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JACL Applauds Clinton's Commitment to Preserving the WWII Internment Camps

Attorney General Janet Reno announced at the dedication ceremony for the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism on Nov. 9 that President Clinton directed Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to "develop recommendations to preserve the existing Japanese American internment sites and to provide more opportunities for the public to learn about the internment."

These directives request the Department of the Interior to develop within the next 60 days proposals for administrative and legislative action to help preserve the sites where JAs were incarcerated during World War II. It will work off of the fiscal year 2001 budget initiative and the findings from the recent National Park Service report, "Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese American Relocation Sites."

Floyd Mori, JACL national president, was encouraged by this latest action. "Internment during World War II for most Japanese Americans was an experience that changed their lives — either directly and personally or through the impact on earlier generations that has filtered down over the years," said Mori. "This memorandum lays the groundwork for implementing plans to preserve what's left of the sites — and preserving these sites delivers the message to all Americans that the injustices suffered by Japanese Americans has not, will

not and must not be forgotten."

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, voiced similar sentiment. "This directive is a strong and positive step towards the preservation of our history as Americans," said Tateishi. "By directing the Department of the Interior to work with members of Congress, tribes, and state and local officials, a comprehensive plan can be developed so that the internment sites are not swallowed up by history or by the desert. We appreciate the president's leadership on this issue and will look to work with the administration in any way possible to implement this directive."

"With two camps in his home state, the president clearly recognizes the significance of this chapter of history and the impact it had on the lives of Japanese Americans," said Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C., representative and director of public affairs. "His commitment to expanding our understanding of the internment experience was demonstrated with his budget request to fund a visitors' center at Manzanar and the site in Arizona, and now again with this memorandum. We thank the president and everyone in his administration for their hard work and ongoing dedication to ensure that this history is preserved so that all Americans know of and learn from our past."

National JACL Donates Archives to JANM

The JACL recently announced that its national board voted to donate its archives to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, whose collection of material culture documenting the Japan-

George Takei, chairman of the board of trustees for the national museum. "We believe that the national museum is the best place not only for the preservation of this invaluable collection, but for providing future access to this segment of American history. For 70 years, the JACL has been at the forefront in fighting for the civil rights of Japanese Americans and others. That history needs to be told."

The national JACL had discussions with other institutions before choosing the museum as the repository for its archives. John Tateishi, national executive director of the JACL, said the museum was the ideal choice.

"The Japanese American National Museum has the largest collection of historic materials relating to the experiences of Americans of Japanese ancestry," Tateishi said. "It has a world-class facility, including a state-of-the-art collections space and a national resource center for accessing these materials. The national JACL board



JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi and Japanese American National Museum Executive Director Irene Hirano seal the deal with a handshake.

ease American experience is the largest in the world.

"The Japanese American National Museum is gratified that the Japanese American Citizens League has chosen our institution to care for its historic archives," said

Community Gathers for Dedication of National Japanese American Memorial in Nation's Capital

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

WASHINGTON—Posing for pictures in front of the stone panels engraved with the words "Gila River" and "Amache," three generations of the Shishino family brought to life the stories told by the Japanese American National Memorial in the nation's capital.

Hy Shishino and his wife Mitzie, their daughter Kathy Cataldo, and their two grandchildren Mari Cataldo and Jillian Okimoto, made the trip from Los Angeles to witness the historic dedication of the memorial on Nov. 9, a national memorial that will tell the story of Japanese Americans, including the internment of an entire community and of the heroes born on the battlefields of World War II.

Forcibly interned along with 120,000 JAs during WWII, Hy and Mitzie Shishino remember too vividly life behind barbed wire as residents of the Gila River and Amache concentration camps respectively. For them, having their daughter and grandchildren attend the dedication with them was particularly special.

"I'm glad they came," said Hy, 76, of his family. "To be a part of something like this, it makes you really feel proud," he said with tears coming to his eyes. "What happened to us in camp is something I've never forgotten for my entire life."

The Shishinos were joined by hundreds of former internees, war veterans, family members, and dignitaries, all who braved the overcast skies to attend the dedication and walk-through of the partially completed memorial. Stone panels with the names of each of the ten internment camps, the names of the more than 800 veterans who gave their lives in battle, the various inscriptions of politicians, and community leaders, and the crane sculpture by artist Nina Akamu

to see that finally the country has thought of us."

Hy finds it easier to talk about the internment these days, something he never felt comfortable doing while his children were growing up. Kathy, 46, remembers learning about her parents' ordeal from her junior high U.S. history teacher. But even as she tried to research her assignment on the internment, her parents were unwilling to speak of their experience.

"[The memorial] kind of closes the door for Dad so that we'll remember and we don't have to go through what they ever did," said Kathy. She especially wants the younger generations like her daughter and niece to hear the story of what JAs went through because they need to know. Life in America for them is wonderful. Everything is fair. They've never seen the unfairness that any generation has had to go through."

Kathy hopes that the people who come and see the memorial will take away not just a JA story but an American story. "It's not just so the Japanese American community is aware but that the rest of the world is aware too. I think [the memorial] will at least open the door for them to look into history a little more deeply."

With the memorial located just steps away from the U.S. Capitol building, joining the likes of the Washington monument and the



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno addresses the crowd gathered for the dedication of the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism.

were on display for the crowd to see. During the ceremony, sands from each of the WWII internment camps were ceremoniously placed at the memorial site and wreaths were laid in honor of the JA soldiers who gave their lives.

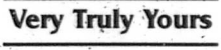
"To see something like this, it's kind of closure," said Hy as he looked around at the newly erected national JA memorial. "But there's never really closure. The heartaches involved in something like this, it's something you never forget." But he was also optimistic, realizing the significance of the monument. "It's a beautiful feeling

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A Glorious Day

WASHINGTON—It is great to be a Japanese American, especially if you were here last Nov. 9, at the dedication of the "unfinished" National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, which was in direct contrast to the days after the attack on Pearl Harbor and President Roosevelt's authorizing the internment of nearly 120,000 Japanese Ameri-

By HARRY HONDA



Very Truly Yours

cans for no reason but their ancestry.

As a journalist who has read, written and repeated these stories over some four or five decades, hearing them again under leaden skies with the U.S. Capitol in glorious view up New Jersey Avenue from D Street... my heart strings quivered as never before as speaker after speaker evoked the patriotism and perseverance of the World War II Nisei veterans, "of bringing honor to our families' names and proving that Americanism was not a matter of skin color but of the heart," quoting from Sen. Daniel Inouye's opinion piece in the Washington Post, published the day be-

Exit Polls Track APA Voter Trends

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Asian Pacific Americans voiced their vote on Super Tuesday, some even crossing party lines to support APA candidates and vice president Al Gore, according to exit polls conducted by the Los Angeles-based Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC).

"This was a very significant election for Asian Pacific Americans, and the results are showing that Asian Pacific Americans are becoming more successful at getting into elected office," said Stewart Kwah, executive director of APALC. "This was also very significant because the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, along with many of our community partners, conducted the largest exit poll that there has been on Asian Pacific Americans in the history of our country."

With the assistance of several APA voter advocacy, community-based and student groups, bilingual poll monitors surveyed over 5,000 voters — more than 2,000 of them APA — at 57 balloting sites across Southern California, which has the largest concentration of APAs in the United States.

Preliminary results, which were released Nov. 9, confirmed that APA voters generally supported APA candidates seeking elected office, even if it meant bypassing party affiliation.

among APAs there has been a gradual increase in support of the Democratic Party since 1996. In the presidential race, a majority of APA voters surveyed during this election supported Gore, with 62.3 percent casting ballots in his favor and 34.7 percent casting ballots in favor of his Republican opponent, Gov. George W. Bush. Nearly 17 percent of APA registered Republicans crossed over to vote for Gore.

