



"Atonement for the Past ... Justice for the Future"

Department of Justice ceremony celebrates completion of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

WASHINGTON—On May 9, 1942, twenty-four-year old Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima and her family became Japanese American World War II concentration camp internees number 21373.

Forced from their homes and uprooted from their lives, Kitashima, her mother and three brothers were greeted at the Tanforan Assembly Center by gun-wielding guards and searched like common thieves.

They eventually made their way to the Topaz, Utah, camp where life behind barbed-wire fences consisted of 12-by-9-foot cabins. Furniture-less, and adorned by a single light bulb, they housed large families with little care for privacy. Washroom facilities consisted of unisex doorless toilets on the way to unappealing rations in the mess hall. Temperatures often reached an insufferable 100 degrees in the summer and 20 degrees in the

winter.

That first night in the Topaz camp, Kitashima cried herself to sleep, thinking, "I can't believe I'm in America."

"It was the beginning of a tragic disruption of our lives," said Kitashima, now 80. "We suffered through the psychological stress of confinement."

As she shared her camp experience at the United States Department of Justice's ceremony marking the end of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act on September 10, Kitashima echoed the lives of the more than 120,000 JAs who suffered through the indignities of the WWII American concentration camps. She reminded the dozens of individuals gathered in the DOJ's Great Hall that the true significance of the '80s redress movement and the '88 Act is the lasting memory of their stories.

She recalled how difficult life was after leaving the camps, having lost all of their possessions at



(From left): Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director, Grayce Uyehara, Bob Bratt, former ORA administrator, Attorney General Janet Reno, Helen Kawagoe, JACL national president, former congressman Norman Mineta, and Bill Lahn Lee, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights. Following the DOJ ceremony, JACL made a special presentation to Bratt for his work in the ORA administration.

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Shall we dance? JA senior citizens and the singles circuit

BY TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

When we think of the modern-day singles circuit, most of us don't picture senior citizens. Let's face it, we think of 20 and 30-somethings desperately hitting the bars, personal ads, perhaps the local gym, where sweat and spandex have an uncanny way of bringing people together.

But if you take a good look around, many Japanese Americans in their 60s, 70s and even 80s, whether widowed, divorced or forever single, have created their own social niches. Some join bowling leagues or prefer to golf; some decide to travel. Others, meanwhile, can be seen cutting a mean rug on the dance

floor — and they've been doing it for years.

Since World War II, when the big band sound and the swing and lindy hop were all the rage,

the dance as a social function has continued as a favorite pastime. Even today it is a forum

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Tomiko Nakayama (far left) and partner do a little swing at one of the weekly dance socials sponsored by the Langley Senior Citizens Center in Monterey Park, Calif.

AB 1915 adopted by both houses, awaits governor's approval

BY TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

"It's a wonderful opportunity ... It's a thread and a chapter of history that needs to be told over and over again."

Even as the historical 10-year redress program drew to a close on Aug. 10, California State Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) expressed his elation and anticipation over the new chapter which has begun for California's Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF).

On Aug. 28, both the State Senate and Assembly adopted AB 1915, a legislative bill sponsored by Honda which will extend the legacy of the federal CLPEF program for an additional three years. After garnering a two-thirds majority vote in both houses, 33-0 and 61-13 respectively, the bill's next destination is the governor's desk.

In the ongoing effort to educate the American public about the Japanese American intern-

ment experience during World War II, AB 1915 calls for the creation of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, a grant program designed to allocate funds to organizations and projects that will use them for these expressed educational purposes.

Specifically, \$1 million in funding shall be appropriated to and administered by the state librarian over a three-year period. In addition, the act allows for an advisory committee to assist that individual in the development of the program.

"We're asking the communities to look at their own experiences ... asking people to make connections with their own history," Honda says. "It teaches our communities that they have to be aware of constitutional flaws not only in times of peace but in times of turmoil."

Those from colleges and uni-

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Director Kurosawa dies, but films live on

STAFF WRITER

TOKYO—On Sept. 6, the film-making industry lost one of its most innovative giants, director and cinematographer Akira Kurosawa, who at age 88 died of a stroke in his Tokyo home.

As one of the most well-known and influential film luminaries to come out of Japan, Kurosawa made approximately 30 features over a 50-year time span, including *Rashomon* (1950), *The Seven Samurai* (1954), *Throne of Blood* (1957), *Yojimbo* (1961), *Ran* (1985) and most recently *Madadayo* (1993). Several of these films were remade into American western classics such as *The*

Magnificent Seven and *A Fistful of Dollars*.

Born in Tokyo in 1910, Kurosawa exhibited talent in art at an early age and at 17 entered the Tokyo Academy of Fine Arts to study painting. Unable to achieve commercial success in that medium, he turned to a Japanese studio (what was to become Toho Film Company) for work. First serving as a director's assistant, Kurosawa found his artist's niche there and made his own directorial debut in 1943 with *Judo Saga*.

Throughout his career, Kurosawa's relationship with the western film world was marked by mutual admiration. He was at

once influenced by and influencing some of Hollywood's finest, — Steven Spielberg, John Ford, George Lucas, and Martin Scorsese, to name a few. Kurosawa's imprint on the West was officially recognized, first, when the Venice Film Festival awarded *Rashomon* with the grand prize in 1951 and later, when that same film took home Oscar honors in the best foreign film category. It was the first of three Oscars he would receive.

But perhaps one of Kurosawa's most enduring contributions is that his films helped to propel the Asian profile onto the main-

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JACL Calendar

Eastern

NEW YORK

Sun. Sept. 27—Japan Society Matsuri
JACL booth, Rich Kameda in charge; see Community Calendar.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 23-25—Fall Meeting, Radisson Inn, 7230 Engle Rd., Mid-dieburg Hts., Fri. Eve reception, Sat. a.m. business meeting, Sat. afternoon workshop. Info: Bill Yoshino, 773/728-7170.

CINCINNATI

Sun. Oct. 18—JWA/JACL reunion luncheon, 1 p.m., Best Western, Springfield off Rte 4. RSVP, info: Tokie Wade, 513/553-2045.

Mountain Plains

NEW MEXICO

Sun. Sept. 20—JACL Aki-Matsuri: noon-5 p.m., Japanese-Kitchen Courtyard, 6521 Americas Pkwy NE. Info: Ken Nakamoto, 505/828-1321.

Intermountain

UTAH CHAPTERS

Sat. Sept. 26—Autumn Golf Classic scholarship tournament, Murray Parkway Golf Course.

NC-WN-Pacific

CONTRA COSTA

Sat. Oct. 17—CARP program, "Health Matters III, Teens and Other Youths in Distress," 9:30a.m.-2:30 p.m., Location, info: June Kodani.

FLORIN

Sat. Sept. 26—Florin JACL 8th Annual Women's Day Forum; see Community Calendar at Sacramento.

Sun. Oct. 4—Annual scholarship fund-raising spaghetti dinner and bingo night. Info: James Abe, 916/363-1520.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK

Sun. Sept. 27—Japan Society Matsuri, noon-4 p.m., 47th St. between 1st & 2nd Sts., "a real taste of Japan": Children's games, Japanese snacks, origami, ikebana, bonsai, kite making, calligraphy, dancers, martial arts demos, mikoshi parade, taiko, more.

Thu. Oct. 1—Panel Discussion, "When Democracy Fails," 92nd St. YM&WHA, 1395 Lexington Ave., Info: 212/996-1100. Grayce Uyehara among the panelists.

Sat. Oct. 17—Program, "Bravery in Battle: The Nisei GI," 1-3 p.m., Ellis Island Immigration Museum 3rd Floor Conference Room. Info: 212/952-0774. Speakers, Kaz Yamaguchi (MIS), others.

The Midwest

ST. LOUIS

Sun. Oct. 18—Oral history presentation, "St. Louis Nisei: Being Japanese American During World War II," 1-3 p.m., Library Board Room, 1st Fl., Maryville University, 13550 Conway Rd. Presenter, Henry Mizuki.

The Northwest

PORTLAND

Through Sept. 30—Exhibit, "Diamonds in the Rough, Japanese Americans in Baseball," Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, 321 SW Salmon, Portland. Info: 503/227-7466.

Northern Cal

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sat. Oct. 10—Mountain View Oldtimer's Reunion luncheon, 2:30 p.m., Michael's Restaurant. RSVP by Sept. 26: Tak Ishikawa, 408/243-7176, John Okumura, 408/241-1029.

PLACER COUNTY

Sat. Oct. 24—70th Anniversary Goodwill Dinner; social hour 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Buddhist Church in Penryn. Tickets, info: Linda Dickerson, 530/889-7213. Speaker, Stuart Satow (Channel 10); honoring founder Harry Kawahata & past chapter presidents.

SAN JOSE

Sat. Oct. 10—San Jose Chapter's 75th Anniversary Celebration, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, San Jose Hyatt Airport Hotel. Info: Jeff Yoshioka, 408/879-0800, Judy Nizawa, 408/733-7692 or 650/329-8867, JACL office, 408/295-1250.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sat. Sept. 26—Annual potluck dinner with the Redwood Empire Chinese Association, 6 p.m., Santa Rosa Senior Center, 7-04 Bennett Valley Rd.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat. Oct. 24—Fourth Quarter Meeting. Info: Patricia Tsi Tom, 209/486-8815.

FRESNO

Wed. Sept. 23—Reception/Dinner for National Japanese American Memorial, Fort Washington Country Club. Info: Mae Takahashi, 209/431-4142.

Sat. Sept. 26—CCDC Fundraising Golf Tournament, Fig Garden Golf Course. Info: Stan Hirahara, 209/638-6014. Entry fee \$70, tee sponsor \$50.

Sat. Nov. 14—CCDC Health Fair and Installation Banquet, Doubletree Hotel, Downtown Fresno. Info: Patricia Tsi Tom, 209/486-8815.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT

Sat. Sept. 19—PSW District Awards Dinner commemorating the end of the redress program, cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Torrance Hilton Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. Info: RSVP: 313/626-4471, or

psw@jaci.org. \$75 general, \$35 students; proceeds to train future AA community leaders.

Sat. Oct. 3—JACL/PSWD Campaign for Justice fund raiser turn-a-round to Stateline, 6:15 a.m.-midnight, lv. from 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, cost \$25. RSVP by Oct. 1: Ken Inouye, 714/9678-0934 or 949/586-6640. All-day parking available.

LAS VEGAS

Sat. Sept. 26—Singles luncheon: 1 p.m., Summit Restaurant. Info: Rhea, 702/254-8060.

Sat. Oct. 4—Hawaiian Luau dinner & raffle: 1 p.m., St. Vators Community Center, 4310 S. Channel 10 Dr.

Sat. Oct. 10—Lake Mead cruise buffet: 10 a.m.-noon. Info: Rhea, 702/254-8060.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Sat. Sept. 19—Aki Matsuri Golf Tournament, 1st tee time 10:30 a.m., LA Royal Vista Golf Club, 20055 E. Colima Rd., Walnut. Info: ESGVCC, 626/960-2566. Proceeds to benefit SGV JACL and East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center.

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

Sun. Sept. 20—Family Luau/Picnic, 12:30 p.m., Waller Park, Area 7. Info: 805/937-5776. Kahula pig, Hawaiian entertainment, door prizes, bingo.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun. Oct. 22—Japanese Cultural Heritage Day, 3-6 p.m.; see Community Calendar.

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Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including

mi, food tasting, etc.

Arizona-Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Mon.-Wed., Sept. 28-30—Manzanar High School Reunion, Fremont Hotel. Info: Jun Okimoto, 310/372-7133. Bruce Kaji, 310/323-6237, Take or Archie Miyatake, 323/721-3939. Arnold Maeda, 310/398-5157, Yuri Matsunaga, 213/663-9594, Kazie Nagai 310/380-2611, Kuneo Maeda, 562/493-1838.

Sun.-Wed., Oct. 4-7—Amache Reunion, Union Plaza Hotel Casino. Info: No. Calif., Cal Kitazumi, 415/386-4162; Central Calif.-Asa Yone-mura, 209/266-3012; So. Calif.—Robert Ichikawa, 310/325-0062 or Gene Kawamoto, 312/728-1363; Denver-Haru Kitamura, 303/287-2958; Midwest—George Hidaka, 773/275-9210; Las Vegas-Bill Hidaka, 702/451-9408; Hawaii-Jody Maru-yama, 808/734-6012.

LAS VEGAS

Sun.-Thu., Oct. 18-22—100/442/MIS/1399th Engineers mini reunion, California Hotel. Info: Ben Tagami, 310/327-4193.

NOTICE

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Contributions to JACL will help assist its chapters and further its mission as a civil and human rights organization.

Small kid time

Gwen Muranaka



Triumphs of Faith chronicles lives of JA Christians during WWII internment

BY CRAIG ISHIHARA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

We all have stories to tell. Some are pleasant, summoning tears of joy. Others are painful and bring forth bitter tears of regret. Sometimes we fail, and sometimes we are triumphant. These are the stories of the triumphant.

Triumphs of Faith is a beautiful 173-page book that chronicles

know more about this very traumatic experience in the life of Japanese Americans.

Triumphs of Faith's existence is, in itself, a "triumph." Because of the delicate nature of the material, the Japanese American Internment Project committee wanted to be able to put the book out without any meddling from outside influences. They wanted to preserve the individual voices of the contributors and were fear-

esting."

In order to publicize the book, around 90 potential writers were invited to a luncheon held in 1995, at the Amada Conference Center in Buena Park. There, people were informed of the committee's ideas and goals. They were encouraged to write up their stories and send them to Okada to be edited. "Contributions were a bit slow in coming since we were dealing with expe-

Now it was graphic designer Connie Lane's turn. After getting the stories via e-mail, Lane began work on the physical dimensions and colors of the book, fitting in text in a way that would be most aesthetically pleasing.

Instrumental to the publishing process was Cindy Kumagawa. She had been impressed with the work of Michi Tanioaka (a contributor) and Paul Nagano (head of the project committee) and asked to be a part of the project.

"I felt that [the project] was something important that I could share my publishing background with," Kumagawa said. "I think that they had originally planned to do something a little more informal and I thought that the project was so important that I said, 'Why don't we just publish a hardcover book?' That way, they could really use it as a legacy to pass down to family members."

Kumagawa was able to find a printer in Chicago who could print the book for a lot cheaper than anywhere in California. In order to fund the publishing of the book, the project committee began a pre-sale of the book and raised over \$30,000.

After three years of perseverance, the first shipment of the book arrived at long last on Aug. 28, a mere day before the banquet that had been scheduled to commemorate the book's release.

Careful attention had been paid to the crafting of the book. The committee wouldn't have allowed anything less than perfection. Right down to the gold characters that decorate the cover under its bronze book jacket, everything is exactly the way they had

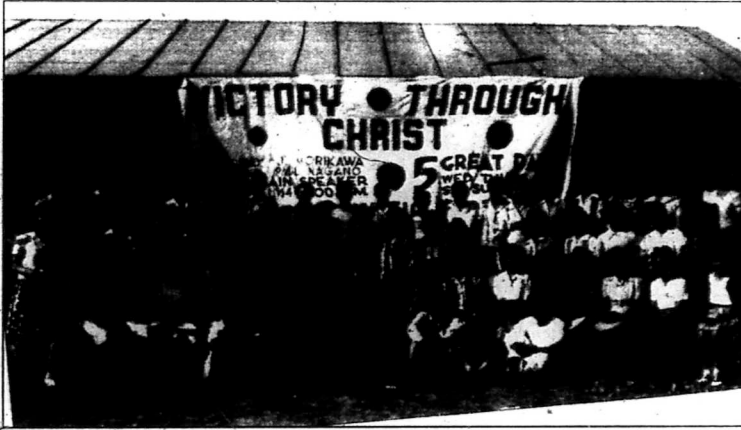
envisioned it. The many photos included in it made the book a pleasure to look at.

"We found a lot of beautiful photos which had been previously unpublished," Kumagawa said. "A lot of interesting stuff that people just had in shoe boxes."

The project committee hopes that the book will continue to sell well and expects that it will soon have to go to reprint. Over half of the 3,000 copies of the book have already been sold. They are publicizing the book to museums and retail book sellers and hope that someday it will be used for educational purposes.

"There is a lot of documentation out about people's camp experiences, that part is not unique," Kumagawa said. "The perspective of how people's faith got them through the camp experience is the unique part about it. I don't know of anything else published in that vein. That's what makes this book particularly important."

For additional information regarding the book, contact Kay Murakami, City Mission Society, 605 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90015, 213/955-4950 or fax 213/955-4940. ■



Japanese American Christians from various American concentration camps ranging from Manzanar and Tule Lake on the West to Rohwer and Jerome on the east gather together to share their experiences.

the stories of 52 Japanese American Christians during World War II and tells of how their faith in God helped them get through the difficult internment.

"I think that the testimonies of God in the life of these Christians need to be preserved," said Kay Murakami, a member of the Japanese American Internment Project Committee that published the book. "Many of the younger people have said that their parents have not been very open about their internment experience. They would like to

feel that going through an outside publisher might threaten each voice's distinct flavor. To prevent this from happening, they decided to take on the arduous task of publishing the book themselves.

