



Candidates for JACL national office announced

Seven JACLers have submitted their applications to run for national JACL offices, according to Nominations Committee co-chairs Kim Nakahara and Aaron Owada. All of the candidates are current National Board members.

The nominees are:

President: Helen Kawagoe, Gardena Valley Chapter; currently JACL national president.
Vice President for General Operations: No candidate.
Vice President for Public Affairs: Lori Fujimoto, Sacramento

Chapter; currently JACL vice president for public affairs.

Vice President for Planning and Development: Gary Mayeda, APAN Chapter; currently JACL vice president for planning and development.

Vice President for 1000 Club and Membership Services: Karen-Liane Shiba, SELANOCO Chapter; currently JACL vice president for 1000 Club and membership services.

Secretary/Treasurer: David Hayashi, Twin Cities Chapter; currently JACL secretary/treasurer.

National Youth/Student Council Chair: Hiromi Ueha, SELANOCO Chapter; currently national youth/student council chair.

National Youth/Student Representative: Nicole Inouye, SELANOCO Chapter; currently national youth/student representative.

The deadline for submitting nominations was April 1. The nominations will reopen during the first business session of the National Council on July 2. According to the JACL bylaws, nominations from the floor must include "background information of the nominee as required on the official nomination form and shall be subject to the requirements of endorsement of the majority of the Chapters of the candidates' District Council." ■



A3M's "Starnight ... Starbright" brings out celebs and community

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

LOS ANGELES—Danny Hsieh, 22, knew something was wrong when his gums wouldn't stop bleeding. On the advice of his dentist he had a blood test done. The results didn't look good; his blood cell count was abnormal.

After undergoing a few more tests, Hsieh's worst nightmare came true. He had aplastic anemia, a fatal blood disease. His only chance for survival was to undergo a bone marrow transplant from a matching donor.

"It was a shock because I hadn't been feeling sick or experiencing any pain," said Hsieh, a Taiwanese native who currently resides in Torrance, Calif. His parents and sister were immediately tested to see if they were a match for Hsieh, but to their disappointment, none were. Now, his only chance was to locate a matching

donor on the National Bone Marrow Registry.

Hsieh's story, unfortunately, is not unique. Each year thousands of Asian Pacific Americans are diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases and their only chance for survival is a bone marrow transplant from a matching donor.

But finding that match isn't easy for someone in the APA community. Currently, only 4 percent of those registered in the National Bone Marrow Registry are APAs so the chances of finding a matching donor is about one million to one.

Fighting to improve those numbers is Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M), a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding marrow matches for APAs stricken with fatal blood diseases, and ed-

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Danny Hsieh with A3M volunteer Merle Alvarez at the "Starnight ... Starbright" gala fundraiser at the Japan America Theater on April 11.

Asian gangs in America Raising awareness at APA community roundtable

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American baby in the photo, with its chubby cheeks, porcelain skin, and toothless smile of innocence, is irresistibly cute.

But cuteness isn't what draws a person to this photo. The cigarette

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a presenter at the "Asian Gangs" workshop during the ninth annual Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable at the University of Southern California on April 17. He was joined by Cynthia Nakao, L.A. County Deputy District At-

crimes range from home invasion robberies and extortion to assault and murder.

In recent years, with an increasing number of American-born members, Asian gangs are becoming more Westernized.

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Sergeant William Howell (left) with Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Nakao and Dr. Glenn Masuda.

hanging loosely from the babe's mouth and the oversized black sunglasses perched precariously on top of its nose are what grab your attention.

Welcome to the second generation of Asian gangs in America.

"We're starting to see the next generation of Asian gang members, and it worries me," said Sergeant William Howell of the

torney's Hardcore Gang Division, and Psychologist Glenn Masuda of the Asian Pacific Family Center.

In California alone there are approximately 250 Asian gangs with up to 50,000 members. Of this figure, more than 70 percent operate out of Southern California.

According to Howell, a two-decade veteran of law enforcement who's spent the last 16 years specializing in Asian gangs, the number of Asian gang members in the United States is growing.

Most Asian gang members are between the ages of 16 and 25; some are as young as 10. Their

Identity focus of APA community roundtable

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

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LOS ANGELES—Multicultural diversity and inclusiveness. These words almost always come up when people talk about identity issues in the Asian Pacific American community today.

So that's exactly what the more than 150 people from the community and academia discussed at the ninth annual Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable (APACRR), "Inside Out: The Changing APA Identity," hosted by the University of Southern California on April 17.

The conference was sponsored by Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education

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Last round of ORA claimant workshops

Representatives from the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will travel to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Honolulu to conduct the last round of claimant workshops before the redress program's close on August 10. Claimants residing in these areas with unresolved claims are strongly encouraged to attend. Persons interested in redress in general are also welcome.

The workshops are scheduled for: **San Francisco, Calif.:** May 5, at 7 p.m., Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St. **Gardena, Calif.:** May 8, at 7 p.m., Ken Nakao Center, 1700 W. 162nd Ave.

Los Angeles, Calif.: May 9, at 1 p.m., Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St.

Honolulu, Hawaii: May 11, at 3:30 - 7 p.m. and May 12, at 3 - 7 p.m., Japanese Culture Center of Hawaii, 2454 South Beretania

To register, claimants may call the ORA Helpline at 1-888-219-6900. Leave the following information on the automated system:

- Name and telephone number
- The workshop city
- The name of the primary claimants
- The primary claimants' file number and date of birth
- Any issues or concerns regarding the claim

Attendance is not mandatory. The workshops will serve as an opportunity for claimants to submit additional documents, ask questions or have a one-on-one case discussion with an ORA representative. Claimants are advised to bring all ORA documentation with them and to bring copies of any documents they want to keep. ■

Clinton opposes Prop. 227

BY MIKA TANNER

Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON—With a little more than a month before voters head to the polls on June 2, the Clinton administration has decided to formally oppose California's Proposition 227, the measure that seeks to eradicate bilingual education programs from the public school system.

Earlier this month, White House aides presented Clinton with a nine-page memo recommending that he formally oppose the measure. The document also

set forth strategies that officials believe would aid the effectiveness of bilingual programs. One of these strategies currently under consideration by the administration is a proposal to limit participation in bilingual education programs to no more than three years.

Prop. 227, an initiative that has generated widespread controversy, proposes to replace current bilingual education programs with a one-year English immersion program before transferring students back into mainstream classes. The "sink or swim" approach of the measure has been widely criticized by teachers, civil rights organizations, and education officials.

Although civil rights activists and educators are pleased with the President's formal stance opposing the controversial bill, many activists object to the idea of a time limit for participation in bilingual programs, such as the three year period currently under consideration by the White House. They maintain that bilingual education is most effective without the kind of arbitrary structure that the administration may be recommending.

The supporters of the 227 measure, on the other hand, were disappointed with the Clinton administration's position and what they see as his approval of the current system, which, according to Prop. 227, financier Ron Unz, amounts to "Spanish-only instruction."

However, after reviewing the measure, White House officials decided that it was not the best way in which to teach kids Eng-

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JACL Calendar

Eastern

NATIONAL
 July 1-5—35th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention. Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia. Registration deadline: May 7. JACL Convention room rates \$99 sgl/dbl occ., ITT/Sheraton 800/325-3535, same rate applicable three days prior to three days after convention. Hotel & sales tax extra.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Wed. July 1—National Board meeting, Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON D.C.
 Tue.-Wed., May 5-6—Ballet performance, *Winter War*, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower Theatre, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets at special JACL group rate for May 6 performance, reception after: Barbara Teraji, 410/740-9956. NOTE—Choreographer, Mariko; piano ballerina Jeanne Murakami-Houck, score by Maurice Jarre.

Midwest

CINCINNATI
 Sat. May 2—Spring Yard Sale/Bake Sale, 2933 Madison Rd. (Oakley); Info: Jacqui V�doreux, 513/861-4860, Shiro Tanaka, 513/489-9079. NOTE: To benefit the NIA Memorial in Washington, D.C.

CLEVELAND
 Sun. June 7—Scholarship luncheon, 1 p.m., Shinano's Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd. RSVP by May 31. Info: Joyce Theus, 440/582-5443.

ST. LOUIS
 Sat. May 30—Deadline for St. Louis Chapter scholarship applications. Info: Iriga Yokota, 314/921-7933.

TWIN CITIES

Thu. May 7—Scholarship banquet

Sat. May 9—Generations potluck dinner,

noon, Union Congregational Church, 3700 Alabama Ave. So., St. Louis Park. RSVP by May 4: Kathy Ohama Koch, 612/884-1560.

May 16-17—JACL Youth Group pizza lasagna party, 5-8 p.m., Lasertown, 8914 Hwy. 7, St. Louis Park. RSVP: Liz Harra, 612/420-9762.

Intermountain

MT. OLYMPUS/SALT LAKE CITY
 Sat. May 30—Joint graduating high school seniors scholarship dinner, 6 p.m. social hour, 6:30 dinner, Pagoda Restaurant, 26 N. "E" St., Salt Lake City. Info: reservations: Robert Tokita, 801/571-7995.

SALT LAKE CITY
 Sat. May 2—Oral history play, *Breaking the Silence*, sponsored by Salt Lake, Mt. Olympus, Wasatch Front North Chapters; see Community Calendar 2 p.m., University of Utah Orson Spencer Hall, 7 p.m., Main Library, 209 E. 500 S.

Pacific Northwest

ALASKA
 Fri. May 2—Annual Meeting & Potluck, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Asian Alaska Cultural Center, West 48th Ave., Anchorage. Info: Vail Adams, 907/349-6753.

Sat. Jun. 6—Installation and scholarship banquet, location TBA.

NC-WN-Pacific

NATIONAL BOARD
 Wed. July 1—National Board meeting, Philadelphia.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Sun. May 3—District Council meeting, BERKELEY

Sat. May 9—Berkeley JACL Scholarship Luncheon, North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Info: Ron Tanaka, 510/932-7947, Mike Kamimoto, 415/387-0857.

CONTRA COSTA

Islanders Festival, noon-4 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Prov. Park, Center St. at Allston Way, East Bay Asian Youth Center, 510/849-4898.

EAST BAY
 Sat. May 16—Union Bank Bowl-a-thon. Details: Kaito Tognita, 510/657-4498.

Sun. May 17—JASEB Bowl-a-thon, noon-4 p.m., Castro Village Bowl, 3501 Village Dr. Info: JASEB, 510/848-3560.

SACRAMENTO
 (R) Sat. May 2—Sacramento High School Class of '33 (and earlier) reunion luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Ln. RSVP: 916/922-2020, fax 916/499-9463.

Sun. Thu., May 7—Asian Film Series, Cal State University, info, schedules, titles: Davis, John Kennedy, 916/753-0318, Sacramento, Dr. Jay Cram, 916/278-7167.

Mon. May 4—Late voter registration, 5-11 p.m., Bel Air Store, 7465 Rush River, Dr. W. Windsor.

Mon. May 11—National Asian Women's Health Organization (NAWHO) awards reception, 5:30-11 p.m., Senator Hotel, 1121 L St. Info: Afton Hirohama, 415/989-9747. NOTE—Sen. Hilda Solis, Dennis Hayashi, Wm. Wong, honorees, Sen. John Burton, speakers.

Mon. May 14—API Heritage Day, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bateson Blvd., 1600 9th St. Info: Chair Alan Nakano or Perry Rogers, 916/654-2542. NOTE—Dedicated to Mary Tsukamoto.

Sat. May 17—Pacific Rim Street Fest, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Sacramento, Info: Dean Lan, 916/428-6819 or 415/621-7297.

Sun. May 17—Doreen Chan, 916/443-6223. NOTE—Vendors, sponsors wanted.

(R) Sat. Sun., May 16-17—Tule Lake Reunion IV, Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Center West Way. Info: Mary Fong, 916/498-1467. NOTE—Music, presentations, Children of the Camps video; discussion panel, sightseeing, Reno trip, golf tournament, Sayonara dinner, honorees.

(R) Mon. May 18—Sacramento Region Reunion V, 11 a.m., Doubletree Hotel Grand Ballroom. RSVP: Toko Fujii, 916/421-6968. NOTE—Buffet lunch, entertainment.

SAN FRANCISCO
 Sun. May 3—Kodomo no Hi, Children's Day Festival, JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St. Info: 415/567-5505.

Sun. May 3—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, noon-4:30 p.m., 558 16th Ave. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, Iefu Ihara, 415/221-0156, Ken Yama, 510/444-3911. NOTE—Men also welcome.

Through May 10—Theatre of Yugen's performance series, "New Tsunami Fusion Fest," 8 p.m., Yugen's Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St. info, schedules/locations: 507/728-2700 or 415/621-7297.

Through May 10—Play, *The Chicken-coop Chinaman* by Frank Chin, SOMAR Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St. Schedules & info: 415/440-5545.

Sat. May 16—Park Partner Ceremony, "Return & Remembrance," 1 p.m., Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco, 4568 p.m., Fort Mason Officers Club. Info: Chizu Iiyama, 510/233-9595. NOTE—Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, Min Yasui honorees.

Sun. June 28—Smithsonian Institution's "A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, San Francisco Main Library, assistance welcomed; call Chapter Message Center 415/273-1015.

SAN JOSE
 Sun. May 3—Nikkei Matsuri street festival, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Japantown. Info: 408/241-0900. NOTE—food booths, arts and crafts, cultural exhibits, Taiko, Japanese dancing.

