GPA and Dean's List status at San Joaquin Delta College and UCLA. Carrie is a member of the California Scholarship Federation as well as the National Honors Society. She has also been an active volunteer for the United Way, the University of the Pacific's library, and a teacher's assistant at a local elementary school.

Essay Excerpt: "The JACL...has integrated the Japanese American community and has provided many opportunities for young Japanese Americans. But most of all, JACL has helped keep Japanese American history and culture alive. As a fourth generation Japanese American, I have benefited from all the struggles and civil rights victories of the JACL."

ers and fulfill my goal of becoming a physician."

Sumitomo Bank Scholarship

Winner: Marykay Tsuji
JACL Chapter: San Jose
Institution attending in 1996: UCLA
Field of Study: Economics

This Bruin is an accomplished competitive swimmer and former member of the San Jose Youth and California Youth Symphonies. Marykay is interested in pursuing a career in international business, using her Japanese and French language skills to her advantage.

Essay Excerpt: "In order for me to have the luxury of living in America and soon to attend a university, I know my ancestors had to work zealously to earn our rights. Without the support of the JACL motivating them, Japanese American society would not have the advantages that it has today. I owe my freedom and rights to the Japanese that the JACL inspired."

Graduates

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Scholarship
Winner: Michael Dote
JACL Chapter: West LA
Institution attending in 1996: UCLA
Field of Study: Dentistry

Michael has been actively involved in the West Los Angeles Methodist Church and Nikkel Student Union at UCLA. With both organizations, Michael was involved in a range of volunteer activities such as Thanksgiving for the needy, visiting a Japanese American retirement home, and assisting at health fairs.



Essay Excerpt: "I owe much of my success and my comforts to the sacrifices of the Issei and Nisei. At last the day of 'professional carrot washers' is disappearing as Asian Americans are excelling in the workplace. I am looking forward to provide assistance to others through dentistry, and I hope I can continue to serve the Asian American community in the future."

Magoichi and Shizuko Kato Scholarship

Winner: Kelly Hashimoto
JACL Chapter: Fresno
Institution attending in 1996: Western University of Health Sciences
Field of Study: Osteopathic Medicine

Kelly graduated from UC, Davis, with High Honors and as a member of the Golden Key Honor Society, the Order of Omega, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She was also an active volunteer as an undergraduate, donating her time to the Valley Children's Hospital, the Davis Community Clinic, and Patwin Elementary School, to name a few.

Essay Excerpt: "Going to school at UC, Davis, really helped me open up. After going away, I learned how to speak publicly, communicate more efficiently and become more outgoing. My world is continually changing and with it I am growing and changing. I am very grateful for all of the support that the JACL has shown me in the past."

Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Yasushi Nakahara
JACL Chapter: West LA
Institution attending in 1996: UCLA
Field of Study: Business

This UCLA Riordan Fellow is making a transition from Biological Sciences to Business Administration. Yasushi is a YMCA Coach of the Year for his efforts coaching 9-10-year-olds since 1991. In addition, he has volunteered for the San Diego Coalition for the Homeless as a driver and volunteer administrator.



Essay Excerpt: "My impending obligation to my family has opened my eyes to new responsibilities paramount to those of my immediate concern. I realize that my actions now affect the whole and that I must always endeavor to serve an existence greater than myself. I plan to work to foster understanding and promote cooperation—through research, education, dialogue and outreach between—peoples of the Japanese community and the world."

Reverend H. John Yamashita Scholarship

Winner: Denise Nakano
JACL Chapter: New York
Institution attending in 1996: New

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Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship



Winner: Mari Shimizu
JACL Chapter: San Francisco
Institution attending in 1996: University of California, San Francisco
Field of Study: Medicine

This National Merit Scholar and Stanford graduate is fluent in the Japanese language and an accomplished violinist. Mari has had a wide range of experience—touring Asia and Europe with a symphony orchestra, treating and educating the homeless, serving as ASUCSF vice president, and organizing and assisting in various AIDS education and advocacy projects, to name only a few.

Essay Excerpt: "As I am training to become a physician at the UCSF School of Medicine, I am also planning to attend the School of Public Health at UC, Berkeley, next year. With my strengths in organization and leadership and my interests and background in cross-cultural issues, I hope to become a unique and integral part in improving public health and health care for the Asian Pacific Islander American community."



Winner: Dori Lyn Hirata
JACL Chapter: Honolulu
Institution attending in 1996: University of Hawaii at Manoa
Field of Study: Elementary Education

This 1993 Cherry Blossom Queen of Hawaii is leaving her five-year career as a corporate communications manager to pursue her degree in elementary education. Dori has also had an active tenure in the Japanese Community of Hawaii, returning as a host and scriptwriter to the Cherry Blossom Pageant, and volunteering with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and the Japan America Society of Hawaii.

Essay Excerpt: "Whatever you do, make it count. This empowering piece of advice from my parents has guided my decision making, strengthened my resolve, and challenged me to be unafraid when articulating my thoughts and ideas. As a teacher, I hope to instill in my students a sense of purpose so they, too, will realize the value in seeking excellence, developing cultural sensitivity and serving their community."

