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JACL Applauds House Vote for Stronger Hate Crimes Legislation

In a bipartisan show of support for stronger hate crime legislation, the House of Representatives on Sept. 14 passed a motion by a marsept. 14 passed a motion by a mar-gin of 232-192 to include the Sen-ate-passed hate crimes amend-ment on the final version of the De-partment of Defense Reauthoriza-

While non-binding, the motion, introduced by Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and John Conyers, D-Mich., instructs the conferees on the Reauthorization bill to retain intact the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act amendment (previously the Hate Crimes Prevention Act) as passed by the Senate on June 20.

Although the conferees still have the discretion to strip the amend-ment from the bill, the vote indithe will of the House with an

cates the will of the House with an unequivocal public statement in support of hate crimes legislation.
Voting in favor of the motion was Congressman Xavier Becerra, D-Los Angeles, 'Let the message be clear — agis of violence stemming from prejudice and hatred will not be tolerated," said Becerra. "Such crimes not only hurt the individual, they wound and scar entire com-munities. Just last year, Los Angemunities. Just last year, Los Ange-les experienced the repercussions of violence based on hate when Bu-ford Oneal Furrow shot and killed Joseph Ileto, a Filipino postal em-ployee, and violently attacked the North Valley Jewish Community Center wounding for postal North Valley Jewish Community Center, wounding five people. These shootings not only shattered the lives of these individuals and their families, but also threatened our efforts towards building a safer community that is based on respect and tolerance." and tolerance.

We commend the House of Rep "We commend the House of Rep-resentatives for putting people be-fore partisanship by supporting this motion," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "The JACL now calls on the conferees to maintain the integrity of this vote and implement the wishes of both the

Public reaction was swift fol-lowing the Sept. 13 release of Wen Ho Lee, 60, a former Los Alamos laboratory scientist, af-ter he pleaded guilty to one felony count of mishandling

weapons secret.
Soon after Lee's release, the

By Pacific Citizen Staff

House and the Senate by including the hate crimes amendment in the final version of the Defense Reau-thorization bill."

"Hate crimes are particularly in-sidious because they send a mes-sage of intolerance to an entire sage of intolerance to an entire community," said JACL Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino, who es on the Illinois Commi Discrimination and Hate nes. This legislation is vital be-Crimes. "This legislation is vital be-cause it would empower local law enforcement agencies with the tools to fully investigate and prose-cute hate crimes, so that the tragedy of the crime is not com-pounded by the travesty of an in-adequate investigation."

"As a country that celebrates its diversity and believes in justice, the United States can do no less than take a strong moral stand

the United States can do no less than take a strong moral stand against immoral acts of hate by en-acting protective measures such as the Local Law Enforcement En-hancement Act," said JACL Vice President of Public Affairs Ryan

President of Pubne Attairs nyan Chin.

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, added, 'The strong bipartisan support in both houses for this bill confirms that the American people believe this and want this legislation. We urge the House to pass the bill out of conference and to the president for signature.' If passed by the House, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act would strengthen existing law in two ways: by broadening the categories' of bias violence to include sexual arientation, gender and disability (in addition to race, religion, national origin') and by removing national origin' and by removing national origin' and by removing national origin' and by removing national origin and by removing the intent requirement that the of-fender harmed his/her victim because (not simply while) he/she was participating in a federally protect-ed act. But federal jurisdiction would be limited to cases of actual would be infined to cases of accudance or attempted bodily injury. Federal involvement can be in the form of prosecutorial, forensic and/or financial assistance.

Author Offers Insight on Hirohito and Japan's Wartime Accountability

By TRACY UBA

PASADENA, Calif.—Emperor Hirohito may no longer be living but the life and legacy of one of

the 20th century's mo notorious leaders just got a lot more complex, at least according to a new book which offers potentially controversial sights into Japan's culpability for crimes commit-ted during World War II.

Amidst current law-suits filed in the United States and legislative ef-forts to hold the Japanese government accountable for wartime atrocities, historian Herbert P. Bix spoke about his new biogspoke about his new hog-raphy, "Hirohito and the Making of Modern Japan," on Sept. 14 as part of the Pacific Asia Museum's "Authors on Asia Series."

The book, which has The book, which has yet to find a Japanese translator and publisher because of its politically, charged content, was released in the United States by HarperCollins on Aug. 27.

It is being hailed by behales as one of the

scholars as one of the most incisive portraits of Hirohi-to to date, revealing fresh evi-dence that his role in shaping Japan's aggression during the 1930s and 1940s was more active than previously portrayed.

"When I began to research and to eventually produce this biography, I was already convinced that the American image of Hirohito was inaccurate," said Bix, a renowned profes Hitotsubashi U sor of history at

shielded from scrutiny," he said. Bix's extensive research involved sifting through letters, diaries and documents from the Imperial Court, various Japan-ese Cabinet officials and the U.S.

National Archives,

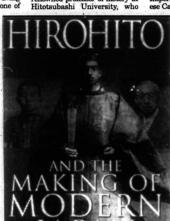
which held records of meetings between Hiro-hito and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Much of these materials has begun to trickle out only in the last decade.

Based on these find-Based on these find-ings and the secondary scholarship he consult-ed, Bix asserted that Hi-ronito was "not Japan's Hitler," nor was he simply a passive pawn caught up in a militarist bureaucracy. Although the latter was the per-sona Hirohito often hid behind, the author con-cluded that the person behind the image was "a stubborn, complex, con-flicted man who had to assume responsibilities that no human being could possibly measure up to."

Hirohito assumed the throne in 1926 at the age of 25 and reigned until his death in 1989.

The publication of this biography comes at a particular-ly heated time, coinciding with a number of U.S. lawsuits against Japan alleging sex slavery and forced labor in various Asian Pa-

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managed to uncover sources to which no other Western writers previously had access.
"Unfortunately, most of the

records that have survived deliberate Japanese destruction of government in 1945 remain

Yoshihiro Uchida: Founding Father of Judo in the Olympic Games

By MITSUKO IWAMA Special to the Pacific Citizen

At a mere 5'2", Yoshihiro "Yosh" Uchida's physical stature belies the great contribution he Public Responds to Lee's Release has made to athletic history, and

> sion 21 both applauded U.S. Dis-trict Court Judge James Parker for speaking out against what they deemed as excessive abuse of pow-er by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and also called for an inde-

> (DAJ) and also called for an independent investigation.
>
> In a written statement, OCA, one of eight parties that submitted an amicus brief to the US. District Court this August, said, in part:
> This is a serious miscarriage of justice and, if condoned by senior government officials, is deeply troubling. OCA calls for an independent inquiry into how this case.
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from around the world. He is credited as the founding father of judo in the modern Olympics. Uchida's love of judo gave him the determination to actablish

the determination to establish judo as a world recognized sport. War, fear and hate had de-stroyed his boyhood home and separated his family from the nation he loved, but Uchida sought to heal these wounds through the two holds of judo respect for himself and respect for others.
"I reflected upon why Japan-

ese Americans were sent to in were sent to interment camps during World War II," said Uchida, "Trealized the importance of education, community and political involvement. I considered what voicement. I considered what had given me the strength to survive through the war. The discipline of judo had given me tremendous inner peace and courage. I believed that if I could

share with others this ancient share with others this ancient Japanese art, they could learn the value of sharing the wealth of cultures in the world. Through understanding each other, we can work towards uni-

ty and peace in the world."

ty and peace in the world.
Judo premiered in the 1964
Tokyo Olympics. But the road to
global recognition was long.
Uchida was born in 1920 in
Calexico, Calif., a small U.S.Mexico border town. His par-Mexico border town. His par-ents came from Kumamoto, Japan, seeking the American dream. His father labored on the railroads, earning a dollar a day, and then worked on a farm with other Japanese immigrants.

Since the Issei wanted their children to learn to respect their ancestral traditions through the martial arts, they scraped their small savings to convert a war house into an athletic facility.

In this dilapidated ware-house, Uchida trained rigorously in the art of judo. He studied the intricate months. ly in the art of judo. He studied the intricate movements, tech-niques that he would later pass on to, future champions. But most importantly, Uchida ab-sorbed the discipline and strength of character required by judo.

Then World War II came. Like

many young men, Uchida, 22 at the time, enlisted in the U.S. Army. He left his family on Feb. 27, 1942.

Although he took pride in his Attnough ne took price in ins Japanese ancestry, he was equally proud of his American citizenship. Thus, it came as a shock to him three months later to learn that the U.S. govern-ment had imprisoned his family in an internment camp based solely on their Japanese her-itage. His family was held first at Poston, Ariz., then Tule Lake,

Calif.
Outraged, Uchida looked in the mirror. He saw a reflection of a native-born American soldier, proudly defending his country. Yet, his family was now held to be a recommendation of the same within the same and the same within the same was the same within the same within the same within the same was th country. Yet, his family was now held as prisoners of war within their own country. With the dis-cipline and determination he had learned from his parents and from judo, Uchida complet-ed his military service until the war's end. He also vowed to combat prejudice and injustic

combat prejudice and injustice and promote unity among all people in the world.

In 1945, his family was released from camp. His father, now a broken man, told his son, "I have no more will to fight," and returned to his native Japan. Uchida's mother and oldest brother accompanied his father. Uchida remained in America.

Alone, Uchida moved to San Jose, Calif., where he graduated from San Jose State University (SJSU) with honors and was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society with distinction. But when Uchida tried to rent an apartment, no one would

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Soon after Lees release, the 8020 Initiative started a national petition drive asking President Clinton to grant Lee a presidential pardon. Asian American leaders also brought up their concerns at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Is-

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landers' meeting in New York on Sept. 20. They called for an investi-gation into whether racism played a role in Lee's case. The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and CAUSE-Vi-

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Sat., Sept. 30—30th Annual Fuji Festival; see Community Calendar

Mountain Plains

NEW MEXICO Sun., Oct. 1—Akimatsuri; see Com-munity Calendar.

NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sun., Nov. 5—Fourth Quarter District Board Meeting: Sonoma. BERKELEY

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 27-29—JASEB/JACL LA. Trip; Visit the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) the Getty Museum, etc. RSVP ASAP: Laura Takeuchi, 510/848-3614, or Jim Duff, 510/559-8528.

SAN MATEO Sun, Oct. 1—2000 San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament; see Community Calendar

Pacific Southwest ARIZONA

Sun., Oct. 22—Tribute Luncheon to loe Allman; 12:30 p.m., Glendale Civic Center. Info: Michele Namba, 623/572-9913, Marilyn Inoshifa Tang, 602/861-2638.

