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Bataan Veterans Protest Proposed Japanese Internment Camp Marker

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA FE, N.M.—It doesn't sound like a big deal: a bronze plaque on a boulder at the edge of a dusty park where dogs run. But to a handful of World War II veterans the proposal to mark the site of a long-ago internment camp for Japanese Americans is a bitter affront.

"Why can't they wait till I'm dead?" asks 88-year-old Manuel Armijo, who survived the brutal Bataan death march and 3 1/2 years as a Japanese prisoner. "It just opens up old wounds. And it hurts."

Armijo was among 1,800 young New Mexicans sent during WWII to the Philippines—half of whom died.

In his hometown, a city that proudly promotes its rich, varied history, the internment camp for "enemy aliens"—United States residents who were Japanese—is barely a footnote.

Nothing marks the 28-acre site, now an established residential neighborhood. No exhibit or archive tells the story of the camp, run by the federal government from 1942-46.

Thomas Chavez, director of the Palace of the Governors, the state's history museum, decided a couple of years ago to rectify the omission. "It's history. It's what I should do," Chavez says.

He set up a committee that did some research and eventually recommended a plaque at a city park on a hilltop overlooking the site. Private donations would pay for it. The city council is soon to vote on the future of the plaque.

"This marker is placed here as a reminder that history is a valuable teacher only if we do not forget our past," is part of the proposed wording.

More than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry, most of them U.S. citizens, were removed from their homes on the West Coast and from parts of Hawaii and taken to internment camps during WWII. Most of the camps were located in the West.

The federal government in 1988 formally apologized for the treatment and has paid at least \$1.6 billion in reparations.

The Santa Fe camp, operated by the Justice Department and surrounded by barbed wire, was largely for Japanese-born men who were professionals and community leaders, and therefore considered more of a threat. Some had lived in the United States for decades, but under federal law could not become

citizens.

More than 4,500 people passed through the camp. They were not soldiers, nor prisoners of war. But some Bataan veterans, still bitter after a half-century, contrast the internment treatment to their own. They note that the Santa Fe camp had a farm, a garden, recreational facilities, classes and a theater group.

When Japan overran the Philippines and U.S. forces surrendered on the Bataan peninsula in April 1942, sick and starving soldiers were forced to march 65 miles in the hot sun. Denied food and water, they were beaten—and some were killed—if they fell out of line. The cruelty continued in prison camps.

"When I surrendered I weighed about 160 pounds. Within three months, I went to 72 pounds," says Arthur Smith, 80.

Smith says he opposes the plaque because he wants to forget his war experiences. But he is surrounded by memorabilia.

The walls of his home in Casa Solana neighborhood—the site of the camp—are lined with photos, maps, and medals. He keeps a list of his surviving war buddies, crossing their names out with a pink marker when they die. Even his 1945 wedding picture is a reminder; his bride's dress was made from a parachute used in a food drop after he and other POWs were freed.

Dr. Gus Tanaka's father was picked up in Portland, Ore., the night Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, and ended up in the Santa Fe camp.

"I can fully understand the bitterness, and my heart bleeds for what these guys went through," says Tanaka. "I really feel ashamed of the way Japan treated the Bataan veterans."

But Tanaka said the treatment of the Bataan veterans is a separate matter from the historical significance of the Santa Fe site.

"I think that they're confusing two issues," says Tanaka, a retired general surgeon in Ontario, Ore.

Before Tanaka was drafted into the U.S. Army, he was held with his family in other detention camps. They were discriminatory, he said, but he understands what led to their creation.

And while he supports a historical marker, he wouldn't want it to hint at any criticism of the U.S. government's actions during WWII.

"In war, our nation has not only a legal right but a responsibility to protect its citizenry, whether it's ill conceived or not," Tanaka said. ■

Capital Ground Broken for 'Memorial to Patriotism'

By ASSOCIATED PRESS and Pacific Citizen Staff

WASHINGTON—Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt recalled "a sad chapter" in U.S. history on Oct. 22 as he joined more than 300 people in breaking ground near the Capitol for a memorial to Japanese Americans who were interned or fought during World War II.

Standing before banners naming the camps where more than 115,000 JAs were interned, Babbitt delivered a statement from President Clinton.

"It is a tragic reality," Clinton said, "that during World War II many Japanese American families were placed in internment camps during a sad chapter in our nation's history. Rising above the indignity and discrimination of that experience, Japanese Americans volunteered by the thousands to serve in the military to defend our country, and in fighting against tyranny abroad as well as prejudice at home, they set an inspiring example of patriotism for all Americans."

One of those who volunteered stood with Babbitt at the groundbreaking: Sen. Daniel K.

Inouye (D-Hawaii). He said in an interview that he was living about five miles away on Dec. 7, 1941, the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, a 17-year-old listening to the radio before going to church.

"Suddenly the disc jockey began screaming, 'The Japanese are bombing us ... the Japanese

managed to throw grenades into three machine gun nests, saving his unit. He got the Distinguished Service Cross, spent two years in Army hospitals and was discharged a captain."

"Japanese Americans can be proud of their own profound and lasting contributions to our national lot. This memorial honors

those suffering and sacrifices ... and compels us to learn from mistakes of the past," the Clinton statement said.

Groundbreakers representing the tens of thousands in the WWII American internment camps were:

Paul Bannai (Redondo Beach, Calif.), Masaaki Moriguchi (Seattle), Tule Lake; Joanne Iritani (Sacramento), Poston; Masaji Inoshita (Glendale, Calif.), Gila River; Bacon Sakamoto, (West Covina, Calif.), Heart Mountain; Ronald Shiozaki (Gardena, Calif.), Minidoka; Barry Saiki (Stockton), Rohwer; Ellen Nakamura, née Ayako Noguchi, (Pittsboro, N.J.), Jerome; Peter Okada, (Kirkland, Wash.), Amache; Daiyu Uyeda (San Francisco), Topaz.

Honorary color guards representing the thousands of Nisei volunteers and service men and women from Hawaii and the camps were: Alfred Y. Arakaki

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PHOTO BY: HARVEY K. HOFER

At attention at the historic groundbreaking with a shovel in their hands are (from left) Paul Bannai, Ron Shiozaki, Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt, Joanne Iritani, Barry Saiki, Daisy Setoda, Tomio Moriguchi and Masaji Inoshita. On line but missed were groundbreakers to the left: Peter Okada, Masaji Inoshita, Ellen Nakamura and Bacon Sakamoto.

are bombing us," he recalled. "We went out in the street and saw the black puffs in the sky and knew they were explosive charges. Nonexplosive charges just gave white puffs."

Inouye led a platoon of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the first JA unit authorized. In Italy's Po Valley two days before the European war ended, enemy fire shattered his right arm and wounded him in the legs and stomach, but he

Lawmakers Drop Hate-Crimes Bill

By ASSOCIATED PRESS and Pacific Citizen Staff

WASHINGTON—Lawmakers working on a compromise spending bill dropped provisions that would have expanded federal hate crimes to include those motivated by a victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability.

House-Senate bargainers crafting a compromise version of the wide-ranging bill—a process dominated by majority Republicans—jettisoned the hate-crimes provisions.

"That was one elephant too much for this box constrictor," said Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.).

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (Consortium) and its affiliates, the Asian Law Caucus (ALC), the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC), expressed disappointment at the news that Republicans blocked the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999 from passage.

"The Republican leadership is building a record of strong bias against issues of import for racial and religious minorities and

women," said Karen Narasaki, executive director of the Consortium. "They have blocked confirmation of Bill Lenn Lee, an acting assistant attorney general who has been leading the charge against hate crimes at the Justice Department. They have blocked confirmation of minority federal judges. And now, they're protecting criminals who assault and kill victims because of their race, gender, religion, disability and sexual orientation."

"Over this past year hate crimes have headlined national newspapers too many times," said AALDEF Executive Director Margaret Fung. "Congress dropped the ball in the fight against hate crimes."

"The Asian Pacific American community suffered losses of three Asian men to particularly brutal hate crimes in the past six months," said Jose Lucero, executive director of ALC. "The victims' families and their communities have been dealt with another blow with this legislative defeat."

Stewart Kwok, executive director of APALC, said, "The public demands a Congress who responsibly leads when a national issue like hate crimes cries out for attention."

In July, the Senate without debate included hate-crimes legislation in a \$35 billion measure financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State for fiscal 2000. The House version of the spending bill did not contain the provisions.

Asked if he had assumed in July that the hate-crime provisions would be dropped in negotiations with the House, Gregg said, "I was trying to get a bill off the floor. Sometimes you presume certain things will happen and let it go."

The overall bill faces a likely veto by President Clinton because of disputes with Republicans over spending for hiring police officers and other issues. But the White House seems unlikely to demand a restoration of the hate-crimes language as a condition for signing the measure, said Democrats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Critics of proposals to expand the scope of the hate-crimes laws—including many conservatives—have said such legislation creates special classes of citizens who are already protected by state laws against violence.

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JACL Calendar

Eastern

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., Nov. 6-Quarterly Meeting; at Seabrook Senior Center. Info: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sat., Nov. 6-Annual Chapter Holiday Fair; see Community Calendar.

Sat., Nov. 20-General Meeting, everyone welcome; 2-4 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 1573 E. 214th St., Euclid; topic: "Hate Crimes Against Asians." Info: Gary Yano, 440/327-9969.

DETROIT

Mon., Nov. 1-Trip to the Holocaust Museum in West Bloomfield, Mich., 10 a.m.; lunch to follow.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat., Jan. 29, 2000-Save the date! Seattle JACL installation dinner; speaker, Martha Choe; M.C. Lori Matsukawa; Doubletree Suites, Tukwila; tickets available in December.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., Nov. 7-District Council Meeting, at the State Capitol, Sacramento; two special programs: Hate Crimes Workshop with members of the FBI and Sacramento Police Dept., and introduction of Gov. Davis' Asian

American appointees; sponsored by the Speaker of the House.

BERKELEY

Wed., Nov. 3-Day trip with JASEB Senior Center; musical performance of "Sunset Boulevard" with Petula Clark at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco. RSVP: Info: JASEB, 510/883-1106 or 510/848-3560.

