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## Asian Pacifics not all affluent nor monolithic

Asian Pacific Americans are not the "model minority," according to the United Way. Some of the poorest and least educated people in Los Angeles County come from this group.

These and other surprising findings can be found in "Asian Pacific Profiles," a report released recently by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles and funded by Kaiser Permanente and the California Community Foundation. Statistics were compiled using socio-economic data collected from twelve Asian Pacific groups in the County including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Cambodian, and Asian Indian.

Asian Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing ethnic group in Los Angeles County and make up about 12 percent of the population. From 1960 to 1994 the Asian Pacific population rose 1000 percent.

With "Asian Pacific Profiles" the United Way hopes to break some of the myths about Asians commonly held by the general population. "We need to renew some of the stereotypes we have about the Asian community," says David Louie, Chair of the Asian Pacific Research and Development Council and a United Way Board Member. This report is a stepping stone in bringing about that change.

One common myth is that Asians are affluent. But the study clearly shows that the poorest groups in L.A. County are the Cambodians and the Laotians, at 40 and 46 percent respectively. With the increase of e-mail hate crime on uni-

versity campuses throughout the State, it's clear some people believe Asians are taking over secondary education. Yet, the numbers in "Asian Pacific Profiles" show that a college education is out of the question for some Asians. Among Cambodians and Laotians more than half of the adults have never graduated from high school and far fewer hold college degrees.

There are 29,806 Cambodians living in Los Angeles County, most residing in Long Beach according to the U.S. 1990 Census. The total number of Laotians is much smaller at 3315 and the majority have also made Long Beach their home. Among the 10,675 Samoans more than a third live in Carson and Long Beach.

What the United Way wants people to know is that the Asian Pacific community is not monolithic. A lot of diversity exists among the various groups in this community and each has individual needs. Although the Japanese have the lowest unemployment rate at 3 percent, the Cambodians have the highest at 14 percent, much higher than the County unemployment rate of 7 percent. More than half of the Asian Indians in L.A. County are college graduates while only 6 percent of the Samoan community hold college degrees.

In response to "Asian Pacific Profiles" Joe Haggerty, president of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, will put aside \$50,000, part of which will go towards better com-

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## An Asian American

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## Gary Locke inaugurated Washington governor



GARY LOCKE  
State's 20th governor

### Excerpts from Gov. Locke's inaugural speech

"The principles that will guide me in this quest for higher standards—and the principles that will guide my response to legislative proposals—are clear and simple.

• My first principle is that education is the great equalizer that makes hope and opportunity possible. That's why I am passionately committed to developing a world-class system of education.

In the last century, the drafters of our Constitution made the education of children the "paramount duty" of the state. But learning is

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By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Assistant editor

OLYMPIA, Wash. — After months of enduring intense media coverage of Asians contributing illegal funds to the Democratic National Committee, Asian Americans are enjoying Gary Locke's triumph as the first Chinese American governor in the United States.

Locke won a solid 58 percent of the vote over Republican Ellen Craswell in the November elections. He is the first Asian American governor to be elected on the mainland and becomes Washington's 20th governor.

Surrounded by friends and family, Locke was inaugurated governor of Washington on Jan. 15, a day he and Asian Americans around the nation won't soon forget.

"I am humbled by the honor of serving as your governor," began Locke as he addressed the state Assembly. "And I am deeply grateful to all those who have made our American tradition of freedom and democracy possible."

With his parents and wife, Mona Lee, by his side Locke told of the sacrifices and successes of his Chinese immigrant family

who settled in Olympia, Washington; the prejudice and discrimination his ancestors faced in 1886 as an angry mob threatened the lives and homes of the Chinese; his grandfather working as a "house boy" in exchange for English lessons; and his mother who sat down with her young son to learn the language of their adopted homeland.

"There are millions of families like mine, and millions of people like me — people whose ancestors dreamed the American Dream and worked hard to make it come true," said Locke. "And today, on Martin Luther King's birthday, we are taking another step toward that dream."

Locke, 46, carries an impressive résumé with him to the office of governor. A graduate of Yale's prestigious law school, Locke was a state prosecutor and served as a member of the state Legislature for 11 years. For five of those years he was the head of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. For the past three years Locke held the position of King County Executive.

In his inauguration speech Locke stressed the importance  
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## Hapa Issues Forum panelists face L.A. Nikkei audience



PANEL—Discussing hapa issues are, from left, moderator Nancy Au, Shoichi Omoto, Rika Houston, Catherine Royer, and Tia Hoffer.

(Staff Report)

LOS ANGELES — Shoichi Omoto looks out of place sitting on a panel discussing interracial children at downtown Los Angeles' Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. His name and appearance seem to say it all — Japanese.

But to call Omoto Japanese would be inaccurate. He's a hapa; his mother is Mongolian and his father is Japanese.

The term hapa is Hawaiian and means "half white or half foreigner." The word once had derogatory connotations but today is used widely to describe persons of partial Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry.

"Hapa issues have recently become a particularly hot topic for Japanese Americans.

In the United States JAs marry outside their community at a rate of 65 percent, according to Hapa Issues Forum, a non profit community organization in Berkeley, Calif. By the early 21st century the typical Japanese American will be hapa.

"It's different for someone who's multiethnic, where you can't really tell," says Omoto, one of four hapa panelists sharing their experiences with a room crowded with interested listeners. The discussion was part of a workshop at the JACCC entitled "International/Interracial Marriages and Relationships" which took place in early December. Growing up wasn't easy continues Omoto. "My parents were prejudiced towards everything but Japanese."

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## The Administration and the Asian American community

By BOB SAKANIWA

JACL Washington D.C. representative

The weekend of January 18-19 here in Washington, D.C. will be one I remember for a long time. After seeing press account after press account in the last several months dig up as much dirt as it could find on John Huang and Charles Trie, take that dirt and indiscriminately cover the Asian Pacific American community with it, I guess people just decided enough was enough. The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute, the organizers of the historic, first ever APA inaugural ball, were hop-

### News analysis

ing to get 500 guests to attend the event from around the country. 1200 people ended up attending the ball with many others hoping but unable to get in. Only through the quick action and strong contacts of Inaugural Ball Chair Gloria T. Gaoile, were the event organizers able to get enough space to accommodate the huge turnout.

It is clear that there are many mixed thoughts and feelings in the APA commu-

nity over the campaign finance scandal that has been plaguing the community. Some people feel that we have been taken advantage of by these fundraisers who were apparently influential and had some access to the White House. Certainly, we must never condone improper activities by anyone from our community. In the cases of Huang and Trie, there are plenty of allegations and enough facts that have been established, to the point where it would be disingenuous for us to say that nothing improper took place. Fortunately, it is not our role to defend nor attack the fundraising activities of anyone. We should

recognize that there is so much smoke that there must be a fire somewhere. However, it is not the community's job to find that fire. The community's task must be to ensure that we do not get unfairly burned by any fire that may be out there.

There have been instances in the past couple months that give the APA community reason to be concerned about how the new administration is viewing the community. There was no real effort by the administration to show that it was seriously considering an APA cabinet level appointment and, of course

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## JACL calendar

ATTENTION: All calendar items—JACL and Community—will be contained on this one page as far as possible. TIME-VALUE is the chief consideration.

### Eastern

PHILADELPHIA  
1998: July 1-5—35th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia.

### Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Fri.-Sun., Feb. 21-23—Spring MDC session, Chicago.  
CLEVELAND  
Sat. March 1—Entry deadline for Cleveland JACL directory; contact for forms: Charlotte Furukawa, 2720 Bramblewood Dr., Broadview Hts., OH 44147. NOTE—Fall publication.  
TWIN CITIES  
Sat. April 5—Chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration. Info: Lynn Yamanaka, 403 Totem Rd., St. Paul, MN 55119, 612/735-6124.  
NOTE—Docutech (rather than photocopy) old photos for exhibit.

### Mountain Plains

MILE-HI  
Sat. Feb. 15—Chinese New Year party with OCA, 6 p.m. cash bar, 7 dinner, Palace Restaurant, 6265 E. Evans Ave., Denver, \$35 per person; info: Tom Migaki, 303/986-3267.

### Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL 1997:  
July 18-19—Bi-District PNWDC Conference at Seattle.  
ALASKA  
May-June—Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," Anchorage. (Details TBA)  
SEATTLE  
Sat. Jan. 25—JACL 75th Anniv. Celebration and installation dinner, 5:30 p.m., Seattle Sheraton Hotel. NOTE—Dale Minami, keynote speaker; Lori Matsukawa, KING-TV, emcee.

## Community calendar

### Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Sun. March 10—Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation White House Fellowship application deadline. Forms: Helen Freas, Office of Forensic Medical Advisory Service, 11300 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301/984-6180; fax 770-1423.  
Through April 6—Taiwan Treasures, National Gallery of Art. NOTE—Sponsored by EVA Airways.

### Midwest

CHICAGO  
Sun. Jan. 26-March 6—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" travel exhibit, Harold Washington Library, info: Ross Hirano, 312/467-0623. NOTE—Teacher workshops with curriculum guides, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8; several student workshop-tours of exhibit scattered through Feb. 14-28; Feb. 20—panel: Role of Japanese Americans in WWII; other panels dates TBA.

---Northwest  
OREGON  
Thu. Jan. 30—Warabi-za Folk Song and Dance concert, Hult Center for Performing Arts, Eugene, info: 541/687-5303.  
WASHINGTON  
Sat. Feb. 1—Warabi-za Folk Song and Dance concert, Meany Hall, University of Washington, Seattle, info: 206/543-4882.  
NOTE—Performance Mon. Feb. 3 at Orcas Center, Eastsound, San Juan Islands, info: 360/376-2281.

### NCal-WN-Pacific

FLORIN  
Sat. Feb. 15—JACL benefit dance, 7:30-11 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., Sacramento; info: Bill Kashiwagi 916/635-2815.  
SACRAMENTO  
Sat. Feb. 8—Crab feed evening, Sacramento Buddhist Hall; info: JACL Office 447-0231, Toko Fujii 421-0328. Donation—All you can eat for \$25, youth under 10 for \$10, under 5 free. NOTE—Traditional airplane flying contest with 14 trophies in as many categories to be given to winners. Proceeds for annual chapter scholarships.  
Sat. Feb. 22—Day of Remembrance-1997, 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. program, Japanese United Methodist church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., RSVP, 916/447-0231, Shig Shimazu 421-0543, Tom Fujimoto 427-6730, Tom Okubo 422-8749, Gary Ishota 381-2061, Toko Fujii 421-0328, 421-6968 eve. NOTE—Nisei veterans who served in WWII, 100th+42nd-MIS, to be honored, specially minted personalized medal of appreciation to be awarded to each veteran attending.  
SEQUOIA  
Sat. Feb. 22 (tentative)—Crab & spaghetti feed, 4:30 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Hall; info: Mike Kaku 408/985-2747.

### Central California

TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC  
Fri.-Sun. June 6-8—Tri-District PSWCC/NCWNP Conference in Las Vegas.  
FRESNO  
Mon. Feb. 3—Deadline for various chapter, Mary C. Baker and Hubert Phillips scholarships; info: JACL 209/486-6815.

### Pacific Southwest

NATIONAL YOUTH  
Fri.-Sun., June 20-22 (tentative)—Nat'l JACL Youth Conference, UC Irvine (see traveling calendar). NOTE—Warren Fundani, keynote speaker.  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Sat. Feb. 8—Arizona JACL hosts: PSWCC quarterly session, Phoenix Inn, 2310 E. Highland, info: JACL Office 213/626-4471, ARIZONA.  
1998: Jan. 6-Feb. 19—Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit: "A More

Perfect Union." Phoenix Public Library, Sat. Feb. 8—PSWCC quarterly session, Phoenix Inn, 2310 E. Highland, info: Dr. Richard Matsui 602/934-3340.  
Sat. March 2—Arizona JACL Credit Union annual dinner, 5 p.m., JACL Hall; info: 931-1985 (Mon-Thu, 7-9 p.m.).  
Sun. April 27—Scholarship awards banquet, 1 p.m., Embassy Suites, Phoenix Biltmore, 2630 E. Camelback Rd.; info: Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434. NOTE—Application deadline: March 1, 1997, attn: Kathy Inoshita, 5332 W. Golden Ln., Glendale, AZ 85302.  
MARINA/SAN-HAPA  
Thu. Feb. 6—"Hapa" Mixer, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chace Park community house, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey; info: Wayne Nagata 310/670-1089.  
NOTE—Hapa issues Forum members, video, discussions; Bring dessert.  
SELANOCO  
Sat. Jan. 25—Installation luncheon, 11 a.m. social hour, 12 luncheon, Samba's of Tokyo, 8649 Firestone Blvd., Downey, 213/771-4871; info: Pat Kawamoto, 310/826-1562, Todd Hasegawa 714/639-5124; NOTE—Dr. Sammy Lee, 1952 Olympic diving medalist, speaker.  
SOUTH BAY YAG (Young Adult Group)  
Sat. Jan. 25—Helping with "Habitat for Humanity," 8 a.m., Willowbrook, RSVP Christine Sato ASAP, 310/854-4570.  
VENTURA COUNTY  
Sun. Feb. 9—Installation luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Spanish Hills Country Club, 999 Crestview Ave., Camarillo, info: Chuck Kuniyoshi 805/388-5000. NOTE—Helen Kawagoe, speaker.