"We decided fairly early on that we wanted complete control of the project, which is why we decided to publish the book ourselves," editor Victor Okada said. "We were afraid that a publisher might be unfamiliar with the relocation and all kinds of things would get edited out because they were 'irrelevant' or 'uninter-

periences that are somewhat painful to recall," he said.

It wasn't until two years later that the committee had compiled enough stories to make up their book. Though the committee did place an ad in the *Rafu Shimpō*, a Japanese-American daily newspaper in Los Angeles, to publicize the book, it was mainly by word of mouth that the project was made known. As the stories trickled in, Okada made the necessary grammatical corrections and typed them into his computer.

Singles events attract large numbers of JA senior citizens

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for older JAs to meet, mingle among friends and perhaps even date.

"A lot of Nisei are into the dances. It brings back memories from when they went to dances in camp as teens," says Tomiko Nakayama, a former Poston internee, who has been attending local dance classes and functions in the Los Angeles area for over 20 years. "The dances are where a lot of people meet good friends and [sometimes even] their companions."

Nakayama and her companion, Clifford Kageno, are both active, over 60 and widowed. Though they initially met through their respective families, it wasn't until a mutual acquaintance asked Nakayama to accompany Kageno to a dance as his partner that an unexpected romance between the two Nisei blossomed. He began escorting her regularly to these events. Together for three years now and content with their "single" status, neither plan to remarry.

It's a testament to the fact that, for many who've reached a later stage in life, the term "dating" has a different meaning

than it once may've had when they were younger.

"I never intended to meet anybody. My life was full," Nakayama admits. She had been attending dance classes and socials simply as a way to get exercise and have fun at the same time, which are what many of the older attendees cite as reasons for going. What Nakayama learned was that "there's life after a spouse dies, life after retirement."

Honolulu-born Kageno, who lost his own wife over 20 years ago, says, "I had never been doing any of this stuff. Since I met [Tomiko], I've been doing more ... We're just having fun, enjoying life."

"The purpose is camaraderie. I've made so many good friends, not just acquaintances but good friends, so my social life is quite filled," adds Bea Fujimoto, president of Nikkei Singles, one such social club which sponsors monthly dinner-dance installations for the older set. In fact, Nikkei Singles is the largest of its kind in Southern California and originally grew out of the "We Are One" community singles group which will soon celebrate its 30th anniversary.

"When I got divorced, I said,

'what am I going to do with myself?' I found out there was a singles club so I joined. I didn't

"[Definitely people] are wanting to know what social events are out there," says Janet

people to get out there."

Fujimoto recalls attending one dance where an older gentleman offered to teach her camp-style jive. "I see all these 80-year-olds doing the swing and I think, my god!"

People like Nakayama and Kageno have certainly realized the benefits of the single life. They are able to stay active, fit and energetic and still share each other's company. "Now that we've gone on to our golden age, life gets too short. You see all your friends dying, so before you get crippled and you can't do anything, enjoy your life," advises Nakayama.

"You might as well enjoy every bit of [the years] you've got left," he said. "What I've learned is if I don't do it now, it's going to pass me up." ■



Tomiko Nakayama and Clifford Kageno pose here before heading out for a night of fun and dancing at the 29th Nikkei Singles dinner-dance installation held at the Proud Bird in Los Angeles on September 12. The Nikkei Singles events normally are held every second Saturday of the month.

know how to dance so I started taking lessons," says Fujimoto, who is in her late 60s. In her four years as president, she has seen several couples who've met at these dance functions and even gotten married.

Okubo, president of the JACL Greater L.A. Singles Chapter, which hosts not only dances but a variety of community events including guest speakers and the annual Singles Convention. "It's good for some of the older

Central California Campaign Committee to Hold Reception For National Memorial to Patriotism

The Central California Campaign Committee of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) will present the design and plans for the Memorial to Patriotism to the Greater Central California area at a reception/dinner at the Fort Washington Golf & Country Club in Fresno, Calif., on Sept. 23.

Sponsored by the JACL Central California District Council and the Central California Nikkei Foundation, the event is the result of committee members in the community and others nationwide whose hard work and dedication have significantly contributed to NJAMF's success.

The NJAMF was created in 1992 to construct a memorial in Washington, D.C., on land granted to the nonprofit organization by Congress. To reaffirm this nation's commitment to fairness and justice, and to commemorate the courage, loyalty and sacrifice of Japanese Americans in World War II, the monument will stand within minutes' walking distance from Capitol Hill and the White

House along the path of all inaugural parades and tour routes.

NJAMF board chairman Melvin Chigioji, as well as National Capital Campaign co-chairs Cressy Nakagawa and Bob Sakata, will be attending the reception. Dr. Mae Takahashi, who will be chairing the event, is also a board member of the NJAMF. According to Dr. Takahashi, "A project of this size and scope, built in our nation's capital, indeed will require strong community efforts to increase awareness and pull our communities together nationwide in order to reach our goal." The goal for the Central California region is \$300,000.

The 1992 Legislation required that the funds needed for construction, an estimated \$8.6 million, be raised by early 1999 for the scheduled groundbreaking and dedication by the year 2000. With the regional coordination of such committees as the Central California Campaign Committee, the NJAMF hopes that each com-

munity nationwide will participate in a unified effort to reach the goal and meet the deadline.

The Central California Campaign Committee members are: Bobbi Hanada, Sherian Hamamoto, George Hashimoto, Stanley Hirahara, Dale Ikeda, Deborah Ikeda, Scott Inouye, Jeanette Ishii, Kathy Ishimoto, Larry Ishimoto, Celeste Kai, Grace Kimoto, Elmer Kobashi, Tad Kozuki, Ralph Kumano, Sam Masumoto, Gordon Morimoto, Dr. Gary Mukai, Ben Nagatani, Travis Nishi, Melvin Renge, Dr. Carolyn Sakayue, Matsuko Sanwo, Dr. Jeff Shinoda, Jennie Swenning, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, Robert Taniguchi, Ko Yebisu and Ken Yokota.

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1726 M Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036, phone 202/861-8845, FAX 202/861-8848. ■

Sonoma County JACL to Host History Buffs

BY MEI NAKANO

Whiz by Santa Rosa, Calif., on Highway 101 and you will likely miss one of the most significant landmarks in Northern California. High up on a knoll to the east of the highway and north of the main part of town, you can see a unique barn-red building, its

taingrove to hear and view the remarkable story of Kanaye Nagasawa from the lips of his grandnephew, Ko-ichi, who had grown up there. They plan to motor on to Sebastopol then, for lunch, a program, and visits to an apple orchard and farm products marketplace.

Lunch is to be served in the



girth emblazoned with a banner-like sign reading: THE ROUND BARN. It was indeed a barn, housing upwards of sixty horses, part of the historic Fountain-grove vineyards, owned by Kanaye Nagasawa a full century ago. Nagasawa was later to become a renowned vintner, a pioneer nonpareil in this region whose wines have now become internationally known and esteemed.

On Oct. 3, the Sonoma County JACL will host a busload of visitors from the Bay Area to explore this and other sites in Sonoma County. The trip is organized by the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) of San Francisco in keeping with its commitment to explore areas where Japanese Americans have a long and unique history.

"Encouraging Japanese Americans to touch their own history firsthand and to claim it, is one of the prime motives behind NJAHS's excursions into areas where early Japanese immigrants planted their feet," says Chizu Iiyama, vice-president of the NJAHS board of directors, who will lead the group. "And in places like Walnut Grove and Sacramento, we've found that engaging in a dialogue with the locals, having them speak their own history, has deepened their appreciation of it."

The group will alight at Foun-

der Memorial Hall in Sebastopol, adjacent to the Enmanji Buddhist Temple. The temple, itself a historical landmark, had originally been built in Japan without nails and exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1934. From there it was shipped to Sebastopol and put together piece by piece. It stands today as a monument to the invincibility of the Japanese community in Sonoma County. The visitors will have a chance to walk inside and feel its history.

The program and agenda, arranged by the local JACL under the leadership of Lucy Kishaba, includes the saga of the Japanese American experience in Sonoma County from the early 1900's to the present. Featured story-tellers include Martin Shimizu, a third-generation Cotati resident whose father, Henry, was a founding member of the JACL and whose family can boast of five generations presently living in Sonoma County, dating back to the early 1900's; Joe Furusho, 82 years old, born and raised in Sebastopol, now retired from a highly successful apple enterprise; Rod Sugiyama, a grandson of immigrants of Sonoma County on both sides of his parentage and an engineer in management at the local Hewlett Packard facility.

For more information about this event, call NJAHS at 415/431-5007. ■

First annual Asian Association of Utah benefit banquet



Suzanne Itami, youth award winner (right), Senator Orrin Hatch and Bernice Kida, Salt Lake City Chapter JACL (left).

On Aug. 21, the first annual Asian Association of Utah benefit fundraising and community awards banquet was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment and assistance to the Asian Association of Utah.

The Asian Association of Utah represents nine Pacific Rim nationalities including India, and was founded by Salt Lake JACLer Jimi Mitsunaga, who received the Trailblazer Award.

Mitsunaga began the association in 1976 and was the president for the first three years before the position was changed to chairman of the board of the A.A.U. He also began the annual Asian Festival, which is the oldest major Asian cultural, educational and culinary festival in Utah. It is held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in May. Senator Hatch gave a brief address regarding his ties to the local Asian community and the efforts of the A.A.U. In assisting both established and newcomer Asian Americans. After the banquet, Sen. Hatch generously obliged his constituents by posing for photographs with various individual and group awardees.

Salt Lake Chapter Asian Pacific Community Service awardees were Sandra Kikuchi, University of Utah, who is a past chapter board officer and newsletter editor and currently sits on the Governor's Office of Asian Affairs Board. The youth awardee was Suzanne Itami, co-youth chair for the Salt Lake Chapter and winner of the national JACL Min Ya-

sui Oratorical Contest.

Other awardees were: Asian Indian Hindu American Society of Utah, Shyamala Chivuluka, Vatsaia S. Ramaraju; Chinese Society of Utah, Peter Au, Stephanie Chen, and Jeff Chan; Korean American Society of Utah, Phillip Lee and Gene Kim; National Tongan American Society, Sione Katsa Lui and Jacqueline M. Eteaki; Philippine American Association of Utah, Pedro Ranese and Heather Japlit; Philippine American Bayanihan Association of Utah, Regina Dagal Anderson and Michael Y. Canlas; Thai Association of Utah, Yupin Martin and Sabrina Martin; and Utah Tibetan Society, Pema Chagzoestang and Tsering Dhondup. ■

Benefit to raise funds for Issei Memorial Building

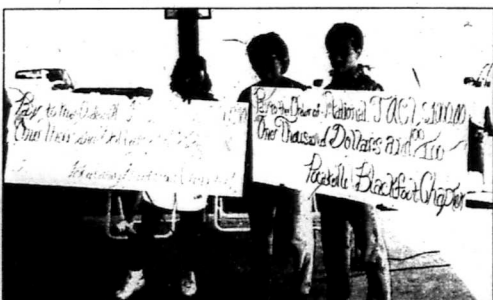
The JACL San Jose Chapter is celebrating its 75th anniversary on Oct. 10 at the San Jose Airport Hyatt Mediterranean Center. With the theme "A Commitment to Justice for All," the event will honor community leaders who have dedicated themselves to projecting a positive image of Japanese Americans.

"We're privileged to have for the keynote speaker, Dale Minami," stated Jeff Yoshioka, president of the San Jose JACL. "Dale has been a longtime champion and spokesperson for the community." Assemblyperson Mike Honda (D-San Jose) will be the master of ceremonies for the evening. In addition, during the program the chapter will honor Ruth Asawa, Katie Hironaka, Jim Ono, Richard Tanaka, and Rudy Tokiwa.

In conjunction with the dinner, the chapter is holding a fundraiser for the maintenance of the Issei Memorial Building. The building, a San Jose Historical Landmark, is a centerpiece of San Jose Japantown. "The building needs about \$15,000 to \$20,000 in renovations," stated Yoshioka. "We're hoping the community will respond and help us raise the needed funds."

For information about the anniversary dinner and how you can help, contact the San Jose JACL at 408/295-1250. ■

Pocatello honors Nat'l JACL and P.C.



At the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter's annual summer salmon bake held on Sunday, August 2, at the Sister City Park in Pocatello, Idaho, Micki Kawakami (left), president of the host chapter, and Karl Endo (right) presented Helen Kawagoe with two \$1,000 checks to go towards the P.C. Save fund and the National JACL.

■ JOB OPENING

Program Director-Education

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is seeking an energetic, organized, and highly motivated individual to fill a part-time position that becomes full-time at its Headquarters in San Francisco.

Under the general direction of the National Director, operates and manages the JACL Education Programs and projects, performing a wide variety of duties to ensure the development and quality performance of the JACL's national education programs and goals. Travel and work on weekends and evenings required. College graduate with a major in education policy, or general education preferred. Should have one to five years of progressively more responsible work experience in developing programs and policies that address human services and citizenship rights issues and concerns. Must be experienced in the use of computer technology and email.

Excellent fringe benefit package provided. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Send resume and cover letter to: JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 or fax to 415/931-4671. Emailed applications/resumes not accepted. Deadline for applications - September 15, 1998.

■ JOB OPENING

Part-time Regional Office Administrative Assistant

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific regional office seeks an individual who will assist the office in the service to the 32-chapter region. Will handle a variety of programmatic, administrative and clerical duties. Will respond to inquiries from members and the public on JACL programs and services. Involves knowledge of the organization's goals and objectives and issues affecting the APA community.

Position requires at least a two-year college degree and at least two years' experience in office routines. Good organizational skills, familiarity with office equipment, including computer word processing, above average writing and communication skills are recommended. Some evenings, weekends and travel may be required. Must enjoy working with the public.

The position is permanent part-time; 16-21 hours a week. Benefits available. Competitive salary. Please send a cover letter and resume to the JACL, NOWNP Regional Office, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. For more information, call Patty Wada at 415/921-5225.

West L.A. JACL Auxiliary donates \$9,000 to monuments

The Auxiliary Group of the West Los Angeles Chapter of the JACL recently donated \$3000 to each of the three current monument projects. Receiving support were the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation (Go for Broke Monument adjacent to L.A.'s Museum of Contemporary Arts and the Japanese American National Museum), the Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance (L.A. Japan-

uments must be supported. "The time to contribute is now, as the community has lost most Issei pioneers and we are rapidly losing the Nisei generation. It is because of their efforts during WWII that made it possible for the civil rights that we enjoy today. They deserve to witness the dedication of these monuments that will preserve their future story for generations."

The Go for Broke Monument



Members of the West Los Angeles Auxiliary present a check to Colonel Young O. Kim of the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation (second from right). Also pictured are (from left) Chieko Inouye, Stella Kishi, and Nob Kagawa.

ese American Community Cultural Center) and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (Washington, D.C.).

Chieko Inouye, with Frank and Stella Kishi, make the presentation to Col. Young O. Kim, chairman of the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation. "The Foundation is very grateful for this generous contribution from the Auxiliary," said Kim. "We've been busy with our regional campaigns and to date have raised over \$52,000 by the Foundation's Northwest Los Angeles region fund-raising group alone. This gift qualifies the West L.A. JACL Auxiliary to receive permanent recognition on the donor columns that will be adjacent to the Go For Broke Monument."

Inouye stated that the West L.A. JACL Auxiliary felt strongly that all Japanese American mon-

\$2.5 million campaign is on schedule and the unveiling ceremony is set for June 5, 1999. For more information about the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, call 310/327-4193 or write to 100/442/MIS MF, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247.

The Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance's \$800,000 monument campaign kicked off this past July with the unveiling scheduled for November 1999. For more information, call secretary Kats Kunitsugu at 213/628-2725.

The National Japanese Memorial Foundation's \$8.5 million campaign kicked off in October 1997, with ground breaking scheduled for 1999. For more information, call 202/861-8845 or write to NJAMF, 2445 "M" Street, Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20037. ■

Diablo Valley Chapter's 1998 Scholarships

The JACL Diablo Valley Chapter held its annual scholarship luncheon on July 26 at Three Brothers from China Restaurant in Pleasant Hill where five scholarship recipients were recognized.

Christine Quan of Berkeley, Calif., was awarded the 1998 Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Scholarship for \$1,000. This scholarship was established in 1993 to provide an award for a student who is a resident of Contra Costa or Alameda County, is enrolled in a Bay Area college or university, is planning a health services career and has demonstrated leadership and involvement in school and community activities.

This fall, Quan will be a senior at the University of California at Berkeley majoring in environmental sciences and minoring in conservation and resources studies. At U.C. Davis in 1997, she worked as a toxicology research intern analyzing California road dust samples. This summer she also volunteered as a research assistant at the Alameda County Public Health Department. Her career goal is to be an environmentalist and a public health worker.

Catherine Manabat of Fremont, Calif., received a special award of \$500 from the Dr. Togasaki Scholarship Fund. Catherine will be a junior this fall at Saint Mary's College in Moraga as a premedical student.

Manabat has donated 100 hours of volunteer work at Washington Hospital Service League. She has been active on the Saint Mary's College Program Board for two years, is a contributing writer for the *Asian American Coalition Newsletter*, and is the photographer and underclass section editor for the Gael yearbook. She is also employed as a chemistry and calculus tutor for Saint Mary's students.