FLORIDA

Thurs., Nov. 18-1999 Florin JACL Installation Dinner; 6 p.m.; Mayflower Chinese Cuisine, 3022 L St. RSVP by Nov. 12. Info: Sue Hida, 916/429-2579.

Fri., Nov. 12-Deadline for California students to apply for April 13-14, 2000, Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Conference in Sacramento. Info: Sue Hida, 916/429-2579.

FREMONT

Fri., Oct. 29-Bingo; Info: Diane Endo, 925/648-0467.

Wed., Nov. 3-Dinner to honor Ted T. Inouye; see Community Calendar. 6:30 no-host cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner; Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St., Oakland; co-sponsored by JASEB. RSVP by Oct. 27: JASEB, 510/848-3560.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., Nov. 13-50th Anniversary Celebration, Installation Banquet, "Honoring Our Roots"; Congressman Robert Matsui, keynote speaker; chapter and district histories in words and pictures; special chapter and district awards. RSVP: Info: CDC office, 559/486-8515.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

ATLANTA

Through Nov. 5-Exhibits, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," and "Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers"; The William Brennan Jewish Heritage Museum, 1440 Spring St. NW; both exhibits developed by the Japanese American National Museum. Info, hours: 404/873-1661.

Nov. 4-6, 8-13-Exhibit, "Sachiko Torok: Hand-coiled Bizen Pottery"; The Nippon Gallery, 145 W. 57th St. Info: Asian Pacific Institute Coalition on HIV/AIDS (AICHA), 212/620-0487.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Through Nov. 30-Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Smithsonian Institution, Arts & Industry Bldg.; developed by the Japanese American National Museum. Info: 800/461-5266.

The Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sat., Nov. 6-Annual Chapter Holiday Fair; 3-5 p.m.; Euclid Central Middle School, 20701 Euclid Ave. near Chardon Rd.; admission free; food, bake sale, arts & crafts, Ikebana, raffle, door prizes, silent auction, Japanese songs, Sho-Jo-Ji dancers, martial arts, etc. Info: Hazel Asamoto, 216/921-2976.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND

Through Jan. 15-Exhibit, "Determined to Succeed: Oregon's Issei," Fridays & Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays, noon-3 p.m.; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave. Info: 503/224-1458.

SEATTLE

Through Jan. 2-Exhibit, "Painted With Light: Pictorialism and the Seattle Camera Club"; Seattle Art Museum, 100 University St.; photos from the 1920s by mostly Japanese American photographers. Info, schedules: 206/654-3100.

Through April 2000-Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sat., Nov. 13-Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group Meeting; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Info: Terry Yamashita 510/237-2231, Takako White, 510/238-1524.

FREMONT

Fri., Oct. 29-JACL Bingo; Info: Diane Endo, 925/648-0467.

dinner; Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St., Oakland Chinatown; co-sponsored by JASEB. Info: Diane Endo, 925/648-0467.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Sun., Nov. 7-Nikkei Widowed Group monthly meeting, 1 p.m.; men and women are welcome. Info: Tets Ihara, 415/221-4568, Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Oct. 31-Sunday movie matinee, "Naked Island," starring Otowa Hirokiyu, 1:30 p.m.; San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Clement St. Info: Roz Enomoto, 415/343-2793.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 29-31-Annual East-West Orchid Show, 10 a.m.-5 or 6 p.m.; New Otani Hotel and Garden. Info: Simone Friend, 714/593-4413, <www.orchidshow.org>.

Sat., Oct. 30-Seminar, "Alzheimer's and Dementia: Concerns in the Japanese American Community," 1-3 p.m.; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena; translation will be provided. Info: Karen Chomori Uyeakawa, 213/894-3235.

Mon., Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 14-Visual Communications "Monday Nite VC," 7:30; Union Center for the Arts, 1200 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Free admission. Program Info: 213/680-4462, ext. 25, <http://viscomapanet.org>.

Tues., Nov. 4-Japan America Society Leadership Series, "A Comparison Between Japanese and American Corporate Governance," noon-1:30 p.m.; Jonathan Club, 545 S. Figueroa St.; speaker, Iwao Tomita, senior advisor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. RSVP by Nov. 2: 213/6217 ext. 17.

Fri., Nov. 5-California Association of Humana Relations Organizations (CAHRO) civil rights awards dinner, (Paul Shigekuni, longtime JACLer, to be honored; 6:30 p.m.; Wyndham Hotel at LAX, 6225 W. Century Blvd.; discount to JACL members and students. Info: Beth Au, JACL-PSW office, 213/626-4471.

Fri., Nov. 5-UCLA Asian American Studies Center 30th Anniversary Benefit Dinner and Reunion, 5:30 reception/reunion, 7 p.m. dinner; Hotel Inter-Continental, 251 S. Olive; keynote speaker, Morgan Chu, M.C. Trilla Toyota. Info: Kathy Kim, 310/825-2628, e-mail: <dhenrich@ucla.edu>.

Fri., Nov. 5-Screening & discussion, "After America... After Japan," with the filmmaker, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Japan Foundation & Language Center Main Hall, 2425 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica. RSVP by Nov. 3: 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 5 & 6, 12 & 13, Sun., Nov. 14-Performances, "Maps of City & Body" by Denise Uyehara; High-

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., Oct. 30-District Council Quarterly Meeting, Las Vegas. Info: PSW office, 213/626-4471.

Fri., Nov. 5-CAHRO dinner to honor Paul Shigekuni; see Community Calendar.

GREATER LA SINGLES

Fri., Nov. 12-Meeting/program, 8 p.m.; Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd.; "Stop Worrying, Start Laughing" with speaker Yvonne Beck, certified L.A. area manager for the Smart Works seminars. Info: Louise Salamonte, 310/327-3169.

LAS VEGAS

Fri.-Sun., Dec. 10-12-Las Vegas Crap Shoot Golf Caper. Info: Kaz Mayeda, 9708 Craighead Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89117, phone 702/256-0314. ■

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ways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica; commissioned by the Asian Theater Workshop Schedules, reservations: 310/315-1459.

Sat., Nov. 6-Panel Discussion, "A Few Friendly Voices," 1 p.m.; James Hirabayashi, Ph.D., moderator. Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Nov. 6-Fall Frolic benefit dance: ESGV Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina; two-step disco lessons at 7, dancing till 11 p.m. RSVP: Info: Barbara, 626/810-1505.

Sun., Nov. 7-Reading and book-signing, "Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story," with author Ken Mochizuki, 1 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Tues., Nov. 9-California Japan Forum and Luncheon, "Manufacturing in the New Global Economy," with Toyota Motor Corp. Hon. Chairman Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; The Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills. Info: Japan America Society 213/627-6217 ext. 18.

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 12-13-National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) annual convention; Bonaventure Hotel. Info: 213/437-4610.

Through December 15-Exhibit, "Pre Y2K Selected Works" by Yoshio C. Nakamura; Mountain View Memorial Gallery, 2300 N. Maunalo Ave., Alhambra. Info, exhibit hours: Alice Bell, 626/794-7133 ext. 272.

ORANGE COUNTY

Sun., Nov. 21-Program, "Japan and World War II: The Search for Justice," 12 noon-4 p.m.; Whittier Law School, 3333 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa; Teresa Watanabe, Los Angeles Times, moderator; free admission; presented by the Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Association and International Law Society of Whittier Law School. Info: Anna Lisa Biazon, 800/808-8188 ext. 412, <www.law.whittier.edu>.

SAN DIEGO

Nov. 12-21-Play, "False Impressions," by playwright Lisa Asanuma, age 13. Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park. Tickets, info: 619/239-8222.

SANTA BARBARA

Sat., Nov. 6-Program, "Sports and the Media in the Japanese American Community," 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; the Forum, Santa Maria campus of Allan Hancock College. No charge. Pre-register: 822-6966 ext. 3209.

Arizona - Nevada

TUCSON

Sun., Nov. 7-Dedication of the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation site, 10 a.m.; Old Prison Camp, Catalina Hwy. Info: Mary Farrell, 520/670-4564, Pete Taylor, 520/670-4518. ■

Census in School Programs Reaches Out to Asian American Community

The Census Bureau, working with its contractor Scholastic Inc. and partnering with schools and leading education associations, has delivered "Census in Schools" kits to more than 300,000 classrooms throughout the country.

The "Census in Schools" program is designed to increase participation in Census 2000 among children and parents in hard-to-enumerate areas. The program aims to educate children and their families about the importance of returning the census questionnaire and including their children on the form. If people don't participate in the census, their communities can lose needed funds.

The 24-page teaching guide contains six lesson plans on map literacy, community involvement and information management. Teachers also receive a 4-by-6-foot census map. Kits are available for grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12.

The program also will provide students with a take-home letter to parents explaining the impor-

tance of an accurate census. These letters will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog and Korean. Additional take-home materials, available in English and Spanish, will provide a recreational Census 2000 activity for students to complete with parents. These materials will be sent to the schools in February 2000.

Specialty tailored teaching kits will be sent to schools in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands this month.

Meanwhile, efforts to enroll more schools before the start of Census 2000 on April 1 will continue.

Educators can find information about the "Census in Schools" program on the Census Bureau Web site, <www.census.gov>; click on "Census 2000," then on "Census in Schools." All of the "Census in Schools" teaching materials can be downloaded from the Census Bureau's Web site. ■

Asian American Studies Conference to be Held at UCLA on Nov. 13

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, the UCLA Asian American Studies Center will join with the AA studies programs and faculty of many colleges and universities in Southern California, Asian Pacific Islander student organizations and the Asian Pacific Planning and Policy Council (APPPCON) of Los Angeles County in sponsoring a conference on teaching and learning AA studies.

Titled "Teaching and Learning Asian American Studies in the 21st Century: Challenges

and Possibilities," the conference will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at UCLA in the James West Alumni Center, next to Pauley Pavilion.

Registration is free, and lunch will be provided; parking is available in lot six at \$5 for the day.

Pre-registration is required. Information and a pre-registration form are available on the UCLA AA Studies Center Web site: <www.sscnet.ucla.edu/aasoc> or phone 310/825-2974. ■

Nikkei Seeks Hacienda-La Puente School District Seat at Nov. 3 Election



TREAKE

Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District in the upcoming Nov. 2 election.

