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JACL graduate, undergraduate scholar awardees.

## Key players from redress movement gather for conference at UCLA

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

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LOS ANGELES—What could have been a battle of egos turned out to be more of an understanding of differences as over 60 key players from the decade-long Japanese American redress campaign gathered to discuss the historic civil rights movement at the "Voices of

JA Redress" conference at UCLA on Sept. 11-13.

More than nine years have passed since the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, a bill that brought reparations and apologies to more than 80,000 JAs who'd suffered through the internment camps of World War II. And over the years, the redress story has

been told by various individuals and organizations who played significant roles in the historic movement. But with the conference came an opportunity to finally bring all those stories together.

So as the video cameras rolled and the audiocassettes recorded, various representatives from the JACL, the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), and the National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR), World War II veterans and draft resisters, politicians, civil rights ac-

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Representative Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) speaking at the Redress Conference at UCLA. (Seated from left): Former Congressman Norman Mineta and Grant Ujifusa.

## Chinese American councilman acquitted of shoplifting bares his personal toll

WALNUT, Calif.—Last April 24, Walnut City Councilman Joaquin Lim was accused of shoplifting \$27 worth of groceries and merchandise from a supermarket in Diamond Bar. The first-term councilman was tried on a misdemeanor charge of petty theft at the Pomona Municipal Court the week before Labor Day.

On Sept. 2 the jury deliberated for an hour and found him not guilty. The seven women and five men didn't think Lim had intended to shoplift items. He was stopped by security guards outside the supermarket. Lim said, only to use a pay phone to return a call after being paged with two quick beeps. He had accidentally left the store without paying for the items.

The jury foreman Tamra Grimes told the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reporter the panel believed the prosecution never proved Lim intentionally stole the items. She added some of her colleagues relat-

ed they had done the same thing. And the jurors didn't think Lim would jeopardize his political career over a shoplifting charge.

This past week Lim said the court battle took its toll on himself and the family. "The pain and suffering that I've gone through the past four months is just beyond words. I've lost about 20 pounds." He said his innocence was obvious when the verdict was rendered after 45 minutes of deliberation. "That speaks for itself."

"One of the reasons that I (sought) justice is so my kids would not have to live under a cloud, so to speak.... I never, never want to put my children through any kind of humiliation. I never want my kids to feel otherwise about their father."

Lim was elected to the city council in 1995. Other council members were generally behind him during the case. He said the victory in court has renewed his interest in running for a second term. ■

## PSW YOUTH RAP

## 'Identity' and what it means to be a 'J.A.' launches young adults to dialogue

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

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LET'S face it. Sometimes it's just easier for young people to speak their minds when they're in a room full of their peers, outside the hearing distance of their elders.

So that's exactly what more than 30 Asian American youth and students did as they got together to

discuss their identity and various issues at a JACL Youth/Student Council-sponsored young adult rap session at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center on Aug. 19.

Bridge, National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), Hapa Issues Forum (HIF), and Pacific Ties were



YOUTH RAP PARTICIPANTS—(back row from left): Ayako Hagihara (NCRR), Hiromi Ueha (national youth/student council chair), Kei Nagao, Christina Nagao (Berkeley Chapter), Jeremy Akuso (Pacific Ties), and (front): Nicole Inouye (national youth/student representative).

some of the Asian American groups who attended the event, including several Asian American student groups such as Tomonokai of UC Irvine, the Nikkei Student Union of UCLA, and the Japanese Student Association of Cal State Fullerton.

Like many of the students at the speak-out, Mika Tanner of HIF, a Berkeley based student group that focuses on multicultural issues, doesn't like the use of generational labels in the JA community. "If you continue to define the JA community that way you'll exclude a lot of people," she said. Tanner is Hapa, half Japanese and half Caucasian, and like many other JAs today, the labels of Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei simply don't apply to her. "I think it's important that people rethink how the community is structured," she said.

Much of the JA community today is static, said Tanner. At most of the community events she attends, World War II and the internment camps are the overriding topics of discussion. For her and many young JAs today the camps are not

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By HARRY K. HONDA

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DENVER—The original gopher logo designed by Chris Ishii for the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) after it had moved in May 1942 from the Presidio of San Francisco to Camp Savage, Minn., was, for all intents and purposes, put to rest this past week (Sept. 13) by a majority of representatives from the eight Nisei MIS veterans clubs.

The MISLS emblem designed by Ssgt. Ishii while he was at Savage in 1943, was used on school sta-



## Original MIS logo of 50 years laid to rest

tionery and publications and given permanence in plaques. "What the mule is to the Army, the lion to MGM, the gopher is to the MIS Language School," early MIS graduates remember.

Honor by Fire author Lyn Crost writes that the former Disney Studio artist had designed the logo in honor of Minnesota's state animal as "a snarling gopher ready to fight." In *Yankee Samurai*, author Joseph Harrington said Ishii tried "his best (to make the gopher) to look warlike."

Upon motion by Ken Sato of the MIS-Northwest Association, Seattle, before an informal session, assembled the final day of the national MIS reunion hosted by the Rocky Mountain club, the proposal that the gopher logo be changed was adopted, though not unanimously.

MIS-Hawaii Club president Dr. Howard Furumoto, one of the 14 Nisei with Merrill's Marauders, remarked the MIS logo will be included with the 100th and 442nd Infantry's for the Hawaii AJA Veterans monument now being completed at Fort De Russy in Honolulu. "It's too late to put up something new and different," he observed.

MIS-SoCal's Victor Abe, a structural engineer and vice-chair of the design team of the "Go For Broke" memorial monument in Little Tokyo, expressed similar reservations over replacing the historic

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## COMMENTARY

## An audit and a petition

BY BOB SAKANIWA

JACL Washington D.C. Representative

There were two important events dealing with the Asian Pacific American (APA) community that took place the week of Sept. 8-12 here in Washington, D.C. On Sept. 9, the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium released its 1996 *Audit of Violence Against Asian Pacific Americans*. The other event, which took place on Sept. 11, was the unprecedented action of national APA groups filing a civil rights petition



with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The *Audit* shows a disturbing 17 percent increase in the number of reported anti-Asian incidents from 1995 to 1996. This increase is even more troubling in light of the fact that the FBI is reporting that violent crime in 1996 decreased by 7 percent. The report further noted that APAs faced increasing instances of racial incidents where they live, work, and go to school.

The findings show that racial incidents against APAs are a growing problem and may be due in part to anti-immigrant rhetoric of some elected officials, racially divisive legislation, and negative racial stereotyping in the media. The re-

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## Asian American coalition seeks USCCR hearings for scapegoating bias

WASHINGTON—In an unprecedented action on Sept. 11, a broad coalition of individuals and national Asian Pacific American groups filed a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) citing a pattern of actions by members of Congress, the Democratic National Committee and National Republican Senatorial Committee, and others that have contributed to a hostile racial environment for Asian Pacific Americans.

The 27-page petition seeks commission hearings into the anti-Asian impact of members of Congress, DNC, NRSC, politicians and news

media. The American Civil Liberties Union and the law firm of Minami, Lew and Tamaki of San Francisco filed the petition.

The following groups anticipate that the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, chaired by Mary Frances Berry, will review their petition sometime this fall.

National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; Organization of Chinese Americans; Filipino American Civil Rights Advocates; Japanese American Citizens League; Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APL-CLO); Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Asian American For Campaign Finance Reform; Chinese American Citizens Alliance; National Korean American Social and Education Consortium; India Abroad Center for Political Awareness; Korean American Coalition; Philippine American Foundation; Dr. Suzanne Ahn, Dallas; Anthony Ching, Los Angeles; Charlie Woo, Los Angeles, Individual petitioners. ■

## Latinos like Hawaii but not the stereotyping

KAHULUI, Maui—Picking pineapples is tough, tiring work that most Hawaii-born workers shun, but Rafael Galaz, 36, a naturalized Mexican American, and others from Puerto Rico, Mexico and Guatemala see it as part of a dream of a better life.

Like their predecessors from Portugal, China, Japan and the Philippines who found opportunities in Hawaii's sugar and pineapple fields for 150 years, Hawaii's bottom-rung jobs—picking pineapples and tomatoes, washing dishes or cleaning hotel rooms—are drawing them from the Mainland.

Picking pineapple was a stepping stone for Cesar Flores-Gaxiola, who is employment counselor with Maui Economic Opportunity. Jose Castellanos fled for his life from his native Guatemala to the security of a job at Maui Pine canner, and saved enough to bring over his children he had had to leave behind.

The 1990 census numbers show 81,390 in Hawaii of Hispanic origin

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## JACL applauds the California legislature

SACRAMENTO—The California legislature introduced A/R 38—in a joint resolution on Sept. 3—to "memorialize the President and Congress and its investigatory committees, to condemn all prejudice against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and to publicly support their participation in the political, public, and civic affairs of the United States."

Lori Fujimoto, JACL national vice president commented: "JACL applauds the leadership of the California Legislature in confronting this most sensitive issue arising from the recent campaign financing controversy. As many of you know, the zealous conduct of many individuals and groups have given the erroneous public impression that all Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) act unethically or participate in the political process with improper motives."

"This inappropriate categorization must cease. These generalizations have a chilling effect on the entire APA community. The regard and admiration for APA participation in the political process has fallen from esteem into distrust. Public perception of APAs engaged in politics at all levels appear to be at a historic low."

"In Washington, D.C., the JACL is standing along side many national APA organizations with a petition to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for it to conduct a thorough investigation into the irresponsible actions and the resulting barriers we are experiencing in exercising our First Amendment rights," Fujimoto added.

"Finally, full participation of APAs in the political process would benefit a multi-ethnic community like California, as it would gain meaningful insight into the needs of a growing segment of the electorate. This will also restore some of the dignity that our elected officials deserve and provide a better future for all—in which the historic promise of 'justice for all' is at last fulfilled." ■







## Let's keep communicating

By Hiromi Ueha  
Nicole Inouye

### Brainstorming and caucusing

"EXCUSE me, would you like to join our caucus?" asked a conference participant at the recent JACL National Youth/Student Conference, "Leading into the Future." You could imagine the surprise and amazement on our faces because, as conference coordinators, we were asked to participate in an activity that was not planned by either of us. This caucus took place during the Saturday picnic lunch in the middle of Aldrich Park, which is the focal point of the University of California at Irvine campus. This caucus was the focal point of the conference as well.

What made this the highlight of the conference was to see students from all across the country, who were complete strangers the night before, take the initiative to gather and talk about what issues were important to them as Asian Americans and what they could do to address them in the future.

Over 100 students from Hawaii to Washington, D.C., came to UCI during the weekend of June 20-22. We kicked off the conference on Friday with a "Generations Rap," where students had a chance to rap with long-time JACLers like Mae Takahashi, John Saito, Bob Taniguchi and Kenneth Inouye. Topics ranged from the interment camps to such issues as dealing with identity. Saturday proved to be a long day, starting with keynote speaker Rusty Kennedy, and ending with a show from the band, Hiroshima, the NYSC's Vision Award recipient. In between, there was a picnic lunch sponsored by the Selanoco chapter with assistance from the PSWD District, and workshops ranging from Community Involvement to Gay and Lesbian Issues. The NYSC wanted to provide more issue-oriented workshops for those new to JACL and leadership development workshops for more experienced participants. Sunday activities included a motivational speech from community leader Warren Furutani and performances by UCI's very own taiko group, Jodoiko, Denise Uyehara and Dan Kwong.

Despite not sleeping for five days, overall the conference was a success. We credit the success of the conference to the price (\$50 and what a deal for 2 nights stay, all meals, and conference fees) thus attracting the vast representation we had from across the country, and the atmosphere of staying in the dorms with as-

signed roommates. That provided participants the chance to network and socialize after hours. Many said before the conference they had not been exposed to a group of Asian Americans this size and yet realized that they had shared similar experiences even though they came from different parts of the country.

This conference proved to be a stepping stone for activities that occurred after the conference. From our sources in Utah, we were told that some of the participants from the conference hosted a get-together in PSW, the district organized a "Speak Out" where young adults talked amongst their peers about issues affecting them and the Japanese American community. Our conference may have also picked up two possible district youth/student reps and another in training. (Thanks Liz Hara, MDC, for stepping up to the plate.)

Nicole and I would like to thank the Bi- and Tri-District for hosting us and the National Board. You gave us a renewed sense of commitment on the chapters' part to recruit youth and students. And our national president and "okasan," Helen Kawagoe, for using her Frequent Flyer miles to send us to Chicago for the Tri-District.

We would also like to thank all of the sponsors of the conference including the JACL Credit Union, PSWD, PSWD Trust Fund Committee, the Legacy Grant Committee, NCWNP, West Los Angeles JACL, EDC, Selanoco JACL, JACL Blue Shield Trust, Fresno JACL, Greater LA Singles JACL, and the Clarence Nishizu Family. Mae Takahashi, Alex Fukui and Helen Kawagoe. We also thank everyone who helped the NYSC before, during, after the conference (there are too many to list). Thank you, Thank you!

With less than a year left of our biennium, we still want to help those chapters recruit young adults as members. What we found very useful at the Tri-District in Chicago was that if chapters could have an idea of what they would like to do and give us a background on the area, it was easier to brainstorm ideas. We want to find activities that will help that particular chapter. So please feel free to contact us.

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### Key players from redress gather

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tivists, and scholars sat down to agree and disagree about the various elements that made the redress campaign a success. All of their recollections, opinions, and discussions during the three-day conference are now on videotape and will eventually be transcribed.

"What we wanted was a chance to hear the voices of JAs [from the redress campaign] in a dialogue with one another," said Dr. Mitchell Maki of UCLA, one of the organizers of the event. "It was critical...that all the groups felt they were fairly represented," he added, "and to a great extent that was accomplished."

"We weren't trying to record the history of redress," said Maki. "It would be very naive to think that we could record history in three days by just talking."

The conference was funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and was sponsored by the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research and UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. During the three-day event more than 150 members of the public attended the event.

"I don't think the whole story of redress has been told from a neutral corner," said Dale Minami, civil rights lawyer and chairperson of CLPEF. The various redress stories written over the years have been great in creating a dialogue, he said, but the conference was a chance to bring all the key players together for a "group oral history." And, he added, "we knew there would be disagreements but we felt it was important to talk about those disagreements...to resolve them."

The various panels held during the three-day conference helped to recreate the events that took place during the historic redress campaign; the struggles during the early 70s to get the campaign off the ground; the importance of the for-

mation of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in the early 80s and their report, "Personal Justice Denied" — a document that publicly acknowledged that a terrible injustice had been committed by the U.S. Government against the JA community; the judicial battles of NCAJ and the coram nobis cases; the efforts to end not only the JA community but the larger American community on the importance of seeking redress, and finally, the lobbying efforts that took place in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country. All of these events played an important role in the successful passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

The various speakers and guests at the "Voices of Redress" conference read like a "who's who" of the redress movement; Representative Robert Matsui, the Honorable Norman Mineta, Mike Lowry, former congressman who sponsored the first redress bill, and former congressman Mervyn Dymally. Grant Uyifusa, former JACL-Legislative Education Committee (LEC) vice-chair of legislative strategy, John Tateishi, former chair of JACL's National Committee for Redress; Judge William Marutani, the only JA on the commission; Angus Macbeth, former special council to the commission; and Priscilla Ouchida, former legislative aide to State Senator Patrick Johnston. William Hohri, NCAJ; Bert Nakano, NCRR; Ron Wakabayashi, former national JACL director; Gracy Uyehara, former director of JACL-LEC; and Chiye Tomihiro of JACL's Chicago Chapter.