SANTA BARBARA

Sun., Oct. 8—Annual Japanese Comity Barbecue; see Community

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun., Oct. 8—Japanese Cultural Festival host by Ventura County JACL; see Community Calendar at Cama-

WEST LOS ANGELES

Sun. Sept. 24—Aki Matsuri 2000; see Community Calendar. ■

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COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C. Thurs-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony. Preregistration is required. Call NJAMF, 800/607-8550. (Hotel reservations accepted up to Oct. 15.)

The Midwest

CHICAGO
Sat., Sept. 30—30th Annual Fuji
Festival; The Palmer House Hilton, 17
East Monroe; reception/silent auction
6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.; featuring
Congresswoman Patsy Mink; Fuji Fest
raffle. Reservations and raffle raffle. Reservations and raffle tickets: 773/275-7512; e-mail: jasc@ioils.net.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY
Sat, Sept. 30—Discussion with Karen
Narasaki, executive director of the
National Asian Pacific American
Concordium (NAPALC), "Hate Legal Consortium (NAPALC), "Hate Crimes on Campuses: How Utah Students are Affected"; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., University of Utah Student Union Little Theater. Info: Yas Tokita, 801/487-4567, or Diane Akiyama, 801/266-2248

801/266-2248.
Sat., Sept. 30—Dinner presentation with Karen Narasaki, executive director of NAPALC, "Challenging Invisibility: Asian Pacific Americans and Elections 2000"; 5:30 p.m. dinner, Shanghai Garden Restaurant, 188 W. 7200 S. Info: Yas Tokita, 801/487-4567, or Diane Akiyama, 801/266-2248

The Northwest PORTLAND

PORTIAND Sat.-Sun., Sept. 30-Oct. 1—Joint Japan-U.S. Calligraphy Exhibit; Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Japanese Garden; calligraphy demonstrations Sat. 3 p.m., Sun. 1 demonstrations Sat. 3 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. Info: Meito Shodo Kai, 425/869p.m. Info: Melio arioca ._ 0994; www.meitokai.com

Sun., Oct. 1—Sukiyaki Bazaar, 12 noon-4 p.m., Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. Info: 503/234-9456, 503/254-9536. SFATTI F

Sat., Sept. 30—Nikkei Concerns' 25th Sat, Sept. 30—Nikkei Concerns' 25th Anniversary Celebration/banquet; 5 p.m. social hour, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Washington State Convention and Trade Center, 800 Convention Pli, Ballroom 6ABC; keynote speaker Lori Matsukawa, KING-5 news anchor. RSVP: Amy French, 2067/26-6501, e-mail amyf@nikkeiconcerns.org.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sat., Sept. 23—Berkeley Nikkei Seniors Group Meeting: 1901 Hearst Ave. Info: Terry Yamashita, 510/237-1131, or Tazuko Wite, 510/528-1524. OAKLAND

Sat., Sept. 30—55th Annual Class Reunion Luncheon, Topaz Utah High

1945; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sequoyah Country Club. Info: Carvin Dowke, 415/564-9771; dowke@ibm.net. PALO ALTO

Sat., Sept. 30—Salmon Dinner; 5-8 p.m., St. Andrew's Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St.; "Itadakimasu" cook-book for, sale. Tickets: 650/948-6806.

book for,sale. Tickets: 650/948-6806. SACRAMENTO Fri., Oct. 6—Ján Ken Po presentation: "Animal Symbolisms"; 7 pm., Belle Cooledge Community Center, 5699 S. Land Park Dr. RSVP: 395/2589-9844. SAN FRANCISCO

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 22-23, and Thurs.-Sat., Sept. 28-30—Performance, "Rice Women," an evening of dance and music exploring the past and present of being Asian, American and female; 8 p.m., Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 8 p.m., Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. at 17th. Tickets: 415/621-9496. Info: 510/891-9496

Wed., Sept. 27—Program, "Cause For Celebration," to benefit the Angel Island Immigration Station restoration; 5:30-8 p.m., Pacific Room, Bank of America Center, 52nd Floor, 555 America Center, 52nd Floor, 555
California St.; Charlie Chin, emcell;
Cateway to Gold Mountain" exhibit;
performance by Francis Wong and
Cathering of Ancestors," and tribute
to Kathy Lim Ko. Info: 415/561-2160;
fax 415/561-2162, www.aiisf.org.
Through Sept. 29—Exhibit, "Latent
August: The Legacy of Hiroshima &
Nagasaki", National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St.;
a video by Robert Handa accompanies the exhibit. Info., schedules:
415/921-5007; www.njahs.org.
Fri., Oct. 6—Nihonmachi Legal

Fri., Oct. 6—Nihonmachi Legal Outreach 25th Anniversary Cele-bration; 5 p.m., Hotel Nikko San Francisco, 222 Mason St., Polynesian

Francisco, 222 Mason St.; Polynesian attire recommended; Sam Choy cooking demonstration and banquet. RSVP by Sept. 29: 415/567-6255.
Sat., Oct. 28—Topaz High School Reunion, classes of '43 and '44, and others who wish to attend; 2-10 p.m., JACNC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco; teachers Eleanor Girard Sekarak and Kojir Kawaguchi to be honored; songs by Toru Saito, line dancing by Gil Chun. RSVP by/Oct. 3: Mas Kawaguchi, chair, 415/731-2658; Furni Manabe Hayashi, sec¹ty, 510/524-1048. 510/524-1048.

SAN MATEO Sun., Sept. 24—Sunday Mov Matinee, "Gone With the Wind";

p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St. Info: 650/243-2793. Sun, Oct. 1—2000 San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament; first tee-off 10 a.m., Poplar Creek Golf Course, 1700 Coyote Point Dr.; all levels welcome, tee prizes for all entrants. Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590

Southern California CAMARILLO

CAMARILLO
Sun, Oct. 8—Tenth Annual Japanese
Cultural Festival; 2-5 p.m., Camarillo
Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley
St.; Taisho Koto, Koshin Taiko,
Toshindo ninja martial arts; children's activities, crafts; tea ceremony, ike-bana, food tasting, more. Info: 805/

CLAREMONT

Tues., Sept. 26—Lecture, "Japanese Animation: A Secret History"; 4:15 p.m., Pomona College, Hahn Bldg. 420 N. Harvard. Info: 909/621-8515."

420 N. Harvard. Info: 909/621-8515.* LOS ANGELES Sun. Sept. 24—Aki Matsuri 2000 Boutique: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Culver City vicinity: de-Braddock Dr., Culver City vicinity; designer clothing, sportswear, original jewelty, 'gifts, stationery, (pods, etc. Info: Jean Ushijima, 310/390-6914, Sun, Sept. 24—"Going. Overtime: Health and Fitness Tips From Senior Athletes"; 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St.; Little Tokyo, RSVP; 213/625-0414, Wed., Sent. 27—Authbrof: Paarliners' Paarliner's P

Wed., Sept. 27—Authors' Readings: "Stone Field, True Arrow" by Kyoko stone Frietd, Irue-'Arrow' by Kyoko Mori, and "Becoming Madame Mao" by Anchee Min; 7 p.m., Central Library, Mark Taper Auditorium, Fifth and Flower streets. Free. RSVP: 213/228-7025.

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Thurs-Sun, Sept. 28-Oct. 1—Great Leap presentation, "A Slice of Rice, Frijoles and Greens", 8 p.m., David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 N. Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; Sat. & Sun. matinees also, Tickets: 310/264-6696.

Info: www.greatleap.org.
Thurs., Oct. 5—Asian American Ar-Thurs., Oct. 3—Main American Au-chitects/Engineers Association Annual Awards Banquet, "Vision 2000 South-em California"; 6 p.m., Regal Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand; keynote speaker Mayor Riordan, RSVP: Virgil Aoanan, 213/627, 4848 213/622-4848

213/b2/2-4848.
Fin, Oct. 6—Discussion of Veterans' Benefits; 12:30 p.m., Hollywood Senior Multipurpose Center, 1360 N. St. Andrews Pl.; lecture by a representative of the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, 2005.

Q&A to follow. Info: 323/957-3900.

Through Oct. 22—Play Premiere, "Ikebana," by Velina Hasu Houston; Pasdena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave., Pasadena. Info: <www.pasade-naplayhouse.org>. Tickets: 800/872-

SANTA RAPRARA

SANIA BARBARA Sun., Oct. 8—Japanese Community Barbecue; 12:30-4 p.m., Tucker's Grove, Kiwanis Meadows Area; Tickets, info: Jane Uyesaka, 964-2209, Roxanne Nomura, 565-8854.

New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE Sun., Oct. 1—Akimatsuri-Japanese Fall Festival; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Park Square across from the Marriott, in front of the Japanese Kitchen. Info: April Bailey, 293-6728.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat., Sept. 30—Kaminari Taiko Concert with the Minyo Dancers; 4. p.m., Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Bush St.

800 S. Bush St. Wed.-Thurs., April 4-5, 2001— Minidoka Reunion; Caesars Palace. Info., registration: c/o Tak (Yokoyama) Todo, 15537 - 32nd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98155-6530, <mkawachi@hot-mail.com

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COMMENTARY

Injustice In Justice

By ROBERT K. BRATT

When I was asked to serve as Di-rector of the Office of Redress Administration, I knew just a little about the injustice Japanese Americans faced during and after World War II. After six years working to make redress a reality, I learned more about that injustice. And I was convinced that the United was convinced that the United States government wouldn't perpetrate such an injustice ever as

But then came my own, story about an intrusive, three-and-a-half-year federal investigation that hobbled my finances, shredded my personal life, and shattered my faith in the federal government. Saddy, I discovered more injustice

Opportunities Unlimited

he Department of Justice My government experience be gan early After college, I was hired by the Department of Justice. by the Department of Justice. Within a few years, in 1986, I had been promoted to the top manager of the Civil Rights Division.

Promotions, awards and plum assignments came my way almost every year. As I climbed the ladder of responsibility, it looked as if Jus-tice was a dream job of a lifetime. In 1988, I added a new assign-

ment — directing the Office of Re-dress Administration. This was the first of many difficult assignments I would eventually be expected to turn into a positive achievement for

turn into a positive and the Department.

The kudos rolled in when I left the program. In San Francisco and Los Angeles, supporters held testimonial dinners to recognize my were laudatory newspaper articles, congression-al speeches and a presidential

My next move was to the top manager job with the Criminal Division at Justice. Once again, daunting challenges awaited me. The division was spending money it didn't have. Basic common-sense agement practices were lacking. I spent months sorting it out.