The following are her views: **School Safety**

Treake supports tight security measures on all school campuses, and believes in more collaboration between schools, local law enforcement agencies and social service providers.

On teacher safety, she urges closed offices after hours, installation of better lighting and better telephone accessibility around the campus.

Promotion and Retention

Treake believes student retention must be dealt on a case-by-case basis with the child, parent, teacher, principal and psychologist in agreement on whether the student should repeat the same grade. If retained, Treake said the child should be placed in another teacher's classroom.

Funding

Treake pointed out that school buildings in the district have been deteriorating and hopes the community will be open to supporting a school bond measure.

"Our students deserve a safe, comfortable, well-equipped place to learn with fully trained, enthusiastic teachers to guide them through chal-

lenging, exciting curriculum materials and experiences," said Treake. "It takes funds to achieve these goals, and the communities need to back their schools."

She added that some funds have become available through the California "Deferred Maintenance Program," but felt it was not enough.

High School Exit Exams

Treake does not believe that requiring exit exams for high school seniors is a solution to assisting students who do not have basic English reading and writing skills and math and science concepts. She also does not believe summer school is adequate.

A solution Treake proposes is to offer these students vocational skills for employability. "Perhaps more collaboration between the adult education division and the high schools are in order to share facilities, install state-of-the-art equipment and collaborate between businesses and industries in the region by installing more knowledgeable instructors in the field or consultants to work with our staff," said Treake. "An ideal condition would be to require all students to become computer literate."

Youth/After-school Programs

Although Treake supports youth and after-school programs, she had misgivings about a new three-year program called BRIDGES (Building Responsible Individuals Determined to Grow and Experience Success).

"To expect teachers to provide this extended after-school service with the lure of extra pay is too much to ask them to

do after a full day of instructions, making preparations for the next day, record keeping or attending various curriculum meetings that are required especially for new teachers," said Treake. "When we stretch teachers and administrators too far in their job descriptions, we are not going to get the depth of service top educational programs require."

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Treake believes limited English-speaking students should be given oral English lessons with heavy phonics emphasis. At the same time, she also supports having literature and science books in the students' native language available in the classroom for reference purposes. For Treake, an ideal situation is when a teacher is able to communicate with the student to explain difficult ideas in the child's native language after the lesson has been taught in English.

Improving Math Skills

Treake strongly believes a child should receive a strong foundation in basic math skills, which will assist students to think analytically. She noted that students who rely too heavily on calculators have a greater problem in understanding and analyzing mathematical word problems.

Treake is endorsed by the Los Angeles County Democratic party, the Hacienda-La Puente Teachers Association, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, Mary Ann King, who was hostess of the TV program "Romper Room," and La Puente Football Team Booster Parents. ■

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Americans Flunk Test, But Get the Big Asian Picture

WASHINGTON—Americans may not know much about Asia, but they have strong feelings on who the U.S. friends are. A majority doesn't know that the capital of North Korea is Pyongyang, not Seoul, or that U.S. naval bases are gone from the Philippines, according to a new survey. But they see China as the major concern in the region and Japan and South Korea as allies.

These are some findings of a poll by the Henry Louis Foundation, an organization that has spent 25 years trying to increase awareness of Asia.

In the random telephone survey released Oct. 19, 1,200 American adults turned up short on details ranging from geography to politics to trade in Asia.

The June 12-18 survey asked a dozen true-or-false questions, and only half the questions were answered correctly by a majority. Most incorrectly answered "true," for instance, to statements that the United States has major military bases in the Philippines and that America provides major economic assistance to South Korea.

"The importance of East Asia to the U.S. can hardly be overstated," Foundation Chairman Henry Louis III said in a statement. "Yet many Americans are lacking in their general knowledge of the region."

But in a somewhat curious result, pollsters said Americans did well when asked to select Asian countries in terms of their vital interest to the United States.

"Knowledge and awareness of specific can be discriminatory—some say abhorrently—low," the study said. "But when fundamental national interests are at issue, judgments appear solid."

That means people made correct judgments on the big picture, pollsters said, even though they

based those judgments on little knowledge.

"This is something I've been struck by," said William Watts of Potomac Associates, the public-policy research group that wrote the report on a grant from the Louis Foundation. Watts said he couldn't exactly explain the result.

When asked to rate countries on their importance to the United States for political, economic or security reasons, most rated Japan, China and Russia as having very strong or fairly strong importance. — an answer the pollsters said showed "solid judgment."

Other results include:

- A majority, 61 percent, view China as primarily a threat and challenge to U.S. security that needs to be contained.

- A plurality, 38 percent, view Japan as the country that would be most helpful in securing peace and stability in the region.

- Attitudes towards South Korea have improved from previous surveys, with 62 percent now considering it an ally compared with 39 percent in 1987.

The survey, which pollsters said had a three percentage point margin of error, was done in part to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Louis Foundation's Asian Scholars program. Over the years the fellowship program has sent some 400 young Americans to spend a year in Asia with the hope of fostering greater awareness of Asia among America's future leaders and policy makers. It now also spends several million dollars a year beyond that for domestic programs on Asia.

In addition to the survey of the general public, 172 former Louis Scholars were also polled — and did decidedly better on the general knowledge portion of the survey.

Louis Vice President Dennis Laus said the results about the program benefited Louis Scholars —

that education makes a difference. But since the public is still not very knowledgeable about Asia "we have to be modest about our accomplishments," he said.

Report Finds Minority Underachievement Even Among Wealthy

NEW YORK—Black and Hispanic students lag behind white and Asian students academically, even when their come from similarly privileged backgrounds, according to a new report.

To bridge the gap, the report is issued Oct. 17 by the College Board recommends tutoring, mentoring and other support to minority students in all grades and from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

"We are not just talking about disadvantaged youngsters," said Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board. "Even minority students from relatively wealthy families with well-educated parents do not typically perform as well as white and Asian students from similar backgrounds."

Surviving data going back to the 1980s, the report found academic underachievement among black and Hispanic students begins in the earliest grades and persists all the way into higher education.

Even among students whose parents had Ph.D.s and high incomes, black and Hispanic students got lower test scores and grades than white and Asian students. The wealthier minority students' pattern of academic achievement tend to resemble those of less affluent whites and Asian Americans," the report said.

Minority students also take fewer Advanced Placement courses, which offer college-level work credit to high school students.

But the report also found some signs of progress. For example, the gap in average math scores for 17-

year-old minorities versus white students decreased by 30 percent between the early 1970s and mid-1990s. And 67 percent of all black students graduate from high school or pass equivalency tests — about the same rate as white students.

The report did not address criticism that standardized tests may contain cultural biases that keep minority scores low, but instead cited racism, peer pressure that discourages intellectual achievement and other conditions. To remedy the problems, the College Board is recommending that potential high-achievers and gifted students be identified from the earliest age and encouraged by parents, educators and other community leaders.

Massachusetts Myanmar Law Supporters Stretch From Coast to Coast

BOSTON—Fourteen states planned to file a brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to restore a Massachusetts law preventing the state from doing business with companies that deal with Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. The states fear they'll be forced to trade with countries run by brutal regimes if the high court upholds a lower court decision striking down the Massachusetts law. The brief was filed on Oct. 21.

Burma's military dictatorship has been accused of drug trafficking, torture and using slave labor.

Dozens of states, counties and municipalities have imposed sanctions on companies that deal with repressive governments in Nigeria, China, Cuba or Myanmar. Others forced pension funds from investing in companies in Northern Ireland that discriminated on the basis of religion.

Critics say such "boycotts" infringe on the federal government's ability to deal with its

allies and enemies.

In November, U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Tauro struck down the Massachusetts law because he wrote it "impermissibly infringes on the federal government's power to regulate foreign affairs." The Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

Now, Massachusetts is asking the Supreme Court to hear a case involving local sanction laws for the first time ever.

"If they take the case it would have a significant effect on procurement laws, whichever way they come out," said Assistant Attorney General Thomas Bernico.

The case pitted the state's 1996 Burma law against business groups seeking to strike down local sanction laws. The suit has now been brought in U.S. District Court in 1996 by the National Foreign Trade Council, which represents nearly 600 major U.S. corporations.

The number of groups signing on to briefs supporting Massachusetts — including the 14 states, 11 cities and counties, 44 nonprofits and 54 members of Congress from both sides of the aisle — indicates the widespread interest in resolving the issue.

Opposition to Massachusetts Burma Law has spread beyond the United States. The World Trade Organization has opposed the law, and a group of activists plan to protest that stance at the so-called "Protest of the Century" in Seattle during the WTO Ministerial Conference Nov. 30-Dec. 3. The 14 states filing on behalf of Massachusetts are Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Also filing are 11 local governments, including New York City, Alameda County, Berkeley, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco and Santa Cruz, Calif.; Boulder, Colo.; Carthage, N.C.; Newton, Mass.; and Philadelphia. ■

National Newsbytes

1999 JACL Scholarship Winners

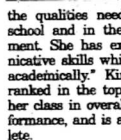
UNDERGRADUATES

Kiyutaro & Yasuo Abiko Memorial Scholarship

Kimiko Lynn Martinez
Orange County JACL
Orange Coast College (F-99)
Syracuse University (S-2000)
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Broadcast Journalism

Biographical Information:

Kimiko is a well-rounded student who excels in school and does volunteer work in her community, while raising a 2-year-old son, and working part time. One of Kimiko's professors observed, "Over the course of this year, Kimiko has demonstrated the qualities needed to excel in school and in the work environment. She has excellent communicative skills which enhance her academically." Kimiko has been ranked in the top two percent of her class in overall academic performance, and is an excellent athlete.



Essay Excerpt:

The return to college was not an easy process. Four moves in two years kept our new family on the road as my husband's job required. Our final move had me working full time to support my husband's dream of writing a screenplay and being a full-time daddy. It was this period that jolted me back to reality. The independence of providing for my family, by myself, gratified and liberated me beyond belief. I had finally come to the realization that things I had previously thought impossible were easier to attain when there were so many reasons to succeed. For the first time I was able to see past my insecurities and fears to see where my life should have been heading and knew it wasn't too late to change directions. Today I sit with a plethora of opportunities before me. Next fall I will transfer to a superior school which will train and polish me for a lifetime of career writing and reporting on-camera and on paper. My return to school, refreshed and refocused, earned me a 4.0 my first semester grade. Realizing that a little practice always helps, I am gaining practical experience in my television production class, and by reporting for our school newspaper this semester.