### National Scholarships

Important: JACL membership is required to be considered for a JACL scholarship. Membership must be held by the applicant or the applicant's parents only; extended ties do not qualify. Applicant must also be planning to be or is enrolled in a college, trade/business school, etc., in the fall of 1997. Inquire about Student Membership. For details, Applicants should write (enclose a self-addressed stamped 32c) No. 10 envelope(s) to National JACL Headquarters for an information sheet. General deadlines with postmarks no later than the particular date cited are: (1) March 1, 1997: Entering Freshman (high school grads) applications to a JACL Chapter scholarship committee; (2) April 1, 1997: All other applications with supporting documents. Awards are to be announced July 1, 1997. ■

### Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES  
Sun. Jan. 26—Nikkei International Assn. Karaoke Championship, 1 p.m., James Armstrong Theater, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance. Entry deadline Dec. 31, San Fuji 310/787-9111. NOTE—Winner qualifies for 13th amateur festival in Tokyo March 16.  
Feb. 3—"Breaking the Silence" exhibit of WWII camp memorabilia, Claremont McKenna College, Honold Library, 800 Dartmouth Ave., Claremont, info: 909/607-5413. NOTE—Exhibit runs through March 16; library hours: 8 a.m.-12 midnight during academic year, Mon-Thu, till 6 p.m.-Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-midnight Sun.  
ORANGE COUNTY  
Sat. Sun. Feb. 1-2—Asian Festival, 2nd annual East Meets West, Westminster Mall, JC Penny Court. NOTE—Chinese artists exhibit, Feb. 2, 16; Space #2065, info: Penny Elia 714/898-2558.

### Arizona

PHOENIX  
Coming in 1998: Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" travel exhibit, Jan. 5-Feb. 19. Local committee information, info: Amy Williams, Phoenix Public Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602/622-7939. NOTE—Interactive videodisc program featuring first-hand accounts from: Artifacts, craft material, documents pertaining to camps, resettlement, wartime military service for exhibit welcome.

## Small kid time

## Gwen Muranaka



## From JACL

## By the board

By RICHARD UNO

## At the reins at Headquarters



I appreciate the opportunity to report on what is happening with the Vice President of General Operations. My focus since I have come into office has been working with National Director Herb Yamanishi regarding the operation of Headquarters and regional offices, and matters related thereto. Like all board members, I have ideas and concerns regarding the National organization, but I am focusing this report on the items specifically related to my office.

#### • Personnel Committee

The personnel committee is under the office of the Vice President of General Operations. Under the bylaws, I am the chair and some of the members are designated by the bylaws. I have appointed two at-large members, David Kawamoto (reappointed), and Michael Sawamura. Other members include Helen Kawagoe, National President; Herb Yamanishi, National Director; Patricia Tsai, Staff Representative; Terry Yamada, Chair, Governors'

Council; Michael Yamaki, Legal Counsel; Hiromi Ueha, Youth Representative; and Emilie Kutsuma, consultant.

I plan to hold the committee meetings in person or by phone on a quarterly basis. The committee was able to meet just before the National Board meeting in November. At that meeting, Emilie Kutsuma, who remained on the committee as an advisor, reported on the progress made during her tenure as chairperson.

The personnel manual was completed; basically, the entire staff was hired and personnel policies were adopted. I commend Emilie and her committee for doing a good job during the last biennium.

Herb Yamanishi reported that there was progress being made on the operations manual, with portions being drafted by those various individuals responsible for specific office procedures and policies. We reviewed the personnel manual, making a few technical modifications thereto. We then approved the

idea of a staff retreat to discuss various matters affecting the smooth operation of the district offices and Headquarters office.

On a related matter, we are still soliciting applicants for *Pacific Citizen* editor. The committee gave Herb the authority to advertise beyond the *Pacific Citizen*; i.e., the vernaculars, and to consult the Asian American Journalists' Association for ideas on recruiting a potential recruiter.

#### • JACL Convention

As you know the next convention will be held around July 4 in Philadelphia, Pa. Traditionally, the chair of the convention is from the host committee, and I intend to designate the same in this instance. The committee will be made up of representatives from chapters holding recent past conventions.

Herb and I are going to plan to meet with the Philadelphia Chapter as well as other members of the Eastern District Council some time this year regarding the convention.

During the past board meeting, it was indicated that the JACL Eastern District Council has committed to assist the Philadelphia chapter in putting on the convention. That spirit of cooperation is one of the positive aspects of our organization.

#### • Follow up on past national conventions

In the November meeting a resolution was passed to send a copy of the resolution to the organization that is honored by way of resolutions during the National convention. Apparently this was not done in the past and we will begin that process and advise the sponsoring chapter of the same.

I appointed two committee chairs regarding resolutions that call for studies. One of them is the study of the relocation of the *Pacific Citizen* from Los Angeles to National Headquarters. Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento has been appointed to head up this committee and will report in February.

The district governors are going

to comprise the committee studying allocations to the districts. They had already begun this process before the resolution was passed. As chair of the Governors' Caucus, Terry Yamada will head up this committee. It is felt that having a representative from each district will ensure a balance of concerns when the committee renders its decisions.

#### • National Headquarters Building

In the future when you are able to visit National Headquarters, you will notice some improvements. The initial structural ones will be resurfacing the roof to deal with the leak problems, and repairing and/or replacing the HVAC air conditioning unit which has not been operating. Additionally, the outside and inside of the building will be repainted. Funds to cover this will come from a designated capital reserve fund.

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Richard Uno, an attorney in private practice, is national vice president of general operations.

## By the board

By TERENCE YAMADA

## First 100 days transition was smooth

The first 100 days of the Kawagoe administration was, in my judgment, a very smooth transition for the National Board, blending the continuing board members with the newly elected officers and district governors. As a "hold-over" from the last national board, I am looking forward to serving on the Kawagoe board during my tenure in this biennium. It is a credit to the national and regional staffs and to the national organization's membership that the JACL is able to re-emp up every two or four years with the required degree of continuity.

There is no question that the environment under which Helen begins her tenure is much different from the initial days of the prior administration. (We of the Yasuhara administration must have looked like Father Time on December 31 to those few fresh faces of the newly elected members of the board.) Both administrations, however, have unique challenges. While Helen has

and will continue to bring her own identity to her administration and all of her activities during her tenure, I need to remind myself of some of the lessons learned previously.

• **Membership.** We are a membership organization. We do not exist but for our membership. Those members of the board who are district governors represent a specific constituency. We need to keep in close contact with representatives of all of our chapters through district council meetings and other correspondence so that the thoughts of the membership on various issues that come before the national board are reviewed prior to the vote at the national board level. And yes, sometimes our personal opinions differ from that of our constituency, in which case we need to vote the way we are directed.

• **Financial Information.** The volume, quality and frequency of the financial information received has

greatly increased, thanks to national staff. This permits district governors to more completely answer questions received by local chapter members at district council meetings and discuss issues which may arise at future national board meetings. There continues to be room for improvement, which the national staff has undertaken.

Functional accounting will better inform the membership of the true cost of various programs undertaken by the national organization and better reflect where the money priorities lie within our Program for Action.

Also, I personally would like to receive balance sheets in addition to the profit and loss statements on a quarterly basis, and I understand the newly elected treasurer David Hayashi is working toward this end.

Financial accounting will enable members to better question the elected board members with regard to the cost of programs and whether or not we are within budget, a more

informed check and balance situation. It will also permit the board members to better fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities.

• **Volunteer service on the Board.** We all owe a fiduciary responsibility to the organization as volunteer members of the board of directors. This organization is not alone in our need to keep reminding ourselves that we have very responsible positions as volunteer board members and very high fiduciary standards to meet.

At a recent estate planning institute through the University of Miami, one of the topics of the program addressed the personal liability of volunteer (and non-volunteer) boards of directors of charitable trusts and charitable corporations. This was somewhat of a surprising topic when there are so many other topics to discuss in a limited amount of time. The program planners apparently surmised that the people attending the conference either

served on volunteer boards or had clients serving on volunteer boards, and thus the discussion was necessary. They were correct. Few people left to escape to the 83-degree weather.

In reviewing the string of cases which were litigated and appealed, there was a solemn reminder of the great responsibility we have assumed on behalf of this organization. Our members are rightfully reminding us that this responsibility is one that we need to take seriously.

• **Planned Giving.** President Kawagoe is continuing to implement an organized planning giving program. On a district level, I intend to discuss the need for an organization planned giving program through local chapters. Local members may

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Terence Yamada, an attorney in private practice, is governor of the Pacific Northwest District Council, comprised of 10 chapters.

## What's happenin' in PSW

By AL MURATSUCHI

## Time is running out for Japanese Latin American redress



No more payments through the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Time is running out to secure justice for a large group of people of Japanese ancestry interned in Crystal City, Texas, and elsewhere during World War II.

At the August 1996 National JACL Convention, chapter representatives from across the country voted unanimously for JACL to become a founding member of the Campaign for Justice for Japanese Latin Americans.

Since then, the Campaign filed a class action lawsuit to seek inclusion of the Japanese Latin Americans in the Civil Liberties Act. The lawsuit triggered positive media coverage in major newspapers such as the *New York Times*, the

*Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, and caught the attention of several politicians. A *Los Angeles Times* editorial of August 27, 1996, was titled, "Decency Demands an Apology: Even World War II cannot justify civilian abductions by the U.S."

However, because time is running out, the campaign is lobbying President Clinton to settle the lawsuit and grant redress rather than allow lengthy litigation to continue. Former internees Carmen Mochizuki, Alicia Nishimoto, and Henry Shima, along with lead attorney Robin Toma, are going to Washington for lobbying visits on February 19, the anniversary date of Executive order 9066.

We need your help, today. Don't

put it off. Support the campaign as its delegation prepares to go to Washington. Write to the President to urge him to settle the lawsuit. Write your congressional representatives to urge the President to settle. Get other members of your JACL chapter to do the same. Below is a sample letter.

If Japanese Americans and our friends don't stand up for the Japanese Latin American internees, then who will? Let's support the Japanese Latin Americans not only with our sympathies, but with action.

Before it's too late. ■

A sample letter of support for Japanese Latin American redress:  
President William Jefferson Clinton  
The White House

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to urge you to grant an official government apology and redress to Japanese Latin Americans interned by the U.S. government during World War II. I ask that you do so by settling a federal class action lawsuit filed on behalf of Japanese Latin Americans internees for coverage under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

A Congressional fact-finding commission created by Public Law 96-317 documented a tragic but largely unknown chapter in American history. During World War II, the U.S. Government orchestrated, financed, and carried out the mass arrest and deportation of over 2,200 men, women, and children of Japanese

ancestry from 13 Latin American countries. They were forcibly brought to the U.S. and then imprisoned in INS detention camps.

The commission found that the purpose of this mass abduction of innocent civilians was to have Japanese Latin American prisoners available for exchange with American war prisoners held by Japan. There was no evidence of military threat, espionage, or sabotage that could have justified the mass abduction on the basis of military necessity.

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 provided redress to Americans of

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Al Muratsuchi is regional director of the JACL Pacific Southwest District.



## Agenda



**FREMONT CHAPTER BOARD**—Standing with installing officer Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director (at left), are the new Fremont Chapter, JACL, board members (from left): Ted

Inouye, Frank Nakasako, Mary Kasama, Michi Handa, Eleanor Toi, June Handa, Mas Yamasaki, Diane Endo, and Alan Mikuni (1997 chapter president).

Herbert Yamanishi, guest speaker, and witness the swearing in of the new board members.

Yamanishi spoke of his family, the increase in the number of outmarriages (his included), the two goals of JACL (education and cultural), and increasing membership. ■

### San Mateo, JACL, history project underway

**SAN MATEO**—An urgent call for a writer familiar with the historical experience of Japanese Americans was made in mid-November by the San Mateo, JACL, History Project.