Later, I was asked to intervene and help bail out troubled pro-grams in Haiti and at the Immigration and Naturalization Ser-vice. Along the way, I developed a

reputation as a trouble-shooter. But trouble was shooting for me.

Rumblings of Trouble
My nightmare started in 1997. It began inauspiciously while I was attempting to straighten out some of the mismanagement in a particular program of the Criminal Division. A Justice employee asked me if we were going to extend his ap-pointment which was set to expire I refused to discuss it, knowing this

person had a history of controversy. However, he told a co-worker that if I didn't extend his appointment, he would "take me out" in the press. When I learned of the troublemaker's threat, I discussed it with my boss who vowed that the Justice De-partment would not be blackmailed, and that we would deal with his ap-

pointment extension later.
Ultimately, the disgruntled troublemaker's appointment was never renewed. And when he found out, he complained that his contract had been eliminated because he was a "whistleblower."

Piling On

The real problems began in Russia. The program I had been trying to clean up featured American law enforcement officials training foreign governments in justice agement. This required me to trav el to Russia. It became clear during my visits that there were serious problems with the program that would mean upsetting the apple

During my first visit, I met a Russian woman working as our translator. A colleague and I asked her to show us around Moscow one weekend afternoon. On the next trip, the woman introduced us to her friends. We had dinner togethner inends. We had dinner togeth-er and were even invited to a fami-ly gathering. Eventually, the women said they were interested in visiting the United States for a va-

On my last day in Moscow, I picked up two blank tourist visa forms at the U.S. Embassy. These forms were available to anyone who stopped by the Embassy, but I thought I would save the women a trip. I gave them the forms during a group dinner at the Moscow Plan-et Hollywood.

A co-worker who was remaining in Moscow for a few weeks offered

to drop off the completed forms at the embassy. Nothing ever came of this, since the women were unable to travel to the US during the 90-day visa period due to work and va-cation conflicts.

As it turned out, those two unused visas became the heart of an investigation that the federal government launched against me.

Blasted in the Press

None of this had surfaced until 1997 when I was reading *The* Washington Post on a Stairmaster in the Justice Department gym. I across an article ábou gations regarding the Russian po-lice-training program. The Post ar-ticle cited numerous allegations in-cluding sexual harassment, contract irregularities, visa fraud and significant cost overruns on con-

It mentioned me as coordinator of the program, but failed to mention that I had been there only six tion that I had been there only six months, and that I was the one who had been called in to fix the problems. Despite those facts, the drift of the article was clear. I was the focus of the investigation. The mess I was sent to clean up was splattering on me.

Things really got wild after that. My personal activities while I was abroad on Justice Department work was being probed, including nonsensical and false allegations about prostitutes and strip bars Rumors mentioned something about travel visas arranged for two ething Russian women, improperly. None of this was true, but at that point, it didn't seem to matter

The Investigation of My Personal Life Eventually, I was asked to meet with the inspector general. This is the person at the Justice Department who is supposed to provide an independent review of improper ac-tivity. I would soon learn that in this case, it was the Inspector Gen-

ral who would act improperly.

My appearance was voluntary, I
was told. I was asked to sign a form
described as routine. What I didn't know then was that I was emoiled in a criminal investigation. The accusations focused on two areas involving me personally: visas for the Russian women and my personal activities outside of work.

The blatant intrusion into my ersonal life took me by surprise. The investigators were out of con-trol. One Justice Department worker was asked by an investiga-tor to provide a list of women I had dated. A staff member was que tioned about whether there were wild parties at my beach hous They wanted to know who wer there on weekends.

A receptionist working in my of-fice was approached by an investi-gator and asked to secretly gather personal information about me. They wanted to know about my friends, who I dated, and other per-sonal information. To her credit, the receptionist refused to spy on me. She ran out of the room, so disme. She ran out of the room, so dis-turbed that she called in sick for two days.

My neighbor, a retired govern-ment official, told me about a visit he received from two investigators asking questions about my person-al life. They asked about women l dated and what went on at my house. The interview didn't last long because my neighbor objected to their questions and told them to

Shopping a Criminal Case
Before long, I learned that a potential criminal case against me
was being prepared for possible
prosecution. The allegations were sent to the top criminal prosecutors in the Justice Department. They rejected them, pointing out that there was no credible evidence of any wrongdoing. You'd think that would be the end of it. But it was-

Within hours, the inspector genwithin hours, the inspector gen-eral took it elsewhere for prosecu-tion, hoping to find a sympathetic ear from anyone. They shopped the case to the U.S. Attorney's office in the District of Columbia. Officials there also declined to prosecute

It had been a year since the orig-inal troublemaker had threatened that I would be "taken out" in the press if his appointment wasn't ex-tended. It began to look as if his threat might become reality.

Troublemaker Gets His Wish

While my life was beginning to unravel, the self-styled "whistle-

blower" was faring much better.

Ten months after his appointment expired, the disgruntled troublemaker filed a claim with an blemaker filed a claim with an agency that investigates reprisals against whistleblowers. The agency filed a brief with the Merit Systems Protection Board calling for returning the troublemaker to the Justice Department payroll. Returned to the payroll, the em-

ployee was placed on administra-tive leave, leaving him able to work another job while being paid \$80,000 a year by the taxpayers.

Meanwhile, my finances were in free fall: I couldn't have known then what I know now — my legal bill would exceed \$55,000.00.

42 Hours of Interview

The best prosecutors in the Justice Department had declined to prosecute me based on the non-meritous allegations made by the Inspector General. But the investigation rolled on, which meant I would have to undergo more questioning.

It started with two hours on security issues (the problems in Moscow I had been sent to clean-up!), then shifted to eight hours of grilling on travel vouchers covering trips for the past five years. Then they wanted to know who worked out with me in the gym each morning, which staff members played basketball with me.

Then they showed me a list of 16 single women who had worked for me over the years. Had I seen them socially outside the office? Had any socially outside the office? Had of them been to my beach hou

Imagine being questioned in this detail for 42 hours. Now imagine the leaks to the newspapers, the threats of criminal p and the feeling of a hunted animal.

But I had little time to recover from these feelings. I had to pack for a trip to Los Angeles where I was to be one of two Justice De partment honorees attending a Na-tional Coalition for Redress and Reparations ceremony

Back With My Friends in the

Back With My Friends in the Nikkei Community
Less than 24 hours after my inquisition session ended, I was with leaders of the Japanese American community in Los Angeles. I was in a state of shock and appalled at how investigators bored relent ly into my personal life. As I spoke to the group, I vented my outrage Abuse of power by the federal gov rement was an issue close to their hearts and minds. Their response was overwhelming; they wanted to know what they could do to help and offered to set up a legal defense fund. I asked them to do nothing

und. I asked them to do nothing until things played out more.

As I spoke, it struck me as ironic that a program that was the highlight of my career — rectifying the abuse of power by a few government officials — was now an issue I could intimately relate to.

The Injustice Continues

As I write this in September of 2000, the inspector general has giv-2000, the inspector general has given a copy of a report on his investigation to Congress. The House Judiciary plans hearings into the report. Within hours, the report was leaked, and appeared in news media outlets around the country. The report and the subsequent news ar-ticles were filled with distortions, inaccuracies, and flat-out misstate-ments of fact. Beyond the errors in ments of fact. Beyond the errors in the report, it was tinged with in-flammatory and unprofessional rhetoric, clearly reflecting an im-proper bias.

For 22 years at the Department of Justice, career government per-sonnel and members of both Re-publican and Democrat adminis-trations trusted me, respected my

publican and Democrat adminis-trations trusted me, respected my judgement, and shared in the many accomplishments of the pro-jects I have been involved with. jects I have been involved with.

Ironically, I may be remembered

for an assignment that I took for

just six months - trying to clean up

an organization with a significant
ly troubled past.

While I have never been one to

While I have never been one to shy away from challenging oppor-tunities, I will remain deeply sad-dened if what I am remembered for are these false allegations rather than what many consider an exem-plary career of civil service.

Robert K. Bratt was the Adminis RODER K. Bratt was the Adminis-trator of the Office of Redress Ad-ministration. He has received nu-merous awards and honors from the Japanese American community for his tireless efforts on their be-

half.
Citizens who want to speak out on behalf of Mr. Bratt should contact the House Judiciary Committee at 2021/225-3951 (majority caucus) or 202/225-6906 (minority

Arizona JACL Chapter Will Recognize Joe Allman on Oct. 22

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The JACI. Arizona chanter will sponsor a tribute luncheon for Joe Allman on Oct. 22 at the Glendale Civic Center in Glendale, Ariz.

Allman is a past recipient of the Kunsho (Japanese national medal), Order of the Sacred Trea-sure, Gold and Silver Rays, in recognition of his achievements in furthering relations between Japan and the United States.

Allman has served on the board of directors for the JACL Arizona chapter for the past 15 years. He has been president of the chapter for five of

those years. He has served as coor-

dinator for two redress workshops coordinated by the U.S. Justice Department, Civil Rights Division, Office of Redress Administration. He also served as co-chair of the execu-tive committee for the Japanese American Gila River Relocation Center monuments and reunion project that was completed in March 1995, and he has been responsible for the maintenance and care of the Gila River memo-

Allman was selected for the Allman was selected for the Outstanding Citizen Award by the Arizona Asian American As-sociation in May 1995. He has also, received a special achieve-ment award for civil rights and a

chapter award from the JACL cific Southwest District in October 1991: a service award from chapter in November 1989; and he recently received a plaque from national JACL in recognition of his many years of e to JACL

Besides being a life member of the JACL, Allman is a life mem-ber of the Retired Officers Association, Disabled American Veter-ans and the Counter In-

telligence Corps Associ-ation. He is a life mem-ber of Ira H. Hayes Post 84 and is a past officer. He is on the Flag Details committee and a member of the Honor Guard for all deceased Indian veterans.