Julien Bonnell, also of Berkeley, received a special award of \$500 from the Dr. Togasaki Scholarship Fund. Bonnell attended Peralta Community College where he majored in music.

Tara Sugiyama, a resident of Moraga, who recently graduated from the Head-Royce School in Oakland. Qualifications for this scholarship include membership in the DVJACL, outstanding



Diablo Valley Chapter scholarship winners: (From left) Catherine Manabat, Christine Quan, Julien Bonnell, and Magnolia Tun.

He has been accepted at U.C. Berkeley for this fall, where he plans to major in social welfare and minor in music. His educational goal is to obtain a Ph.D. in substance abuse counseling.

Bonnell has decided to devote his life to helping teenagers who lack the necessary support of their community for developing into healthy human beings. He plans to work as a group counselor for the Alameda County juvenile hall. He would like to develop a program to reintegrate young gang members into society by using music to reach them. One of his goals is to establish a halfway house for young parolees.

This year's Diablo Valley Chapter scholarship awardee is

scholastic achievement, participation in community activities, and financial need. In addition to maintaining an outstanding academic record,

Tara found time to participate in student government, be an active member in the World Affairs Council of North America and the Human Right's Club, and work in the office of the headmaster at her school. Sugiyama will be attending Yale University in the fall. ■



SUGIYAMA

Sequoia presents 1998 scholarships

On July 14, Sequoia JACL held its annual Scholarship Program Reception at the Issei Community Hall in Palo Alto, Calif. The event was well attended by chapter members and scholarship recipients with their family and friends. Sequoia is proud to announce the following 1998 scholarship recipients:

High School Scholarships: Noel Mika Yi (\$700 Award), Laura Kawakami (\$700 Award), Mari Shironishi (\$400 Award);

Community College Scholarships: De Anza College — My-Le Thi Dinh (\$500 Award), Fatima Memon (\$500 Award), Nga Kim Phi (\$500 Award);

Foothill College — Woei-Wei Khak (\$500 Award), Cheryl Tongol (\$500 Award), Kanya Yoshihiro (\$500 Award).

High School Scholarship winners

Laura Kawakami of Portola Valley will be attending Harvard University as a biology/psychology major. Noel Mika Yi will attend Cornell University with an international marketing major. Mari Shironishi of Mountain View Academy will attend Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., and is considering a physics or natural science major.

Community College Schol-

arship winners

Woei-Wei Khak will be transferring to U.C. Berkeley as a psychology major. Kanya Yoshihiro will transfer to U.C. Santa Cruz as an English major with aspirations to become a teacher

Anza as a business/marketing major with plans to transfer to San Jose State University or California State University, Sacramento.

The scholarships presented



Sequoia Chapter scholarship winners: Nga Kim Phi, Noel Mika Yi, Mari Shironishi, Cheryl Tongol, Fatima Memon, Kanya Yoshihiro.

of English. Cheryl Tongol will also transfer to U.C. Santa Cruz with an American history major. Fatima Memon will transfer to U.C. Berkeley as a computer science major while Nga Kim Phi will continue her associate of arts degree in child development at De Anza and work toward her goal of becoming a teacher. My-Le Dinh will also continue her study at De

by Sequoia JACL recognize students who show academic excellence and who value and participate in extracurricular school/community activities.

For more information, contact Harry Hatasaka, 650/493-8932 (high school scholarships) or Mike Kaku, 408/985-2747 (community college scholarships). ■

■ JOB REOPENING

Regional Director

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has reopened the search for a Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest District who is energetic, organized, and highly motivated to "make a difference."

Under the general direction of the National Director, the Regional Director carries out JACL's Program for Action and other policies; conducts advocacy, community relations, and fund-raising activities; serves as a JACL spokesperson at the regional level; works with JACL members to develop programs and events; and monitors local, state, and national affairs affecting Asian Americans.

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.

A four-year college degree, excellent writing and public speaking abilities, and transportation are required.

Hiring range: \$31,433-\$37,335, depending on experience. Excellent fringe benefit package includes health and retirement benefits. Send cover letter, resume, and writing samples to: Herbert Yamanishi, JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115; fax, 415/931-4671; e-mail, jacd@jacd.org. Deadline is October 16.

■ JOB OPENING

Administrative Assistant to CEO

The JACL seeks an Administrative Assistant to the National Director who will handle a variety of clerical, administrative, confidential, and programmatic responsibilities. Involves a detailed knowledge of the organization's operations, procedures, personnel and volunteer management. Person will manage the general office operations of the JACL Headquarters office.

Positions requires at least a two year college degree and/or degree in clerical or business related subjects. Prefer at least two years experience in supervising and managing general office routines. Above average written and verbal communications ability. Above average interpersonal and organizational skills and enjoys working as a team player. Substantial experience in the use of computer word processing, spreadsheets, and database management programs.

Experience in operating a variety of other office equipment including multi-line telephone systems, copiers, postage meters, etc. Experience with nonprofit organizations and Asian American community a plus.

Excellent fringe benefit package provided. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Send resume and cover letter to: JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 or complete an application at the same address. Deadline for applications is August 31, 1998.

1998 JACL Scholarship winners

The JACL began its national scholarship and awards program in 1948. In line with past generations of Japanese Americans, the JACL recognizes education as a key to greater opportunities for its members and their children. The program currently offers approximately 42 awards for an annual total of over \$70,000 in awards and scholarships going to qualified students nationwide.

The national scholarship and awards program offers scholarships to students at the entering freshman, undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition, the program provides special awards to individuals involved in creative projects that reflect the Japanese American experience as well as an award based on financial need. All scholarships are one-time awards. Past recipients of JACL scholarships or awards are limited to a total of two awards.

The JACL would like to thank the following national scholarship committee members for their valuable time and effort in the selection process: Carol Kawamoto, M.Ed., national JACL scholarship committee chair; Amy Matsumoto, Washington, D.C., youth representative; Kent Kawai, PSWDC board member; Marion Hori, Wasatch Front (Utah) JACL Chapter president; Daniel Teraguchi, M.Ed., IDC youth representative; Dr. Don Estes, professor of history, San Diego City College; Dr. Leland Saito, assistant professor of ethnic studies, University of California, San Diego; Judge Gale Kaneshiro, San Diego municipal court judge; David Kawamoto, J.D., PSWDC governor; Elaine Hibi Bowers, graduate, Julliard, New York, Trinity College Fellow, London; and Florence Stephenson, graduate, Toronto Conservatory, Canada. ■

**SELANOCO JACL
UCLA**
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Directing/Film Production



Biographical Information:

Vivian has an extensive career in both film and theater. In 1997, she served as the writer and producer of *In the Land of the Blind* by Sobe Pictures Company, Ltd. She has worked with Visual Communications in Los Angeles as the production sound recorder for the Japanese American Redress Conference. Her theater experience includes *Handing on the Flower* at A Contemporary Theater in Seattle. A magna cum laude graduate of Yale University in 1991, Vivian also received a Special Distinction Within the Major for English and Theater Studies award. Her interests include tai chi, jazz music and poetry.

Essay Excerpt:

"Regardless of color or culture, all humans laugh, cry, love and hate. Although the landscape of my films are undeniably Japanese American, ultimately, I am interested in the common ground that pulls people together even as the world tries to pull us apart. Those who have seen the early versions of my film, no matter what their race, have been brought to tears and laughter all the same by this Nisei story. With my films, I will fight to remind my fellow Americans that what is different is neither foreign nor suspicious. What is different is all the beauty of what is human."

Henry & Chiyu Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Mima Nojima
Sonoma County JACL
University of California, Santa Barbara
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies



Biographical Information:

This Golden Key National Honor Society member graduated from the University of Southern California in 1997 with an overall G.P.A. of 3.87 and magna cum laude. Mima belongs to several honor societies including Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Lambda Delta. She has received the UCSB Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for 1998, as well as the USC Order of Troy Award in recognition of unique, innovative and creative contributions to the total student life program at USC. She currently works as an ESL tutor for the Linguistics Department and a research assistant, studying Taiwanese literature written in Japanese during the Japanese occupation.

Essay Excerpt:

"Growing up in a primarily Caucasian neighborhood, I always just tried to blend in. I was teased often, and I honestly grew to hate being Japanese American. My view of myself plummeted as a young child. It was only until I got involved in many different Asian American programs, including the JACL, that I found a part of myself that I never realized before. I found pride in just being myself, and being Asian American. This realization has been important in the building of my self esteem, outlook, and overall character."

**Henry & Chiyu Kuwahara
Memorial Scholarship**
Vivian Umino

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Memorial Scholarship

Henry Arakaki
San Francisco JACL
University of Pacific
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Dentistry



Biographical Information:

After attending the University of Hawaii, Manoa for undergraduate and graduate school in physiology, Henry decided to pursue a career in dentistry at the University of the Pacific. He received the John H. Dawe Dental Education Scholarship and the Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate Scholarship in 1996 and 1997. He assisted with the Minority Biomedical Research Support Program and was a key member of the University of Hawaii Varsity Swim Team. He also volunteered as a chemistry tutor at Kua'ana Student Services and served as the secretary of the Rainbow Aquatics Executive Board.

Essay Excerpt:

"Examining my experiences and what dentistry had to offer, I discovered dentistry would allow me to do many things for the people around me and myself. Working with patients in the clinic has elicited many unique situations, but working in the community away from faculty supervision made me realize my strengths and weaknesses. The Dean of the School has recognized my work with the Special Olympics (Special Smiles days), Tenderloin (poor area of San Francisco), and Chinatown Community Health Fair Dental Clinics."

Chiyoko & Thomas Shimazaki Scholarship

Cecelia Tatsumi
Portland JACL
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Medicine



Biographical Information:

After graduating last June from the University of Oregon, Clark Honors College, with an overall grade point average of 3.94, Cecelia is trying to make the difficult decision of what medical school to attend next fall. She has a long list of honors and scholarships awarded to her within the last four years including the Andrea Gellatly Memorial Honors College Scholarship and the Goida Parker Wickham Scholarship in 1997. She is currently working on her senior thesis at the Castenholz Laboratory under a research grant provided by the National Science Foundation. She volunteers as a mentor for a thirteen-year-old at-risk girl and also at the Sacred Heart Hospital Emergency Room.

Essay Excerpt:

"The many opportunities and privileges available throughout my life have shaped me into an individual who has the responsibility and desire to give back to the community. All the characteristics and challenges of a lifestyle medicine encompasses I have strived to obtain. The intellectual challenges offered by medicine and the opportunity to help and work with a diverse group of people makes this field very appealing. I find that working with people comes very naturally with an understanding of their culture. The challenge to understand different cultures while finding an appropriate means to display an act of personal compassion for others is a quality of medicine which is intriguing and important."

Min Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Jan Harada
Portland JACL
University of Oregon School of Law
Level of Study: Law
Field of Study: Law



Biographical Information:

As a graduate of the University of Oregon, Jan has received several awards which include the Target of Opportunity Laurel Award, University of Oregon Centurion Award and the Unity House Scholarship. After entering law school, Jan took an active interest in the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. She volunteered as co-director of the Asian Pacific American Student Union which sponsored various activities throughout the school year.

Essay Excerpt:

"I know that part of my future will involve everything that encompasses the term 'education.' I am going to deal with the inclusion of the Asian American experience in the general history courses; I am going to deal with getting as many young Asian/Pacific Americans to realize that continuing their education past the undergraduate level is beneficial to not only themselves, but to the larger communities that they are a part of. I know the stories of Min Yasui, Fred Korematsu and Gordon Hirabayashi, and I know that there is a dignified history of struggle in the Japanese American past and I am filled with a need to make sure that the future of the Japanese American struggle continues to be both dignified and resolute."

Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Scholarship

Greg Mayeda
Berkeley JACL
University of California, Hastings
Level of Study: Law
Field of Study: Law

Biographical Information:

As a law student at Hastings College of the Law, Greg has remained an active participant in the JACL. In 1998, he was selected as the NCWNP delegate to attend the JACL Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. He was also the co-founder and president of Hapa Issues Forum, Inc., which addresses issues such as mixed race identity and representation in the Asian American community. He worked as a law clerk for Collective Legal Services in Oakland, Calif., and as a consultant for Campaign for Justice in Berkeley, Calif.

Essay Excerpt:

"My greatest sense of optimism comes from the coalition I helped build between the JACL and Hapa Issues Forum (HIF). In 1992, I co-founded HIF to provide a voice for people of partial/multiple Asian ancestry and to educate the Asian American community about the experiences of Hapas — stressing the common ground, not the differences. Because Japanese Americans many outside of their ethnic community at the highest rate among all Asian Americans, the impact of my work with HIF and the JACL has had the greatest and most positive impact in the Japanese American community."

Sho Sato Memorial Scholarship

James Tanaka
New York JACL
Northwestern University School of Law
Level of Study: Law
Field of Study: International Law

GRADUATES

Magoichi & Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship

Robert Tatsumi
Portland JACL
Oregon Health Science University
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

In 1996, Robert was awarded the Dean's Award for Service from the University of Oregon. He is also the recipient of the Centurion Award and the Alpha Lambda Delta Scholarship Award at the university. Along with the numerous scholarships Robert has received, he has taken an active interest in the Askepiads (Premedical Honor Society), Friars (Senior Honor Society), and the Mortar Board Honor Society. To familiarize himself with the medical profession, Robert volunteers in a general surgery preceptorship and at the Sacred Heart Hospital Pediatric Ward.

Essay Excerpt:

"As a third generation Japanese American, I have learned and incorporated my ethnic culture and beliefs into my life. At a young age, my parents taught me the qualities of learning self discipline, respecting others feelings and emotions (especially elders) and remembering that the family is the central hub of one's life. These three, important, Japanese qualities are the foundation for my immediate goal of successfully completing medical school. My strong self discipline will enable me to spend many hours studying and persevering through the tremendous amount of medical information. My ability to understand others feelings and emotions will be very beneficial when I converse with patients and listen to their fears and concerns. Because of my time commitment towards work and studying, I will be sure to balance my time with personal exercise and visiting family."

Reverend H. John Yamashita Scholarship

Tamiko Nimura
Berkeley JACL
University of Washington, Seattle
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: English

Biographical Information:

As a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Tamiko has excelled within the University, winning several awards including the California Japanese American Alumni Association Scholarship, the Phoebe Hearst Scholarship and the R & K Faulkner Scholarship.

ship. Along with her academic honors, Tamiko has stayed active within the Japanese community. She is currently the vice president and scholarship committee chair of the Berkeley JACL chapter. She was also an active member of the Women's Choral group at Berkeley from 1992-1994.

Essay Excerpt:

"Giving back — the concept of service, of giving of oneself without anything tangible in return. JACL work, at its best, has provided me the opportunity to 'give back.' It may not be a very widely held ideal in my generation, but it's the kind of ideal that I want to remember as I enter graduate school and begin teaching classes. It's the kind of ideal that I will use for my life's work."

Sumitomo Bank Scholarship

Julie K. Yamauchi
Torrance JACL
University of Southern California
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Master of Business Administration

Biographical Information:

Julie has maintained an active role within the community as well as the UCLA campus for the past several years. At UCLA, she was a staff advisor and community service director for the Nikkei Student Union. She was awarded the UCLA Alumni Scholar for each of her four years at the university. She currently holds the position of treasurer for the Yamauchi Service Center — payroll and accounting. She is also active in her local Torrance JACL chapter as the treasurer, and in the Southern California Women's Athletic Union.

Essay Excerpt:

"Whether it is a professional, community, or social setting, I have the ability to organize a group and to focus its attention on the problem at hand. Further, I have the confidence and the foresight to tackle issues before they become major obstacles. I am not afraid to share my ideas with others or to take responsibility for their implications. I have taken the opportunity to help those less fortunate than myself, to promote community participation by others, and to educate individuals about different cultures in hope that with greater understanding of others, social injustices in the future will be few and far between."



Biographical Information:
In 1996, James received the Gold King's Crown Award for Service to Community Impact, from

Columbia University. Currently, he is working as a senior corporate paralegal for the Latin American Securities Practice before entering law school in the fall. He has worked as an intern for the United Nations and the New York Foundation. James also volunteered his time to Community Impact, which is a coalition of student-run community service organizations.

Essay Excerpt:

"At Columbia, I chose to write my senior history thesis on the experiences of the Japanese-Peruvian community and the forced internment of its leaders in Crystal City, Texas, during World War II. For me, this was a very personal work, for it allowed me the opportunity to gain a better knowledge of my family's history while further understanding the complexities of the Japanese-Hispanic identity. However, this thesis had some unexpected personal lessons. First, I had great difficulty in its preparation since there was scarce information available concerning this relatively unknown subset of internees. Secondly, during my oral defense, I was confronted by the narrow-mindedness and prejudice of a faculty member. Afterwards, my faculty sponsor who fostered and facilitated a better understanding and appreciation of Asian American history, politics and issues, told me that I had experienced first-hand the academic barriers to entry that the Asian American community still faces."