Alice Yunko Endo Memorial Scholarship

Jason Sai Tajima
New England JACL
Harvard University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Psychology

Biographical Information:

Despite his rigorous academic workload, Jason has immersed himself in Harvard's cultural and artistic community. He hosts his own radio music show, helps in the broadcast of sporting events and is a studio engineer. Academically, Jason takes part in psychological experiments with members of the psychology department.

Essay Excerpt:

Another interest I have been able to pursue here is learning Japanese. I have always held an interest in Japanese culture and art. I have been lucky enough to go to Japan on several occasions, and now, I am learning Japanese at one of the best East Asian language

programs in the nation. Learning Japanese will help me become more active in Japanese cultural events. This past summer, I worked at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles. While working there, I got to help be a leader for the children's summer camp. During the two-week-long summer camp, the other counselors and I taught young children about Japanese culture and instructed them in activities such as making lanterns, folding origami and playing taiko drums.

Nobuko R. Kodama Fong Memorial Scholarship

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

Biographical Information:

As an accomplished artist and musician, Drue has had high profile exposure of her talents with press and media. One of her paintings was on the cover of the 1998 Holiday Issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, and some of her paintings were used for fund-raisers and for charity auctions such as the American Cancer Society, Atlanta's High Museum of Art and Santa Barbara's National Public Radio Station KGBX. To name a few, Drue has had commissions to design wine labels for the Au Bon Climat wineries, and she has produced numerous posters for various Stanford campus organizations. She has been the featured flautist with classical and jazz groups at Stanford and in New Orleans.

Essay Excerpt:

Indeed "Red and White and Holiday Bright" sums up the duality of my rich Japanese ancestry with my American upbringing on the eve of 2000. Pointing this visual metaphor for the 1998 Holiday Issue of the *Pacific Citizen* was a great challenge and an honor. Cradling a single candy cane in her hands, this young child bundled up tightly engages her audience to think about the meaning and responsibilities of biculturalism. Within the tiny hands she holds the promise of her Japanese American birthright. The red and white striped candy cane symbolizes her commitment, her aspirations, and her hope for the 21st century. The red stripes spiral outward, encoded with double meaning. The powerful red rays evoke the Japanese rising sun and its majesty. Similarly, the red and white stripes of the candy cane echo the bold stripes of Old Glory. Two cultures reside on the same fragile treasure. Likewise, the shiny red ribbon frames the girl's elegant face. Like a dawning sun, it is also a conscious reference to the Japanese flag. It rises toward the word, "Pacific," underscoring the importance of the kinship the two cultures share on the Pacific Rim. The pine tree lean toward the word, "Citizen," emphasizing an individual's place and obligation to society. The little girl's legs in shadow mimic the candy cane's stripes and serve to underline the painting's message. These single, powerful black brush strokes capture my American Dream and define who I am.

Saburo Kido Memorial

Scholarship

Lauren Sakae Nishimura
Portland JACL
Vassar College
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: English

Biographical Information:

Lauren has many academic honors to her credit. The most recent are the Tandy Scholar award, Oregon Scholar award, U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete, National Merit scholarship and Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors. Her leadership skills have been utilized as vice-president of the National Honor Society, captain of various varsity ball teams and Vassar Joss Dorm Council. School activities have included Oregon Science Bowl, link crew, calculus club, Japanese speech contest and leadership club. Lauren has contributed her energies to various youth groups such as the Boys and Girls Club.

Essay Excerpt:

College, on its most basic level, is an opportunity to better oneself through education. Thus the mind becomes pivotal, while the heart remains quietly behind. Yet my experiences have not only been academic, but emotional and poignantly heartfelt. I cannot begin to describe the growth that I have undergone, not just from the classroom but the many levels of human emotion I have encountered. Character has become more than a mere word I seek definition for, happiness and despair more than just simple contradictory terms reconciled by the existence of one another. Instead, integrity now connotes tangibility and has driven me to exceed expectations and strive for both momentary and long-term goals. Nowhere have I been more clear about my identity and the acceptance of my cultural heritage and ethnicity than in a college environment. Uniqueness is something readily embraced in a community of diversity, and my pride comes in knowing not only my inner responsibilities and differences, but also the outward appearances and history that have helped shape who I am.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Hideyoshi A. Delgado
Arizona JACL
University of Arizona
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Software Engineering

Biographical Information:

Hideyoshi has received the Physics Student of the Year, Government Student of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Engineering Student of the Year awards. He has been on the honor roll for four years, and now the dean's list. Hideyoshi also teaches martial arts in which he holds a black belt. He has won two state championships for math engineering science, is a member of the Arizona Society of Civil Engineers and is conducting engineering and water research projects.

Essay Excerpt:

From childhood I have had an interest in engineering. I played with Legos, my father's tool set, wooden blocks, mechanical electronic kits, anything I could get my hands on that related to building things. As I

grew older my interest in engineering grew. Through books, publications and hands-on experience, engineering has become more fascinating to me than ever. A few years ago I visited my uncle in Nogales, Arizona. My uncle showed me around and I was very surprised at the living conditions. Shortly after that, I made a decision to study civil engineering. One of my goals is to someday build and fix roads and houses in poor areas and to also help clean up pollution. I believe that every person has the right to live in a clean home, where they do not have to drink contaminated water or suffer from diseases brought by open sewage lines and the illegal dumping of toxic chemicals. I believe that people should not have to live in a home that is in near collapse or have to travel on roads that have so many potholes that one would think they are on the surface of the moon.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Ann Kazuyo Yamauchi
Marina SCAN JACL
U.C. Berkeley
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Asian American Studies

Biographical Information:

Ann interned at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, as part of the President's Initiative on Race at the White House. Ann is on the dean's honor list, and she has won various piano competition awards. Currently, Ann is a member of the Minority Pre-Law Coalition at U.C. Berkeley. She has also served as moderator for a panel discussion on Asian American art at the Asian American Cultural Week at Santa Monica College.

Essay Excerpt:

The resolution of my search for my identity was my new interest in Asian American culture. I realized that during my childhood I had not inherited an Asian identity or pride in my heritage. I wanted to understand who I am and why I am the way I am. I also realized that by studying the history of Asian Americans, I could understand my grandparents' era and struggle. By immersing myself in Asian American studies, I could learn more about my parents' lives. Such study would bring me closer to a past I had not known. Thus, the strengthening of my complete identity would help me more readily understand my family, friends and Asian American community.

Mari & James Michener Memorial Scholarship

Jared R. Jones
Flacer JACL
Pepperdine University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Economics

Biographical Information:

Jared does volunteer and community work with inner-city youths and teaches advanced calculus to deaf students at the university. He has been on the local and national dean's list, and has been invited to join the national honor society.

Phi Eta Sigma

Essay Excerpt:

I am very happy that I chose Pepperdine University because of its commitment to international programs for student study and travel overseas. Year round schedules offer students unique opportunities to gain both an academic and a personal understanding of other cultures, institutions and languages. Pepperdine also stresses high moral and ethical values. No drugs or alcohol are allowed on campus and we must attend one session each week (during our free time) to listen to a visiting speaker who strengthens our resolve to join fellow students in volunteer activities for our communities. The Japanese American Citizen's League has taught me that we should all work together for such common goals, and in doing so, we will appreciate each other's cultures as we join in unity for visions of our future.

Yoshiko Tanaka Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Fishbeck Miyazaki
San Fernando Valley JACL
Columbia University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Japanese Studies and Language

Biographical Information:

Marissa's school awards range from track and field to the National Forensic League, life membership in the California Scholarship Federation, Veterans Administration Science Achievement Award, AP Scholar Award and National Merit Commended Scholar, to name a few. Marissa is an accomplished pianist and has tutored students on various subjects on her own and through tutorial institutions.

Essay Excerpt:

Perhaps because I lived for a few years in Japan when young and then returned to the U.S. to live permanently, I simply did not feel the "alienation or differences" between the two nations and cultures. My parents, fortunately, did not emphasize that Americans were really different from the Japanese. I truly lived in an atmosphere of diversity, diversity which was not only tolerated but embraced within my family and close influences, a diversity in which the positive was followed and whatever negative we may have felt was simply set aside. Since studying the Japanese language, however, I have become aware of the differences between the two nations and cultures and encountered a most fascinating study of where I come from as well as some answers to the question of "why?"

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship

Kei Karen Nagao
South Bay JACL
UCLA
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Political Science & Asian American Studies

Biographical Information:

Kei has been an advocate with the Asian Pacific Coalition, Affirmative Action Coalition, Undergraduate Student Association Council and Concerned Asian Pacific Islander Students for Action, all at UCLA. She has also been active with the Japanese American Cultural Community Center, Los Angeles, and worked on a social psychology student research project at UCLA. Kei's community in-

involvement has been with young adults and students organizing workshops and creating programs with the JACL and the Japanese American Community Conference.

Essay Excerpt:

Awareness of one's surroundings is an important component that helps in the process of forming one's ideology. Education can take place in different forms from programming to interaction with peers. The most valuable education

occurs through dialogue in which we educate each other about the concerns facing all of us. With education comes understanding, and through understanding comes the compelling need for action. Organizing and participating in speaker series and workshops for Asian Pacific American young adults and students has helped me grow as a person. I am not as ashamed of who I am and I want other Japanese Americans to reaffirm their presence in society.

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Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Mika Tanner

Downtown L.A. JACL

UCLA

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Asian American Studies

Biographical Information:

Mika has done research as a consultant for the Japanese American National Museum. As a journalist, she contributes to the *Pacific Citizen*, *Asian Week*, *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and *Yokohama Magazine*. Mika's column, "Mixed Messages," appears in the *Rafu Shimpo*, *Pacific Citizen* and *Nikkei* West. She is a board member of Hapa Issues Forum, Inc. and the Japanese American Citizens League. Mika was also a former member of the *Pacific Citizen* editorial board and commentator on KCET public television, providing a short series about Asian American issues and culture.