Allman has been an active member of the Arizona Asian American Association, Himeji Committee (Phoenix sister cities commission), Matsuri Festival steering committee, Phoenix Pa-Rim advisory council, Arizona State University West Adzona State University West Ad-yocates, Area Agency on Aging advisory council and Arizona Ju-venile Justice advisory council. Allman and his wife, Toshiko Kax, have a daughter, Karen.

or information on the 12:30 p.m. tribute luncheon, contact Michele Namba at 623/572-9913, or Marilyn Inoshita Tang at 602/861-2638

Asian American Officials Back California Assemblyman Machado

Asian American elected officials have come out in support of California Assemblyman Mike California Assemblyman Machado, D-Stockton, who was recently accused of making racial slurs against two Republicans, California state Sen. Maurice Jo-hannessén, R-Redding, and Lodi City Councilman Alan Nakan-

In a letter to Johannessen, Matsui wrote in part: "I consider Mike Machado to be a good friend and a committed public servant. He would never, under any circumstances, utter a racially in statement, even in anger. Mike has explained, to the satisfaction of myself and to any other objective ob-server, the comments he made to you in a legislative debate recently. That should end the matter."

Jimmie Yee, mayor of Sacra-tento, also expressed his strong mento, also expressed his strong support of Machado. "Mike is, and he has always

been, an ardent supporter of the API community," said Yee. "As an assemblymember, he has worked to ensure that our voices have been heard in the California state legis

According to Yee, Mach authored legislation establishing a grant program to support in-creased prosecution of hate crimes, and secured \$500,000 for the Sacramento Asian Sports

oundation.

"His actions and public service speak volumes of his record of leadership and commitment to his com-munity," said Yee. "That is why I am dismayed that some of his crit-ics would try to accuse him of using racial slurs, which is not reflective of the man that I know and the of the man that I know and the man I personally endorse to become a state senstor. I believe that Mike is a professional, dedicated public servant who has high professional and personal integrity."

Gore Campaigns for Honda in Northern California

Vice President Al Gore joined Mike Honda, California ass and candidate for the 15th

man and candidate for the 15th congressional district, at a rally in Sunnyvale, Calif., on Sept. 20.

"I am honored that the next president of the United States campaigned in the 15th congressional district and in particular, Sunnyvale, where I got my start as a classroom school teacher," said Honde. "Al Gree knows that the a classroom school teacher," said Honda. "Al Gore knows that the voters of Sunnyvale can determine

the balance of power in-Congress. "Send me to Washington, D.C., and I will be honored to work with President Gore to hire 100,000 teachers and re-invest in our public

teachers and re-invest-in our public school system."

Honda began his career in education as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador. He served as a classroom science teacher in Sunnyvale, as vice principal, principal, and a San Jose Unified School Board Member.

Commentaries on the Wen Ho Lee Case

Wen Ho Lee Case Recalls WWII Internment Camp Prejudices

By PHIL SHIGEKUNI San Fernando JACL Chapter

The unconscionable treatment of Wen Ho Lee triggers painful re-membrances of the treatment Japanese Americans received at the hands of our government 58 years ago. His experience should motivate us to work to improve the way our government deals with all n Americans

To be sure, there are differences between the two events. In 1942, 120,000 of us received no due 120,000 or us received no due process, while Lee has a cadre of attorneys. That notwithstanding, to place him in solitary confinement with one hour of exercise each day and one hour to visit relatives each week - fully manacled tives each week — fully manacled — raises serious guestions con-cerning the treatment of someone who, under the Constitution, is presumed to be innocent. The FBI admits lying to him con-

The FBI admits lying to him con-cerning his polygraph test results to extract a confession. Prior to re-leasing him, Judge Parker apolo-gized on behalf of the government, citing how he was misled by "mis-information" given to him in swom testimony by an FBI agent. Attor-ney General Reno refused to apolo-city, eaving Lee needed to "look ney ceneral neno retused to apolo-gize, saying Lee needed to "look within himself" as to why he was unwilling to tell what he did with seven missing trapes. She, in essence, implied he was confined to break his will and force this infor-mation from him. This seems hardby the way the American justice system should operate and is great-ly at odds with the standards we up for other nations.

The conclusion of the Redress ommission (CWRIC) in 1982 was that the internment resulted from "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." Lee was one person versus 120,000

JAs. But all of the above forces
have resulted in similar injustices.

Racial profiling of Lee prejudged that because he was Chinese, though he was a naturalized Amer ican, his loyalty was suspect.

1942, it was war hysteria that le to suspicion of our loyalty. In 1999, it was fear that China secured seit was fear that China secured se-cret missile information. After three years of costly effort, the FBI only charged Lee with download-ing secret information on unseing secret information on unse-cured computers. Then it was re-vealed that John Deutch, former CIA director, downloaded similar materials on his personal computer which was far more accessible. He has not been charged. The New York Times, without any evidence, announced that Lee was being ac-curated of companyer, thus pendering cused of espionage, thus pandering to the prejudices of the American public. This line was eagerly picked up by other media. In 1942, the Los-Angeles Times and other newspa-pers printed blatant lies concern-

ing the loyalty of JAs, pandering to the racial prejudices of those times. The year 1942 was a presidential election year. Some historians say President Roosevelt used the JA incarceration to deflect criticism for being caught unaware at Pearl Harbor. This is also an election year. The Cox Commission's investigation prompted Republicans to accuse the administration of lax se-curity. Lee was the scapegoat to defloot this criticism

In 1942, then Attorney General Earl Warren, who was running for (California) governor, stated some-thing to the effect that the fact that no espionage had occurred thus far only meant the JAs were plotting to "spring it on us." Last year, the New Mexico's attorney general, who was running for Congress, ea-gerly backed the FBI's incarceration of Lee as a suspected spy.

The JACL has stated a commit-ment to telling the story of our incarceration so it does not happen to carceration so it does not happen to anyone else. It seems to me when our government discriminates against anyone, it is incumbent upon us to recall our experience, to defend the rights of those affected. Some Sangei and Yonsei JACLers Some Sansei and Yonsei JACLers are saying they cannot relate to what happened to their parents and grandparents during World War II. They also say they are more in touch with identifying AA, rather than purely JA. Perhaps the older JACLers can help the younger JACLers relate our WWII experience to current injustices so experiences to current injustices so they may be empowered to work for the benefit of all AAs:

Lee Case Proves 80-20. **Democrats Not** Representative of AAs

By ROGER MINAMI

The dismissal of all but one count against scientist Wen Ho Lee is proof that the 80-20 Initiative and Vice President Gore do not rep-Asian Americans

resent Asian Americans.
Bill Richardson, who was once
under consideration by the vice
president as his gunning mate,
replied, "The issue here is, are we
getting the tapes back. I think that
is the key, The plea bargain enables
us to get that information."
First, Lee's attorneys sent letters
to the Luttic Department shortly.

First, Lees automosy sent reters to the Justice Department shortly before he was indicted, offering to take a polygraph test to answer questions about the "missing" tapes. Secondly, a senior law enforcement official involved in the second teld the Lee Angeler Twee forcement official involved in the case told the Los Angeles Times that 'the government now accepts Lee's claim, made through his lawyers, that the destroyed the seven tapes." Secretary Richardson, speaking on behalf of the Clinton-Gore administration over the past months has made a number of misleading statements regarding Lee's case. Speaking on behalf of the administration, he should have the decency to simply apologize to this man for the damage they have brought upon him. brought upon him.
As to the government's claim

that the case against Lee was not that the case against Lee was not racially motivated, is there anyone in or outside of the Asian American communities that really believes that? Even Robert Vrooman, who was then head of counterintelli-gence at Los Alamos, believed the case against Dr. Lee was unfounded. His disgust at the Energy De-partment over their handling of the case prompted him to go public about racial profiling and the com-plete lack of evidence against Lee.

The 80-20 Initiative has solicited The 80-20 Initiative has solicited financial support of the AA communities to benefit the vice president. Might I suggest they use their relationship with the vice president to contact Richardson about an apology to Lee? In releasing Lee, US. District Judge James Parker rebuked the Clinton-Gore administration saying "they have embarrassed this entire nation and each rassed this entire nation and each of us who is a citizen of it."

Democrats Unsupportive in Wen Ho Lee's Case

By DR. JANE HU

This "spy" case revealed the true face of the Democratic administration under President Clinton and Vice President Gore, who claimed themselves to be sympathetic and friendly to minorities. Judge Parker also questioned the unfair manner in which Lee was held in custody, the severity of the original charges and an unexplained White House meeting just be-fore the indictment. Senior officials pushed solitary confine-ment to make life as difficult as possible to Dr. Lee. This was a cruel and unjust action against Lee's human rights.

During the national Republican convention, the National Asian American Republican Coalition passed a resolution to support Dr. Wen Ho Lee and demanded his immediate release We are very happy that Lee is finally free with an apology.

I have serious doubt that Vice

President Gore is a true friend of the minority members of this country. He never offered his help to Lee. He even claimed that his very personal letter to his Chinese American friend, who will spend years in prison for helping him raise campaign money, did not mean anything.

I question his character and

sincerity. Without proper guid-ance and instruction, many innocent Chinese did their best and raised campaign money illegally. Gore used them and made them scapegoats to shoulder all the blame. Can we trust him to be the president of the United States? ■

WEN HO LEE

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as investigated and prosecuted by

Federal agencies.
Charlie Woo, CAUSE-Vision
21 chair, said they plan to write
to their elected officials for a con-

gressional hearing on racial pro-filing of Asian Americans in the national defense sector. "We have always said the guilt or innocence of Wen Ho Lee is not the main issue," said Woo. "We might have just seen the tip of the iceberg in terms of the government's bias against Asian Americans in sensitive professions. The Wen Ho Lee case has been a wake-up call for our community. We have learned how to munity. We have learned how to organize, galvanize and mobilize to protect ourselves. We must take advantage of the momentum and the publicity generated in this case and push for congressional action that could end discrimination against all Asian Americans once and for all." Meanwhile, in a rare public disagreement, Clinton said on Sept. 14 that Lee's long detention "just can't be justified," but Attorney General Janet Reno refused to apologize and said the

fused to apologize and said the confinement was the nuclear sci-entist's own fault. Reno said Lee could have avoided nine months could have avoided nine months in detention by agreeing earlier to plead guilty and tell the government what happened to the seven missing tapes. The government dropped 58 other counts. Hours after Reno spoke, Clinical State of the counts of the counts of the counts of the counts.

ton expressed an opinion far closer to that of U.S. District Judge James Parker, who said Lee's de-tention "embarrassed our entire

Saying he was "terribly dis-turbed" by this case, Congress-man Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., said, "No American deserves to be treated in such a roughshod manner. Certainly as a sovereign nation, we have a right to guard our national secrets. But we also have an obligation to uphold our Constitution and its guarantees afforded to every American." ■

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COMMENTARY

OHA Trustees Resign as Congress Weighs Status of Native Hawaiians

By ALAN T. MURAKAMI and DAVID FORMAN

The aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Rice v. Cayetano* has resulted in the mass resignation of all nine trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The the Office of Hawanan Atlans. The trustees resigned en masse, so as not to risk giving Gov. Ben Cayetano the opportunity to ap-point a majority of trustees whose terms would extend until the 2002

Much to the consternation of many Hawaiian leaders, Cayetano took the legal position that the trustees should be removed immediately and replaced by his ap-pointees for the remainder of their terms. The resignation of the trustees not facing election in 2000 w allows for a special election to fill those vacancie

fill those vacancies.

