Asian Indian wins $1 million in bias lawsuit

WASHINGTON—Judgment for $1 million was awarded by a federal jury to an Indian-bom and born doctor who said he was discriminated against after a six-day trial in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, his attorney Gary T. Brown announced.

Dr. Rajiv Bhargava had been repeatedly denied promotions at a Long Beach hospital where Bhargava was employed since 1975, was biased against him because of his national origin and that several officials at the hospital had engaged in bias in the workplace.

Bhargava complained being stuck since 1983 at a job grade just below supervisor. He filed a federal suit against the hospital and said he was denied assignments that would have allowed him to work at Department headquarters in Washington. He was seeking damages in the operation of public schools and public educational activities and to publish and distribute the hearings, findings, and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Repatriation and the lives of Houston community activists.

Judge Betty Fletcher and two associates will hear Rice’s appeal. The election results could be released in the next few days.

Michigan law, however, The Wall Street Journal reported that if the state Supreme Court rules against Gov. Rick Snyder, the results of the ballot would not impede his ability to manage the state’s finances.

The election results reflect the will of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Movement. Another, the returns on Sept. 2, the birthdate of Queen Liliuokalani, will show the other Vietnamese Americans, aside from the Vietnamese community. The appeals court will hear Rice’s appeal.

Prop. 209 forum panelists discuss the California Civil Rights Initiative on the ballot. The panelists included engineer E. Louis Zedler and Andrew Cho. The Sept. 15 forum was sponsored by JACL chapters. Assisting in arrangements for the forum were Ron Doi, Gardena Valley JACL president; George Ogawa, South Bay chapter; Beverly Kegodego, Menlo Park; Great L.A. Singles, and Joe Sakamoto, Carson.

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**From JACL**

**National Youth/Student Council Report**

**Faces of the future**

By KIM NAKAHARA and KIMMYOSHINO

The 1994-96 biennium was one celebrated by the National Youth/Student Council (NYSC). The National Board was focused on their attention on 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 1992-94 biennium for NYSC action for suffered. Financial support was not available, staffing was limited, and rather than focusing on youth and students, we were also preoccupied.

Between 1988 and 1994, the National Youth/Student Council made significant gains in increasing leadership 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 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.

1994-95: 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 coordinators will need to be reorganized, and chapters must begin to develop programs to meet the needs of this unique population.

The National Youth/Student Council is one of the few youth programs that is fully functioning for the future of youth and students. For example, the council committee and students as “the future” of our organization, but have not been effective in developing their leadership skills.

Although the challenge for the biennium seems clear—in order for this organization to identify our efforts to recruit, retain and train younger members. More people must make them feel welcome.

**Program of Action for Student/Youth**

In LIGHT of our objectives and in accordance with the JACL’s tradition of civil rights advocacy

I’ve had the good fortune to work with a crown of dedicated JACLers in the National Vice-President’s Affirmative Action Committee. This all-volunteer committee, chaired by Ron Ono asako of the PSW’s Affirmative Action Committee, 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 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 Prop 209.

Successful forums have already been held in Los Angeles, San Diego, 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, community members are working hard to raise money to help defeat Proposition 209. Call 213/626-4471 if you’re interested in joining in the Affirmative Action Committee.

To help at upcoming forums, volunteer at a phone bank, a clean-up event, or a community forum.

**Pacific Citizen**

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By GRAYCE UYEHARA

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Historic Japanese tombstone in San Diego stolen

SAN DIEGO — Until it was missing something around Aug. 14, when several other graves were vandalized, the tombstone for Japanese Navy Seaman First Class Tsuneyo 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. 2, 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 received the signification of the tombstone in reporting its loss. Kenzo Sato, a retired Japanese rear admiral and local resident since 1969, discovered the theft.

Both he and Estes combed the area in a fruitless search. “I don’t want them punishment,” Sato said of the vandals.

“We just wait and hope it will be returned,” Estes said.

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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. 13 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 in his mind by a photograph and in the memory of Japanese Americans who have family or relatives buried at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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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-acre plot of land and water at the east 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 River basin for a “hall of honor or memorial space” and to accommodate 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

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• 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, such as the causes, circumstances, lessons, and contemporary applications of this and similar events will be illuminated and understood.

• Applicants are encouraged to develop local and regional consortiums, or partnerships of institutions 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 innovative methods and approaches in the development and implementation of projects.

• Applicants are encouraged to seek matching funds, in-kind contributions or other support to enhance their proposals.