The story of redress is "not just for the JA community," this is really about America," said Representative Matsui as he addressed the conference attendees. And "every-one in this room played a significant role in redress."

"For me on a personal level, [redress] was a very hard issue," said Matsui, who was only six years old

when he entered the camps. "The emotions that were attached with this issue are unbelievable."

But "the most important are our parents," he said. "Those are the ones that suffered and those are the ones we have to give the credit to."

In 150 to 200 years no one is going to remember who did the most for the redress movement. What will be remembered, said Matsui, is that something of tremendous significance took place; that the U.S. Government righted a wrong.

The "monetary redress [we received] was important," said Norman Mineta, "because it meant that redress would be passed only after serious reflection." The debate that it stimulated made the American people realize that "what was done to us was wrong," he said. And "to make sure that what happened to us is never, ever forgotten."

Throughout the three-day conference smaller round-table discussion groups were held so guest speakers and participants could take a closer look at the various topics raised during the panels and to discuss related issues.

Many of the participants reminded each other that redress is not over yet. With less than a year remaining before the Office of Redress Administration is scheduled to close its doors forever, many JAs have yet to receive reparations and an apology. Japanese Latin Americans taken from their countries and placed in U.S. internment camps during WWII and railroad and mining workers fired from their jobs simply because of their ancestry are still seeking justice.

"It's not over yet," said Grace Shimizu who's been working closely with the JLA's currently seeking redress. The group currently has a lawsuit in the federal court of claims. "The stakes are high to take up the cases as part of the redress struggle," she said.

Shimizu's frustrated and disap-

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a part of their background. "For a lot of the young people the issues being discussed aren't that relevant," she said. But even if the issues that young people are concerned about today "may not have anything to do with WWII, they still have to do with being AA and JA."

Miyabi Ota finds that her ability to speak Japanese fluently causes confusion amongst her fellow community members, she said. She's always being asked, "Are you born in Japan? But I thought you said you were JA?"

"The older generations are obsessed with dividing and labeling," said Ota. She's frustrated with always being asked, "What genera-

litate right to participate in our democratic government."

As Japanese Americans, we should be extremely concerned when any group of people with indelible racial characteristics is being singled out for added scrutiny and suspicion based solely on those racial characteristics and then asked questions about their motives and interests in taking part in the political process of this country.

The Audit has shown us that not only are hate crimes against APAs still taking place, but they are increasing in number. The petition does an excellent job of explaining to us the type of events and atmosphere that make hate crimes against APAs more likely to occur. Based on the events of the past nine months, it will be very interesting to see what the results of a 1997 Audit will be and I for one will not be too optimistic over what to expect.

tion are you?" when she comes across members of her community. For her, generational labels aren't important. "I'm just JA," she said.

"We have to take in a more broad way of thinking" when it comes to defining what it means to be JA today, she said. The community needs to embrace not only the Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei but also the Shin-Issei, Shin-Nisei, and Hapas. For Ota, what it means to be JA today is quite straightforward: as long as you have an ancestor from Japan, you are JA.

The students also suggested that, in addition to a person's ancestry, shared experiences, self-identification, and family upbringing also play a role in defining what it means to be JA or AA today.

Brian Ikeda of Cal State Fullerton doesn't have a problem with his identity as a JA, he said. He's been to a lot of these AA events where the same issues are discussed but few resolutions are presented. "What I'm concerned with is what we can do to tackle these issues," he said. "As people we need to ACTUALLY come together, not just say we're going to come together."

So, in addition to raising various issues and concerns, the students came up with a list of changes they felt need to take place in order to increase youth involvement in the AA community. Community organizations need to increase their efforts to recruit young people for leadership positions where the students aren't simply regulated to working on "youth activities." Youth speak-outs need to be held on a regular basis and intergenerational dialogues also need to take place. AA organizations need to introduce mentorship programs so young people can interact with el-

der members. And the students agreed that as a group, they need to take more initiative when it comes to presenting their concerns to the community.

"People are always asking: What's the future of the JA community? Is JACL going to be a viable organization?" said Christina Nagao, who helped organize the speak-out. "That's why people need to get the youth involved," she said. "One of our goals is to start to increase JACL's visibility [amongst the youth]," said Nagao, who recently completed her internship at the Pacific Southwest District Office and is currently a member of the Berkeley Chapter. But the purpose of the speak-out wasn't to recruit youth members for JACL, she said. Rather, it was an opportunity for young people to get together in a comfortable round-table setting to discuss various issues and their concerns.

Hiromi Ueha, JACL youth/student-council chair, is hopeful that the council will be able to hold regular rap sessions from now on. "I got the dialogue started and that's what we need to start things," she said. "I think the interest's there" and "hopefully things will move on from here."

"I think it's good that we had people from all different organizations come out here," said Gary Mayeda, national vice president of planning and development. "It's important for JACL to be in touch with current members and future members. Having these kinds of forums are a perfect way to do that."

"As a district, it's good just to get our name out there," said Ueha. "That JACL is relevant, to everybody."

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port also provides some recommendations such as requiring law enforcement agencies to comply with the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, that educational institutions respond better to racial incidents and that housing authorities develop ways to ease racial tensions in their housing projects.

While the filing of the civil rights petition was not coordinated with the release of the Audit, it is interesting to note the interplay between the two issues. The petition, signed by a broad coalition of individuals and national APA groups, sets out in a comprehensive document, the pattern of actions by some members of Congress, the Democratic National Committee and Republican Senatorial Committee, and others that have contributed to creating a hostile racial environment for APAs.

The 27-page petition is not a legal complaint seeking to sue someone or entitle for monetary damages, but rather, it is a request to the Civil Rights Commission asking it to conduct hearings into the impact on APAs of a number of actions that have taken place over the past year. Some of the actions

that have taken place that have created a negative image and atmosphere for APAs include:

- Introduction of campaign finance reform bills many of which contain a provision that would bar legal permanent residents from exercising their constitution right to make federal campaign contributions;

- Treatment of APAs as having violated campaign laws based on their racial connections with individuals who are under investigation;

- Media portrayals and depictions using negative Asian stereotype and confusing APAs with foreign Asians living abroad;

- Well qualified candidates for political appointments have found their chances reduced or eliminated apparently because of their race and/or guilt by association; and

- Elected officials mimicking Asian accents or mocking Asian culture.

The cumulative impact of this events at the very least have been to dampen many in the APA community's interest and desire to be involved in the political process. At worst an atmosphere has been created to make it acceptable to treat APAs as outsiders who have no le-

# Enigma of the Takeuchi Document

BY JAMES ODA

IN THE aftermath of the heated debate on the question of the common ancestry of Jews and Japanese, the thirst for archaeological truth has shown no signs of a let-up. It is now reaching a loftier plane revolving around the prehistoric world of several thousand years ago.

The eyes of Japan's archaeological society are now focused on one ancient literature called the Takeuchi Document, or the *Takeuchi Monjo*. This document is the most fantastic, the most controversial, document that ever appeared in the history of mankind. It is perhaps the most talked-about literature in Japan, yet not many are familiar with its content. Its full text has never appeared in print. This is because it has been treated as anathema for generations by successive imperial court and shogun governments.

At times in its history the whole document was packed in a score of jars and buried underground in a remote forest to avoid detection by the existing authorities. At the time Ohohmaru Takeuchi, owner of the Document, was on trial in 1936, it was hidden in the innermost confines of the Yasukuni Shrine, the shrine for all Japanese war dead.

What is the Takeuchi Document? It is claimed that the Document was translated by Motomi Higur, from hieroglyphic writings under the direction of the 25th emperor Buretsu (5th century) to preserve the tradition of gods indigenous to Japan. With the influx of the Yayoi culture brought about by the lost tribe of Israel, Japan had gone through radical changes. The lost tribe wanted to peacefully establish a Promised Land in Japan by sharing power with the indigenous groups and advocating racial infusion. Nevertheless, a certain amount of friction was unavoidable. Gradually, indigenous gods were replaced by new gods selected by the colonists.

The Takeuchi Document was compiled to chronicle thousands of years of imperial rule preceding emperor Jimmu. According to the *Kojiki*, (called the first Japanese history, compiled in 711-712 AD) emperor Jimmu is the first emperor and Izanagi and Izanami, his great-grandparents, descended from heaven. According to the Takeuchi Document, Jimmu is the 98th emperor and Amaterasu-Omikami, the 24th empress.

Here lies the difference between the two documents. The Takeuchi Document predates the *Kojiki* by 200 years. The Takeuchi Document has been preserved in the Takeuchi family, which claims to be the 66th descendant of the famous Takeshiuchi no Sukune, founder of sumo wrestling and an active statesman in the early part of the Yamato Court.

The Takeuchi group served the interest of powerful indigenous clans opposed to the incoming Jewish colonists, but as time passed the situation within the imperial circle had changed noticeably. The Jewish influence gradually waned and the samurai force, predominantly Aizu, gained in strength.

Finally the 96th emperor, Go-Daigo, known to be of Jewish lineage, was forced out of the imperial family in 1336. Emperor Go-Daigo established the Southern Dynasty in Nara and dual imperial governments came into being.

Under these circumstances the Takeuchi group had to adopt a new guideline. They decided to ally with the Southern Dynasty. By nature they were primarily opposed to the existing imperial authority. Because of this the Southern Dynasty supporters became the mainstay of the Takeuchi group. Eventually the Takeuchi family became the authorized caretaker of the historical records and imperial treasures of the Southern Dynasty, which is regarded as the rightful sovereign

heir to the imperial throne in the eyes of historians.

Ohohmaru Takeuchi was arrested February 13, 1936, just 13 days before the Feb. 26th incident in which troops of the Azabu Regiment revolted and assassinated scores of cabinet ministers and high ranking army and navy officers. The Azabu Regiment was under the command of Prince Chichibu, younger brother of Emperor Hirohito.

Previously, on Dec. 8, 1935, the national police mobilized 550 armed officers to raid the headquarters of the Ohmoto-kyo sect whose leader claimed himself to be the rightful heir to the imperial throne. The huge castle, revered by his followers as the 'imperial palace,' was dynamited to the ground with the arrest of 210 retainers.

When Takeuchi was arrested, his shrine at Isobara, Ibaragi-ken, met the same fate. It was completely destroyed to the ground. Likewise many other smaller 'para-patriotic' sects were suppressed with brute force. There was no constitutional due-process in their act, neither any respect for religious freedom. It was reminiscent of the barbarian act of king's gendarme in ancient times.

The Feb. 26th, 1936, incident, which young patriotic extremist army officers organized, might have been in retaliation for the government's brutal suppression of their co-patriots among civilians.

Takeuchi was arrested on the charge of lese majesty for two reasons: advocating

1) that the three sacred treasures kept by the imperial family are a fake and the ones kept in the Takeuchi family are the authentic ones;

2) that his own shrine at Isobara, Ibaragi-ken, is the true imperial shrine and the Ise shrine is merely a branch.

Takeuchi was convicted and sentenced to one year in jail at the end of the first trial. He immediately appealed the case to the supreme court and it evolved into a major controversial trial. However, proceedings of the trial were classified secret and not a word about the trial was leaked out to the news media. The public at large was kept in the dark completely. Only in the postwar period has it become known that such a trial was held under complete secrecy—which is symbolic of the system under an absolute monarchy.

The trial lasted eight long years. A parade of experts testified on the interpretation of hieroglyphic writings. Lackey professors and scholars made lengthy testimony as to the authenticity of the Takeuchi Document, however, the prosecu-



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tion failed to prove the case conclusively. On Dec. 1, 1944, Takeuchi was acquitted.

The chief defense counsel was none other than Somei Uzawa, a well-known jurist who was later appointed chief defense counsel for Japan's war criminals at the Far East War Crimes Tribunal. Around December 1944, there was an overwhelming awareness that Japan was going to lose the war and it must have been the intention of the Japanese government to terminate the trial of this sort before the arrival of the Allied occupation forces.

What is the Takeuchi Document—the controversial document that has been the root of political conflict for over 15 centuries? It is a collection of numerous writings; some segments are in contradiction to other passages. Some are fragmental. Others are definitely contrary to proven scientific theories.

The Takeuchi Document is not merely a secular document dealing with the imperial ancestors of Japan. It deals with world affairs and the creation of mankind; the author had an intimate knowledge of many world figures such as Adam and Eve, Noah, Jehovah, Moses, Christ, Mahomet, Confucius, Mencius, etc.

When did the author live? When? How did he gather all this information? All in all it is incredible that all this information was kept in the written form in hieroglyph. Its writing style is somewhat patterned after the Old Testament, but it is more universal and broader in scope. The following are the highlights of the documents:

1) In pre-historic times there existed highly developed civilizations whose outstanding achievement was the construction and operation of space ships and space stations. The Indus civilization succeeded in hoisting and maintaining huge space stations through which outer space men from the Pleiades star came to the earth. They first landed on the Kumlung Mountain northwest of Tibet and established their headquarters in the Caucasus. They also landed on the Hida mountain in Japan (Toyama-ken). Centers of civilization such as pre-Inca, Japan, China, India, Egypt and the Caucasus were interconnected by space ship network.

Writer's note: Pre-historic men must have succeeded in harnessing the Tachyon energy which the U.S. and Russians are today in the midst of developing for space travel. The Pleiades stars are mentioned in Greek mythology. The legends of outer space men coming from the Pleiades stars exist among the pre-Inca people and some natives in Africa. However, the authenticity of this theory cannot be determined until our own space ship reaches there in the distant future. The Pleiades stars are said to be 40 light years away. If our spaceship gains a speed of 10,000 km/hr., it would take roughly 53,000 years to get there. At the present stage it is beyond the realm of mankind's capability.

2) According to the old map attached to the Takeuchi Document, there existed two continents named Miyoi and Tamiara which sank into the ocean 12,000 years ago. These continents were likened to Mu and Atlantis. The Japanese source quotes from the imaginary writings of Greek philosopher Plato that gods (outer space men) took possession of Atlantis and married earth women, and their offspring inhabited the continent. According to this version, 'gods' from Pleiades and earth people were homogenous genetically. It is assumed that only a selected few migrated to the earth.

3) The Takeuchi Document maintains that the original color of mankind's skin was uniformly yellow, but black, red, white and purple skins were created by mutation caused by widespread nuclear war explosion, which eventually brought about the downfall of the prehistoric civilization. Darwin's theory of man's evolution from an ape-like ancestor had not yet been developed.

4) The Document describes at length the many great floods in times of Noah and states that Noah was a Sumerian king. The most credible portion of the Document is the description of various kingdoms such as Yao, Hsia, Hsun, and Yee that existed in China 2,500 to 4,500 years ago.

According to the Document, these kingdoms joined forces with the Pleiades colonists to keep peace and security in their region. These records coincide with the records written in the See Yee, official Chinese history book.

tion must be challenged.