This decision added to the turmoil already facing the Hawaiian
community, which is reeling from a
political backlash emboldened by
the Rice decision. Under the Rice
decision, the U.S. Supreme Court
held that state-financed elections of
trustees for the OHA could not be
limited to Hawaiians, under the
15th Amendment of the Constitu-15th Amendment of the Constitu-

The state of Hawaii and the federal government argued unsuccessfully that they have long considered there to be a political relationship based on prior dealings and on the history of U.S. involvement in the overthrow of the former Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893. In 1993, the United States even apologized for its improper involvement in that overthrow and pledged to pursue political reconciliation with Hawai-

However, the court based its decision on the absence of any formal recognition by Congress of a politi-cal relationship with Hawaiians. Meanwhile, 560 Indian tribes and Alaskans have that relationship, which justifies programs that benefit them. Ironically Congress has already enacted dozens of programs intended to address unique and serious health, education, employment and housing problems sacing

In the wake of the Rice decision, Hawaiian leaders fear that other le-gal challenges could undermine the constitutionality of the host of state and federal Hawaiian programs that have been operating for years under the assumption that no con-stitutional impediment existed. If stitutional impediment easted it the logic of the Rice decision, which was based on the 15th Amend-ment's bar against racial discrimi-nation in voting, is applied to these programs, the court could deem programs aiding Hawaiians unconstitutional under the equal protec-tion clause of the 14th Amendment.

tion clause of the 14th Amendment. For example, the Campaign for a Colorblind America (a national organization with substantial resources) advertised for plaintiffis to file legal challenges to these programs immediately after the Rice decision was issued. Its position is that Hawaiian programs are based on racial classifications that are destructive, to the febric of our course. structive to the fabric of our com-munity and are, therefore, illegal under the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

In rejecting the state and federal

positions, the court ignored affirma-tive efforts endersed by a majority of a multiethnic community to actively address the poor health, edu-cation and social welfare of Hawaiians, as was promised by Congress when it admitted Hawaii as a state when it admitted Hawaii as a state in 1959. Accordingly, Sen. Daniel Akaka's proposed legislation would formally acknowledge this political relationship to neutralize the effects of Rice

Despite the threat posed by the Rice decision, Hawanans appear split on the issue of whether this

bill should pass. Many Hawaiians who advocate for total indepen-dence of the state have expressed opposition because they believe the bill restricts their political options. The senators have proposed specific language to neutralize this concern. ianguage to neutralize this concern. They and supporters of the bill place priority on protecting existing programs and support the opportunity to establish a transition process as a prelude to formal recognition of a Native Hawaiian

self-governing entity.

In recognition of this momentous time, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has scheduled a public forum on the implications of the Rice v. Cayetano decision. The commission intends to hold a one-day fo-rum on Sept. 29, at a location yet to be announced, to hear input from scholars and the public on the impacts of the decision on the civil rights of Hawaitans

Members of the Hawaiian Advisory Committee (HAC) to the commission pushed for this session alarmed by the potential impacts of the Rice decision on the various federal programs that currently ad-dress problems from which Hawaisuffer disproportionately. hawaiians have long suffered from poorer educational achievement than other groups in the state. The Native Hawaiian Education Act, for example, offers various programs to help Hawaiians attain higher levels help Hawanans attam higher levels of education through scholarship, counseling and other assistance programs. Congress enacted this measure, along with 150 other sim-ilar pieces of legislation, to address special problems Hawaiians

The commission is a bipartisan body organized to educate the pub-lic and advise Congress on civil rights problems affecting Americans across the country. It has previously investigated incidents of concern to national civil rights advocates, such as the police shooting death of Amadou Diallo in New York City, racial and ethnic tensions in Los Angeles and allegations of discrimination against Asian Pacific Americans during the investigatic Americans during the investment tion into illegal campaign contributions. The commission has an advisory committee in every state to help it identify and address the most critical civil rights issues

most critical civil rights issues across the country.
Charles Maxwell, the current chair of HAC, believes that the Rice decision raises fundamental issues concerning the civil rights of Hawaiians. In 1991, the HAC issued a groundbreaking report on the Hawaiian homestead program titled, "A Broken Trust: the Hawaiian Homeste Commission Act." In it, the HAC criticized the failure of the U.S. and state governments to supthe HAC criticated the faultre of the U.S. and state governments to sup-port the long-neglected program, even though the state of Hawaii pledged to implement the program as a condition of receiving state-

At the time, the HAC recommended that Congress, in order to remove a potential legal cloud over any federal support for the program, enact legislation immediately to declare an explicit activities. gram, enact legislation immediate-ly to declare an explicit political trust relationship with Native Hawaiians. It feared that doubts previously expressed about this re-lationship were a major obstacle to receiving federal financial support

for the program.

Congress never took action on the recommendation; although Sen the recommendation, although Sen. Daniel Incuye introduced legislation in 1990 to recognize that trust relationship. However, opposition from some segments of the Hawaiian community contributed to the failure of that bill to pass. Now, a decade later, the HAC finds its concern ripening into a potential nightmare for Hawaiians in the wake of the Rice decision.

The current controversy requires

all in Hawaii to re-examine the aloha spirit that this community once took for granted. It forces them to examine the larger question of whether true self-determination whether true self-determination must emerge in order to perpetuate longer-term peace and harmony amongst those in Hawaii who have, for too long, had the luxury of pre-suming it would last forever. While that re-examination may seem sud-den, it demands that all citizens fo-cus on understanding the history and issues related to the colonizacus on understanding the history and issues related to the coloniza-tion of Hawaii and current efforts to re-establish political structures that were once forcibly removed. Non-Hawaiians can no longer just defer these questions to members of

defer these questions to members of the Hawaiian community. Last June, at the national JACL convention in Monterey, the Hon-olulu chapter successfully spear-headed the adoption of a resolution urging Congress to formally recog-nize a political relationship with Hawaiians and ultimately establish a government to-government rela-tionship with them. The resolution also calls on the national and realso calls on the national and re-gional staffs of JACL as well as all chapters to support such efforts by urging their individual congressionrepresentatives and senators to dorse this effort.

The Hawaii senators sponsoring S. 2899 (H.R. 4904) face the daunting challenge of passing this resolution before the current Congress recesses in October. The Honolulu chapter is calling on all chapters and JACL national and regional staff members to take action in ac-cordance with this resolution so that support for federal recognition

that support for federal recognition comes swiftly. For 'more information, contact Alan T. Murakami at 808751-2302 or aimurak@nhlchi.org, or David Forman at 8087524-1800 or dforman@ahfi.com. ■
Alan Murakami and David Fo

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CALIFORNIA BANK



By Christina Shigemura

Save the Date: October 28

y roommate and I were strolling down Bruin Walk one day at the beginning of our freshman year at UCLA Glancing over at the Intramural Field, I wondered aloud, "Why are all those men running around with butterfly nets?" In fact, she explained to me, the men were not catching butterflies; they were playing a game called

Later that day, a cla me that he played hockey. I asked if he had his own horse. "No, no," he corrected me, "you're thinking

of polo."
You've probably figured out by
now that I'm not a sports enthusiast. Yet I wholeheartedly support
building a community gymnasium
in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. The
key word here is "community." The
Little Tokyo Recreation Center
will bring publisher supervision. Lattle Tokyo Recreation Center will bring multiple generations from all over the greater Los An-geles area together — in the heart of Little Tokyo. This is worth fight-ing for, even though Tiger Woods

ing for, even though Tiger Woods is just another pretty face to me.

LT Rec Center supporters are seeking one acre of the seven-acre plot of city-owned land north of First Street, bordered by Judge John Aiso Street, Temple and Alameda. This site, a small part of which is already-home to the 100th/42nd/MIS "Go For Broke" reproprial and the Incorporation of the Inco memorial and the Japanese American National Museum, is the only

viable space which is currently available in Little Tokyo. In addiavamable in Little 10kyp: in addi-tion to a six-court gymnasium, the Rec Center will include a lunch and recreation program for se-niors, performance and music workshops, and practice space for s, and practice space for

workshope, and practice space for taiko groups.

Besides bringing multiple gener-ations of JAs together and provid-ing a safe place for fun and exer-cise, the Rec Center will serve the multi-ethnic community of people who live and work in Little Tokyo. who live and work in Little Tokyo. Lately the Rec Center has come under fire for its plans to provide space for "exclusionary" Nikket leagues, yet in reality the Rec Cen-ter will be a place of friendship and ter will be a place of friendship and a cultural meeting ground. Plans are already underway for ex-changes and joint programs with other inner-city youth centers. If you support the LT Rec Center

and you live in L.A., please write to your city council member. He or she will have a vote on whether the city-owned land north of First Street will include the Rec Center or not Let's remind them that "city-owned" land is actually owned by all of the people who live in L.A., including the children. (It is the opinion of this writer that those who think "sweaty kids" will ruin the landscape need to get with the neighborhood and the times or risk being called something other

than "contemporary.")
You can also show your support

by coming to a fun and educational event at the (hopefully) future site of the Rec Center on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by the "Go For Broke" monument. Cul-tural performances and informabe followed by a short march

zations and individuals, \$1.3 million has already been raised to-ward the estimated \$4.7 million total cost to build the Rec Center. A growing list of endorsers includes four JACL chapters (Carson, East L.A., Greater L.A. and Pacific Southwest District) in addition to Southwest District) in addition to many sports, senior, children's, stu-dent, community and performance groups. Donors include the South-ern California Women's Athletic Union, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, the West L.A. United Methodist Church, the Rob Fukuzaki Foundation, and many individuale

Oct. 28 event, or to learn how you can support the LT Rec Center, call Cate Kuniyoshi at 213/473-1687 or e-mail ckunivoshi@ltsc.org.

Christina Shigemura is

tive remarks about the Rec Center

and light refreshments. Maps of the site and plans for the Rec Cen-ter will be on display. Supporters of the Rec Center are also asking for endorsements from groups and donations from organi-

For more information about the

teacher whose students enjoy bas ketball, baseball and soccer.