SCHOLARS

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York University
Field of Study: Art Dealership and Collecting

Denise is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, with Highest honors and membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society. She was formerly interested in the area of law; a trip to Europe in 1994 confirmed her desire to pursue a career in the art world.

Essay Excerpt: "Art's greatest power is that it opens dialogues and makes the viewer observe, think and reflect upon the art object and what it means in contemporary society. By doing this, the viewer develops a keener understanding for contemporary culture, and hopefully this understanding translates into making wise decisions about the future of our society."

Nisaburo Aibara Scholarship

Winner: Lina Sueyoshi
JACL Chapter: San Francisco
Institution attending in 1996: Undecided
Field of Study: Counseling Psychology



Lina has volunteered much of her time at the Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Planned Parenthood in New York, educating youth on reproductive health issues, HIV awareness, and sexually transmitted diseases. She has also been a member of Psi Chi, a National Honors Society in Psychology, since 1992.

Essay Excerpt: "I would be interested in improving the utilization of counseling for Asians and Asian Americans and in creating culturally-sensitive intervention programs. Having been raised in both the United States and Japan, I have experienced what it is like to be a member of both Japanese and American society. By being able to place myself in other people's minds and situations, I have also been less judgmental and more empathetic to their needs."

Minoru Yasui Scholarship



Winner: Manuel Wong
JACL Chapter: San Francisco
Institution attending in 1996: San Francisco State
Field of Study: Early Childhood Education

Manuel has dedicated his life to serving children. Some of his con-

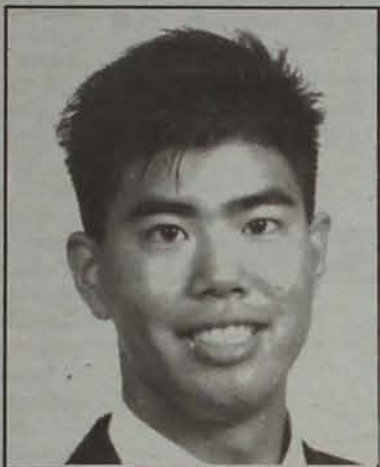
cerns are promoting cultural sensitivity and inclusion for culturally diverse children and their needs. He is president of the San Francisco Family Day Care Association and board member of the San Francisco Association for the Education of Young Children.

Essay Excerpt: "I have been developing myself these past years into an advocate for children and their parents. No longer can I sit back and wait for someone else to make the move, be an influence, and get involved. I believe that my working in the community will show others of Asian ancestry that they too can get involved in issues that affect them."

Law

Sho Sato Scholarship

Winner: Mark Hanasono
JACL Chapter: Berkeley
Institution attending in 1996: Georgetown University
Field of Study: Law



A Phi Beta Kappa and graduate of UC, Berkeley, Mark is also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and recipient of the UC, Berkeley, President's Undergraduate Fellowship. Mark is also a board member of the Berkeley Chapter and an advocate of the Nikkei Oral History Project and Sansei Legacy Project of the East Bay. His work as Research Assistant for the State of California's Office of Trade and Investment in Japan focused his academic interest onto International Relations.

Essay Excerpt: "As a lawyer, I wish to participate in securing these relations by applying the perspective I have gained as a result of my Asian American identity. Provided this opportunity, I aim to accomplish two goals: to retain the 'Asian' in the identification of Asian American so that my ancestral ties persist, and to promote the 'American,' showing the ethnic community the belief in the existence of infinite possibilities."

Thomas T. Hayashi Scholarship

Winner: Lisa Laird
JACL Chapter: San Jose
Institution attending in 1996: Santa Clara University School of Law
Field of Study: Law

This law student and UCLA graduate is a member of the Golden Key National Honor society and Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society. Lisa is also an active member of the Asian Pacific Law Students Association at SCU, where she served as a representative to the admissions committee and is serving as the vice president for the 1996-97 year.

Essay Excerpt: "Although my mind was initially focused on international business and trade policies, volunteering with the Asian Law Alliance has exposed me to other legal avenues dealing with the Asian American population in California such as

civil rights, immigration and employment. Through being elected as vice president of the Asian Pacific Law Students Association and being a new member of the San Jose JACL, I plan to work towards 'Justice, Dignity and Equality' and give back to the community all which I have gained."

Hagiwara Financial Aid

Abe and Esther Hagiwara Scholarship

Winner: Karen Dote
JACL Chapter: Gardena
Institution attending in 1996: Biola University
Field of Study: Undecided



A California Scholarship Federation and National Honors Society member, Karen has had an active record of community service participation with both groups. Karen has also been active with the Gardena Valley Baptist Church, where she leads worship in song.

Essay Excerpt: "As I am learning more about God and what He wants me to be, I've found a certain joy and peace that I know I wouldn't have otherwise. I've noticed several changes in my life, all of which are helping me touch the lives of those around me. My attitude, appearance and mannerisms are those of patience, kindness, gentleness and faithfulness. As we are living in a world that is undoubtedly deteriorating before our eyes, I am thankful for organizations such as the JACL."