Gift

National JACL President Helen Kawagoe (left) and Grace Masuda, co-chairs of the JACL singles convention held in Greater Los Angeles (at left) The San Diego gravesite for Japanese seaman Tsuneyo 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 word (at right) was highlighted with black paint when needed.
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 citizen 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 & Maju Uyesugi Scholarship
Winner: Lisa Marie Zorn
JACL Chapter: Washington, DC
Institution attending in 1996: Undecided
Field of Study: Computer & Electrical Engineering
Nomination: As a Presidential Scholar, this 1600 SAT achiever is also an AP Scholar who was involved in Odyssey of the Mind, Computer Team, and the Physics Texas Team. This seniorship with David Hull at the Army Research Laboratory of Adelphi and with Dr. Tomazu 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 dedication to a job I love. I want to be someone who is looked up to for my work, 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 the courage that my grandparents and great-grandparents displayed while growing up in America spending some of their years in the camps. JACL serves as a link to the scattered thousands of Japanese Americans throughout our nation. The JACL connection acts as a beacon for Japanese Americans. For this, I am thankful and proud to be a Yonsei."

Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship
Winner: Scott Hiromura
JACL Chapter: Gresham Troutdale
Institution attending in 1996: Oregon State University
Field of Study: Zoology
This member of the National Honor Society was also the principal clarinet player for the school band, and first tenor in the school jazz band. He was also appointed 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 conquer all adversity set before me."

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 CIBO basketball league. Neal has been active in both the Lutheran Youth Fellowship and the Junior YIA. 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 today. 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. I have not been confined or limited as some of my peers of single heritage 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 is no fish out of water. He is able to swim 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. 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 helped me to understand the good aspects of all three cultures and live my life according to these values."

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarships
Winner: Andrew Hongo
JACL Chapter: Honolulu
Institution attending in 1996: Yale University
Field of Study: Humanities
This talented aloner and student, has a holiday album recorded with his parents, with whom he has done extensive touring in California and Japan. Andrew carried a 3.90 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 could anybody 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 learn what freedom, 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 Orchestras. 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 the lucky recipient of many of these qualities, and I wish to acquire them over the years. With the determination and discipline that has been my heritage, I can be confident that I can succeed in our world which rewards these qualities. Though I realize the need for JACL’s protection of the Japanese American interest, I believe that the Japanese as a race have earned the respect of the world at large."
Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moruchi Scholarship

Winner: Nicole Iano
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 Honor Society and National Lacrosse League, is 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 Pitas, 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 possibly given me a different perspective and has emphasized to me the importance of social justice. My sense of duty to the community cannot be quantified in the activities I have been a part of or in my efforts to be a Japanese American activist as there are few Japanese Americans in Boulder, but rather my pride in being a Japanese American. It is important for me to be known as what I had on the way in which I view the world."

South Park Japanese Community Scholarship

Winner: Megan Moris
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 Park Community Hospital assisting the homeless, and in a project assisting iodine-deficient children 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 towards 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 College
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 Community Center of the House of Japan in Balboa Park.

Essay Excerpt: "My church and through school I have seen 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 effects of the JACL, as a representative of human and civil rights, I have been sheltered from the injustice which other Japanese Americans encountered 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 1994-1995. Keiko is co-president of both the French Club and her High School Orchestra and an AISD Medical Intern at UT Medical School.

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 Moruchi Scholarship

Winner: Jennifer Naro
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, athletic 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 of who I am.

Undergraduate Yoshiko Tanaka Scholarship

Winner: Tira Bessette
JACL Chapter: Houston
Institution attending in 1996: University of Houston
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." 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 political 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 Yuriko Endo Scholarship

Winner: Chika Fujwara
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 Israeli from Japan, Chika has success­fully made the transition into the American University system. She has received the Chairman's Merit Award and has maintained an average 3.75 GPA at Parsons' School of Design and the School of Visual Arts, both located in New York City.

Essay Excerpt: "Miraculously, I now have self-love, the foundation of my courage, strength, serenity and motivation to create. I feel a strong drive to continue to create moments of peace, and love through my paintings and work of art psychotherapy, hoping to encourage and help others to heal their inner child and nurture self-love."

Information

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Union Bank Scholarship

Winner: Derek Izumo
JACL Chapter: West LA Institution attending in 1996: U.C., 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 his university's student union and co-founder of the Intercollegiate Nikkei Council, a consortium of Japanese American student clubs in Southern California.

Essay Excerpt: "I am working to make public service a part of the education here at Harvard. It is essentially through the application of people into our communities, and the community's job to support community. My father is Japanese American and my mother is Irish American. With the increasing number of Japanese Americans marrying outside of their ethnic groups, the diversity of Japanese American culture is important to our families...to discuss bi-racial issues and...what it means to be a Japanese American and "hapa," in the United States and world today.