A Bridge Across the Pacific

By Emily Moto Murase

Distant Voices

ovember 6, 1943: Soon after I arrive to Tule Lake, Japanese working in camp warehouse found that the foods such as sugar, meat, butter, eggs are stolen by War Relocation Authority workers and sold outside to the characteristics. black market. Then a young de-tainee was killed in accident from driving unsafe truck. When tainee was nued in accident from driving unsafe truck. When Japanese stayed home to protest, WRA brought in workers from out-side to replace us. Any detainees that protest are arrested. The camp has become very uneasy. ecome very uneasy.

This is an entry from Hiroaki Nishimura's diary which his daughter Julie Nishimura and her partner Danny Peak have drama-tized in an innovative perfor-mance piece titled "Distant Voic-

In this highly personal account of the internment, three readers share Hiroaki Nishimura's diary entries with the audience, accompanied by an eclectic mix of piano selections that range from Japanese folk songs to the songs of Cole

A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Julie is a professional pianist on the faculty of the University of Delaware. Danny, a writer and the produc-tion director, has directed productions off-Broadway and at the Ac-tor's Studio in New York, as well as many regional theaters. I spoke with Julie and Danny

I spoke with Julie and Danny bout "Distant Veices." EMM: What was the original in-pration for "Distant Voices?" JN/DP: In 1999, I celebrated my tenth anniversary with the University of Delaware and was putting together a music program for an anniversary recital. About this time, my father told me he was beginning to translate his World War II internment diaries from Japanese to English. The next day, as we were talking about ideas for the concert program, Danny thought it might be interesting to do a 10-minute reading of my father's diary and underscore it with piano. Five months later, we had a 70-minute performance

piece.
EMM: Initially, how did your fa-ther feel about the idea of creating a musical performance piece that shoucased his diary entries from World War II?

JN/DP: He was actually very supportive but tentative. When I was growing up, my father rarely talked about the internment and always shied away from intern-ment events. So I was surprised that when I did talk to him about our idea, he was very encouraging. He even made plans to come to Delaware to see the first perfor-

EMM: Did this change after the

ENIN: Discuss crange uper the first performance?

JN/DP: He is very excited about the reactions to DV though somewhat puzzled why people find his story so moving and inspiring. Overall, he has become much more open about his camp experi-ences. He has even videotaped a two-hour interview for the Densho

two-hour interview for the Densho Project in Seattle.
EMM: Where have you performed 'Distant Voices?'
JN/DP: Since May 1999, we have toured to venues throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware including the Seabrook, New Jersey, and Philadelphia JACL chapters as well as nationally to the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston. South Carolina ally to the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina. This past January, we went international, performing at the Watford Artslink Festival in London, England. While there we also performed excerpts and conducted exclusion workshops at area schools and colleges. For the future, we are negotiating performances with JACL chapters and schools around the country and, internationally, with organizations in tionally, with organizations in France, Germany and Sweden.

EMM: What has been the audi-

ence reaction to the performance?
JN/DP: Very enthusiastic ...
both here in America and abroad. Following performances, we usu-ally stay an hour or more talking to people about the internment or listening to their own internment experiences. Many people to this day, even those who lived during World War II, have never heard about the internment, so for them, DV is quite an astonishing eye

opener.

EMM: What was performing at the July Tule Lake Pilgrimage like? I understand your father joined you. That must have been a very emotional pilgrimage for all

JN/DP: It was. First, we felt so honored to be asked to perform for people who had actually lived the events we present in DV. And then to see Tule Lake and actually walk to see Tule Lake and actually walk the site of the camp was surreal. It made DV much more real and per-sonal for us. It was especially pow-erful for my father, it was his first time back since 1946. "Distant Voices" has received the generous financial support of the Japanese American Citizens

the Japanese American Citzens League Through a national JACL Legacy Fund grant, "Distant Voices" was presented just outside of Philadelphia in May. The event was co-sponsored between the Philadelphia JACL chapter and the Anti-racism Task Force of the Main Line Unitarian Church. The Seabrook JACL chapter also hosted a performance through an arts grant from the Cumberland Coun-

grant from the Cumberiand Coun-ty Cultural Commission. — For booking information, con-tact Julie Nishimura at 1907 Maple St., Wilmington, DE 19805 or e-mail at nishimur@udel.edu.

Emily and Julie are both gradu-ates of Lowell High School in San Francisco. Go Cardinals! Emily can be reached at emurase@stan-

International Documentary Film Festival to Show Fred Korematsu Story

The International Documentary Association presents DOCtober, the fourth annual international documentary film festival, which will run from Oct. 6-12, at the Pa-cific Theatres, Hastings Ranch, in Pasadena, Calif.

Pasadena, Calif.
Among the featured films will be
"Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The
Fred Korematsu Story," produced
by Eric Paul Fournier and Dorka
Keehn, and directed by Fournier.

Korematsu was part of the land-mark Supreme Court case concern-ing the mass evacuation of Japan-ese Americans during World War Americans during World II. He was arrested and convicted in a lower court in 1942, and on Dec. 18, 1944, the United States Supreme Court affirmed the constitutionality of the mass exclusion of the Nikkei community by up-holding Korematsu's conviction for violating exclusion orders. More than four decades later, a writ of coram nobis was filed on behalf of Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui. On Nov. 10. 9183, Judge Marilyn Hall Patel vacated Korematsu's original ruling,

thus exonerating him.
Showtime hours for "Of Civil
Wrongs and Rights" are:

Fri. 10/6 — 4 p.m. Sat. 10/7 — 2 p.m

Sun. 10/8 — noon Mon. 10/9 — 4 p.m. Tues. 10/10 — 10 a.m. Wed. 10/11 — noon

Wed. 10/11 — noon Thurs. 10/12 — 8 p.m. The film festival will also show 'Gaea Girls,' which takes the view-er into the world of Japanese women's wrestling. It will feature wrestlers such as Nagayo Chigusa, who attempts to rule and control the other women wrestlers. documentary was produced by Kim Longinotto, and directed by Longinotto and Jano Williams.

Showtime hours for "Gaea Girls"

Fri. 10/6 — 6 p.m. Sat. 10/7 — 4 p.m. Sun. 10/8 — 10 a.m. Mon. 10/9 — noon Tues, 10/10 — 4 p.m.

Tues. 10/10 — 4 p.m.
Wed. 10/11 — 8 p.m.
Thurs. 10/12 — 6 p.m.
Tickets for individual programs
are \$7, weeklong passes are \$35.
They can be purchased at Pacific
Theatres, Hastings Ranch, 467 N.
Rosemead Blvd, in Pasadena, or
call the box office at 62/6/351-8939.

For more information or a full listing of shows, visit the Web site at <www.documentary.org>; e-mail them at <info@documentary.org>; or call at 213/534-3600.

Artist's Work to Be Sent Into Outer Space Aboard Discovery Space Shuttle

Hiro, an American artist of Japanese descent from Alexandria. Japanese descent from Alexandria, Va, who is noted for her art works that reflect cross-cultural East-West themes, has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally and is now about to be exhibited in out-

er space.
Hiro received a commission from
Leslie Butler, president of Zen Technology, Inc., Silver Spring, Md., for
a calligraphic painting depicting
the company's symbol, to be "exhibin a solo show aboard the ited in a solo show aboard the NASA space shuttle biscovery: The space shuttle launch is set for Oct. 5, 2000, at 9:30 p.m. EST from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Ganaveral, Fla. This space shuttle, the STS-92, will be the 100th shut-tle flight. tle flight.

The symbol Hiro created for Zen Technology in her inimitable brush painting technique is based on the Chinese character hsin, meaning trust-truth-believe-faith-sincere-confidence. The medium is acrylic on washi (handmade Japan paper), the size is 12 inches high by 8 inches wide, in accordance with NASA specifications. The painting is to be placed in a special container for the space flight

space flight.

Hiro's art work was placed in quarantine on Sept. 6, 30 days before the flight, and will be quarantined again for 30 days upon its return at Cape Canaveral at 4:58 p.m EST on Oct. 16.

On this mission Discovery will On this mission, Discovery will deliver an exterior framework called the Z-1 Truss and a third mating adapter. The new truss houses four gyroscope devices and communication equipment for the space station.

Free Courtyard Concert Series, 'Tuesday's at the Playhouse,' in Pasadena

In celebration of the world premiere of Velina Hasu Houston's play "Rebana," the public is invited to attend "Tuesdays at the Playhouse," a series of free 30-minute concerts on Oct. 3, 10, and 17 at 7 concerts on Oct. 3, 10, and 17 at 7 p.m. in the courtyard of the Pasadena Playhouse, 39 South El Molino Ave. in Pasadena, Calif. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Times, performances will feature

-American musicians.

The three-week performance schedule is: Oct. 3 — Japanese

taiko drumming performance (Taiko Center of Los Angeles); Oct. 10 — musical ensemble Koki-Gumi 10 — musical ensemble Koki-Gumi (featuring Masakazu Yoshizawa, Tateo Takahashi, and Hiromo Hashibe), Oct. 17 — Japanese court music (Gagaku) under the direction of Ikuko Yuge.

For those interested in purchasing tickets, please call 626/356-PLAY or visit the Pasadena Playhouse Box Office. For more informatics of the court of the

mation on the performances, call the theater at 626/792-8672.

New Location for San Mateo's Asian American Curriculum Project

The Asian American Curriculum

The Asian American Curriculum Project (AACP) has moved to: 83 37th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. The site is two blocks south of the Hillsdale Shopping Center. Vis-tiors should exit Highway 101 et Hillsdale Blvd. West, turn left on El Camino Real and turn right on

The toll-free number (800/874-2242) should remain in working or-der, but there may be some disrup-

tion of the local number, 650/343-9408. There will be no disruption of e-mail (aacpinc@best.com) or the Web site (www.AsianAmerican-

AACP will be closed for walk-in business during September. The new store will open on Monday,

AACP provides books by and about Asian Americans to various institutions nationwide.