Performing arts

Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Scholarship

Winner: Sevenju Pepper
JACL Chapter: Contra Costa
Institution attending in 1996: UC, Berkeley
Field of Study: Education



This late-blooming ballerina discovered her passion for dance at 14 and beat the odds by becoming a professional dancer after relatively few years of training. She is an advanced-level student with the San Francisco Ballet and was promoted to principal of the California Ballet Theater upon her graduation. She has carried major roles for a young dancer, being seen as Aurora in *Sleeping Beauty* and various roles

in *The Nutcracker*.

Essay Excerpt: "The disciplines of being a dancer have greatly influenced the development of my character and personality. Ballet has instilled in me a sense of hard work, persistence and accomplishment. As a teacher, I hope to have an impact on my students that would drive them to excel in academic areas as well as areas of morality and humanity."

Creative arts

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Thomas Matsuda
JACL Chapter: New York
Institution attending in 1996: University of Massachusetts
Field of Study: Sculpture

This prolific artist has been commissioned with several large carvings and sculptures both here and abroad. Thomas is looking to expand his career to teaching, where he will be able to mentor young

artists. Some of his major works include a seven-ton, six-foot-tall marble Buddha, Japanese calligraphy carved into a nine-ton, ten-foot blue stone prayer monument, and over 200 Buddhist sculptures for various venues.

Essay Excerpt: "I walked with Buddhist monks and developed a strong set of ideals. These aspirations were expanded when living with Native Americans. My way of expression took on the form of carving Buddhist images. The ideas that I strive for in my sculpture, I also strive for in my life."



PROPOSITION

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But Prop. 209 will wipe out affirmative action programs that are in any way race-conscious and will weaken the constitutional protections of women in the state of California, argued Mike Yamamoto, attorney and president, L.A. Multicultural Bar Alliance.

"The words are deceptively and politically phrased for the purpose of making it palatable to people at first blush," he continued. "It is clear that this initiative is insidious, because it looks like one thing, but it does something completely the opposite."

Yamamoto cited, for example, that if Prop. 209 became law, employers would be subject to legal action if they tried to diversify their work force by setting up hiring goals and timetables. "I am of the position that we need more affirmative action, not less," he commented.

He demanded precision from Prop. 209 proponents to define exactly what "preferences" would be banned.

Al Muratsuchi, JACL Pacific Southwest regional director, who was on hand as co-moderator with Ron Wakabayashi of the L.A. County Human Relations Commission, directly posed this question upon Prop. 209 supporters: Will Prop. 209 ban the practice of using goals and timetables as a form of affirmative action?

And finally a clear answer was given. "If the goal or timetable is based on race and sex, then Yes; if it isn't, No," said pro-Prop. 209 attorney Mary Louise Serafine. "This is a chance to strike a blow at racism and sexism by voting for Prop. 209," she commented. "My view is, granting preferences is the same thing as discrimination."

Serafine also argued that race or sex-based affirmative action stigmatizes minorities, creating an environment where people say, "He only got the job because he's African American."

"Affirmative action has been a disaster for race relations," she stated.

Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said that society is not color-blind yet, and eliminating race-conscious programs would only send it backward.

"Just look at the people who support this initiative: Pete Wilson, Newt Gingrich, David Duke. Are these the people you want to throw your lot in with? I don't think so," Ripston observed. Her comments were met with applause from the audience, most of whom appeared to be anti-Prop. 209.

Ripston called Prop. 209 an opportunity for "full employment for lawyers There will litiga-

tion after litigation," if the measure passes.

She also responded to the confusion expressed by others in the audience frustrated by the differences in interpretation of what exactly CCRI would do. "The truth is they [CCRI supporters] don't know, and we can't be sure either. So the question for you in the audience is: What do you want to take a chance on?" she asked. "Do you want to take a chance that these programs that have finally begun to help women and racial minorities are going to be wiped?"

In the end, panelists agreed the key difference between them was that those supporting Prop. 209 were opposed to race- and sex-based programs and those against Prop. 209 were in favor of race- and sex-based affirmative action.

Several Japanese Americans said they attended the debate because they wanted to better understand what Prop. 209 would do. "I can't vote blind," said **Joe Sakamoto**, president of the Carson JACL chapter. "This is the first debate I've attended," he added. "Both sides have good points."

Halfway through the debate, Sakamoto said he was somewhat confused as to what the initiative would and would not do and had no position on Prop. 209 yet.

Miyo Senzaki, president of the Pasadena JACL, asserted that the discussion confused audience members because the Prop. 209 supporters want people to be confused, but she knows where she stands on the measure. "I have grandchildren, and I know that as far as affirmative action, you have to have it ... I still think white women will never break that glass ceiling. For Asian American women, it's going to be even harder."

The issue is a matter of equal opportunity to 19-year-old Robert Tagorda, a Filipino American attending Claremont McKenna College. He was introduced by pro-209 speaker Cho as an example of a victim of race-based affirmative action.

Tagorda, the valedictorian of his Bishop Amat High School class [in La Puente, Calif.], did not get admitted to Stanford or Harvard, while academically lower-ranked Latino classmates did. "My being here is more because there is racial and sexual preferential treatment," he said. "Through preferential treatment, others are facing discrimination. The point is: It's racism and sexism. That's what Prop. 209 wants to abolish."