Aiko Susanna Hiratsuka
Memorial Scholarship

Grace Ohgi
Lake Washington JACL

Manhattan School of Music
Level of Study: Performing Arts
Field of Study: Violin Performance



Biographical Information:
With an extensive career in music, Grace has received several awards for her hard work and dedication. In

1997, she was awarded the Owen L. Patterson Award for musical achievement and was a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda, a national music honor society. Grace graduated from Northwestern University, summa cum laude, and won The Northwestern University Concerto Competition. Along with her accomplished music career, she has also kept an active role with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Northwestern. Currently, she is a tutor in the Harlem Tutorial Program and part of the Music Worship Team for the Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York.

Essay Excerpt:

"As a musician, I have many unique opportunities to approach different cultures through the universal language of music. On the international level, the student body of Manhattan School of Music reflects the diversity of the music world with talented musicians from all over the world with the common passion for music. I know that my path as a performer will continue to allow me to work with and communicate with colleagues who will not always speak the same language. I will continue to use my specific identity as a Japanese American, a violinist, and a Christian as I experience studying in New York for another year and in each new circumstance where life leads me from here."

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara

Memorial Scholarship
John Ito
New York JACL
Columbia University
Level of Study: Creative Arts
Field of Study: Music Theory



Biographical Information:
As an accomplished violinist, John has performed throughout the greater Boston area appearing

with the MIT Symphony as an engaged professional soloist and with the Pit Orchestra for the Boston engagements of the nationally touring productions of *The Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Andrew Lloyd Webber's Music of the Night*. Currently, John has been awarded the prestigious honor, Fellow of the Faculty of Columbia University, which entails a full scholarship, health insurance and a living stipend. Throughout his academic career, John has been awarded several music honors from Columbia University and Boston University. He has also taken an active part in several Christian Fellowships on both campuses. In 1996, John was the founding member of the Boston University Graduate Christian Fellowship. He was also a volunteer for GED tutoring in Cambridge, Mass.

Essay Excerpt:

"When she chose the name John Paul for me, my mother could not have known that decades later people would smile and say, 'just like the Pope,' when they learn my middle name. And though I have little in common with him, the association is appropriate in one way: his title in Latin, Pontifex maximum, means supreme bridge builder, and while I make no claims to supremacy, I do see myself as a bridge builder in many areas of life, forming connections between otherwise disparate endeavors and peoples."

my eyes to the active roles that Asian Americans play in the world of American politics. Through this internship I was able to take advantage of the "Voices of Japanese American Redress" conference, held at UCLA this past August to discuss the past and future of the redress movement. I walked tentatively, not knowing what to expect, but upon leaving the three-day affair, was beaming with pride in being Japanese American. I take pride to know that I am part of a living progressing history of a people that can achieve success after being so unjustly imprisoned, and have honorably gained recognition for their roles in aiding a country that feared and hated them."

Abe and Esther Hagiwara
Scholarship

Nathan Kim
Florin JACL
UCLA

Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Film and Television

Biographical Information:

As a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Nathan has received several awards such as the Mamoru and Aiko Takitani Scholar, class valedictorian of his high school, the Herbert and Ollie Brooks Scholar and the Irving L. Singer Memorial Scholar. At UCLA, Greg has participated on the Crew Team, the UCLA Nikkei Club, and the UCLA Hawaii Club. He has also remained active within the community by volunteering his time at the Maui Humane Society, the Church Homeless Shelter and as a tutor for the National Honor Society.

Essay Excerpt:

"In the industry of film, I may not have the opportunity to directly serve food to hungry individuals, or prescribe medicine to sick children, but I feel that I could help people in other ways than just physically. How many times have you seen a well made documentary, an inspiring movie, or a dramatic performance where you truly feel that your eyes were opened to a new perspective? How often have you been given a new perspective on life just by seeing the creations of another? This is what I would like to do with my life. I want to show others new ways to see things, and allow them to approach subjects from different points of view. I want to stimulate the minds of others, and possibly, change their lives in an intellectual sense."

Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial
Scholarship

Jaclyn Kuwada
San Francisco JACL
University of California, Berkeley

Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Social Welfare

Biographical Information:

Jaclyn has kept an active interest in her community at Berkeley. She participates in the Social Welfare Undergraduate Association, coordinating the first freshman orientation for the major, and serves as the student representative for the Social Welfare Undergraduate Committee. She volunteers her time as a mentor to an elementary school boy in Berkeley as well as a classroom volunteer. She has worked with JACL on the teacher training programs.

Essay Excerpt:

"Students' interest in school increase when learning takes an active role rather than a passive stance. When students feel that they have an active voice within their classrooms, they become motivated, interested and empowered students and are ready to make changes within our society."

"Teachers, administrations and policy makers need to incorporate innovative policies into the education system to bring students, especially minority students, back to the classrooms. As the education system affects almost every person within the United States, it is the ideal forum to stimulate critical thinking and change. Change, though, does not happen alone, but rather through the collaboration of many minds."

Blue Shield of California
Scholarship

Jon T. Oshidari
San Jose JACL
University of California, San Francisco

Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Dentistry

Biographical Information:

As a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Jon has received several awards including the Soroptimist International Youth Citizenship Award, the Santa Clara County Youth Hall of Fame and the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship. On campus, he is a member of the Omega Sigma Tau Service Fraternity and part of the UCLA intramural basketball team. As part of his dental training, Jon is working as a dental lab assistant.

Essay Excerpt:

"As a yonsei, I took for granted the basketball league organizations, church, the Young Buddhist Association, and Boy Scouts that all involved the Japanese American community. Who knows what the state of such organizations might be today without the efforts of the JACL? My prior connection to the JACL rested in the annual track meet and basketball tournament. Now, I realize what an integral part it played in the redress movement that strengthened the Japanese American community."

Nisaburo Albara Scholarship

Susan Ono
Downtown LA JACL
California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles

Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Clinical Psychology



Biographical Information:

As a founding member of the Asian Pacific Student Network, CSPP in Los Angeles, Susan also works as the

program coordinator for the Department of Children and Family Services, Family Support Collaborative. She is on the board of directors for the Asian Pacific Counseling and Consulting Group. Currently, she is a member of the Student Affiliated Multicultural Mental Health Committee. In her spare time she enjoys playing basketball with the Southern California Women's Athletic Union.

Essay Excerpt:

"In the future, I hope to not only serve as a mental health care practitioner, but also as a role model to young Japanese American women. A lack of appropriate positive role models may discourage youth from ethnic minority cultures from entering fields where their input is greatly needed. It is a challenge for ethnic minorities and women to exercise their abilities and work toward equality. I believe that Asian American women need to take leadership roles in diverse areas, so that coming generations of young women will not view the pursuit of goals in alternate nontraditional fields as a risk."

UNDERGRADUATES

Alice Yuriko Endo Scholarship

Stephanie Hirano
Puyallup Valley JACL
University of Washington, Seattle
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Political Science & Business

Biographical Information:

Stephanie has received numerous honors and scholarships throughout her high school and college career including the Tandy Technology Scholars Award for academic achievement, the Washington State Honors Award for the top 10 percent of graduating seniors in Washington state and the Edward F. McCoy Scholarship for academic excellence, leadership and service. She has also involved herself in various campus organizations at the University of Washington. She belongs to the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, and the Japanese Student Association. Her community service activities include chairman of the National Honor Society and working as a University of Washington Medical Center volunteer.

Essay Excerpt:

"I realize that many people including my grandparents and my parents were subject to atrocities that I cannot and probably never will understand. But I do know that my family has accepted the past, stopped blaming those who did wrong, and moved on with their lives as proud Americans. I believe that this forgiveness and this acceptance are key to attaining the

harmony between people that is so lacking in our society. I do not wish for the United States to become a melting pot where all of our cultures combine. I do, however, wish for an American society where all cultures can live together in tolerance and acceptance. But I believe that this can only be achieved after past wrongs have been forgiven, blame has been dissipated, and we begin to focus on our future."

Dr. Thomas Yatabe Scholarship

Lauren Williams
South Bay JACL
Harvard University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Mathematics

Biographical Information:

This National Merit Scholar and valedictorian of her high school class has been honored with several awards and scholarships. With an active interest in mathematics, Lauren has published two articles at Harvard University. She is the co-president of the Math Club on campus and an organizer of the "Women in Mathematics" conferences. She has won various math competitions around the country. Lauren is also an accomplished violinist and currently plays for the Harvard Radcliffe Orchestra.

Essay Excerpt:

"I realized that what I had acquired from my Japanese background was not just an ethnic affiliation amid myriad others, but the dignity and dedication that I now see as the hallmark of the Japanese. It must have been the 'Japanese' discipline that kept me practicing

and learning the violin over endless hours since I was 4 — not without some success. I am profoundly indebted to the Japanese community and such organizations as JACL, which has fostered the events that keep the Japanese culture so strong. I especially applaud the Japanese work ethic and commitment to excellence that I'm proud to say has been integral to my life."

Kyutaro & Yasuo Abiko
Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie C. Lai
SELANOCO JACL
UCLA

Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Biology & English

Biographical Information:

Throughout high school, Stephanie excelled academically by achieving awards such as the Golden Bear Award for academic excellence and being accepted into UCLA's honors program. She remained active in the community by organizing a food drive for the local shelter. In 1997, she worked as an intern for the *Pacific Citizen*, writing articles, reporting, and doing layout work. Currently at UCLA, she is a Multicultural Committee representative for Hedrick Hall Student Government and a member of the Asian American Christian Fellowship.

Essay Excerpt:

"I spent the past summer as an intern for the *Pacific Citizen* Newspaper. The experience has opened

Mari & James Michner Memorial Scholarship

Kristi Funekoshi
Fort Lupton JACL
University of Denver
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: International Business



Biographical Information:
At the University of Denver, Kristi has been awarded several honors and scholarships for academic

achievement such as the Hornbeck Scholar and the Chancellor's Scholar awards. She has also taken an active interest in her community on campus. She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, the Asian American Student Alliance and the Pioneer Leadership Program. She is also a volunteer at the West High School mentoring program and the SPURS Denver Rescue Mission.

Essay Excerpt:

"I believe that the roots of problems such as unfair stereotypes and racial injustices are the fear of differences and ignorance. Through events and programs sponsored by the JACL and other organizations such as the University of Denver's Asian American Student Alliance, the community can be exposed to the Asian culture. They can learn more about the contributions Asian Americans have made to the growth of America and what is occurring now within the community. There is just so much to learn from other cultures, and individuals who don't take advantage of finding out more about them are really missing out."

Yoshiko Tanaka Memorial Scholarship

Raymond W. O'Donnell
Houston JACL
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Business



Biographical Information:
This honor list student has received several awards which include the State of Texas Early High School

Graduate Award and the First Place Award for the Consul General's Cup Eighth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest (Division 1). At Palo Alto College he was a member of the Varsity Swim Team and qualified for the Junior College Nationals. In his free time, Raymond serves as a swimming meet official and a volunteer grounds-keeper for his local church.

Essay Excerpt:

"While living in California, I saw how successful the Asian people were in business, medicine, and every other walk of life. I feel very privileged to belong to such a productive and talented brotherhood. I not only find great value in my Japanese heritage, but I also take special pride in being hapa-naole. I will never forget where I come from and who my people and family are. Having lived in both Japan and American, I feel I have experienced the best of both worlds."

Nobuko Kodama Fong Memorial Scholarship

Brianne Lassiter
San Jose JACL
California State University,
Long Beach

Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Dance & Liberal Studies



Biographical Information:
As a member of the Black Student Union at California State University, Long Beach, Brianne has maintained a busy life on campus. She participated in the Ms. Black and Gold Pageant as well as in her Residence Hall's association. She has been awarded several scholarships including the California State PTA Scholarship, the Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship and the Emmanuel Baptist Church Scholarship. Along with her honors and awards, Brianne's passion is performing arts. She has performed with the American Musical Theater of San Jose and is currently majoring in dance and liberal arts at Long Beach.

Essay Excerpt:

"Although I have grown up in a single-family household, my mother has always tried to instill traditional family values in me and my brother, and expose us to various culturally, spiritually, physically, and mentally enriching, challenging experiences. I recall going to church, museums, libraries, concerts, parks, the YMCA, and street festivals, all beginning at a young age. I am sure this exposure over the years has contributed significantly to my intellectual capacity, creativity, and overall personal growth."

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Drue Kataoka
Sequoia JACL
Stanford University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Art History



Biographical Information:
With a distinguished career as a semi-e artist, Drue has been commissioned to create several paintings for Stanford University including the Gallery of Champions, a permanent installation of brush paintings honoring Stanford's excellence in tennis. She was also commissioned to design the "Kick Off 100," 100th Big Game commemorative poster. Drue has been featured in several press publications including the San Francisco Chronicle and San Jose Mercury for her achievements. Along with her semi-e accomplishments, Drue is also a flautist for the Stanford Jazz Orchestra.

Essay Excerpt:

"Six thousand miles away from my birthplace, Tokyo, I am bringing the traditional art of Japanese brush-painting to a wide audience. In a world where many young people are destroyed by violence and are uninterested in Japanese culture, I have tried to turn towards my Japanese roots to achieve two goals. The first is to keep the beautiful, endangered art form of semi-e alive, and the second, to reach out to local and national Japanese communities through brush-strokes. For me, the knives in children's hands and hearts need to be replaced with brushes and hope. There is a calmness and a serenity that one attains through practicing this honored discipline. I want to share this peace and beauty and become a spokesperson for Japanese brush painting."

Saburo Kido Scholarship

Andrew Hongo

Honolulu JACL
Yale University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: English



Biographical Information:
Andrew has received several awards over the last five years including the Hawaii Education Association Scholarship, the Juliet M. Atherton Scholarship, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Scholarship. He has also kept busy with campus activities such as the Yale Christian Fellowship and the Juvenile Justice League. Andrew enjoyed playing the viola and singing for the Yale Freshman Chorus. In his spare time, he has been on missionary trips to Tashkent, Uzbekistan and the Philippines.

Essay Excerpt:

"Growing up in Hawaii, it made no difference to me whether my friends were Japanese, Chinese, or Caucasian. In fact, race was seldom, if ever, discussed. My senior year of high school, I received a brochure from Dartmouth College for students of ethnicity. At first I had no idea why they sent it to me. Then I realized that I was, in their eyes, a student of ethnicity. I was Asian. Strange as it seems, that was the first time I thought of myself as Asian American. Growing up in an environment where I was not a minority and where I never encountered racism was a blessing; along with that blessing, however, came a measure of ignorance of a more typical Asian American experience. With the help of the JACL and my Asian American friends, I'm learning more about what that experience entails."

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Jared Jones
Placer County JACL
Pepperdine University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Business Management & Computer Science



Biographical Information:
During his first year at Pepperdine University, Jared was invited to join Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for academic excellence, and made the Dean's Honor List. In high school, he won several honors including valedictorian of his senior class and President Clinton's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Along with his academic success, Jared has remained active within the community. He participates in the "School on Wheels Program" which visits various homeless shelters, and spends time tutoring children who have difficulty in school.

Essay Excerpt:

"The Japanese American Citizens league has taught me that we should all work together for common goals. We should appreciate each other's cultures and backgrounds and join in unity for visions of the future. As I prepare for my future in technology and business, I am so appreciative of the strong Japanese influence in these areas. As I join the Japanese youth in promoting the strong sense of our communities in volunteer service, we are bonded in our efforts to preserve our cultures and improve not only all our lives today but also those of future generations. I want to always be a leader in promoting the ideals and visions of the JACL."

ENTERING FRESHMEN

Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship

Maya Kubo
Cortez JACL
San Jose State
Level of Study: Entering Freshman
Field of Study: Geology



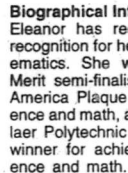
Biographical Information:
As an active member within her community and her high school, Maya has received various awards including honors on the Golden State Exam in geometry and chemistry. She has participated in several school sports such as volleyball, basketball, softball, track and field, and soccer. Her sports awards include Most Inspirational in Volleyball and Most Improved in Soccer. Maya also takes an active interest in taiko drumming and serves as an assistant instructor for beginners.

Essay Excerpt:

"The world is full of many people and those people are all very different from each other. As one of those people I have to try to understand and accept all those different people for who they are. Only through understanding can the world be lived in peacefully."

Masao & Sumako Itano Scholarship

Eleanor Williams
Gardena JACL
Level of Study: Entering Freshman
Field of Study: Mathematics



Biographical Information:
Eleanor has received national recognition for her work in mathematics. She was a National Merit semi-finalist, the Bank of America Plaque winner for science and math, and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal winner for achievement in science and math. Along with her awards in math, Eleanor has participated as a delegate for the Model United Nations and an active member of the track and field team. Along with her busy schedule, she serves as the president for the Rolling Hills 4-H Club and the newsletter writer for the Audubon YES!

Essay Excerpt:

"I have been fascinated by my family's particular history, interviewing my grandmother about her life. I learned of her childhood in Seattle, then her schooling in Japan, her experiences as a Japanese-American in the U.S., then finishing school in Japan. I discovered that she had been on the boat on the way home to Los Angeles when Pearl Harbor was bombed. She was unaware of a change of course until the boat docked at Hiroshima instead of Los Angeles. My great-aunt related stories of her interment and of my great uncle going to war to fight for the United States. I am proud of my family's loyalty during the war."