However, APAs still represent a split bloc in contrast to African Americans and Latinos. Over 82 percent of the votes from both groups went to Gore, while Bush received only 7.1 percent and 13.9 percent of the black and Latino vote respectively.

This election year, nearly 30 percent of APAs registered as Republicans, while almost 20 percent remain independents. However, the number of APAs who registered as Democrats rose by over 12 percentage points. In 1996, 36 percent of APAs voters identified themselves as Democrats. Today, that number has jumped to 48.4 percent.

Kwah attributed the boost to issues such as the Wen Ho Lee case, which many felt was handled improperly and was racially biased. "Asian Americans feel that there's an undercurrent or overt discrimination that is too often exhibited in the United States, and so they're looking for parties and candidates who are more sensitive and under-

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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

ATLANTA

Sun, Dec. 3—Annual Southeastern chapter JACL holiday dinner: 5 p.m., Sato Sushi Restaurant, Norcross, Ga. Info: Roger Ozaki, 770/979-3616.

NEW YORK CITY

Sat, Dec. 9—New York JACL Holiday Bazaar: 12 noon-6 p.m., Japanese American United Church, 7th Ave. between 24th and 25th Streets; pot luck supper, white elephant sale, silent auction, live auction, 50/50 raffle, bake sale, grab bag, etc. Info: Sumi Koide, 914/693-2058 or Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Sun, Dec. 3—Open house reception in newly renovated JACL building: 1-3 p.m., 5415 N. Clark St.; refreshments, entertainment, everyone welcome. RSVP: 773/728-7170, e-mail: chicago@jacl.org.

CLEVELAND

Fri, Dec. 22—Cleveland JACL Youth Christmas Bowling, Palisades Palace. Info: Hazel Asomoto, 216/921-2976.

MILWAUKEE

Sun, Dec. 17—Wisconsin JACL Christmas party; Zablocki Park Pavilion.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri, Dec. 8—Mount Olympus JACL Christmas pot luck: 6:30 p.m., Dai Ichi Ward, 2005 S. 900 E.; Info: Jeff Nakashima, 801/957-1107.

Mountain Plains

RENO, NEV.

Sun, Dec. 10—Reno JACL December potluck: 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall; children's activities, crafts, Santa Claus. RSVP by Dec 1 with number of children: Cheryl Yamamoto, 828-9716, or Marcia Lu, 825-7301.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Fri-Sun, Dec. 1-3—Interment camp musical, "A Live Bomber's Christmas," 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nippon Kan Theater, International District. RSVP: Massie Tomita, 206/322-1122, 9 a.m.-noon.

Through April 8—Exhibit, "Through Our Eyes: Twentieth Century Asian American: Photography in the Pacific Northwest"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 S. 7th Ave. Info: 206/623-5124, www.wingluke.org.

TACOMA

Sat, Dec. 16—Puuyallup Valley JACL Mochitsuki: 12:30 p.m. lunch for volunteers, 2 p.m. mochitsuki pick-up; Tacoma Buddhist Social Hall, 1717 S. Fawcette Ave. Orders: Steve Kono, 253/922-5310.

Northern California

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sat, Dec. 9—Nishi Ski Club annual winter dance: "Winter Wonderland"; Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N. Shoreline Dr.; 6:30 p.m. meeting, hors d'oeuvres, 7:30-9 p.m., dance instruction, dance to 1 a.m.; ID required at the door. RSVP by Nov. 24.

Updated Schedule of CCLPEP Information Meetings

- Nov. 27, Los Angeles: Central Library Director's Office, 600 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013; 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 28, Gardena: Don Quijote Library, 1731 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena; 6:30-7:45 p.m. Info: 310/323-6363.
- Nov. 29, Orange County Library, 101 N. Center Street, Orange; 5-6:30 p.m. (was pending). Info: 714/288-2471.
- Nov. 30, location changed to: San Diego Public Library, Weingart City Heights Branch, 3795 Fairmont Ave., San Diego; 6-7:45 p.m. Info: 619/641-6100.
- Dec. 4, California State Library, Library & Courts Bldg. II, 900 N. Street, Room 340, Sacramento; 5-8 p.m. Info: 916/653-0125, e-mail: cmpires@libr.ca.gov.
- Dec. 5, location changed to: Marin County Library, 707 Meadowsweet Dr., Corte Madera; 6-8 p.m. Info: 415/924-6444.
- Dec. 12, San Mateo Public Library, 55 W. Third Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402-1592, 6-8 p.m. Info: 650/373-4802.
- Jan. 11, California State Library & Courts Bldg. II, 900 N. Street, Room 340, Sacramento; 4-8 p.m. Info: 916/653-0125, e-mail: cmpires@libr.ca.gov.
- Jan. 18, Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco; 4-8 p.m. Info: 916/653-0125, e-mail: cmpires@libr.ca.gov.
- Jan. 25, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 4-8 p.m. Info: 916/653-0125, e-mail: cmpires@libr.ca.gov.

The last three sessions are the final rounds of meetings. The grant-writing workshops run from 4-6 p.m. and the informational meetings run from 6-8 p.m.

Annette Li, 415/351-2620, Doug Gor, 408/567-0150, Doug Higashi, 510/522-7961.

OAKLAND

Sat, Dec. 9—Contra Costa JACL installation luncheon: 12 noon-2:30 p.m., Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square; speaker: **RSVP by Dec. 4**; Jane Tanamachi, 527-5516.

SACRAMENTO

Sun, Nov. 19—Sacramento premiere screening, "Conscience and the Constitution"; 2-5 p.m., Sacramento City College (College Center), 3835 Freepoint Blvd. and Sutterville Rd.; refreshments; producer/director Frank Abe will be present. Free; donations accepted.

Thurs., Nov. 30—PBS broadcast, "Conscience and the Constitution"; 11 p.m., KVIE TV Channel 6.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun, Dec. 3—JACL Health Benefits Trust meeting for chapter insurance commissioners, presidents or membership chairpersons: 11:30 a.m., Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., concerning the 2001 contract with Blue Shield. **RSVP by Nov. 21**; M. Hori, 800/400-6633, e-mail: cjachbr@aol.com.

SAN JOSE

Mon, Nov. 20—Panel discussion on media coverage of minorities and ethnic groups in time of crisis: 1:30 p.m., San Jose State University, Engineering Bldg. Rm. 189. Info: Harvey Gottlieb, 408/924-3246, gottlieb@mc.sjsu.edu.

Fri, Dec. 8—San Jose JACL annual meeting, potluck gathering; public invited: 6 p.m., Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. 5th St.; RSVP: Adele, 408/295-1250. Also, election of board members will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Nominations: Judy Niizawa, 408/733-7692, e-mail: cnizawa@earthlink.net.

SAN MATEO

Wed, Nov. 29—Day trip to the San Francisco skyline to enjoy rehearsal with possible visit to the Chura Obata exhibit in Golden Gate Park. Info: JACL Community Center, 650/343-2793.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun, Nov. 19—JACL Health Benefits Trust meeting for chapter insurance commissioners, presidents or membership chairpersons: 11:30 a.m., Radisson Hotel, 2233 Ventura St., concerning the 2001 contract with Blue Shield. Info: M. Hori, 800/400-6633, e-mail: cjachbr@aol.com.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Fri-Sun, Nov. 17-19—21st U.S.-Japan Expo: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St.; health & fitness booths, runway fashion shows, traditional arts, cooking demonstrations by Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, etc. Info: 310/323-4815, fax: 310/323-1449.

Thurs., Nov. 30—Cal State LA Scholarship and Awards of Excellence dinner: 6 p.m., Sam Woo Seafood Restaurant, San Gabriel; to benefit the Asian Support Group; invited speaker, Hon. Lance Ito. **RSVP:** Lena Chao, 323/343-4264, e-mail: clchao@calstatela.edu.