Haruko Hurt, a Nisei living in Gardena, countered, "I am opposed to the proposition because it does away with the gains minorities and women have made. We have not really advanced as far as we should if you look at the stats." ■

Opinions



From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Gov. Carr's 'Welcome to Evacuees'

I don't think it is stretching matters to suggest that a statement written by Ralph Carr as governor of Colorado deserves the kind of recognition now reserved for President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

You don't know of Ralph Carr? Shame. Let me tell you. Carr was the only Western governor to remember the Constitution when others were hysterically demanding imprisonment of all Japanese Americans in the early days of the war. This is what he wrote:

"When it is suggested that American citizens be thrown into concentration camps, where they lose all the privileges of citizenship under the Constitution, then the principles of that great document are violated and lost. If a man may be deprived of his liberty . . . without proof of misconduct, without the filing of charges, and without a hearing, simply because men now living in the country where his grandfather was born have become the active enemies of the United States, then we are disregarding the very principles for which this war is

being waged against the Axis nations . . ."

At a meeting of Western governors in Salt Lake City on the eve of the Evacuation, Carr alone said Japanese Americans as refugees from the West Coast would be welcome in his state. He knew the political consequences of his stand. His career in politics was finished.

More than a half century later the people of Colorado took note of this historical episode. Three bronze tablets were mounted on the east lawn of the Capitol on a sunny September noon. One carries the quotation from Carr, "a Colorado native, a lawyer and a preeminent citizen of Colorado whose statesmanship and political courage transcend time and place."

The second tells the story of the Amache detention camp, the Evacuation, and the Japanese Americans in military service. "Their valor reflected uncommon strength of character and great faith in this nation of immigrants. They and their families have enriched our country beyond measure."

And the third states simply that the tablets are a remembrance of Gov. Ralph L.

Carr "and those Americans who passed through the Gates of Amache." The tablet also notes that the sponsors are the Colorado Bar Association, the Japanese American Community and the citizens of Colorado.

The Japanese Americans did indeed contribute generously of time and money to the project, particularly members of the Asian American Bar Association. But they weren't the principal advocates. It is significant and heartwarming that the main thrust for the project came from outside the community—the Colorado Bar Association and the State Legislature. I don't think it too outlandish to say that on a modest local scale, what happened in Colorado would be somewhat comparable to the American Bar Association and Congress taking the initiative to make Redress a reality. In that case, they were the followers rather than the initiators. ■

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



East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Doing the right thing

A FEW WEEKS ago, Kaz Oshiki, former longtime resident of Washington, D.C., who moved to Banning, Calif., sent me a clipping from the L.A. Times. The items reported on the move by Japanese Latin Americans (JLA) seeking damages plus an official apology from our government for the losses suffered and injustices visited upon them in the early '40s when our government uprooted—"abducted" would be more accurate—these folks from their homes in Latin America and confined them in barbed-wired camps such as the one at Crystal City, Texas. Following the end of the war in the Pacific, our government then sought to expel those JLA's that remained.

The grounds for expelling? You wouldn't believe it; I certainly didn't when I first heard about it. The "grounds" put very simply: Having entered the U.S. without a visa—that is without permission—and/or without a passport, their continued presence in the U.S. was "illegal" and thus subject to deportation.

Unbelievable; shameless mumbo-jumbo. Barrister Wayne Collins thought so and successfully blocked this attempted added injustice.

THE CWRIC (Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians)

received limited testimony from some of the JLA's. Although Congress's charge to the CWRIC did not extend to considering relief for the JLA's, some nine pages of the commission's report briefly touched upon the situation: "Personal Justice Denied," pp. 305 - 314. At page 308 thereof, the report sets forth a reason why the JLA's lacked the passports and/or visas now being demanded by U.S. authorities: "In most cases passports had been confiscated before landing, and the State Department ordered American consuls in Peru and elsewhere to issue no visas prior to departure."

Talk about being "set up"!

WHY WERE the JLA's uprooted from their homes in Latin America and shipped up to the U.S.? They were "to be used in the exchange" with Japan for Americans held by the Japanese: CWRIC report, p. 309. At page 56 of her book, *Years of Infamy*, Michi Weglyn refers to evidence that Nisei were being considered "as part and parcel of this human barter.... [N]umerous Nisei, to their shocked indignation, were informed by Colonel Karl Bendetsen in a form letter: 'Certain Japanese persons are currently being considered for repatriation [expatriation] to Japan. You and those members of your family listed above, are being so considered.' The very thought of that

Bendetsen mentality of us Nisei—American citizens—as fodder to swap with the enemy cannot help but to cause one's blood to boil.

THERE EXISTS for me yet another profoundly disturbing aspect to all these machinations which took place during the wartime period of the '40s. Those entrusted with the levers of our nation's might diverted wartime resources to collecting pawns in the form of innocent and helpless Nikkei, in this instance, JLA's down in the Southern hemisphere.

On the other hand, as we were sending aloft thousands of bombers into Nazi-held territories, a request to have a few of the bombers pass by the Nazi death camps and bomb the railroad tracks leading into those camps to choke off the carnage, was denied. The cynicism of that stark disparity, I cannot even begin to comprehend.