Sat. May 9—Family Bowling Day, 3-5 p.m., Pinole Valley Lanes, 1580 Pinole Valley Rd. Info: Esther Takeuchi, 415/223-2258.

FREMONT
 Sun. May 31—Graduation/Scholarship luncheon, 1 p.m., Sushi Yuki Restaurant, 3193 Cedar Blvd., Newark. RSVP by May 25: Diane Endo, 510/648-0468.

LODI
 Sun. May 3—16th Minoru Yusa Oral-competition district finals. Info: Dennis Morita, 209/333-0740.

RENO
 Sat. May 9—Reno Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Info: Cynthia Lu, 702/827-6385.

SACRAMENTO
 Thu. May 21—Chapter Scholarship Awards Dinner, Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way. RSVP: JACL Office, 916/447-0231.

SAN FRANCISCO
 Thu. June 25—Opening reception for Smithsonian traveling exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," San Francisco Main Library.

SAN JOSE
 Sun. June 7—JACL Junior Olympics track and field event, Chabot College, Hayward. Entry deadline May 15, info, registration: Tom Oshidari, 408/257-5609 even, 408/16-6134 days. NOTE—NCWNP & district JACL chapters, co-sponsors.

SAN MATEO
 Sun. May 9—"The Human Race 1998" 5K & 10K benefit run, Coyote Point. Info: Toshi or Bob, 650/343-2793.

WEST VALLEY
 Sat. May 16—Next Generation Golf Social, Deep Cliff Golf Course, Cupertino. Info: Troy Takao, 408/866-7176.

Central California
DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Sun. May 17—Scholarship Luncheon, Quarterly Meeting & District Elections, Location TBA.

Sun. May. 3—Yu-Ai Kai Nihonmachi 3-mile fun run / 18.2-mile walk, 8 a.m. regis., 9 a.m. start, Yu-Ai Kai Community Center, 4th & Jackson Sts., Japantown. Info: 408/294-2505, fax 408/294-0343.

Fri.-Sat., May 8-9—San Jose Symphony conducted by Kazuyoshi Akiyama, 8 p.m., Center for the Performing Arts, Japantown, 408/287-7383.

Sat. May 9—Dedication ceremony, Japanese American Resource Center / Museum permanent quarters. Info: Aggie Idemoto, 408/268-4440, Melina Sasaki, 408/260-2533.

Sat. May 9—Judo / Judo / Judo Tournament & Banquet, 2 p.m., San Jose State University. Info: 408/298-7588.

Wed. May 13—Yu-Ai Kai spring outing to Goldsmith (Flower) Seed Co., Gilroy. Info: 408/294-2505.

Sat. May 16—Chidori Band performance, 7:30 p.m., San Jose Buddhist Church, 640 N. 5th St. Info: 408/245-1589.

(R) Fri.-Sun., May 29-31—Topaz 98 Reunion, Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Pl. info, registration: Tom Gyotoku, 826-38th Ave., San Francisco, CA94121; hotel reservations (reunion rates): 800/222-8733.

Through May 31—Veterans Photo Exhibit, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurston Park, San Jose, Japanese American Resource Center/Museum, 535 N. 5th St. Info: 408/294-3138.

SAN MATEO
 Sun. May 3—Kabuki Group meeting, program, 1:30 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: Roz Enomoto, 650/343-2793.

NOTE—All interested persons welcome.
 Sat. May 9—Mikhal Baryshnikov White Oak Dance Project, 8 p.m., Zellbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley. Tickets (bnc included): Taz Takahashi, 650/343-2793. NOTE—Informational meeting 5/7 at 1 p.m.

Sat. May 9—"The Human Race 1998" 5K & 10K fund-raiser race, Coyote Point. Info: Toshi or Bob, 650/343-2793.

Sat. May 9—Venice Judo Club fund-raising event, 6-10 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. Info: Joyce Takeuchi-Hirota, 310/580-0815.

Wed. May 20 (date change)—Medicare Updates, 1 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

SANTA CLARA
 Sat. May 2—Nisei Ski Club evolution Info: Roz Enomoto, 650/343-2793.

Sat. May 2—Joe Feng, 408/365-7942, e-mail, jfeng@net.ibm.com.

Central California
FRESNO
 Sun. May 17—E. Street Fair, Chinatown. Info: 209/486-6815

Southern Cal
LOS ANGELES
 Sat. May 2—Lecture, "Manjiro's and Hecho's Influence on the Meiji Restoration in Japan," 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—For opening of exhibit, "Humanity Above Nation," speaker Seizo Oka, executive director J.A. History Archives.

Sun. May 3—Tango no Sekku, Children's Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., New Otani Hotel, Garden, 120 S. Los Angeles St., Little Tokyo. Program info: 213/253-9255. Lunch reservations: 213/253-9255.

Sun. May 3—Fushimi show fundraiser luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Hotel Inter-Continental, 251 S. Olive St. at 4th. RSVP: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193. NOTE—Tamlyn Tomita, M.C.; fashions by Anne Namba, Honolulu.

Sat. June 6—Pre-convention Rally. **FRESNO**
 Sun. May 31—Fresno Chapter 75th Anniversary celebration—film showing, Beyond Barbed Wire, 3 p.m. Theater, followed by banquet, 5:30 p.m., Diana's Court. Info: Bobbi Hanada, 209/434-1662. NOTE—Professor Mitchell Macki, UCLA School of Welfare, speaker.

Pacific Southwest
GREATER L.A. SINGLES
 Fri. May 8—Meeting, 8 p.m., Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169. NOTE—John Saito, Regional Coordinator, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Speaker.

RIVERSIDE
 Sun. May 17—Scholarship Awards Potluck Dinner, 5 p.m., University Club, 900 University Ave. Info: 909/784-7057.

SELANOCO
 Sat. May 9—Seminar, "The Japanese Internment: A Historical, Legal and Political Perspective," 10 a.m., UC Irvine Social Science Lecture Hall 100, Info: Kirk H. Nakamura, 714/558-3944.

YOUNG ADULT/STUDENT COUNCIL
 Thu. May 14—Speaker Series, 7 p.m., UCLA speakers Warren Furutani, Executive director Asian Pacific community Fund, Roberto Tama, L.A. County Commission on Human Relations, Info: Kent Kawak, 760/744-7720x186, e-mail mkawa@pacbell.net. ■

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR
 is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

Tue. May 5—Botanical Tour, 10-11 a.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas. Info: 818/878-3741.

Through May 3—Musical, *Pacific Overtones*, East West Players David Henry Hwang Theatre, 120 N. Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Tickets: 800/233-3123.

Sat. May 9—Workshop, greeting card series: Kirigami (paper cutting), 1-3 p.m., JANNA, 213/395-8648. Info: Little Tokyo. (free.) RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat. May 9—Nature walk, junior environmental workshop, 9:30-11 a.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas. Info: 818/878-3703. NOTE—Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sat. May 9—Memorial Wall presentation reception, 2 p.m., JACC George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St. Rm 506, Little Tokyo. NOTE—Tritia Toyota, M.C.

Sat. May 9—Lecture, "No Sword to Bury, No Hero to Burn: Hawaii's Iwas in World War II," 7:30 p.m., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Speaker, author Franklin Oda, Ph.D.

Sat. May 9—Nikkei Singles "May Day" dance, 7:11-30 p.m., Ken Nakaoaka center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Info: Bea, 213/395-8648.

Sun. May 10—Mother's Day Brunch, New Otani Hotel restaurants, 120 S. Los Angeles St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: (Japanese menu) Thousand Cranes 213/253-9255; (American menu) 213/253-9235.

Thu. May 14—Japan America Society program, "The Japanese Key to Economics in the 21st Century," 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Hotel Inter-Continental, 251 S. Olive St. RSVP: 213/6217x11.

Thu. May 14—Performances, new works by David Henry Hwang Writers Institute, 7:30-9 p.m., JANNA, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Through May 17—"The World of Seizo Watake" & "Naoya Matsukawa Concert," 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. Suite 505, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-3700.

Sat. May 23—Dance project world premier, "In Between the Heartbeat," 8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info, tickets: 213/680-3700. NOTE—A Winner of the Rockefeller Nat'l Dance Project award; incorporates Butoh movement and Zen archery with technology.

ORANGE COUNTY
 Sat. May 9—Speaker Series, "The Japanese Internment: A Historical, Legal and Political Perspective," 10 a.m., UCI/Orange Social Science Lecture Hall 100. NOTE—Sponsored by Orange County Japanese American Lawyers Association, SELANOCO JACL, Tomo No Kai student group. Info: Kirk H. Nakamura, 714/558-3944.

SAN DIEGO
 Thu. May 14 (date change)—Union of Pan Asian Communities dinner program, "An Evening in Japan," 6:19/232-6454. NOTE—Scott Oki, speaker.

Arizona-Nevada
LAS VEGAS
 (R) Sat.-Fri., May 31-Jun. 5—Reunion of the Fox Company, 442nd Regiment, California Hotel & Casino. Reservations: 800/634-6255. Info: Hiro Takasagawa, 310/329-2952. Registration, fee to Ron Oba, 909-159 Waipaoa Pl., Aiea, HI 96701.

Through June 14—Exhibit, interment camp photo collage by Masumi Hayashi, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. Info: Lisa Starnanis, 702/229-4631. ■

What's Happenin' in PSW

By Al Muratsuchi
PSW Regional Director

Parting thoughts

WITH mixed feelings, I will be leaving my post as the Regional Director of the JACL Pacific Southwest District. However, I won't say any goodbyes because I plan to remain active in JACL as a volunteer.

One of the most rewarding aspects of working for JACL has been getting to know so many good people. People who care about the Japanese American community; people who remember the internment camps, and who want to ensure that similar injustices never happen again to any other group of people. My dedication to JACL will continue because of these people.

JACL is a wonderful organization, built up mostly by the hard work and money of the Nisei. Despite the struggles that JACL has gone through over its 69-year history, we are still the nation's largest membership-based Asian American civic organization, as well as one of the wealthiest in terms of assets.

Because we are one of the largest and wealthiest Asian American groups in the country, I believe JACL has a special responsibility to assume a leadership role not just in JA affairs, but in broader AA affairs. Many JACL staff and volunteers work hard to play that role, but we can, and should, be doing so much more.

A significant reason why we don't have more to show for our size and resources is that we don't have a clear focus, or the discipline to be focused. Redress continues to be the best example of what JACL can accomplish if we are focused. Today, JACL lacks a clear purpose, which leads to the organization being spread out too thin, covering too many different interests.

JACL is like a small town. The townspeople have a broad range of interests. Many just want to come together as a community and socialize. Some want to advocate for their town's political interests, or

for the related interests of other towns. Others want to teach the town's history and share its culture with neighboring towns. Numerous other interest groups have their own projects. The town of JACL tries to accommodate all these varied interests. But because the town's resources are spread thin to cover these diverse interests, the town doesn't produce much that is noteworthy.

A related reason why JACL is not more focused is because we are a volunteer-based organization. Because volunteers usually do not have the time or inclination to not become aware of JACL's overall agenda and resource allocation, they tend to be more parochial, pushing their own interests. Volunteer board members then have a tendency to accommodate these interest groups by granting support, rather than making tough decisions about priorities and limited resources. More often than not, this results in the staff being overwhelmed with so many competing agendas making demands on their limited time and energy.

One solution is for the volunteer leadership and staff to sit down together to identify JACL's priorities, both short and long term. Based on my experience working with the PSWD's volunteer leadership, I know that JACL is most effective when staff and volunteers plan and work together. In doing so, both volunteers and staff need to understand the vital but distinct roles of both.

I am leaving the JACL staff to return to practicing law, as a Los Angeles County prosecutor. In many ways, I expect my job to become easier. But my love for the good people in JACL and the sense of community JACL provides, will ensure my ongoing involvement with this organization that has so much untapped potential. ■

PSW YA/SC Speakers Series attracts both young and old

BY KALEIGH KOMATSU

After much anticipation and planning, the newly formed Young Adult/Student Council of the Pacific Southwest District of the JACL has begun its first district-wide speakers series. "The Speakers Series aims to promote greater awareness and initiate dialogue on issues affecting the Japanese American community."

The second event of the four part Speakers Series was held on April 23 at the University of Southern California. The audience reflected well the diversity of the JACL itself as it was represented by all age groups ranging from high school through senior citizens.

This event featured Deborah Ching, Executive Director of Chinatown Service Center and Diane Ujiye-Matarazzo, Prevention Director at the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, contributing to an enjoyable and informative evening. Both speakers drew upon personal experiences, involving responsibilities and challenges in working in the Asian American community.

Deborah Ching captivated the audience as she spoke of her work with the Chinatown Service Center, emphasizing that these community organizations reinforce our cultural values and are the building blocks for our community.

Diane Ujiye Matarazzo vividly described to the group that the

community organizations are a "constellation of elements" from which we draw upon the various strengths within our community.

The presentations were concluded with a question and answer discussion with much participation and sharing by the audience itself. During a dialogue, a member of the audience stated, "This meeting was quite unique because of the relaxed atmosphere, allowing everyone an opportunity to share their own experiences and ideas."

The Speaker Series is off to a good start. By focusing on issues and bringing together leaders of the AA community, it provides an open forum for dialogue and discussion. As said by one of the attendants, "All in all, it was an ed-

Let's Keep Communicating

By Hiromi Ueha, National Youth Council Chair
Nicole Inouye, National Youth Representative

A review of the biennium

THIS is truly our last "By the Board" article and we can't believe this biennium is almost over. We were fortunate to be a part of the national board during this biennium and to have been able to experience so much that we may not have otherwise. We have been lucky to have met and talked to people at various JACL events, such as the Bi/Tri-district meetings, who have given us their support to continue our efforts of increasing awareness of JACL amongst youth and students.