Writing samples, published or unpublished, a résumé, and the ability to ideally complete the manuscript by the end of 1997 are being sought by Richard H. Nakanishi, 529 E. 3rd Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401 415/348-4240.

The project entails a three-part video production, produced by Diane Fukami in cooperation with KCSM-TV's New American series. Yasuko Ann Ito has conducted oral history interviews and transcribed them. The book will cover the pre-war San Mateo County Japanese

community, initial phases of WWII incarceration at Tanforan Assembly Center, and postwar resettlement. Six groups and individuals have thus far provided funds: JACL Iko no Tomo, Atkinson Foundation, Peninsula Community Foundation, Takahashi Family Foundation, National JACL Legacy Fund, San Mateo JACL History Project Fund. ■

### Okura Foundation offers White House fellowship for 5 months

**ROCKVILLE, Md.**—A five-month White House fellowship, from April 1 to Sept. 1, 1997, is to be awarded to an Asian Pacific American in the field of mental health and/or human services at the White House Office of Public Liaison, according to the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation.

Applications are obtainable from the foundation chair, Bertram S. Brown, M.D.; attention Helen Freas with the Office of Forensic Medical Advisory Service, 11300 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301/984-6180, fax 301/770-1423. Deadline: March 10.

Eligibility requirements: U.S. citizen of Asian Pacific American ancestry; age 25 to 39; proven leadership qualities in chosen field; demonstrated commitment to Asian Pacific American issues; good verbal and written communication skills; ability to work independently as well as part of a team; at least three letters of recommendation. ■

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### Fremont, JACL, holds inauguration appreciation fete

With gourmet Japanese, Chinese and American cuisine featured at the annual Fremont JACL board installation dinner and appreciation night last Dec. 12, approximately 60 members and friends came to hear National Director

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# Reflections on Time and Hope

By JOANNE DOI, M.M.



**A**S WE APPROACH the 21st century, the new millennium, I find myself reflecting on the meaning of time. As the years pass one by one forming decades, it marks the difference between a baby's crawling and that first bike ride without training wheels .... or the change from the familiar route home from school into the daily commute to and from work .... or as profound as the fact that where there once were only two people now there are fifty as the generations come to life.

Time seems to slowly progress ahead of us and rapidly accumulate behind us. "Where does the time go?" we ask as we greet each other again at another holiday gathering.

Since returning to the U.S. in 1994 after a decade of living in Peru, every so often I am reminded that I missed the '80s in this country. Time seems to be a quantity of something we never seem to have enough of or that waned to "make time," too, for each other and important endeavors. Yet as the decades become a century and the generations become more than one lifetime can witness, they point to opportunities to reflect on a sense of time that enters the realm of timelessness or the depth of time, a qualitative rather than quantitative sense.

Perhaps during the '80s, while living and working with the Aymara people of the southern Andes of Peru, it was this qualitative sense of time that I was invited into by my new found friends and the land of the Altiplano (high plains). There is an ancient presence in the stone Inca ruins, the colonial churches, the open air weekly markets with a backdrop of turquoise blue skies, the beautiful hand-spun and hand-loomed weavings.

There is an ancient knowing in the way the Aymara people tenderly coax the dry,

barren windswept plains into sharing her fruits by centuries-old wisdom that result in a lush and verdant green carpet during the rainy summer months. Yet most of all, their eyes and faces speak the wisdom of centuries that births a great capacity to celebrate life, knowing that poverty and suffering do not have the last word.

The margins for living are narrower due to the limits of high altitude (12,000 feet and above) and Peru's economic and political conditions. Educational and health services are poor in this rural zone around Lake Titicaca. One year the price of gasoline rose up to 30 times its original price, affecting transport and prices across the board for basic foods and necessities.

With a population of 24 million people, Peru led the world in the number of disappeared persons from 1990-93. Since 1980, the political violence has claimed some 30,000 lives. Due to classism and racism, the Aymara and other native peoples are often the first to be caught in this net of structural and political violence, marginalized in their own land since the arrival of the colonial conquest 500 years ago.

Yet their music sings the story of defiant hope of the Aymara people. Their dance recreates them as they bless their living with the dust of their ancestor's spirits. Grounded in the Pachamama, their memory

and identity as a people remains strong. There are signs of "progress."

The roads now paved almost completely around the perimeter of the lake, making transport possible for goods, students and those in search of work opportunities in other towns. Electrification of the rural area continues; like our neighbors, the adobe houses where we Maryknoll Sisters live now have light. Will students actually study longer or will the television be as much of a temptation there as it is here? An earlier potable water project combining government sponsored materials

and community labor installed the single faucets in the central patios of the homes in Chinchera, where I lived, making the fresh spring water from the hills behind us available for everyday use, reducing health problems.

Direct dial became a reality for the single public phone located in the central plaza. Now, instead of connecting into Puno, the nearby city for a phone line, the operator dials the number for you and assigns you to the appropriate telephone booth. Most likely a town fax machine will soon follow.

It is hard for me to imagine the computer age and the Internet side by side with the smooth stone ruins but it is already beginning in many businesses and organizations in Puno. Tenacious hope and ancient wis-

dom can illuminate these signs of progress.

**Remembering why modern conveniences** are pursued in the first place can recall for us to that which is timeless and to that which takes time, the well-being and fullness of life for all people. The pueblo may soon have a fax machine but there is still inadequate health care. The infrastructure for the schools and students is minimal even as there are gifts of computers waiting for them. The teachers in the isolated schools in the rural areas find themselves with little moral and financial support.

I hope progress does not skip over that which is essential for living and arrive too quickly at unhelpful luxuries. It has been a stark meditation for me as I walk through a shopping mall here in the Bay Area and ask the question: which products respond and provide for the basic necessities to live?

Is it really essential that we have 10 kinds of chocolate chip cookies to choose from? Friends tell me that this has something to do with the '80s. And I am always nagged with the concern for a more equitable distribution of the world's goods in the world.

Yet, when and whether developments such as these occur, the Aymara are a people who live deeply in the 20th century. They, too are preparing to meet the new millennium and are engaged in the changes and influences

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*Sansei from Los Angeles, Maryknoll Sister Joanne Doi, M.M., lived in Peru from 1983-1994, is presently in the process of completing a thesis on the Japanese American Catholic community during the internment period for an M.A. in Theology at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.—Editor.*

## The Reconciliation before the Next Millennium

By STANLEY KANZAKI

**W**E ARE NOW living through the last years of the second millennium. Soon enough the bells will toll in AD 2000 and the 21st century. With the Japanese Americans, the last 100 years were the most significant—an era that began with Issei immigration. Our history in America reveals the Issei pioneers faced rampant racism and many hardships, but despite all this they overcame and paved the way for the Nisei.

There are chapters which show high points and low points in our history. The most tragic was during World War II when Executive Order 9066 unjustly excluded 120,000 Japanese Americans from the West Coast who silently marched into America's concentration camps. In all this is an incomplete chapter which requires resolution. To know how this came about is to go back over 50 years ago to a place called Heart Mountain War Relocation Center, Wyoming. It was here that an incident occurred which divided the Nisei into two warring factions which, to this day, still exists.

In mid-January, 1943, the U.S. Army directed the War Relocation Authority to come up with a questionnaire for all military-aged Japanese American males in camp to answer, concerning their loyalty and willingness to serve in the U.S. Army. These two main points were contained in the infamous Questions 27 and 28 that became explosive. Warring factions arose, based on the philosophical differences on the idea of loyalty and the answers to the questions.

On one side stood the JACL leadership who initially espoused that loyalty to country was to march silently into America's concentration camps. In camp, they urged the Nisei to answer their country's call to arms. They themselves set the example as early volunteers.

The draft resisters at Heart Mountain

organized themselves into the Fair Play Committee, later to be known as the "No-No Boys." To them, this was the final unjust act of the government and being treated as disloyals. There was to be no more kowtowing to further injustices and to resist until all lawful rights were resorted to them as loyal citizens.

Sad to say, this tragedy continues, especially among the leadership. It is sad to see what has happened to the leaders on both sides. The Fair Play Committee has only two members living; five having passed away at a relatively early age. Their last leader has disappeared to whereabouts unknown. The JACL leaders of that period are about gone. They all leave this earth just as they lived it—divided and to join perhaps with the restless spirits of the Issei and Nisei. Time takes its toll, but doesn't time also heal?

In the past there have been efforts to repair the chasm. A few morally courageous Nisei, Sansei and JACL chapters have attempted such at national conventions. There were speeches, discussions and resolutions. Somehow, somewhere along the precarious political path, their efforts seemed to be bushwhacked with unexplained withdrawals of proposals, technicalities or appointment of a committee "to work on it," etc. It gets pigeon-holed and then caged into the twilight zone. The only decision seems to be a no-decision in the hopes that it'll all go away and be forgotten.

THIS IS ALL confounding. There are no more secrets. Everything is out in the open. Over the years, both factions have opened

fire with explosive exposés, exclaiming their end by speeches, articles and books. It is enlightening to read about them and to list those who were there at that place and time. And it has become difficult to distinguish between the good guys and the bad guys. Each side stands firm in their beliefs.

Ironically, their actions have some semblance to the struggles the forefathers of this country labored with during 1776. The young Nisei and Kibei Nisei, like the Minute Men of history, were forced to make immediate decisions that would affect their lives forever. Pressures came from family, friends, society and country. They were caught in an extreme era, forced to take extreme exigencies forced upon them by a group of insensitive high government officials ruling from a far away place. However, no matter where one's sympathies lie, one must view their actions in the context of their time and circumstances.

It seems that the leadership of both factions have failed to bring about the peace. As a civil rights organization, National JACL has advocated for other people. Yet it is disappointing that its leadership throughout the years has not taken positive initiatives to bring this small faction of our own people together. This is even with attempts by its rank and file members in the past. Even now, there is nothing forthcoming.

Now, a new leadership is at the helm of JACL. And there is nothing on their agenda concerning the coming together of the organization and the No-No Boys. The "New board steadies eye on JACL's fiscal integrity" cries the P.C. headline (11-15/12-19/96). How about some steadying on human

integrity. New JACL President Helen Kawagoe is "all aboard" and "off and running."

In the interview (PC 9/6-19/96) covering her thoughts on challenges and priorities, there was no word about bringing peace on the Nisei incident that happened over 50 years ago. The way this keeps going, there may be no more Nisei presidents left to resolve this matter.

However, there is hope, based on what I have seen of President Kawagoe. At the 1988 Seattle convention, I admired her grace in accepting the fact that she did not win the presidency, but promised, "I'll be back." She has returned without opposition. Congratulations.

Now, Helen has another agenda item that challenges and to prioritize. Perhaps in the years to come, she may be remembered as president who accomplished something of value for all of us, something others failed to do, something that will, at last, unburden the Nisei.

So, where do we begin? Let's begin with the word, reconciliation, in the sense that warring factions settle differences of the past and come together again. In the past, an apology was called for but this is not the solution. By comparison, there is no loss of face in reconciliation. It means both factions coming together on an equal footing in a positive manner for a common goal, benefitting each side. The togetherness will be as our Issei taught as it existed in our

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*Stanley Kanzaki, an occasional "think piece" contributor over the past years, writes from New York. He grew up in prewar San Francisco and was interned at Topaz.*

## Pacific Citizen feature

# A Japanese-Jewish connection

**S**ome 200,000 years ago hominoids had evolved to become known as Homo sapiens, the ancestor of modern mankind on this earth. Ever since, in search of mild climate and green forests, they moved first northward out of Africa and then scattered in all directions, mainly east and west. The advance party of the easterly movement eventually reached the southern tip of South America.

Humanoids were bipedal, standing on their two rear legs and using their forelegs freely as hands. Yet they were not capable of establishing a civilized society until they had developed a written language. Once the written language was invented, the systems of currency, weights and measures were introduced, and kingdoms began to spring up in Mesopotamia and China. Modern human history started rolling.

It is imperative for any historian to grasp the basic concept of this human exodus from the Near East. No nation can claim that her people has lived on her land ever since the beginning of time, be it Japan, China or Mongolia. Take for example the Ainu, people who claim that they are the original inhabitants of Japan.

But in fact, they migrated to Japan from central and eastern Siberia. However, Siberia, too, was merely a stopping point on their way to the east. The icy, barren, steppes of Siberia can hardly be considered their ideal homeland.