It is hoped that our nation will forthrightly take steps toward removing this tarnish to its honor, that the JLA's claims be recognized and ameliorative steps promptly taken toward that end. ■

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

Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

'ABC' unlike Peru



Considering the WWII circumstances of the Peruvian Nikkei who were arrested, transported by U.S. Army troop ships—with a discomfiting benjo problem when women and children came on board—to U.S. intern-

ment camps, and kept for the duration and then some, three filed for redress and justice in a class action suit against the United States Aug. 28.

What may be little known is that no other Latin American country had engaged in this scheme as Peru had. About 1,800 men, women and children, or 10 percent of the 1940 Japanese population in Peru (just counted at 17,598), were deported between 1942 and 1945.

Brazil (B), with the largest number of Japanese immigrants in South America, did not send any north. Neutral Argentina (A) and Chile (C) moved no Japanese for internment in the United States.

Neither did Mexico, which ordered 1,200 Japanese in Baja California, along the Arizona border and Pacific Ocean, to move inland on their own, in the name of hemispheric security. They stayed in a temporary camp near Guadalajara and at an abandoned hacienda in Temixco near Cuernavaca. The 160 Japanese on the Atlantic coast (at Vera Cruz and Tampico) moved to Mexico D.F. Descendants of Japanese pioneers in Chiapas, placed under care of the governor, were allowed to stay. The Nisei in Mexico envied their counterparts in Canada and the United States, when those governments passed individual redress.

Ecuador sent all of its 20 Japanese to U.S. internment.

Colombia, appreciative of the agricultural development of Cauca Valley (Cali) by the few hundred Japanese, moved out very few aliens.

Remote Bolivia deported 150 Japanese, some in time for the second sailing of the exchange ship *Gripsholm* in mid-1943.

Because of the Canal and U.S. pressure, Japanese in Panama were arrested by police on Dec. 7 and turned over to American authorities, who shipped out a sizeable percentage of its 350 Japanese residents.

Costa Rica deported their Issei, most of them being fishermen. Nicaragua sent one of her two Japanese; El Salvador deported one; Honduras found no Japanese in her roundup of Axis nationals.

The Japanese in Peru, who are about to mark in 1999 the 100th anniversary of the first phase of their immigration (the *Sakura Maru* arrived at Callao with 790 in the spring of 1899), endured racism, rioting, discrimination, malaria, greedy landowners, and miserable working conditions on sugar and cotton plantations.

Yet, their sense of community and cultural pride, reverence for family and education, and being able to live in both the Castilian and Yamato worlds, has been topped by one of their own being elected the first minority president of his country, Alberto Fujimori.

Latest on Fujimori appeared Aug. 23 in the Wall Street Journal, "Fujimori makes enemies, but look at his results." ■



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

Asano, Mitsuo, 94, San Francisco, Aug. 20; Fukushima-born, survived by sons Tetsuo, Kazuyoshi, daughters Fumiko Power, Mary Osaka, gc. and ggc.

Endo, Richard, Chicago, service June 8; survived by mother Sharon, brother Robert.

Fanning, Hisano, 68, Chicago, Aug. 19; Japan-born, survived by husband Charles, son James, 4 gc.

Hikiji, Yukino, 103, Sacramento, Aug. 23; survived by daughters Muroko Shijo, Emiko Kimura, Alyse Munesato, Dorothy Antoku, 19 gc., 25 ggc.

Hirabayashi, Yoshitomo, 75, Castro Valley, Aug. 29; Palo Alto-born, survived by wife Shizue, sons Yoshito, Osamu, Mitsuru, daughters Kimiye Sato, Sumiko Miller, 5 gc.

Hishinuma, Fred K., Brighton, Colo., Aug. 17; survived by sons John, Tim, four brothers and six sisters.

Ioka, Tom Isamu, 77, Denver, Aug. 2; survived by wife Helene, son Dennis, sister Gladys Taniwaki, Setsuye Sumikawa.

Ito, Tomiko, 84, San Mateo, May 9; San Mateo-born, survived by nieces Linda Ito, Jacquelyn Woo, sister-in-law Yasuko Ann Ito.

Kanemura, Rokuyo, 88, San Mateo, May 29; Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughters Kazuko Nishimura, Emiko Imachi, gc. and ggc., sister Yoshino Kanemura (Japan).

Kaneta, Koichi, 45, San Francisco, June 6; Chiba-born, survived by wife Mitsuyo.

Kataoka, Takashi, 74, San Francisco, Sept. 4; San Francisco-born, survived by brother Kazuo, sisters Hisako Matsuno, Miyako Mizuhara, Akiko Sato.

Kimura, Satoru, Denver, service Aug. 5; survived by wife Ayako, sons John, Paul.

Kondo, John Kohei, 75, Mountain View, Sept. 4; Laramie, Wyo.-born survived by wife Noriko, son Ken (Campbell), daughters Caroline Moore (San Jose), Laurene Fahey (Roseville), 2 gc., brothers Roy, Henry, Oscar, sister Alice Okai (all of Idaho).

Kono, John Shunzo, 73, San Francisco, Aug. 22; French Camp-born, survived by daughter Susan Yabu, 2 gc., brother Kenzo (Japan).