I first became aware of the issue of community survival while working at the Japanese American National Museum. I frequently overheard dialogue relating to this fear: how to address the apathy of the Yonsei and Gosei, the mainstream views of the Sansei and the increasing tendency for young people to identify themselves as Asian Americans rather than Japanese American. What really struck a personal note for me, however, were the comments linking the high rate of intermarriage to the eventual breakdown of the community. Being Hapa myself — half-Caucasian with a native Japanese mother — that I was not seen as a legitimate member of the community, and that to many, I even represented its supposed deterioration. In an effort to combat this view and claim my own place within the Japanese American community, I began to write for a number of Japanese American vernaculars and became involved with groups such as the JACL and Hapa Issues Forum (HIF). Within the vision of both of these groups is the goal to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and traditions of Japanese and Asian Americans within a multicultural, multiracial and democratic American society. The JACL has been especially supportive and receptive to the inclusion of multiracial and nontraditional definitions of Japanese American identity, thus allowing me to feel a commitment and sense of belonging to the Japanese American community that may not have otherwise existed.

Essay Excerpt:

When I was doing my undergraduate studies at UCLA, I was very impressed by the teaching methods of some of the resident artist/educators, especially some of the "new genre" artists such as Linda Montano and Paul McCarthy. They used a combination of artistic production, traditional and non-traditional research and a dedication to a practice of critical dialogue that I still find extremely helpful. I'm constantly working with this model for its application to the students I feel most compelled to work with: "at-risk" youth. And because most of these students are so alienated by traditional educational objectives and methods, I've drawn heavily from various forms of cultural education as a way to reconnect these students to an ethic of work and learning. As a hook, I incorporate studying popular culture into my courses because many of them are deeply influenced by their everyday contact with its various forms, and they have a relationship to it all.

she counsels children of high school age.

Essay Excerpt:

Last year, I was able to participate in the Developmental Disabilities Immersion Program. This experience showed me a whole new side of the people, from infants to the elderly, who are often stigmatized, ridiculed or even feared by mainstream society. It made me recognize the prejudices that I myself held against, the developmentally disabled. Who has not stared or will themselves not to stare, when seeing someone with a disability walk down the street? Who has not cringed inside when someone with a facial of saliva or mucus has reached up to touch their hand? I have, and done much more than that, I'm sure. But my participation in this program really caused me to examine the fears and the biases that motivate those actions, and to recognize that they are unwarranted. As I worked with these children and learned more about the diseases and disorders that affected them, I gradually learned to look past the exterior that is often times the only thing we allow ourselves to see. They gave me an appreciation for the gift of life that I think I have always taken for granted.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Carrie Aldin Nomura

Stockton JACL

C.S.U. Sacramento

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Science

Biographical Information:

Carrie graduated with honors from U.C. Davis, studying psychology and child development as part of her curriculum. Presently she is maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. As part of the curriculum in counseling course, Carrie is counseling elementary school students with either educational or emotional problems. Upon her completion of the School Counseling Program, she will become a kindergarten through grade 12 school counselor.

Essay Excerpt:

As a graduate student in counselor education, I am particularly interested in helping address the special issues Asian Americans face in our society. Only recently has the mental health profession started to assess the different needs and values of this particular minority population. And this is important because many of the traditional models of counseling are based on macrocultural needs and values that might not be applicable to all cultures. For example, many Asian Americans are too ashamed to admit they may need counseling. Therefore, as mental health practitioners, we must find ways to give them the help they need by detaching the social stigma associated with psychological services. With the changing demographic picture in America, there is a strong need for culturally sensitive models of counseling that will take into account the special needs of different

populations like JACL and JAS gave my parents that confidence. These groups provided my parents a community of people with whom they could identify. It was a community of Japanese and Japanese Americans who were dispersed throughout Houston but who were able to find each other through these meetings. It was a community of people who, like my parents, were educated here and had opened their minds to new views and new perspectives, but who simultaneously continued to feel the importance of maintaining certain cultural traditions and values. Perhaps it was my parents' ability to feel proud of their heritage and to balance their new Japanese American identity that enabled me to balance mine.

Dr. Kyupshi Sonoda Memorial Scholarship

Kathrine Marie Morin

San Diego JACL

Boston U. School of Dental Medicine

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Dental Medicine

Biographical Information:

Kathrine was awarded the Outstanding Chemistry Student award by the American Chemical Society. She has consistently been on the dean's list, received academic commendation, and has won merit scholarships.



She has also tutored in biology, chemistry and statistics. Her work as a microbiology technician has led to her work in immunology research at the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology. Kathrine is presently a volunteer dental assistant.

Essay Excerpt:

After college I entered the biotechnology field and worked in industrial research and development. As a technician, my hours were long and unpredictable, requiring me to give up most extracurricular activities, including hospice volunteering. Ambitious for a more rewarding career in the same field, I left industrial biology for the greater intellectual challenge and professional autonomy of academic research. To join a prestigious laboratory, I needed only the opportunity to demonstrate my ability and work ethic. For about four months I split 16 hour days between two jobs, the late time working to support myself and half the time working for my future. Ultimately my efforts were rewarded, as I was hired to work in one of the most well renowned laboratories in the country under the skillful eye of Dr. Douglas Green, apoptosis specialist. While meeting the intellectual challenges of academic research is personally and professionally rewarding, I crave again an additional kind of fulfillment. Since childhood, I have been fascinated by dentistry. It requires the scientific discipline and intellectual rigor of research, yet is immediately and intimately connected to people. I want in my career the gratification and satisfaction I derive from interacting with and helping people. Since January of 1998, I have been volunteering with Dr. Sherman Lin at his Ivory Dental Group Clinic. Working with Dr. Lin has really been a wonderful experience. In the fall of 1999, I will be matriculated into Boston University School of Dental Medicine. This will mark the beginning of my voyage towards becoming a competent and compassionate dentist.

Reverend H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Yuri J. A. Ogawa

Gardena Valley JACL

C.S.U. Los Angeles

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Nursing Education of Geriatric Age Population

Biographical Information:

My parents felt confident enough about their heritage to feel that teaching Japanese culture was a way to enrich me and my brother and was in no way impeding our "American experience." Looking back, I firmly believe that organiza-

tion like JACL and JAS gave my parents that confidence. These groups provided my parents a community of people with whom they could identify. It was a community of Japanese and Japanese Americans who were dispersed throughout Houston but who were able to find each other through these meetings. It was a community of people who, like my parents, were educated here and had opened their minds to new views and new perspectives, but who simultaneously continued to feel the importance of maintaining certain cultural traditions and values. Perhaps it was my parents' ability to feel proud of their heritage and to balance their new Japanese American identity that enabled me to balance mine.

Yuri has won academic scholarships from CSU Los Angeles, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honors Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society. Yuri is a registered nurse and the founding president of the CSU Los Angeles Nursing Alumni Association. She also serves on Cedars Sinai Medical Center's BioEthics Committee.

My decision to return to college came at a time after all five of my daughters graduated from their respective colleges and universities. I count it a privilege to be able to go to Cal State Los Angeles, to enjoy studying and be exposed to multiple disciplines in nursing education on the graduate level. It seems to be an easy task after a history of being challenged with juggling the demands of a full-time job, caring for a disabled husband and recently deceased mother who had multiple strokes in the latter part of her 70s and 80s, financially supporting the family through a concurrent career as a TV/film/commercial actress to get them through college and seeing the birth of three grandchildren. Many thought that I had exceeded my limits when I first returned to college for my BSN. However, the challenges and the excitement of college life and studies have enhanced my life.

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Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Christie L. Keiko Kawada

South Bay JACL

New York University

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Psychology

Biographical Information:

Christie has received the following honors: UCLA Mortar Board Honors Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society, Psi Chi Honors Society, UCLA College Honors, Magna Cum Laude, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society and Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society. Christie has trained in behavioral therapy for early intervention, has been a teacher's assistant, a research assistant and is presently a doctoral research assistant.

Essay Excerpt:

With my love for research, and my intense desire to help minority group members like myself, I was determined to pursue my interests and goals at a higher level, which is why I decided to enter New York University's Ph.D. program in social/personality psychology. Currently finishing my first year in this intensely demanding and challenging program, I feel both fulfillment and accomplishment because I am pursuing my dream, while also being able to learn from the most famous leading people in the field of social psychology. With Dr. Shelly Chaiken, I am working on a research project studying the effects of social identity status and stereotypes on information processing systems and attitude change. More specifically, I am looking at how ethnicity (such as being either Caucasian or Asian) and the stereotypes that one holds for these ethnic groups can affect the extent of attitude change towards a particular social issue. With Dr. Diane Ruble, I am looking at children's initial awareness of ethnic group membership and their evaluations towards both their own and other's ethnic identities. I am particularly interested in how young children learn to cope with the stigma they encounter from being a member of this stigmatized minority group.

Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Scholarship

Jon Kikuo Shishido

New England JACL

Harvard

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Education

Biographical Information:

Jon has received a Larsen Fellowship award, Skowhegan School of Art scholarship, a Parris Foundation award, Prithwish Neogy memorial scholarship and a Webb award. He has taught at the University of Hawaii, Chaminade University, Kaimuki Community School for Adults, Honolulu; the Hawaii State Department of Education and the State University of New York at Oswego, N.Y. Jon also teaches and practices kendo, and he plays the bass.

Essay Excerpt:

When I was doing my undergraduate studies at UCLA, I was very impressed by the teaching methods of some of the resident artist/educators, especially some of the "new genre" artists such as Linda Montano and Paul McCarthy. They used a combination of artistic production, traditional and non-traditional research and a dedication to a practice of critical dialogue that I still find extremely helpful. I'm constantly working with this model for its application to the students I feel most compelled to work with: "at-risk" youth. And because most of these students are so alienated by traditional educational objectives and methods, I've drawn heavily from various forms of cultural education as a way to reconnect these students to an ethic of work and learning. As a hook, I incorporate studying popular culture into my courses because many of them are deeply influenced by their everyday contact with its various forms, and they have a relationship to it all.