Fri, Dec. 8—Early entry deadline for "Submissions to Visual Communi-

cations Filmfest 2001: L.A. Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival; final deadline Jan. 12: Information and entry forms: 213/680-4462 ext. 68; Website: <http://www.vcofilm.org>.

Fri-Sun, Dec. 8-10 & **Thurs-Sun, Dec. 14-17**—Interment camp musical, "A Live Bomber's Christmas"; weekends at 2 p.m., weekdays at 7:30 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Free. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sun, Dec. 10—Second Sunday for Families program, "From Mochi to Mochi: A Multicultural Guide to Holiday Food, Part 1"; 1-4 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Free. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sun, Dec. 30—Oshogatsu cooking workshop: 2-6 p.m., JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/628-2725 ext. 112.

Sat, Dec. 16—Bando Mitsuhito 30th anniversary concert: 1 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; featuring guest artists from Japan. RSVP: 213/628-2725.

Sat, Dec. 30—Little Tokyo Community Mochitsuki: 7 a.m.-3 p.m., JACCC Plaza; Info: 213/628-2725 ext. 114.

Sat, Dec. 30—Mochitsuki: 9 a.m., Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/626-4200.

Letters to the Editor

Re: Wyoming's 'Letter of Healing'

Referring to Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer's recent "letter of healing" to the former internees from Heart Mountain, Ike Hatchimongji wrote of "Gov. Geringer's honesty in expressing his state's mea culpa for the mistakes of the past."

I find myself wondering whether I am reading the same letter as Mr. Hatchimongji describes. In fact, the governor's letter nowhere accepts responsibility for the state's wartime position (which is what a mea culpa should do). More importantly, nowhere does the letter even describe the state's wartime policies as mistaken.

Look carefully at what the governor actually says. He reports that he and other Wyomingites are "saddened" to see the "negative sentiments and restrictions" that Wyoming officials "felt compelled" to impose. But he does not say that "we do not judge" those official decisions, because he "knows [that] we cannot change history." He goes on to conclude his letter with the hope that a "similar situation" does not recur.

"We do not judge," says Gov. Geringer. Why not? Gov. Nels Smith of Wyoming had no qualms about standing up at a conference and telling federal officials that "[p]eople in his state have a dislike of any Orientals, and simply will not stand for being California's dumping ground." He is quoting from the official records of the April 1942 conference sponsored by Milton Eisenhower and the War Relocation Authority. He insisted that all Japanese Americans brought into Wyoming be kept in "concentration camps" and "worked under guard." He predicted that if JAs were allowed to buy land in Wyoming, "there would be Japs hanging from every pine tree."

Why can Gov. Geringer not bring himself to condemn those views as wrongheaded and racist, even in the context of the times? It is of course true, as Geringer says, that he "cannot change history." But he also says that he "cannot rectify those official decisions," and that is not true. Naturally he cannot reach back in time and change them, but he can rectify them by condemning them unequivocally.

I suspect that I know the reason for his careful language about "not judging" the actions of Wyoming's wartime leaders. I taught constitutional law at the University of Wyoming College of Law for four years, from 1994-1998, and was simply shocked at the degree of support and tolerance I found among my students for the internment of JAs. Several students — young people in their mid-20s who knew nothing about life at Heart Mountain — assured me that the Nikkei had it good at Heart

ORANGE COUNTY
Sat., Dec. 2—SELANOCO JACL Mochitsuki Day; Winnetburg Presbyterian Church. Info: Karen Shiba, 714/220-1549.
SANTA MARIA
Sat., Dec. 2—Santa Maria Valley JACL installation banquet; Santa Maria Airport Registry Hotel; JACL National President Floyd Mori, speaker. **RSVP:** Kaz Oye, 805/937-5776.
TORRANCE
Wed, Nov. 29—Pre-broadcast sneak preview, and panel discussion, "Conscience and the Constitution"; 7-9 p.m., Kate Geissert Civic Center Library. Info: Beth Au, JACL Pacific Southwest district office, 213/626-4471.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat, Dec. 9—Interment camp musical, "A Live Bomber's Christmas"; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., West Charleston Library, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd., refreshments following the 2 p.m. performance. Info: Betty Atkins, 221-0414.

Sat, Dec. 16—Las Vegas JACL's Mochitsuki; lunch at 12 noon, Clark High School; entertainment by Kamirani Taiko and Minyo Dancers; Info: Betty Atkins, 221-0414. ■

Mountain, and were there mostly for their own protection. This was not the majority position among my students, to be sure, but it was a significant minority. And these are Gov. Geringer's constituents. I suspect that Geringer is careful not to judge the actions of Wyoming's wartime leaders because, sadly, such a judgment would be far more controversial within Wyoming than most of us realize.

Eric L. Muller
Chapel Hill, N.C.

(The author of this letter will be publishing a book in August of 2001 on the Nisei draft resisters and their wartime battles in federal court.)

MOH Awardees

I am responding to the Medals of Honor bestowed upon 22 Asian American veterans of World War II recently — seven are still living. All the recent news articles about this honor, including earlier honored black Americans who were also awarded MOH for action in WWII, do not inform how this late honor came about.

There were over 130 Distinguished Service Cross medals awarded to minority servicemen and only three or four MOH issued to minorities in WWII. Several years ago, some congresspersons, especially U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka of Hawaii, requested the military service to review all the DSCs issued to minorities to see if wartime discrimination had played a part in the assignment of medals. The final 22 DSCs were upgraded to the highest congressional MOH, the surviving families of the deceased 15 men were included in the honor presentations with the survivors.

This appears to have caused some resentment among veterans, who grouse "demeaning of the highest award in our country by passing it out."

Some 45 years after the Korean War, I read my brother's citations and reports that accompanied the posthumous awards that were presented to my parents, the Silver Star with oak-leaf cluster and the Purple Heart medals. It was terribly poignant so I looked through my Korean War books and read about the battles and what had transpired at "Bloody Ridge" and "Heartbreak Ridge."

The veterans could also look up the information on these updated MOH heroes and read the reports that led to honoring these men, who performed "above and beyond heroically in uncommon ways and reinforced our not always perfect, greatest democratic country, in modern history."

Kay Shiroma
Stockton, Calif.

Philly Mayor Drops Chinatown Stadium Plan

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Philadelphia Mayor John Street announced Nov. 13 his decision to drop plans to build a new Phillies stadium near Chinatown, which the Asian Pacific American community had feared would threaten the historic enclave.

Street's announcement marks a victory for the coalition of APA community-based, neighborhood, religious, labor and political groups which mounted a campaign in opposition to the plan after the mayor announced his site selection in early May.

The initial cost projection for the 15-acre ballpark was \$1 billion.

The mayor maintained it would have revitalized the neighborhood and the economy, but among the coalition's concerns were the adverse effect it would have had on local businesses because of an increase in traffic and litter, the potential use of millions of dollars in public money and the threat it would have posed to future Chinatown expansion, including

housing for low income and immigrant families.

"It was a huge relief," said Helen Gym, public relations chair of the Stadium Out of Chinatown Coalition. "But it was more than a community opposition. It was a citywide effort led by the Asian American community saying no to development which would have hurt the area, saying no to public spending at a time when our school system needed funding. Chinatown was at the forefront of the protest."

Although they are happy the mayor reversed his decision, Gym said Street has never effectively communicated with the community, leaving unanswered questions about why this site was chosen in the first place and why he decided to drop it.

Street announced he now intends to pursue an alternate deal with the teams to build the new Phillies and Eagles sports stadium at a site near the existing South Philadelphia Sports Complex. ■

Clinton Signs Bill to Name Courthouse After MOH Recipient Nakamura

On Nov. 9, President Clinton signed into law a bill renaming the U.S. courthouse located at 1010 Fifth Ave., in Seattle, Wash., as the "William Kenzo Nakamura United States Courthouse."