To begin with, in prehistoric times there was no clear-cut racial distinction as we know of today. For instance, Sumerians, Babylonians, Hittites, Assyrians or Huns cannot be classified as one race. They were, without exception, a combination of many races.

The famous historian Will Durant states in his book: "Despite much research we can not tell of what race the Sumerians were, nor by what route they entered Sumeria."

As for the Egyptians, no one knows what they were; probably a mixture of South Africans and Sumerians. Egypt was invaded by the Hyksos around 1650 B.C. and ruled by them for 150 years. Around this time Joseph of Israel was prime minister of Egypt. No record is available as to where the Hyksos, known to be Asiatics, came from or where they disappeared to.

It can be concluded that in the prehistoric world the concept of race was ambiguous. Race as such never played an overwhelming role. A kingdom was built in conformity with a cityhood system. City dwellers became the mainstay of the regime. Society was cosmopolitan, with many ethnic groups speaking different languages. It could be likened to present-day America.

Away from the city fortress and beyond the horizon roamed hundreds of bands of nomads. At times they gained strength and attacked the city or vice versa. Such was the pattern of life then. Therefore, it is absurd to claim that Japanese as a race ruled the world.

Originally, mankind was one people. Only when race and religion were organized did mankind become divided.

Ref: Japanese books written by Yoshinori Saji, Yoshinori Takahashi, Hiroshi Minamiyama and others. ■

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# CLPEF announces new web links

www.igc.apc.org/clpef/

Click: Important Links to open emerging world of Japanese Americans via Internet.  
(Ed. Note: Our UCLA-bound Pacific Citizen intern, who surfs the Internet, had the special assignment to "check out" CLPEF's "Important Links" this past week. Her commentary appears in *italics*.)

By STEPHANIE LAI

Intern, Pacific Citizen

THE Civil Liberties Public Education Fund has added an "Important Links" page to its web site. This link page puts at the average web surfer's fingertips many informative sites on issues related to the incarceration of the Japanese Americans and legal resident aliens during World War II, civil rights, and Japanese American culture. It will be updated monthly and its last update was on August 20.

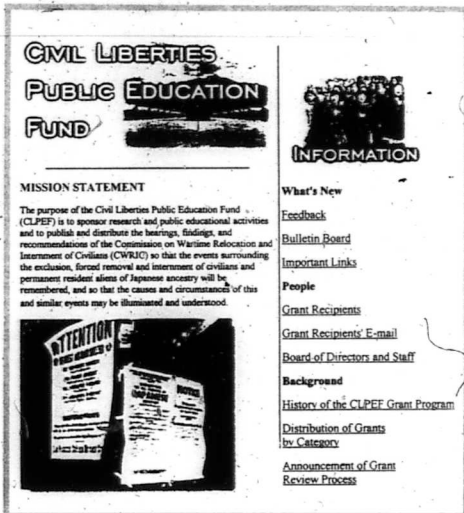
"There are people who may have limited access to the resources needed on these topics, and the web site is a convenient and inexpensive means of obtaining it," said board member Yeichi "Kelly" Kuwayama of Washington, D.C.

This site will be constantly updated and suggestions are welcomed said board member Don Nakanishi. "This is intended to be a 'living document' and it will be updated as needed and as appropriate." Anyone with comments about how to improve the page should write to Gary Otake, Bamboobam@net.net. Otake is assisting CLPEF to update and maintain the site until August 1998, when the ORA offices close.

The CLPEF main page is located at: [www.igc.apc.org/clpef/](http://www.igc.apc.org/clpef/) and the Important Links page is easily accessible from that page.

## Japanese American Internment Sites:

- ✓ **The Japanese American Internment site** is a good place to start your web surfing. It is a very complete site with photos, text and interesting links about internment-related areas.
- ✓ **The Japanese American Internment in Concentration Camps page** is a good place for in-depth information. It also has nice photos.
- ✓ **The Camp Harmony Exhibit.** This exhibit tells the story of Seattle's Japanese American community in the spring and summer of 1942 and of the Fuyallup Assembly Center named "Camp Harmony." The exhibit is based on materials located in the University of Washington Libraries including newspapers, photographs, correspondence, books, and documents. The information takes a narrow but in-depth perspective.
- ✓ **Manzanar Project** is a smallish link with some photos and background information on the Manzanar camp.
- ✓ **The Manzanar National Historic Site** is more impressive than the first Manzanar site but still was on the smallish side when compared with the other internment sites. It also provides photos and background information, and even references the novel "Farewell to Manzanar."
- ✓ **Poston Arizona 1942-1996** is a photo essay and meditation on internment. It provides a "postcard tour" of a recent journey to the remnants of the Poston detention camp.
- ✓ **The Japanese American Experience Online Exhibit** is an exhibit on permanent display at the Japanese American Resource Center in San Jose, Calif. It depicts the internment camp life of the many Santa Clara Valley Japanese Americans who were interned. This exhibit is a very well done site focusing on the Santa Clara Valley Japanese Americans' internment and the difficulties the internees met.
- ✓ **Topaz War Relocation Center: 1942-1946** includes a series of photos depicting Topaz today. The message of this site is to never forget history or it will repeat itself.
- ✓ **War Relocation Authority Camps in Arizona 1942-1946.** This exhibit features images from approximately forty photographs



ABOVE: A view of the CLPEF web site, home to a new link that connects the average Internet user to myriad Japanese American sites.

taken for the War Relocation Authority and vividly depicts life in Arizona's two camps. It is a link that includes a lot of good information and many, many pictures. It takes a while to load.

- ✓ **Japanese American Internment** is a one-page site that is a piece of a larger site on California History. It contains a general overview of the internment but is really sharp looking.
- ✓ **Japanese American Internment Page of Links** is a nice web page that begins with a poem and leads into a list of internment links.
- ✓ **Executive Order 9066: The internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans** is another sharp-looking page which displays pictures from UCLA's Asian American Studies Center E.O. 9066 photo book. It contains links and photos to be viewed or downloaded.
- ✓ **Internment of Japanese Americans: Military Necessity or Racial Prejudice? Leads to a site for an essay by Tatianna A. Klimova.**
- ✓ **A More Perfect Union** is a page of information by the Smithsonian Institution that describes the internment.

## Japanese American Organizations:

- ✓ **Japanese American National Museum's web page** is a huge site and is also very well designed. It's been newly updated and highlights the activities going on, future plans, and the exhibits at the Museum in Little Tokyo.
- ✓ **The National Japanese American Historical Society page** has information on Japanese American culture as well as historical things like JA Baseball teams, and internment.
- ✓ **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)** a directory of information on the largest and one of the oldest Asian American organizations in the United States, but it stands improvement.
- ✓ **Japanese American Network Page** is another sharp-looking site. It holds a lot of good information about current Japanese American culture, art, community, history, news, events, social services, and public policy. Certain poor JA culture items were covered, like Stan Sakai's "Usagi Yojimbo" comic book.
- ✓ **Japanese American History Archives' site** represents its namesake in San Francisco's Japantown, as a sample of what they have there.

## Educational Resources:

There are six links in this section.

of useful information.

- ✓ **The Foundation Center** is an independent nonprofit information pool that functions to spread information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects.
- ✓ **Developing Educational Standards** is a link site with K-12 educational standards and curriculum frameworks documents.
- ✓ **National Archive and Records Administration's web page** gives information on government records.
- ✓ **100 Titles: A Basic Library on Japanese Americans** site is also accessible through the Japanese American Network Page. It is a bibliography of 100 books about Japanese Americans.
- ✓ **A Short Chronology of Japanese American History** is another page that is accessible through the Japanese American Network Page. It is adapted from "Japanese American History: An A-to-Z Reference from 1968 to the Present."
- ✓ **The UCLA Asian American Studies Center** is a very informative site that is also really sharp looking. The UCLA Asian American Studies Center is one of the leading research centers on JA issues.

## Asian American Sites:

- ✓ **Race and Ethnicity Online-Asian Pacific American Politics** is a page offering information on Asian Pacific American Politics. It is very contemporary and has interesting links such as to academic programs, and recommended books.
- ✓ **The Asian Pacific American Community Online Network (ACON)** page has moved to ([www.acon.org/acon](http://www.acon.org/acon)). The link takes you to the old site but is only a short detour in finding the moved site. They have a lot of news stories and information on current happenings with the APA national community.
- ✓ **Asian American Resources** is an extremely useful page for finding everything Asian American from civil rights to Asian American Alternative Rock bands.
- ✓ **The Asian American Cybernaught Page** provides ethnic issues information. It is mainly an Asian American site but also provides links to African American, Latino, and Native American issue sites. It focuses on diversity issues and contains links to internment links. It has recently moved from the site that the CLPEF link page connects to ([http://www.netasia.com/~ebihara/wataru\\_aacyber.html](http://www.netasia.com/~ebihara/wataru_aacyber.html)).

## Civil Rights:

- ✓ **The Southern Poverty Law Center** is a great site that includes



## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

## JACL's impressive turn-around shows

HOW long ago was it that we were chanting a well-deserved dirge for JACL? The national organization was in a shambles. It appeared to be headed toward a horrendous financial deficit and nothing much seemed to be under way to correct the problem. The leadership seemed to be either unaware or helpless. Elected officers were jumping ship and membership was declining at a distressing pace.

It had begun to appear that JACL had run its course, that there wasn't a real need for it any more, and it soon would die an inglorious death due to indifferent leadership and a helpless membership.

But some stubborn leaders weren't ready to let JACL die. They elected as president Denny Yasuhara, a man of tremendous courage and vision. The bloated headquarters staff showed where its priorities lay when some members filed an acrimonious lawsuit challenging what was obviously a necessary downsizing.

Somehow, JACL managed to limp along. Herb Yamanishi was hired as national director. Many wondered why any sane person would take the job in a no-win situation. Some asked what made Yamanishi think he could clear up the mess. Perhaps the reason was that Yamanishi was not well-acquainted with the Japanese American community.

Yamanishi had to establish control over JACL finances. He had to restore efficiency and step up the level of services to the membership. He had to stop the hemorrhaging in the ranks of the membership. He had to restore the organization's credibility and address its reason for continuing to exist.

In these endeavors he had the steady support of Yasuhara and his equally courageous and visionary successor, Helen Kawagoe, who didn't need JACL's national presidency to embellish her vitae. Her reason? She was moved by the same dedication that motivated Yasuhara.

In *Pacific Citizen's* last issue you read Yamanishi's report on what he has been able to accomplish. Many important programs are under way. The membership drop-out rate has been stabilized. Expenditures have been kept within budgetary limits, in large part by not enlarging the staff. Thanks to many factors, JACL's finances show an encouraging surplus.

There is much, much more to be done to restore JACL's credibility, but obviously it is on the right track.

An organization is fair game for criticism when it is in difficulty because of mismanagement or lack of leadership. JACL took a beating during the bad years, particularly in its own news organ, the *Pacific Citizen*.

Now it has made an impressive turn-around. That deserves recognition and our thanks. It is only fair to applaud its accomplishments and give credit where credit is due, which critics often fail to do.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and keep up the good work. Don't overlook the fact that there is more to be done if JACL is to restore its image, regain public confidence, and become the important player on the national scene that it is expected to be. ■

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the *Denver Post*. His columns appear regularly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

## PSWDC-JACL hosts campaign financing forum with former city councilman Michael Woo

LOS ANGELES—What is the impact of the ongoing campaign fundraising controversy on Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans?

Are Asian Americans being scapegoated for the larger, more systemic problems in the American electoral process?

What can Asian Americans do to fight the scapegoating and "yellow peril" sentiments underlying this national controversy?

These and other issues were addressed at a public forum featuring former Los Angeles City Councilman and mayoral candidate Michael Woo, hosted by the PSWDC JACL Aug. 24 at Casa Heiwa in Little Tokyo.

The campaign fund-raising controversy has focused on allegations of the Chinese government and Asian foreign corporations illegally funneling campaign contributions through Asian Americans to influence American government policy. While much

of the political and media scrutiny has focused on Chinese Americans such as John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Johnny Chung, the controversy has also impacted Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans.

Michael Woo has been working with a bipartisan group of Asian American elected officials and community advocates in the greater Los Angeles area to fight the scapegoating of Asian Americans.

JACL is working with a national coalition of Asian American advocacy groups in Washington, D.C., to address community concerns related to the fund-raising controversy.

JACL representatives have met with Congressional members as well as the editorial boards of the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*.

JACL supports a full investigation of any violations of campaign fund-raising laws," said Albert Muratsuchi, JACL Pacific Southwest Regional Director. "At the same time, we should be critical of politicians and the media who exploit 'yellow peril' sentiments for partisan gain or profit." ■

## New L.A. chief meets with Asian Americans

LOS ANGELES—Newly appointed police chief Bernard Parks was introduced to Asian Pacific Islander community leaders this past week (Aug. 27) at a Chinatown restaurant reception hosted by three groups: Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics, Asian Pacific Islander Police Advisory Council, and the Asian and Pacific Islander Council to the LAPD Chief. ■

## Internet:

- ✓ **The Asian Pacific American Community Guide to the Internet** is a primer for internet usage. It can help community organizations to understand what options are open to them on the Internet, and even how to build a web page.
- ✓ **The Institute For Global Communications (IGC)** is another sharp-looking site and is divided into five sections: *PeaceNet*, *EcoNet*, *LabourNet*, *ConfNet*, and *WomenNet*. Each section has articles, headlines, features, and links. ■

# Congratulations 1997 JACL Scholarship Winners

## GRADUATE LEVEL

### Abe and Esther Hagiwara Student Aid Scholarship

Winner: Norman W. Karo  
Gilroy JACL  
School Attending: Stanford  
Level of Study: Graduate  
Field of Study: Electrical Engineering

#### Biographical Information:



Norman, a graduate of University of Nevada at Reno, is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi. In addition, Norman was involved in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Nihongo no Kurabu. He also took the opportunity to study abroad in Japan and Poland.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"I wish to share my development as a bicultural person with those around me, in order to spark their interest in things Japanese and American—to bring increased understanding between our cultures. As an electrical engineer, I am deeply interested in technology and how culture molds markets, and in turn molds the electronic products themselves. Through the process of sharing ideas and technology, a common understanding of the world we live in can be established that is deeper than just verbal communication."

### Union Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Tisha Lei Ajimine  
South Bay JACL  
School Attending: UCLA-Anderson  
School of Business  
Level of Study: Graduate  
Field of Study: Business Administration

#### Biographical Information:



Tisha, a native of Hawaii, is a UCLA Rioridan Fellow and a Cum Laude graduate from USC. She has been working since graduation at BankAmerica Corporation as a Senior Financial Analyst and is pursuing a MBA to empower her future business career in mergers and acquisitions. Tisha has also dedicated time to her community through the LA Street Project, and Sigma Phi Omega, a community service and social society.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, and am a Yonsei. Although my entire family is very important and supportive, my grandfather and great grandparents have been the strongest source of inspiration for me. My great grandparents ventured from Japan to Hawaii in search of a more fulfilling life. Like them, I have chosen a path that has taken me from my home. My experiences at USC and exposure to new opportunities have provided the impetus to raise expectations that I have for myself. My perspectives have broadened as I meet people that I would not have met if I had stayed in Hawaii. On the mainland, I have gained confidence that can only be achieved through self-reliance and independence."