It is also refreshing to see all the enthusiastic chapters wanting to get youth and students involved in JACL and interested in starting youth programs in their areas. The chapters have so many diverse people, activities, and goals to offer to all of us, especially the youth and students.

Also in this biennium, the NY/SC organized yet another successful conference last summer, bringing more than 100 students together from all over the United States for three busy days. While the last two years have been rewarding, this momentum needs to continue on into the next biennium.

With all of the positive and growth-enriching experiences we have had, there is one thing we would like to work on, to continue this momentum as well as be an asset to the organization. Although we had many goals, we found it difficult to accomplish all of them. For any program, there is a collaboration between staff and the members. We especially know the importance of working together with staff through the various youth and student activities. We also appreciate all of their hard work and dedication,

but the organization has many established programs as well as many new ones, and limited staff time. Therefore, in the 1999-2000 budget we have proposed a national youth/student director position.

We envision this youth/student director position to be beneficial not only to us and the NY/SC, but beneficial to the districts and chapters as well. The youth/student director would be working on activities like the National Youth/Student Conference and youth activities at convention, provide support and a forum for dialogue for the chapters/districts with their youth and student members, and network with other API organizations. The director can also raise funds to help youth and student programs become self-sufficient and provide more resources to address youth and student issues.

With this position, the NY/SC could maintain and possibly increase the momentum, begun in this biennium, to involve more youth and students in JACL. We look forward to discussing the national youth/student director position with all of you. We welcome any ideas on how this position could benefit the organization. This is only one way to strengthen the youth and student programs offered by JACL.

The national board as the budget committee has committed to participating in a dialogue with

convention delegates to better understand the new budgetary process. It requires a change in the way we think about the budget. Please take the time to look over the 1999-2000 budget and ask questions, so that at convention the process by which to approve the budget will go more smoothly.

We hope to meet many more of you in Philly at the national convention. Please come out and support the activities put together by the NY/SC, the convention committee, and staff like ID-4 Youth Day, the Youth/Student Luncheon, the Min Yasui Oratorical Competition (winners of the regional competitions win a trip to convention in Philadelphia — winner of the national competition wins an even better prize), and the convention intern program. For more information, contact Patricia Tom at the CCDC Regional Office, 209/486-6815.

A Special Note: A big thanks to the chapters who applied for Seed Money Grants to help start a youth/student program or event in their area. They were the Cleveland Chapter, the Pocahontas Chapter, the Twin Cities Chapter (go, Liz!), and the Seattle Chapter. Your letters and checks will be in the mail soon. Thanks again.

Hiromi Ueha and Nicole Inouye can be reached at ych@acl.org. ■

"Starnight ... Starbright," A3M's gala fundraiser

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educating and increasing awareness in the community. On April 11, with the help of various APA celebrities, A3M held their first gala fundraiser, "Starnight ... Starbright," at the Japan America Theatre in Little Tokyo.

More than 500 people and dozens of APA celebrities, including the gala event's producers, Rodney Kageyama and Jude Narita, and Tamlyn Tomita, Steve Park, and Jason Scott Lee, came out to show their support and enjoy an entertaining program of comedy, dancing, and singing. All of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards A3M who is currently facing a 50 percent cut in federal funding.

In February of 1997, Hsieh, five-months after being diagnosed with aplastic anemia, found out that he was one of the lucky ones; he found his miracle match in Joe Lum of Hawaii. Donor and recipient were to have been united for the first time during the "Starnight ... Starbright" gala event, but a personal emergency prevented Lum from attending. Instead, he sent a lei and a Hawaiian shirt to Hsieh along with a written message that was read to the audience.

I didn't know Danny's name until recently, began Lum. But "somehow I felt a connection to the recipient and he was always in our thoughts." He concluded, "I encourage all of you to give the gift of life."

Hsieh is now back at school finishing his final year at Cal State Long Beach, majoring in economics. He's thinking of continuing on to graduate school and maybe pursuing an MBA. "I hope everyone will go out and get registered," he said. "If it was to hap-

pen to your relative, a loved one, everyone would do it. You are saving a life."

There were a number of APAs who had donated life-saving bone marrow at the "Starnight ... Starbright" gala event, including Leslie Yap. In 1995, during a bone marrow drive at her local church, Yap decided to get her name on the registry. Two years later, she got a call from a hospital informing her that she was a potential match.

"It didn't take me long to decide to do it," said Yap, who donated her bone marrow in December of 1997. She, along with her husband, sat down with the doctor to have all their questions answered before the procedure was performed. She also confided in a friend who had donated bone marrow a few years back.

After arriving at the hospital in the morning she was anesthetized for the entire procedure, in which a small amount of bone marrow was removed from the back of her pelvic bone. After spending a couple of hours in recovery, she was able to return home by late afternoon. The only side effect she experienced, said Yap, was a bit of nausea from the anesthetic and some mild soreness for about a week.

"[The procedure] was really not as bad as I thought it would be," said Yap, who, like many in the APA community, had heard all kinds of misinformation: "I would do it again."

"There's nothing compared to the feeling of helping someone this way. The fact that you're the only hope for that person," said Yap. "I try to think that if I was on the other side — I would do anything to have that person say yes. That's why I couldn't not do it."

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Diane Ujiye-Matarazzo, Prevention Director at the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (left) and Deborah Ching, Executive Director of Chinatown Service Center, speakers at the YA/SC Speakers Series.

National JACL Convention workshops announced

Convention delegates and boosters will have the opportunity to participate in several workshops which will be offered in two time frames on Saturday, July 4. A sign-up form will be sent with confirmation of a delegate's registration.

1 to 3 p.m.

◆ **INTERNET VOICES: THE LEGACY OF THE PAST, THE SHIFTING OF THE PRESENT.** David Mura, poet and playwright, will explain the process of creating his play, *Internet Voices*, and examine the issues that it brings up. He will discuss the problems of passing on the legacy of Japanese Americans and internment camps to the next generation and the impact of the issues on biracial children.

◆ **INTERNET 101.** Are you online? Do you have an e-mail address? Have you ever been "spammed"? If the Internet is a great mystery, this is the workshop for you. Geared for the computer novice, the workshop will

cover the very basics of the Internet, including what is the Internet; what do you need to go online, how you access the World Wide Web; what is e-mail; and how the Internet can help your chapter. Presenter: Emily Murase, Ph.D. candidate in communications at Stanford University.

◆ **PUBLIC POLICY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.** Decisions about public policy are moving from the national level to the local level. Traditional national policy issues from affirmative action to welfare are now being decided at the state and local levels. The session will cover policy trends in such areas as affirmative action and what chapters and local organizations can do to become more involved and increase their influence in policy making. Presenter: Karen Narasaki, Esq., Executive Director, National Asian Pacific Legal Consortium.

◆ **FROM AN UNDERSTANDING TO AN APPRECIATION OF DIVERSITY: A SURVEY**

OF PARTICIPANTS' RACIAL ATTITUDES. This workshop will provide information on a study done on racial stereotyping, bias and discrimination and discuss strategies for the reduction of prejudice and discrimination. Presenter: Dr. Ronald M. Katsuyama, Director, Center for Family and Community Research, University of Dayton, Ohio.

◆ **IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY: PREPARING FOR YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE.** Participation in a retirement plan is no longer an automatic employee benefit and Social Security is in danger of running out of funds. Workers will have to manage their own financial future. How much will your retirement really cost? where will the money come from? How long will your money last? How might taxes and inflation affect your retirement savings? how should I invest my savings? Presenter: Gary Nagata, Summit Bank.

3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

◆ **JAPANESE AMERICANS**

IN A MULTICULTURAL AMERICA: HOW WE SEE OURSELVES, HOW OTHERS SEE US. will be an account of the struggle to form an identity as a Japanese American and a person of color. Presenter: David Mura, poet and creative nonfiction writer.

◆ **EASTERN STANDARD TIME: A GUIDE TO ASIAN INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN CULTURE FROM ASTRO BOY TO ZEN-BUDDHISM.** Things Asian have long been a part of American culture. What are some of these "things"? What is the history of the relationships between East and West? What will be the distinctions in the 21st century. Presenter: Jeff Yang, founder and publisher of *A Magazine*.

◆ **HOW TO DO ORAL HISTORIES.** This is a practical session on compiling oral histories. What equipment do you need? How do you choose the subjects and what questions will elicit the best stories?

What are the pitfalls? Presenter: Sumi Koide, New York Chapter Education Committee Chair.

◆ **SUCCESSFUL CHAPTERS.** What are the characteristics of successful leadership at the chapter level? What is a successful chapter? What are successful chapters doing to improve and build membership? These and other questions will be explored by a panel of chapter leaders who have experienced better than average success for the past several years. Presenters: TBA.

◆ **MENTORING FOR SUCCESS.** Want to become the CEO of a corporation, a nonprofit organization, or run for public office? How can a mentor help? Where does one look for a mentor? How does one initiate and establish professional contacts that will serve as your career network? A panel will address these and other questions about navigating today's jungle to a successful career. Presenters: TBA. ■

Preparations for convention underway

BY HERB HORIKAWA
Philadelphia Chapter

The 35th Biennial JACL National Convention will take place from June 30th to July 5th at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel in historic Philadelphia. The convention theme is "Striving For a More Perfect Union."

The initial phases of the preparations started two years ago, now the programs and events are more clearly in place. This is a major undertaking for a chapter whose membership is but a fraction of the membership in most California towns and cities. The entire Eastern District Council is smaller than the membership of most chapters in California.

Aside from the usual convention business, this will provide a time for people who relocated to Philadelphia (during WWII) to renew acquaintances ... yes, a reunion. Philadelphia, a major Eastern city, is equidistant from both New York and Washington, D.C. The convention planners hope that many families who have never visited this city before will use this event to visit the East and set foot in places they only read about in their history books.

A major feature of the convention

will be the keynote address by Bill Lann Lee. Lee who, for the time, has survived the challenges of the Senate Committee, is a key member of President Clinton's administration. In addition to Lee, the convention will recognize people and organizations who were instrumental in the successful relocation of hundreds of Japanese Americans from the ten concentration camps, and leaders who were instrumental in the successful redress campaign.

Philadelphia typically celebrates the Fourth of July in a big way. Fireworks are not confined to the fourth of July, rather fireworks and other events take place throughout the week. The convention hotel is within two blocks of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and Ben Franklin's home site. The cobblestones of old Philadelphia are still in place, the very places which held the shadows of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Betsey Ross, and others.

Members and friends of JACL are invited to attend. For information regarding the convention refer to the JACL website (www.JACL.org) or call Miiko Horikawa, 610/525 6620. ■

International panelists, producer, enrich Topaz's Reunion program

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Topaz Reunion '98, gathering May 29-31 at the Doubletree Hotel, will indeed have a unique set of panelists providing interesting facts about the internment of Nikkei throughout the world during World War II because of race, reunion chair Chuck Kubokawa announced this past week.

The Saturday afternoon forum on the lasting effects of internment will feature seven knowledgeable panelists from Canada, Mexico, Peru, U.S. and now Australia. The latest additions are an Australian Sansei, Evelyn (Yoshiko Yamashita) Suzuki, a retired programmer/analyst now residing in Sydney; and a Canadian Nikkei, Karen Kobayashi, a doctoral candidate in the sociology and anthropology department at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C.

Moderator Kubokawa says: "All we need now is someone from the Aleut Indian Nation in Alaska, and we will have covered all



Diane Fukami

the bases of the internment story."

Others on the panel are Dr. Midge Ayukawa of Victoria University, Canada; Harry K. Honda, editor emeritus, *Pacific Citizen*; Enrique Shibayama, Mexico City; John Tateishi, expert on Redress; and Arturo Shibayama, Peruvian now residing in San Jose.

The forum will be held in the

Doubletree Hotel ballroom May 30, 2-4:30 p.m. A large crowd is expected at this panel session and at the art and craft show, both of which will be open free to the general public.

The speaker for the Saturday evening banquet is Diane Fukami, a San Francisco-born native with more than 25 television and videotape productions to her credit. She and Gayle K. Yamada have founded an educational nonprofit company called "Media Bridges." They are currently working on a multimedia history of the Japanese American redress and reparations, funded by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, called "Due Justice."

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PACKAGE REGISTRATION

The Regular Convention Package fee admits registered badge holders to all Business Sessions, Workshops and the Oratorical Competition. Other events in the Regular Convention Package include the Welcome Mixer, Balch Institute Reception/Exhibits, Awards Luncheon and Sayonara Banquet.

The Youth Convention Package fee includes the Regular Convention Package items as well as the Youth Luncheon.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATION

◆ Daily registration will be available for those interested in attending only specific convention events.

A registration fee of \$20 will be required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Written cancellation requests received by May 21, 1998 will be refunded 100%. Cancellations received after that date will be denied and any residual amount will become a charitable contribution to JACL. There will be no partial refunds if a registrant does not attend all functions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

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"Early Bird" postmark deadline: May 7, 1998.

	Early Bird Before 5/7/98	After 5/7/98
PACKAGE (Includes Individual Events listed below)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Convention*	\$175	\$210
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*Does not include the Youth Luncheon (see below).

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☐ All Meetings \$ 40 \$ 45

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Circle day(s) of attendance: Tu We Th Fr Sa Su

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☐ Workshops \$ 20 \$ 25

(Please fill out the Workshop Registration Form which will be sent to you upon receipt of this Convention Registration Card.)