A statement from Clinton read in part: "I am signing legislation designating the United States Federal Courthouse for the Western District of Washington in Seattle, Washington, as the William Kenzo Nakamura United States Courthouse. William Nakamura was a student at the University of Washington when he and 120,000 other Japanese Americans were removed from their communities and forced into internment camps. Despite the injustice of his internment, William Kenzo Nakamura volunteered for the U.S. Army and died fighting for his country in Italy on July 4, 1944."

Nakamura was one of 20 Japanese American servicemen who were awarded the Medal of Honor this past June for their heroism during World War II.

The bill to rename the courthouse in Nakamura's honor was sponsored in the House of Representatives by Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., and in the Senate by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. The House passed the bill on Oct. 17, and the Senate followed on Nov. 1.

"Pfc. William Kenzo Nakamura's story is extraordinary, and naming the courthouse in his honor would be a fitting honor for him and other Japanese Americans," said McDermott. "William Kenzo Nakamura embodies the American spirit — an individual who faced enormous inequity imposed on him by his country, yet nobly volunteered to protect it and paying the ultimate sacrifice. The William K. Nakamura Courthouse will stand to remind us all of his and other Japanese Americans' contributions and sacrifices for this country."

The legislation had the strong support of Rep. Jennifer Dunn and the entire Washington State delegation; Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif.; Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii; Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.; and local elected officials in the Pacific Northwest.

It also received the support of the

JACL and various veterans groups including the Nisei Veterans Committee, Northwest chapter of the Military Intelligence Service, Mercer Island VFW Post 5760, Lake Washington VFW Post 2995, Renton VFW Post 1263 and the Seattle Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Floyd Mori, JACL national president, praised Clinton's announcement. "William Kenzo Nakamura was a true and selfless American hero. It is truly fitting that his name and memory be commemorated in this manner, and it is even more appropriate that President Clinton sign this bill on the same day as the dedication ceremony for the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism and just two days before Veterans' Day," he said.

"This designation is very meaningful to our community," said Ryan Chin, JACL vice president for public affairs who resides in Seattle. "That it passed through the Congress so quickly and was signed into law is a tribute to Pfc. Nakamura's sacrifice and the universal high regard in which he is held. We thank the Congress and the President for their swift action."

Nakamura was born and raised in Seattle's Japanese town. In 1942, Nakamura and his family were sent to the Minidoka War Reloca-

tion Authority camp in Idaho. From camp, Nakamura and his brothers enlisted into the U.S. Army and were assigned to the segregated 442nd Central Postal Directory.

Nakamura was killed in action on July 4, 1944, near Castellina, Italy, when his platoon came under heavy enemy fire. Acting on his own initiative, Nakamura crawled within 15 yards of the enemy's machine gun nest and used four hand grenades to neutralize the enemy fire, which allowed his platoon to advance.

When Nakamura's company was later ordered to withdraw from a hill, he took a position to cover the platoon's withdrawal. As the platoon moved toward safety, they came under heavy machine-gun fire, and Nakamura crawled toward the enemy's position, accurately firing upon the machine gunners and allowing his platoon time to withdraw to safety. It was during this stand that Nakamura lost his life to enemy sniper fire.

Nakamura's commanding officer nominated him for the Medal of Honor but the racial climate of the time prevented him and other soldiers of color from receiving the nation's highest military honor. This year, 56 years after he made the ultimate sacrifice for his country, Nakamura was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. ■

Nakano Bill to Name Highway in Honor of Vietnam Vets Passes

A California bill designating a strip of state highway in honor of veterans of the Vietnam War recently passed into law.

The bill was initiated by the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) South Bay Chapter 53 and sponsored by state Assemblyman George Nakano.

A portion of Pacific Coast Highway, stretching from Ventura to Orange County, will be named the

"Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

Jerry Yamamoto, president of VVA Chapter 53 and a member of American Legion Post 184, is asking for donations to cover the cost of the two signs to be placed at each end of the highway.

Checks should be made out to VVA Chapter 53 and mailed to 412 Camino Real, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. ■

Federation to Document History of Northern Calif. Nikkei Gardeners

The Professional Gardeners Federation of Northern California (PGFNC) is preparing to document the history of their federation and key members of the organization. The federation will research and document the history of Northern California Nikkei gardeners and other related fields such as nurseries and growers, which helped the Japanese American economical development.

The president of PGFNC, Isao Ogura of Palo Alto, kicked off this project at the 45th Southern California Gardeners Association and the 10th anniversary convention for the Pacific Coast Landscape Gardeners Alliance in Los Angeles.

The PGFNC wants to generate the same kind of excitement that was made by the Southern California Gardeners Book Project.

Information is being collected from the early beginnings of Nikkei gardeners and their associations/federations in Northern California up to their current status. Also needed are photographs, written materials (journals, newsletters, diaries, stories, etc.) of gardeners at work.

For more information, please contact Lewis Kawahara, project coordinator, at Box 2161, Mill Valley, CA 94942, or call 415/383-6973 or e-mail him at Jagardener@yahoo.com. ■

Dedicating the National Japanese American Memorial - A Proud Day For JACL

Attending the dedication ceremony on Nov. 9 and related events for the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism was a very proud and emotional time for yours truly. I was in awe to be in the company of so many great people who have given us a heritage of which we can be proud.

The proud. The war veterans who gave so much, the camp internees who suffered and sacrificed so much, our political leaders, who provide positive role models for us,

By FLOYD MORI
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JACL National President

and the JACL people who have given so much of their time and talents over the decades were all part of the fabric of history that made me happy to be there with them. I also had some personal satisfaction in finding my brother Shigeru Mori's name inscribed on the stone wall of fallen soldiers.

However, some questions have come to mind. To begin with, why did we not have more of our younger generations there to drink up some of the history and understanding that was so much in abundance? They could have really discovered more internally who they really are. They are because of the veterans, the camp internees, the politicians, and those in JACL who have been such a great exam-

ple to society in general. I wonder if the many Sansei and Yonsei who were not well represented really understand that the past has made them who and what they are. Are we in the older generations failing to help them understand who they are and what kinds of people and events helped to form who they are and how they are viewed by society as a whole? We are not doing enough.

Maybe we in JACL need to focus more on who we are as individuals and as a group along with the expression of our passion for the issues that surround the civil rights arena. This means that the function of socializing as friends and families should become a more important factor in our chapters. As we interact with each other, we understand who we are rather than who we would like to become in the short-run. Although the Michael Jordans and Tiger Woods may provide us with short-term hero worship, the real heroes in our families are what we really need to understand. Attending the dedication was another social event that provided an educational experience for me in learning who I really am.

Another question that was expressed to me by others was, why was JACL not mentioned during any part of the official ceremonies. Although Etsu Masako, widow of Mike Masako, was introduced, JACL was otherwise basically ignored. I think of Helen Kawagoe, our immediate past national JACL president, who urged all of the chapters in JACL to get behind the memorial movement and contribute. I think of all of the chapters who heeded the call and raised a large amount of funds necessary

to erect the memorial. I think of the JACL national board which took a strong stand in support of the memorial board's decisions that created some controversy in the community.

JACL people were there in great numbers and really deserved some mention and recognition on the program. It was not just the rich, but a broad base of citizens who made the memorial possible. Our National Director John Tateishi was present as were many past national JACL presidents including Helen Kawagoe, Denny Yasuhara, Lillian Kimura, Cressy Nakagawa (who is on the memorial board), Pat Okura, and Hank Tanaka. Many districts and chapters had a good representation.

Thank you to the memorial board, staff, committees, and volunteers who worked diligently to make the dedication events truly memorable. The National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism should be a permanent reminder to the Japanese American community of who we are and why we have attained whatever status in society that we have or which we will yet attain. It will be a permanent reminder to America that the Constitution is fragile and should not be taken for granted. We must always be on the guard for injustices that can occur to JAs and to all people of color.