Maeyama, Ryuzo, 90, Alameda, May 30; survived by wife Harue, daughter Anne Van Dyke, 2 gc.

Makabe, Grace K., 84, Reno, Nev., Aug. 11; Loomis-born *naginata* student in prewar Kyoto, phys-ed graduate who qualified postwar as a U.S. Olympic Fencing Team alternate; had supervised Frank Sinatra's home in Beverly Hills after the singer retired to live in Las Vegas; moved to Reno to be near her late brother Wilson; survived by sister Ivy Makabe-Down (Bend, Ore.) Her Placer County pioneer parents Shinzo and Nao (Teshima) founded the Episcopal Methodist Church in 1903.

Matsuda, Mitsugu, 77, Sacramento, June 5; Woodland-born, *Yamato-geki Dan* (cultural group) founder, survived by wife Frances, son Victor, daughter Susan, sisters Midori Toyoshima, Sakae Kujuro (both Japan).

Matsumoto, Frank T., 84, Sacramento, June 12; Newcastle-born, survived by wife Sueko, son Ken, brothers George, Bill, sister Gladys Katsuki.

Matsumoto, Fred Katsumi, Chicago, service Aug. 18; survived by sisters Emi Inouye, Toshiko Nakamura, Fumi Konagimatsu.

Matsumoto, Yoshimi, Sacramento, service June 13, survived by husband George, sons Robert, Gary, 6 gc., brother Kazuma (San Francisco), sister Eiko, Hisako.

Mayemura, Shigeo, Westminster, Colo., Aug. 7; survived by wife Sue, sons Earl, Marvin, Troy, sisters Mary Shirozono, Chimi Doi, Hime Morishige, brothers Tomio, Roy.

Nagao, Yusa, 100, Selma, June 4; Yamaguchi-born, survived by son

Shigenori, 3 gc., 2 ggc.

Nakano, Takeo, 82, Yuba City, June 3; Auburn-born, survived by wife Yayoi, son Ron, daughters Karen Nakatani, Joyce Moore, 4 gc., sisters Shizuyo Mitani, Kimie Yabumoto, brothers Tadashi Kono, Yoshio and Kenzo.

Nakata, Masashi, 61, Thornton, Colo., July 12; Salinas-born, survived by wife Audrey Messinger, sons Mark, Kirk, Kevin, daughters Nikki Irwin, Leslie Shuman, brothers Hajime, Kiyoshi, Dennis, sisters Michiko Nakashima, Kazuko Takemoto, JoAnn.

Nitta, Warren, 73, Stockton, Aug. 25; Sanger-born MIS veteran, survived by wife Hiroko, son Ralph, daughter Bonnie, 2 gc., sister Julia Furuoka.

Nobuhiro, Hisao, 95, Kingsburg, Sept. 5; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Ben, Ray, daughter Kazume Hanemoto, 5 gc., 5 ggc.

Ozaki, Toshiyo, 82, San Francisco, Aug. 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Stan, Tom, daughter Nancy, 3 gc., brother Sam, sisters Marlene Masada, Lily Yamamoto.

Shimada, Rae, 77, Chicago, May 20; survived by daughter Julie Leake (Durango, Colo.).

Sunahara, May H., 71, Sacramento, June 8; survived by husband Masayuki, sons Alan, Ronald, Edwin, 4 gc., 1 ggc., sister Chiyoko Sakai.

Suzuki, Kiku, 98, San Jose, Aug. 16.

Takaoka, Satsuki Mae, 80, San Jose, May 28; Watsonville-born, survived by sons Dennis, Marty, daughters Arlene, Edie Asclipiadis, 6 gc., brothers Bob Matsui, George.

Takeda, Shoji, 94, Medford, Ore., Aug. 4; Nagano-born.

Tange, Elaine H., 50, Lemoore, June 7; Tule Lake-born, survived by husband Ted, daughters Kayla, Tawny, mother Kotoyo Matsumura, brothers Tom, Howard, sister Toshiko Ishizue.

Tanizawa, Charlene, 44, San Jose, June 6; Santa Rosa-born school teacher, survived by husband Ron, son Eric, daughter Kristen, parents George and Amy Tsurumoto, brother Warren.

Terahara, Masako, 60, Sunnyvale, Aug. 23; Niigata-born, survived by husband Kazuyuki, sons Yoichi, Ricky, daughter Julie.

Toriumi, Yasuo, 82, San Francisco, June 9; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Tomoe, daughters Yoko Morton, Etsuko DeForest, Noriko Tanbara, 5 gc., brother Misao.

Wakizaka, Yasumasa, 52, San Francisco, Aug. 23; Japan-born graphic designer with *Bay Guardian* (1979-87), survived by mother, brother in Japan.

Yamauchi, Terry N., Chicago, service Aug. 24, survived by wife Ellen, son Eric, daughter Raymie, brother Roy, sisters Barbara, Nancy Miyamoto, Emiko Kataoka.

Yamauchi, Toshikazu, 75, Gardena, June 1; Clarksburg-born, survived by wife Mie, daughters Midori Hirata, brothers Tokio (Japan), Floyd, Jimmy, sisters Lorraine Hayashi, Nancy Natsuhara.