According to Japanese sources, there is evidence the Ainu people came from Israel just as the Jewish people did. Their homeland was an area called Edom, the southwestern section of Israel blessed with moderate climate and an abundance of water. When their homeland was overrun by the neighboring Jewish kingdom, the Ainu had to flee in the same way the Jewish people had to later on. The interval between the two groups' departure time is estimated to be about 500 years (King David came into power 1095 B.C., and southern Judea fell 586 B.C.). Yet at a certain time in a certain area the two groups were not far from each other.

After a long, long trek, the Ainu people were the first group that reached Japan. Their main route was through southern Russia, the Siberian steppes, the Siberian east coast along the Japan Sea, Manchuria and Korea, whereas the Jewish group took the Silk Road through Afghanistan, China proper and Korea. Another formidable group of Ainu had already come down from Sakhalin and Hokkaido to Japan proper as far south as Okinawa. They became the dominant "indigenous" people for a period of 1,000 years or so. They set up their base at Izumo, situated on the western portion of Japan proper on the Japan Sea side. It was named after their homeland Edom in Israel.

From 300 B.C. to 300 A.D. hordes of Koreans, Manchurians and others migrated en masse to Japan, creating the Yayoi cultural period of Japanese history. The Jewish group too arrived at this point. History is not clear at this point, but the Jewish group is assumed to have taken a leading part in establishing the Yamato

Can it be that the ancestors of Japanese and Jewish peoples both began their existence in the same area of the ancient world? Can it be that the Imperial Family of Japan are descendants of the Lost Tribe of Israel? ...

BY JAMES ODA



Court. Numerically speaking, this author estimates the then-Jewish population at 3,500,000 and that of the whole country at 3,500,000.

Jews and Ainu were traditional en-

emies. Even after arriving at Japan, Ainu were gradually pushed out of Izumo to the central part of Japan. Skirmishes occurred more frequently between Jewish settlements and Ainu settlements. Much folklore was written concerning these skirmishes. For instance, when sumo wrestlers are engaged in a match, the referee keeps on shouting, "Hakke yoi, hakke yoi, nokkotte, nokkotte." No one was aware of the exact meaning of these words until

recently. Now it is known that they were Jewish words meaning, "Beat the hell out of Ainu."

Okuninushi-no-mikoto, titular head of the Ainu people, obsessed with never-ending armed conflicts, finally pursued peace with the Jewish group. A majority of his followers accepted his advice for peaceful coexistence. However, many of his tribal chiefs refused to go along with his peace overture. They chose to put up armed resistance to preserve their way of life. Gradually they were forced to retreat to the northeast and finally to the island of Hokkaido.

The Ainu people are variously referred to as Kushi, Eso, Ezo, Ebis or Tungus depending on time and area, suggesting the existence of many subgroups among them. Incidentally they are of a Caucasian lineage but their DNA composition pattern in blood is very similar to that of Japanese, indicating that the two races

have a common ancestry.

A majority of the Ainu people are believed to have peacefully cohabited with the newly arriving immigrants, mostly Koreans, Manchurians and some Jews, creating the so-called 'new Yamato race'—a theory that official Japanese historians vehemently refuse to accept.

From among these people who merged with the newcomers arose the powerful Yoritomo Minamoto clan, who achieved military conquest of the entire country in 1192 and became the true and absolute rulers of Japan by establishing the first Shogun government. The emperor's status was eclipsed into that of a mere figurehead and he was forced to issue an imperial decree stipulating that any clan member other than descendants of the Yoritomo clan was prohibited from assuming the position of Shogun. This decree virtually established an iron-clad rule that the Shogun must henceforth be a man of Ainu lineage. This rule was methodically enforced, as in the case of the Ashikaga and Tokugawa Shogun families.

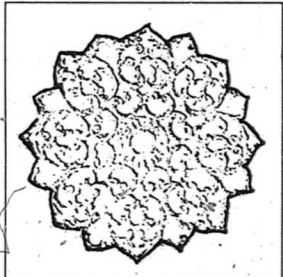
This degree could have elevated the prestigious

position of the Ainu people, but the successive Japanese governments took special pains not to popularize this historical agreement. They tacitly held that Yoritomo Minamoto was a genuine member of the Yamato race and not a half-breed Ainu.

All nations rise and fall. Israel had the kingdoms of David and Solomon; Macedonia had Alexander the Great; the



**LINKS**—A stone lantern outside the Ise Shrine where Imperial ancestors are enshrined features the Star of David (see arrow) and in the light compartment above is the engraved crest of King Herod (enlarged below).



Turks had the Ottoman Empire, and France, Napoleon. The presently obscure Ainu had Attila and Genghis Khan, conquerors of the widest areas of the known world. If conquest of other nations is any criterion for measuring the greatness of a nation, the Ainu people should rank highly.

It is my opinion that the Ainu people must broaden the scope of their struggle for self-determination by publicizing their culture and their history. In this endeavor, they must have to enlist assistance from the Ainu-related Japanese, like the Minamoto clan descendants, who are now well established in the mainstream of Japan.

In contrast to the Ainu experience and relatively speaking, the journey eastward by the "Lost Tribe" of Israel was not fraught with disastrous events such as annihilation by a hostile enemy. They arrived at their destination safe and sound. The following is their brief history.

After the Jewish kingdom was defeated (ten northern tribes fell in 721 B.C. and two southern tribes fell in 586 B.C.), the

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James Oda, San Fernando Valley JACler, is author of books in both Japanese and English. Teacher of Japanese propaganda methods and military language at the Military Intelligence Service Language School during WWII, he also founded the Japanese language press inside Manzanar WRA Center in the summer of 1942.—Editor.

## Personally speaking

### Detroit auto designer Shinoda stricken

DETROIT—Legendary automobile designer **Larry Shinoda**, with Ford Motor Co. (the Boss 302 Mustang) and General Motors Corp. (the '63 Chevrolet Corvette and '65 Corvair) and more recently running his own Shinoda Design Associates in Livonia, has been undergoing dialysis four times a day after suffering complete kidney failure, the *Detroit News*

reported Dec. 18.

The Shinoda family rallied to his assistance, establishing the Larry K. Shinoda Medical Trust at Quaker City Federal Savings and Loan Association. Contributions can be sent to Grace Shinoda Nakamura, P.O. Box 4712, Whittier, CA 90607.

A longtime Detroit JACLer,

he helped design, besides the Corvette and Corvair, the GM show cars as the Shark I and II, the Astro I and II and the Monza GT and SS.

He was chief designer-coordinator at GM's special vehicle activities before moving to Ford in 1968, where he was special project director at the design center. ■

### Sansei assumes command of Navy ship

By **HANK WAKABAYASHI**  
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

RODMAN, N.S., Panama—At a Change of Command ceremony held on Dec. 3 at Rodman Naval Station, Panama, Commander **David Yoshihara** relieved Commander Thomas Bush and assumed the helm of the Aegis-guided missile cruiser USS Ticonderoga, CG-47.

At age 39, Yoshihara is the first Japanese American to command a Navy Aegis-missile cruiser, responsible for a crew of nearly 400 including 30 officers. The ship is home-ported at Pascagoula, Miss., and presently detailed to the South American and Caribbean areas on drug interdiction duties with other elements of the armed forces,

CIA and FBI.

Present at the ceremonies aboard the "Tico" (as the crew identifies the ship) on a warm and sunny tropical day with the Navy's pomp and circumstance featuring three-star Rear Admiral J.F. Amerault, USN, as guest speaker, were his parents, retired USN Capt. Takeshi and Elva Ann (Uyeno) Yoshihara of Aiea, Hawaii, a number of flag-rank officers and distinguished guests.

Capt. Yoshihara was the first Nisei to graduate from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, in 1954 and completed post-graduate studies in engineering at Hueneme (Calif.) Naval School for Civil Engineers and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, N.Y.

His son David graduated from

Annapolis in 1979, thus the first Nisei-Sansei (father-son) combination in naval history. He, his wife Chiaki, sons Andrew 8, and Timothy 6, reside in Ocean Springs, Miss., near Pascagoula.

The 9,600-ton Ticonderoga and the Navy's 26 other Ticonderoga-class cruisers are the service's versatile, do-it-all warship. The Aegis radar is considered the most advanced; the ship can maintain a sustained speed of 30-plus knot maximum, is armed with two 5-inch guns, two Phalanx self-defense guns, two 50-caliber machine guns, six torpedo launching tubes and an arsenal of guided missiles. The "Tico" also supports its own detachment of two SH-60B LAMPS helicopters. ■

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## COMMUNITY

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there was great disappointment when people like Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien and former congressman Norman Mineta were not tapped. There was also the strong perception in the community that the Presidential Inaugural Committee was not reaching out to the many APA community members who helped in the re-election effort. With these instances of perceived slights to the community and the over aggressive interrogations of legitimate campaign contributors by DNC auditors and mainstream media reporters, it is no wonder that the community came out en masse to the APA Ball. People came to discuss the issues, show solidarity, vent their frustrations and simply be a part of a very impressive and empowering event to show others that the APA community would not be bullied away from its legitimate place at the table.

There were other events over the weekend that will make it one of the most memorable in my mind. The day before the ball, a conference took place on Capitol Hill, put together by the Asian American Government Executive Network and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (as distinguished from the Caucus Institute). Well over 200 people, for an event meant for less than 100, turned out to listen to one panel discuss the importance of political appointments and another panel, which included Mr. Mineta, discuss the controversy over campaign finance. Members of Congress in attendance were Reps. Patsy Mink, Neil Abernethy and Lucille Roybal-Allard. Later that evening, I was able to attend the JACL Washington, D.C. Chapter's installation dinner where Daphne Kwok, Executive Director of the Organization of Chinese Americans was the keynote speaker. Ms. Kwok's address at the dinner underscored for me the importance and heed for all

groups in the APA community to reach out to each other and work together. The voice of the APA community will only be heard if its separate voices are speaking in unison on the issues we agree on. Where there is discord there will be no progress.

Notwithstanding the cloud that is currently hanging over the APA community, this past weekend has reminded me about the power and strength that can be found when people come together. While acknowledging that there are problems out there, we must turn the focus on the positive, like Governor Locke's successful election in Washington State, the growing interest in politics shown by the numbers of newly registered voters, and *Time* magazine's choosing Dr. David Ho as its Man of the Year. The APA Ball was a great way to bring the community together to focus on many of our most pressing issues. I just wish they could invent a better coat check system. ■

## TIME

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Japanese ancestry interned by the U.S. Government during World War II. However, the U.S. Office of Redress Administration is denying Japanese Latin Americans redress because they were not U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of their internment. This callous denial of justice should not be accepted.

Mr. President: You intervened in a case involving the German government's denial of redress to a Holocaust survivor because he was not a German citizen. Your petition to the German government said that to deny redress because of his nationality was to allow a technicality to hamper a simple act of justice. Please do not allow an identical technicality in this country to interfere with justice.

On August 28, 1996, a class action lawsuit titled "Carmen Mochizuki vs. the United States" was filed in federal court. I urge you to settle this lawsuit, grant the Japanese Latin American internees a nation's apology and compensation, and close this tragic chapter of our history.

(Feel free to copy or revise this letter. Sign the letter and include your name and mailing address.

Please also send a copy of your letter to TACL, 244 San Pedro, Suite 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012.) n

## REINS

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This preventive maintenance will ensure the long-term stability and quality of the National Headquarters building.

### • Staff

I was fortunately able to meet the National staff members in San Francisco. The staff members had many positive ideas regarding the organization and how to smoothly interact with the board members.

I would also indicate that the current board members have a positive attitude in working with National and district staff members.

I have found it a pleasure to work with Herb Yamanishi, who keeps me abreast of the status of issues concerning the National and district offices.

I believe that the teamwork approach taken by the board and staff persons will help strengthen this organization as we strive to reassert our position as a leading national organization.

Unfortunately the Membership staff person, Amy Yamashiro, resigned her job to go onto other

things. I would like to thank Amy for her help to this organization and wish her the best in her future endeavors. ■

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desire to leave their charitable gift to their local chapters. It may be that each local chapter will need to separately incorporate and obtain its own tax-exempt status in order for contributions to be made directly to that chapter for use by that chapter. With a district as small as the Pacific Northwest District, that is a manageable task.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the Seattle Chapter. Many of you are aware that the Seattle Chapter will be celebrating its 75th anniversary at its anniversary celebration and installation dinner on January 25. The Pacific Northwest District Council congratulates the Seattle Chapter in reaching this milestone.

In my experience with the district, Seattle Chapter has always been a leader and is one of those fortunate chapters where the talent and enthusiasm are so deep that there are always people willing to step forward and take leadership roles. ■

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By HARRY K. HONDA

## Seattle's '75th'



**B**UT FOR A telephone that didn't connect with the Seattle JACL office for this Saturday's gala 75th anniversary celebration and installation of its 1997 chapter board (1/10-23/97), we came upon a rare photograph that was taken in September, 1930—an all-together different shot of the National JACL Convention delegates gathered outside of the building where the Seattle Nihonjikai had its office on South Jackson Street and Maynard.