Masao & Sumako Itano Scholarship

Kimberlee Sakai
Lodi JACL
UCLA
Level of Study: Entering Freshman
Field of Study: Undecided



Biographical Information:
Kimberlee has received several awards throughout her high school years including Biology Student of the Year, National Merit Semifinalist, and A.P. Scholar. Her interests include School Site Council, co-editor-in-chief of the yearbook, and the California Scholarship Federation. Outside her busy school schedule, Kimberlee has maintained an active role within the Stockton Buddhist Church. She has volunteered her time to help at the bazaar, the chicken teriyaki dinner, and is the co-historian for the Young Buddhist Association.

Essay Excerpt:

"A mirror is often a symbol for truth in many pieces of literature because a mirror cannot tell a lie. Well, when I look in the mirror, I see a young five foot tall, seventeen year old who has the appearance of having a Japanese heritage. But what I see and what I feel are not the same. I may look like a young Japanese girl, but I feel and act like an American. The JACL has been vigilant in protecting my rights as an American. When my grandparents received their redress money because of the efforts of the JACL, I was proud of the American government. Without the efforts of the JACL the redress would not have been possible. The JACL has helped me to be proud of my Japanese heritage. Now when I look in the mirror and see a young Japanese American girl, JACL has helped me see and feel a reflection of the truth of who I am."

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Carl Takei
Sacramento JACL
Brown University
Level of Study: Entering Freshman
Field of Study: Policy Studies



Biographical Information:
This National Merit Finalist has won several awards and honors such as a Regional Finalist for the CNN Student Video Journalism Challenge, and the "Outstanding Communicator" award given by the Comstock Club for an essay opposing Proposition 205. He also participated in the U.S. Department of Energy Science Bowl regionals and as a Junior State of America director. He was the founding member of the Sacramento JACL Youth Group and has been the ACLU legislative intern for the last year.

Essay Excerpt:

"Today's immigrant-bashing atmosphere shares disturbing parallels with the California of four generations ago — the California that prohibited my Japanese ancestors from becoming citizens and barred them from owning land. Even my American-born grandparents were not safe; during World War II, they were unfairly labeled as traitors and held without trial in government internment camps — all because of their Japanese American ancestry. Today, there are still only a small number of people who protect the rights of

those who cannot speak out, those who cannot buy influence. I want to be one of those few."

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Isaac Smith
Salt Lake City JACL
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Undecided



Biographical Information:

Isaac has received several awards for his hard work throughout high school. These

awards include Social Science Sterling Scholar from East High School, the Freedom Foundation "Youth Leadership Conference at Valley Forge" scholarship, and the "Editor's Choice Award" for poetry published in *Essence of a Dream*. Along with his awards, Isaac has remained active within his high school as a student body officer, the East High Madrigal Choir, the National Honor Society, and the Varsity Soccer Team. Outside of school, he volunteers his time at the Utah Food Bank and the JACL Farmer's Picnic.

Essay Excerpt:

"Being of Japanese descent, we could all find reason to resent America for its past actions. However, I look back at my ancestors who fought in the war and realize how important this country was to them. An immense sense of patriotism and national pride swells within me as I view America today where our freedom is even better defined. Unfortunately, in my generation freedom is no longer granted; it is assumed. However, the mere fact that we can take freedom for granted demonstrates the phenomenal state in which America currently dwells. That is the glory of America today. That is the root of all national pride: Ceaseless freedom that never needs to be questioned."

Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship

Erin Shiba
National JACL
Oberlin College
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: English



Biographical Information:

As a National Merit Quarter finalist, Erin has received several awards such as the Youth Salute for

youth leadership, the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association State Finalist for impromptu speaking and a National Honor Society member. Along with her awards, Erin has participated in several school activities including forensics, school poetry publications, and student council. She also volunteers her time for Students Against Drunk Driving.

Essay Excerpt:

"In a little Kentucky town consisting of maybe 100,000 people, there isn't much diversity. I found this out at a very young age. Even now, there are still jokes, even in my group of friends, about Asian prostitutes or fixing rice. I've learned to take it with a grain of salt, but there are still occasions when I am

honestly hurt, when I want to get upset and yell at them for being so insensitive. Even though the JACL hasn't had a huge effect on my life, recently, my heritage has. Watching videos about the 100th Battalion with my grandparents over Christmas break or just rereading *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* has brought me to the realization that I wouldn't change anything about myself."

Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship

Leslie Sasa
Mile High JACL
Pomona College
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Biomedical Engineering



Biographical Information:

Leslie has received several awards for academic achievement including the Optimist Award and the USC Trojans Scholar Award. Along with her academic achievements, Leslie has participated in several community activities such as Youth in Government, student council, basketball and soccer teams. She was also an active member within her church and a contributing student author of *Kids Explore America's Japanese American Heritage*.

Essay Excerpt:

"As we look to the new millennium, we see the promise of hope, happiness, and unity for us all. We must, however, learn to speak up when an injustice is being done and instill confidence in others, so that they may one day find their own inner voice. The 1998 motto of JACL is "Strength through Unity." It is a message for all to hear. We must share the knowledge we have of our cultural past, present, and future with others, so that they may begin to know us as individuals and as friends. It is now up to us to meet this challenge."

Gongoro Nakamura Scholarship

Kylee Obata
Gilroy JACL
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Education

Biographical Information:

Kylee has received several academic awards throughout high school including the Principle's List (4.0 Scholastic Medal) and honors in the Golden State Poppy Exam in Algebra. Also, she has been an active member of her school community. She has been extremely involved in student government and the junior captain of cheerleading. Outside of school, Kylee has volunteered her time as a mentor for elementary school students and serving lunches to the homeless.

Essay Excerpt:

"I am half Japanese and half Irish. Throughout my life, both sides of my family have made a point to educate me about each different culture. As a JACL member, I feel I have the same hope, determination, dignity and pride as my ancestors. It hasn't gotten lost through the generations and remains equally strong today as it did 100 years ago. As a Japanese-American, I feel I have what it takes to reach the goals I have set for myself."

Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship

Bradley Hirasuna
Fresno JACL
UCLA
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Engineering



Biographical Information:

Bradley has achieved a high standard of excellence in academics throughout high school and has been awarded various honors such as the Bank of America Plaque for excellence in science and math, Senior Class Valedictorian, C.S.F. Life Member and A.P. Scholar. He was an active member in his student government throughout high school as well as the Key Club, was on the Fresno Unified School District's Student Advisory Board and a Boy's State delegate. Bradley volunteered his time to collect canned food for the less fortunate and organized "Blue Ribbon Day."

Essay Excerpt:

"The word equality has a special meaning for me and my life. I know that we are all not created equally; some are more athletic, while others are better students in the classroom. My grandfather has shown me how JACL has worked many years fighting for my equal opportunity so that I can share with my community and nation the talent I have to offer. JACL had shown what Japanese-Americans have to offer to this nation. I plan to make an impact on this nation and hopefully on the world around us. I know the obstacles I will run into will be tough and unrelenting but so will I. No one ever said life was going to be easy, but I never told anyone that I was going to be easy on life."

South Park Japanese Community Scholarship

Keith Suda-Cederquist
Fresno JACL
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Engineering



Biographical Information:

This National Merit Scholar Finalist was also awarded high honors on the Golden State Exams in chemistry, American history, algebra and written composition. Along with his awards, Keith has been active within his school. As co-chairman of the Multicultural Advisory Committee, he helped organize the "Human Relations Day." He was also a member of the swim team and the co-captain of the Varsity Water Polo Team. As an active member of the community, Keith volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Essay Excerpt:

"Look it up," my father repeated, a look of tired frustration on his face. "How far away is the moon?" I persisted, determined to get an answer to quell my curiosity. As a second grader, I was full of questions and was always changing, always shifting and full of unexpected surprises. Now, a decade has passed and many things have changed in my life. One thing, however, has remained steadfast: my cease-

less curiosity. My career as a high school student is coming to a close and I am ready to meet the challenges presented in college. Hopefully, the qualities which I have developed and demonstrated in high school — curiosity, leadership, and determination — will help me in college and in life. As an engineering major, I'm sure to be asking questions. But, I will not be asking my father the answers to life's riddles; instead, I'll be finding my own answers."

Mas & Majlo Uyegui Scholarship

Lauren Nishimura
Portland JACL
Vassar College
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: English



Biographical Information:

As a National Merit Scholar, Lauren has been awarded several honors including Oregon's Top Twenty Female Athletes, Xerox Humanities/Social Science Scholar and the President's Award for Educational Excellence. As an athlete, Lauren has played on the volleyball, basketball, and softball teams throughout high school. She was also a member of the Key Club, Leadership Club and Calculus Club. She volunteered her time to coordinate the "Make a Difference Day" and coached summer volleyball and basketball.

Essay Excerpt:

"Definition is a difficult task, especially when it pertains to a person's life in its entirety, experiences and dreams, goals and motivations. Yet society hinges upon brevity and clarity; a concise explanation of every situation seems to be a necessary element for success. I struggle to find words to describe my contributions to the world around me, due in part to the enormity of what is still left to do. Yet my true understanding of leadership and responsibility has come from realizing my need to embrace who I am and accept my ethnicity. To explain who a person is in simple terms is nearly impossible. Yet, we are all similar in many respects. Human beings should share the same goals, to better themselves and the world around them, to grow and understand the benefits of an eclectic society, and to give to others with an open mind and a well-intentioned heart."

Yutaka Nakazawa Memorial Scholarship

Tara Sugiyama
Diablo Valley JACL
Yale University
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Undecided



Biographical Information:

Tara has received a scholarship from the Joffrey Ballet School in New York to train with them seven weeks each year. She has also performed throughout high school with the Ballet Joyeux Company in the Bay Area. At school, Tara has achieved academic excellence and has been awarded AP Scholar with Distinction, the Youth For Understanding Award, the Smith Col-

lege Book Award for Outstanding Achievement and the National Latin Award. She was also an active member of student government and is involved in world affairs. She was a member of the Asia Club and a volunteer for the Central County Regional Special Education programs.

Essay Excerpt:

"Like most third graders, I had a lunch box. I usually brought the standard sandwich to school. But on one occasion I brought a rice ball left over from one of our family gatherings. It seemed innocent enough to me. Not entirely round, white with a distinct texture, it had a comfortable taste. I had always loved this special edible that I had grown up with. As soon as I began to eat it, I noticed the glares of my classmates. They made it clear from their grimaces that they did not approve. As they surrounded me, I continued to eat my rice ball, slowly, carefully, without dropping a single grain. For the first time in my early life, I wondered who I was. Instinctively, I think I felt the necessity to claim my heritage with each bite. As the years go by, I will not let my heritage be misunderstood or forgotten. I am proud of my roots and will always eat my rice ball with dignity."

Mitsuki Yonemura Memorial Scholarship

Jason Tajima
Greater Pasadena JACL
Harvard University
Level of Study: Entering
Freshman
Field of Study: Undecided



Biographical Information:

Jason has won several awards throughout high school for academic excellence including the National Merit Letter of Commendation, A.P. Scholar Award, and the Yale Book Award. His activities at school include captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, editor of the school literary magazine, editor of the school newspaper and captain of the NATQ Quiz Bowl team and the NATQ Science Bowl team. He was also an active member of the school service club and a citizenship assistance volunteer.

Essay Excerpt:

"As a volunteer at citizenship assistance workshops, I gained a greater appreciation of how the U.S. is a nation of immigrants and how fortunate I was to have been born in this country. By helping immigrants apply for naturalization, I saw how hard these people work in order to become U.S. citizens. Sometimes, we natural-born citizens take our citizenship for granted and forget how hard some people struggled in order to earn equal citizenship rights in the past. Immigrants have worked hard to succeed in America thanks to the work of groups, such as the JACL. If these civil rights organizations had not helped fight for the rights of immigrants, this country would only have been a shadow of what it is today."

For more information about the National JACL scholarship program please call the National Headquarters at 415-921-5225.

UCLA's Asian American Studies Center releases new edition of National Political Almanac

UCLA's Asian American Studies Center recently released the nation's most comprehensive political resource guide on Asian Pacific Americans. The 300-plus-page political roster shows a substantial growth in the representation of APAs at all levels of government.

The 1998-99 *National Asian Pacific American Political Almanac and Resource Guide* lists nearly 2,000 APAs elected and appointed officials in the United States, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands. The resource guide contains relevant political data on APA electoral participation, from exit polls, the U.S. Census and other national sources. It also offers a national directory of major Asian American political, civil rights, media, business and lobbying groups.

Described as "the most comprehensive and up-to-date compilation of the nation's APA population in American politics," the book features a complete listing of the AA population by region and state — including national demographic totals for Asian and Pacific Islander groups. It offers an overview of Asian immigration in the United States and its impact on American demographics. Moreover, the political guide includes five research and analytical studies on the emerging AA electorate by renowned scholars of APA politics.

The almanac also spotlights the achievements of Gov. Gary Locke of Washington, who in 1996 became the first AA elected governor outside of Hawaii. Locke's keynote speech given at the national conference of the Organization of Chinese Americans in San Francisco also is featured in this issue. "A One-Hundred Year Journey: From Houseboy to the Governor's Mansion" traces his fami-

ly's roots in China to his journey to public service.

"The almanac is designed to be of both practical and academic value for individuals interested in researching the political representation and participation of Asian and Pacific Islanders in U.S. electoral politics," said editor James Lai, a graduate of the master's program in Asian-American studies at UCLA. "The role which APAs play at the various levels of the political process and policy-making is becoming more pronounced and influential."

An important component of the political roster is a special section on the campaign finance controversy associated with Asian donors. This section offers three different perspectives from respected AA community leaders. The issue also examines the voting patterns of APAs. Although more Asian Americans than ever are seeking political office, they have one of the lowest rates of voter registration among all ethnic groups in the United States.

The political roster was first compiled in 1978 by UCLA Professor Don Nakanishi, director of the AA Studies Center at UCLA and co-director of the report. Now in its eighth edition, it has become the leading reference guide for students, community leaders, researchers, librarians and others interested in the status of Asian-Pacific American politics.

"This publication is part of an ongoing program of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center to provide empirical information and analytical analysis on the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in American politics and major public-policy deliberations," said Nakanishi, a professor of education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies.

The almanac is sponsored by UCLA's Asian American Stud-

ies Center and Pacific Tele-tele/Pacific Bell. It is available for \$15 per copy (plus tax and shipping/handling). Copies can be obtained from the Asian American Studies Center, 3230 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA, 90095-1596. For ordering information, call Darryl Mar at (310) 825-2968.

For more information on the programs, services and events of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, please visit the center Web site at <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/laasc>.

Highlights of the Amache Reunion

The Amache Reunion draws closer and closer.

The reunion will be held at the Union Plaza Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas Oct. 4-7. Registration has been extended, so you can still sign up. One of the organizers has promised, "This reunion will prove to be a real zinger! You will meet your ex's and old friends and even make new ones as well."

The following are some highlights: Corey Ohama wrote her master's thesis on the internment and has transferred her work onto a video, *Double Solitaire*, which she will show and narrate; Richard Hidaka and Jane Van Baricom collaborated to put together slides of camp life never shown in public; Kazi Aoki will display her quilt, which took 20 years to complete, chronicling her life in Amache; students and teachers from Granada High School will display their scale model of Amache; which serves as a tool for teaching the injustices suffered during the internment.

For more information, call Robert S. Ichikawa at 310/325-0062 or Gene Kawamoto at 213/728-1363.

Stewart, Nagao named latest Mike Masaoka Fellowship congressional fellows

Andrew Daisuke Stewart, 22, of Kawasaki-shi, Japan, and Christina Aya Nagao, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., have been



STEWART



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named the latest recipients of the seventh Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund congressional fellow awards for the 1998-1999 term. They will serve fellowships of approximately three and one half months in the nation's capital. Each will receive a stipend of \$7,500 from the fund.

"Andrew will serve his fellowship in the office of Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) beginning in September 1998, and Christina will serve her fellowship in the office of Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) beginning in the spring of 1999," said Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the fund. "We are very pleased with the two outstanding fellows who have been selected."

Stewart is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He majored in political science with a minor in history, receiving his bachelor's degree in May 1998. His course work was completed in a broad liberal arts curriculum with particular emphasis on political science, international political economy and history courses. He was active with the Penn-Nihon (Japan) Club — serving as vice president — the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, the West Philadelphia Tutoring Project and the Japanese Christian Church of Philadelphia, and was a Check-One board member.

He graduated from the Yoko-hama International School (high school) in Japan in May

1994, making the headmaster's honor roll. In addition, he was selected as an American delegate for the 1998 Japan American student conference.

Nagao is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, receiving her bachelor's degree

in English in May 1998. Among her honors are: U.C. Berkeley Departmental Honors Thesis in English, Gold Key National Honor Society, U.C. Berkeley Honor Student's Society and Dean's List (Fall 1995-Fall 1997).