Magoichi & Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship

Lesley Ann Date

San Fernando Valley JACL

Biola University

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Christian Education

Biographical Information:

Lesley has taken part in the UCLA's College Honors Program and Psychology Department Honors Program, and is a member of the UCLA Cognitive Psychology Lab. As part of the university's Developmental Disabilities Immersion Program, Lesley conducted research at the Neuropsychiatric Institute and conducted a study in the Pediatric Pain Program, which was part of the Student Research Program in Pediatrics. Lesley's faith led her to conduct Bible study groups at UCLA, and she is a Sunday School teacher at her church. She also conducts church programs in which

Chiupolo & Thomas Shimazaki Scholarship

Mari Hagiwara

Houston JACL

NTU School of Medicine

Level of Study: Graduate

Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

As a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Brown University, Mari was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and the Sigma Xi honor societies. Mari has taught English in Japan, was a teaching assistant at Brown University and a researcher at the University of Michigan.



Essay Excerpt:

My parents felt confident enough about their heritage to feel that teaching Japanese culture was a way to enrich me and my brother and was in no way impeding our "American experience." Looking back, I firmly believe that organiza-

COMMENTARY

My 16-Year Battle With HIV/AIDS

By ROB LAI

Stopping the spread of AIDS — which really means preventing the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS — can be so easy. The basic facts about HIV have been known for so long, that it's almost inconceivable to me that new HIV infections are still occurring in 1999, 18 years into the epidemic — but they still are. HIV can affect anyone because it's not who you are that puts you at risk — it's what you do.

HIV is spread from person to person through certain body fluids: blood, semen, or vaginal fluids. A woman can also pass HIV to her baby during pregnancy, childbirth, or through breast milk. Most people get HIV by having unprotected sex with an infected partner (sex without using a latex condom) or by sharing needles — which also share tiny amounts of blood — to inject drugs, vitamins, or for tattooing or piercing.

Preventing the spread of HIV is so easy — and the consequences of not doing so are so difficult. Keeping in mind that I was infected before there were safe-sex guidelines, here is what happened to me.

I think I was infected with HIV in late 1983, when I had two weeks of unusual fatigue that was diagnosed as mild hepatitis. At the time, I didn't know that a couple of weeks after a person is infected, they have flu-like symptoms that many people assume is a common cold but is actually the body's first response to HIV.

Even if my 1983 fatigue wasn't my body's first response to HIV, I have come to strongly suspect that whoever gave hepatitis to me probably also gave HIV to me. By the

time I got my HIV results in 1986, however, so much time had passed that I couldn't remember who that might have been.

So I tried to live as normal a life as possible. HIV or no HIV, I kept busy, working as a hearing representative — whose high-stress job duties were exactly those of a trial attorney — and away from work I was president of my track club for one year, and later, headed an all-HIV-positive speakers bureau for three years.

In 1988, the Food and Drug Administration approved AZT as the very first — and for a long time the only — anti-HIV drug. Soon after it was available, I asked my doctor if there were any reasons why I shouldn't start taking AZT, and when he couldn't come up with any, I started. I didn't want to wait until I got sick, fearing that by then AZT wouldn't help — and also because I didn't want to have a doctor tell me that I "HAD" to start taking it, which to me would have been a not-very-thinly veiled death sentence. By then, I couldn't help being HIV-positive, but I sure didn't want to wait until I had full-blown AIDS before starting treatment!

AZT's main side effect was anemia, and sure enough, after about eight months, I was getting so tired that I would have to take a 20-minute nap on the way home from work, even though my commute only took 30 minutes.

After nine months on AZT, I took a six-week medication "vacation" during which I quickly noticed how

very much better I felt. At that point, still AIDS-symptom free, I felt the "cure" was definitely much worse than the disease, so I stopped taking it.

Having attacked HIV with AZT, I wanted to keep on attacking it but from different angles, so as to "confuse" and thereby disable the virus. (Interestingly, this is exactly the theory behind today's combination drug therapies, commonly called "cocktails.") But, already aware that HIV could mutate, and fearing that AZT's effectiveness had run its course, I decided to preventively treat AIDS' then-most common treatable illness, a type of pneumonia.

But my doctor declined to put me on pneumonia medication, saying that starting it then might make it useless in the future. And with no other anti-HIV drugs then available, I had done all I could.

Physically I may have been well, but emotionally I was not in good shape. When I got my results in 1986, there were no AIDS drugs — i.e., no real hope for survival — and I became clinically depressed. I underwent counseling and was prescribed the Prozac-cloned Pazi, which I took until I switched myself to its herbal "equivalent," St. John's Wort. Ultimately, I found that what improved my mental state and mood the most were regular testosterone injections, which counteract HIV's natural reduction of testosterone levels. Just to maintain a normal level, I take testosterone to this day.

In January 1996, my T-cells dropped to their lowest point ever — 253 — just 53 above the definition of full-blown AIDS. That month I also found a small white patch on the side of my tongue — oral hairy leukoplakia — a sure sign that my immune system was indeed beginning to fail. I had to do something, and fast.

As luck would have it, the next generation of AIDS drugs, protease inhibitors, was just about to be introduced. Since 1996, I have been on three different medication combinations ("cocktails"), each of which has had its own set of side effects.

My first "cocktail" caused uncontrollable — and I mean uncontrollable — diarrhea. Aside from the sheer messiness of it, I felt so humiliated. Soiling oneself was something every 2-year-old knows to do; at 42, it was nearly unbearable.

My second "cocktail," too, had its problems, but they were more subtle and took longer to show up: extreme fatigue and loss of concentration. Courtroom work is, of course, very much a "performance," and increasingly, I found that I had to summon every drop of energy I had in order to handle even the simplest court matter.

Despite being on medication, I nevertheless had my first AIDS illness in April of 1997, a painful attack of shingles that landed me in the hospital and off work for six weeks. (Shingles is an adult reactivation of the chicken pox virus that usually occurs in the elderly.)

The handwriting was on the wall. After the shingles my energy kept on declining, as shown by the ever-increasing number of unbillable hours I was putting in at work. My bosses, who knew about my HIV, did absolutely everything they could to help me, but even they could protect me for only so long before they started getting questions from their bosses — like, why I was still an employee!

Even before I had shingles, my doctor said that between the near-constant diarrhea and fatigue there was more than enough medical justification for me going off work. The thing was, I just wasn't ready to give up my closed-door office — the only job where I'd ever had one — my secretary and, of course, my income.

Finally I was "forced" to go off on disability in late 1997. Since then, thanks to yet another change in my drug "cocktail" plus just being away from my stressful job, my health has improved quite a bit, and I am now devoting my life to raising Asian American AIDS awareness. And so here I am.

With AIDS prevention so easy, and with today's arsenal of medications, what happened to me shouldn't happen to you even if you do test positive for HIV. And if only there had been AIDS-prevention guidelines back in 1983 I probably wouldn't be writing this article. But it's not too late for you to avoid getting AIDS!

For information on HIV/AIDS prevention and testing, call the California AIDS Hotline at 800/346-AIDS (2437) or APAIT at 213/554-1830. ■

Rob Lai writes from Los Angeles, where he is an active board member of the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT) and part of the speakers' bureau for Being Alive. He was featured in a California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS public service announcement for HIV awareness and testing.

COMMENTARY

Time to Quit Our Energy-Draining Activity

By CHARLES KUBOKAWA
Former NASA Human Factors
Research Scientist

As one who is entering belatedly this storm created in the *Pacific Citizen* (my having missed those recent issues) by two opposing Nikkei factions relative to personal incidents which occurred after December 7, 1941, the hope here is to try and put to rest this energy-draining activity. What I see also are generation-X Nikkei getting involved with groups providing partial data, interpretations and to an extent hearsay stories passed on by mouth without substantiation.

Furthermore, the face-off has taken a lot of space in JACL's publication and raised the ire of many Nisei and members who have kept quiet to hopefully let the Nikkei community carry on and reach harmony the best way possible. There are those from outside of our community who espouse unwanted input because they want to stir up the fire, thereby get recognition, while creating disharmony in the Nikkei community and watch the destructive results within our community.

Some objective and basic facts worth recalling:

(1) The bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The United States of America, through an act of Congress, declared war on the Japanese empire.

(2) President Roosevelt let go his Executive Order 9066, without debate in Congress, to incarcerate people of Japanese ancestry, whether citizen or not, in concentration camps.

(3) Furthermore, Congress finally passed HR 7558, enacting Public Law 77-803, ratifying EO 9066, imposing a \$5,000 penalty and/or one year in prison for anyone not obeying the wartime measure.

(4) Many Nikkei volunteered from the concentration camps to serve in the U.S. armed forces, dedicating their lives showing loyalty to our country, to show the American public we were wrongfully



treated, that we could be trusted and the U.S. government should never have forced the Nikkei into camps.

(5) Some Nikkei, I term as "people of principle and conviction," did not comply with the draft call because the government did not treat them justly and fully as free U.S. citizens. They were already incarcerated in concentration camps. The government, further, placed these individuals into federal prisons.

(6) Four individuals (Endo, Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu) argued before the federal courts and U.S. Supreme Court, testing the validity of the U.S. Constitution. The legal system failed and exhibited double standards by not playing with the same rules. Only a few true Americans helped the Nikkei and said the U.S. government was wrong.

(7) The political setting was in the 1941-45 period and must be divorced from today's sentiments and acquired updated knowledge.

One must remember that the government, aided by the great catalyst of wartime propaganda from the news media, was an unbeatable force that the Nikkei had to confront.

The small Nikkei community also wanted a great amount of community energy wrestling with the past over the "apology vs. no-apology problem," resulting in frustration and anger from symptoms created by the U.S. government, as seen debated in the letters to the editor section. But be apprised, people with wartime experience vs. non-wartime feelings differ because of perceptions — neither parties with the same experience, psyche, data, time and place.

I believe the Nikkei are proud of all those who had to shoulder all the aspects of the problem the gov-

ernment threw at us. They covered all aspects of the problem at great personal sacrifice.