Our first sight of the 1930 convention delegates rested on a photograph from Charles Kamayatsu's album (and which appears in Bill Hosokawa's *JACL in Quest of Justice*, (p. 110) with three rows.

What Robert Yamamoto of Bell Gardens produced this week for us has four rows of people—notably an additional lineup of men kneeling in front, more men crowded at the entrance to a door and faces peering behind the curtain of the middle panel of windows. Robert had read about the 75th anniversary gala in the last issue of the P.C. and found the telephone number for more information was incorrect. It was some carburetor shop and no one there was a part of the JACL committee. In desperation, feeling this photograph would be an interesting item for the 75th anniversary party, he called us on Monday for the Seattle JACL Office telephone number. But I said all JACL offices were closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday or Human Rights Day and I prompted him to send it to the P.C. Archives. He brought the picture and showed us where his eldest brother—*nisan* Manabu, was seated — to the left of Jimmie Sakamoto seen with his cane in hand. "I remember Jimmie used to come over to the house in Firwood. He and my brother were very close friends," Robert recalled. "Firwood was a little rural town between Tacoma and Fife."

It was Robert Yamamoto's hope that some of the old-timers at the Saturday party might identify themselves in the blown-up 11x17-inch size poster. The original 6 by 10-inch picture was enlarged at Kinko's laser color copier and mailed that afternoon to the PNW JACL Regional Office. Like the original, the enlarged version has a little septa tone.

One of the pictures that was intended for our "Past Millennium" article in the Holiday Issue was a picture of the 1930 Convention picture featuring only three rows. The caption we had prepared with about dozen blanks to names was compared with the photograph with four rows of JACLers and a quick look indicates the lineups do not match. We shall make an attempt, however, and then show our efforts to people we think might help for sake of history.

The original photograph was trimmed, apparently by his mother, from its original size, and slipped in between some family papers. It was untouched and long forgotten till Robert was sorting an old box of family memorabilia: passports, deeds, etc., which he knew shouldn't tossed into the trash barrel.

Yes, so much has been lost, burned or buried after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. I remember Frank Chuman telling me that his father cracked into small pieces the family samurai swords and buried them in the backyard rather turning it over to the government as contraband. ■

## From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## 'Glass ceilings' and how rough it was



**I**t had started as a pleasant evening, with lots of light conversation, easy laughter and plenty of party food, mostly ethnic. Upper middle class, the kind of people you'd have to say had "made it." You've been at parties like this, where little conversation groups take shape, break up, and grow again, where everyone is at ease with friends and themselves.

Then, inexplicably, the mood turned. Someone—no one remembered who—brought up the matter of lingering racial discrimination, ethnic slights and glass ceilings. It was as though long-buried wounds were suddenly uncovered, raw and festering.

The whole group now turned to listen and one person loosed a harangue about the mean, petty and formidable barriers that he had encountered as he sought to establish himself in a profession. When was that? Well, a long time ago, maybe 50 years, a half century, but it still exists, he said, and we gotta do something about it. And when the party ended he probably got into his fancy foreign car and drove home to his luxurious digs in a nice part of town.

Long ago I developed a habit of reading a while in bed before turning off the light and going to sleep. This night I picked up a clipping from the *San Jose Mercury News* sent to me by Dr. Rita Takahashi of San Francisco State University. It was a feature about Kent Nagano, a 44-year-old, six-foot Sansei who grew up on an artichoke farm near Morro Bay. Nagano was newsworthy in that now he is a conductor of four orchestras in three countries (Berkeley, Calif., Manchester and London, England, and Lyon, France). He is married to a Kyoto-born pianist, Mari Kodama, and much of their communication is in French or German. Nagano's parents, who are not named, are described as Japanese Americans. Kent learned a smattering of Japanese from his grandmother. His father is an architect, his mother a microbiologist and musician. Not exactly second class. The story makes plain that Nagano is a musician of exceptional talents who has come far in his profession and is destined to become one of the greats of symphonic and modern music.

Before I fell asleep the question that came to mind was, would American society

have allowed such talent to bloom had Nagano been born a Nisei, born a generation earlier when the social milieu was less receptive of Asian Americans? I woke up in the morning without an answer.

That day the mail brought the August issue of the Fresno JACL News, published by the local chapter. It had a section called "Glass Ceilings." It listed nine Japanese Americans, and one Japanese American couple, who are doing particularly well in their various occupations—professional, managerial and entrepreneurial—and presumably recognize no glass ceiling.

I read about them with great interest. Then the thought came to me: Are the people of the Nisei generation, like the fellow at the party, hopelessly out of touch with the times when we persist in talking about how rough it was back in the olden days? To use a good contemporary word, are they relevant any more?

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

## East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## Anatomy of a column



**E**VERY SO OFTEN a reader will comment on the contents of this column or ask questions such as "How long does it take to write a column?" (Depends on the subject-matter, its complexity, factual details, and so forth. The time range can be 45 minutes to double that. The word-processor has revolutionized the process.) "Why the title 'East Wind'?" how did that come about? "The 'East' was to reflect viewpoints—such as they are—from this end of the land. As for 'Wind,' that was a bit of tongue-in-cheek jibe suggesting a lot of 'hot air' that may emanate therefrom." "Is the column available in bound or book form?" (No; there has not been any clamor for such.)

**DURING A RECENT** *hanko-dan* (tour group), one member of the group upon seeing spouse Vicki, asked: "Why do you refer to your wife as 'frau' when she obviously is not German?" (That reader has quite a memory because it must be more than decade since I used that term, and then only as a reference to a relationship, not ethnicity. Thanks for the admonition, though.) "Are there topics that you try to stay away from?" (You bet. Religion and homosexuality are a couple, although both have been subjects when I felt the subject needed some airing.) "Are there columns

you wish you had not written?" (Yes; quite a few in fact. A number of columns never get beyond appearing on my word processor, and there have been several I've called back from the *Pacific Citizen* offices. Even after such self-censorship a number of columns slip through that I would like to take back. There've been errors in some of the columns with readers calling my attention to the slip-ups. The latest slip-up was the calculation relating the number of teenagers who take up smoking: the reported figure was 3,000 new puffers a day, which, translated to 365 days, comes to about 1.1 million in a year, not 11 million.)

**"HOW DID IT** come about that you started the 'East Wind' column in this newspaper?" (It goes back a few decades. I don't mean to put the blame on him, but the fact of the matter is that Harry Honda egged me on.) "Do you get paid for writing the column?" (Not unless a box of Sany's candy every so often, usually at Yuletide season, is considered "pay.") "How are subject-matters for the column selected?" (Generally, the topic should have some Nisei angle to it although oftentimes the angle is not readily apparent. Some topics have been repeated, which some of you older readers undoubtedly have noticed. With a new generation of readers on the scene, some re-

peats have occurred.)

**"THE COLUMN** frequently touches upon *nihongo* (Japanese language). What prompts you, and does your wife assist?" (Taking the last part of the question, first: Heavens, no. Spouse Vicki sees the column only when the PC arrives. She'll review what appears, often chiding me for errors. I provide a lot of ammunition in this respect. As for what prompts me to dabble in *nihongo*. Having been immersed in the language at the MISLS (Military Intelligence Service Language School) at Ft. Snelling, there remains a residue of belated interest which keeps erupting every so often. I've received letters from high school and college students as well as from teachers who focus upon *nihongo*. Many with very penetrating observations, I must say. So I make full use of the *jiten*s (English-Japanese-English dictionaries) to try to minimize errors.)

So there you have the anatomy. Part of it, anyway. ■

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



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## AGENDA

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## Watsonville library event remembers Issei pioneers

By NORMAN ABE  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

When the Watsonville Public Library culminated its Centennial Celebration in late October, two women were among the speakers. Kay Izumizaki recalled walking from home to school through fields of mustard plants. She was 10 years old in the 1930s.

"There weren't many houses between home and school, so I remember walking through fields of mustard. On dewy or foggy days my shoes and legs would be covered with yellow mustard-flower petals."

One of the toughest times as a pre-teenager was when the country was fighting World War II. "With gas rationing, tire rationing and food ration stamps, my mother made only two trips a month into town," Alice Sans Montgomery said of the 1940s.

Speakers from other ethnic groups, in their 60s and 70s today, also recalled their memories.

The library had dedicated the month of May to the Japanese-Americans, with four separate presentations on Saturdays that included remembrances by Tami Yagi (of prewar highlights in Pajaro Valley), Shig Kizuka (of lifetime during the war), Asa Sugidono (of an Issei woman), a Watsonville Taiko performance, Origami demonstration, classical dances with Norman Uyeda teaching folk dances, and a Thursday evening panel on Early Watsonville Japanese Town with Charles Iwami. ■

## Personally speaking (Continued from p. 7)

## Idaho ag director Takasugi tackles key post

BOISE, Idaho—One-time Airborne Army Renger captain, farmer and neighbor of Idaho Gov. Phil Batt, Pat Takasugi has been on the job since the spring of 1996 when the governor appointed him director of agriculture. His first six-month experience at the post was recently related before the Spokane (Wash.) Ag Bureau. The place was in a poor condition, ignored by earlier governors who were environmentally-oriented and didn't want to be bothered by the state's most important industry, the *Capital Press* noted in its Sept. 20 story. "At least, that's how Pat describes its present conditions," according to the paper.

Some of the things that he found were the \$10,000 in consultant fees spent in coming up with a department mission statement, a 62-word statement that nobody in the department knew about, which he scotched and developed his own. Takasugi's eight words call on the Idaho Department of Agriculture "to serve, promote and safeguard agriculture's diverse community."

For one thing, Takasugi, a Snake River Valley JACLer, is not dependent upon his position for income, which he feels gives him enormous freedom to do what he believes is right for the department.

ment.

The main reason he took the job was "to help my neighbor, as I felt he was getting a raw deal."

On the work ethic of some employees, he said, "When you're guaranteed a job your motivation lacks something." Specifically, he said there are people who don't do anything but take coffee breaks and go to the bathroom. He is just as brutal when it comes to the farmers themselves—one of the primary reasons the department is in such bad shape is because farmers spend more money on their golf game than they do on politics.

The most critical shortcoming in his budget, he found, was the state's noxious weed control effort at \$200,000 per year, 30% of which funds the administrator, when in fact weeds are moving across the state like wildfire. His department has only 2.5 positions to market Idaho's agricultural products while its neighbor Washington has 14. And the department's computer division consisted of two people when Takasugi arrived; it's now four but a similar size department has a computer staff of at least 10. ■

—Contributor: Mam Wakasugi

## Aratani family donates \$5,000 to PSW internship



GEORGE ARATANI

LOS ANGELES—Prominent benefactors Sakaye and George Aratani donated \$5,000 to the JACL Pacific Southwest District internship fund, it was announced last week by National President Helen Kawagoe. The fund provides stipends to interns who work in the JACL office in the JACCC Building in Little Tokyo.

"We are deeply appreciative of George and Sakaye's many years of generous support for JACL and the Japanese American community," Kawagoe said. "Their donation will allow JACL to continue to

develop future leaders in the Japanese American community through the Los Angeles internship program."

The PSW-JACL Office offers full and part-time internship opportunities throughout the year on a wide range of projects, including advocacy on public policy issues, affirmative action, hate crimes, immigrant rights, Japanese Latin American redress campaign and outreach with college students and young adults.

Information: 213/626-4471. ■

## CONNECTION

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whole nation was on the march toward the east. In those days it was customary for the people of a defeated nation to be uprooted and transferred to a remote area so as to prevent them from regrouping and counterattacking. The fate of these Jewish refugees was not known until recently. It was thought that they simply disappeared into the desert or the ocean beyond. However, the truth of the matter is that many Jewish people had independently migrated to all points of the world as early as Babylonian times, and it is believed that the refugees were in contact with these people.

Taking the Silk Road, the Lost Tribe first came to China. Some scholars claim that the first emperor of the Chin Dynasty, Shi-Huang-ti, was Jewish. The successive Chinese governments vehemently deny this, but there is no denying that the Lost Tribe played an important role in the Chin Dynasty because of their engineering skills and their knowledge of the silk industry technique. Unfortunately, the Chin Dynasty fell shortly afterwards, and the Lost Tribe was on the march again, this time to ancient Japan. By this time, they had a fairly good idea of what Japan was like.