☐ Sayonara Banquet \$ 65 \$ 75

☐ Youth Luncheon \$ 30 \$ 35

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☐ Handicap

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Note: No registration will be processed without accompanying payment in full. This form is for conference registration only and NOT for hotel reservations. The hotel reservation is separate and should be made directly with the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. If you are registering for more than one person, please make additional copies of this form.

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Single/Double Occupancy	\$ 99*
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Transportation from the airport to the hotel include: shuttle to the Sheraton Society Hill from the Philadelphia International Airport, train from the airport to 12th & Market Streets, and taxi at a flat fee. Detailed information will be sent with your registration packet.

San Fran. board of supervisors supports Japanese Latin Americans' fight for redress

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors on April 20 passed a resolution urging the U.S. Government to issue an official apology and restitution to the Japanese Latin Americans interned during World War II. Grace Shimizu of the Campaign for Justice was present and thanked the board for its support.

The resolution reads: WHEREAS, according to a 1983 congressional report, during World War II the United States government orchestrated, financed, and directed the mass arrest and deportation of 2,264 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries to U.S. internment camps; and

WHEREAS, in violation of basic human rights, the U.S. abducted them without any kind of due process, and forcibly transported them to INS detention facilities in a country and culture foreign to them and far away from their homes; and

WHEREAS, over 860 Japanese Latin Americans were sent to Japan in prisoner-of-war exchanges, while about 1400 remained incarcerated in U.S. Internment camps until the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Latin American internees and their families seek the U.S. Government's acknowledgment of this tragic and largely unknown experience and an official apology and restitution as provided to Japanese American internees; and

WHEREAS, more than eighty members of Congress from across the country have publicly expressed their support for redress for the Japanese Latin American internees; therefore,

be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby support the granting of an official apology and restitution to the Japanese Latin American internees. ■

Pacific Citizen extends deadline for summer internship

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Citizen newspaper, the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League, is currently looking for a part-time summer intern for its Monterey Park, Calif., office.

The intern will work approximately three days a week, including some weekends. The various duties include reporting, research, rewriting of press releases, and production duties. Knowledge of the Asian American community and the JACL is a plus.

High school or college students currently majoring in English or Journalism preferred, but not a requirement. Applicants should also have a California driver's license.

Please send a resume and a sample of writing to the Pacific Citizen, 7 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755, fax: 213/725-0064, e-mail: PacCit@aol.com, attention: Caroline Aoyagi. The deadline for applications is June 15. ■

New PSAs promote HIV/AIDS awareness in Asian Pacific Islander communities

LOS ANGELES—As part of a statewide media campaign promoting greater awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS among the Asian Pacific Islander community, the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS, has produced two new 30-second television Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in six languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese and English. The first PSA features Rob Lai, a long-term survivor of HIV, and the second PSA tells the story of Al and Jane Nakatani, parents who lost two sons to AIDS.

"It's a myth that Asians can't get AIDS," said Lai, "I'm living proof that no one is immune to this disease — and it's not an automatic death sentence either." New combination drug therapies provide hope for people living with HIV to continue healthy and productive lives. Lai was diagnosed HIV positive in 1986 and has responded well to combination-drug therapy.

A resident of Los Angeles, Lai works actively to educate the public about early HIV prevention and awareness by speaking at local colleges and schools, including those in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Born in Hawaii of Chinese and Japanese descent, Lai manages the speakers bureau of Being Alive, a Los Angeles-based AIDS organization that focuses on HIV/AIDS awareness.

The PSA featuring Al and Jane Nakatani depicts the couple alongside photographs and home film footage of sons Glen and Guy, who both died of AIDS before reaching age 30. Their heartbreaking story was further marred by the death of a third son, Greg, who was shot and

killed following an argument over an automobile incident. By ignoring cultural taboos and sharing from their personal experiences, the Nakatanis hope to help others realize the significance of family support for AIDS survivors and to help educate the public in HIV/AIDS awareness.

Their first encounter with the effects of HIV occurred in 1987 when their oldest son Glen was diagnosed

with HIV/AIDS. San Francisco Bay area residents may contact the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center at 415/553-1830. As the largest comprehensive AIDS service provider for Asian and Pacific Islander people in the United States, the API Wellness Center provides culturally sensitive HIV/AIDS education, support and prevention programs to the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Southern California residents may contact the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team at 213/553-1830. Since 1987, APAIT has been providing HIV/AIDS education and prevention.

Nearly three years later, his health severely deteriorated as he developed full-blown AIDS and died at the age of 29. When their youngest son, Guy, learned that he had contracted HIV/AIDS, he began speaking in the community on the importance of responsibility for one's personal choices, and keeping open communication with parents. After Guy's death in 1994 at the age of 26, his parents carried on their son's mission of sharing their story with others by founding "Guy T. Nakatani Life Management," an organization dedicated to sharing their stories and experiences with community groups across the country. Their voluntary HIV/AIDS educational outreach efforts are now reaching their fourth year. They have shared their family tragedies and personal journey of reaffirmation in a book, *Honor Thy Children*, by Molly Fumia.

The PSAs are sponsored in part by KSCI-Channel 18 and directed by Michael T. Cho, a producer/director whose credits include the award-winning documentary *Another America*. Music was arranged by Grammy-nominated producer Derek Nakamoto of Bindu Productions; whose collaborations include Hiroshima, Herb Alpert and Keiko Matsui. For more information about the PSAs, please contact Nakatani & Associates at 310/656-1616. ■



Rob Lai



Jane and Al Nakatani

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Albuquerque, N.M., teachers learn lessons of the Internment

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Two education workshops hosted by the New Mexico Chapter, JACL, were held here March 20 and 21. On Friday, Sharon Ishii-Jordan and Greg Marutani representing the JACL and Lloyd Kajikawa from the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), held their first session at Sandia High School. More than 25 teachers from the Albuquerque Public Schools gathered to begin the 8 a.m. session, which went on until 2:30 p.m.

This workshop included a special presentation by Patrick Nagatani, professor at the University of New Mexico, who shared his personal thoughts and experiences while showing slides from his photo collection of the ten internment camps.

Workshop participants were each given a copy of the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide, which was used to begin the formal part of the session. Ishii-Jordan walked everyone through the various sections of the guide, highlighting the overview, the resources section, and sample lesson plans. Kajikawa presented "Moving Memories," a collection of home movies made by Issei and Nisei in the early 1930s, and "Something Strong Within," more home movies capturing life in the internment camps. Ishii-Jordan also shared a wealth of information on handouts that were distributed to participants, which they used to take copious notes. She and Kajikawa fielded questions throughout the workshop, yet still managed to keep the program on schedule.

Jennifer Yazawa, humanities and law teacher at John Adams

Middle School, had encouraged and invited teachers to attend the Friday workshop. She distributed a list of the more than 230 items available to teachers in the Albuquerque Public Schools, including books, journals and other materials Asian American cultures, issues and literature (with a Japanese American emphasis) provided by the New Mexico Chapter of the JACL and currently housed at UNM's Multicultural Library.

Saturday's mini-workshop was a result of Yazawa's efforts to take advantage of the National Council of Teachers of English being held in Albuquerque that same week. Educators from across the country attended this session. Although they wanted to learn more than time would permit, Ishii-Jordan and Kajikawa did the best they could to condense a full-day's workshop into two hours.

The enthusiasm of the workshop participants was evident at both sessions as they asked questions, shared their thoughts and experiences, and offered their ideas on how they might present the internment and the redress movement in their classrooms. Their evaluations of the material presented and the quality of the presentations and materials were equally positive, making everyone involved with bringing the two workshops to reality very satisfied.

The workshop was funded through the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. Chapters interested in hosting an education workshop should contact Jackie Kuwada at the National JACL, 415/921-5225, or e-mail Kuwada@alumni.berkeley.edu. ■

AB 1915 Clears Assembly Education Committee

Legislation which would create a California Civil Liberties Public Education Board cleared its first major hurdle when AB 1915 was granted a "do pass" from the Assembly Education Committee on a 12-4 vote.

"We are grateful that this bill has cleared the first hurdle," noted Carole Hayashino of the California Coalition for Civil Liberties. "But this is just the first inning in the ball game. We still have a long way to go before this bill becomes law in California."

AB 1915 would appropriate \$5 million annually to educate K-12 students and community college students about the lessons learned from the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. "It should be noted that there are over 6 million K-12 students and 1 million community college students in the state," noted coalition member Mitch Maki of Los Angeles. "Therefore, this annual appropriation of \$5 million will amount to less than \$1 per student to educate the public about an important lesson about our U.S. Constitution, our U.S. history and our American society."

The bill will now be referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee which is chaired by Assemblywoman Carole Migdin (D-San Francisco). If there are any questions regarding the hearing date or procedures of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, they should be directed to staff person Jai Sookprassart at 916/322-4323. Questions about the legislation should be directed to Diane Robinson of Assemblymember Honda's staff at 916/445-8243. ■



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USC APA community roundtable discussions

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(APAHE), Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), and the U.S. Census Bureau. The various university partners included California State Los Angeles and Northridge, UCLA, UC Riverside, and USC.

OFTEN WHEN WE hear the term APA we think of the larger groups in the community like the Chinese, the Koreans, the Japanese, and Filipinos. But there are many more groups that make up the diverse APA community.

"All of us up here [on this panel] are not part of the 'typical' APA community," said Vietnamese American

"mixed is mixed up."

One thing that multiracial identity is not about is choosing one side over the other, said Li'i Furumoto whose mother is Chicanita and father is Japanese American. But still, she is often asked to make some unfair choices.

"What I find as a mixed person is that my identity is always being challenged," said Furumoto, a 21-year-old UCLA student who's been active in both APA and Latino organizations. Whenever she takes a position on an issue she's constantly being asked, "Why aren't you siding with us? If you had to choose a side, which side would you take?"

Furumoto calls this situation the "no passing zone." "I am not going



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Back row: Jeff Yoshimi, Amy Tien, Brian Sniegowski, and Alison De La Cruz. Front row: Victoria Namkung, Li'i Furumoto, Teresa Williams, and Nora Ramos.

Xuan Vu, during the "Embracing an Inclusive APA Community Identity" panel discussion. She was joined by Clinton Helleni of the Pacific American Foundation; Brandon Shamin of Network of Indian Professionals (NETIP); and Sovann Tith of the United Cambodian Community.

"Most of the time the Southeast Asian communities are not represented," said Vu, a field representative for U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-Orange County). And often, when Pacific Islanders are grouped together with Asian Americans, their issues and identity become lost among the larger groups. As the APA community continues to grow and diversify, inclusiveness of all the groups is important, she said.

For many Pacific Islanders, being a part of the minority is not something they associate themselves with, said Helleni, who was born and raised in Hawaii, "we're Americans." His family, along with many Pacific Islanders, has lived in America for more than 100 years.

But still, Pacific Islanders realize the importance of identifying with the larger APA community, he said. Unfortunately, when people use the term APA they often are talking about AAs and forget to include Pacific Islanders.

"APA identity for the next century is something that's all-inclusive," said Shamin. "South East Asians need to start thinking of themselves in the larger APA community. Our needs are similar to other AAs," he said, "we all have a common thread that runs. If we don't continue to stitch that, it will unravel."

A panel discussion "From 1990 towards 2000: Asian Pacific Islanders and the Census" also took place during the conference.

Throughout the day-long event attendees took part in workshops on a variety of topics, including adolescents in the APA community, gender and community identity, Asian gangs, political self-empowerment, and personal APA identity.

THERE WERE ALSO several workshops on multicultural issues, including "Hapa Issues Forum in the Multiethnic Communities of Southern California."

"Identity is fluid and complex. People form their own identities," said Jeff Yoshimi, a member of the Southern California Chapter of Hapa Issues Forum (HIF) and one of several presenters at the workshop. "Whatever identity you have is context-based. It depends on when and where you were raised," he said. "You can identify with what you want and dispel the myth that

to limit myself by saying I'm one thing over the other," she said. "And I shouldn't be asked to choose." They just need to accept her for who she is, she said.

Alison De La Cruz, Assistant Director of the Asian American Resource Center at Pomona College, believes that discussions on multiracial issues shouldn't be only among mixed race people, but should involve all people. Instead of asking multiracial people the questions, some of those inquiries need to be directed at the majority monoracial people and the various community organizations, said De La Cruz, who is half white and half Filipino.

The question should be, "What are YOU going to do for multiracial people?" she said, as she looked around at the workshop participants. "There's a need for monoracial people to make a space for multiracial people. I've personally learned a lot about race from monoracial people," she said.

"The need for something like HIF is very significant," said Teresa Williams, assistant professor of Asian American Studies at CSUN, and a member of the Southern California Chapter of HIF. With the increasing number of multiracial people in the APA community it's obvious that there's a need. "Something is happening in the APA community to bring all these diverse voices together," she said.

BILL WATANABE, Executive Director of the Little Tokyo Service Center, is a co-founder of the APA Community Research Roundtable that first began nine years ago. "The idea developed from the need among community-based organizations for research data," he said. "To inform the community about the kind of research that was being done."

And although it's been almost a decade since its inception, the community discussions continue to play an important role in grasping our identity, as APAs, he said. "Asian identity is important. Because we all look alike, if something happens to one group of Asians it affects all of us."