On behalf of JACL, let me thank all of you who contributed and supported the memorial. Thanks to all who attended. I hope that each and every one of you and your families will be able to someday visit the memorial and feel its impact in your own lives. ■

Blue Shield health plans for California JACL members

Blue Shield of California offers group health care coverage to current JACL members age 18 and over who reside in California. Plans may include a wide range of benefits, including vision care, worldwide emergency coverage, dental care, prescription drug benefits and more. For more information about these plans, call the JACL Health Benefits Trust today at 1-800-400-6633.

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Winners and Losers: A Recap of APA Candidates and Initiatives

Across the nation, a majority of Asian Pacific American incumbents retained their seats, while a handful of others made inroads by becoming the first APAs elected to their respective state posts. In general, APA Democrats prevailed in their bid for election but several Republican counterparts fell short.

In one of the most closely scrutinized races in California, state Assemblyman **Mike Honda** defeated Republican opponent **Jim Cunningham** by a 12 percent margin to win a seat in the 15th Congressional District. Honda emerged victorious, garnering 54.5 percent to Cunningham's 42 percent, after the Republican campaign sent out controversial mailers with misleading information which suggested the Sansei candidate had a criminal record.

Heavily favored congressional incumbent Rep. **Robert Matsui** retained his seat in District 5, handily defeating GOP opponent **Ken Payne**, who earned only 26.3 percent of the votes compared to Matsui's 68.7 percent.

A third APA congressional candidate, Democrat **Bob Kent**, who is Hapa, fell to Republican incumbent **Doug Ose** in the race for District 3. Kent posted 40.5 percent, but it was not enough to overcome Ose, who secured the win with 56.1 percent.

The counting of absentee ballots has begun in the close California state Senate race between Republican **Alan Nakanishi** and Democrat **Michael Machado**. Nakanishi trails Machado by 543 votes, and more than 24,000 absentee ballots from Sacramento and San Joaquin counties have yet to be counted.

California Republican Senate hopeful **Paul Zee** was defeated by Democrat **Jack Scott** by 59 percent to 37.5 percent in District 21.

Two Chinese American Democrats — **Wilma Chan** of District 16 and **Carol Liu** of District 44 — successfully clinched California state Assembly seats. Chan defeated Republican incumbent **Audie Elizabeth Bock**, garnering 67.7 percent

to Bock's 21.8 percent. Liu defeated opponent **Susan Carpenter-McMillan** 62.3 percent to 33.1 percent.

Chan and Liu join California Assembly incumbent **George Nakano**, who won re-election in the 53rd District by defeating Republican **Gerald Felando** by a convincing 30 percent margin. Felando came under fire for featuring a photo of his Nikkei opponent dressed as a "samurai warrior" on his campaign Web site and suggesting that Nakano had accepted illegal campaign contributions.

Outside of California, Washington Gov. **Gary Locke** will serve a second term after defeating GOP challenger **John Carlson**. Locke, who was first elected in 1996, received 58.1 percent of the votes to Carlson's 40 percent. Fellow APA Democrats from Washington, **Sharon Tomiko Santos**, **Kip Tokuda** and **Velma Veloria** were all re-elected to their posts in the state Assembly.

Democratic incumbent **David Wu**, the first Chinese American ever elected to the U.S. House in 1998, will represent the state of Oregon in his second congressional term. Wu, who is also the vice chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus, defeated Republican foe **Charles Star** by a 20 point spread.

Robert Underwood, a Democratic representative of Guam and current chair of the Asian Pacific Caucus, won re-election to the U.S. House, while his colleague **Eni Faleomavaega**, an incumbent from American Samoa, faces a run-off Nov. 21.

In Hawaii, U.S. Senate incumbent **Daniel Akaka** retained his seat over Republican **John Carroll** with a commanding 69.4 percent. U.S. Congress incumbent **Patsy Mink** also defeated her challenger **Russ Francis** by a 30 percent margin.

Satveer Chaudhary defeated GOP candidate **Dan Coughlin** by over 13 percent to become the first APA in Minnesota history elected to the state Senate. Representing the 52nd District, Chaudhary also be-

comes the state Senate's youngest member. Fellow Minnesotan **Cy Thao** from the American Independent Party lost his state Assembly bid, receiving 23.1 percent, which was enough to defeat his Republican opponent **Fred Tension** by an impressive 10 percent margin, but not enough to overcome Democrat **Andy Dawkins**' 64 percent.

Tan Vo, a Republican hopeful running for the state Assembly in Pennsylvania, tallied an impressive 42.1 percent but was defeated by Democratic opponent **Mike Sturia**, who posted 57.9 percent.

Utah's Initiative A, a measure seeking to make English the official language of the state, passed by an overwhelming 30 percent margin, garnering 67.1 percent (493,701). Opponents tallied 32.9 percent (241,687), despite anti-Initiative A campaigns supported by the JACL and ACLU. To the dismay of many minorities, the passage of this initiative, they say, will make it more difficult for recent immigrants and those with limited English proficiency to access government services and multilingual material.

Oregon's Ballot Measure 9, called the "Student Protection Act" by proponents, was defeated by a narrow six percent margin, with 47 percent (681,403) voting for it and 53 percent (758,349) voting against it. Opponents blasted Measure 9 as anti-gay because it sought to prohibit public schools from "encouraging, promoting, sanctioning homosexual, bisexual behaviors." Four previous measures seeking to restrict gay rights have failed to pass in Oregon in the last 12 years.

California's Proposition 38, the school voucher initiative, was soundly defeated with 73 percent (1,767,141) voting against it, in contrast to 27 percent (648,746) in favor of it. Pro-38 supporters argued that the public school system is riddled with waste and abuse, but anti-38 proponents say the system needs to be fixed, not abandoned. ■

EXIT POLLS

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standing of immigrant and minority issues. And apparently a significant shift of voters believe that the Democrats are relatively better," he said.

According to research coordinator **Dan Ichinose**, APALC's survey asked APAs about their impressions of Dr. Lee's race. Fifty-six percent of sampled APA voters felt that Lee was treated unfairly, 43 percent felt that he was treated unfairly because of his race, while 10 percent believed he was treated fairly. The remaining percentage of people felt they were not familiar enough with the case to respond.

Additional findings revealed that 31 percent of those APAs polled were first-time voters and that 56 percent of APAs would be more likely to vote if they received bilingual assistance.

APALC's study of APA voting trends was conducted in Chinese, English, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese, in cities known to have large Asian populations, including Alhambra, Artesia, Carson, Cerritos, Garden Grove, Gardena, Long Beach, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Santa Ana, South Pasadena, Torrance and Westminster.

"The task is a monumental one, and our purpose in doing poll monitoring is to make sure that the county workers and the poll workers who are out there on election day and are providing service to voters are fully aware of what they're supposed to be doing, but also providing equal access to all voters," said APALC program director **Kathay Feng**.

Several of the community orga-

nizations involved in APALC's exit poll study were CAUSE-Vision 21, 80-20 Initiative, FIVote, Korean Resource Center, Little Tokyo Service Center, Organization of Chinese Americans, People's Core, South Asian Network and the Vietnamese American Voter Coalition.

"These folks actually went into the poll sites and observed the voting process and observed whether or not voters were receiving full assistance, in particular

whether Asian Pacific Islander American voters were receiving assistance bilingually but also generally," said Feng. "It's through these efforts of the many people who were doing poll monitoring ... and observing whether there were any election irregularities that we have been able to slowly improve the voter

service by both the L.A. County and the Orange County."

Exit poll monitors reported one "irregularity" at the South Pasadena voting precinct, in which poll workers were checking the identifications of APAs to verify their citizenship, which is a violation of election law.

Feng said that "that was the most egregious example of discriminatory behavior," and those incidents were reported to the county voter registrar's office.

More common was simply not having multilingual information displayed in plain sight, according to APALC's hate crimes coordinator **Nora Ramos**, who also served as a poll monitor on election day.