#### Last issue



The pictures for Kenji Asakura and Nami Kuroda were not available at press time for the last issue.

Asakura, from Philadelphia JACL won the Chiyo and Thomas Shimazaki Scholarship.



Kuroda, from Sacramento JACL, won the Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship. ■

### Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Scholarship

Winner: JoAnn Renee Yamani  
West Valley JACL  
School Attending: Santa Clara  
University Law School  
Level of Study: Juris Doctorate  
Field of Study: Law

#### Biographical Information:



JoAnn, a graduate of Mills College, has chosen a legal career, largely because of the imprint that the internment experience has left on her family. All through college she pursued various internships and projects to further her interest in the law. Notably, she was a volunteer with Asian Law Alliance, intern with the ACLU, and a Public and Economic Relations and Political Affairs intern with the Canadian Consulate. In addition, she presented her senior thesis on the Civil Rights Act of 1990/91 (employment discrimination) at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"The summer after my first year in college, I worked as an intern for Congressman Norman Mineta. I chose to work for Congressman Mineta because he had been interned during WW II. In light of my family's own experiences with internment, I was intrigued by this man who remained patriotic even when his own country had imprisoned him without justifiable reason. Throughout the rest of the time as an undergraduate I tried to expand my knowledge and understanding of the law. Although my family hardly ever speaks about the internment or its effects, it subtly left us disconnected with our own heritage for many years. With that stitch tightly knotted, my interweaving experiences with the legal process began."

### Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Yasushi Nakahara  
West Los Angeles JACL  
School Attending: UCLA-School of Business  
Level of Study: Graduate  
Field of Study: Business Administration

#### Biographical Information:



"Yoshi" has made an impact in all areas of his involvement academically and in the community. As an undergraduate he was involved with Sigma Chi Fraternity and the Interfraternity Council, which assisted in his selection as "Outstanding Senior of the Year." Prior to his MBA program, Yoshi was a Research Director with a Gene Therapy Group at UCSF. As a Bruin, he has shown leadership with the Rioridan Fellowship and Mentor Program, as well as the Asian Management Students Association. Yoshi also has a dedicated record of community service, having put in numerous hours coaching a YMCA Youth Basketball team, working with the San Diego coalition for the homeless and co-founding the Well Fitness for Kids Program.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"Successful leaders are masters of both the art and the science of leadership. They are innovative thinkers who can analyze a problem from one angle, turn it around, look at it from an entirely different perspective and offer an equally creative solution. They are effective communicators who skillfully develop their own thoughts and ideas into a shared vision. As a student leader, I learned the importance of articulating my own interpersonal problem solving skills with a vision. As a student of leadership, I have endeavored to refine my working knowledge of these skills to adapt to changing times and conditions. I am a leader not because of the titles I have held or the deeds I have done, but because I am a believer of people and their ideas and dreams."

### Rev. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Karen A. Murayama  
Japan JACL  
School Attending: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor-School of Business  
Level of Study: Graduate  
Field of Study: Finance

#### Biographical Information:



After her two year stint with the JET program in the City of Nagoya, Karen used her fluency in Japanese to land a job with Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance, the second largest life insurance company in the world. Prior to this Karen had an active undergraduate career at Vanderbilt University where she was involved with the Asian American students association, the Racial Environment Project, and the Curriculum Diversification committee.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"Nearly a century ago, my grandparents and thousands of other Issei, dissatisfied with the limited opportunities they found in their homeland as second sons, farmers, or women, gave up lives of familiarity and security for an unfamiliar America. From them have come our families' beliefs in education, perseverance, and the desire to succeed which took my parents and other Nisei from the internment camps to the highest echelons of American Universities. From them have come the attitudes of duty, family, and loyalty which were subtly adapted over three generations in America. I believe that these tenets are still very much a part of our lives. The JACL, rather than debate its existence or the dedication of its youth, should encourage the younger generation to carry these same principles into the international arena as managers and leaders of the future."

### Sho Sato Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Christopher J. Massey  
Arizona JACL  
School Attending: Vermont Law School  
Level of Study: Juris Doctorate  
Field of Study: Environmental Legal Studies

#### Biographical Information:



Chris graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Arizona, capturing the "Outstanding Senior Award." This Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Kappa Phi has a passion for the environment which has, in part, driven the dedication he has taken on with his undergraduate career, and will be the focus of his legal studies. Chris plans to utilize his Japanese language skills and interest in East Asian Studies in his legal career as well.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"Though I am a Nisei, growing up I had virtually no experience with my Japanese culture and heritage. The use of Nihongo was forbidden in our household, and it was not until I left for college that I could indulge in the exploration of my ancestry. Beginning with my study of the language, my interest rapidly evolved into a larger passion inclusive of Japanese and East Asian history, popular culture, literature and religion. Over these years of study, I have experienced an ever-increasing desire to understand and involve myself in the important issues of my Japanese heritage. My membership in the JACL has provided an outlet for the growth and development of these interests."

### Aiko Susanna Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Junko Audra Nojima  
Torrance JACL  
School Attending: Indiana Univ.  
Level of Study: Graduate  
Field of Study: Music-Piano

#### Biographical Information:



Junko is talented in both Japanese calligraphy—having won numerous honors for her calligraphy—and Tea Ceremony—having performed several demonstrations for tea ceremony at Nisei Week, the Garde-

na Community Center and the Torrance Community Center. In addition, she has achieved a high level of musical performance which she has used to obtain various scholarships, win competitions and travel internationally.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"Currently, teaching a handful of students from ages 8 to 17, I have gained deeper perspectives about music, performing and myself. Like music, my devotion to Japanese tradition is deeply entrenched in an unwavering respect for my culture, my people, and for their traditions. My involvement with the arts is no more or less important to my growth as an individual than is exploring and teaching the old tradition of our heritage. In such undertakings, both music and Japanese culture have taught me the essential codes of honor and respect with which to judge daily life."

## UNDERGRADUATES

### Alice Yuriko Endo Scholarship

Winner: Natalie Nina Hottle  
San Diego JACL  
School Attending: NYU  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Politics

#### Biographical Information:



"Natalie's strong academic record reflects a student delighted by challenges. With her major in politics and minors in Japanese and economics, she hopes to attend law school. She cares deeply about issues of social justice and hopes to translate her values into action in the international arena in the future. Currently, she works to cover her expenses, as she is currently self-supporting," reflected her academic advisor.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"My mother was Japanese and my father is American. After my mother passed away in November 1995, I felt as if I had lost all connection to my Japanese heritage. My mother's death brought me closer to an understanding of my own mortality, as well as giving me inspiration for my future plans. My mother's mistreatment by the healthcare industry has inspired me to attend law school, pertaining to the general field of health care. I don't know where the path of life will lead me, but I do hope to assist the Japanese American Community in my future endeavors."

### Blue Shield of California Scholarship

Winner: Alissa Sen Yamasaki  
Chicago JACL  
School Attending: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Kinesiology/ Psychology

#### Biographical Information:



A Chancellor's Scholar, Alissa is in an elite group that is only about 13% of her class. In addition she has maintained a 3.9 GPA, placing her on the dean's list for 6 consecutive semesters. Alissa has also been in-

### Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Lisa Marnet Kakishita  
Portland JACL  
School Attending: Oregon State University  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: General Science-Pre-Dentistry

#### Biographical Information:



An active member of her sorority Delta Delta Delta, Lisa has held leadership positions and also volunteered several hours of service. In addition to her activities, Lisa has maintained a strong academic record, earning her Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Lambda Delta honors, placement on the Dean's List, and multiple scholarships.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"Having been one of only two Japanese Americans in my high school, I have never had much contact with other Japanese Americans of my age. But I have always been proud of my Japanese heritage. Through the efforts of groups like JACL, the community is more aware of our contributions and struggles in America's history. As a Japanese community, we have built a memorial on the waterfront and developed exhibits at the Oregon Historical Society that not only remind us but others of our past. Through JACL's commitment to preserve our past and insure our future, it has helped to gain an even greater appreciation of my heritage."

involved with the Asian American Association, chairing various campus and volunteer project committees.

#### Essay Excerpt:

"As a JACL member, I am now aware of obstacles that Japanese Americans have overcome and the barriers that still stand strong. Because I also realize that these issues involve more than simply the Japanese American population, I attempt to integrate these issues with those of the University of Illinois. When this election year brought a call for JACLers to register and vote, I applied this request to our organization by recruiting people to register and to become registrars. My role as a committee chairperson has opened my eyes to the importance and power behind the unity of Asian Americans."

### \$20,000 trust set for Kitayama award

WATSONVILLE—Mrs. Keiko Kitayama has donated \$20,000 to Watsonville JACL to establish a trust fund for the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship to insure security of the awards program for high school graduates. It was announced this past week (Aug. 20) by chapter president Mas Hashimoto.

Kee Kitayama was an outstanding Watsonville chapter president (1967) and a progressive flower grower and shipper, being voted as the Farmer of the Year by the Santa Cruz Farm Bureau, Hashimoto recalled.

The chapter requires each appli-

cant to write an essay on Executive Order 9066 of Feb. 19, 1942, which the chapter felt appropriate since the Kitayama family was among the very first Japanese Americans in the nation to be evacuated, from Bainbridge Island to Manzanar, a month after President Roosevelt promulgated E.O. 9066.

The essay requirement introduces applicants to the Japanese American experience of the forcible removal of 120,000 Japanese Americans and permanent legal residents from their homes, farms and places of business. ■



# Cleveland JACL reviewed 161 applications for 1997

FOR the second year in a row, the Cleveland JACL Chapter undertook the enormous task of reviewing the National Scholarship Awards—Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Hagiwara Financial Aid, and the Creative and Performing Art—and recommending recipients for numerous scholarships. A total of 161 applications for all categories were reviewed for monies in excess of \$50,000. There were 102 applicants for 15 "Entering Freshman" category awards published in the last issue.

The National Scholarship Committee was co-chaired by Joyce Theus and Charlotte Furukawa. On the committee were Bill Sadataki, real estate broker; Sadie Yamane, retired school teacher; Gary Furukawa, pharmacist; Bruce Furukawa, physician; Amy Oleka, administrative coordinator; and Cheryl Petrus, high school teacher.

"The applications excelled in academic achievement as well as college and community involvement. Hopefully all the applicants will continue their relationship with the JACL both locally and nationally. The future of the JACL looks promising with members like them," commented co-chair Joyce Theus. Co-Chair Charlotte Furukawa added, "The committee is confident that our recommendations for all of the awards are applicants who were the epitome of their respective group. As for all applicants, we hope that the JACL will benefit from their continued involvement and support."

Students in the undergraduate

category benefited this year from a new award sponsored by JACL-California Blue Shield. The \$2,500 award is for a student pursuing a career in the health care field.

Scholarship coordinator at JACL Headquarters, Deirdre Howard, noted that, "JACL scholarship winners past and present are some of our best and brightest."

"Chapters with scholarship programs should make efforts to involve these successful applicants, as they are potential JACL leaders." Howard also mentioned a JACL Scholarship Alumni Association that is in the works. "The JACL is interested in keeping in contact with our past winners, if only to recognize their achievements, but also to involve them in the next generation of the JACL."

Individuals who are interested in creating a scholarship or donating to the JACL Scholarship Endowment can contact Deirdre Howard at National Headquarters (415) 921-5225 or by email at hqaa@jpac.org.

Applications for the 1998 National Scholarship and Awards Program will be available in October. Interested students should request an application with a letter indicating your level in school, major, and a self-addressed stamped envelope for one of the following categories: Entering Freshman (High School Senior), Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative and Performing Arts, Financial Aid. Requests should be mailed to: JACL Scholarship Program, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. ■

## Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Neal Shoichi Oki  
Venice Culver JACL  
School Attending: Loyola  
Marymount University  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Undeclared

### Biographical Information:



The process of earning the rank of Eagle Scout has made Neal contemplate the impact that Boy Scouting, community service, and personal discipline have had on his development. Neal has had an impressive record of service to his Japanese American community in particular, putting in hours for the Venice Senior Nutrition Center, the Westside Center for Independent Living, the Venice Hongwong Buddhist Temple and the Venice Japanese Community Center.

### Essay Excerpt:

"Being of mixed heritage—Mexican and Japanese—has played an important role in shaping who I am today. As a child I would identify with the side of me that allowed me to fit in best. I have learned not to be ashamed of who I am. I take great pride in my heritage and embrace it, rather than reject it. My mixed heritage has given me many experiences I otherwise would not have had. I have not been confined or limited as some of my monoracial peers have allowed themselves to be. My heritage has given me many opportunities to grow and has enriched my life."

## Henry and Chipo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Kristin Kayo Higaki  
San Jose JACL  
School Attending: UC Berkeley  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Computer Science



**Biographical Information:** Kristin has been an active member of her local Japanese American community as well as the Asian American community at UC Berkeley. She has served as a volunteer Sunday School teacher at the San Jose Buddhist Church, was past member of the Cherry Blossom Pageant Court, and a member of the San Jose Nijins Basketball team. Combined with these activities, she has managed a 3.5 in the competitive major of Computer Science.

### Essay Excerpt:

"I don't know who I would have been if I had not grown up in the Japanese community. JACL has helped unite the Japanese community by giving Japanese Americans, both young and old, many opportunities to teach and learn more about their culture. Whether it be in civil rights or name recognition, JACL has remained a powerful group for over 60 years. JACL has influenced my life greatly: my social life, my striving for recognition in academics, and my dreams of the future. A harder question would be, 'How hasn't JACL affected my life?'"

## The late Mari and James Michener Scholarship

Winner: Nikki Akemi Nomura  
Stockton JACL  
School Attending: UC Berkeley  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Political Science

**Biographical Information:** Since graduating high school, Nikki has attended San Joaquin Delta, maintaining a 3.8 GPA, while concurrently working for a local law firm and coordinating the youth soccer for the San Joaquin Athletic Organization. In addition Nikki is an active member of the Junior YBA and was the co-chairperson for the Northern California YBA conference.

**Essay Excerpt:** "My ancestors have instilled in me such qualities as hard work, dedication, and honesty, making many opportunities open for me in both school and work. As a student I was able to participate in student govern-

## Henry and Chipo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Kristi S. Funakoshi  
Fort Lupton JACL  
School Attending: University of  
Denver  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: International  
Business



**Biographical Information:** Kristi has already gotten involved with the Pioneer Leadership Program, Freshman Leadership Apprenticeship Program and the INROADS Internship Program during her first year as University of Denver. In addition she has been active in the Asian American Students Alliance, assisting in their canned food drive. With this load of activities, she has managed to achieve a 3.75 GPA and to secure the Chancellor's Scholarship.

### Essay Excerpt:

"Growing up as a Japanese American citizen, I had always felt like I didn't belong. Being in a most Caucasian and Hispanic educational and social environment, the differences that I possessed as an Asian American were often subject to curiosity and sometimes prejudice. I believe that racial and ethnic prejudice comes from ignorance and fear of differences. So many of the problems of the world occur because of this unacceptance. I believe that diversity should be embraced and appreciated in order to grow as a knowledgeable, worldly person."

## Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Michelle M. Furukawa  
Berkeley JACL  
School Attending: UC Berkeley  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Economics



**Biographical Information:** This CAL Bear has spent many summers volunteering for advocacy centers helping homeless and mentally disabled people. Michelle has also been an active member of the Tenkio Hollywood Church, with which she traveled to Japan as a part of the marching band. In addition she has kept her dedication to her coursework, by maintaining a 3.6 GPA.

### Essay Excerpt:

"I am grateful for the rich cultural experience my parents have given me, but often time I am amidst confusion with my identity. It is difficult, as both an American and a person of Japanese ancestry, to find middle ground where I feel confident and strong in my ideals. I used to think that I had to identify with one culture or the other, that my belief in independence and freedom couldn't co-exist with filial obligation and respect. I now realize that they can peacefully co-exist together. I am proud to be American, but equally proud and grateful to be of Japanese descent."

ment, belong to numerous clubs, and also play four years of varsity basketball. Through these activities I have met many people of different nationalities and cultures, but have never forgotten my own culture and the history of my people. The JACL has played a major role in maintaining Japanese culture and installing pride in young Japanese Americans living across America."

## Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Nancy Yaeko Akatsuka  
East Los Angeles JACL  
School Attending: USC  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Chemistry

**Biographical Information:** A former instructor commented that "Nancy has an intellectual understanding of the world as well as a social grace that will take her a long way in life. Furthermore,

## Kiyotaro and Yasuo Akiba Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Ryan Tetsu Hashimoto  
Fresno JACL  
School Attending: Cal Poly  
San Luis Obispo  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Electrical  
Engineering



**Biographical Information:** Ryan is a strong student at Cal Poly SLO, carrying a 3.7 GPA. These grades have earned him membership in Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu and the Golden Key National Honor society. His interests range from skiing, to running and also working as an engineer for Intran Co-op. He has also volunteered his time for both the Clovis and Fresno JACL chapters, as well as for the Disabled Student Awareness day.

### Essay Excerpt:

"The JACL has played a very important role in my life. The volunteer work that I have participated in through the JACL has helped steer me in the right direction. I would have never been exposed to this kind of experience had my parents and I not been involved in the JACL. I have been able to bring smiles to many people's faces as a result of my JACL community service. I plan to become an active member so my children can participate in the many activities that I was able to take part in."

## Union Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Christopher M. Oka  
San Gabriel Valley JACL  
School Attending: UCLA  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Business  
Economics



**Biographical Information:** This UCLA Bruin has achieved high marks in his Accounting major, and has shared his talents with the community. As a youth, he has performed violin at convalescent homes, while in high school he assisted with the La Canada Run for the Hungry, and in college he has volunteered for AIDS Ride USA and assisted with a Halloween program for inner city kids.

### Essay Excerpt:

"Today as an adult in arguably the most ethnically diverse university in America, I fully appreciate what my Japanese heritage does for me. In addition, I see the JACL as an institution to further re-connect me with the Japanese spirit that I now pursue. With a freshly kindled interest in the Japanese language, I see my future as revolving somehow around business with an international flair. Hopefully, through my involvement in the JACL, I can achieve my goals, while at the same time educating others about the importance of recognizing the Japanese culture that lies within them."



she understands what it takes to succeed." Her accomplishments in competitive athletics, especially judo and basketball, validate those comments. Nancy's return to academics after a 10-year hiatus will give her the opportunity to demonstrate her academic fitness.

### Essay Excerpt:

"Upon graduating from high school, I entered directly into the business world. At the time, my family did not have enough money for a college education. After 10 years in the business world, I decided to go to college. I have faced the unaccompanied hardships of raising a young child, juggling classes and study time, and maintaining my high academic standards. I am not only satisfied with high grades, but also to be the best in the class."

## UNDERGRADUATES

### Dr. Thomas Yatabe Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Kathy Rumi Kawaguchi  
Mt. Olympus JACL  
School Attending: University of  
Utah  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Biology-pre-med



### Biographical Information:

"Kathy is a do-er. She does not sit around and wait for life to happen. She goes out and makes a difference in the community," commented Kellie Gauffin, President of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She has proved this by earning past scholarships and her membership in three honor societies: Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Epsilon Delta. Kathy was

also selected for the prestigious ACCESS Program, which is a scholarship program for women in the sciences. She has also worked for the Campus AIDS Project, which strives to educate and promote awareness of AIDS and HIV related issues.

### Essay Excerpt:

"The knowledge of both the Japanese and Japanese American culture bestowed upon me by my parents has become an invaluable aspect of my life. However, it has troubled me to see younger generations of Japanese Americans lose interest in learning about their heritage and although it is essential that we recognize the richness of our own culture, we must also possess the capacity to revere the beauty which exists in other cultures. The path toward racial equality and social justice is a long and arduous one, fraught with obstacles and frustrations, yet it is tolerance which will allow us to weave a society in which each culture serves as a brilliant thread to enhance the tapestry of humanity."

### Yoshiko Tanaka Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Akira John Kaneko  
Santa Maria Valley JACL  
School Attending: UC Berkeley  
Level of Study: Undergraduate  
Field of Study: Political Science,  
International Relations emphasis



### Biographical Information:

Akira's many academic accomplishments include a perfect record on the University Dean's List, status as a President's Scholar and placement on the National Dean's List. Akira has balanced his academics with participation in Men's Chorale, Debate Team, Intramural volleyball, and Berkeley College Republicans. His interest in the law lead him to pursue and secure three internships—in Washington DC on Capitol Hill, in Pasadena with the US Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, and in San Francisco with US Court of Appeals for the Ninth District.

### Essay Excerpt:

"Having been raised in Japan and educated in the United States, I have had a unique privilege of experiencing two very distinct cultures. Along with my study in international relations and my membership in JACL, this experience has developed my earnest desire to help effect international cooperation as an attorney in the field of international law as my career in the future. With my view of the possibility of international cooperation, therefore, it is now my goal to help effect that end, as well as global cooperation, through international organizations as my career."

The Pacific Citizen sends its congratulations and wishes for continued success in their academic endeavors to this year's 1997 JACL scholarship winners.



## Very Truly Yours

By Harry Horida

### Early years of 'Jap' auto license plates

APPARENTLY a new generation is witnessing the case of the California Department of Motor Vehicles recalling a personalized license plate, RAPNJAP, that contains an offensive word. (See the Mission Viejo datelined story in our last issue.) Richard Petty argued in court before an administrative law judge that the seven letters on the license plate spell out the initials of his wife Robin Arnett and daughter Judy A. The judge said his decision will be issued in about a month's time (circa Sept. 26).

JACL regional director Al Muratsuchi testified the term "Jap" appearing on the plate is as offensive to Japanese-Americans as the "n-word" is to African-Americans. Petty found at least 54 other license plates which use the same "J" word and the DMV, since the case came up, has declared they will all be revoked, admitting some unacceptable personalized plates slip by the screeners.

Twenty-five years (a generation) ago (Oct. 5, 1972, to be precise), there were 12 plates starting with "Jap" that National JACL called offensive: JAP, JAPA, JAPCAD, JAPDMY, JAPJAG, JAPJOL, JAPJOLZ, JAPPAP, JAPPAY, JAPTIN, JAPI, JAPZ. The list included NIP. A look into some 138,000 personalized plates at the time for the "J" word elsewhere on the plate was not made. RAPNJAP is in this category.

During the 1972 furor, an Encino resident hired an attorney to carry his personal fight against the license recall by going on a local radio station. "It is a restraint of free expression. Who has the right to decide what's decent or indecent?" The Encino gent had UP URZ2 in his sports car. Another citizen, who had applied for EZLZY and was quickly refused, testified in court that his right to free speech was violated. The judge threw the case out of court.

As a wrap-up, then-national JACL director David Ushio reminded that the stereotypes that were applied to Japanese-Americans in World War II had resurfaced as animosity was being generated by the trade competition between U.S. and Japan. "The term [JAP] has no place in our everyday use, especially not in official state-sanctioned institutions such as DMV," (see P.C. July 27, 1973.)

When JAP TIN (two words) was ordered by a couple from Portola Valley, Dr. Harry Hatasaka of Palo Alto, then NCWN governor, asked National Headquarters to

follow up to see what action could be generated to remedy the situation. He had spotted the mention in Herb Caen's daily column. Nichiichi Times editor Yas Abiko immediately contacted State Senator Marks to have JAP put on the list of offensive terms for personalized plates. Marks had earlier authored legislation allowing vanity plates to be ordered for \$25 extra, which was earmarked for a special conservation fund.

Believe it or not, a Japanese American couple with JAP JAG was going to appeal the revocation, according to the DMV director. A month later they voluntarily gave up the plates, shortly before the hearing in September 1973.

JAPPAY turned out to be the name of the owner, of French ancestry, who said he was proud of his name. JACL, understanding this, did not contest his license plate.

It was reported that convicts at Folsom Prison, where license plates are produced, have caught questionable words which DMV had missed. One Mexican caught the slang word that meant prostitute and an inmate of Polish extraction recognized a filthy word in that language.

In 1979 a lady with JAPCAR on her Honda voluntarily surrendered hers, and the DMV screeners were reminded of the list of terms that "carry connotation of offense to good taste and decency." The quotes are in the legislation signed July 13, 1973, by Gov. Reagan. The bill, co-authored by Assemblyman Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach) and Sen. Milton Marks (R-San Francisco) was the result of JACL action.

In 1990, carrying on the fight were the Sons of Italy, who found 333 plates inscribed with WOP or DAGO. According to the Dictionary of American Slang, WOP stood for "without papers," describing immigrants who entered the U.S. without passports. Italian Americans who had purchased such plates as a somewhat tongue-in-cheek tribute to their ethnic heritage protested when DMV mailed notices to recall the targeted plates, and warned refusal meant their vehicle registration would not be renewed.

Listening last month to talk shows, about the Mission Viejo story, most (non-Japanese) saw nothing offensive about the term. Who else besides JACL and the Sons of Italy are in this fight? ■

ANY MORE PROBLEMS WITH THE RUSSIAN JUNK UP THERE IN SPACE?



Pete Hironaka 9/1/97

## Letters

### Being inland during WW2 was a nightmare

In 1941 I was 18, a senior in high school, and had just completed civics, fully convinced I was born in the greatest nation of the world, America, the role model for democracy. Then on Dec. 7 World War II broke out, and slowly my trust in America started to crumble.

At the request of the federal government, my father's job was terminated from the Southern Pacific Railroad. We lived in Sparks, Nev., just inland enough from the coast to not be sent to a relocation center. This was a nightmare for our family because the [WRA] centers were virtually safe, provided food, shelter, health needs and support of friends. We were left in a very hostile, hate-infested environment with no access to the WRA. FBI agents without search warrants invaded our home and searched for a [shortwave] radio, hunting rifles, guns, binoculars, etc. Of course, they found none of these since my father was a law-abiding man. We had already turned in our hunting equipment to law enforcement.

I had to abide by the stringent curfew hours and travel restrictions with the off-limits to train depots, railroad tracks, bridges and all railroad properties, radio station, etc. I could not believe that an American citizen could be deprived of all these civil rights and forced to endure a meek survival in an undesirable situation created by our own government, the United States of America.

Hank Hanroku Ishii  
Menominee, Wis.

The big question facing the Office of Redress Administration with respect to the railroad workers who were summarily fired because of their Japanese ancestry is determining evidence that the U.S. government was directly responsible. Michi Weglyn has been sifting the Archives for papers, the latest being featured in this week's Pacific Citizen, of a telegram from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to the President of Union Pacific Railroad Co. of a conversation he had with the Attorney General and a roster of Japanese workers with the Union Pacific Railroad as of February 1942.

In her June 6 piece, Weglyn carefully reviews and cites the implications of Gen. DeWitt's Public Proclamations No. 2, No. 3, No. 5, No. 8, No. 15 issued in 1942 after E.O. 9066, and Public Law 503 that provided penalties for defying Army orders, putting teeth into E.O. 9066.

[Curiously, these particular proclamations and PL 503 are not cited in the Index of "Personal Justice Denied," the CWIRC Report.]

### Computation corrected

If NAACP has 600,000 members and there are 30 million African-Americans—that pencils out to 2%, not 20% as stated in Very Truly Yours: "\$10 dues hike makes headline. (July 18 P.C.)" I know you have been overworked in your current capacity at P.C. and that's probably the reason for the little mistake.

Ken Hayashi  
Los Angeles

### 'Whereabouts'

Thank you very much for publishing in your 'Whereabouts' column, the information I sent to you May 15, 1997. I do not know in which issue it appeared, but on July 19 I received a call from the widow of Thomas Shimabukuro, whom I was seeking. Interestingly, her nephew in New York had seen your paper and called Mrs. Shimabukuro in Hawaii, who then phoned me from there. This shows how widely your paper circulates.

Though it was disappointing to learn that Tom had passed away, we have already exchanged information and correspondences with his wife.

For the past several years I have tried various means of locating my friend, and I am grateful to you for your help in resolving the search.

Fred Spector  
Carlsbad, Calif.

The request appeared in the July 4-17 issue.

### Katsuyama's racial survey

Thank you for publishing a summary of my interview with a Dayton Daily News reporter in the P.C. ("Dayton psychologist's survey seen as being 'optimistic' about race relations," April 4-17, 1997). The interview was conducted because of local interest in the findings of a survey of racial attitudes which I coordinated. I will gladly send a 20-page executive summary to whomever is interested. To help defer costs, please send \$2 along with your name and address to Ronald M. Katsuyama, Ph.D., Director, Center for Family and Community Research, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45569-1440.

A point that was not clearly made in the original report of the interview is my belief that Sansei and Yonsei have developed many more paths to "success" than ever before. For example, without following traditional educational paths, my brother has become a successful research chemist and my son is attempting to launch a career in classical music.

Ron Katsuyama  
Dayton, Ohio

### Taichi Oda's gets

Twenty-three years ago while visiting Camp Topaz in Utah for a college research paper I was writing at the time, I found a number of items of interest ranging from hand-made gets to a hand-carved sign with the name Taichi Oda on it.

I would love to return this treasure to the Oda family but have no idea how to contact anyone in the family.

I can be contacted any weekday from 8:30-5:00 Pacific time and after hours at 503/838-2122.

Mike Sudlow  
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Monmouth, OR 97361  
503/838-0157

### Day of Remembrance

Should we continue to hold Day of Remembrance events on February 19, the anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066? Important in the past, could now be accomplished by celebrating our success in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988?

Do we desire to further educate the American populace on the World War II evacuation and internment, so that such violations of civil rights will not recur? A Day of Celebration on August 10 may be better received.

Let us celebrate that our government, acknowledging wrongdoing (although very belatedly), issued an apology to Nikkei internments. Let us celebrate in the warmth and light of summer, rather than remember in the cold and gloom of winter. Let us repeatedly honor those few individuals and organizations that spoke up for us during a time of wartime hysteria. Let us provide our American youth positive role models, not blame for the greedy racist acts of others. Let us reaffirm our acceptance of our government's apology and celebrate our country's greatness in admitting a wrong.

James Arima  
Lake Washington JACL

### Mention our cause

Aside from the comments, remarks, articles by Michi Nishimura Weglyn and letters from members of railroad workers' families, I am struck by the total absence of any mention of our cause in the editorial columns of the Pacific Citizen.

Are you friend or foe—or just plain indifferent?