"We all have our own identity. Individually, ethnically, generationally, and by gender. That's what human diversity is all about," said Jeff Murakami, Director of APA Student Services at USC and coordinator of the event. By understanding the diversity that exists within the APA community we can learn about our common issues and work together, he said. ■

APA community roundtable: Asian gangs in America

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mimicking the Black and Latino street gangs, who are already into the third and fourth generations, said Howell. In addition to their traditional illegal activities, Asian gangs are now delving into drive-bys, counterfeiting, and credit card and bank fraud. But unlike traditional street gangs, Asian gangs continue to operate like sophisticated organized crime units, said Howell.

This organized structure is one of the distinguishing characteristics of Asian gangs, said Deputy D.A. Nakao. "There's a definite hierarchy that often includes a president, vice president, middle managers and employees that's unique to Asian gangs." And it's this hierarchy, with "employees" committing most of the crimes, that makes it difficult to persecute the leaders of Asian gangs, she said.

Asian gangs are also nomadic, often travelling out of state and intrastate to commit a crime and then returning to their home base, said Nakao. And, almost always, Asian gang crime is committed against fellow Asians. They see Asians as easy targets, she said, because they often will not report the crime or testify in court.

"It's a vicious cycle," said Nakao. The victims' "no-talk" policy often comes from fear of retaliation from the gang and an imbedded distrust of government and authority, but their continued refusal to press charges is an invitation for Asian gangs to victimize them again and again.

According to Sergeant Howell, it's this unprecedented psychological stronghold Asian gangs have over their community that makes them so effective, even though their numbers are smaller than Black and Latino gangs.

Ten years have passed since Karen Toshima, a Japanese American, was murdered by a stray bullet during an exchange of gunfire between rival gangs in the Westwood area of L.A. The killing was the first time the Asian American community acknowl-

edged the existence of a gang problem, said Sergeant Howell.

The gang problem since that time has increased dramatically," he said, "and I don't see an end to it."

In recent news coverage, Asian gang activity has been getting a lot of air time, said Nakao, from the back-and-forth turf wars between the Wah Ching and the Asian Boyz, to the recent criminal convictions of three Asian gang members in the murder of Oscar-winning actor Haing Ngor. But even with the increased coverage "the [Asian gang] problem has yet to be brought to full awareness in the community," she said.

But one common question often asked by the Asian community, agreed the panelists, is, why do Asian gang members join in the first place? To this, there are no easy answers.

By the time psychologist Masuda, is brought in to a situation involving an Asian gang member, it's almost always too late, he said. "Unfortunately, the first sign many parents take as an indication that their child is involved in an Asian gang is when they've been arrested," he said. An arrest, truancy, and an involvement in the dealing or use of drugs are what Masuda describes as "late signs" in the indication of Asian gang activity. "Intermediate signs" may include full gang apparel, falling school grades in all areas, or an open defiance of authority in school or the home.

But to help combat the problem of Asian gang activity in the community, individuals must look for a combination of "early signs" that occur between the ages of 10 and 13, said Masuda. Some examples include a lack of approachable and accessible role models, curfews that are periodically not observed, possession of household weapons for protection such as knives or screwdrivers, experimenting with drugs, and low self-esteem.

Often, when these young kids were asked why they joined a gang, the common responses were: "they help me with my homework," "they're there for me," "they're my friends."

To help these at-risk adoles-

cents, said Masuda, they need: a safe, secure, and supervised home environment; appropriate, approachable, and accessible role models; parents who will talk with the kids and their friends; clear rules, curfews, and expectations at home. And it's important that promises are kept.

"But even with all these steps, it is still difficult to determine who will eventually join a gang," said Masuda. There are a number of kids who come from the same dysfunctional environments who never join gangs. These are what Masuda describes as the "cute" kids, the socially skilled ones who are able to obtain the needed resources and mentors. But it's the other half, the "mouthy" ones, the "bratty" ones, the ones that people may not necessarily want to work with, who need the help.

What's important is having a strong family foundation, said Sergeant Howell. "Socio-economic status has nothing to do with gang membership. It has to do with family structure." Many of the parents of gangs members simply do not have or cannot obtain the support needed to deal with their kids, he said. "We need to concentrate on the early stages, or we'll lose these kids." Said Nakao, "By the time I get someone as a defendant, it's too late."

To help the community in the fight against the Asian gang epidemic there needs to be more research in order to successfully prosecute Asian gang members. The Asian community must also be educated on the importance of reporting the crimes and realizing they are not the only victim, Nakao said. Cultural sensitivity must also be developed in the legal system, from police officers to judges.

"Unfortunately [APAs] have not been good as a community in giving the type of resources that are needed," said Masuda. Often, it's the same people reaching out to help these kids and the burn-out rate is high.

The APA community needs to make a choice, he said. "We can look at Asian gangs as a threat, or we can look at it as a missed opportunity." ■

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Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

'What more does it take to see the PC go weekly?'

GETTING around to a question often raised in the past — and more recently by our longtime PC boosters in the Sacramento and Salinas Valley chapters — "What more does it take for us to see the PC come out each week again?" plus notes from Bill Hosokawa's "Frying Pan" column (Aug. 2-15, 1996), which appeared before the last national JACL Convention in San Jose, this may be the time to respond — 10 weeks before the Philadelphia gathering is gavelled into session.

We've recorded the ongoing grass-roots push in this direction since the first PC. SAVE contributions were being solicited three years ago, and since then more than \$20,000 has been received and acknowledged. Accordingly, we've updated our in-house production capability. P.C. is grateful, for how else could we operate with a minimal staff and meet deadlines?

At the last P.C. editorial board meeting held in mid-February, the PC Editor Emeritus Papers presented some numbers toward answering the above question, "What more does it take ...?" Longtime subscribers remember when the P.C. was a 52-week affair including a 40-page Holiday Issue. Then, as the Holiday Issue started to expand in the 1950s, we were given a two-week break after Christmas and published a New Year double-dated issue. The 50-week format gave way to 45-weeks in the 1980s.

After 1988, when JACL conventions trapped P.C. to operate at \$12 a year per member subscription, there was no alternative but to live within the budget, so that P.C.'s format dwindled to a 12-page semi-monthly, bolstered by Holiday Issue chapter support — notably and traditionally from Sacramento, Salinas Valley, Selanoco, Ventura County, Berkeley, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Eden Township, Florin, Cortez, Japan, Marysville, Reno, Monterey Peninsula, San Mateo,

Stockton, Watsonville, Fremont, French Camp, San Jose, Lodi, Marin County, West Valley, Sequoia, Diablo Valley, Reno, West Los Angeles, Gardena Valley, Torrance, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, East Los Angeles, Pasadena, Orange County, Riverside, South Bay, Las Vegas, Arizona, Fresno, Delano, Livingston, Merced, Selma, Sanger, Tulare County, Parlier, Chicago, Cleveland, Twin Cities, Wisconsin, New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Milford, Houston, Omaha, Salt Lake City, Mt. Olympus, Pocatello-Blackfoot, Snake River Valley, Idaho Falls, Seattle, Puyallup Valley, Portland, Alaska ... and the thousand JACLers whose names and addresses appear in the "one-liners" solicited by chapters named above and from Seabrook, Cleveland, Dayton, St. Louis, Boise Valley, Gresham-Troutdale, White River Valley, Sonoma County, Santa Barbara, Venice-Culver.

There're 75 chapters listed above — more than enough to sway the next National Convention to adopt a budget that covers "what it takes to see the P.C. come out each week again." Or — as was the case at the 1996 convention, when a resolution called for a feasibility study in 60 days on moving P.C. operations to Headquarters in San Francisco — why not a resolution calling upon the JACL Finance Committee to take a serious look into this question posed to us by Toko Fujii of Sacramento and Fred Oshima? Such an ad hoc approach, it appears to me, is the best step to escape the trap of 1988.

The business and financial responsibilities that all previous P.C. boards carefully exercised were formally transferred to the National Board in 1994. Nonetheless, the matter of money and financial impact has been a constant concern of the current P.C. editorial board chair, Mae Takahashi. She now wonders whether a separate P.C. financial board is feasible. ■



MIXED MESSAGES

By Mikka-Tanner

Hollywood closet Hapas, let them stay there

IT'S always been interesting to me that whenever the subject of Hapas comes up, a "who's who" list of Hapa celebrities inevitably becomes part of the discussion. Asian American magazines, news articles, and even Hapa organizations take pride in naming all the famous people that are of mixed race Asian descent and claiming them as "one of us."

Some of these Hapas we know to be Asian American because of their involvement and identification with the community. Amy Hill, Tiger Woods, Dean Cain, Russell Wong, and Brandon Lee, to name a few. There are many others, however, who are not so obviously Asian American — partially because of the way they look, but mostly because of how they present themselves to their public. For example, the following are celebrities rumored to be Hapa: Keanu Reeves, Lou Diamond Phillips, Meg and Jennifer Tilly, Val Kilmer ... I'm sure there are others that I'm forgetting, but you get the idea.

If Asian American identity is a matter not based simply on race, but on cultural heritage and connection, then it seems to me that to track famous types down and, in a manner of speaking, "out" them, misses the point completely. For example, Meg and Jennifer Tilly may have blood relatives who are Asian, and may even acknowledge their Asian ancestry if asked, but in my mind that does not automatically mean that they are Asian American. To be able to claim an Asian American identity indicates a tie to the culture, history, issues and perspectives of Asian America — to deny those ties is to deny that identity.

Of course, there are probably some "full-blooded" Asian American wannabe celebrities who may be what are referred to as "bananas," and who would choose to be Caucasian if it would help their careers or make them more acceptable to a mainstream public. However, unlike Hapa celebrities who can choose to "pass" if they want to, these monoracial Asian Americans cannot choose how they are perceived by the outside world. Their physical appearance makes this

ethnic self-identification — at least the self-identification of being outside the white mainstream — unavoidable.

The issue of "passing" is a whole other can of worms that I hope to address more fully in a future column, but it's true that many Hapas look Caucasian and many choose to present themselves as such. And I suppose, Hollywood being what it is — with its mis- and under-representation of Asians and Asian Americans — one can't be too hard on the aspiring Hapa actor for choosing a Caucasian identity over an Asian American one.

That said, however, I would hope that once they had an established career they would feel comfortable in regaining and reclaiming their Asian American heritage, thus paving the way in Hollywood for a more racially tolerant perspective. But then, maybe they know that Hollywood and the general public is not likely to be that open-minded, or maybe they never really had a connection with their Asian American identity in the first place. Or maybe they eat their rice and tsukemono — or kimchee or whatever — in secret. (Yeah, I can see Keanu doing this, can't you?) Or maybe they're too busy being sex symbols. Bottom line is, we don't know. Which is all the more reason why we shouldn't force them to come out of the closet and be Asian American to the world if that is not something they want on their own.

Really, it does the Asian American community no good to claim people who have no interest in being claimed. Mono- and biracial Asian American children will see these famous people being held up as Asian American role models although they are not active or concerned members of the community. Definitely a "mixed message" they don't need to have placed on them. (Not to mention that if my kids — when I have them, of course — idolized a few of these people I would be inconsolably disappointed in their taste in heroes.) It also reestablishes the notion of culture being racial-ly and biologically based, which is a perspective that is becoming more obsolete and outdated each day.

Instead, we should celebrate the

contributions of mixed-race celebrities who are proud of their Asian American heritage — people such as Amy Hill and Tiger Woods for example. Their involvement and presence in the Asian American community makes them, at least in my opinion, Asian American in a way that Hapas such as Keanu Reeves are not. Reeves is probably the Hollywood actor most frequently cited as being Hapa although, to my knowledge, he has done nothing to demonstrate his identification with the Asian American community other than play an incarnation of Buddha in some forgettable movie.

So, I guess all this gives us another reason to reexamine and redefine the notion of race and ethnicity within the Asian American community. Not everyone is going to be involved in the way we want them to be. Not everyone is going to consider Asian American identity a privilege that is worth wearing on their sleeve. Not everyone is going to feel connected to that identity and culture the way we would hope. And although, for Hapas especially, the decision to claim this identity is sometimes a matter of individual choice, it is a choice made in the face of a deep-rooted American tradition of racism and discrimination, not to mention Hollywood's continued promotion of negative stereotypes of people of color. Who can really blame them for not wanting to be typecast as the "exotic" Oriental, the kung fu master, the Confucian wiseman, the nerdy sidekick, the dangerous dragon lady, or even the morally ambiguous "tragic mulatto"? So there is a reason and a reward for being able to "pass," and that is what needs to be thought about. There are "bananas" — Hapa or otherwise — only because they are cultivated by the perfect growing conditions that exist in this country. Home grown in the United States of America — just another version of the American Dream. Hopefully, one day we'll all wake up. ■

Mikka Tanner is a board member of Hapa Issues Forum.

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Tule Lake Reunion

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A joint symposium combining the work of Dr. Gwen Jensen of Boulder, Colo., and the efforts of Dr. Satsuki Ina of California State University at Sacramento will be presented as the first of three thought-provoking and interacting seminars to be offered by the organizing committee of the sixth Tule Lake Reunion, set for Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, at the Doubletree Hotel.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday this joint effort will bring to the audience a very comprehensive study on the relative health of those who were evacuated, as compared to those who did not experience the trauma of being forcibly relocated to a detention camp.

Jensen's talk is titled "Was Camp Hazardous to Your Health? Long-term Consequences of Incarceration." She recently completed her dissertation on "The Experience of Injustice: Health Consequences of the Japanese American Internment," basing her research on a lengthy questionnaire and numerous life history interviews, collecting more than 130 hours of testimony. Her study revealed that the WRA was not adequately prepared to deal with the medical problems that arose. In the instant cities of 10,000, there were unnecessary deaths and illnesses and could have been many more. It was not for the care and dedication provided by interned health

care professionals and the cultural resilience of the detainees themselves.