Upon arriving in Japan, the Lost Tribe intentionally concealed its true identity. They did not admit that they were from

the continent. Instead they invented a mythological tale that they had descended from heaven. Yet they claimed they were indigenous to Japan just as much as any other group. They advocated racial infusion by intermarriage.

Although they constituted a small percentage of the population, they left significant imprint on the life of the people. To begin with, Japan was then a new frontier. A majority were newcomers. There existed a cultural vacuum. The Lost Tribe, whose standard was higher, readily prevailed. Their way of living, habits and customs were quickly accepted by other groups. It became the overwhelming culture of the whole group. This is why orthodox Jews visiting Japan are charmed by the way people live there and fall under a strange illusion that they have returned to their own people. Some of them have decided to live in Japan permanently.

Now let us examine some of the statements scholars are making on this subject:

- 1) All the mythological figures in the ancient history of Japan are Jewish, including Izanagi-no-mikoto, Izanami-no-mikoto, Amaterasu-omikami, Susanono-mikoto, Emperor Jimmu, Emperor Suini, etc. For instance, Izanagi-no-mikoto, in Hebrew means, "Hurrah for King David."
- 2) In the Ise Shrine, where imperial ancestors are enshrined, the crest of King Herod is engraved in the main building. There is an avenue of more than

one hundred stone lanterns outside the shrine. On each one of them, crests of chrysanthemum, King Herod and King David, in that order, from top to bottom, are engraved. (Note: Chrysanthemum was used as a crest of kings in Babylonia and Israel).

3) Japan's Shinto religion is a replica of the Jewish religion Shinto. The architectural design of the shrine buildings is similar. Cypress is always used for lumber, the building is painted in red, and a pair of sitting stone lions are in front. (Note: Lions never lived in Japan). Both Shinto and Shinto disdain worship of idols.

4) The Japanese custom of celebrating the New Year is exactly the same as that of the Jewish Passover festival.

5) The Gion festival in Kyoto is identical with the Jewish festival celebrating the survival of Noah and his people from the great flood at Mt. Ararat. Date of the festival for both is July 17th.

6) There are numerous similar customs of the two people. The following are the most outstanding: Use of salt as a purifying agent, and washing and rinsing the body before entering the bath tub.

7) There are about 1500 Japanese words identical or similar to Jewish words.

All in all, it becomes a foregone conclusion that the Lost Tribe of Israel indeed came to Japan. As mentioned at the outset of this article, there was a widespread eastward movement of people originating in the Near

East, passing through the Asiatic continent and crossing the Bering Strait to North America and South America. If any members of a group did not make a detour in the vicinity of Japan but instead went down to settle on the Japanese archipelago, they would continue its movement eastward to reach the southern tip of South America. Any group that detoured to Japan was indeed fortunate.

In retrospect, the Lost Tribe was blessed with good fortune. Their undertaking is considered a huge success. However, the numerical strength of the Lost Tribe was not large enough to remain as an everlasting, dominant force. In the course of time, they were gradually and totally absorbed within the Yamato race, and finally their trace was completely lost.

The imperial family faithfully carried out teachings and traditions of the Lost Tribe. Even today, it is quite possible that the innermost circle within the imperial family is aware of the truth that their ancestral origin is rooted in the holy land of Israel. True, there is no more Allah, Jehovah, Yahweh and Abraham, but these gods and the prophet adopted new Japanese names, exerting absolute religious power over the people.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur proclaimed in the postwar period that Emperor Hirohito was human and not divine, and stipulated that mythological tales before the era of Emperor Suiko (593) must not be taught in

## Masunaga family gives \$5,000 to P.C., Youth Council

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation on Dec. 26 forwarded a \$5,000 check—\$2,500 for the *Pacific Citizen* and JACL National Youth Student Council—on behalf of the family of the late George Masunaga of San Jose. His widow, Michi Masunaga, is the donor, according to David J. Harris of the foundation.

Masanaga, who died in 1992 at age 78, was an orchardist in the Milpitas area with his brothers, Shigeru, one of the prewar stalwarts of the San Jose JACL, and Shiro. George was a World War II veteran, drafted before the war and because of his radio amateur experience was engaged in Army communications at the Presidio of San Francisco until all Nisei GIs on the West Coast were transferred to inland posts. He wound up at Fort Snelling, not at the MIS school, but with the reception center. He finally was sent overseas to the European front, not to the 442nd, but to Germany. The Masunaga family is active with the Wesley United Methodist Church.

This past week, Mrs. Masunaga told the *Pacific Citizen* she was touched by the P.C. articles written by the Youth/Student Council leaders as well as recognizing the value of the JACL's publication to the community and its members.

In acknowledgment, JACL National Director Herbert Yamanishi noted that funding for both programs remain inadequate "so it is with great appreciation that we received the added support." ■

school. This was a policy in the right direction, but was not far reaching because of the lack of historical facts available at the time.

Meanwhile, the Japanese government tenaciously clings to the policy not to unravel the truth of Japan's mythological past. They have prohibited the excavation of any imperial tombs older than the 5th century. "Don't unearth undesirable artifacts!" is their motto. Japan is the only country that pursues such a closed barbaric policy concerning its past.

However, despite the long history of suppression of archaeological studies, a new trend is now emerging. Out of cloistered Japan comes a new cry, loud and clear. "Search for the truth in ancient Japan!" or, "Did the Lost Tribe of Israel establish the imperial family?"

Some twenty books were written on the subject, and they are all selling. Some scholars predict that, with the advancement of DNA technology, a final verdict on this subject may be handed down before long.

I have noticed hesitancy on the part of Jewish scholars on this subject. The discovery of the long-lost tribe of Israel is one thing, but acceptance of the imperial family of Japan as their blood brother is another matter. How would the victims of Nazi persecution react to the imperial family that offered full support to Hitler? It would be interesting to observe. ■

**BOOK REVIEW**—In an upcoming PC issue, Oda will review a book on the Lost Tribe of Israel.



# A new Nikkei neighborhood

## Over 5,600 Nihonjin reside in Boston area

BROOKLINE, Mass.—Girdling metropolitan Boston in a semi-circular fashion around its western edge is Interstate 95 (the same numbered interstate around the eastern rim of Washington, D.C.), about 20 miles from the hub at Boston Commons.

According to the 1980 census, there were about 4,500 Japanese in Massachusetts. The number has soared to nearly 10,000 in 1995, according to an official at the Japanese consulate. (Statwide, there were 144,000 Asian Pacific Islanders in the 1990 census tally.)

One of the neighborhoods where recently arrived Japanese (*Nihonjin* or Japanese national) live is Brookline, where there are about 1,000 *Nihonjin*, according to Emiko Binns of the Japanese Association of Greater Boston. "It is getting easier for Japanese, particularly young people, to come to the U.S. to stay to learn in colleges, even to study just English for some months," says Binns.

Most of them are couples in their 30s with children, "and probably not permanent residents...[but are here] to study in the universities or are in business," confirmed Yumi Shindo Quinn, manager of a travel office that opened last January. "Most of our customers are working for Japanese corporations and are assigned by them to research and study in the universities around here," she explained.

Japanese bookstore co-owner Karen Yahara recently told reporter Kazuyuki Hirano, a graduate of Northeastern University, that Japanese people want to live in Brookline because of the safe atmosphere and good schools. Her bookstore, Sasuga, first opened



JAPANESE-OWNED restaurants and a French-style bakery outside of Boston cater to Brookline, Mass., residents. About 10,000 Nikkei live in the state, close to 1,000 in multi-cultural Brookline, famous as the birthplace of John F. Kennedy. Also pictured is his home, above, 83 Beals St.



shop in nearby Cambridge.

Yuko Watanabe, an intern at the Japan Society of Boston, which consists of 400 U.S. and 400 Japanese members residing in the area, said she came three years ago and chose Boston for graduate study in political science. "I think Japanese can feel comfortable living in this area because they can do things they do in Japan. For example, you can do grocery shopping by getting off a subway train on the way home, just like in Tokyo. But if you live in the suburbs

in this country, you'd have to buy tons of food at one time to fill your refrigerator. You can't do it without a car."

Watanabe noted Japanese tend to live in certain areas where other Japanese have lived, as they have done in Atlanta and New York. "The same tendency appears here," as people have heard of Brookline before leaving Japan. She revealed 20 Japanese members in the society are married to Americans, and the wives looked for an association to catch up with

the Japanese community.

"There's everything here, like Japanese food, Japanese books and Japanese people to talk to," one wife commented. "I sometimes feel like I don't need to speak English living here."

Kay Polga, in charge of the Japanese bilingual program at Lincoln School, said there were 100 Japanese students enrolled this past semester, most of them in ESL (English as Second Language) classes as well as continuing with

their Japanese language studies. There are currently 50-60 Japanese students at Lawrence School, grades K-8, according to Teruko Shirahama, the Japanese language teacher. She also speculated their parent's preference for Brookline was due to excellent medical facilities nearby.

A final note: Brookline has eight Japanese restaurants, six of them opening this past year. Many more in Boston, of course.—Chicago Shimpo. ■

## HOPE

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in the world as they have done for centuries. Their sense of connectedness to the ancient presence becomes very contemporary when the art of remembering grants them insight and wisdom for meeting the challenges to their survival and integrity as a people, a culture that is always evolving.

Often in our modern desires for progressive development, we focus on how we hurriedly move through time or how time moves on without us and overlook that sense of time and history that is flowing through us. How are we historical selves? How do we embody this sense of time?

THIS IS THE gift of having lived in the Aymara world, to have experienced a natural rhythm of remembering that is an integral part of their earth based cosmo-vision. The dimensions of the present are deepened as they are connected to the past and therefore touches a life force for the future, engendering a tenacious hope. There is a oneness to life in the altiplano because it is relational and interconnected. In our modern urban and suburban worlds in the U.S., it is necessary for us to be more deliberate in creating spaces for remembering and community, to recognize that it is an art that we cannot afford to neglect.

It is good to see that as Japanese Americans we have initiated various events of remembrance, particularly in relation to internment and World War II. Yet, we are not

limited to this. We have a rich heritage from which to draw upon - from New Year's celebrations to Obon festivals - and our life experiences to foster this art of memory and sense of community. It is in our stories and story about where we came from, acculturating to a new country that was not always welcoming yet promising, bringing new challenges and new requirements for living yet not forgetting how to live, really, as a community of hope.

Perhaps it is in making the time and creating the spaces to listen to our elder's stories and each of our stories that we can come to know and share with others our collective wisdom. Are we passing these skills, this wisdom on to the next generations well?

The other morning there was a power outage on our block here in North Berkeley due to the winter rainstorm. It was longer than the usual few minutes, lasting over four hours. The digital clock was not showing the time in its usual red glow.

It reminded me of my quiet mornings in Chinhera when the sun would awaken me. I enjoyed that fact that my time was not chopped up in increments and that I was not confined to move myself and my life that morning according to an external measure. I was appreciative for the opportunity to experience and remember what it is like to live with a different sense of time that is more internally attuned. It is at moments such as these that I discover a connectedness to a deeper sense of time, a connectedness to history, to ancestors

and to the generations to come.

As I write, I am acutely aware of the present hostage situation in Lima, Peru where time must feel suspended and suspenseful for all involved, especially the hostages and their families. Deeply concerned for a peaceful resolution, I have felt suspended these past few days, especially realizing that I had met some of those being held captive during my years in Peru and most recently, at the PANA Nikkei gathering in Lima in 1995.

It has also carried me back to the reality in Peru. What has happened is not to be condoned but, unfortunately, is understandable. Violence is not an acceptable alternative as it only escalates a spiral of violence. Yet difficult conditions and stark contrasts can cause it to fester like an infected wound.

Although recent economic policies in Peru have reduced inflation from 7,650 percent in 1990 to only 10 percent at present, the sector of the population living in poverty has increased from 46 to 49 percent in the past two years. Education is still inadequate as the figure of 93 percent of children who do not have access to school books starkly shows and 85 percent of workers do not have full time jobs. Yet Lima has had a superficial face-lift with new office towers, five-star hotels, elegant shops and new franchises with U.S. companies.

Even as 74 hostages remain inside the Japanese Ambassador's residence, there is hope in the fact that the militants of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) have been willing to dialogue and negotiate. (Note: The

Aymara people and MRTA are not the same group.) They have also treated their captives with a degree of calmness and respect, engaging in discussions and have made gestures of goodwill in releasing hostages.

There is hope in the goodwill of Pres. Fujimori and the government as they maintain negotiations and resist a military intervention that could result in the loss of life. There is hope in the efforts and courage of the different mediators, from the Red Cross personnel, the Catholic bishop from Ayacucho, the released ambassadors.