Minidoka Reunion Set for Las Vegas

There will be a special Minidoka Reunion from April 4-5, 2001, at the Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. As of May, more than 200 people from Seattle have registered to at-

Minidokans from the Los Angele area should contact the former Los Angeles Minidoka Committee, which has made arrangements to charter a bus for \$70 for two nights at the California Hotel. A block of rooms has also been set aside at Caesars Palace for \$149/night by the Seattle commit-

tee. Registration for the reunion is \$110 and includes all events. The fee becomes \$125 after Sept. 30. Contact the following persons for registration, bus sign-up or general information: Helen Watanabe, 310374-7529, Bette Endo, 323/321-5279; Toshi Ito, 903/861-9676. ■

Letters to the Editor

'Moses' Masaoka's Vision **Not Reality**

I don't have the foggiest notion why friend Dr. James Inashima (P.C. Aug. 25-31) assigned a spin to my vetting of Mr. Hosokawa's lament, "When are some of us going to stop bitching about the injustice of the evacuation and get on with life?" (P.C. July 14-20).

Reviews and surveys clearly reveal that our generation (Nisei) has built a life out of the absurd, and Inashima, a distinguished emeritus professor of pharmacology in Boston, is a paradigmatic example.

For me, Moses Masaoka is a shibboleth of the 1942 Exodus; leaving a trail of appeasement leaving a trail of appeasement and wonky ideas, he crossed the Potomac and entered the Promised Land. His activities and vision during 1942-1944 have been laundered to pass for the "reality" of that time, but read the Lim Report for his Or-wellian doublethink (www-LaVeise coup). Butthermore his JAVoice.com). Furthermore his tablet is now etched in a D.O. Monument - what chutzpah.

Had P.C. demised during that long dark period, no doubt other publications would have ap-peared with more compelling First Amendment obligations to accommodate more Ms. Rita Takahashi types. And finally, I fear that Inashima's "clear road ahead" will still be veiled by the sleeping long dark period, no doubt other

dogmas of constitutional law such as ethnic disloyalty implicit in the World War II cases (Hirabayashi, et. al). The coram nobis victories notwithstanding, the Alien Act of 1798 (which d clared that resident enemy aliens are constitutionally subject to summary arrest, internment and deportation whenever a declared war exists) and the perennially controversial presidential executive powers indicate that the gun is still loaded.

Eji Suyama Ft. Meade, S.D.

Medal of Honor Recipients Are Well-deserving

Ever since 22 Asian Americans belatedly received the Congres-sional Medal of Honor, there have been cries that it was politi-cally motivated. True, politics were involved, but it was done only to correct injustices of the World War II era. I believe the following more constraints.

following proves my point.
The Japanese American 442nd
Regimental Combat Team's rescue of the Lost Battalion has been ranked by military histori-ans as one of the 10 greatest batues ever tought in American mil-itary history. Yet, in that action in 1944 in the Vosges Mountains, only one ever received the Con-gressional Medal of Honor. Tech Sergeant Charles Coolidge of the tles ever fought in American mil rgeant Charles Coolidge of the 36th Division. No one from the rescuers received the honor, even in the face of their uncommon

in the face of their uncommon valor and even though they had been recommended for the honor. In the battle for Vosges, including the rescue of the Lost Battalion, the 442nd fought valiantly, with 161 killed, 43 missing in action and about 2,000 wounded, of whom 882 were seriously wound-ed. The 442nd only had 2,943 men at the start of action. But by the end of the rescue of the Lost Battalion, the 442nd was a skele

Battalion, the 442nd was a skele-ton unit, with only several hun-dred men left standing. Finally, belatedly, on June 21, three men of the 442nd received their Congressional Medals of Honor for their efforts to rescue the Lost Battalion: Pvt. Barney F. Hajiro of Waipahu, Hawaii; Tech

Fifth Grade James K. Okubo (who volunteered from Heart Mountain); and Pvt. George T. Sakato of Denver (whose family moved from Culver City, Calif., to Phoenix in 1942 when California was declared as Military Zone I. Japanese Americans were forbid-den to live in the zone, which meant incarceration if you did not move out)

If you read the citations of these three men, you will know they earned the honor, even though it was belated, to correct an injustice of 1944.

Zojoro Zawaguchi Huntington Beach, Calif.

Why Are JACLers Still Bitter Over Resister Apology?

The narrow-minded letter, "Apology to Resisters" (July 28-Aug. 3), made us wonder why there remain so many mean-spir ited older JACLers and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We expect these elders, who claim to have been leaders, to set examples by being wiser states-men rather than displaying their boorish and detestable behaviors.

Despite their senior status, they continue to shower on igno rance and credulity. And despite their 'dreadful record of sub their dreadful record of sub-servience to the sinister interest of the WRA, these aging leaders remain one-sided on the moral imagination essential for deliverance from the glittering imperi-um of the JACL.

We hear a great deal nowadays about bringing apology and rec-onciliation to the Nikkei draft re-sisters of conscience. We have brought the Nikkei society liberty, equality and the pursuit of happiness, and now we are going to bring them closure.

It seems very simple, but we doubt whether it can be done. For all, apology is essentially a oneperson experience and therefore something innately aloof and aristocratic

There have, of course, been periods in history when the Nikkei community felt deeply about certain patriotic subjects, and on such occasions, the dissenters were often to give such a clear expression to the spirit of his own time — what we sometimes call "the voice of the Nikkei" - that his own identity thereupon seems to have been lost among that of the thousands.

The worst service one can render the draft resisters is to apologize for their existence. This, of course, is a survival from the course, is a survival from the days when the JACL creed of Mike Masaoka, an egoist with a bitter hatred for all that was for civil rights and freedom, was accepted as the only true philosophy of life by most of our ances-

Civil rights stance had to be smuggled into the life of the o centration camps by means of all sorts of subterfuge. We were told by the JACL that defiance had disnobling influence, and that "civil resistance had a tendency to turn men and women into trai torous citizens.

The truth is that the average draft resister is, at heart, an av-erage Nikkei. He merely happens to have been born with a par larly sensitive set of nerves and was therefore able to react much more delicately to the concentration camp environment than the vast majority.

vast majority.

Hence there have been all sorts of draft resisters — from the uncouth, who gave us sublime messages, to the highly political, who gave and left behind a reputation for gentleness, charm and unselfish generosity that may have been equaled but never sur-

passed.

Don't make the mistake of looking too eagerly for the so-called "soul" of the draft resister.

He may have one, but you won't very different from the souls of the rest of us.

No draft resister has the right to place himself above the law. But like the rest of us, he is entithe the rest of us, he is end-thed to judgment by a jury of his peers. That is the rule that since time immemorial has dominated our civil life. It should also be observed within the realm of civil

And now, we've reached a sort of mental dead end, out of which neither side has been able to exneither side has been able to ex-tricate itself. We thought of the civil rights effect, and JACL thought, with equal sincerity, of the legal ramifications if apology were offered

In the JACL case, the time element also played an important role. An institution like the JACL, that was an important organization during the mid-20th century, is today a lame duck as the old-timers continue to dominate the conferences and the press. And now it is completely devoid of all political and social sense as living in the Nikkei se-nior citizen homes. Whereas the younger Nikkei, who during the last 30 years have marched for last 30 years have marched for civil rights, alongside other ethnic groups across the continent, may well be the conscious center of the Nikkei world within the new millennium.

Against the ascendant old regime — its plenitude guarded by the sentries of mean-spiritedss and bigotry, its membership whipped by the old-timers refus whipped by the old-timers refus-ing to give up power — the JACL sets charity, the practice of mak-ing and giving civil rights, with-out the thought of return.

7akasumi Kojima Berkeley, Calif.

Whereabouts (Free on a space-available basis)

KINYA SHIZUME

Roselyn Tanimoto Ereneta is compiling a biography of her descendants. Her grandfather was Riusaku "Frank" Tanimoto, who was incarcerated at Poston Camp III during World War II. After relocating to Chicago, he stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kinya Shizume, whose ad dress at the time was 1465 S. Michigan, Chicago 40, Ill. Ereneta has already written to this address with no results. She would like to talk to surviving members of the Shizume family to compile recollection stories or photographs of her grandfather. She can be contacted at 4605 Royal Ridge Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89103; 702/876-6183; e-mail <RoselvnE1@aol.com>



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

Obituaries

Fujita, Sharon Kimi, Ne town, Pa., Aug. 17; survived by parents Tsuneo and June (King of Prussia, Pa.); sisters Tami Wise (Paoli). Nanae Miles (West ster); brother Steven (Brook lyn). Memorial donations in her name may be sent to the Leukemia Society of America 2401 Penysylvania Ave., S 201, Philadelphia, PA 19130. . Suite

201, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

Hayashi, Kazushige "Jay,"
69, and Kazuko "Katch" Yainauchi, 68, Walnut Creek,
Aug. 29, died together, in the
crash of a private plane near Las
Vegas; survived by son Kevin
(Los Gatos); daughters Ruane
Hayashi-Yee (San Jose), Erin
Hayashi-Carrillo (Walnut
Crach) Lee Hayashi-(Resten) Hayashi-Yee (San (Walnut Creek), Jan Hayashi (Lafayette), Amy Chayashi (Lafayette), Amy (Thousand (Thousand Chayashi Chafayette), Amy (Thousand Chayashi Chafayette) Edy Hayashi (Latayette), Amy Hayashi Jones (Thousand Oaks); 9 gc.; siblings Yukiyo Ruth Hayashi (Berkeley), Shigeyo Jane Nakamura (La Jolla), Hiroshi Yamauchi (Wood-land), Sam Yamauchi (Moraga).

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Kadoya, Tom, 77, Spokane, Sept. 8; Spokane-born; survived by wife Aiko; son Jerry; daughters Janice Suttner, Laura Foedisch; sister Eva Aoyama; 5

Kamei, Toshio, 85, Ingle-wood, Sept. 5; Hilo, Hawaiiborn; survived by wife Ruth; son Alan and wife Josie; daughter Alan and whe Josep, daughter Susan Kamei; brother Eiji and wife Miriam; sisters Yvonne Souza and husband Wilbert, Francis Yanagi and husband Sanford:

Kuwamura, Kunihiro 76, Lodi, July 13, Lodi JACL board member; survived by wife Miyeko "Micki"; daughters Car-olyn Sunada, Lorene Ishida (both Fremont), Marcia Guzman (Galt); son Edward (Franklin, Tenn.); 6 gc.; sister Mary Kura-hara (Lodi); predeceased by brothers Yoshio, Tadeharu, Haiime and Yukio

Matsui, Noriyoshi, 79, Tor-rance, Sept. 6; Terminal Islandborn; survived by wife Shizu; daughters Susan T. Bormann and husband John (Texas), Watanabe and husband Richard, Cathy Sutherland and husband Paul, Loree Matsui and husband Steven Gerhardt; 5 gc.; brother John Fumio and wife Lois Koko; brother-in-law Tom Ito and wife Mami (Berke-ley); sisters-in-law in El Cerrito: Yoshiko Adachi and husband Hideyo, Takako Watanabe and husband Tak, Tomi Isono (San and husband Steven Gerhardt; 5 Francisco)

Miho, Masao, 88, Vacaville, Aug. 28; Kumanto, Japan-born; formerly of San Francisco and formerly of San Francisco and New York City; survived by sis-ter Toki Morioka (Cincinnati); brother Shu (Los Angeles); pre-deceased by sisters Sumi (Fair-field), Shizu (Tokyo) and Hisako (Pennsylvania.).