Ina is currently completing a



Dr. Gwen Jensen

documentary film, *Children of the Camps*, which captures the lives of six individuals who were children during the internment, exploring the ways in which they have coped with this traumatic early childhood experience. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley and a professor in psychology and social welfare. She received her Ph.D. from Oregon State University and has a psychology practice specializing in multicultural counseling issues.

All the symposiums at the reunion may be attended by the public without charge. For more information, call Toko Fujii, 916/421-0328. ■



A Bridge Across the Pacific

By Emily Murase

Who belongs in our community?

THE Japanese American community can be viewed as a home where we live, work, and play. A key question that we face today is who belongs in this home?

For generations, we have defined who belongs by appearance. If you looked Japanese, you belonged. In fact, the additional assumption was that if you looked Japanese, you must want to belong (this has led to conflict with those who choose not to identify strongly with their ethnicity).

We based our inclusion on "pedigree" or bloodlines. For example, a certain percentage of Japanese ancestry is a qualification to participate in community beauty contests and Nikkei basketball leagues.

But, given what we know about our demographics and the number of interethnic marriages in our community, can we continue to define who belongs in the community on the basis of how much "Japanese blood" an individual has? I think not. In order for our community to thrive, we must expand our definition of who belongs to be inclusive, not exclusive.

I was recently at a family gathering in West L.A. All the aunts and uncles, cousins, their kids, and

longtime family friends came to celebrate the birthdays of 11 relatives that all happen to fall in the same month. Spanning three generations, ages ranged from 5 to 85 years. Not everyone was Nikkei — friends who happened to be white, black, and Latino also joined the festivities.

We enjoyed a fabulous variety of American, Japanese, Hawaiian, Mexican, and Chinese foods, including macaroni salad, temakizushi, and ha-miu (a Nisei favorite), a variety that reflected the richness of a multicultural community.

We exchanged stories of the daily rewards and challenges of life: an eagle on the golf course, a stripper at the end of a fishing rod, an admissions letter from an elite college, a brief bout with illness.

The sharing of life experiences, the kind advice from another generation, a collective decision to improve our community in some small way — it seems to me that these are the elements of true community.

Does pedigree have anything to do with these? Not necessarily. Rather, having the core values of intergenerational sharing and advising, and improving our community,

are what matter.

I submit that the only criteria we can afford to impose on membership in our community is an interest in joining. Yes, this means welcoming not only biracial and multiracial individuals and families who wish to join, but other Asian Americans, blacks, Latinos, and whites.

Those with an interest in joining our community must be included not only in our festivals but in our festival planning meetings; not only as members of community organizations, but as members of the board.

Some fear the "watering down" of our community that is expected to result from embracing such a broad definition. But so long as we maintain, reinforce, and strengthen our core values, this will not happen. Values, not appearance, should guide the question of who belongs in this community we all call home. ■

The idea for the above column came from discussions at the "Ties That Bind" conference in Los Angeles, April 3-5. Emily Murase welcomes responses and can be reached at e-mail: emurase@stanford.edu.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

What's in a name?

LEAFING through the Fresno JACL News, one of a number of little local publications that reach my desk, I was struck by something strange and interesting: They don't name Japanese American kids George, John and Mary any more. Why should I be startled? The phenomenon probably exists in all segments of American society.

Back when numbers of Nisei became old enough to enroll in grade school, many of them picked up American names to use instead of Taro, Jiro, Kichizaemon, Gunnosuke or whatever. Most of the new names were the garden variety George, John, and Mary. But others were an Americanized version of Japanese first names. Thus, Isamu became Sam, Tomio became Tom, Jiro became George, Haruo became Harry, Kenzo became Kenneth, Hanako became Hannah, Fumi became Frances and Mariko became Mary. Nothing wrong with that, of course. Made it easier for the teachers.

I knew Nisei fellows with names like Victor, Lloyd and Andrew and they — the names, not the individ-

uals — were considered somewhat unusual. Also unusual were the names of the four Beppu brothers of Seattle — Taft, Lincoln, Grant and Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Beppu ran out of boys before we ran out of presidents although other families had sons named Wilson, Jackson, Hoover — not in the same family — and if I remember correctly, Jefferson and Calvin but not Coolidge.

Today, to judge by the Fresno JACL News, such names are mostly passe. I found first names of Japanese Americans in the Fresno area — presumably Yonsei — like Barton, Kendra, Lacey, Ryan, Jarrod, a Bradley whose Sansei father is named Stuart, Kent, Randell, Randall, Lindsay, Clayton, Otto, Roger and Dale. Not to overlook Carrie, Bobbi and Debbie.

The hunting was not so good in the Nisei veterans Newsletter of Seattle. I found, among others, Shaw, Scott, Bruce, Pam and Dolly.

In Colorado the membership directory of the Asian American Bar Association has a Kerry, a Dean, Lori, Lannie and Tami, Fay and Geanne. I hasten to add that these are non-nonsense members of the le-

gal fraternity, or sorority as the case may be.

Our parents fastened some rather odd Japanese names, which I'd rather not mention at this time, on my brother and me. When it was time to go to school we became William and Robert for no reason of which I am aware. Before long we became Bill and Rube. No objection to that.

My wife and I named our children Michael, Susan, Peter and Christie. Their Yonsei children, in order of seniority, are named Ashlyn, Michael, Patrick, Matthew, Jonathan and Tiffany. Steven and Stephanie. I think they have middle names, too, but being just a grandfather, I'm not sure about that.

At my age I don't expect to be here long enough to have great grandchildren. But it would be interesting to see what kind of names they will be getting when that time comes. ■

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



Voice of a Sansei

By Akemi Kayleng

On letting go

IT'S almost the end of another school year, so I'm going to order a new academic planner calendar book. It's one of those things which assume the early fall through late spring school year is the central part of a person's life. Therefore, to provide continuity, the calendar book shouldn't end abruptly in December. An academic planner based on the school year runs from July through June of the following year, rather than from January through December of the same year.

There's something strange about my being such a faithful purchaser of these planners. I've been out of graduate school for some time now. The conventional January through December planners would make more sense for my present life.

And yet, I retain an old habit because that particular brand of calendar book has become such an established part of my routine. It feels like the pots and pans in the kitchen, my word processor, or my pullover sweaters. I rarely think about these items and feel no intense emotions over them. But if any of them were to suddenly be gone, I would feel an uncomfortable, disrupted feeling. A very well established part of my life, which had served some daily purpose, would be gone.

On an intellectual level, these feelings are nonsense. Why such a great attachment to an insignificant, everyday object?

I think these feelings have something to do with a need we all have for a comforting sense of familiarity. For that feeling that reality is firmly defined and always there for us. To discard something in that definition of reality is to open ourselves up to the unknown, and who knows what terrors that will bring in.

As soon as I get my new calendar book in the mail, the one which begins with the month of July, I'm going to mark in my San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center's summer Obon festival. Which brings me to another loss of continuity.

The ice cream machine is gone. Like an old family member in declining health, our ice cream machine had been slowly showing signs of wear and tiredness. Last summer, we finally decided to lay it aside and sell prepackaged ice cream cones out of a freezer chest.

I hate to sound superstitious, but it was as if the spirits of Obon had decided to curse our break with tradition. For one thing, the weather was unusually cold. I've been selling ice cream every summer for over ten years, and I never recall

the weather being that chilly. So, needless to say, most people were buying hot drinks and bypassing our ice cream booth.

The few who did stop by said, "Where's the ice cream?" The beautiful color posters of the Klondikes, Neapolitan sandwiches, Bat Man pops, and Jurassic Park ones were staring right at them. We'd point to the posters, and the customers would say, "Not that stuff. The cones." We had to explain the ice cream machine was gone. "When will it be fixed?" Never, we explained, the ice cream machine was not repairable. The customers would grudgingly buy one of the prepackaged items, or pass entirely.

The old ice cream machine was fun because people could watch their cones being individually prepared. If the operator did not have the right finesse, rather than a pyramid of concentric stacked tires, each one slightly smaller than the one below, the customer got a junkyard pile of old tires. But that was part of the fun, wondering what bizarre personality yours would have. People on diets asked for small ones, ravenous teenagers wanted big ones, and some wanted half vanilla, half chocolate. If the mountain of busted tires got too heavy, it would literally fall down, so we always had lots of napkins.

Anyway, that was part of our tradition of Obon. And now that we had broken tradition, the customers were grumbling, and we were sitting in the booth, grumbling about how cold the weather was.

This is a seemingly trivial story, but it says something about how hard it is to let go of the past. As we move into the future, we must do some letting go. I feel frustrated, watching our resistance to change, for I know this resistance is hurting us. Yet I can also understand those feelings. After all, I should have converted to a January through December calendar planner long ago. ■

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East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Some No-No folks

THE SO-CALLED "Loyalty Questionnaire," nefariously contrived out of Washington, D.C., which Issei and Nisei confined in barbed-wire camps were required to answer, essentially read:

"No. 27. Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty wherever ordered?"

"No. 28. Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and fore-swear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, to any other foreign government, power or organization?"

An inmate of the Tule Lake camp, in the fall of 1942 I had departed therefrom to attend college in the Midwest; hence, I was not confronted with the dilemma of having to answer these questions. No such questions were asked when I had volunteered in 1943 — only to be rejected when the recruiting office received a copy of my birth certificate which listed Japanese parents for the "Italian" boy. In disgust ("the hell with them") I re-

mained in school, being drafted the following year into the infantry.

Today, I have little doubt what the Nisei's response to these two questions would be. To drive the point home, more likely than not, it may consist of a crude reference to the questioner's anatomy where the questions may be posed.

SO, WHAT ABOUT those Nikkei inmates who responded in the negative to both these questions, the so-called "No-No Boys"? Are they to be condemned or otherwise vilified for their stand on a tough decision, a decision that if judged in today's calm light may well be deemed courageous?

In this context, I'm reminded of a few other "No-No Boys," namely Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu — all three refusing to comply with directives of our government. Thus, Gordon refused to comply with, first, the curfew restrictions imposed upon Americans of Japanese ancestry (defined as "Japanese non-alien"), and secondly, the directive to report for the "evacuation." These fellows were the first No-No's. All three were convicted, with their convictions being upheld by the U.S.

Supreme Court (to its everlasting shame). Their respective stances of defiance are appropriately regarded as noble.

THERE'S YET ANOTHER

"No-No" fellow who a few decades back refused induction into military service to serve in the Vietnam war: Muhammad Ali a.k.a. Cassius Clay. He pointedly commented that the Viet Cong hadn't done anything to him, suggesting that his concerns focused upon the situation in his own country. The public turned against him, his professional boxing career came to a halt. Today, he's viewed with warmth and held up as a model citizen. He participated in the lighting of the Olympic torch. America regained its focus and embraced Muhammad Ali!

It's time that we in Nikkei-dom, military veterans included, set aside the bitterness of the past and re-embrace our brothers who had also stood by their convictions as they saw it. ■

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

AJA WWII Memorial Alliance sets May 9 for War Memorial presentation reception

LOS ANGELES—Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance announced that it will hold a Memorial Wall presentation reception with Tria Toyota acting as mistress of ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, at 2 p.m. in the George J. Doizaki Gallery of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo.

A plan for the memorial wall honoring all Japanese Americans who died during WWII will be introduced at the JACC, where the Veterans Memorial Court, fronting South San Pedro Street, is located and the monument will eventually be placed. The memorial will join

similar monuments dedicated to the Japanese American KIAs and MIAs from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Dedication of the WWII memorial is scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11, 1999.

The reception, to introduce the Memorial Committee and the project to the public, will display a scale model built by architect Henry Nakabayashi as well as literature describing the project. Invitations have been distributed to veterans' organizations, individuals and other sources.

Drs. Roy Machida and Harold Harada, co-chairs of the Alliance, have also extended an open invitation to the

public to attend. "Visual Communications has made a video about the project, which we want as many people as possible to see," they said. "In order to meet our targeted date we must put our efforts in high gear, and we need the public's support." The project will also include creating a database on CD-ROMs so that the stories of these brave men will be preserved forever for posterity.

Reservations or questions may be addressed by calling 213/629-2725 and leaving a voice mail message, or fax reservations to 213/617-8576 for the committee, which is a virtual tenant in the JACC. ■

Pertinent excerpts from James Oda's book

• In Japan's gay quarters it is customary for geisha and patrons to use aliases. However, the term *alias* is demeaning. So, one substitutes a *Genji* name. When one says, "I am using a *Genji* name," he means he is using an alias. Why *Genji* name? The following is the historical background:

In 1192 when the Aizu Aizu-half-breeds completed the military conquest of Japan, I was agreed between Yoritomo and the imperial family that it would serve the best interest of the country if the new leader Yoritomo were to present himself to the nation as a full blooded member of the Yamato race. (Page 109)

To promote this arrangement, 18 different emperors (809-1301) bestowed the clan name of Genji to departing princes. In time the clan name Genji became so numerous that it became synonymous with courtiers.