Notwithstanding the success or failure in our pursuit to qualify for redress, it sure would lift my spirits if we had, on the premise of principle and justice, some kind of tangible support—even acknowledgement in our efforts for recognition. If you are against us, I would like to know that, too.

Ide Otani  
Rocklin, Calif.

These stories and letters cry more poignantly than rhetoric of an editorialist who wasn't there but who believes justice can be served by education.

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\* "Short expressions" on public issues, usually one or two paragraphs, should include signature, address and daytime phone number. Because of space limitations, letters are subject to abridgment. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

## Letters

### CLPEF allocations funded promising ideas

The purpose of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) was not to document what each organization did toward the attainment of redress for Japanese-Americans. This can be obtained in the minutes of the meetings and reports of activities performed by each Japanese American organization. The purpose was now to further educate the American public on the importance of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

The CLPEF allocation was not to recognize the organization which spent the most money in the campaign. The attainment of redress for Japanese-Americans was the end result of many Japanese American organizations' and individuals' commitment to the redress campaign. The CLPEF purpose was to learn how the message of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 can be effectively

brought home to the American public. The methods are many and varied. The CLPEF went to the public to learn what was in their minds, and funded many promising ideas.

What the Japanese American community, and specifically the JACL, should be complaining about is the government making the Japanese-Americans pay for additional redress correctly declared by the Office of Redress Administration. The government is responsible for funding additional redress, not the Japanese-Americans. The original \$50 million allocated to redress the Japanese American community was reduced to \$5 million, and the other \$45 million is being used by the government to pay for the additional redress.

Clifford J. Nyeda  
San Francisco





## Voice of a Samsel

BY AKEMI KAYLENG

### Beer gone flat

**L**IFE started bugging me a few years ago. I felt vaguely irritated, vaguely anxious.

I couldn't pin it down on anything specific. By all rational criteria, life was going extremely well. Steve and I have been together over two decades, still happily together in a sea of divorced people. As we watch our contemporaries starting to develop serious medical problems, our doctors are telling us we are in great shape for our age. The insecurities and anxieties of our youthful years are gone. The financial struggles of that period are dim memories. And I was a top student in physics, grinding out straight A's. Ah, the mystique, the glamour, of the ichiban student. Unless you grew up Japanese American, it's hard to understand that trip. I understand it very well.

And I couldn't give a damn less. Those top grades, those prizes and awards (you should see what my resumé looks like), that unspoken but nevertheless conveyed esteem from my faculty — yeah, that was it! That's why I felt so anxious and annoyed.

I was just plain tired. Not against physics. Just tired. The thrill was gone. It's like that adolescent thrill of getting a driver's license, your own apartment, your first real job. These things are indeed achievements for one who started out in diapers. But after a few years, so what? We need new things to keep us going. We're just tired of the same old thing. We're losing interest, starting to drift. I'll always love physics and I'll always do it, but it felt like beer gone flat.

I needed a fresh can to fizz up my life. So, I switched gears from a "hardcore" to a "softcore" teach-

ing and counseling approach. Now I'm in a more people oriented, community service lifestyle.

Alas, a leopard does not change her spots overnight. I've got growing pains. I have to acquire new skills. I'm trying to break deeply rooted habits. So I'm still vaguely anxious and annoyed. But this time it's a good bad feeling, because I knew I needed something fresh.

So, I really understand how some of these old Nisei feel, as they are drifting away from JACL. "The same old thing, what, that again? I'm just plain tired..." they say to me. Yeah, I know.

Yet these very people invested so much of themselves in JACL, and, cynical and worn out as they are, they still believe in the deeper issue of human rights. They just need a fresh perspective. I understand that, too. I feel that way about mathematical applications.

Our can of beer has been open and sitting on the table too long. It's not bad. It's just gone flat. There's a whole new case in the fridge somewhere.

But what will this new can be? A slow shifting from the '60s style civil rights to a '90s style diversity? Building alliances with African American groups, who share our experience of discrimination? Building alliances with the Jews, who are also disappearing due to outmarriage? Becoming more of a general mainstream style, type group? Or something else?

I know that new can of beer is sitting there someplace, waiting for us. Our challenge is to identify and open it. ■

Akemi walked away from success to start all over again.

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## MIS REUNION

# Original MIS logo laid to rest



(Continued from page 1)

WWII symbol. Meanwhile, Jim Mita, MIS-SoCal president, said 1,116 mainly MIS veterans still need to show their first names. He brought the book listing all the

plus in recalling national Nisei MIS activities since the last reunion in Seattle in September 1995.

He emphasized, "Military intelligence collection was primarily a team effort and collectively accomplished their [mission]. The main purpose of the Nisei linguist soldier was not so much to eliminate the enemy, but to save American lives."



MIS-NorCal



MIS-SoCal



MIS-Northwest



JAV-Minnesota

MIS-NoCal's original design except for the dark ring. This past year, its newsletter "Jag" flew the MIS-Northwest logo.

MIS-NoCal past president Col. Harry Fukuhara (ret.), who was among the first 28 volunteers to be "amalgamated" out of Gila River Reeducation Center for MISIs, explained the name of the school is spelled out in the ring surrounding the modified MIS logo displayed at Ft. Huachuca (Ariz.) Army Intelligence Museum.

The display features a map of the Pacific theater of operations, 1942-1945, spots the areas where the MIS linguists had served and in what unit, and lists over 100 different Army divisions, the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Corps, and Allied units from Australia, New Zealand, Canadian and Chinese units in the China-Burma-India (CBI) theater.

It was unveiled as a wall-size poster last June 27 at Ft. Huachuca and Harry Fukuhara, MIS-SoCal leader who was inducted into the Hall of Fame the year before, had noticed the scarcity of MIS information and memorabilia at the museum.

It was evident "that after 50 years since the end of WWII, the present U.S. Army establishment knew very little about the exploits of the Nisei MIS soldiers," Fukuhara declared earlier before the first-night dinner crowd of 400-

MIS-Northwest leader Peter Okada cautioned about charges that the Minnesota design was stolen from a registered family crest.

Logo of the JAV (Japanese American Veterans Association), Washington, carries no elements of Indian feathers or the gopher, which the American Indian Movement said was "very disrespectful and demeaning to Indian people." Fern Mathias, AIM's Southern California director, stated to Ken Sato, "Please find someone else to honor, if your organization [MIS] thinks they are honoring Indians. Your mascot depicts racism, not honor. Start respecting us by removing the logo."

'98 AJA veterans reunion

The announcement of what may be the final hurrah for WWII Nisei veterans in Honolulu over the 4th of July weekend for AJA veterans covering the war down to Gulf Storm with up to 5,000 expected for luncheon at the new Convention Center was an electrifying bid to behold as many were informally showing signs of support.

However, MIS-NorCal member and longtime Sacramento JACLer Tom Fujimoto cited the conflict in dates, as the National JACL had already nailed down July 1-5, 1998, for its next national convention in Philadelphia. MIS-JACLers were wishing the AJA veterans reunion would change the dates.

Reunion committee lauded

The Reunion committee, chaired by Nobuo Furuiye and Kent Yorimoto, with assistance from a host of Rocky Mountain MIS members, their spouses and community was constantly being applauded and praised for pulling off a relaxing and memorable weekend. (There will be more notes in the next issue. —Ed.) ■

## STEREOTYPING

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or 7.3 percent of the population." A bilingual Spanish-English publication, *Angulos*, is distributed statewide. Cultural societies and economic support groups have been formed. Roman Catholic churches have added Spanish-language Masses, and small stores specializing in Mexican tortillas and produce "like we get at home" dot the island.

Ten years ago when the economy was booming and a shortage of laborers for tedious jobs on the farms and in restaurants was demanding help, Spanish-speaking workers began coming to Hawaii. Most are either U.S. citizens or legal immigrants, said local immigration officials, but workers have said they are battling a stereotype. People think all Hispanics are "illegal workers."

When a headline reads, "Mexican arrested," Francisco Mora, coach of the local Latinos Amigos soccer team, said, it labels all Hispanics. And because he wears gold jewelry, he's mistaken as a drug dealer.

Luis LeBran, a Puerto Rican via New York, speaks English without an accent and has a college degree in graphic arts and experience as an accountant. But in the eight months here, he has been unable to find work on Maui. "It's discrimination in subtle ways," he feels.

One Hispanic worker told Edwin Tanji, Advertiser bureau chief on Maui, that "we should get back where we came from." The man who taunted him was himself an immigrant of an earlier period, the worker said, and "I wanted to tell him, what about his family, but I didn't. Better not say anything."

## REDRESS

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pointed with the government's reluctance to acknowledge the injustices that were committed against the JIAs, the railroad workers, and other groups who have continued to be denied redress. "What it says to me," she said, "is the government doesn't get it."

"As of now [redress] is a partial victory," said Jay Ochi, vice-president of NCCRR. "I hope that one outcome of this conference is to raise the issue of the unresolved cases — to get people energized again," she said. "We need to do the same things as in the 80s to help bring [redress] to a successful conclusion."

In the years since the JA community celebrated the successes of the redress campaign, the political climate has changed drastically. Conference participants noted that while the 70s and 80s were a time when JAs showed great potential in the political arena, the 90s have brought a noticeable drought in political participation.

"In the aftermath of redress, what have we done?" asked John Tateishi. In the late 70s, JAs had a lot of political clout, at least among AAs, he said. But "I think we've crawled back a few steps" in recent years.

"Just because we got redress doesn't mean we can sit back," said

Castellanos, whose young children play soccer in a youth league, already feels "it's better than California where you don't want your children going outside." —AB ■

Sue Embrey. Even though redress was a success, the AA community needs to continue fighting for civil rights issues like affirmative action and welfare reform, she said.

"I think we [AAs] were more empowered in the 70s and 80s than in the 90s," said Representative Matsui during a group discussion. "We as a minority community, we as a group, have lost political influence over the past decade."

"I think what we need to do is to bring in new blood," he said. "There are opportunities and all of you need to be involved."

Conference participants noted that one of the main causes for the decrease in AA participation in politics is the current campaign finance scandal and the resulting media coverage that has failed to distinguish between the few Asian donors accused of wrongdoing and the larger AA community.

"A lot of the allegations really do border on stereotyping... guilt by association," said Representative Matsui. "As Asian Americans we need to do more and fight this."

"There's no distinction being made between Asian donors and Asian Pacific Americans," said Mineta. "Even after all this 'progress' we still get treated like less than full Americans" and "it angers me."

"Any wrongdoing has to be investigated and penalties paid," he said, "but to have innocent people being affected, I feel is unfair."

"Our community came to discuss something important that hap-

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## Letters

### Affirmative action: what happens when doors close to our children?

In a recent column, Bill Hosokawa quotes William Rusher who asks "why some Asian American liberals are militant advocates of a policy that automatically rewards merit to the detriment of its own scholars." Mr. Rusher goes on to say that these advocates are "liberals first, Asians a distant second and Americans last of all."

As a supporter of affirmative action, I have a number of reactions to Mr. Hosokawa's column. I am disappointed that he chose to ask his readers to respond rather than responding himself. As a respected JACLer of long standing, Mr. Hosokawa must know that the JACL has taken a strong position in favor of affirmative action and should be capable of articulating that position as well as stating his own.

As to Mr. Rusher's implying that being a liberal is un-American, that's downright insulting! Mr. Rusher tries to characterize affirmative action as a "liberal" (radical left wingers?) issue. The close vote in California on the deceptively named "Civil Rights Initiative," Proposition 209, suggests either that there are a lot of "liberals" in California or that affirmative action is supported by a wide cross-section of Americans.

Regarding his "detriment of its own scholars" argument, we, as a civil rights organization, must fight to overcome injustices even though we benefit from these injustices in some limited areas. Affirmative action may slow, by a small percentage, the growth in the numbers of Asian Americans enrolled in the nation's most prestigious universities. At the same time, however, it is a

means for rectifying the underrepresentation of Asian Americans in the ranks of tenured professors, deans, and university presidents. Looking beyond enrollment in universities, affirmative action has its greatest impact where most of us spend most of our lives — working in the public and private sector. It levels the playing field and opens up opportunities to women and minorities who have long been denied these opportunities. At the same time, it improves our country's competitive position in the international market by helping us capitalize on the skills and talents of all Americans.

I have benefited from affirmative action. I was the first Asian American development director at AT&T Bell Laboratories. Was I the first qualified Asian American? Certainly not. I just happened to be there when affirmative action opened up opportunities.

During the long campaign against Proposition 209, it was heartwarming to hear Asian Americans give their personal testimonies about affirmative action and how it opened doors for them (many of the stories start out "I was the first Asian American..."). Would we have made this progress without affirmative action? What will happen to our children when the doors close?

Ron Osajima  
Orange, Calif.

(Ron Osajima is vice governor of the JACL's Pacific Southwest District and Vice President, Product Management, at Volt Delta Resources.)

## Asian American journalists deplore racial slant on coverage of campaign finances

BOSTON—The 10th annual Asian American Journalists Association convention held in Boston featured a workshop, "The Price of Asian Political Involvement," which was a lively examination of the mainstream media's frenzied approach to the story and was moderated by Trithia Toyota, KCBS-TV anchor in Los Angeles.

In the summary as reported by *Editor & Publisher*, no one on the panel or in the audience argued that the story of the campaign finance scandal should have been ignored, but the criticism was tinged with anger over the way some writers used caricature and stereotypes, insensitive headlines and lack of distinction between Asians and Asian Americans.

Panelist Paul Watanabe, professor at the University of Massachusetts Institute for Asian American Studies, said, "We went from being a non-entity to all-powerful... Asian Americans are not going to be used as scapegoats for the collapse of the campaign finance system."

Panelist Francis Lim Youngberg, executive director of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute, said those involved in the scandal "do not represent the entire Asian community."

While *Business Week* senior news editor Owen Ullman, and Josh Goldstein, political reporter at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, supported the manner and substance of the coverage, they admitted there were many "egregious examples of pure racism."

To many in the audience, race was the driving factor in the exhaustive play the media gave the story, observed the *Editor & Publisher* reporter.

(This past week, the Senate panel investigating campaign fundraising abuses heard from three Buddhist nuns from the Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights and from Mike Mitoma, former mayor of Carson, Calif.)

The question was raised by *Asian Week* columnist Emil Guillermo as to why the media had not given comprehensive coverage to the German national, Thomas Kramer, in Florida who was fined \$323,000 last July for an illegal campaign contribution, the largest fine in the histo-

ry of the Federal Election Commission. "Why were the Germans spared and not given the 'Asian treatment'?" he asked the panel.

The turnout of 940 set an AAJA convention record, according to Sandra Michioku, director. ■

## Boston ballet artist

HONOLULU—Home for the summer, Romi Beppu of the Boston Ballet says since joining the company in 1995 she is "living her dream" but this past season was very demanding, after 52 performances of *The Nutcracker*. A 1994 Punahou graduate who grew up in Nuuanu, she has danced with the Hawaii State Ballet, the American Ballet Theater in New York, and also guested with the Los Angeles Classical Ballet. ■



NBC "Today" anchor Ann Curry and past National JACL President Lillian Kimura meet at the 10th annual Asian American Journalists Association Convention held August 13-16 in Boston, Mass. "The Road to Revolution," was the convention's theme as they discussed journalism, politics, and their role in both as Asian Americans.