Katuro and Yasuo Abiko Scholarship

Winner: Roxana Sabeti
JACL Chapter: Twin Cities

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Henry and Chiy0 Kuwahara Scholarships

Winner: Dean Nakano
JACL Chapter: Portland, Maine
Institution attending in 1996: University of Oregon
Field of Study: History

This baritone member of the giving for the needy, visiting a Japanese American retirement home, and assisting at health fairs.

Essay Excerpt: "I owe much of my success and my comfort to the sacrifices of the Issel and Nisel. At last day of "professional carrot raising" is disappointing as Asian Americans are excelling in the work place. I am looking forward to providing assistance to others through dentistry, and I hope to 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, 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 Preschool, and the local elementary school.

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 work 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: Yashii Nakahara
JACL Chapter: West LA
Institution attending in 1996: UCLA
Field of Study: Economics

This UCLA Riordan Fellow is making a transition from Biological Sciences to Business Administration. Yashii 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: "As I am training to become a physician at the USC School of Medicine, I am also planning to attend the School of Public Health at UCLA, and work on improving public health and health care for the Asian Pacific Islander American community."

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Sumitomo Bank Scholarship

Winner: Mary Kay Tawo
JACL Chapter: San Jose
Institution attending in 1996: UCLA
Field of Study: Economics

This Brun is an accomplished competitive swimmer and former member of 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 of the struggles and civil rights victories of the JACL."

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."

Gratitude

Dr. Kyoshi Sonoda Scholarship
Winner: Michael Oate
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 the Student Union at UCLA. With both organizations, Michael was involved in a range of volunteer activities such as3 thanks giving dinners, visiting a Japanese American retirement home, and assisting at health fairs.

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Reverend H. John Yamashita Scholarship
Winner: Denise Nakano
JACL Chapter: New York
Institution attending in 1996: New York University

This year's Cherry Blossom Queen has also had an active tenue in the Japanese Community of Hawaii, as well as being a student of his family, a teacher, and an accomplished violinist. Matt has had a wide range of experiences touring Asia and Europe with a symphony orchestra, teaching and educating the homeless, as ASUUSCF vice president, and organizing and assisting in various AIDS education and advocacy projects, to name only a few.

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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, and the type of help I hope to be able to help create hope and cure for those who suffer from psychological disease."

Sahuro Kido Scholarship
Winner: Cecilia Tatsui
JACL Chapter: Portland, Maine
Institution attending in 1996: University of Oregon
Field of Study: Medicine

This University of Oregon Duck carries a4.0 GPA, earning her several semester's on the Dean's List, as well as being a Dean's Scholar and Junior Scholar. Cecilia is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the Student Alumni Association.
WINNER: Lina Sueyoshi

field at the Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. She has also been a member of Psi Chi, Planned Parenthood in New York, and the JACL. She is also a member of the San Francisco State University Student Association and being a dancer have greatly influenced my character and personal beliefs. It has instilled in me a sense of hard work, perseverance, and achievement. As a teacher, I hope to have an impact on my students that would drive them to succeed in their lives, regardless of race or ethnicity. I will be able to mentor young artists.

PROPOSITION

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But Prop. 209 will wipe out affirmative action programs that opened the doors for women, minorities and will weaken the constitutional protections of women and minorities in this state of California, argued Mike Yamamoto, attorney and president, I.A. Multicultural Civil Rights Center.

"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 affirmative action is insidious, because it looks like one thing, but it does something completely the opposite."

Yamamoto cited, for example, that if Prop. 209 passes, employers would be subject to legal consequences for failure to hire or promote qualified minority applicants. If Prop. 209 passed, proteges would have to be considered on their own merits, not with their mentors.

"Prop. 209 would ban what is currently going on under affirmative action law in California," he said. "If you are a woman and you are applicants for a job, you get the benefit of the doubt. If Prop. 209 passed, you would have to be considered on your own merits."

"When you talk about hiring for women, it's going to be even harder," he said. "Women, it's going to be even more about God and what He wants you to do. It's racism and sexism. That's what Prop. 209 wants to abolish." "It's politics that I want to take a chance that these people that have finally begun to help women and racial minorities are going to be wiped out," he said.

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Hanley and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Thomas Matuda

JACL Chapter: New York

University: New York University

Institution attending in 1996: University of Massachusetts

Field of Study: Sculpture

This p siloic artist has been commissioned to create ingings and sculptures both here and abroad. Thomas is looking to ex- pand his art in new directions and is interested in working with the San Francisco State University School of Theater upon his graduation. He has also been active with the Gardenan Baptist Church, where she leads worship in song.

Essay Excerpt: "As a lawyer, I wish to participate in securing these rela- tions by applying the perspective I retain the "Asian" in the American identity. Provided this op- portunity, 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 future of our society."