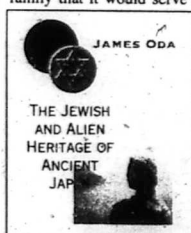
The imperial family also issued an inviolable decree that any clan other than direct descendants of the Yoritomo clan was forbidden to attain the position of shogun. (Page 110)

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Voices A cry for justice

BY SHARON TANIHARA

After reading the thank-you letters from Fumie Shimada and Michi Weglyn (P.C. 4/3-16 issue) on behalf of the railroad and mine worker categories recently granted redress, I would like to submit the following in support of the Japanese Latin Americans, who, despite widespread support including 80 members of Congress, continue to be denied redress.

President Clinton visited Africa recently, spending 12 days there educating himself. Mrs. Clinton, members of Congress and his administration on the history of Africa's slave trade with America 300 years ago. The trip was a historic event and a gesture by the president to acknowledge America's transgressions against Africa. Although many of the president's speeches stressed looking to the future to a partnership based on friendship and respect, he also addressed the issue of human rights, commenting of Africa, "In some countries, human rights are still nonexistent, and unevenly respected in others," and looking back at America's history, acknowledged past wrongs committed by America against the African nations.

In another recent event in the international arena, President Clinton's personal involvement as mediator in the final phase of the Northern Ireland peace talks has resulted in an agreement that will hopefully end decades of deadly strife and violence.

With these two unrelated but significant events in mind, I would respectfully suggest that the President and his administration turn their attention to a matter involving human rights in the international community in which America was a key participant and which 56 years later has yet to be resolved — the plight of the Japanese Latin Americans whose human rights were violated by the United States during World War II and whose cries for justice continue to be ignored by the United States government to this very day.

During World War II, over 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in America's concentration camps. More than 81,000 who were alive at the time President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 into law have been granted redress and an apology from the United States government. What has come to light in recent years is the unbelievable story of more than 2,300 Japanese Latin Americans

similarly incarcerated in America, who were kidnapped and brought here during WWII by the United States government to be used as hostages in civilian prisoner-of-war exchanges with Japan. The Office of Redress Administration has denied redress to all but a handful of individuals in this category because of an ironic technicality — having been kidnapped from their homes in Latin America, they were not United States citizens or permanent resident aliens at the time of their internment, and therefore have been deemed ineligible for redress based on the eligibility requirements of the Civil Liberties Act.

The 10-year life of the Civil Liberties Act comes to a close in August of this year, giving President Clinton the opportunity to remedy this situation and at the same time show that the United States stands on the side of those nations in the international community that respect human rights. If he were to meet with the former internees and members of the Campaign for Justice, an organization working on behalf of the Japanese Latin Americans that has the support of more than 80 members of Congress, he could hear firsthand the story of their abduction and perilous journey to America, with men, women and children being marched onto ships under armed guard and brought here as captives on their way to an unknown future. He would also hear of the years of frustration the Japanese Latin Americans have encountered in dealing with the ORA in their attempts to obtain redress for their category, a difficult predicament that illustrates perfectly the phrase "adding insult to injury."

President Clinton's trip to Africa has suggested that the Clinton administration respects human rights. Furthermore, a recent event has shown that the president has the power and authority to facilitate matters and resolve a difficult problem when the situation is deemed to warrant such action. Rather than being hailed as a hero, Christoph Meili, the Swiss guard who discovered and saved Holocaust-era records from being shredded, was unjustly branded a traitor and fired from his job. Aided by benefactors, Meili and his family fled to the United States for asylum last April. In May, he pleaded before a senate panel to be allowed to stay in this country, and in July, Presi-

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Letters to the Editor

No footnote required

Jewish Americans do not own the rights to concentration camps (Re: "What is a concentration camp?" Mar. 20-Apr. 2 issue). The unabridged second edition of Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary defines concentration camps as: 1) a place where troops are massed, as before distribution; 2) a place in which enemy aliens are kept under guard; and 3) a place of confinement for those considered dangerous to the regime. Nazi Germany is used as an example of definition 3. As stated in Caroline Aoyagi's article, the use of the term "concentration camp" for the Japanese American experience is historically accurate.

The exhibit about the Japanese American camps is not about Jews, and no footnote is required. The Jewish Americans have many monuments around the world and in the United States commemorating the atrocities that occurred during World War II. Does every prison need a footnote because one is mismanaged and prisoners are tortured? The Nazi concentration camps for antisocialists and Jews existed, as did U.S. concentration camps for JAs.

The JA exhibit will draw appropriate attention to one unfortunate event in U.S. history. Adding footnotes about Jewish history to such an exhibit derogates the experience of JAs. JA's should not succumb to the self-serving and unreasonable demands of the Jewish American community. The footnote at the exhibit should be expunged. As there is likely nothing legally binding, I implore those responsible to please retract the generous, but unnecessary, offer to include the footnote.

John Nishio

Concentration camps

If we do not forgive those who trespass against us, especially when they atone for their mistakes, then God will not forgive our own many sins. And we can expect bad luck to befall us, which may extend to our children.

Like we abhor the term "Jap," even when used as abbreviation in the dictionary, Americans resent the term "concentration camp" for the relocation centers of World War II, because they "associate the phrase with the Nazi death camps" (P.C. March 20). The title, *America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience*, for the exhibit in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum by the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) may be considered disrespectful. The clause in the ex-

hibition, "and the rest of society let it happen," blames the American people.

Senior curator of the exhibit Karen Ishizuka evidently does not know that the "relocation centers" were a means of dispersing those of Japanese ancestry from the military zones along the Pacific Coast to inland areas. The army tried voluntary movement, but it didn't work. So they resorted to mass removal. Japanese Americans of proven loyalty left the camps in large numbers, including many Issei like my father, because that is the only way they would be accepted in their new homes to the east.

The sin was the evacuation of us innocent Japanese Americans. But it was an understandable mistake during the exigencies of a war for national survival. And the American people made amends in millions of ways.

Isn't it time for us JAs to realize that ours is an outstanding American success story that has international and historic repercussions? Let us celebrate the wonderful things that are happening for us now, instead of being obsessed by the negatives of half a century ago.

Mas Odoi
Renton, Wash.

Reader stands by Bill Hosokawa

We are printing in its entirety (in our March newsletter) Irons' letter to the *Rafu Shimpō* of March 10. It concerns Bill Hosokawa's *Pacific Citizen* column of January 23, 1998, in which Hosokawa questions the choice of Fred Korematsu for the Presidential Medal of Honor. We believe that many Japanese Americans have similar doubts.

Irons was one of the legal team that fought Korematsu's conviction in the *Korematsu vs United States* case that came before the Supreme Court. Korematsu's conviction as a violator of evacuation orders was reversed. Irons accuses Hosokawa of taking out of context a statement that Irons made about the pre-evacuation actions of Korematsu in trying to evade evacuation. Irons stated in his book, *Justice at War*, "[Korematsu] seemed to be motivated solely by personal interest in his decision not to report for evacuation" but that was not his [Irons'] personal conviction. Irons further stated, "...that this shy young man shared with Yasui and Hirabayashi an equal devotion to constitutional principle in challenging himself as a test case challenger."

A lay person should have his head examined for attempting to argue with a lawyer of Irons' reputation, but we are not arguing about Korematsu's actions after he was apprehended and decided to offer himself as a test case. What we are saying is that he was trying to

evade evacuation, not in a public way on principles, as chosen by Yasui and Hirabayashi, but, secretly, by some very bizarre methods. If he had been able to escape detection and apprehension, he would probably never have been evacuated and, we believe, would never have challenged evacuation.

We stand with Bill Hosokawa, considering all circumstances. We believe Korematsu should not have been the choice for the Presidential Medal of Honor. Gordon Hirabayashi should have been the choice.

We do not understand the correlation with the cases of Rosa Parks and Anne Frank. There are times when we do pass judgment on the acts of others.

Irons' criticism of Hosokawa is unwarranted. We would like to suggest to Peter Irons, "Do not judge, lest you be judged."

Fred Y. Hirasuna
Fresno, CA

Korematsu, a deserving Medal of Freedom awardee

The choice of Fred Korematsu for the Presidential Medal of Freedom was a surprise and refreshing. Obviously it disturbed the likes of Bill Hosokawa (P.C. Jan. 23-Feb. 5, 1998), Fred Hirasuna, and Hiroto (*Tosai Times*, March '98). His response to E.O. 10999 was risky, and adventurous. He did not rush to the police offering his body but he did take action — and he chose freedom.

However the singular feature of Korematsu was his "ordinariness," the common man, the Mr. Everyman; the average Nisei who endured either military service or the "camps," the archetypal Nisei doppelgänger.

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A3M

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In 1991, when A3M was first founded, there were only about 5,000 APAs registered in the National Bone Marrow Registry, said Sharon Sugiyama, a co-founder of A3M. Today, there are more than 177,000 APAs. "Today there are more chances to live... miracles can happen," she said. "Tonight is a celebration of stars but it's also a celebration of lives that have been saved."

But there is still much more that needs to be done, reminded Sugiyama. Although the number of APAs on the registry has increased dramatically, APAs still have a 33 percent less chance of finding a marrow match than the general population. Thus, the need for bone marrow drives and increased awareness in the APA community requires an ongoing effort.

Actress and writer Jude Narita, a producer of the star-studded

event, got involved with A3M after volunteers asked her to attend a bone marrow drive in Carson, Calif., four years ago. "What moved me was that so many young people were involved with the bone marrow drive because their friends had died," she said. "When you hear their stories, it's so moving."

Narita, along with co-producers of the event Kageyama and Yuji Okumoto, started talking about getting APA celebrities together for a fundraiser to help A3M about a year ago. Once they began calling their friends to pitch in, the response was so enormous, said Narita, that they were unable to fit everybody into the evening's program.

"It wasn't hard to get people to come out and support the event," she said. "This is not a hard sell."

For more information about A3M and future bone marrow drives, call 888/A3M-HOPE, fax: 213/473-1661, website: www.lhsc.org/a3m. ■

JUSTICE

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dent Clinton took the unusual and compassionate action of signing a private relief bill to grant permanent residency to Meili and his family.

In the case of the Japanese Latin Americans, an executive decision to adjust their wartime immigration status, eliminating the red tape and allowing the ORA to grant redress, would bring the saga of the internment experience closer to a satisfactory completion and help conclude the 10-year redress program on a more positive note. With the stroke of a pen, President Clinton would not only allow the nation

to finally acknowledge the Japanese Latin Americans, he would also demonstrate to the international community that America does indeed learn from the past and de-

serves to stand in the forefront of those nations that champion human rights. With so much to be gained, this opportunity should not be ignored. ■

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The Regional Director manages the Pacific Southwest District office in Los Angeles; supervising one staff person and periodic student interns. This semi-autonomous position is responsive to the Pacific Southwest District Council and board to ensure that JACL members in the district are adequately served. Lifting, travel, and work after regular hours and on weekends will be required.

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Proposition 227

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lish, describing the proposal as an extreme approach that could potentially harm students' ability to learn not only English, but other academic subjects as well. The Administration also concluded that the proposition would remove the flexibility of local schools and teachers to design programs most appropriate to their needs.

According to White House sources, the challenge the White House faces is opposing Prop. 227 without appearing to endorse the status quo, which, experts on both sides of the issue agree, is essentially inadequate.

The consensus of the White House is that the weaknesses of bilingual education are indicative of larger problems within the public school system, such as overpopulated classrooms and a shortage of qualified teachers.

Although the issue of accountability with regard to bilingual education has not been thoroughly addressed by White House officials, making schools accountable for their results has been funda-

mental to Clinton's approach in improving education. Along with earlier proposals for adopting national academic standards, it appears as though the administration is moving towards tougher federal monitoring of bilingual programs, with current federal efforts in bilingual education to undergo a thorough review next year in Congress. ■

Art Miki appointed citizenship judge

OTTAWA—Arthur K. Miki of Winnipeg was appointed Feb. 23 by Canadian Citizenship-Immigration Minister Lucienne Robilards as a citizenship judge in Manitoba.

A past president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians and member of the Order of Canada, former school administrator Miki will serve for one year to insure citizenship applications are processed properly, render decisions with regard to applications, and preside over and administer the oath to new citizens. ■



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OBITUARIES

Harry S. Iida, 77, career MIS linguist-officer

SALINAS, Calif.—Harry S. Iida, 77, died March 20 following a lengthy illness at the Hospice House in Monterey. Playing an active community role until sidelined by a lingering health problem the past few years, he was dubbed "Mr. JACL" in Salinas Valley for his story book involvement in the development of this area's fresh flower industry since the mid-'60s.



versatile jack-of-all-trades.

A native of Walnut Grove, Iida served 20 years in the U.S. Army, retiring with the rank of major. He saw action in the South Pacific during WWII and the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge. Owner of Iida Insurance Agency, Iida was elected Salinas Valley JACL president in 1972 and was a familiar figure for over four decades in JACL circles. He was active with the Northern California MIS Association, VFW Post 6849 of Spreckels, Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the San Francisco-based National Japanese American Historical Society.

Surviving are wife Yasuko, daughters Shirley Shaver (Huntington Beach), Dr. Carol Iida, sons Sherman (Sacramento), Jeffrey (San Diego), 5 grandchildren, brother Frank (Sacramento) and sister Mary Kitashima (Santa Monica). —Fred K. Oshima ■

Hideo Shima, developer of the Shinkansen

Hideo Shima, the developer of Japan's bullet train, the Shinkansen, passed away on March 18 in Tokyo. He was 96.

When service started on Oct. 1, 1964. Today a bullet train runs at speeds of up to 169 mph.