If one rationally assesses the facts, we can not help but aim all the past frustrations and anger to the true source (the government) rather than the opposing Nikkei factions debating the symptoms created by the source. By rights, special apologies beyond Redress should be extended by our government to those individuals who suffered indignities exceeding the U.S. concentration camps.

We should put to rest the old problem and exert our energies to solve the current Nikkei problems and projects facing our community, such as designating all ten American-style concentration camps as U.S. historical monuments (Manzanar has, since, come under care of the National Park Service), educating the public about evacuation and the WWII camps, oppose racial discrimination, help eliminate hate crimes, care for our elders and strengthen the Nikkei community.

I strongly feel the Nikkei around the world are the greatest people because we have absorbed the best traits of two cultures that make us unique in every way. Every Nikkei should recognize and accept as the basis that the existing bad feelings should be directed at the instigating source: the U.S. government. Whatever that followed was through individual decision, personal and group action. We need to accept this fact so that we can then direct all our future energies rationally to improve our heritage for the oncoming generations rather than destructively erode our Nikkei community. ■

Kubokawa, of Palo Alto, Calif., was NASA's first aquanaut, recently inducted into the National Space Foundation Hall of Fame. He is a Sequoia JACL life member, a past national vice president, public affairs, and was awarded the JACL silver medal as Nisei of the Bicentennial.

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Letters to the Editor

A Time For Reconciliation

Concerning the lengthy debate on the proposal to have the JACL apologize to the World War II draft resisters, the time for reconciliation and putting an end to years of recrimination has arrived.

We need to recognize that in those turbulent years of the war, the young men who were kept behind barbed wire with their families were faced with probably the greatest dilemma of their lives: whether to go to war to demonstrate their loyalty or to protest the denial of their rights as Americans by refusing to serve their country.

Those who chose to defy the Selective Service Act were treated as criminals and jailed. In effect, they went from one form of incarceration to another. They, like others who fought for their rights — Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, Jr., Gordon Hirabayashi and Nelson Mandela — were put into jail because of their opposition to laws they considered to be unfair and became "prisoners of conscience" in order to test the strength of their convictions.

Were the draft resisters "cowards" as some believe? Hardly, considering the knowledge they had of the consequences of their actions, the pressures they felt from their peers from both sides and perhaps, from their own parents because of the social pressures they feared would befall them if their sons refused to go.

Were they "disloyal" as some have charged? No, not if they were fighting for their constitutional rights, no matter how unpopular their cause in their communities.

Seen from a larger and different perspective, we could ask ourselves this question: are we in a position to sit in judgment about the life and death decisions of young men during the turmoil of WWII while their families were incarcerated in concentration camps?

Whether they chose to go to war or to evade the draft were highly personal decisions based on their ideals of what they felt to be right, not on the political agenda of an organization which presumes to know what's best for all of us. Essentially, isn't this question at the heart of the issue?

Let us recognize that after so many years of rancor and bitterness that the issue is not one of a "right" and "wrong" decision by the young Nisei men facing the draft. Rather, consider that both groups made a "right" decision based on very different but just reasons. Without a doubt, the glorious record of the Nisei soldiers in WWII is beyond reproach and they deserve the honor and respect of a grateful nation. But let us not be blinded by that glory in condemning those who did not participate in the war because their consciences would not let them. In a free country, the freedom to think remains a precious ideal. As it turned out, even President Truman pardoned the draft resisters after two years served of three-year jail sentences when he recognized the circumstances of their imprisonment.

The issue of the draft resisters has been aired ad nauseum, and positions of supporters and opponents of the resolution have been regurgitated by both sides until most readers are sick of hearing about it.

In the interests of focusing on other issues, the draft resister issue needs to be resolved and hopefully reconciled with a compromise understanding. Rather than the granting of an "apology"

by the JACL, why not agree that a "recognition" has been reached in which the actions of the draft resisters in refusing their draft notices were understandable in view of the circumstances existing at that time? With this more reasonable resolution of an issue that has served to polarize members of our national organization, we need to put the matter behind us and move on to deal with concerns such as hate crimes or other attacks from outside the JACL.

The Hutchinsons
Torrance, Calif.

Reader Praises Article on Hirabayashi Camp

I enjoyed the article on Camp Hirabayashi's dedication in Arizona. Your picture of Mr. Hirabayashi aptly captures the idealistic resister who stepped up to his beliefs as a young man and bore the consequences with grace, dignity and integrity. He has touched the hearts of mainstream America and gives us this opportunity to honor him and the detained Japanese Americans, through the wonderful efforts of archaeologists Mary Farrell and Jeff Burton.

You are commended for steadfastly maintaining your integrity and evenhandedness in publishing the issues. I am amazed and have great respect for the Japanese American women such as yourselves, who have the attributes of intelligence, civility and great patience in dealing with recalcitrant, obdurate, spear-side (means opposite to distaff-side) persons.

There was a quote of "botsam and debris" that a concerned reader mistook as an insult to the editors. Actually it was describing selective writers of the Aug. 13-19 issue and I was one of the letter writers and I accept that the writer was doing the paycheck thing in his anger.

This letter is actually in response to the edition of Oct. 15-21 that I received yesterday and the dogged wonderful article "Similar Battles, Different Reactions" by Martha Nakagawa. The wise words and attitude of John Tateishi, national JACL director, encouraging the community to speak out to heal the deep psychological wounds, raises hope that we can find the good life in this democracy.

Kay Shikama
Stockton, Calif.

U.S.-Japan Committee Response to Kawanishi

I wholeheartedly agree with Richard Kawanishi's position (*Pacific Citizen*, Oct. 8-14) on the USJR committee.

Our mission statement as quoted by Bill Hosokawa is probably too broad and subject to all kinds of interpretation, so I tried to clarify the purpose of the committee (P.C., Oct. 1-7). But I want to emphasize that we do not intend to discuss issues with any government or to be a bridge between governments.

As I stated before, and I reiterate, the committee studies issues to try to educate our JACL members on how these events may affect us. That is our main purpose — education.

This is a very difficult task, for we find that most events would probably have no effect on Japanese Americans. We also do not have personnel who can respond

in a timely manner.

We will try to rewrite our mission statement to be more focused. If Kawanishi still believes that this is presumptuous and not worthwhile, we have a problem.

Ed Mitoma
Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

U.S.-Japan Relations

U.S.-Japan Relations Committee Chair Edwin Mitoma's efforts have been unfairly belittled, at best misunderstood, first by Bill Hosokawa (9/10), then by the P.C. reader from St. Louis (10/9).

This is truly regrettable for I know of no head of a standing JACL committee that has been chaired by anyone who can hold a candle to Ed. Admittedly obscure, the JACL USJR surpasses in longevity that of any other committee devoted solely to issues. Its mission is to educate not only the JACL membership, but all others who might be interested. It is not a "paper" committee. Among other things, it has sponsored well-attended workshops at two recent national JACL conventions plus several events at the district level.

Lamentably, though, the work of the committee has been a tough sell at all levels of the organization. Maybe it's possible that we did not try hard enough. In any case, the national leadership, the gatekeeper of news to the membership, the P.C. itself, right down to the grassroots of the JACL, all seem to have relegated the committee and its function to stepchild status.

The raison d'être of the committee, unlike the issues it deals with, is quite simple. As we know, the attitude of the larger community vis-à-vis the JACL community waxes and wanes directly proportionate to the level of tension existing at any given time between the United States and Japan. For, we are constantly reminded of this in the media and other sources in our daily lives. And all of us know too well that this springs from the inability, or more likely, the unwillingness, of the larger community to accept us as 100 percent Americans.

So face it, folks, as long as Japan continues to command the attention that it does as the other half of "the most important bilateral relationship in the world" (Mike Mansfield), the committee's work will never end.

We are well aware that the height of naivete would be to imagine for a moment that the actions of the JACL, much less one of its committees, could effect outcomes, however minor, in Japan or anywhere else in the world.

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Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Annasunthod, Teresa, 37, Rancho Palos Verdes, Oct. 11; survived by husband Arnold; son Nicholas; stepdaughter Rhonda; sister Eileen Levinson; brother Raymond Kawaguchi; mother Margaret Shimono-Reade; grandfather Masao Shimono.

Awaya, Nobuko, 49, Pasadena, Oct. 9; Okazama-born; survived by husband Henry I.; daughters Anne Midori, Elizabeth Hitomi; mother Tomiko Hashimoto (Japan); brothers Masayuki Hashimoto, Naoyuki Hashimoto and wife Katsuyo (Japan); parents-in-law Robert Shigemaru and Yoshie Awaya; brother-in-law Edward Kenji Awaya and wife Fay (Stockton).

Edo, Masaji, 83, Los Angeles, Oct. 11; Pismo Beach-born retired farmer; survived by wife Margaret Etsuko, son Alan and wife Jamie; daughters Lois Hatsuoka Hanaki and husband Kenneth, Marilyn Fleisher and husband Steven, Linda Moriuchi and husband Gene; 8 gc, 2 ggc.

Hoberecht, Ernest (Ernie), 51, Okla. City, Aug. 20; American newspaperman in Tokyo during the occupation, wrote novels about U.S. life for the hungry young Japanese when American books were restricted to them.

Ito, Ruth S., 80, Sacramento, Sept. 29; Elk Grove-born; survived by sons Dan and wife Kathryn, Calvin and wife Kathleen; daughters Jean Kanenaga and husband Jerry, daughter Valerie Ito, brothers Frank Sanjo, Richard Sanjo and wife Elaine, and sister Beth Ishikawa, (all of Sacramento), and sister Marjorie Grannell (Morro Bay).

Kawakami, Mikio M., 74, New York City, Aug. 21; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Michael and wife Debbie (Lincolnwood, Ill.), Mitchell and Adam; daughter Pamela (New Zealand); 2 gc; brothers Paul and wife Virginia (Los Angeles), Steve and wife Donna (Los Angeles); stepmother Nori (Los Angeles).

Kawasaki, John, 61, East Palo Alto, Sept. 26; survived by mother Chiyeo Kawasaki; brothers Richard and wife Miyoko, Willis and wife Masako, Vernon, Leo, Daniel; sister Chikako Hirahara and husband Haruo.