From left are: Suzanne Chung and Genny Hom of AT&T Public Relations and Benjamin Seto, AAJA president, who meet with Governor Gary Locke of Washington State and his wife Mona Locke. The governor was keynote speaker.

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pened," said Dr. Maki toward the conclusion of the conference. "I'm pleased with how this turned out." And, he said, "though there were some differences, we got an understanding of the other groups."

The conference was an opportunity "to have all the stories in one place, to have that big picture," said JACL National Director Herb Yamanishi. It was important for

everyone to hear the same story, he said. "To understand that all these facets played role and contributed to the outcome."

"I believe [the differences between the various groups] are beginning to be resolved because they're beginning to be talked about," said Kay Ochi of NCRF. "It was informative and fascinating and I realize now that we were all working together." ■

## P.C. Bookshelf

### Publishers host gala for Barone, Ujifusa

**The Almanac of American Politics 1998**

Michael Barone and Grant Ujifusa, National Journal, 1730 M St., Washington, DC 20036, [1997], 1,632pp, index, \$29.95, \$52.95.

THE *Washington Post* (July 25) account of a publisher's party for authors Michael Barone and Grant Ujifusa upon publication of their latest "Almanac" was properly imbedded in the society pages, in a top spot above "Doonesbury" and next to inside-Washington gossip columnists Ann Gerhart and Annie Groer, who wrote



Grant Ujifusa

about the sex life of Jim Carville. (They were reporting on the taping of Tim Russert's show on CNBC, cable NBC's all-news format. Carville, who can talk a blue streak about almost anything, was speechless for once, they heard from Russert. The subject? His sex life.) Such tidbits from a publisher's party has a literary paparazzi tinge.

So it was "a nice thing [that] happened in Washington recently," Ujifusa cheerfully wrote, about the party coverage by the two columnists chatting with the authors.

Ujifusa and Barone met as Harvard students in the '60s and both work at *Reader's Digest*. It was Ujifusa who proposed they write a guide on the lawmakers in Congress, for citizens who wanted to lobby on Capitol Hill. Their first edition appeared in 1971-25 years ago.

Several years ago George Will called it "the bible of American politics." In-depth profiles of all 50 governors and all 535 members of Congress (100 senators, 435 represen-

tatives), their voting records as rated by a dozen influential interest group from left to right—the ACLU to the Christian Coalition—and updated maps, social, political and economic descriptions and voting trends for each state and every congressional district are crammed into the *Almanac*.

"Barone rattles off congressional minutiae the way some kids spit out sports stats."

"They have been writing the insiders' and outsiders' guide to the [nation's] power structure," agreed Gerhart and Groer. It certainly is not light reading, but for a good peek into Washington, it's the best. —HKH ■

### Matsui on the Book

"Without Grant Ujifusa's *Almanac of American Politics*—and its immense prestige and clout in Washington—Japanese American redress would not have happened."

"All 535 members of Congress worry about what the book says about them every two years, which enabled Grant to swing key Republican House members behind the bill. The *Almanac* also created access to a small chunk of Ronald Reagan's time, but time enough to tie redress to the personal memory the President had of fallen 442 hero Kaz Masuda."

"Ten minutes in the library with the new 1998 edition of the *Almanac of American Politics* will give you a sense of how Congress really works and how redress navigated the tricky waters of establishment Washington." —Congressman Robert Matsui

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## OBITUARIES

## Ken Uchida, 78, Intermountain JACL leader

OGDEN, Utah—Ken Uchida, 78, was to be honored among the original 1000 Club founders at the forthcoming 50th anniversary celebration of the JACL Thousand Club at Cactus Pete's. He succumbed Aug. 21 after a two-year struggle with cancer.

His booming voice, certainly cultivated by his lifetime career with the Army Reserves, after active service during WWII at Dodd Field in San Antonio, last resonated at the 1997 Fort Sam Houston AJA Reunion in late April when PC editor emeritus Harry K. Honda was guest speaker.

Uchida, decorated with the Legion of Merit in 1978 for 30-plus years in the military, had risen to the rank of colonel when he retired in 1988. He was assistant G-4 with the 96th Army Reserve Command at Fort Douglas, Utah.

He sought till his dying days the Bronze Star for the 22 Nisei enlist-

ed men from Fort Sam Houston who had exposed themselves to chemical agents to specifically determine their effects on Oriental scale and bodies in September-October, 1943. The experiments were conducted at the Edgewood Arsenal, Md. The men were sworn to secrecy till Uchida dug from his files the special orders dispatching the Nisei GIs to Maryland.

Adorning the Quadrangle Tower at Fort Sam Houston is an Asian face (of Sgt. Ken Uchida) on a painting, "A Tradition of Service," with 14 others—including General Eisenhower, General Pershing and Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt—who had served at the historic fort. The post dates from 1845.

Uchida was elected Ogden JACL president for 1948-50, served as Intermountain District Council chair during the 1947-49 biennium and headed the Ben Lomond (Ogden) chapter in 1959-62. ■

## Horsky, 87, appealed for Korematsu, Endo

WASHINGTON—Charles A. Horsky, 87, founder of the local ACLU chapter and a partner for nearly 40 years in the firm of Covington & Burling, died of kidney failure Aug. 20 at Holy Cross Hospital.

A close friend of Ed Ennis, Horsky was enlisted as a volunteer lawyer by Roger Baldwin, head of the ACLU, in the Mitsuye Endo case as it approached the U.S. Supreme Court. Horsky and Ennis worked together in the Solicitor General's Office before the war. A Montana native and Harvard Law School graduate, who finished at the top of his class, "he was readymade for us," Baldwin later said.

Peter Irons, in his *Justice at War: The Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases* (1983), writes Horsky quickly became a central figure in plotting the legal tactics

with ACLU and Justice Department lawyers.

It was the Endo case that revoked the Army's ban of persons of Japanese ancestry returning to their West Coast homes and determined that the government could not detain loyal Americans in the WRA camps.

Horsky also handled the appeal at the Supreme Court of Fred Korematsu, who had refused to voluntarily relocate to an internment camp during World War II.

Horsky lost the appeal but said his client was later vindicated by history after reparations were made by the government to interment camp prisoners.

As presidential adviser in the '60s, Horsky helped in shaping home-rule government for the District of Columbia and in the preservation of Union Station and other institutions. ■

## Korean War memorial exhibit added

SAN FRANCISCO—The traveling version of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans memorial exhibit has been added to the National Japanese American Historical Society's Presidio exhibition Sept. 13 through Nov. 9 at Herbst International Hall, open 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday.

On view will be *Reminiscing in Sunlight: Japanese Americans in American Popular Music, and Diamonds in the Rough: Japanese Americans in Baseball*. Program for

Bay Area residents is also planned for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2-4 p.m. ■

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**Balchak, Miesko, 70, Pasadena, Aug. 8:** Tokyo-born, survived by husband Shigetomi, sisters Kimiko, Yoshie, Aiko, Sumie and brother Masaru Ohmura (all of Japan), brothers-in-law John J. Babcock (Stockton) and Minoru (Los Angeles).

**Blaylock, Miesko, 73, Las Vegas, Aug. 14:** Tokyo-born, survived by husband Ernest, daughter Mary Ann Nichol (both of Las Vegas), sons Eddie (Orange), 4 g., Del Chyo, 78, Chicago, July 13; Hawaii-born, survived by husband George, daughter Patricia Cook (Lakeview, Ill.), sons Randy (Chicago), Steve (Cicero, Ind.), Wes (Ocoee, Ind.), George (Gran- ger, Ind.), 10 g., sisters Fumyo Ikeda, Hiroko Nagao, Yoshi Kuroi, Yusei Takashima, brother Toshiaki Ikeda (all of Japan).

**Epperson, Haru, 82, Los Angeles, Aug. 14:** survived by brother Kei Yamaguchi, sister Yuki Onishi.

**Fukawa, Takako, 94, Gardena, Aug. 10:** Kanagawa-born, survived by sons George, Hiroshi Jeff, Koji, daughter Chieko Iida, 13 g., 14 g.

**Fujiki, Kenneth, 69, Newcastle, Wyo., July 25:** survived by wife Betty, sons Steven, David, brother Theodore (Rupert, Id.), sisters Masako Nishimoto (Madera), Sumiko Fujiki (Bakersfield).

**Furuta, Shizuko, 83, Sacramento, July 31:** Wakayama-born, survived by son Kenji, daughter Kasamatsu, Ayaoko Toda, Mary Harada, g.

**Haraguchi, Tasaku, 76, Los Angeles, Aug. 22:** Port Angeles, Wash.-born, survived by wife Sumie, son Frank Ryuzo, daughter Sherry Fumiko, Haraguchi, sister Chikako Kamase (Japan), sisters-in-law Yuki Esaki, Tsushiko Hae (both of Japan).

**Higashi, Tsuneo, 74, Los Angeles, Aug. 7:** survived by wife Yoshiye, daughter Yoko, sister Janet M. Nishihara, sister-in-law Kimiko Kutsunari.

**Horimoto, Yuki, 75, La Mirada, Aug. 19:** Whittier-born, survived by son Gary (San Diego), daughter Donna Hayes (Surrey, B.C., Canada), 3 g.

**Inoue, Hideo, Hiesashi, 81, Los Angeles, Aug. 21:** survived by wife Miyoko, son Steven, daughter Judy Young, 3 g., sister Yutoko Ogawa (Japan).

**Kamidoi, Dr. Thomas Y., 74, Rancho Palos Verdes, Aug. 23:** Pioneer-born, WWII veteran, survived by wife Sonoko, sons Lyle, Gregg, sister Yoshioka Kataoka (Fowler), brother Eugene, sisters-in-law Ruby Tamada (Chicago), Frances Michiko Chikahisa, Setsuko Dorothy Nagami.

**Kamiya, Frances Mayumi, 72, Chicago:** survived by daughter Katherine, son Mark, sister Katherine Matsuki, brother Paul Kageyama, predeceased by husband Benjamin.

**Kanagawa, James Shigeo, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 16:** WWII veteran, survived by wife Elzo Kazuko, son David Osamu, daughter Celia Mayumi Hui (Ukiah), 4 g., 1 g., sisters Mitsuyo Nishimura, Harue Kagawa, Sumiko Hiramoto, Toshiko Harada (all of Japan), sisters-in-law Jessie Kato, Rose Ishihara.

**Kanashiro-Scott, Donna Akiko, 35, Monterey Park, Aug. 15:** Los Angeles-born, survived by husband William, parents Kyoshi, Soni Kanashiro, brother Toshiko, grandmother Kame Kanashiro, parents-in-law William and Isabel Scott.

**Kawahara, William, 82, Hawaii, Aug. 5:** served on Hawaii County Council (1972-84); survived by wife Kay, brothers Peter, Shoji, Mark, Karl, sisters Emma Kuwada; Minnie Mana, Tomie Ahn, Lily Rieberg.

**Kawawaki, Masayo, 89, Santa Ana, Aug. 24:** Okayama-born, survived by children Toshio, Emiko, Roy, Frances Arakawa, 2 g.

**Kimura, Makoto, 64, Aromas, Aug. 7:** Manchuria-born, raised in Shizuoka, survived by wife Kikue, daughters Midori Hishigami, Fumi, parents Shin and Sono Kimura (Japan).

**Kinoshita, Hisashi, 94, Aug. 22:** Okayama-born, survived by wife Kiyoko, sons Bob Seichiro, Shigeharu 'Shig', daughters Nancy Misako Morrone, Joyce Setsuko Maro, June Kiyomi Maro, Mike Nakamura, 16 g., 13 g., sisters-in-law Mikiko Kinoshita, Katsuyo Nagao.

**Kinoshita-Ochiai, Helen Yoko, 72, Portland, Ore., Aug. 19:** survived by sisters Alice S. Manuyama (Merced), Nancy M. Fujino (Portland).

**Kito, Tom, 99, Petersburg, Alaska, March 27:** Japan-born, last Alaskan Issei, survived by wife Lucy, 4 children.

**Kotzumi, Shuichi Harbert, 68, Chicago, July 17:** survived by wife Mihoko, 2 children.

**Koyama, Masayuki William, 80, Monterey Park, Aug. 18:** Pasadena-born, WWII veteran, survived by wife Haru Rose, son Arthur Asao, daughter Joan Sue Koyama, 2 g., sisters Mitsuko Yana, Miyoko Toshima, sisters-in-law Natlie Koyama, Helen Koyama.

**Ikeda, Sasami, 90, Santa Monica, Aug. 28:** service; Koshi-born, survived by sons Arnold Tadao, Brian Tadashi, 2 g., 2 g., brother Hiroshi Ikeda and sister Tokio Takamura (both Japan).

**Mamiya, Yoshio Buddy, 80, Aug. 15:** San Diego-born, WWII Company D, 100/442 RCT veteran, one of the founders of the Japanese American National Museum, member of the board of directors of the 100/442/MIS Monument Foundation, survived by wife Lily, sons Chip, Randall, daughter Esther Kodama, 3 g., brother Tatsuo, sister Umeko Kawamoto.

**Maruyama, Fuji, 81, Oakland, Aug. 28:** San Francisco-born Alameda County resident, survived by daughters May Kiyotani

(Foster City), July Ogata (San Lorenzo), sons Frank (Hayward), Richard (Newport News, Va.), 10 g., 5 g., predeceased by husband Joe.

**Masahito, Richard T., 39, Beaverton, Ore., July 25:** Japan-born, survived by wife Karin, sons Matthew, Nathan, sister Karen Chatterton (Las Cruces, N.M.), parents George and Rose Masahito (Hawaii).

**Morioka, Hiroshi 'Hank', 64, San Francisco, Aug. 28:** survived by wife Gienda, children Gino, Sonja Murphy, 1 g., parent Matsui Morioka, siblings Delia, Masahiro Morioka, Yoshiko Ide, Fumiko Miyakawa, Hiroko Okumura.

**Naito, Jiro, 90, Monterey Park, Aug. 21:** Washington-born, survived by wife Hatsuno, brother-in-law Mitsuo Morizumi (Japan).

**Nakagawa, Shizuko, 74, Los Angeles, Aug. 9:** El Monte-born, survived by brother Shigeru Fukui, sister Fumiko Fukukawa.

**Nakamura, Fumie, 46, South San Francisco, Aug. 23:** Chiba-born, survived by husband Nobuo, daughters Naoko, Kanako, brother-in-law Fumio Nakamura.

**Nakamura, Kei K., 81, Aug. 15:** Devil's Slide, Utah-born, survived by wife Shizue Nakamura, daughter Debbie Nakamura.

**Nakata, Tom T., 80, Hemet, Aug. 4:** Molokai, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Frances, daughters Caroline Kawaguchi, Charlene Kerr, son Andrew, 2 g., brothers Paul, Fred, Larry.

**Nakawatsa, Kenzo, 92, Gardena, Aug. 20:** Kagoshima-born, survived by wife Ikuo, son Tom, daughters June Takei, Aiko Nakamura, Midori Uyeda, 8 g., brother-in-law Nobuo Shirasawa (Japan), sisters-in-law Masako Kawano, Kazuko Tsumiyama, Yasuko Takesako (Japan).