"Some sites are really great about putting these multilingual materials out because they're used to getting these voters asking for the voter information guides in other languages," she said. However, Ramos noted that approximately one in six sites did not have multilingual voter material available. ■



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NATIONAL

President

Al Gore (D)
George W. Bush (R)
Ralph Nader (G)
Howard Phillips (I)
Harry Browne (L)
John Hagelin (NL)
Patrick J. Buchanan (RE)

District 69
Lou Correa* (D) 30,495 62.9
Lou Lopez (R) 14,996 30.9
Brian Tuan Pham (NL) 3,048 6.2

District 72
Lynn Daucher (R) 83,156 67.4
Gangadharappa Nanjundappa (D) 33,460 27.1
John Wm. Zamarrá (NL) 6,831 5.5

FLORIDA

State Assembly
District 30
Mike Haridopolos (R) 43,062 64.6
Rajiv Chandra (D) 23,595 35.4

GEORGIA

State Senate
District 21
Robert Lamutt* (R) 46,169 73.8
Akhtar Sadiq (D) 16,402 26.2

GUAM

U.S. House of Representatives
Robert Underwood* (D) 29,098 78.0
Manny Cruz (R) 8,167 22.0

HAWAII

United States Senate
Daniel Akaka* (D) 35,964 69.4
John Carroll (R) 11,023 21.3
Lloyd Mallan (L) 317 .6
Lauri Clegg (NL) 424 .8
David Porter (C) 205 .4

United States Congress

District 1
Neil Abernombrie* (D) 12,839 62.5
Phil Meyers (R) 5,153 25.1
Jerry Murphy (L) 343 1.7

District 2
Patsy Mink* (D) 18,898 60.4
Russ Francis (R) 9,939 30.0
Lawrence Duquesne (L) 561 1.8

State Senate

District 2
David Matsuura* (D) 2,720 61.2
Paul O'Leary (R) 1,368 30.8

District 3

Andrew Levin* (D) 2,099 66.0
Earl Fujikawa (R) 920 28.9

District 5

J. Kalani English (D) 1,227 54.4
Allen Shishido (R) 938 41.6

District 8

Sam Slom* (R) 1,420 58.6
Marsha Joyner (D) 816 33.7

District 9

Matt Matsunaga* (D) 1,093 58.1
Theresa Chun (R) 673 35.8

District 11

Brian Taniguchi* (D) 996 70.3
Billy Fulton (R) 302 21.3

District 12

Carol Fukunaga* (D) 888 46.3
Aaron Peterson (R) 834 43.4

District 15

Donna Mercado Kim (D) 1,248 70.0
Ed Mina (R) 334 18.7

District 20

Henry Makini (R) 744 53.0
Brian Kanno* (D) 568 40.4
Wade Thode (L) 39 2.8

District 24

Bob Hogue (R) 1,910 68.4
Solomon Nalua'i (D) 773 27.7

District 25

Fred Hemmings (R) 1,173 66.5
Leona Kalima (D) 476 27.0

State Assembly

District 7
Ron Davis (R) 519 54.6
Sol Kaho'ohalahala* (D) 388 40.8

District 8

Joe Souki* (D) 393 58.7
Patty Nagasako Peterson (R) 236 35.3

District 9

Bob Nakasone* (D) 988 77.0
John Henry (R) 217 16.9

District 10

J.J. Vroom (D) 431 42.2
Kika Bukacinski (R) 412 40.4

Malia Gibson (A) 112 11.0

District 12

Hermína Morita* (D) 913 69.1
Ann West-Tickle (NL) 194 14.7

District 13

Ezra Kanoho* (D) 2,002 73.6
Juan Lugo (R) 428 15.7

District 14

Bertha Kawakami* (D) 1,309 68.7
John Hoff (R) 471 24.7

District 18

Calvin Say* (D) 606 81.2
Wayne Gau (R) 99 13.3

District 19

Brian Yamane* (D) 409 47.2
Mindy Jaffe (R) 407 46.9

District 20

Scott Saiki* (D) 345 63.0
Scott Matsumoto (R) 157 28.6

District 24

Brian Schatz* (D) 468 53.4
Sam Aiona (R) 385 43.9

District 25

Kenneth Hiraki* (D) 643 59.8
Mark Hunsaker (R) 338 31.4

District 26

Sylvia Luke* (D) 656 59.0
David Pang (R) 398 35.8

District 27

Lei Ahu Isa* (D) 491 61.0
Ken Akanine (R) 229 28.4

District 29

Jun Abinsay* (D) 332 68.5
Ken Harding (R) 109 22.5

District 30

Ben Cabreros (D) 279 67.2
Martin Romualdez (R) 80 19.3

District 32

Bob McDermott* (R) 284 58.7
Eddie Aguinaldo (D) 175 36.2

District 35

Noboru Yonamine* (D) 694 70.3
Chris Kessell (R) 207 21.0

District 36

Roy Takumi* (D) 571 76.4
John Nuusa (R) 105 14.1

District 38

Marilyn Lee* (D) 402 60.8
Chita Candeec-Stewart (R) 214 32.4

District 39

Guy Ontai (R) 504 47.5
Charlotte Nekota* (D) 490 46.2

District 40

Marcus Oshiro* (D) 248 66.1
Allan Thomas (R) 105 28.0

District 41

Willie Espeso* (D) 330 53.3
Pam Lee Smith (R) 268 43.3

District 42

Mark Moses* (R) 405 51.2
Maeda Timson (D) 350 44.2

District 43

Michael Kahikina* (D) 205 62.3
Denton Kissell (R) 103 31.3

District 44

Emily Auwae* (R) 135 41.4
Merwyn Seichi Jones (D) 131 40.2
Momi Kamahale (A) 49 15.0

District 45

Michael Magnoay (D) 173 52.6
Helmuth Aki (R) 127 38.6

District 46

Colleen Meyer* (R) 471 61.5
George Okuda (D) 252 32.9

District 47

Charles Kong Djou (R) 748 48.7
Iris Ikeda Catalani* (D) 732 47.6

District 48

Ken Ito* (D) 884 56.6
Sam Moku (R) 614 39.3

District 50
David Pendleton* (R) 612 55.1
Kaika Hussey (D) 432 38.9

District 51

Joe Gomes (R) 404 50.9
Kenny Goodenow* (D) 360 45.4

ILLINOIS

State Assembly

District 57
Elizabeth Coulson* (R) 24,572 58.0
Jody Wadhwa (D) 17,600 42.0

MICHIGAN

State Assembly

District 80
Mary Ann Middaugh (R) 21,473 62.6
Art Toy (D) 12,476 36.4
Timothy Miley (L) 342 1.0

MINNESOTA

State Senate

District 52
Satveer Chaudhary (D) 17,942 56.8
Dan Coughlin (R) 13,650 43.2

State Assembly

District 37A
Dennis Ozment (R) 13,563 68.3
Laxman Sundae (D) 6,309 31.7

District 65A

Andy Dawkins (D) 6,963 64.0
Cy Thao (I) 2,517 23.1
Fred Tension (R) 1,400 12.9

NEW MEXICO

State Senate

District 38
Mary Papen* (D) 6,560 59.0
Narendra Gunaji (R) 4,514 41.0

OREGON

United States Congress

District 1
David Wu* (D) 172,817 58.0
Charles Star (R) 113,213 38.0
Beth A. King (L) 10,514 4.0

State Assembly

District 9
Max Williams (R) 19,013 71.0
Raman Velji 7,884 29.0

PENNSYLVANIA

State Assembly

District 96
Mike Sturla (D) 8,740 57.9
Tan Vo (R) 6,357 42.1

TEXAS

United States Congress

District 29
Gene Green (D) 84,117 73.4
Joe Yu (R) 29,365 25.6
Ray Dittmar (L) 1,186 1.0