Nagao's many community activities have included the Berkeley Japanese American Citizens League, Tomodachi U.C. Berkeley Japanese American Culture Club, the Cal Nikkei Oral History Project and the Berkeley Bears Oral History Project. In addition, she has interned with Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), Los Angeles; JACL Pacific Southwest District Office, Los Angeles; and the Sansei Legacy Project, Alameda, Calif., and served as student coordinator, U.C. Berkeley Asian American Studies Department.

The fellowship fund honors the late Mike M. Masaoka for a lifetime of outstanding public service promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity. The major goal of the Masaoka Fellowship Fund is to encourage public service, granting awards to educate or train recipients for leadership in public service.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

A celebration in Denver

A FEW weeks ago leaders of JACL's Mile-Hi (Denver) chapter came up with a proposal. How about a fund-raising banquet to celebrate the successful completion of the Redress program, recognize members of the community who had undergone the evacuation experience, and use the profits to promote public understanding of that sorry bit of history?

Great idea. A committee was formed to book a hotel, round up the support of other community organizations (13 said okay), persuade Leo Goto to serve as master of ceremonies, and organize a program. Meanwhile, a telephone committee made dozens of personal calls to invite attendance.

The effort resulted in 135 reservations. They didn't fill the banquet hall, but for our community 135 is a respectable showing. Funerals are among the few events that attract a larger attendance.

Toward the end of the evening Toastmaster Goto asked everyone who had been evacuated and spent time in a camp to stand up and be recognized. No noses were counted, but I would guess that perhaps 30 persons, probably fewer, rose.

Colorado had about 11,000 "Japanese" residents in the last census. I do not know how many of them went through the evacuation, or how many accepted the \$20,000 checks the government passed out. Are there 2,000 survivors in Colorado of that sad chapter of history? Probably that number is too high. How about 1,000? Still too high? Yes, we've had many funerals lately. Well then, how about 300? Seems reasonable.

But if there are 300 survivors, and only 30 attended the banquet arranged to honor them and to disseminate knowledge of the injustice they suffered, what happened to the 90 percent that didn't? I don't know the answer, but let's try some possible explanations:

A—Didn't know about the banquet.

B—Didn't think the event was worthwhile. In other words, not interested.

C—Too busy.

D—The \$20,000 government payment is gone and 35 bucks for the dinner was too much.

E—Sorry, had previous engagement. (There was a good ballgame on TV that night.)

F—What's the point in continuing to talk about the evacuation after all these years? We got our money, so let's just forget about it, okay? Haven't we got other fish to fry?

Are these legitimate excuses? Of course not. But there is little doubt that if you insisted on honesty, you'd get many responses like the above whether in Denver or Los Angeles or San Francisco.

The Redress program benefited some 80,000 former evacuees. It was a historic and remarkable effort under which a largely unenthusiastic Congress was persuaded by we the people to do justice. It deserves to be honored by more than 10 percent of the beneficiaries.

But if 10 percent support would seem to be realistic if not ideal, what if anything are we going to do about it? You tell me. ■

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



Troubled in paradise

By Brian Niya

Redress, Hawaii style

WITH the official end of the redress era coming last month, coinciding with the tenth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, there's been a lot of commemoration, celebration, and reflection going on around the country. Though the wartime story in Hawaii was somewhat different than on the mainland, the end of the redress era was marked here as well.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, the Honolulu chapter of the JACL put on an event titled "A Celebration of Justice & Courage" at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

As most of you probably know, there was no mass internment of Japanese Americans from Hawaii as there was on the mainland. The reasons for that are complex and have to do with (a) their numbers (almost 40 percent of Hawaii's population at the time) and the resulting problems of logistics; (b) their contribution to the local labor force; (c) their greater integration into local culture and politics; and (d) the presence of martial law in Hawaii after December 7, among many other factors.

As on the mainland, however, Issei community leaders were picked up for internment in the days and weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Later, after many of them were transferred to Justice Department-run camps on the mainland, many of their family members joined them there and in WRA camps. Throughout the war, others—including a good number of Nisei—continued to be interned within Hawaii, most notably in the Sand Island and Honolulu camps on Oahu. In all, 1,875 Hawaii Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned in mainland camps and 1,466 were held in Hawaii

camps. Under the provisions of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, survivors among these Hawaii AJA internees were eligible for the \$20,000 individual redress payments like their mainland counterparts.

But it turned out there was more to the story than that.

In 1990, Donald Kanamaru approached then JACL Honolulu chapter president Bill Kaneko on behalf of his family. Kanamaru's family had lived in the Lualualei area of Oahu prior to World War II. After the attack, his and other Japanese American families in the area were excluded from their homes and properties, but were not interned. He wondered whether his and the other families would be eligible for redress.

All but unknown to historians and the general public alike, similar stories of excluded Japanese Americans in Hawaii soon came to light. Though the details differed, the stories were the same in broad outline: Japanese American families living in areas near military installations were excluded from their properties but not interned. Farmers were often allowed to continue farming, since their crops were much needed, but were not allowed to sleep in their own beds at night for "security" reasons.

The Honolulu chapter took on Kanamaru's case and many others that followed. A crucial breakthrough came in 1991, when Pam Funai, a University of Hawaii graduate student hired by the JACL, found documentary evidence in the UH archives backing up the stories of these excludés. Further research yielded more such evidence. Honolulu chapter lawyers, working pro bono, represented many of these excludés and helped hundreds get their redress checks.

But as with the redress move-

ment on the mainland, there was more to it than just the checks. The people of these various communities—in addition to Lualualei, there was Iwilei, Waiālu, Pūloa, Pearl City Peninsula, Pauoa, and Kahuku, all on Oahu, and Punene and Haiku (the latter just announced this past week) on Maui—banded together to conduct the research, gather the stories, and marshal the evidence to present their successful cases. In the process, previously unknown stories were uncovered and 50-plus-year-old demons put to rest. Through the efforts of the Honolulu chapter and these various communities, not only was redress achieved, but a previously buried history was uncovered.

So there was much to celebrate and commemorate here in Hawaii as well. Many of these redress recipients were there on the 29th to hear brief addresses from the many Hawaii members of Congress who played a role in redress, and they were all there—Senators Inouye, Akaka, and the late Spark Matsunaga's son; Representatives Mink, Saiiki, and Abercrombie—as well as keynote speakers Bill Lann Lee and Paul Iwasaki. There was also a nice presentation honoring six "unsung" heroes of WWII and the redress movement, two of whom were Donald Kanamaru and his brother Ray, who were the ones who started it all for the excludés.

As on the mainland, the end of the redress era brings up many questions about the future of the AJA community here. I have no doubt the Honolulu chapter will play a major role in finding what some of those answers might be. ■

Brian Niya is a member of the Honolulu chapter.

AB 1915 awaits Gov.'s signature

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versities, cultural institutions, art and community organizations and units of government will be eligible to apply for the grant money as long as it goes towards one of two categories—the coordination and distribution of new educational materials for the public and the installation of

da's commitment to this project. Shimasaki's own role has included serving as an instrumental resource to Honda and his staff in the bid to get the legislation passed.

"It's a way of promoting better education and citizenship," Honda adds, "[because] historically we don't teach people about the mistakes. We need to, so that we don't repeat them."

As to its significance on a larger scale, Honda says that "this bill is not just talking about JAs but about what it means to other people in other states. There are always groups who've experienced a violation of due process in other communities."

For now, they await the impending signature of Gov. Pete Wilson, whom they trust will follow through with the intentions that he has already expressed to many prominent JAs within the community.

As far as the future is concerned, Shimasaki hopes that what has begun in this state will catch on elsewhere, that perhaps "California could serve as a model for other states."

Honda agrees, "Hopefully, other communities in different states will see this as something that's do-able." ■

COMMENTARY

Draft resisters revisited

BY RAY UCHIYAMA

In order for all involved parties to come to some semblance of reconciliation, it might be relevant to review some facts so that these parties can finally form a rational conclusion. Prejudiced people tend to accept the worst part of a problem and deal with that part as if it represents the whole. From my perspective the draft resisters were composed of three distinctive groups.

The first group amongst the draft resisters were Japanese Americans who were so egregious that they chose to denounce their citizenship and their loyalty to the United States. These resisters even asked to be sent back to Japan. These resisters were a terrible embarrassment to the JACL leadership. These same resisters were also considered a disgrace and a blot on the integrity of the Nisei men and women who so bravely served in the military and ultimately brought so much pride and recognition to the Japanese American community. These particular draft resisters no doubt deserve to be condemned and forever banished from U.S. Soil.

Amongst the second group of draft resisters were honest, courageous and highly principled men who chose to refuse military

service because their constitutional rights as Americans were denied. This was not an act of cowardice or disloyalty. Right after the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese military forces, Japanese Americans were all herded out of the West Coast to detention camps without due process of law. Their homes, properties, and businesses were all left behind in matter of days. They were allowed to bring with them only what they could carry. These special Americans were treated as if they were indeed the enemy. Then the U.S. Government had the shameful gall to draft young Japanese Americans out of these camps to serve in the military. Under these circumstances, it didn't take much reasoning to resist the draft. As a hindsight we might say that such a decision was shortsighted because other Japanese American men and women later rose above these adversities. However, we must remember that this was all going on during the hysteria of war. We can then also say that these draft resisters were also courageous and duty bound for their steadfast belief that their constitutional rights have been abrogated. They had good reason to protest!

The third group of draft resisters were young men just out

of high school—young men who were still dominated by the decision of their parents. Many of these parents were bitter and angry over the unjust treatment committed by our government. These parents were unwilling to send their precious sons to war. I still remember very vividly a friend in a camp in

Arizona where we were incarcerated who one day woefully expressed to me, "I don't mind serving in the Army, but my father told me that if I go, don't come back, you are no longer my son!" Recalling that incident, I have come to sympathize with the agony he must have suffered. Today, how can we, in good conscience, condemn such men. Do they deserve to live out their lives with this questionable record?

The questions dealing with the draft resisters must be brought to conciliatory conclusion. Our small community is unreasonably divided. We need to have a better understanding, a sense of compassion and forgiveness.

Finally, if today's leadership desire to improve on the workings of history it needs to establish policies which are conciliatory in nature and not based on revenge, punishment and show of power. One only need to look back on history to see the truth of it. ■

"This bill is not just talking about JAs but about what it means to other people in other states."

videos, plays, presentations, speakers bureaus and exhibitions to be presented to elementary, secondary and community college audiences.

There is a certain amount of leeway within these two categories, and Honda envisions the variety of methods that one can go about educating the public. He is particularly enthusiastic about using the fine arts as a vehicle. "One of the hopes I have is that people look at other mediums—dance, music, drama—as ways of relating this into a lesson."

"[Honda] has really been interested in these [alternative] methods, which I think is good," says Dale Shimasaki, past executive director of the federal CLPEP in San Francisco, attesting to Honda's



East Wind

By Bill Marufani

Ethnic Horizons: Part II

IN A PREVIOUS column, reference was made to ethnic minorities being discouraged from seeking higher goals. In this context, I recounted my army experience wherein my *haole* (white) company commander sought to discourage me from applying for infantry OCS training at Ft. Benning, Ga., because of my Japanese ethnicity. I let my application stand. I received an appointment to Ft. Benning, but was diverted to attend the M.I.S. Language school in Ft. Snelling, Minn.

At Ft. Snelling, the ethnicity factor was in full operation. In openly speaking about the racial milieu at Ft. Snelling, I do so without any feelings of hostility toward those involved.

THE M.I.S. TRAINING program at Ft. Snelling was racially segregated. There were a number of *haole* recruits who obviously were very bright, having been selectively plucked from various university campuses. But, doggone it, the same could be said of a substantial segment of the Nisei trainees. Two Nisei trainee names that immediately come to mind are Shigeru Arai, a top-notch scholar whom no one could best in any course or examination. As we used to express it back then, "he knew his onions." Also Sho Sato with his keen mind which took him through Harvard Law School and on to a law professorship at Berkeley.

AT THE TIME I didn't think much about it, but the fact of the matter was that I was attending a program that was racially segregated. The *haole* recruits apparently had their own housing, ate at their own tables, and attended their own separate classes. I don't recall any *haole* fellows being mixed in with the Nikkei fellows. And if any Nikkei were being housed with or attended

the same classes with *haole* recruits, I never saw it. And when we — the *haole* recruits and Nikkei trainees — had completed our respective training courses, the former received commissions as second lieutenants while the Nikkei received another stripe. In my case, receiving my second stripe.

WHILE ON FURLOUGH, I mailed off a letter to Col. Rasmussen, expressing my complaint over a situation which I deemed inherently unfair. I was, of course, aware that such action was not without its risks; but then at the most I could be punished as being stripped of two stripes. Upon return from my furlough, along with my company I packed up to be shipped out. I had just loaded my duffel bag on the truck to proceed to the railhead when the first sergeant came out. He bellowed my name and directed me to retrieve my belongings from the truck and return to the barracks.

AS IT TURNED out, I was reassigned to a new company and subsequently was commissioned as a second Looie. A few years ago, at an M.I.S. reunion held in the Washington, D.C. area, the matter of *haole* recruits being placed on a different track than Nikkei trainees was openly discussed with several *haole* M.I.S. veterans on the panel. It was a salutary airing of the subject which helped to clear out some unspoken concerns, real and imagined. Of course, the *haole* fellows did not formulate the policy. In a sense, they were pawns in a situation over which they had no control. ■

After leaving the bench, Marufani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.



Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

Catching up on the Nikkei in science

WHAT GOES around comes around — as an old saying goes. And it happened to me and the P.C. during the Topaz Camp reunion in San Jose at the end of May as I was ready to head for Fresno. Dr. George M. Fukui, now of Irving, Texas, reminded me that we had featured in our 1972 Holiday Issue his paper which had been read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "The Contributions of Japanese Americans to Science and Technology." That was the first time we had met.

Our '72 theme was the Nikkei in Science. "There are thousands more today and in a greater variety of fields," Fukui said during our brief conversation.

His 1971 paper suggested that the "Nisei were able to cope effectively with the consequences of prejudice and discrimination for two main reasons"

(1) Despite immediate social isolation, family group structure among those of Japanese ancestry was not destroyed as it was among other ethnic groups. In black slavery people were commonly sold as individuals, and families were thus destroyed. Military campaigns and economic warfare waged against our Native Indians for over 250 years accomplished the same.

(2) In contrast, the Issei who also suffered racial discrimination were bound by common traditions and social heritage.

Since these traditions may be largely responsible for the survival and motivation of the Nisei in American science, Fukui then explored two aspects of this cul-

tural heritage — *dozoku* (man-to-man relationships) and *shinto* (man-to-nature).

In Japan there is an abstract inter-relationship (*dozoku*) which describes a sense of kinship among individuals within a given area. Though unrelated by blood or marriage, a family-like relationship exists — even in modern Japan's corporate world. "Among the Nisei in the U.S., such a feeling of identity, interdependence and mutual concern is still evident today as it is among the Issei and their forbears."

Of *shinto*, it constituted an almost religious form of nature worship. Differing from Buddhism, since it saw man not as an individual struggling to overcome nature, but rather as a creature who was a part of nature who, worked to understand it. "Shinto existed side by side with religion but in many ways was separate Life was more a question of being than of doing, of harmonious existence rather than of obvious accomplishment The Issei imbued this idea in their descendants, not as a religious doctrine, but as a way of life."

Fukui's paper concludes: "For the Nisei, one particular tradition helped them overcome disadvantages: notably that all those of a particular race are brothers who work with one another and with nature toward harmony and mutual understanding. Perhaps it would be an even better world if we all applied these concepts to a single race — the Human Race."

His paper mentioned some pioneers — among them Okayama-born Dr. Hatsuji James Hara, who graduated in medicine from

Loma Linda University in 1912; Walter Kato, the Nisei who worked at Argonne National Laboratories exploring atomic physics; Vance Oyama of NASA, who found some evidence of life on the moon; Harvey Itano, who contributed much to understanding sickle cell anemia; and Paul Terasaki, for developing a simple, rapid and accurate method for typing human lymphocytes that facilitates the transplantation of vital organs — it was a Capetown pathologist, M.C. Botha, who studied with Terasaki for four months learning his procedure to match tissues of the donor and recipient, which enabled Christian Barnard to successfully transplant the first human heart in 1967.

Appended were about 50 names and a 1971 National Science Foundation tally of 3,720 Japanese-speaking scientists in the U.S. There were 125 in computer science, ranked 10th among 15 fields.

Fukui was then associated with Wallace Laboratories, Cranbury, N.J., as director of immunology engaged in research of chemotherapeutic agents for allergy and cancer.

In 1942, Fukui's family was evacuated from San Francisco to Tanforan to Topaz. He was in his junior year at UC Davis, finished at Connecticut, served in the Army in '46-'47, and received his Ph.D. in bacteriology and biochemistry at Cornell in '49. He retired from Abbott Labs in '86 and was recruited by American Airlines as a Japanese cultural consultant — a *shinto* transplant, if I may say. ■

A novel book on Japanese feudal armour

A new pictorial "catalog of sorts" on Japanese armour, currently available in Japan, has been published by Las Vegas, Nev.-based Sam Nomi Publications. It features hard-to-get pieces — the *kabuto*, *mempo* (mask), *doh* (body armour), and battle accessories — (*sode*, *katte*, *haideate* and *suneate*) — shoulder guards, hand guards, thigh protector and shin guards respectively.