Murata, Koji, 90, Los Altos, July 3; San Francisco-born; nationally known innovator in care of goldfish; survived by wife Mary; sons Ernest and wife Marilyn, Stephen and wife

Pararya, Stephen and Wife Denise; 4 gc., 2 ggć.

Nakamura, Kei, 77, Monterey, Aug. 30; Reedley-born; WWII Army linguist, longtime member of Monterey Peninsula Airport District board of directors lengther reliable to the property of the control of tors; longtime volunteer official at Pebble Beach golf tourna-ments; survived by wife Sumi; son Keith (Aiea, Hawaii); daughter Susan Sakai (Salinas); 4 gc; brothers Charles (Reedley), George (Virginia), Noboru (Orinda); sisters Shigeno Nakamura (Japan), Michiye Kobayashi (El Cerrito), Yoshiko Kishi (Livergera)

Ono, Kyosuke, 74, Long Beach, Sept. 8; survived by wife Kayo; son Robert; daughters Elaine, Marsha, Michele.

Saiki, Howard Toshiyaki, 56, Long Beach, Aug. 25; Colorado-born; survived by son Brian; mother Nobuko; brother Seiji; sister Sumi Tsuno.

Uchiyama, Shigeru, 93, San Jose, Aug. 31; San Jose-born; survived by son Dan and wife Emiko, Jerome and wife Marion; daughters Jane Fukuda and husband Robert, Chiyo Hikido and husband Shogo, Miyo Fukuda and husband Ken, Midori Louie and husband Donald, Florence Miyagi and husband Ken; 21 gc., 22 ggc., predeceased by wife Tomiko and daughter Judith Hilborn.

Ueda, Tsutomu Buster, 79, Gardena, Sept. 2; Eleele, Hawaii-born; survived by son Wayne and wife Linna; 2 gc.; brothers Shigeo and wife Ruby Hurley, Kenneth and wife Leilani; sisters Florence Nagasawa and husband George (Hawaii), Frances Nishikawa and husband Joe, Edith Horikawa and husband Hank.

Umeda, Shizuko, 93, Mon-terey Park, Sept. 2; Yamaguchi-ken-born naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by sons James I. and wife Eloise, Chaplain John K. and wife Kazuko (Loma Lin-A. and Wife Razuko (Loma Lin-da); daughter Betty U. Shishido and husband Harry; 6 gc., 4 ggc.; stepsister Yaeko Hirose (Japan); sister-in-law Tomiko Umeda

Watanabe, Peter Makoto, 78, Monterey Park, Aug. 29; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Mary Harue; daughter Bobbie Sato and husband Fred; son Bruce and wife Sherry; 2 gc.; sisters Aiko Takenaka and hus-band Jiro. Eiko Omura; brother Mark and wife Phyllis; brother-in-law Tad Yamada. ■

ANDREW-AGE YOSHIWARA

YOSHIWARA.
SUNNYVALE, Calif.—Andrew-Age
Yoshiwara, 80 passed sway Sept. 8. Born
Oct. 24, 1919 on Andrus Island, Calif., and
was raised in Walnut Grove. A veteran of
World War II and a graduate of the
University of California School of Dentistery
in 1950. Mr. Yoshiwara practiced generadentistry in San Matoo for 40 years. He was dentistry in San Mateo for 40 years. He was an avid sport fisherman throughout his life. He is survived by sons Jon Noel Yoshiwara of Reno, Nev. and J. Paul Yoshiwara of San Mateo; daughters Janice Lee, Yoshiwara Robert Kim of Olympia, Wash, Kim Ann Yoshiwara (Michael Luntz) of Merritt Island, Fla. and Sue Ellen Yoshiwara (Rev. John Oda) of San Francisco and three granddaughters. Mr. Yoshiwara is also sur-vived by his brother Joe (Gay) Yoshiwara of Honolulu, Hawili, sister Marian (David) Bernardo of San Francisco and three nices.

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ent to a JA. Uchida found an elderly farmer who allowed him to live in a shack on the farm prop-

Uchida's first job was teaching Uchida's first job was teaching self-defense at a San Jose police school, where many of the students were WWII veterans. The first time Uchida stepped onto wearing his traditional first time Uchida stepped onto the floor, wearing his traditional judo gi, he was immediately as-sailed with racial epithets. One man yelled, "A Jap killed my best friend in the war. I hate daps." Uchida replied almost in a whisper, "I am an American. I am here to teach you judo for self-defense." self-defense

During the lesson, he demon-strated his mastery of judo, and gradually, the students began to

expect him

In 1946, Uchida let his father know he was now an instructor in physical education and had in physical education and had recently organized a judo team at San Jose State University, where he was head coach. His ailing father passed away shortly after receiving the news of his son's achievements.

Although judo was not a rec-ognized sport at the time, Uchi-da was committed to establishda was committed to establishing it as a global sport. Henry Stone, a University of California, Berkeley physical education instructor; impressed by Uchida's detarmination, introduced him to Avery Brundage, thenpresident of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Brundage-suggested to Uchida that he follow the AAU's regulations to organize judo competitions to organize judo competitions. that he follow the AAU's regula-tions to organize judo competi-tive divisions by weight, a prac-tice already used in wrestling. Brundage promised that after 10 consecutive years of regulat-ed judo competition, he would acknowledge judo as a sport rec-ognized by the AAU. In 1953, the first AAU judo champi-onship was held at SJSU. That same year, Uchida was selected Pan American Games coach and

As judo gained popularity, Uchida's weight regulations came under scrutiny since the ancient art of judo was not practiced with such modern guide lines in Japan, and the people of came like a slap in the face for Uchida but it also empowered him to draw from the strength of his American identity.

With the help of Brundage and Stone, Uchida succeeded in establishing judo as an Olympic

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sport, and at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Uchida was sent as the first U.S. Olympic judo

"It was the proudest moment of my life to take American champions into my father's na-tive land and to have judo recognized as an Olympic sport for the first time," he said. Due to Uchida's influence,

Due to Uchida's intiuence, more than 400,000 Americans competed in judo by the mid-1970s. By then, the AAU had registered over 100,000 judo comnetitors. Students from competitors. Students from around the world flocked to Uchida at SJSU. Under his tutelage, two athletes from

1986, the Emperor Japan awarded Uchida the Order of the Sacred Treasure, one of the highest awards granted

by the Japanese government.

San Jose State University also recognized him in 1997 by also recognized him in 1997 by renaming the former Spartan Complex into the "Yoshihiro Uchida Hall Complex." This May, the California State Universities Board of Trustees honored Uchida for his efforts at

honored Uchida for his efforts at SJSU. He was also named in the San J.se Mercury News' millennium issue as among the 100 people who have made Silicon Valley what it is today.

Uchida has been affiliated

with many organizations includunited States Olympic committee (USOC), president of United States Judo, Inc., past chairman of the Japanese American National Museum, lifetime mem-ber of the JACL, board of direc-tors of the National Japanese American Memorial Founda-

Perhaps Uchida is the very embodiment of the Olympic

Shirley Iwama Archer and Mia Iwama also contributed to this sto-

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cific countries during WWII, re cently-published historical accounts of the Nanjing Mass and legislation such as AJR 27, a much-debated California measure sponsored last year by Assure sponsored last year by As-semblyman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, which asked the Japanese government to issue a formal apology and reparations to former

apology and reparations to former "comfort women."

The most recent lawsuit was filed Aug. 22 in Los Angeles Country Superior Court against the Mitsui and Mitsubishi conglomerates. The class action suit was filed on behalf of nine Chinese plaintiffs — four living in Southern California and five living in China — who allege they were forced by the companies into slave labor during WWII.

"It's not that the Japanese lead-

"It's not that the Japanese lead-ers, particularly in the 1990s, have not apologized repeatedly and repeatedly," Bix said, re-sponding to the apology issue. "It's that they're not believed by other Asian countries. And why are they not believed? Why are they not trusted? It's because for so long they pursued the govern-ment stance about the war, saying one thing and yet sustaining, in complex, indirect ways, the validity of the old view of the war.

In his book, Bix describes a "complex system of political irre-sponsibility" adopted after the war by both the Japanese and American governments, which each did their parts to perpetuate a false appearance of Hirohito's wartime role and to shield him om investigation, trial and pun-

"After the shock of Pearl Harbor wore off — not on the American people but among our deci-sion-makers in Washington they were very careful never to demean, defame or undermine the authority of Hirohito," he

This "impunity situation" com-

bined with the fact that the Japanese people never saw Hiro-hito apologize or take any public official action to remedy the disas-ters it had wreaked heavily con-tributed to Japan's climate of sewell through the

tributed to Japans climate or se-lective memory well through the 20th century, Bix explained. "This is a very difficult issue, a nation coming to terms with the war," he said. "I would fault Japan's conservative leaders for their policies which, throughout the Cold War, kept [the subject of] the Asia Pacific war out of school textbooks so that junior school students matriculated knowing nothing about their own history

Part of the problem is that censorship and actions by the rightwing leave many in the dark about the extent of Japan's wartime atrocities and thus its re sponsibility. Bix was careful to point out the difficulty that Japan has had in seeing past years of one culturally ingrained view, saying, 'I don't want to leave the impression for a minute that the Japanese people haven't struggled to come to terms with the war."

A Quarter of Foreign-born U.S. Residents Have **College Degrees**

Just over half of the 26 million foreign-born residents of the United States are from Latin America, and a quarter are reported Sept. 11.

Foreign-born residents are about as likely as other Americans to be college graduates, but the ones who don't have degrees tend to be less educated than the rest of the population.

The bureau said 25.4 percent had a bachelor's degree or high-er. That compares to 25.2 percent of native-born Americans with degrees.

The report said that about 4 in 10 foreign-born adults had a high school diploma only, compared with more than 6 in 10 for native-born adults. Nearly 1 in 4 of the foreign-born adults had less than a ninth-grade educa-tion, compared with 1 in 20 of the rest of the 25-and-over population.

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