State Assembly

District 123
Frank Corte, Jr. (R) 43,481 84.6
Alice Y. Yau (L) 7,923 15.4

WASHINGTON

Governor

Gary Locke* (D) 1,022,088 58.1
John Carlson (R) 703,539 40.0
Steve LePage (L) 33,023 1.9

State Assembly

District 6, Position 1
Brad Benson (R) 23,489 55.7
Bernie Nelson (D) 17,775 42.1
Jesda Gulati (L) 907 2.2

District 11, Position 2

Velma Veloria* (D) 15,469 76.4
Richard Zwicker (R) 4,790 23.6

District 37, Position 1

Sharon Tomiko Santos* (D) 22,949 88.4
Calvin Brown (R) 3,003 11.6

District 37, Position 2

Kip Tokuda* (D) 22,179 100.0

District 38, Position 1

Aaron Reardon (D) 19,695 61.6
Allen Huang (R) 10,814 33.8
Blythe Brockway (L) 1,451 4.5

LEGEND:

(D) = Democrat
(R) = Republican
(I) = American Independent
(G) = Green
(L) = Libertarian
(NL) = Natural Law
(RE) = Reform
(C) = Constitution
(A) = Aloha 'Aina
* = Incumbent

CALIFORNIA

United States Senate

Dianne Feinstein* (D) 5,315,790 56.1
Tom Campbell (R) 3,452,074 36.4
Medea Susan Benjamin (G) 291,482 3.1
Gail Katherine Lightfoot (L) 168,775 1.8

Diane Beall Templin (I) 120,481 1.2
Jose Luis "Joe" Olivares Camahort (RE) 87,253 .9
Brith M. Rees (NL) 52,666 .5

United States Congress

District 3
Doug Ose* (R) 120,943 56.1
Bob Kent (D) 87,304 40.5
Douglas Arthur Tuma (L) 4,908 2.3
Channing E. Jones (NL) 2,437 1.1

District 5
Robert T. Matsui* (D) 134,242 68.7
Ken Payne (R) 51,355 26.3
Ken Adams (G) 5,625 2.8
Cullene Lang (L) 2,644 1.3
Charles Kersey (NL) 1,777 .9

District 11
Richard W. Pombo* (R) 110,361 57.9
Tom Y. Santos (D) 72,581 38.1
Kathryn A. Russow (L) 4,624 2.4
Jon A. Kurey (NL) 3,099 1.6

District 14
Anna G. Eshoo* (D) 139,863 70.4
Bill Quiraishi (R) 51,021 25.7
Joseph W. Dehn III (L) 4,097 2.0
John Black (NL) 3,398 1.9

District 15
Mike Honda* (D) 116,693 54.5
Jim Cunningham (R) 89,937 42.0
Ed Wimmers (L) 4,312 2.1
Douglas C. Gorney (NL) 3,212 1.4

District 32
Julian C. Dixon* (D) 127,926 83.6
Kathy Williamson (R) 18,514 12.1
Bob Weber (L) 3,641 2.4
Rashed Jibri (NL) 3,006 1.9

District 49
Susan A. Davis (D) 95,167 49.8
Brian P. Bilbray* (R) 87,890 46.0
Doris Ball (L) 5,494 2.9
Tahir I. Bhatti (NL) 2,588 1.3

California State Senate

District 5
Michael Machado (D) 130,105 48.0
Alan Nakanishi (R) 129,562 47.8
Carole Brow (L) 9,300 3.4
William Nicolas (NL) 2,434 .8

District 11
Byron Sher* (D) 162,761 59.5
Gloria Hom (R) 99,761 36.4
John Hickey (L) 11,247 4.1

District 21
Jack Scott (D) 147,452 59.0
Paul Zee (R) 93,809 37.5
Bob New (L) 8,792 3.5

California State Assembly

District 16
Wilma Chan (D) 66,597 67.7
Audith Elizabeth Bock* (I) 21,406 21.8
Timothy B. McCormick (R) 8,347 8.5
Richard E. Armstrong (L) 2,036 2.0

District 18
Ellen M. Corbett* (D) 80,822 75.8
Syed Mahmood (R) 25,936 24.2

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National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism



Judge William Marutani, NJAMF board member and P.C. columnist (left), with his wife Vicki and nephew Greg.



Former senator and presidential candidate Bob Dole gives the keynote address at the NJAMF gala dinner.



National JACL President Floyd Mōri (right) catches a few moments with General Eric Shinseki after the NJAMF dedication ceremony.

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New York JACLers (l-r): Keiji Watanabe, Ron Uba, Sumi and Sam Koide, and Stan Kanzaki.



NJAMF board member Bill Hosokawa seeks out names of friends who died in service.



Rep. Robert Matsui shares about his wartime experiences during the dedication ceremony. Seated are (l-r) Ann Curry, 442nd veteran Rudy Tokiwa, Attorney General Janet Reno, Secretary of Commerce Norm Mineta and NJAMF Executive Director Chery Tsutsumida.



442nd veteran Robert Katayama (left) is congratulated by Secretary of Commerce Norm Mineta as 442nd veteran Richard Murashige and Deputy Secretary of Defense Rudy deLeon look on. Both Nisei veterans belong to the Fox Chapter of the Hawaii 442nd group.



Hawaii 442nd veterans and their wives. Back row (l-r): Jiro Kōja, Richard Hashi, Isamu Kanekuni and Kunio Kikuta. Front row (l-r): Tsugiko Kikuta, Kikue Kōja and Alma Hashi.

DEDICATION

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Lincoln memorial, the JA national memorial, will be seen by thousands of tourists each year, helping to teach Americans the often untold story of JAs in this country.

It was in 1988 that the U.S. Congress approved the construction of the National Japanese American Memorial on federal land, with the condition that the money for the monument be raised by the community. In October 1999, the national JA memorial held its groundbreaking after community members helped raise more than \$10 million. The full completion of the monument is scheduled for next spring and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation will also be launching an education initiative.

The monument is a "really remarkable symbol of what can be done with perseverance," said Melvin Chigogio, chairman of the NJAMF, as he addressed the crowd attending the dedication ceremony. "I hope that all of you remember this day forever."

"The National Japanese American Memorial is truly unique in commemorating a tragic injustice," said Secretary of Commerce and NJAMF board member Norman Mineta, who also spoke at the ceremony. "That as a great nation it lies within our powers to recognize the mistakes of the past and to build a national commitment that those mistakes must never ever be repeated."

Though unable to attend the dedication ceremonies due to a prior commitment, Sen. Daniel Inouye sent greetings from Hawaii during the dedication's gala dinner. "The story of Japanese Americans is one we must never forget," he said. "The memorial is a grave reminder of what we are capable of in a time of crisis. It reminds us of what we must not allow to happen again to any other group regardless of race, religion, or national origin."

"I hope all who visit this memorial will learn that once upon a time there was a group of people who were labeled enemy aliens by their government." Nevertheless these people stood up to defend and die for their country," he said.

With the dedication ceremonies taking place during the Veterans Day weekend, it was a fitting tribute to honor and remember the thousands of JA vets of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service. They fought for their country despite the overwhelming prejudice and discrimination, many volunteering while their families were being held in the various internment camps.

Rudy Tokiwa, a veteran of the 442nd and a former Poston, Ariz., internee, joined the U.S. Army at the age of 16 and was part of the renowned group of JA vets that rescued the Texas Battalion during WWII. All he asks of people who see the monument is to not forget.

"The only thing I can really ask people to do ... don't forget. These

people were willing to give their lives for us. They didn't have to," he said. "Oh my God, what a price we had to pay to be an American. Everybody in the United States of America should learn what these people did so they can appreciate what this country is made up of today."

Marvin Uratsu, an MIS veteran, is hopeful that telling the story of

They risked their lives for the very freedoms that too often eluded them," wrote the president.