In 1969 Shima assumed the top post with the National Space Development Agency of Japan and led the nation's early space development projects. He retired from the agency in 1977. In 1994 he was awarded the Order of Cultural Merit by the Japanese government. ■

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Akahoshi, Yaiako, 85, Monterey Park, Mar. 26 service; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Joseph Junichi, Francis Nobuyuki, daughters Priscilla Moteo Ishibashi, Florence Tague Hatcher, 79.

Arakawa, Uto Toshiko, 87, Los Angeles, Mar. 29; Okinawa-born, survived by son James; daughter Kyoko Teshima, 6, ggc.

Endow, William Yoshio Sr., 61, Las Vegas, Mar. 29; Hood River, Ore.-born Army veteran, survived by wife Robin, sons William Jr. (New York City), Stephen (Glendale), sisters Connie Ichihara (Miami), Mitsue Salador (New York), brother Sho (Hood River).

Eshima, Kurio, 76, Denver, Mar. 7; survived by wife Michiko, sons Stan (Arvada, Colo.), Mel (Broomfield, Colo.), daughters Gayle Greer (Boulder, Colo.), Lyn Handa, brother Nobuo (Denver), 4 ggc, 2 ggc.

Fukuma, Kiyo, 109, Los Angeles, Mar. 24; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Shoji, Yoshio, daughter Nobuko Reidell, 2 ggc, 2 ggc.

Hamatani, Yoshio, 78, Courtland, Mar. 20; survived by sisters Fumie, Kikuro Tanaka, Shizue Sugioke, Mollie, Yukie Combs, brothers Peter, George, Minoru, Osamu, Tomio, sister-in-law Masako Hamatani.

Hata, Helen Misako, 81, Los Angeles, Mar. 24; Puente-born, survived by daughter Kay Umeda, son Robert, 3 ggc, sister Yaeko Yamamoto, sister-in-law Mildred Kado.

Hirano, Ichio Henry, 84, San Jose, Mar. 21; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Masako, son Carl, daughters Jean Ikeda, Pauline Idomoto, Niki Obashi, 8 ggc. **Hironaka, David Takashi, 77, San Francisco, Mar. 28;** survived by wife Yo Yoshiko, sister Ruth Ichikawa (Sacramento), brother Kenji (Sacramento).

Ikeji, Miyoko, 83, Los Angeles, Mar. 22; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Fumi, son George Toshikazu, daughters Elaine Hideo Kinjo, Susan Yoshiko Battist, Marion Reiko Shiroma, 8 ggc, brother Tsutomu Ikeji (Japan), sister Miyoe Maeda (Japan), sisters-in-law Sakae Nakamura (San Diego), Niyoe Maeda, Hanryo Tokunaga.

Itani, Oscar, Salinas, Jan. 27; survived by wife Sunako, daughters Pam Itani (Los Altos), Ellen Itani (Clovis), son Ron Itani (Woodside), 3 ggc, brother Tom Itani and sister Sue Hori (both Salinas).

Kagawa, Kiyoshi D., 77, Long Beach, Feb. 2; World War II veteran, survived by wife Fumiko, son Richard, daughters Deborah, Katherine, brother Steve, sister Shizuko, 5 ggc.

Katsunuma, Tomohito, 64, Mission Viejo, Mar. 28; Tokyo-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Kenji Katsunuma, daughter Eri Katsunuma, brothers Hideyo, Hiroshi (Japan).

Kawamura, Yukio, 70, Lodi, Mar. 21; survived by wife Miyoko, son Victor, daughter Kathy Feder, 1 ggc.

Kawaratan, Hisa, 101, Gardena, Jan. 29; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Tadao (Japan), Takashi and Hideo (Orange County), Tsutomu, Kiyoshi, Yukio, daughters Yoshiko Tanaka, and Toshiko Masumoto (Orange County), Fumiko Ozaki, 22 ggc, 3 ggc.

Kojimoto, Robert Y., 76, Rancho Cordova, Mar. 29; survived by sons Robert, Glen, daughter Pamela Hong, 4 ggc, brother Mitsunobu, sisters Misae Tanaka, Mona Yamell, sister-in-law Miyuki Kojimoto.

Konomi, Gene, 94, Albany, Mar. 15; survived by wife Ruth Mitsuko Takahashi.

Kujiraoka, Tatsuma, 69, Dos Palos, Mar. 25; Fukushima-born, survived by wife Ayako, daughter Dr. Kathleen Minori Kujiraoka (Hawaii), sons Dr. Mark Atsushi (Sacramento), Scott Ryu (Cambridge), Emery Shin (Port Huene), sisters Machiko Takagi, Etsuko Hiruta, Kohana Usami and brothers Shinkuro, Tadashi (all of Japan); sisters-in-law Saeri Harami, Miyo Hira, Taeko Yamagishi and brother-in-law Ichiro Nakasui (all of Japan).

Kure, Kazuko, 71, San Francisco, Mar. 20; survived by son Masao Michael, daughter Keiko Joann Nishimura.

Kusada, Masa May, 74, Carson, April 3; survived by daughter Lynne Kusada, sister Kate Marion Matsuo, brother-in-law Charles Asako, sister-in-law Asako

Florence Yakahi.

Mamiya, Kevin Jiro, 32, Gardena, Mar. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by parents Bob and Jan Mamiya, brother Colin (Hawaii) grandparents Iwa and Eloise Mamiya (Hawaii).

Masuko, Matthew Masayoshi, D.M.D., 77, Portland, Ore., Mar. 20; Portland-born dentist, WWII veteran, Portland Chapter JACL president (1952), PSW district governor, survived by wife Nobuko, daughters Dr. Connie, Neva (Portland), son Lt. U.S.N. Loren (London), brother Yoshito (Anaheim), sisters Yoshiko Yamaguchi (Japan), Michiko Nishioka (Salem).

Masutani, Hisashi, 78, Las Vegas, Mar. 7; Martinez-born World War II veteran, survived by wife Kakuko.

Matsuda, Fred Masao, 79, Monterey Park, Mar. 28; Seattle-born, survived by stepsons James M., Ted S., George K. Ozeki, stepdaughter Sharon T. Ozeki, 3 step-gc.

Matsuno, Tsuneko, 93, Montebello, Mar. 22; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons George, Jiro, Ronald, Gary, daughters Hatsuie Matsuno, Shigeko

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Hazama, Helen Nakamura, Irene Matsuno, Nancy Mino, 9 ggc, 2 ggc.

Mizuta, Majorie, 77, Seattle, Mar. 14; survived by daughter Kitty Sherry, Beverly, Jody, brother Bill Hall, ggc, predeceased by husband Kuro.

Morisato, George, 72, Chicago, Mar. 7; Auburn-born, survived by wife Jessie, daughter Susan.

Mugushima, Pearl Ritsuko, 70, Las Vegas, Mar. 31; Sacramento-born, former Monterey Park resident, survived by daughters Nanette Eiko Kuroki, Emyko Nakamura, son Harold Haruo Mugishima, Jr., 4 ggc, 1 ggc, predeceased by husband Harold Haruo.

Murakami, Mary Chizuko, 92, Fremont, Mar. 23; survived by sons Raymond Shoji, Wesley Kiyoshi, ggc, ggc. Nagata, Wallace T., M.D., Monterey Park, Mar. 15; Waipahu, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Marge, son Robert, daughter-in-law Andrea Nagata, 2 ggc, 1 ggc.

Nakajima, Suwako, 96, Sacramento, Mar. 22; Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughters Hiroko, Ninomiya, Reiko Kinoshita, 2 ggc, 4 ggc.

Nishikawa, Sekiyo, 99, Los Angeles, Mar. 31; survived by son George Nishikawa, daughters Mary Chikuma (Colo.), Betty Coddington, Margaret Fukuhara (Colo.), 9 ggc, 14 ggc.

Nitta, Jerry Jiro, 75, Las Vegas, Mar. 26; Glendale-born, formerly of Monterey Park, survived by wife Susie, daughters Jeanne Nitta (Van Nuys), Susanne Tanji (San Gabriel), Sandy Nitta (Las Vegas), 3 ggc, sister Toshi Okamoto, sister-in-law Yasumi Nitta (San Valley).

Nomura, Kiyoko Jean, 75, Henderson, Nev., Mar. 8; San Francisco-born, survived by daughter Karen Nomura (Hacienda Heights), sons Eddie (Henderson), Kenji, Raymond (both of Las Vegas), 10 ggc, 8 ggc, sister Violet Matsui (Reno, Nev.), brother Jim Tanabe.

Oye, Shizuko "Mary", 75, Seattle, Mar. 9; survived by daughter Misa Mihara, sons Alan, Shoji, 4 ggc, brother Mitsuyoshi Kikuchi.

Sakurai, Sadao, 67, Montebello, April 8; Los Angeles-born World War II veteran, survived by wife Rose, sons Kenneth, Richard, daughter Kathleen Dunlevy, 2 ggc, brothers Kiyoshi Carl (Arroyo Grande), Shigeru Henry, Rev. Jim Sakurai (San Jose), sister Kinuko Kano, sisters-in-law Mary Komoto, Tamaki Koda (Japan), Edna Kami.

Sato, Kenichi, 83, Salinas, Jan. 10; survived by sons Norman (San Jose), Alan (Fremont), 3 ggc, sister Naka Ogino (Japan).

Settsuda, Tsuyaye, Frances, 76, Los Angeles, Mar. 25; survived by brother Joe Kazumi Settsuda, sisters Grace Uno (Hawaii), Bernice Goto.

Suzuki, Ayako, 68, Los Angeles, Mar. 12; survived by children James Masahiro Koga, Alice Yoshie Koga.

Takahashi, Hiroyuki, 64, Los Angeles, Mar. 22; survived by wife Yoshie, sons Ryan Hajime, Don Hiroshi, Mark Tadashi, Paul Makoto, daughter Joy Hatsuue Takahashi, sisters Sachiko Yoshitake, Sumie Yatomu (both of Japan).

Takahashi, Kiyomi, Fresno, Mar. 26; survived by wife Fumi, sons Donald, Richard, daughters Beverly Ogata, Lori Sato, 7 ggc, sisters Kazuo, Rose Sakauye, Eiko Misa Nemoto.

Takamatsu, Hatsu, 85, Claremont, Mar. 26; Orling, Wash.-born, survived by son Ted, daughters Nancy Mori, Mary Liddle (Maryland), 5 ggc, 1 ggc, brother Tetsuo Tani and sisters Yaeko Asari (all of Japan), Kumi Oka, sisters-in-law Hideo Tani and Mihoko Tani (both of Japan).

Takemori, Akira E., Ph.D., 68, Carlsbad, Mar. 12; Stockton-born, formerly of Edina, Minn., recipient of Nathan B. Eddy Award for excellence in research, past president of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, survived by wife Valerie, son Tetsuo, 1 ggc, brother Hiroshi, sister Setsuko Matsuda.

Tomita, Kenneth Kiyoshi, 87, Seattle, Mar. 12; survived by wife Kiyoko, brothers Richard (Tacoma, Wash.), Robert and Yoshio (both of Seattle), sisters-in-law Masako Tomita (Seattle), Fumiko Tomita (Oakland).

Tsubokura, Kozue, 80, Gardena, March 29; Glendale-born, survived by daughter Christine (Wisconsin), son Phillip (Costa Mesa), 2 ggc, predeceased by husband Paul.

Tsujimoto, Katsumi, 82, Hayward, Mar. 21; San Francisco-born World War II veteran, survived by wife Fumi, daughter Janet Yee, 2 ggc, 2 step ggc, siblings Hiroko Hasegawa, Masao Tsujimoto, Minoru Tsujimoto, Toyoko Hatanaka.

Uchimura, Sadame, 81, Vista, April 1; New Castle-born, survived by sons Robert Masatoshi, Shigeyuki, Arthur Hideo, Randy Katsumi, daughters Toshiko Omori, Kathy Noriko Mason, 6 ggc, 6 ggc, sisters-in-law Haru Uchimura, Sumiko Iwanaga.

Uyeda, Akimasa Ike, 78, Los Angeles, Mar. 25; San Francisco-born, World War II veteran, survived by wife Sherry, sister Kiyoko Okamoto.

Watanabe, Dave Hiroshi, 84, Los Angeles, April 4; survived by sons Colin, Mike, Robert, 4 ggc, sisters Teri Uyeyama, Katsu Nakagawa, Yuri Matsumoto, Kimi Hayashi, son Takazaki.

Yagura, Iwao, 79, San Diego, Feb. 2; survived by wife Mary, son Ron, daughter Jan Yamamoto, 4 ggc.

Yamada, Harry Shigeo, 100, San Mateo, Mar. 31; survived by daughters Utsumi Yunka, Masa Okita, Naomi Iida, May Yamada, 20 ggc, 20 ggc, 3 ggc, 3 brothers.

Yamamura, Mike M., 81, Berkeley, Jan. 7; survived by wife Sumiko, daughter Carol Tanaka (Sunnyvale), son Michael (Pinole) and ggc Lesley Tanaka, Casey Yamamura.

Yamasaki, Ruby, 72, Chicago, Mar. 14; Penn-born, survived by siblings Annie Sera, Kinichi Yamasaki, Tom Yamasaki.

Yamashita, Michio, 71, Salinas, Mar. 7; Japan-born, survived by wife Noriko, son Tsutomu, daughter Mariko, 1 ggc, brothers Shinichiro Hagihara, Kaneyasu Hagihara, sister Tomi Arikawa (all of Japan).

Yeda, Harumi, 94, Alameda, Mar. 25; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughter Mary Umene, 3 ggc, brothers Tad, Tsutomu, Takeshi Sera, predeceased by husband Isamu. ■

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