Indeed, it's a primer for kendo enthusiasts and collectors. The pictures were taken at various shops and antique fairs in Tokyo. With a list of vendors is a recommendation to make an appointment and to have a Japanese-speaking friend accompany you.

The gunpowder that converted armour into cultural heirlooms is represented in the final section of the 85-page book by the *Tanegashima* — the 16th century firearms were introduced by the Portuguese in 1543 and named after an island off Kagoshima, where the island lord had copies made for his weaponry. Pictured are a variety of rifles and pistols on display at the Osaka Castle, where sits samurai memorabilia galore. ■

Conference room dedicated to Marine corporal

WAIPAHU, OAHU, Hawaii — A fully-paneled conference room at the Leeward Branch of the Honolulu YMCA has been designated in memory of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Roger Kimo Yamanaka, who was killed in battle during the Vietnam War.



Yamanaka's mother, Mrs. Terue Yamanaka of Carlsbad, Calif., and his sister, Rene Wustman of San Diego, were present at the dedication along with a group of 200, which included U.S. congress members Patsy Mink and Neill Abercrombie, Hawaii Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono, members of both Houses of the Hawaii State Legislature, and YMCA executives.

Yamanaka was born in Honolulu and attended school in Hawaii, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Orange County, Calif., places where his father, the late James Yamanaka, served as a YMCA executive. He was attending Orange Coast College in California when he enlisted in the Marine Corps. ■

The Nikkei View

By Gil Asakawa



The first sushi is the sweetest

MY friend Dave from work had his first sushi last week. He had had fake sushi before — you know, those California rolls with rice on the outside that no self-respecting Japanese would consider sushi.

This time, Dave was going out for a business lunch at a nearby sushi bar, and he was going to have the real thing — slabs of raw fish gingerly topping subtly sweet, vinegared rice.

Before lunch, Dave was visibly nervous.

Although sushi has been an American yuppie symbol for more than a decade, many people have always been wary of this stalwart of Japanese cuisine. The thought of eating anything like raw fish was just too exotic for them. And, a few years ago, when stories first surfaced about mercury poisoning from eating raw fish, those who had refused to try sushi cried out triumphantly, "Aha! They had always figured there was something, well, unhealthy about the concept of sushi, and they had been proven right. Never mind that these same people probably think nothing of the health effects of a Big Mac with fries (I happen to like both)."

And never mind that Japanese people had been eating sushi for centuries, and we've done all right.

I grew up eating sushi. I have very vivid memories of restaurants my family used to go to in Tokyo when I was young — one in particular that had samurai armor, swords and shiriken (those star-shaped darts that ninja throw) — to have giant boats of sushi for special occasions. Perhaps my memory has glorified the experience, but I know I've had a deep appreciation for sushi all my life.

My mom used to prepare gigantic sushi dinners for New Year's Eve, and my folks invited over their friends for years. It was always my favorite party that my parents threw. Those dinners got to be too much trouble — *mendokusai*, my mom would grumble — so as my brothers and I grew older, the New Year's sushi blowouts faded.

Luckily for us, mom still makes the best *norimaki* rolls I know, for every family occasion. I stuff roll after roll of the simpler sushi (no, they don't have raw fish in them, Dave) and try to recreate those New Year's dinners in my tummy.

When I'm let loose in a sushi restaurant, I can do major damage to someone's credit card — and I hope it's not mine. I don't just do the basics such as *tekamaki* and *hamachi*. I might order *chirashi*, (sushi in a bowl), or go for slices of sweet cooked egg,

the salmon roll and some of the truly exotic stuff like octopus and eel.

The one type of sushi I don't order is *unagi*, or sea urchin. That's the one type that's too yucky for me. Some Japanese food just has an icky texture, and sea urchin is one of them, even if it is a delicacy.

But keep the other types of sushi coming — yes, even the Americanized specialty rolls (every sushi chef has his own creations). I'll try 'em all. So it's been with some snobbish superiority that I've watched my American friends (and the occasional Nikkei, who amazingly enough has never tried it) go for their first sushi.

To his credit, Dave tried real sushi with an open mind, and came back raving about even eel — he'd jumped a real cultural hurdle, I thought. And, because this was his first time, he really noticed everything about his encounter with real sushi: The flavors, the texture, the cool mix of ingredients that blend together perfectly yet stay separate on your palate.

It made me appreciate sushi all the more. And it made me hungry. Anyone for sushi? ■

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VOICES

Japanese Americans and the Nanking Massacre of 1937

BY CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

Since time immemorial atrocities and war have gone hand in hand with foreign invasions in which the victims were primarily civilians. It was Genghis Khan who said that one of the greatest pleasures he received from war was in noting the use and abuse of women of the defeated countries by the men of his victorious troops.

The Nanking massacre, after the Japanese troops claimed victory over that city in December 1937, was one of the ugliest massacres of helpless people. In Nanking, the invading Japanese troops' behavior shocked the world, but the greatest shock was the behavior of the Japanese commanding officers and the subsequent behavior of the Japanese government in denying the atrocities.

There was ample evidence of the atrocities from witnesses, including foreign residents of Nanking, photos, films, and later confessions by members of the Japanese Army who had participated in the massacre. But there has been no official attempt by the Japanese government to rectify these atrocities with meaningful restitution.

After becoming JACL's national redress chairman in 1977, to seek restitution from the U.S. government for imprisonment in the U.S. concentration camps during World War II, I wanted to see what the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was doing for the Holocaust victims. Once inside the concentration camps, there was obviously no comparison between what happened in Europe and in the U.S. However, in both instances, the inmates were incarcerated behind barbed wire fences and guarded by armed sentries. No wrongs had been committed by the inmates. They were there for only one reason — ancestry.

I called every Jewish organization in San Francisco, but de-

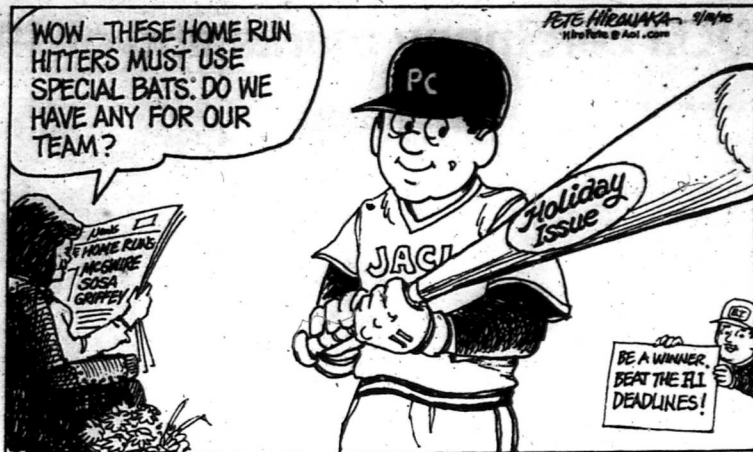
tailed information on the German restitution was not available. I finally called the Jewish consulate. I was then told to call the German consulate, since it was Germany that was paying the money.

The Germans called it "Wiedergutmachung," meaning literally: to make something good again. It was the word used by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany in the payment of compensatory damages to "those who suffered in mind and body, or had been deprived unjustly of their freedom."

The Federal Republic of Germany stated that restitution, both moral and material, for acts committed by the Nazis was one of the most important and urgent obligations of the German people. Germany on her own has substantially increased the original amount of restitution to which she had agreed. The total amount will exceed \$50 billion for the six million Jews who were exterminated by Germany. The U.S. paid \$1.6 billion to 80,000 who were still alive 48 years later when the U.S. Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

There is a moral obligation Japan has to China, which forever will be her immediate neighbor and a country to which she owes much of her culture and learning. Edwin O. Reischauer and George Sansom, the two foremost historians on Japan, have stated that during the Nara period (7th century), one third of the nobility class in Japan traced their ancestors directly to the mainland (China and Korea).

In the latter half of this century, and even more in the 21st century, the world has figuratively shrunk in time and space to where people around the world are all potential neighbors. As Japanese Americans, we live and associate with Chinese Ameri-



Letters to the Editor

Los Angeles' Nisei Week Queen Pageant ceremony

The Nisei Week Queen Pageant — A tradition worth keeping? The question is, why shouldn't we have the opportunity to recognize beauty and poise within the Japanese American culture? It's unfortunate that we have come to a point in our society where the innocent aspect of all things is near extinction. The trend of being politically correct and the scrutinization and analysis of the simplest of concepts by those who have too much time on their hands only divides and weakens our cultural presence. It undermines the efforts and contradicts the purpose behind such cultural events as the Nisei Week Festival by becoming a political platform.

Your article refers to Mei Nakano wishing as a child that someday she too would be beautiful enough to compete — only to realize that as an adult, she didn't measure up to the standards of beauty. Under such closed-minded reasoning, should we discourage children's dreams of becoming the president of the United States because they aren't smart enough? Should we discourage little boys from aspiring to become great athletes or rock stars because they don't measure up? Ms. Nakano needs to remind herself by looking a little deeper inside that part of the wonder and experience of being a child is to have the ability to dream and be inspired with absolutely no boundaries.

In terms of JA identity, 100 percent or 50 percent Japanese makes no difference. Yes, this should be about the "Japanese" people, but to be Japanese in the United States is about being American as well. It is about pride and heritage, but it is equally about assimilation and integration. For anyone who may have forgotten, the key word is "Nisei." There are so many other aspects of our representation within the community that can be developed and improved that it is absurd to focus on the pageantry of the Queen and make it more than what it is — not a subject of analysis, but simply, a festival and a celebration.

Dennis Michael
Los Angeles

Japanese culture across the border

Bill Hosokawa's column about Ha Ling Peak in Canada reminded me of a conversation I had, with a lady we recently met in a

candle factory in Girdwood, Alaska, named Kazuo Cooper. Her grandfather was Manzo Nagano, the first Canadian Japanese. Canada has honored him by naming a mountain after him: Mt. Manzo Nagano. Does anyone know where it is?

My wife and I also stopped in a town in British Columbia named Lillooet. While browsing in their town museum, which has a binder loaded with photographs of Japanese Canadians who were housed near there during World War II, we met another visitor named David Yamamura. He is the director of the Japanese Canadian National Museum & Archive Society in Burnaby, B.C. He was reviewing the binder for information since he and his family had been in Lillooet during the war years. Another item of interest in Lillooet was the Miyazaki House, a historical heritage house that is worth a visit.

If you are going to Canada, you might also want to stop in a town called Hope. It has a small but very nice Japanese garden in the center of town. We had a conversation with a Canadian Nisei who said he had been incarcerated in a camp near Hope where they had to pay \$30 a month for their own lodging! We wondered why such a lovely Japanese garden would be built in Hope. Anyone know the reason?

A final tidbit of information. We stopped at the Klwane B&B on the shore of beautiful Klwane Lake in Yukon territory where we met Josey Sias, a First Nation woman. Josey said she went to school in Vancouver where many of her classmates were Japanese Canadians. Most of the children attended an afterschool Japanese Language program which was open to non-Japanese Canadians. Josey is one of the nicest people you would ever want to meet, so stop at the Klwane B&B on your next trip to Alaska.

Robert Tsuchigami
Santa Rosa, Calif.

"American" is the emphasis in Japanese American

Although as a Hapa person and scholar of Japanese American history, I often disagree with Mika Tanner's opinions, I do appreciate her perspective and voice. However, I feel compelled to write regarding her review of Eric Liu's *The Accidental Asian* (*Pacific Citizen*, Aug. 7-20, 1998.) While I agree that Eric Liu's book is problematic, (the example given of lamenting his straight hair and doing "everything in his power to be the 'atypical' Asian," does, in fact, render his position

uniquely Asian American), his sort of assimilationist thinking and rhetoric has long been recognized as simplistic and a bit predictable.

What I was unprepared for, however, was Tanner's analysis of the text. She writes, "The possibility that people can belong to more than one community, can claim multiple identities — be Japanese American, Asian American and American, for example — does not seem to occur to him." Excuse me? Given her forum, the *Pacific Citizen*, one would think she would be aware of the fact that Japanese Americans and Asian Americans are indeed that — Americans.

The JACL came to the forefront during a period in history when Japanese Americans were not considered Americans. Japanese Americans have suffered through internment because of this sort of differentiation. Japanese Americans have risked and given up their lives to fight in wars to prove their "Americanness," despite their societal exclusion, because of this sort of differentiation.

Popular opinion continues to posit all Asian Americans as alien and foreign, (the aftermath of John Huang comes to mind), and therefore one would not blink over this type of rhetoric spilling out of the likes of Rush Limbaugh. However, as a recipient of the legacies provided to her by those who shed their blood so that she, as a person of Japanese ancestry, would be privileged by all the rights due to all Americans, one would hope that Tanner would be a bit more thoughtful, respectful, and historically literate in her opinions.

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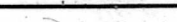
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OBITUARY

Arthur T. Morimitsu, 86, veteran and community leader

CHICAGO—Arthur T. Morimitsu, 86, decorated WWII Veteran, leader in the Japanese American community, and English editor of the *Chicago Shimpō* newspaper died Sept. 1 after a short illness.

Morimitsu served as president of the Japanese American Service Committee from 1981-93. He was past commander of the Chicago Nisei Post No. 1183 of the American Legion and a co-founder of the Chicago Japanese American Council.

In 1942, he volunteered from the Tule Lake Internment center in Calif. for the U.S. Military Intelligence Service and served in the North Burma campaign as an interpreter, questioning prisoners and translating captured documents. After a stint with the office of Strategic Services in India and North China, he was assigned to the Tokyo War Crimes Trials; he was awarded the Bronze Star for his military service.

After discharge he resettled in Chicago and married Virginia, his wife for more than 50 years. In 1996, he was honored by the leadership of the Evangelical Covenant Church with the Theodore W. Anderson award as outstanding layman of the year.

Morimitsu was a member of the Japanese American Association

of Chicago, the Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago, served on the City of Chicago's Senior Citizens' Advisory Board and Commission on Veteran Affairs, and was appointed to serve on the Illinois Volunteer Advisory Board.

He was the midwest chairman of the "Go For Broke/MIS" National Nisei veterans organization and championed the campaign for Redress. He served on the organizing committee for Chicago's Welcome Home Parade after Operation Desert Storm and was raising funds for the proposed National Japanese American Memorial Park in Washington, D.C., at the time of his death.

In 1984, the government of Japan conferred upon him the Order of Sacred Treasure (Fifth Class) for his contributions to the development of the Japanese American community and furtherance of Japanese and U.S. relations. He was inducted into the Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame, and was named JACLer of the Biennium during the 1990 national JACL convention for his role in getting veteran support for the redress campaign.

Morimitsu is survived by his twin daughters Kathryn and Carolyn and son Philip, his father Frank Kenichi (age 111), brother George, sisters Hatsue Tashiro, Mary Iwaoka, Hannah Ogawa, and many nieces and nephews. He will be interred at the Arlington Cemetery Columbarium in Washington, D.C. ■



MORIMITSU

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Adachi, Richard Rooklee, 79, San Mateo, Aug. 12; survived by brother Kenichi, Saeko and Elchi; sisters Chiyo and Fumi Masumiya.

Babcock, Minoru "Mino", 62, Los Angeles, Aug. 15; survived by wife Yoko; sons Glen and Eric; daughter Laura Brevard; brothers Jun (Stockton) and Shigetomo; mother-in-law Katsuko Watanabe; sisters-in-law Masako Okamura and Sadako Fukuzawa and their husbands; 3 gc.

Fujiwara, Andy, 71, Aug. 15; survived by sons Robert, Ron and Dan; daughter Nancy Codina; sisters Teri Sentschi, Kit and Ellen.

Funakoshi, Alice Haruka, 91, Sacramento, Aug. 1; survived by son Tadashi; daughter Norma Yumiyo Ono; 2 grand-nephews Toshio Ono; 6 gc.

Funatsu, Bill Shinzo, 67, Monterey Park, Aug. 13; survived by wife Clara; son Ray and his wife Carolyn; daughter Sandy and her husband Tim Taylor.

Hanada, Patricia, 55, Half Moon Bay, Aug. 16, Poston-born; survived by husband Tsutomu Bent; son Kevin; daughter Karen; sisters Lillian Izumi and Annette Kanno; niece Lisa Izumi.

Iga, Mamoru, Northridge, July 25; survived by wife Maylee; daughter Charlotte.

Ike, Fumi, 69, Gardena, Aug. 10, Seattle-born; survived by husband Toshio; sons Jesse and Darin and their wives; daughters Marcia Tokufuji and Heidi Goe and their husbands; sister Ami Nagahori; brother Keiji Ariyazu; 7 gc.

Inouye, Helen Tokiye, 85, Sun Valley, Id., Aug. 3; survived by daughter Anne and her husband Nick Mellis; son Robert and his wife Irene; 2 brothers; 2 sisters; 2 gc.

Inouye, Nagisa, 71, Lomita, Aug. 3; survived by husband Tomochi; son Donald; daughters Sandra and Cindy Grove; brothers Kazuo Kawaguchi and Kenji Kimura; sister Saeko Kubokawa; 2 gc.