Yoshikawa, Susie Y., 72, Elk Grove, June 16; San Francisco-born, survived by sons Ted, Richard, Russell, Donald, daughter Lorraine, gc.

Yoshimoto, Masa, 99, Parlier, June 18; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Kazumi, Takao (Dinuba), Koji, daughters Violet Hiromoto (Selma), Rose Imazumi (San Leandro), 13 gc., 7 ggc., predeceased by husband Tatsuzo.

Yoshioka, Masao, 75, Lodi, Sept. 3; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Mitsuko, sons David, Jerry, daughter Mariko, 2 gc., brothers Yutaka, Hideo, Tsutomu, Hifumi.

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HAWAIIAN

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director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. and council member, said.

The estimated cost for the next step—the convention—ranges from \$6 million to \$12 million, according to council member Poka Laenui, also known as Hayden Burgess. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, mainland and Hawaii corporations, the state and federal government and individual donations are possible sources of funding, he added.

Gov. Ben Cayetano said the council is the logical body to carry out the mandate of the plebiscite—to elect delegates and hold a convention. However, he said, the state legislature must also decide if the council should survive past its Dec. 31 expiration date. The governor said the state cannot afford to pay for a convention.

The council chair responded that a nonprofit organization, "Ha (the breath of life) Hawaii," has been formed to plan the election of delegates and the convention, which could get under way in a year or 18 months.

—Alan Murakami, co-president of the Honolulu JACL chapter, is litigation director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp.

HOUSTON

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her for libel in the Harris County, Texas, district court, but recently withdrew his suit. Lotz has flatly denied the allegation, and his supervisor dismissed it as an absurd theory.

Yet the case continues to haunt the Houston Asian community. Philoan Tran of the Houston chapter of the Asian American Bar Association says that because Vietnamese come from a country where the police are notoriously corrupt, many have "a distrust of law enforcement."

DEATH NOTICE

WALTER KAWAMURA

STOUGHTON, Wisconsin — Walter M. Kawamura, 88, July 24; Florin, Calif. born. Survived by wife, Aiko; daughter, Florence Sakai; brothers, Jack, James, Joe and David; sisters, Alice Linn and Hatsue Yoneyama of Japan and 2 gc.

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Which led the WSJ to cite an article in the 1987 *Police Manager* magazine by a Vietnam veteran and former policeman, James Badey, administrator at the Northern Virginia Police Academy, who argued that the rush by many departments to hire Asians was misguided. He said in due time the Vietnamese will overcome "their cultural bias against police... and learn our American way." But until then, why train an immigrant "whose abilities and career motivations are unknown and untested?"

The stereotype prevailed in the 1980s, according to Badey's co-worker, Phil Hannum, former detective with the Falls Church, Va., department who founded the International Association of Asian Crime Investigators (IAACI) in 1987. Hannum emphasized to WSJ that he never shared Badey's stance on recruitment. Lotz, who eventually became a president of the group, added that Badey's view is "totally wrong" and instead stressed his love for the Asian community.

Records show Minh was persuaded by Luke Ngo, 42, of the Houston Police Criminal Intelligence Division to take a job as informant in February 1989 because his record of arrests as a teenager in Houston ("thePort Arthur boys") and in Chicago, and because some police officials said he wasn't as ruthless as those with whom he associated. Minh returned from Virginia, where he had a summertime restaurant job, and became confidential infor-

mant No. 1360 to help Ngo in some big cases.

Ngo was on high profile cases, such as a triple slaying out-of-state, according to police insiders. And because of Minh's ties, Ngo's relationship with Lotz was souring, the WSJ reported.

Scrutiny on Asian crimes

Brad Piel, a Houston police narcotics investigator and former partner of Lotz, remembers "there being animosity." But he also felt Ngo caused some of the discord with white officers who were working on Asian crimes by his attitude, which Piel summarized as, "It was like, 'You guys are Caucasian. You don't know what you're talking about.'"

While Lotz thought it was professional jealousy on Ngo's part, Ngo dismissed it as a figment of his imagination. Ngo's former partner, L.D. Garretson, thinks any problems stemmed from Lotz's own insecurities because Ngo is Vietnamese and speaks the language fluently. "It's only natural he can look at Asian crime and understand it better," Garretson said.

Besides writing to the Fairfax county judge, Lotz has said over the years that it was a tour with the Air Force in Vietnam "for 18 months of my life" that sparked his feelings about the Vietnamese. But WSJ checked with the National Personnel Records Center and learned Lotz's only foreign post was at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

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Lotz also claimed having a master's degree in criminal psychology from Indiana State University among his credentials for the Asian crime task force, but the university record shows he received only a bachelor's degree. An attorney with the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union declined to comment on the military and academic record.

Regarding the December 1989 case where the Giang family was accosted by a band of Vietnamese intruders, police found fingerprints at the scene belonging to Nguyen Tuan from Texas, who had a previous conviction in 1987 for a similar home-invasion robbery. He was tracked down and arrested a month later in Houston, and the following summer he pleaded guilty.