There is hope in the Peruvian people as they enthusiastically greeted the released hostages, maintained prayer vigils, and sang Christmas carols to those still within the residence. There is hope in the solidarity and gestures of support from around the world.

I hope and believe that a peaceful and satisfactory resolution is truly possible, a turning point and new beginning for Peru. There is hope in that which is timeless and hope for that which takes time, the wellbeing and fullness of life for all people. ■

## RECONCILE

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prewar Japanese communities.

Now, what do we do? It starts at the local chapters. Take one or even both courses of action if the need arises: demand a plebiscite for reconciliation and/or call for a resolution of reconciliation. In both actions it is to include all living and departed Fair Play Committee members and all other alienated

Japanese Americans and groups. The demand for a plebiscite can be called for before or during the convention. This action will give a true reading on this issue. With every JACL member given an equal vote, it will be inclusive and conclusive. It will truly be the voice of the membership.

The second course is to submit the reconciliation resolution at the convention to the point of delegation voting which is also fraught with unexpected technicalities. This method was tried in the past. Therefore, it is the rank and file to be vigilant to assure the integrity in each step of the process.

Remember there is only one more national convention left in this millennium. Appropriately, it will be on July 4, 1998, in historic Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. What an ideal venue to try the "Reconciliation Resolution." No matter how this issue is resolved, it will tell us what we Nisei are made of.

Silence in the past led us to the gates of America's concentration camps. We must not fall into the *shikatananai* (can't be helped) syndrome trap. What we must do is not to let this issue go unresolved as the last Nisei goes to the Maker. What kind of a legacy is this to leave to our next generations? Let the title of this chapter be titled: "Reconciliation of the Millennium: Nisei home together after a half century."

A final word to all rank-and-filers. Follow the conviction of that great Greek philosopher Socrates who stated back in 399 BC that "the unexamined life is not worth living." ■



## Obituaries

All towns are in California except as noted.

**Abe, Leslie H.**, 80, Minneapolis, Dec. 9; San Diego-born businessman, survived by son Theodore K., brother Toshio, predeceased by wife Fukuko, son Stephen.

**Aguller, Akemi**, 52, Las Vegas, Dec. 3; Japan-born, 23-year local resident, survived by father Jose, sisters Minerva Vales, Rhonda Nieves, Ramona Becker (Escondido).

**Arakawa, James T.**, Chicago, Dec. 10 (sv); survived by mother Missa, brother Man.

**Asakura, Virginia**, 73, Las Vegas, Dec. 26; Michigan-born, 5-year local resident, survived by husband Taz, sister Betty Corindo (Kalamazoo).

**Fujita, Himeko**, Chicago, Oct. 16 (sv); survived by sons Yoshio, Frank, daughters Hunko Tadamaru, Bessie Miyata, Jessie Morisato, Anna Chieko Saki, 8 g., 11 g., 99c.

**Ge, Ben T.**, 75, Weiser, Idaho, Nov. 21; Seattle-born farmer, survived by wife Joan Kubosumi, sons Gary (Priest River, Idaho), Rick (Boise), Casey, Tony (both Salt Lake City), 2 g., twin brother Jim (Ontario).

**Harano, Dr. Regier David**, 95, Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 3; Berkeley-born Topaz internee and postwar North Platte, Neb. resident, graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, retired colonel U.S. Army chaplain (1963-1993) in Vietnam, Germany, Japan and various U.S. posts.

Survived by wife Audrey Onwiler, daughter Elizabeth Marie Adams (Des Moines), son David (Warner Robins, Ga.), mother Chieko (North Platte), brothers Robert (Colorado Springs), Randall (Ontario, Ore.), R. Paul (Houston), sisters Betty Ann Akoyama (Columbia, Md.), Helen Christ (Mount City, Mo.), Kay Kanayama (Japan), Gail Cunningham (Leawood, Kan).

**Hida, Hida**, 93, Wauwatosa, Wis., Dec. 29; Gilroy, Calif.-born, survived by sons Allan, Edward, 6 g., sisters Shu Hironaka, Shizuko, Mitsuhiko, predeceased by husband Howard.

**Inouye, Gaezer Asao**, 80, Sacramento, Dec. 7; Florin-born, Sacramento JACL pres. (54), survived by two sisters, one brother.

**Kariya, Shunji**, 79, Ontario, Ore., Nov. 11; Tacoma-born, postwar operator of Eastside Florists with husband Yoneaki, survived by husband, daughters Sharon

Wada, Sandra Shannon (Bonita Springs, Fla.), 2 g., 1 g., c., brother Minoru Nakamura, sister Yoshie Hironaka (Ontario).

**Kozumi, Michael S.**, 49, Las Vegas, Dec. 26; Reno-born civil engineer, captain in Army Corps of Engineers (73), Nevada Board of Registered Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors member (since '90), survived by wife Cheryl, sons Jeremy, Michael, mother Ann (Reno), brother Carl.

**Kuge, Sumi**, 95, Fruitland, Idaho, Nov. 9; Japan-born naturalized U.S. citizen, prewar Hood River resident, survived by daughter Ruth Sasaki (Caldwell), sons Roy (Weiser), Tad (San Jose, Calif.), 17 g., 20 g., 2 g., 99c.

**Masaki, Mamoru**, 74, Ojai, Feb. 23; prewar Burbank H.S. varsity football player, Tau Beta Pi engineering honor at Caltech, Illinois Tech graduate during WWII, first Nisei supervisor-manager at San Diego Convair, survived by wife Christine, children Mark, Geoffrey, Miles, Roxanne, 6 g.

**Minamoto, Yuki**, 81, Oakland, Oct. 24; Oakland-born, survived by brother Howard, sister Lou, predeceased by brother Toshi, sister Ito Umeki.

**Mori, Jane Kyono**, 81, Ontario, Ore., Dec. 19; Hood River, Ore.-born, survived by sons Sam, David, 1 g., predeceased by husband Ted, brothers Fred, Frank and John Kyono, sister Sakae Ogawa.

**Mukai, George K.**, Chicago, Oct. 16 (sv); WWII veteran, survived by wife Lily, son Ronald, daughters Madeline Bartell, Shariene, 4 g., sons Alice Kawamura, Arlene Sasaki, Mrs. Jack Sumi.

**Nakamura, Dorothy H.**, Sacramento, Oct. 25; real estate firm owner of 40 years, survived by daughters Donna, Helen Napoleon, 2 g., 1 g.

**Nakano, Harry**, 65, San Jose, Sept. 26; Salinas-born, survived by son David, 4 stepchildren, 5 g., brothers Charles, Donald, sister Marian Masada, May Morgan, Earlryn, predeceased by wife Dolores, brothers James, Robert.

**Nakashige, Masami**, 71, Torrance, Aug. 12; Kent, Wash.-born 442nd veteran, survived by wife Rita, daughter Mae, sisters Sally Nishi, Mary Kono, Jean Oki, brother

George, Kazuo.

**Nitta, Mitsuo**, 93, Cleveland, Oct. 29; Japan-born, survived by daughter Tenko Davis, 4 g., 5 g., 2 g., 99c.

**Naritoku, Motoko Lillian**, Chicago, Dec. 16 (sv); survived by husband George, sons Russell, Dean, daughter Lori, 3 g., brothers, Tatsu Ishiyama, Tetsuo (Jpn), sister Myoko.

**Nishida, James Kazuo**, 84, Sacramento, Nov. 12; Courtland-born, survived by wife Kimiyu, daughters Jane Kaubie (Irvine), Joyce Leavitt, Patsy Monson, Katherine (Orangevale), son Richard, 9 g., 4 g., brothers Bob, Frank (Stockton), Itsumi, Itsumi, Yoshio, Shichio, Yoko (Irvine), 16; Santa Ana-born farmer, 442nd (L) veteran, trustee of UC Davis Foundation Board, World Affairs Council of Orange County director, prewar Cal Aggie football star and All Conference honoree for four years, UC Davis Athletic Hall of Fame (91), director of Orange Production Credit Assn. for 13 years, Orange County Grand jury, 35-year member Orange Rotary, survived by wife Toki of 53 years, son Robert (Manhattan Beach), daughters Elizabeth Maxson (Newport Beach), Frances Barnes (Irvine), Constance Curtis (Oakland), 1 g., brother Minoru (Irvine).

**Noma, Arthur Akitsuru**, Kensington, Md., Nov. 20; survived by wife Saki, son Elliot (Metuchen, N.J.), brother Kenneth (Minneapolis), sister Iris Ataji (Downers Grove, Ill.).

**Odade, Kimiko**, 83, San Jose, Nov. 15; Gresham, Ore.-born and longtime resident of Weiser, Idaho; survived by sons Henry (Wisla), Fred (Columbus, Ohio), daughters Grace, Eiko Buswell (Morgantown, W. Va.), 1 g., sister Chieko Yoshinaka (Portland), predeceased by husband Frank and infant son Roy.

**Ohki, Edwin**, 73, Santa Rosa, Oct. 23; Livingston-born, 442nd (E) veteran, wife Sonoma County JACLer, survived by wife Anne, daughter Julie Takeda, 2 g., brothers Robert, Kenneth, sister Anne Maeda.

**Oki, Itsumi Jack**, 71, Las Vegas, Dec. 16; Wisconsin-born retired senior research chemist, WWII veteran, 10-year local resident, survived by son Raymond (Exton Pa.), daughter Julie Miller (Pasadena), sisters Fumi Akiochi (Watsonville), Hina Hirozawa (Salinas), Aileen Oita (San Francisco), brother Katsushi (Seattle).

**Okane, Hisa**, 90, Hayward, June 17; Totoni-born, survived by daughters Masie Yamauchi (Cleveland), Jack Gnoshe (Alamogordo, N.M.).

**Okubo, Kameo John**, 76, Sacramento, Dec. 8; survived by wife May, brothers Jack, Saburo, Nobuo, sisters Tsugiko Shintaku, Hatsuko Kanda, Dorothy K. Yoshida, Hideo Sakai.

**Otani, Adrian Tokujiro**, Chicago, Nov. 30 (sv); survived by mother Raquel, predeceased by father Miko.

**Otani, Bessie O.**, 78, Sacramento, Dec. 8; Lodi-born, survived by sons Wayne, Mark, Steve, 3 g., sister Sue Yonimatsu (Los Angeles).

**Quay, Lena Suga**, 80, Spokane, Sept. 12; Whitefish, Mont.-born, survived by daughter Ardath Woo (Seattle), 2 g., brother Ben (Yankton, S.D.).

**Shimano, Hiroshi**, 45, Chicago, Oct. 31; Japan-born Concordia College graduate, travel agent, survived by father and 3 brothers in Japan.

**Shimizu, Dick Umetero**, 91, Spokane, Nov. 4; Shiga-born, survived by wife of 66 years Sueko, son Asei, daughter Amy Bradgon, 4 g., 4 g.

**Shinkawa, Akio**, 71, Spicewood, Texas, Nov. 8; Kumamoto-born, Univ. of Hawaii graduate in home economics, piano teacher, accomplished porcelain and china painter, eldest daughter of the Rev. Masataro and Fumiko Shigematsu, Congregational Church missionaries in Hawaii in 1953, Houston JACLer, survived by husband of 45 years, Shigeo, MD; sons Paul (Austin), Sidney MD (Kihel, Maui), Asa (Pensacola, Fla.), 3 g., 1 brother, 2 sisters.

**Shirahama, Edith Kasai**, 76, Spokane (no date reported); social worker, Spokane JACLer, survived by daughters Gloria, Geri Neir (Salem, Ore.), 5 g., 2 g., brother Leonard and sister Jean Soejima.

**Taketa, Jun**, Chicago, Dec. 8 (sv); survived by wife Phyllis, sons Ford, Brian, daughters Beverly Sakayue, Marni, 4 g.

**Taki, George K.**, 80, Chicago, Dec. 10; survived by wife Marni, daughter Sono, son Dennis, 2 g.

**Tani, Joyce S.**, Chicago, Dec. 14 (sv); survived by brothers Richard, James.

**Tanihara, Mineko**, Sacramento, Nov. 13; Sacramento-born, survived by daughters Peggy Kamoto, Yvonne Onodera, Nancy Okamoto, son Fred, 9 g., 4 g., brothers

David, Sam Sugimoto, sisters Miki Ogata, Chiyoko Sugimoto, Masako Tamura.

**Teone, Ben F.**, Chicago, Nov. 14; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Asako, son Richard, James, Ronald, daughter Eileen Niimi, 5 g., c., sister Kinuyo Tsukiyama, Masako Tsukiyama, aikido Oyama.