**Narashina, Toshiko, 81, Los Angeles, Aug. 13:** Berkeley-born, survived by brother Minoru Narashina, sister Miyako Kazama.

**Nishikawa, Kiyoko, 82, San Carlos, Aug. 13:** Nagoya-born, survived by son Junji, daughter Sachiko Shimada (Japan) g., brother Tadayasu wai and sisters Fumiko Mizuno, Mitsuko Nakashima (all of Japan).

**Nitta, Harold Minoru, 82, Stockton, Aug. 7:** survived by wife Dorothy, sons Philip, Wesley, daughters Gen Bentz, Susan Kishi, 8 g., 1 g.

**Ogami, Lillian Shigeo, 82, Kingsburg, Aug. 22:** Fresno-born, survived by son David, 1 g., brothers Edwin, Wayne and Fred Nishikawa.

**Ogawa, Ichiro, 78, San Mateo, Aug. 11:** survived by wife Taneko, sons Richard, Keith, sister Yoshie Kawashima, g.

**Okabayashi, Miki, 91, Aug. 17:** Koshi-born, survived by sons Frank Katsutani, Tak Takatori, daughter Ruth Kimiko Babamoto, 6 g., 11 g.

**Okamoto, Kiyone Umeki, 95, July 24:** survived by daughters Toshiko Salzberg, Etsuko Lockhart, son-in-law John Salzberg, 3 g., 3 g.

**Oshiro, Tom Koyei, 92, Walnut Creek, Aug. 6:** Okinawa-born long-time resident of Concord, survived by wife Isabel, son Neal (Lynnwood, Wa.), daughter Judy Dehont (Danville), 4 g.

**Oyama, Ichiro, 90:** Hawaii-born, survived by brother Charles Sakamoto (Laguna Hills).

**Sakamoto, Tsuneji, 83, Oakland, Aug. 22:** Kagoshima-born, survived by son Masatoshi, daughters Yoko Naito, Fumiko Sakamoto, daughter Hara, 5 g.

**Sakimoto, Yasushi, 83, Aug. 9:** survived by wife Yoko, children Jodi Morrill, Michiko, Alan, Aya, brother Kiyoshi, sister Emiko Minami, 9 g.

**Sasaki, Ide Sakiko, 74, Monterey Park, Aug. 9:** El Monte-born, survived by son Keith, brother Takeo Yoshimura.

**Shimizu, Tomoe, 84, Seattle, survived by brother Haruki 'Archie' Ida (Seattle), sister Shizuo Goto (Bellevue, Wa.), predeceased by husband John Shimizu.**

**Sugimoto, Yel, 96, Sacramento, Aug. 4:** Aichi-born, survived by son Tom T., daughters Agnes C. Nakayama, Mary Tsukamoto, 10 g., 13 g., predeceased by husband Chikako, son Oscar.

**Sumi, Hideko Patricia, 53, Los Ange-**

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les, Aug. 15; Rocky Ford, Colo.-born, survived by son Teiji Karl Gotanda, daughter Kiyoko Mary Gotanda, mother Shizuko Sumi, sister Kazuko Anne Anderson.

**Takakoshi, Takewo, 89, San Francisco, July 25:** Seattle-born, WWII veteran, survived by daughter Iori, Dr. Akami Takakoshi (Michigan), Eileen Janice Takakoshi, 1 g., brothers Kumao, Shigeo, sisters Tami Takakoshi, Kim Okane, Kazuko Asan, sister-in-law Hatsue Takakoshi (all of Japan).

**Tamura, Haruko, 82, Los Angeles, Aug. 15:** Kagoshima-born, survived by sons Seigi, Takeo, Floyd, 5 g., sisters Ayako Takeuchi, Itsuko Van der Velde.

**Tamura, Kiku, 82, La Habra Heights, Aug. 8:** Hyogo-born, survived by sons Dr. Yasushi, Dr. Hisuro, 6 g., 3 g.

**Tanaka, Masuyuki K., 90, Illinois, July 14:** Hawaii-born, survived by sons Roy, James, daughter Mary June, sister Jane T. Doi (Chicago), brothers Kanemi Kanazawa, Kinji Kanazawa (Hawaii), 4 g., 10 g.

**Tanaka-Lem, Alko R., 46, Alhambra, Aug. 26:** El Sereno-born, survived by husband Kai, son Richard Tanaka, daughter Carolyn Tanaka, parents Issei Jim (Jane Kaoru) Nakachi, brothers Shigeru, Dennis, Allen Nakachi, sisters Janet Arimura, Theresa Mendez, Bonnie Jenera.

**Teshima, Edna Nagano, 85, Oakland, Aug. 5:** Sakata-born, survived by husband Charles, son Ronald (San Diego), daughters Carolyn (San Francisco), Diane Teshima Hicks (Oakland), Nancy (Albany), 5 g., siblings Toshi Tanouye (Chicago), Ide Endo (Skokie, Ill.), Mae Higuchi (San Jose).

**Tomimaga, Thomas T., 76, Berkeley, Aug. 17:** MIS veteran, past commander of Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post 9679, survived by wife Fumie, son Gary, 2 g., sister Sadie Nakamoto, brothers Mel, Joe, Sam, Paul, Henry.

**Tsuboi, Nobuo John, 77, Los Angeles, Aug. 26:** Seattle-born, survived by wife Kazuyo, son Richard Takashi, daughter Yoshiko Higuchi, 6 g., brother Sueo (Japan), sister-in-law Henry Sato, sister-in-law Akiko Miyamoto.

**Umino, Kane, 91, San Francisco, Aug. 6:** survived by daughter Yoshiko, 2 g., 5 g., 1 g.

**Uweda, Takashi, 65, Los Angeles, Aug. 25:** Torrance-born, survived by wife Yoko, Harry Kazushige, Isamu Roy, sister Takaya Fujita, sister-in-law Mary Shigeo Ueda.

**Uyeda, Kimio, 67, Aug. 16:** Terminal Island-born, survived by brother Yasuhiko, sister Yotsumi Nakamoto.

**Wakabayashi, Akio, 63, La Puente, Aug. 16:** Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Kinko, sons Raymond Makoto, Patrick Akira, daughter Shiro Shino Barata, 2 g., mother Shizue Uyemura, brothers Naoru Kamura, Yoko Francis Uyemura, Rev. Kazuo Uyemura.

**Uyeno, George Yutaka, 83, Brea, Aug. 23:** Hawaii-born, survived by wife Erma, sons Michael, Gerald, daughter Miriam Uyeno, 2 g.

**Wakamoto, Masao, 84, San Leandro, Aug. 19:** survived by wife Yoko, daughters Susan Shojinaga, Jane Babicz, son Bill, 7 g., 6 brothers, 3 sisters.

**Yamamoto, Ohtaro, 94, Carson, Aug. 21:** Kure, Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Matsuyo, sons Michitaro (Orange), Kikuro (Hacienda Heights) Teruo (Laguna Beach), Takeo (Newport Beach), daughter Asako Matsumoto (Yorba Linda), 9 g. ■

## LETTERS

● Why not include the maiden names of the women who pass on, if possible, to identify them better? We often don't know who they married.

Lily Takahashi  
(Area code 209)

Maiden names of women are welcome at all times, even after they have appeared in these columns.

## DEATH NOTICE

**KENICHI UCHIDA**  
OGDEN, Utah—Kenichi Uchida, 78, died on Aug. 21, after a two year struggle with cancer. He was born on Dec. 29, 1918, in San Pedro, Calif., a son of Setsuo and Take Yamamoto Uchida. He married Susan Shizuko Mukai of San Diego, Calif. on Dec. 30, 1942. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the U.S. Army and later throughout his life with the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a former president of the Ogden JACL Chapter and the first president of the Intermountain JACL Thousand Club. Survivors are wife; two sons, Donald (Ogden) and Jay (Mercer Island, Wash.); one daughter, Julia (Missoula, Mont.) and four grandchildren.

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## Idaho potato farmer 'makes' front cover

SPOKANE, Wash.—Farm Credit Services' third quarter magazine "cover story" last year featured a Nisei journalism graduate, Albert Wada, who was raising approximately 180 million pounds of Russet Burbank potatoes, soft-white wheat and malt barley in three counties in Idaho's Upper Snake River Valley.

His commitment to WQM—Wada Quality Management—over the past 25 years has been marked by his "vision and leadership to generate profits and grow in business even during economic down turns," the magazine Yields said.

Wada praised his "quality people" for the recognition of his organization, comprised of five different farms, a 35,000 square-foot packing-shipping operation, and an agronomy and fertilizer/chemical company. "I hire people smarter than myself in areas such as sales, production and accounting," he readily admitted.

Keeping track from his pickup, which happens to be "the real office," Wada manages multiple conversations with two radios and one cellular phone while traveling between farms.

Consistency of quality in his growing operation is also evident in the uniform red and white paint on buildings, equipment and trucks: "Wada Farms=Quality Idaho Prod-

uct." With more than 50 trucks on the road and \$11-million worth of farm equipment spread over 11,000 acres, his business partner and accountant T. Layne Van Orden knows at any time the status of the crops, of irrigation and how the other managers are doing.

Wada's father, Frank, began farming in southeastern Idaho in 1942 and in 1950 bought the original homestead and farm in Pingree, where the family still lives.

A longtime Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL member, Albert Wada didn't expect to be a farmer as he majored in journalism at Idaho State University in Pocatello and started an MBA program at University of Utah. When his older brother Warren was tragically killed in a gas explosion, Albert had to step forward to carry on the family farm. His father retired in 1972. ■

## Fish 'n' Pitch winners

RENO, Nev.—The Reno JACL chapter held its annual Fish 'n' Pitch on July 12. The fishing event went well, according to chairperson Cary Yamamoto. Boat rides were provided by Richard Yamamoto to improve fish-catching probability.

In the adult division the top three winners were Tyler Onitsuka, Allison Kop, and Ron Yamamoto.

The youth division leaders were Andrew Kop, Michelle Kop, and Tomoko Ihara. —Reno News ■



## CRYSTAL CITY CAMPAIGN NEARING ITS GOAL

In 1994, the Japanese American National Museum featured Crystal City Alien Internment Center in Texas with the 10 WRA relocation centers at its landmark "Family Expo" exhibit at the Los Angeles Convention Center. A committee comprised of former inmates then initiated a \$150,000 fund drive for the museum's new Pavilion now under construction in Little Tokyo and last month announced it has raised \$141,625.44. Among the campaigners are (left to right): front—Sumi Shimatsu, Irene Hirano (JANM executive director), Sei Dyo, Yae Aihara, Florence Ochi (JANM campaign manager), Kim Takahashi; second row—Fumi Nakamura, Yukie Nonoguchi, Sachi Maehara, Miyo Eshita, Toni Tomita, Yuki Okazaki, Akemi Yasuda, Massie Kanogawa, Tak Takeuchi; back row—Ty Nakamura, Kazie Okamura, Yone Takeuchi, Stogie Kanogawa, Reiko Ikemiya, Haj Nonoguchi, Sid Okazaki, Emi Takeuchi, Henry Okamura, Ruby Sakurai, Tom Ikemiya and Fred Hoshiyama (JANM chair of special gifts and regional campaigns).

## Kinder set to race in Japan against NASCAR's big boys

SANTA ANA—At the tender age of 11, John Kinder won regional and national karting events and dreamed that one day he would be racing cars with the top names in the world. At 22, Kinder's dream is a reality. He is the first Japanese American to go to the NASCAR



John Kinder

Suzuka Thunder Special, which will take place November 23 in Suzuka (Mie-ken) City, Japan. His new goal is to graduate to Winston Cup racing.

It will be Kinder's first visit to Japan and an experience to race against his motorsports idols like Rusty Wallace, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt at this invitation-only event, where he is one of only 31 selected drivers.

California-born Kinder has a great deal of pride in his Japanese ancestry, and looks forward to being able to know his Japanese family history better. "There's an entire family history of mine in Japan that I've never really been able to touch. I've heard so many stories from my grandparents, I feel like a part of me is going home," Kinder says.

His 82-year old grandmother, Toshi Mori, is accompanying him as his translator. The Suzuka Thunder Special will be the first race she attends. "It just seems appropriate that it would be in Japan. I've always shared my stories [of Japan] with him and he's always listened so intensely."

The Winston West driver was selected by Petty Enterprises' Competition driving school to instruct at their Las Vegas Superspeedway, and has been awarded the 1996 Winston West Most Improved Award by NASCAR. He is a consistent leader in races, with 19 top-ten and 10 top-five finishes.

In addition to driving the car for his team, the Santa Ana-based PowerBase Motorsports, he is also, a full time technician to his car. This entails 16-hour days putting the car together and taking it apart with a crew. He usually drives a Pontiac, but for this race he has a new Hopkins Chassis in a 97 Monte Carlo, which is more aerodynamic for the larger tracks. He also handles sponsor requests for appearances and maintains equipment.

Kinder remains confident when faced with this dual challenge, of facing the world at the NASCAR Suzuka Thunder Special race and coming to know his Japanese American identity better. —Stephanie Lai ■

## 1000 Club Reunion registration deadline now Sept. 27

Deadline for the 1000 Club 50th Anniversary reunion Oct. 10-12 at Cactus Pete's Casino and Hotel at Jackpot, Nev., has been extended to Sept. 27. It was announced by Hid Hasegawa, reunion chair.

Several Minidoka Camp internees have inquired if the reunion was open to non-JACL 1000ers, and Hasegawa happily assured the weekend is open to all.

The Friday pilgrimage, Oct. 10, leaves from Cactus Pete at 11 a.m. by bus and with a ben-to provided. Minidoka Campsite is approximately 75 miles from Jackpot and the tour will include a look at the train depot at Eden where the internees detained and boarded trucks and buses for Minidoka, Hasegawa added. This trip is part of the reunion registration package.

Fees, payable to "JACL 1000 Club Reunion" are \$55 reunion, \$50 for golf tournament, and mailed to Seichi Hayashida, 231 Lone Star Rd., Nampa, ID 83651.

Room reservations at the JACL reunion rate should be made with Cactus Pete's, 800/821-1103.

Those traveling by air from Seattle or Portland should fly to Boise by Thursday, 2:30 p.m., and notify Hayashida (208/466-7228) before-hand for transportation to Jackpot. Others may fly directly to Twin Falls via Salt Lake City. Call Hasegawa (208/529-1525) for pick-up at Twin Falls. ■

## 1997 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS

MAUI GOLF HOLIDAY (8 days)	SEP 22
TENNESSEE/BRANSON/KENTUCKY (Shoji Tabuchi Show, 9 days)	SEP 13
EAST COAST/FALL FOLIAGE (11 days)	OCT 5
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (11 days)	OCT 13
PRINCESS PANAMA CANAL CRUISE (Early Booking Discount, 10 days)	NOV 15

## 1998 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS

TAUCK STEAMBOATIN' & BELLINGRATH GARDENS (8 days)	MAR/APR
JAPAN SPRING ADVENTURE (A Takayama Festival, 12 days)	APR 11
TAUCK NEW MEXICO & LAS VEGAS (10 days)	MAY
CANADIAN ROCKIES/VICTORIA (8 days)	JUNE 10
TAUCK CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS (7 days)	JULY
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