Jyono, Miyoshii, 84, Lodi, N.J., Aug. 16; survived by sons Bob and his wife Maria, Harry and Earl; brothers Tak and Yas Yamashita; 2 gc.

Kakazu, Sachiko, 67, Los Angeles, Aug. 7, Hawaii-born; survived by daughter Gladys Yamamoto (Hawaii); grandson Ronald (Hawaii); great-grandchild Kimberly (Hawaii).

Kanshige, Mark Masahiro, 31, Los Angeles, Aug. 14; survived by father Mark Masaaki and mother Jo Ann Yuriko; brothers Jason Masaji and Martin Kiyoshi; sisters Jennifer Yoko and Juliet Seyuri; grandmother Chiyoko Kaka.

Kawamoto, Susumu, 78, resident of Westbury, N.Y., June 30; survived by wife Emiko; son Keith (Culver City); daughters Susan Ahern and Sharon McKenna and their husbands; 5 gc.

Kawamura, Fumie, 84, Glendale, funeral services held on July 30; survived by sons Ernest, Edwin and George; daughters Amy Abe, Mavis Taniguchi, Doris Kamihara, Beverly Yoshida and Jane Oshiro; brother Hitomi Yabuki; sisters Sadako Yabuki and Imae Kuramizu; daughter-in-law Tokie; 14 gc, 20 ggc.

Kinoshita, Shizu, 96, Berkeley, Aug. 1; survived by daughter Sachiko Kume; sons Isamu and Shigeo; predeceased by husband Mataji and son Toshiko Otsuka.

Kitano, Mildred, 93, San Francisco, July 31; survived by sons Hisashi, George Furukawa, Jack Furukawa, Kazumi Furukawa and Jimmy Furukawa; gc, ggc.

Kiyonaga, Mitsuko, 71, Gardena, July 31; survived by husband Dr. Jack Ichiro; daughter Colette Olson; grandchild Kiyota.

Kohatsu, Tomiko, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 1; Hawaii-born; survived by husband Kenneth; sons Irv, Wayne and Steven; daughters Harriet Furuya, Gail Ballone, Eunice McDuffee, Dottie Hawkins and Lois Kato; sister Ruth Kobayashi; 6 gc.

Kosaka, Minoru, 78, Los Angeles, July 30; survived by sons Terry and Darryl; brother George; sisters Yaeiko Hamabata, Yuriko Yagi and Betty Tanaka; 3 gc.

Kotaka, George Masaru, 83, San Mateo, Aug. 8; survived by son Steven (Malibu); daughter Linda Spence; 2 gc.

Kurdo, Jack T., 83, Seattle, June 27; survived by wife Ruth; children Jan Tanabe and Kenneth Kudo; brother Masako Uno and sister Jeanne Goshio; 2 gc.

Kurata, Shin, 95, Seattle, July 9; survived by daughter Annie; son George; grandson Ken.

Masuda, May Ayako, 73, Westminster, Md., Aug. 12; survived by husband Noriyuki; daughters Julie and Janie; son Johnny; grandchildren John Harvey, Leanne Harvey and Leslie Masuda; 1 ggc.

Mochizuki, Tautomu "Jumbo", 79, Hermosa Beach; veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; survived by wife Fumiko; daughter Carol Kiyoko; sons David Teruo and Jon Alan and their wives; brothers Tami and Koji; brother-in-law Hiroshi Asakawa; sisters-in-law Itsuko Shimizu and Misa Hatake-da; 2 gc.

Nagano, Tyrus Ichiji, 83, Los Angeles, Aug. 2; Canada-born; survived by sister Junko Morisaku; brothers Jack Kiyoshi and Paul Makoto.

Nakagawa, James Haruo, 64, Carson, Aug. 12; survived by son Marc and his wife Shawna; daughter Pana Armstrong and her husband Richard; mother Ann; 2 gc.

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Nakauchi, Isao Jim, 80, Altadena, Aug. 10; survived by sons Steve and his wife Yoko and Dennis and his wife Bea; daughters Janet, Terry and her husband Tony Mendez and Bonnie and her husband Richard Herrera; 14 gc, 2 ggc.

Norio, Toyo, 95, Huntington Beach, Aug. 2; survived by husband Koichi; sons Art Masao and Dick Yukio; daughters Sumie Onodera and Betty Hisako; 11 gc, 4 ggc.

Nomura, Paul H., 75, Seattle, July 8; survived by wife Kinko; daughter Pamela; 1 gc; predeceased by brother Richard.

Oda, Shizuo, 67, West Covina, Aug. 3, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Clara Yuriko; sons Kenneth, Russell and Mitchell; daughters Kathleen, Lynn and Carolyn; 6 gc.

Oishi, Ritsuo, 90, Los Angeles, July 31, Japan-born; survived by sons Ronald and Paul; sister-in-law Miyo Abo; 4 gc.

Oldnaga, Chiyo Mary, 103, San Francisco, Aug. 13; survived by nephew Masao Ihara and his wife Yoshiko Kawamoto; grandchildren Akira Saito and Sadayoshi Oldnaga.

Okubo, Mitsuno, 95, Artesia, July 29; survived by son George; sisters Hanako Kurashita, Yuriko Nishimura and Yasuno Hayashi; 3 gc.

Onaga, Thomas Tomokazu, 43, Montebello, Aug. 16; survived by mother Elko; sisters Carolyn and Georgina; brother James.

Otani, Heishiro, 86, Palos Verdes, Aug. 3; survived by wife Chisato; son George Joji; daughters Kay Keiko and Joyce Naomi; nephews Kensaku, Tomio and Yoneiro Ito; niece Tomiko Ando; sister-in-law Michi Kusakabe (Japan); 2 gc.

Rutt, Eugene F., 69, San Francisco, July 16; survived by wife Emiko; brothers Lawrence and Clarence; niece Chizuko Arai.

Sakai, Henry Ken, 84, Riverside, July 12.

Sakai, Walter Takao, 60, San Marino, Aug. 11; survived by wife Akemi; sons Kenichi Michael and Koji Steven; brother Stanley Takayuki (Hawaii); sister Jean Takako Baufista and her husband (Hawaii); sisters-in-law Hisae Minsaki and Chieko Takahashi (both of Japan).

Saidoka, Isel, 82, Westminster, Md., Aug. 3; survived by sons Hirochika and Masaru; daughters June Junko Kageyama, Sachiko Suzuki, Sumi Nishikawa and Setsuko Kling; 13 gc.

Shikida, Robyn Mariko, 30, Westminster, Md., Aug. 11, Los Angeles-born; survived by parents Wayson T. and Leatrice M. Shikida; brother Duane; sister Leslie; grandmothers Haruko and Nancy Fujioka.

Shimoguchi, Tai, 74, Hawthorne, Aug. 3; survived by son Wayne; brothers Yasuo and Sam; nieces Jeanne, Maya and Linda; nephews Sei and Ty; sister-in-law Tazu.

Shiozaki, Kinbe, 93, Monterey Park, July 27; survived by sons Mitz and Roy; daughters Nori Sugita and Hideko

Skeen; 6 gc, 3 ggc.

Shitara, Ed K., 58, Chino Hills, Aug. 2, Long Beach-born; survived by wife Sue; daughter Kelle; son Jonathan; mother May; brothers Kenneth, Fred, Isao and Thomas.

Soraoka Mitsuko, 78, Torrance, Aug. 12; survived by brother Sei Dyo; sister Kow Takata.

Sugi, Robert Yudo, 55, Buellhead City, Ariz., July 28; Norwalk resident; survived by son Robert and his wife Diona; daughter April Hubert and her husband Donald; mother Mary Katow; brother Richard; 2 gc.

Sumoge, Utako Billy, 71, Downey resident, Aug. 1; survived by husband Fred; brothers Teru Tambara, Kyo Tambara (Japan) and Teru Tambara; sisters Sadaye Tambara and Toshi Kamidori.

Sunada, Yoshito, 82, Fresno, Aug. 12; survived by wife Masuyee; sons John Shizuo and Sam Mitsuru; daughter Nancy Mayumi; brothers Takumi and Toshimi; sister Yukino Hamada; 6 gc.

Takimoto, Masuko, 93, Hiroshima-born, Aug. 9; survived by daughters Martha Kay Suyetsugu, Elsie Michiko Dozhen and Frances Okabe; sister Tsuneko Ebimoto (Japan); brother Yoshio Tagawa (Japan); 9 gc, 12 ggc.

Tanaka, Momoyo, 86, Kauai, Aug. 8; survived by daughters Elaine Beatson and Mae Kakuichi; 2 gc.

Torii, Francis Seichi, Aug. 2; survived by wife Michiko; sons John, Jim, Mark and Tommy; daughters Frances and Cathy; 7 gc.

Uba, Hideo, Los Angeles, July 24; survived by wife Lillian; sons Greg, Grant and Alan; brothers Mahito and Toshio; sister Miyeko Yokoyama; 4 gc.

Uchida, Satohi, 94, Japan, June 12; San Francisco resident; survived by wife Toshiko; daughters Yasuko Takagi, Katsuko Hirota, Haruko Hummel and Elko Saito; brother Takashi; sister Aiko; 7 gc.

Watanabe, Fumika, 100, Gardena, Aug. 12; survived by sons Akira, James and Paul (Chicago); daughters Ruth Shinguo and Nancy Tokuku Nagai; daughter-in-law Nancy; 14 gc, 16 ggc, 19 ggc.

Yago, Taka, 91, Oakland, Aug. 3; survived by grandson Steven Murakami; granddaughter Pauline Jang; son-in-law Noboru Murakami; 4 ggc. ■

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE ARIYASU, O.D. NORTHIDGE, Calif.—George Ariyasu, 76, passed away August 24. Dr. Ariyasu was an optometrist who practiced in the San Fernando Valley since 1952. He is survived by his wife Bettie; daughters Linda and Sheryl; sons Dr. Reginald (Mayme) and Dr. Laurence; granddaughter Ashley; sisters Kay (Henry) Takemori of Phoenix, Yoshie Kato of Camarillo, Mitsuko (Eli) Kitade of Sacramento, Natsuko and Harry Kawakami of Redondo Beach; brothers Mas (Maxine) of Santa Monica, Bob (Joan) of Sacramento, Yosh (Fumi) of Montebello, and Jim (Judy) of Santa Monica and many nieces and nephews. A private memorial service was held at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

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UCLA Establishes Center for EthnoCommunications

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Don Nakanishi, director of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, has unveiled the establishment of their new Center for EthnoCommunications (EthnoCom), which will be headed by Film and Television Professor Robert A. Nakamura.

"As a filmmaker and educator, Prof. Nakamura has been committed to documenting the Asian Pacific American community for over thirty years," states Nakanishi. "He has now taken this bold step to institutionalize his ideas and ideals about visual ethnography at UCLA."

According to Nakanishi, EthnoCom's innovative approach to linking scholars, students, and community-based individuals and groups signals the newest, interdisciplinary direction for the Southland campus.

Among EthnoCom's primary goals are the development of an EthnoCommunications specialization in both the Asian American Studies undergraduate and master's degree programs and, in the future, the establishment of an interdepartmental EthnoCommunications degree program.

EthnoCom is also in the process of establishing a UC-wide network, with hopes to stimulate similar studies and projects

among campuses and their adjacent ethnic communities and later form the core unit of a proposed National EthnoCommunications Consortium.

Commenting on the principle thrust of the newly formed center, Nakamura stated, "In times of great change, I feel we must develop authentic mutual images of each other to better communicate and educate across communities. It is my hope that our involvement with developing mutual images of diverse ethnic and racial communities in America will contribute to the vital dialogue on race, gender, and class for the future. To my knowledge, EthnoCommunications is the first institution in the nation to link ethnic studies and ethnographic techniques with emerging media technology." Nakamura and collaborator Karen Ishizuka's most recent video installations are featured in the Japanese American National Museum's current exhibit on Japanese American's in Hawaii.

According to Russell Leong, who will edit EthnoCom's media studies journal and other publications, "We plan to launch several major projects this year. The first is an Asian Pacific American arts education project which will focus around curriculum development and documentation of APA arts

and artists. Our 'Communities in Transition' project will center on the visual documentation and research of new and emerging Asian Pacific communities which heretofore have been neglected by the mainstream. In our 'Life Lines' program we plan to adapt new technology to more traditional oral history techniques to document life histories of APA people, places and issues." Leong, who edits UCLA's *Amerasia Journal*, also served as editor for "Moving the Image," a pioneering work on independent Asian Pacific American film.

EthnoCom will draw from many community media and Ethnic Studies specialists including UCLA video ethnography instructor and independent filmmaker John Esaki; editor and teacher, Asian American Studies, Glenn Omatu; history professor Valerie Matsumoto; professor of film and television and director of the Critical Studies program Teshome Gabriel; and Asian American Studies graduate student Leslie Ito, who will head EthnoCom's Community Arts Documentation program.

The Center for EthnoCommunications can be contacted at 3229 Campbell Hall, UCLA, phone 310/206-8889, fax 310/206-9844. ■

TOKYO—Recently, garbage has become a problem child for Japan, as lack of landfill space and high disposal costs have forced handlers into illegal dumping. To bypass certain international restrictions and waste control laws, businessmen of late have had to seek alternate courses of action. What have they resorted to? Since shipping material overseas as waste is unlawful, exporting it as "saleable" goods is a safer, marginally legal, way of getting rid of the debris, and thus it is becoming an increasingly popular method. Though ethically and environmentally suspect, hundreds of thousands of tons of recyclable waste is being shipped to be used by neighboring Asian countries, such as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and North Korea. It was to wonder in this case whether one man's trash is really another man's treasure.

TOKYO—Post-Tamagochi, the newest fad in Japan is called the "Lovegety," a device which, similar to our egg-shaped friend, comes in a compact oval shape and is conveniently strung on a silver keychain. The Lovegety, however, is not for those who seemed to have displaced their maternal instincts onto a little plastic casing but, rather, for those who are in dire need of a date. Yes, that's right; the Lovegety is geared towards shy singles who might not otherwise meet if not for the flashing and beeping emitted when the blue (the male's) comes within ten yards of the pink (the female's). Three modes, including "talk" and "get," identify the intentions of its owner without coming across as too forward. Plans are to start distributing this device in the United States, and if Tamagochi was any indication, the Lovegety is

sure to be a hit.

TOKYO—Lately, it seems that wedding-hall woes have plagued the bridal industry. The Japan Bridal Business Promotion Association (JBBPA), responsible for the reservation of facilities, has reported an unfortunate increase in last-minute cancellations by prospective brides and grooms, more than half of which are due to broken engagements. Before a recent cancellation policy was implemented, this phenomenon was causing quite a stir especially because of sometimes serious disputes which erupted between wedding-hall clerks and customers over unpaid cancellation charges not mentioned in advance. Really, what people must go through just to never reach the altar.

PENDLETON, Ore.—First, it was heroin chic. Now, prison chic? Apparently, that concept is an integral part of the marketing campaign recently launched by the Portland-based Yoshida Group, a private corporation which has come up with a line of jeans sardonically called Prison Blues after the convicts at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute who make them. Developed to give prisoners practical skills and to expose them to a stable working environment, this program also serves as a source of revenue for the state of Oregon. A popular staple among farmers, loggers and construction workers, the jeans will soon become available to a wider audience of buyers as distribution expansion is in the works. Luckily, all parties involved in this enterprise retain a sense of humor, continuing to print slogans such as "Wear them Out" and "Sentenced to Life on Planet Earth." ■—Tracy Uba



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stream movie scene. His work with renowned actor Toshiro Mifune, who died last December at age 77, not only reflected Kurosawa's vision and stylistic skill, fusing classic Japanese themes with a western flair, but made Mifune one of the most recognizable Asian faces in movies today.

Kurosawa's wife, Yoko Yaguchi, who passed away in 1985, was also an actor. She starred in his second film *The Most Beautiful* (1944) before retiring and marrying the director.

Kurosawa is survived by his son, Hisao, also a director, and daughter, Kazuko, who were with him at the time of his death. They called his passing "as peaceful as if he were going to sleep." ■

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the [internment] story to a wider audience."

For Uyebara, a former Rohwer, Ark., internee, two Japanese adjectives summarize the redress movement: *gambare*, to persevere under trying conditions, and *ongaeishi*, to remember those who have given to you. "We must remember and pass on the lessons of incarceration. The purpose is to protect those without power and to ensure the tragedy that happened to us never repeats itself. Justice depends on the willingness to keep the Constitution of the United States strong and responsive to all Americans."

"This is something that has to continue," she said. "Unless we tell the story, someday it could happen again. There's a responsibility to share our experience and how we overcame."

"Already today I'm feeling the void of no more redress," said Kiyoshima, who's dedicated the past two decades to ensuring that the legacy of the JA internment is never forgotten. She knows there still is much more educational work to do.

She continues to travel to various speaking engagements telling her internment story. Two years ago she spoke at Purdue University at an event full of professors and state representatives. Afterwards, many approached her, conveying their surprise to find out that America had its own concentration camps.

"If you feel something is right, you should persevere," said Kiyoshima. "Don't be like the Nisei. You have to speak up. Because [redress] became such a great success, it is a great lesson for the younger people." ■