Law

Sho Sato Scholarship

Winner: Mark Hanasnono

JACL Chapter: Berkeley

Institution attending in 1996: Georgetown University

Field of Study: Law

A California Scholarship Federa- tion and National Honors Society member, Karen has had an active record of community service par- ticipation with both groups. Karen has also been active with the Gardneran Baptist Church, and volunteers with the Asian Law Alliance. dllieys that those supporting Prop. 209 would not do. "I can't vote blind," said Joe Sakamoto, president of the Caron 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 mixed feelings about it.

Miyoko Sato, president of the Pasadena JACL, asserted that the discussion confused audience members because the Prop. 209 proponents were used to be conf- used, but she knows where she stands on the measure. "I have been a teacher for 28 years, I know what affirmative action is for," she said. "I have only got the job because I'm a woman."

"The initiative is an injustice," she said. "The initiative is trying to reverse all the changes that have been made in this country for women's rights." She added that the initiative would be a disaster for race relations, she stated.

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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 impeachment of all Japanese Americans in the early days of the war. This is what he wrote.

“When it is suggested that American citizens have been 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 they were 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 in a sunny September. One carries the quotation from Carr, “a Colorado native, a lawyer and a man who felt that citizens of Colorado had the state membership and political courage transient 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 ours and its representatives. They and their families have enriched our country beyond measure.”

And the third states 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.

East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Doing the right thing

received limited testimony from some of the JLA’s. Although Congress’s charge to the CWRC 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 issued American consuls in Peru and elsewhere powers of attorney, where to issue visas no prior 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. CWRC report, p. 309. At pages 56 of her book, Years of Infamy, Michi Weglyn refers to evidence that Nisei were being considered “as part and parcel of this human horror.” Numerous Nisei, to their shocked indignation, were informed by the shuttle warplane of the JLA’s mental state. They and their families have been subjected to deportation. Some in time for the second sailing of the Japanese ships, “to be used in the exchange.”

Bendetsen mentality of us Nisei — American citizens — as fodder to swap with the Axis. We cannot help but 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 heroes of our nation’s fight diabolical wartime resources to collecting pawns in the form of innocent and helpless Nikkei, in this instance, Japanese Americans in the Southern hemisphere.

One of the other reasons, we were being sent aloft thousands of bombers into Nazi-held Europe, and bomb the railroad tracks leading into industrialized Europe. It is hoped that our nation will forthrightly take steps toward removing this stain from our history, 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.
HAWAIIAN

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director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. and council member, Dr. Julius Fukunaga.

The estimated cost for the new building, which is expected to receive $6 million to $12 million, according to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, will be raised through public donations, the state legislature must also consider a variety of sources of funding to honor him.

The council also said the proposal is the leading body to carry out adequate identification of the graduating public officials, to elect delegates and hold a convention. However, he said the state legislature must also decide if the council should survive past the expiration date of the registration date.

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Lott also claimed having a master's degree in criminal psychology from Indiana State University among his achievements.

Regarding the December 1989 case, Hinton had been arrested and acosted by a band of Vietnamese intruders, police found fingerprint evidence, and an arrest warrant was issued for Nguyen Tuan from Texas, who had been known to have connections in Vietnam for a similar home-invasion robbery. He was tracked down and arrested later in Houston, and the following summer he pleaded guilty.

In search of more leads

But the police were stumped without leads to the other men sought in the case until a month later, the Labor Day weekend when Lotz was in Fallon, Nevada, according to Hannum. Lotz and other police had another lead in the case where the Giang family was robbed on Oct. 4th, 1989. According to Hannum, Lotz was so determined to solve the case that he took it personally.

Hannum and Lotz decided to show the albums at the Fairfax Conference led by Hannum. Lotz had been looking pictures of hundreds of Asian prisoners around the United States for a similar crime.

Lotz had been informed that there was a trial of one of them named "Minh," drove a white Maxima, and allegedly had got away in a red car. Houston police knew Minh Suoi drove a Maxima, which was the same, according to Lotz, 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 the two cases until a month later, the Labor Day weekend when Lotz was in Fallon, Nevada, according to Hannum. Lotz had been shown albums containing pictures of hundreds of Asian crime suspects.

The FBI had informed Lotz to decide whether to show the albums at the Fairfax conference and immediately arrest a prisoner Nguyen for Nightmare, a book that the IAACI had published, according to Hannum. Lotz quickly discovered that Nguyen picked out several pictures of the same suspect and they came to the robbers' home.

According to Hannum, Lotz was elated and alerted Ngu that his comments hinted at a lead, and they came to the robbers' home. According to him, the robbers were located at midnight on the 9th, 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.

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