In search of more leads

But the police were stuck without leads to the other men sought in the Giang case. Then on Aug. 9, 1989, five days after Nguyen was sentenced to life plus 14 years, he notified the chief detective on the case, Rick Sexton, that he wanted to give up the names of his confederates—the nine men, he said, who were involved in the robbery. One of them was named "Minh," drove a white Maxima and allegedly had gotten the guns. Houston police knew Minh Suoi drove a Maxima, which was painted pink, and Hannum had stopped him in the spring of 1988 in a routine check of out-of-state cars parked at a local Vietnamese community center.

Fairfax police did not connect this Minh to the Giang case until a month later, the Labor Day weekend when Lotz was in Falls Church, Va., attending a conference led by Hannum. Lotz had brought with him albums containing pictures of hundreds of Asian crime suspects.

Hannum and Lotz decided to show the albums at the Fairfax county jail during interview with prisoner Nguyen for *Nightmare*, a book that the IAACI had published, and they recounted how Nguyen picked out several pictures of those involved in the robbery. One of them, according to the book, was Minh.

According to Hannum, Lotz was elated and alerted Ngo that his confidential informant was wanted. On Sept. 14, Minh gave himself up to Ngo to be led away by his rival Lotz.

Sexton, recalling Nguyen's Aug. 9, 1989, phone call from jail, told WSJ how lucky the police were. But then WSJ wondered, "Or was it?" as the story continued to unfold.

On July 9, a month before that phone call, Houston arrested Minh on suspicion of possessing stolen property (stereo equipment) but later released him. According to the incident report dated July 6, Lotz had told the arresting officers that "the driver was possibly wanted on a felony warrant out in Virginia."

Yet the WSJ reporter questioned: "How could Mr. Lotz know that a robbery warrant was coming down weeks before Mr. Nguyen first tied Mr. [Minh] Suoi to the crime?" Minh had not been linked to any other robbery in the state, according to the Fairfax police.

While Lotz declined comment on the timing, Nguyen, interviewed several years earlier on tape and in Vietnamese, alleged Lotz and other police involved in the Giang case had visited with him in jail and "told me that I must tie Minh to this crime He is innocent and currently being unjustly imprisoned." He also signed an affidavit attesting to Minh Suoi's innocence and that he was pressured to identify Suoi. Lotz and other officers said they never asked about Minh until he first volunteered the name.

Nguyen later changed his line, maintaining Minh did participate in the robbery.

The only other person arrested and serving time was another

Houston Vietnamese, Phuoc Chau, who pleaded guilty in December 1989. He too was originally named by Nguyen but declined to elaborate with WSJ. He testified at one point that Minh had taken part in the robbery with him.

Other questions linger

Minh's trial lasted less than a day. After the key witness, Thuy Giang, recounted how Minh terrorized her family, Michael Weatherbee, his attorney, asked for a recess and then informed the court his client would plead guilty. But before being sentenced, Minh made an unsuccessful attempt to withdraw his plea, alleging that his lawyer had told him that if he pleaded guilty, he would only have to serve from 3 to 5 years. Weatherbee denied that and said Minh became emotional and confessed. Minh denied that.

Had the trial proceeded Dong Tran, the owner of Chesapeake Seafood where Minh worked, would have testified Minh went home around midnight with his co-workers and was back at 9 a.m., that nothing seemed out of the ordinary, Weatherbee continued.

In the book *Nightmare*, Lotz and Hannum say the owners of Chesapeake Seafood told police Minh never actually worked for them but, according to the book, they came to court only because Minh "had personally threatened them."

Tran told WSJ the account in the book is "100% wrong," and that he remembers Minh as a faithful employee, who labored to put a new floor in the back room and helped his son fix his car. "He never threatened us."

Thuy Giang, now a podiatrist in Pennsylvania, remains positive about the incident but declined to discuss her testimony with WSJ. Memory of the crime "is too painful," she said.

As for Glenda Joe's complaints against Lotz, she "has totally went after me, and for what reason I don't know I'm not going to put a man in jail who didn't do it. I do not go after somebody's informant." He figures his days in Asian crime are probably numbered. He says of himself he is just "a white boy" who is greatly misunderstood. "I have a deep feeling for the Asian people," he told WSJ, so much so that others have told him, "When you die, you're going to come back as an Amerasian." That's karma.

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quirement is a significant change. Under the 200 percent requirement, over 44 percent of American citizen sponsors would not be able to be reunited with a parent, adult child or sibling. Taking into account the 140 percent sponsor requirement for reuniting with a spouse or minor child, the overall reduction in legal family-based immigration would have been at least 30 percent. The sponsorship requirements under HR 2202 were a thinly veiled backdoor cut in legal immigration. Under the revised 125 percent requirement many more sponsors will be able to reunite with their family members.

The revised version of what was HR 2202 was added as an amendment to what is called a continuing resolution (the "CR"), a spending bill for the upcoming fiscal year. The House passed the CR on Sept. 28. On the eve of the new fiscal year, the Senate passed and the president signed the CR and with it a version of HR 2202 that, while not friendly towards legal immigrants, at least was not as hostile as originally intended by some members of Congress. Stay tuned to see how the 105th Congress approaches legal immigration.

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