Kimura, Mary Elizabeth, 84, Los Angeles, Oct. 1; San Bernardino-born; survived by son Wataru Sagawa and wife Hinkio (Japan); 2 gc (Japan); brother Jack Masumoto and wife Teruko.

Matsuimoto, Fred A., DDS, 68, Chicago, Sept. 25; survived by wife Llewellyn; sons Fred, Edward and wife Lisa; 2 gc; sister Kay Kiyomi.

Miyoko, Kay Kazuyo, 78, San Francisco, Sept. 10; survived by sons Tom, John and wife Shirley.

Nakagawa, Sue Fujii, Seattle, Oct. 3; survived by son Yosh and wife Sue; daughter Mary Yoko Matsuimoto and husband Dr. Charles; 4 gc, 2 ggc.

Nakamura, Ruth Y., Culver City, Oct. 3; Washington-born; survived by husband Roy Shuichi; sons Shoji Watanabe and wife Eiko (Seattle), Edward Errol and wife Lyndis; 6 gc, ggc.

Nakayama, Kazuko, 49, Whittier, Oct. 10; Wakayama-ken-born; survived by husband George; daughter Jessica Miwa; parents Masahisa and Tsuneyo Yamamoto; sister Akiyo Imoto and husband Dr. Ken; brother Masaki Yamamoto and wife Yoko; mother-in-law Miyoko Nakatani and husband Roy, Toyoko Furukawa and husband Hiroshi, Michiko Morita and husband Tetsuhiko, Anko Yamada and husband Kazumasa (Japan).

Okura, Chiyoko Shiba, 76, Seal Beach, Oct. 11; retired teacher, longtime Loma resident formerly of Terminal Island and Wilmington; survived by husband Tsuyoshi, son Albert Okura; daughters Amy Okura, Susan Hoffman; 5 gc.

Saito, George Yoshio, 57, Laguna Hills, Oct. 11; Potosi, Arizona-born; survived by wife Kyoko; daughters Emi, Michi; son Tim and

wife Kristin; 3 gc; sisters Lynette Kanagase and husband Tomio, Judi Saito; brother Charles Saito.

Sakurai, Yae, 98, Malibu, Oct. 4; Shizuoka-ken-born; survived by daughters Asoko Shibata and husband Henry, Hiroko Fukuhara and husband Frank; 8 gc, 9 ggc, 1 ggc; brother Fred Kobno.

Setudana, Joe K., 79, Gardena, Oct. 7; survived by wife Grace Miyue; daughter Joyce Emi Setudana; sisters Grace Uno and husband Rev. Ernest, Bernice Goto and husband Ray.

Takehara, Paul, 81, Sacramento, Sept. 29; survived by sons Steven, Gerald and wife Janet; daughter Paula Suzuki and husband Tom (Aptos); sister Bessie Hanakawa; 7 gc; predeceased by wife Emmie.

Tanabe, Tsutao Jackson, 74, Whittier, Oct. 10; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Kuzuko; daughter Lynn Shimizu and husband Michael; 1 gc; mother Kikuko Tanabe; sisters Mary Yoshiko Shiohama and husband Champ, Mable Kiyoko Drumfield, Linda Etsuko Harada and husband Kishio.

Tokoda, May Miyoko, 68, Albuquerque, N.M., Sept. 30; Hawaii-born JACLer; survived by husband Sei; sons David (Calif.), Ray (Albuquerque); daughter Kathleen (Georgia); sisters Michi Galagac, Kay Uekawa and husband Dan, Jane Nagata and husband Roy (all of Hilo, Hawaii); sister Ann Schmitt and husband Al (Ill.); brother Tom Yoshino and wife Eiko (Hilo).

Tokunaga, Chiyoko, 84, Los Angeles, Oct. 4; Hiroshima-born professor at Kobe Women's College and 30-year professor in genetics at UC Berkeley; survived by brothers Yukio Tokunaga and Masao and sisters Akiko Masuda, Kimiko Katsuma, Hiroko Fusa (all Japan).

Umehara, Beverly, 53, San Francisco, Oct. 4; survived by husband Yoshito; daughters Kim Chang, Thani Chang, Marjorie Chang-Flores and husband Carlos, Nancy Umehara; 1 gc; mother Nancy Chang; sister Pauline Chang.

DEATH NOTICE

DR. GEORGE UCHIYAMA
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Dr. George Uchiyama, 77 died Sept. 25. He was a longtime orthodontist and was also an instructor and clinical professor of orthodontics at St. Louis University, Department of Orthodontics. Born in Kings Valley, Oregon. Earned a bachelor's degree in zoology and chemistry from the University of Utah, and a degree in dentistry and a master's degree in orthodontics from St. Louis University School of Dentistry. Was a member of the College of Diplomats of the American Board of Orthodontics, Orthodontic Study Club, American Dental Association, and the American Association of Orthodontists. He was also past president of the St. Louis chapter JACL, which raised the initial funds for the Japanese Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden. He was also a member of Gideons International and the Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Creve Coeur, and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church and of the Presbyterian Church of America.

Dr. Uchiyama is survived by his wife of 35 years, Betty; daughters Elaine Brunes of Kansas City, Mo. and Linda Kelley of Austin, Tex.; son Dr. Robert Uchiyama of Oberlin, Mo.; brothers Dr. Sam Uchiyama of Tacoma, Wash., and Dr. Mathias Uchiyama of Portland, Ore.; sisters May Kimura and Les Nakachi, both of Dayton, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

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JACL Utah Chapter Holds Scholarship Golf Tournament

The fourth annual JACL scholarship golf tournament, sponsored by the Utah JACL chapter, was held last month at Murray Parkway Golf Course. More than 100 golfers came out to support this benefit program.

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Taking first place in the Men's A Flight was Ted Nagata, with Dewey Reagan winning the Men's B Flight. Keiko Aoki won the Women's A Flight, and Yo Uno won the Women's B Flight. Winners in each flight will have their names engraved on a tournament trophy which is housed at the National JACL Credit Union office in Salt Lake City, Utah. ■



Floyd Mori, tournament chairman, and Yo Uno, winner of the Women's B Flight, with representatives of the United Airlines golf foursome.

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Watsonville JACL Awards Dr. Francis Choy Memorial Scholarship



Abram Kam Watson of Santa Cruz was selected to receive the \$1300 scholarship established in memory of the late Dr. Francis Choy. Watson is working toward a degree in biological science at the University of California, Berkeley, and plans to volunteer for the Peace Corps after graduation.

GROUND BREAKING

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(Honolulu), Co. A 100th Infantry, Grant T. Hirabayashi (Silver Spring, Md.), MIS-Merrill's Marauders; Norman S. Ikari (Montgomery Village, Md.), Co. E 442nd RCT; Kathleen T. Isari (Arlington, Va.), WAC, MIS-Camp Ritchie, Md.; Robert B. Katayama (Honolulu), Co. F 442nd, Vietnam Service; Hiro Mayeda (Schaumburg, Ill.), MIS-ATIS, Pacific Theater; Dr. Richard S. Yamamoto (Kensington, Md.), 2nd Bn. HQ Co., 442 RCT; and Masami S. Yoshinari (Norridge, Ill.), Co. C 442nd RCT.

Also present at the groundbreaking were master of ceremonies and former Congressman Norman Mineta, Medal of Honor veteran H. Hershey Miyamura, Bill Lann Lee, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, Gen. Eric Shinseki, Army chief of staff, and John Tateishi, JACL national director.

Presidents of both parties have since apologized for the internment. Congress appropriated \$1.6 million for 82,000 of those interned and their families.

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation surpassed its goal of \$8.6 million to build the monument, due to be

completed in a year. It collected \$10.1 million and now hopes to reach \$11 million by the end of the year. The surplus is to be used for an educational campaign.

The U.S. Fine Arts Commission on Oct. 21 approved the memorial's design, dominated by a 14-foot statue of two cranes — a traditional Japanese symbol of happiness — struggling through barbed wire. Some members had misgivings about two of the nine inscriptions planned. A controversy about the inscriptions has been going on for two years both in the commission and on the memorial's board of directors.

But at their board meeting on Oct. 23 it was decided that a poem on the fate of the JAs interned during WWII will not appear on the memorial, a representative of the board of directors acknowledged.

The verse reads: "O, America 'Imperfect, stumbling, striving' Lessons form the past."

The poem, a 17-syllable Japanese verse form — had been criticized as hard to understand.

Cherry Tsubumida, executive director of the memorial's board, said the inscription will not be approved because it had not been approved by the commission.

The memorial board also confirmed that it has approved the "Japanese American Creed" written in 1940 by Mike Masasaka, former JACL Washington representative, more than a year before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"I am proud that I am an American of Japanese ancestry," it says. "I believe in her institutions, ideals and traditions. I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future."

While details are in the formative stage, the NJAMF board chose a three-day format for dedication next year, Nov. 9-11, of the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, designed by Davis Buckley Architects, at the triangular park surrounded by New Jersey Ave., Louisiana Ave. and D Street, within sight of Union Station and the nation's Capitol. ■

HATE CRIMES

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Gregg said the issue was considered because it should be considered by Congress' judiciary committee. He also said it had become "extremely complex to resolve differences between two hate-crime bills that were included in the spending measure, one by Sen. Orrin Hatch, (R-Utah), and a second stronger version supported by the Clinton administration.

The second version was sponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), and about three dozen other Democrats and moderate Republicans. It would have added the new categories of victims to race, color, religion or national origin, which are "already covered by hate-crimes law. It would also expand it to cover any incident related to interstate commerce, such as use of a gun made in another state.

Currently, the federal government can prosecute hate-motivated violence if the victim was on federal property or engaged in a federally protected activity such as going to school.

Citing a spate of highly publicized killings, Kennedy said, "We must stop acting as if somehow this fundamental issue is just a state and local problem. It isn't. It's a national problem, and it's an outrage that Congress has been missing in action for so long."

"Apparently, the GOP leadership learned nothing from the recent wave of hate crimes that have rocked our nation," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay-rights political group.

Momentum for the legislation had grown after the dragging death of a black man in Texas, the fatal beating of a gay college student in Wyoming and the July shooting spree in Illinois and Indiana by a man police said was a member of a white supremacist group. ■

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