**Togami, Art**, 77, Las Lunas, N.M., Dec. 3; Albuquerque-born farmer, New Mexico JACL pres. (52), survived by wife Evelyn, sons Steve, Robert, daughter Shirley Yonemoto, brother Henry, Jim, Paul, Joe, sisters Susie, Marie.

**Toukumaki, Ben T.**, 77, Ontario, Ore., Dec. 19; Kent, Wash.-born market operator, charter Ontario Rotary Club member, Snake River Valley JACLer, survived by wife Ethel, daughters Carolyn Thompson (Eugene, Ore.), Ethel Nishiyama (Maui), son Bill (Bellevue, Wash.), brothers, 8 g., brothers Frank, Susumu (Seattle), sister Mary Miyamoto (Los Angeles).

**Tsutsumi, Masayuki**, 78, Sacramento, Oct. 26; 32-year employee of Southern Pacific RR, retired in 1980, survived by wife Tomiko, 1 g.

**Wakita, Minoru**, 76, Las Vegas, Nov. 11; Los Angeles-born retired import company executive, 8-year local resident, survived by wife Kyoko, son Wayne, 1 g., 1 g., brother George (Jpn).

**Yamada, Frank J.**, 68, Spokane (no date reported); Tacoma-born retired businessman, survived by wife of 43 years Eltsuko, daughter Marj Steck, son Tim (Torrance, Calif.), 2 g., brother James, sisters Chieko Sakurai (Gardena), Kiyu Nishimura (Chicago).

**Yamashita, Georganne**, 40, Folsom, Oct. 28; Fairfield, Ohio-born, survived by daughter Erika, mother Joanne Falls (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) and family.

**Yamashita, Tokio**, 83, Yakima, Wash., Oct. 29; Seattle-born Idaho onion-potato grower, lifetime Boise Valley JACLer, served nine years on the Pleasant Ridge, Idaho, school board, survived by wife of 58 years, Mary Ishida, daughter Phyllis Chang (Hong Kong), Karen Lee, 2 g., brothers Rev. Kiyoshi (Berkeley), sisters Jane Yamamoto (Reno), Shirley Yamamoto (Cascadia, Idaho).

**Yokota, Kimi**, 75, Chicago, Nov. 26 (sv); survived by brother Keisuke Nagai (Jpn).

## APS

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munity based services for Asian Pacific Islanders.

"This is a first step in building a strategic foundation that will connect the disenfranchised with necessary resources," says Haggerty. "This report underscores the importance of learning about the many facets of the fastest growing community in L.A. County which will make up 14% of the County's total by the year 2000."

Ten thousand "Asian Pacific Profiles" reports will be distributed to various organizations and groups throughout the community. The United Way has also published a companion volume, "Asian Pacific Factfinder: Los Angeles County." It includes detailed statistical tables that the report was based on. If you would like a copy of the report or more information, please call the United Way of Greater Los Angeles at 213/630-2127.

United Way was founded in 1962 and raised \$8 million dollars in the period covering 1995 and '96. Every year United Way's Community Care Fund gives money to services that help 311,000 Asian Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County. Some of the organizations funded by the United Way are the Japanese Community Services Center, Asian American Drug Abuse Program, and the Asian Youth Center.

## LOCKE

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of education, calling it the "great

equalizer" that allowed him to realize his goals and dreams. "...I am passionately committed to developing a world-class system of education," promised Locke. "To meet the growing demand for education in our colleges and universities, a proposal to increase enrollment, to improve quality, and to provide more management flexibility while insisting on greater productivity and accountability." Locke assured Washington's citizens that his office will make education the primary focus in every budget.

With the recent passage of harsh federal welfare reform laws, it

wasn't surprising that welfare placed high on Locke's list of priorities. "I will propose a system that puts work first — a system designed to help people in need build on their strengths rather than be paralyzed by their problems," said Locke. "To make welfare reform succeed, we need to become partners with the business community to find jobs and to improve training programs, so

that every entry-level job in Washington is the first step on a career ladder rather than a treadmill that keeps the poor stuck in place. And to make work the solution to poverty, we will make sure that work pays better than public assistance."

A few days before his inaugural address Locke announced his staff appointments, which include three

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## LOCKE

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Asian Americans. Japanese-American Marsha Tadano Long becomes the head of the Department of General Administration; her previous job was deputy supervisor for administration at the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Licensing will be headed up by Evelyn Yenson, a Chinese American. Yenson had been the director of the Washington State Lottery. A second JA, Bruce Miyahara, will remain as the head of the Department of Health.

Locke concluded his inaugural speech with the announcement

that he and his wife are expecting their first child in March. "...in very rapid succession, I will be blessed with two titles that carry immense responsibility and immense honor: Governor and Dad," commented Locke. "As the advent of fatherhood gets closer, I am more and more conscious that everything I do as governor — and everything we do together — we do for our children.

"For our children and yours, I want to foster a new century of personal responsibility, of community, and of hope and optimism."

## EXCERPT

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not just for kids anymore. For the next century, the paramount duty of this state will be to create an education system for lifelong learning — a system that every person regardless of age can plug into for basic skills, professional advancement or personal enrichment.

• My second principle is to promote civility, mutual respect and

unity, and to oppose measures that divide, disrespect, or diminish our humanity. I want our state to build on the mainstream values of equal protection and equal opportunity, and to reject hate, violence and bigotry. And I want our state to be known as a place where elected officials lead by example.

• My third principle is to judge every public policy by whether it helps or hurts Washington's working families. Everyone who works hard and lives responsibly ought to be rewarded with economic security, the opportunity to learn and to advance in their chosen field of work, and the peace of mind that comes from knowing that the essential services their families need — like health care insurance and child care — will be affordable and accessible. And every senior citizen who has spent a lifetime contributing to the freedom and prosperity we enjoy deserves dignity and security.

• My fourth principle is to protect our environment, so that future generations enjoy the same natural beauty and abundance we cherish today.

## HAPA

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nese. I've tried to be Japanese all my life."

Omoto's father's parents weren't thrilled about their new daughter-in-law. "If I did something wrong my Japanese relatives would say, did your mother teach you that?" he says. His maternal grandparents were more understanding of the union. But in the end, his parents separated.

Omoto has learned to move past his painful youth and says he's pretty happy now. "I look beyond races," he says. "I judge people on their personality."

"In the United States there's an obsession with skin color," says Rika Houston, a hapa of African American and Japanese Hawaiian descent. She's run into people who tell her "Houston" can't be her last name, and a family physician once marked her down as a Pacific Islander without even asking about her background.

Her father was stationed in Japan after the Korean War when he met his Japanese wife. Houston was born in Tokyo but her family moved back to the U.S. when she was a child. Relatives on her father's side disowned the family after the marriage, but she remains close to her Japanese relatives.

"This society tends to marginalize everyone who's different," says Houston. "As a child growing up you go through a lot of pain but you have to find a middle ground somewhere and say, if you don't like it, too bad."

Houston has found her middle ground. She is happily married to a Chinese American, is raising one child and is pregnant with her second. "Our house is always very lively," says Houston. "We celebrate Oshogatsu, then we celebrate the American New Year, and then Chinese New Year."

"The big issue in my house is what kind of rice to eat, Chinese or Japanese," explains Houston. So what does the family do? They eat rice that's half Chinese and half Japanese, she says. Or, whoever makes it to the rice cooker first.

Catherine Royer has red hair, pale skin, and light eyes. "My appearance is very much part of the mainstream," explains Royer. "But inside I'm not. That's because Royer is a hapa. Her mother is part Thai and English; Her

father is of Scottish and Irish descent.

Royer was raised by her Eurasian mother and her African American stepfather. "It was a strange situation to grow up in she says, not looking like either one of her parents. "Identity has been a concern all my life," she explains.

During her university years Royer's mother sent her on a trip to Thailand. It was her awakening, she says, for she found herself in Thailand. As soon as Royer returned to the United States she began to study Chinese because Thai classes weren't available at that time.

Royer believes that the increase in hapa children is inevitable because of the increase in immigration to the United States. But she thinks that's a positive thing. "For those of us of mixed race, we feel a connectedness to everyone."

A radio talk show host once turned to Tia Hoffer and said, "I can't believe how healthy you are." Hoffer had been a guest on the show discussing hapa issues. She says many people still have this misconception about multiracial children.

Hoffer is a hapa of Asian and European descent. Her mother is a Japanese Hawaiian and her father is a Russian German Jew.

Born and raised in a predominantly white neighborhood, Hoffer says she "stood out like a sore thumb." When she was younger everyone thought she was Asian, but she found that as she got older people assumed she was Caucasian.

When you're born plays an important role in being multiracial, says Hoffer. Younger generations are dealing with hapa issues much better because it's more accepted today. "Some don't even see it as being a problem," she says.

The passage at this panel discussion in Little Tokyo was a positive one. People have to realize that "their ethnic background is actually an advantage," says Houston. "They have the best of both worlds."

Information: Hapa Issues Forum at 510/466-5859.

Information: Marina/Scan Hapa mixer with video and group discussion, Feb. 6, Burton Chase Park in Marina del Rey: Wayne Nagata, 310/670-1089.

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The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is seeking an energetic, organized and highly motivated individual to fill a key position at its newspaper, the *Pacific Citizen*. For questions, contact Richard Uno through the JACL by phone: 415/921-2225; fax: 415/931-4671; or e-mail: JACL@hooked.net.

## Editor/General Manager

The Japanese American Citizens League seeks a person to be Editor and General Manager of the *Pacific Citizen*. The person chosen will be in charge of overseeing and supervising the semi-monthly newspaper with a circulation of over 20,000 and a staff of four to eight people, depending on the season.

Position requires experience (five years preferred) in editing, writing and managing publications, and personnel supervision. Knowledge of and experience with the Japanese American Community preferred. Computer experience required, experience in the use of Pagemaker a plus.

Responsibilities include hands-on involvement in the conceptualization of issues and articles, assigning stories, photography, editing, writing and rewriting when necessary, layout, and production. Periodic travel involved, including evenings and weekends.

Salary is competitive with positions of comparable experience and responsibility. Excellent fringe benefit package provided. Send cover letter, resume, and work samples to: Richard Uno, Japanese American Citizens League, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 or fax to 415/931-4671. E-mail questions to JACL@hooked.net.

## JACL Membership Administrator

National Headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is seeking an energetic, organized and highly motivated individual to manage its membership program and membership database of over 22,300 members. The person chosen will be responsible for the development and administration of the JACL membership database in Access and JACL membership services such as health and long term care insurance programs, credit union services, etc. Must have excellent management and computer database programming, ability to work well with people, and above average communication skills. Nonprofit membership management experience, and knowledge/experience with Microsoft Access, Excel and Word for Windows is preferred. Excellent benefit package provided. Hiring range \$28,860 - \$31,500, depending on experience and qualifications.

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Applications closing date: Friday, January 31, 1997.

## 1997 PC Schedule

Deadline	Issue	Deadline	Issue
Jan. 3	Jan. 10	June 27	July 4
Jan. 17	Jan. 24	July 11	July 18
Jan. 31	Feb. 7	July 25	Aug. 1
Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Aug. 8	Aug. 15
Feb. 28	March 7	Aug. 29	Sept. 5
March 14	March 21	Sept. 12	Sept. 19
March 28	April 4	Sept. 26	Oct. 3
April 11	April 18	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
April 25	May 2	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
May 9	May 16	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
May 30	June 6	Nov. 30	Dec. 19
June 13	June 20		

## UPCOMING 1997 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS

TAUCK STEAMBOATIN-GULF COAST-NEW ORLEANS (8 days)	FEB 18
GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA (incl shows, 6 days)	MAR 22
JAPAN SPRING ADVENTURE (Takayama Fest, 12 days)	APR 11
CAPITALS OF EASTERN EUROPE (16 days)	MAY 10
DISCOVER RHODE ISLAND & CAPE COD (8 days)	JUN 6
CANADIAN ROCKIES-VICTORIA (8 days)	JUN 18
JAPAN SUMMER ADVENTURE (10 days)	JUL 7
TAUCK COLORADO NATIONAL PARKS (8 days)	SEP 4
EUROPEAN INTERLUDE (12 days)	SEP 9
MAUI GOLF HOLIDAY (8 days)	SEP
TENNESSEE-BRANSON-KENTUCKY (Shoji Tabuchi Show, 9 days)	SEP 13
EAST COAST/FALL FOLIAGE (11 days)	OCT 5
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (10 days)	OCT 13
PRINCESS PANAMA CANAL CRUISE (Early Booking Discount, 10 days)	NOV 15

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