"Now with the completion of this memorial all Americans will learn of the valor, the patriotism, and the sacrifice of Japanese Americans who helped to preserve, for us and for the world, the lessons of freedom."

In his letter, Clinton also an-

rights memorial as a war memorial. It will be a reminder to us all about racism, about suffering, about injustice, and about courage."

Although America has made great strides in social justice, she said, the ugliness of bigotry still exists, referring to the recent spate of hate crimes including the recent murder of Joseph Beito, a postal worker in Los Angeles.

"On the occasion of this dedication, let us remind ourselves, all Americans, about how important it is to speak out against hatred, against bigotry," she said. "Democracy requires the participation of all people. And for those who stand on the sidelines, they risk the erosion of the liberties we all hold dear."

Several dignitaries attended the weekend ceremonies, including Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, Deputy Secretary of Defense Rudy de Leon, Gen. Eric Shinseki, Assistant Attorney General Rose Ochi, and Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee. "Today" show anchor Ann Curry emceed the dedication ceremony.

In town for the groundbreaking of the WWII Memorial, former Senator Bob Dole spoke at the gala dinner banquet after getting a call from his good friend and war buddy Sen. Inouye. With jokes about his political career and anecdotes of his war days, Dole reached out to the veterans in the crowd whose story he so closely understands.

"We've learned through experience the true meaning of diversity of this nation," he said. "We understand, I think, America better. We understand the sacrifices that many in this audience have made. And appreciate what you have done for America. It's not Republic-



The Shishinos on their recent visit to Wash., D.C. (l-r): Mari Cataldo, Kathy Cataldo, Jillian Okimoto, Mitzie Shishino.

the JA veterans will help to unite all Americans. "I think [the monument] means a lot to America. It's something that will help educate America to tell America that we are a diverse country, we have people from all over the world coming here seeking the American dream. I think the monument will help reach that goal of making America a more perfect union."

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno spoke at the dedication ceremony, where she read a letter from President Clinton in which he honored the heroism of the JA vets.

"Despite indignities they faced at home, thousands of Japanese American soldiers volunteered.

nounced a plan to preserve the WWII internment sites where JAs were imprisoned, directing the Interior Department to provide \$5 million for the purchase of land in Wyoming, Utah, and Arkansas to protect the camps. The president also announced the signing of legislation to rename a federal courthouse in Seattle after William Nakamura, who along with 21 Asian Americans was recently honored with a Medal of Honor upgrade for his heroism during WWII.

Reno spoke of the lessons that can be learned and applied today from visiting the JA memorial. "This sight will be as much a civil

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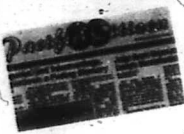
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Labels: AJAs, Nisei and Nikkei

NIKKEI AMERICANS in Hawaii refer to themselves as "Americans of Japanese Ancestry," or "AJAs" for short. Mainland AJAs are prone to use the term "Japanese Americans" or "Nisei." The late Mike M. Masaoka insisted there be no hyphen between "Japan-



By BILL
MARUTANI

ese" and "American," lest we be deemed to be something less than full-fledged Americans. Further, he espoused the notion that the term "Nisei," having

If I correctly interpret the explanatory symbols, the plural for Nisei is the same as the singular. Presumably the same construction applies to generational references to "Sansei" et seq. The geographic reference of "North America," which would extend into Canada and encompass Canadians of Japanese ancestry, is interesting. I don't recall reading or hearing the term "Nisei" used in reference to our Canadian cousins.

TURNING NEXT TO the Japanese view, at page 1236 of Kenkyusha (a Japanese-English dictionary, a pocket edition of which was issued to those who trained at the MIS language school) defines "Nisei" as follows:

an American-born Japanese; a second generation Japanese; an American of Japanese parentage [extraction, descent, origin]; a Japanese American

Given this definition of "Nisei," it would be redundant to combine it with "American," such as "Nisei American" (it would be somewhat akin to referring to "Fujitama" as "Mount Fuji-tama.") There is, however, the term "nikkei" comprised of two kanji characters, *hi* (sun) and *kei* (lineage, ancestry), together meaning a person of Japanese ancestry. Thus, "Nikkei American" would cover Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, etc.

THE TERM for Japanese nationals is varied, one of the more familiar ones being "Nippon-jin" comprised of three kanji charac-

ters of *hi* (sun), *moto* (source, genesis) and *hito* (person). Combining the three and given the *on-yomi* (Chinese pronunciation), we have "Nippon-jin." These same three characters have a softer pronunciation of "Ni-hon-jin," but the difference, if any, as to meaning, purpose, etc., I've never uncovered. Undoubtedly, there are folks out there who can readily clear up the void. This is not to suggest that I don't have my own theory; I do. "Nippon-jin," to me, has overtones of ethnocentrism in referring to the people of Japan; "Nihon-jin" is defused and alludes to the racial strain of Japanese. As I say, it's only a theory.

A FEW YEARS AGO I stumbled upon the kanji character *hō-jin*. I had never come across the term during the months of training at Ft. Snelling or during my 14-month tour of duty in Japan. I checked in Kenkyusha (page 472) which explained: "a fellow countryman ... a Japanese ... the Japanese (people) ... Japanese nationals (residents)." I then checked the Japanese-English Character Dictionary (by Andrew N. Nelson, Ph.D.) — a phenomenal scholastic accomplishment by the way — which, at page 896, explained that *hō* has a *kun-yomi* (Japanese pronunciation) of "kuni" (country) and *hō-jin* means "fellow countryman, a Japanese."

As for me, since it any way of the three choices: AJA, Nisei or Nikkei American.

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

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attained unique attributes, ought to be regarded as a generic term covering all generations of AJAs. This would also resolve the cumbersome generational counts of "Sansei," "Yonsei," "Gosei," which can only increase in complexity with each new generation. Random House Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (1995 edition) at page 915 provides the following definition:

Nisei (n. pl. -sei sometimes [c.]) a child of Japanese immigrants, born and educated in North America, compare Issei, Kibei, Sansei [1940-45, Amer. <Japn. lit., second generation; earlier ni-sei <Mchin., =er two, second + sheng birth]

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agreed that the Japanese American National Museum was the best site for our archives and we are very happy to enter into this agreement.

Besides official papers, memos and other archival materials, the JACL intends to provide materials related to its newspaper, the *Pacific Citizen*. The *P.C.* officially became the news organ for the JACL in 1932. Unlike most of the Japanese vernaculars, the *P.C.* continued to publish during World War II when it moved its headquarters to Salt Lake City. Through the wartime *P.C.*, stories about life for U.S. Nisei in government-run concentration camps as well as the contributions of JA soldiers are well-documented. After the war, it has reported on relevant issues to the Nisei community and continues to chronicle them today.

Irene Y. Hirano, executive director and president of the museum, noted that the addition of the

JACL's archives complements a comprehensive list of historical resources already in the institution's collections.

"We are gratified that the Japanese American Citizens League has entrusted their archives, which chronicles their civil rights work over seven decades, to the national museum," she said. "Earlier, the national museum entered into a similar agreement with the Buddhist Churches of America to house their archives. It is clear that these collections are two of the most historically significant archives in documenting the history of Japanese Americans."

Hirano added that the recent establishment of the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy within the museum makes the JACL collection even more significant.

"Given the civil rights work of the JACL, it is clear that the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy will now have access to comprehensive information about specific issues of democracy as they relate to Japanese Ameri-

cans," she said.

The national museum announced that an archivist would be added to catalogue the JACL collection as soon as it can be transferred from the organization's national headquarters in San Francisco and the *P.C.* offices. Materials will continue to be added to the archives in the future ensuring that a comprehensive record can be maintained. The subsequent phases of work will include transfer of materials at the five regional JACL offices, working with the individual chapters and their historical archives and the interview of prominent organizational leaders to provide as complete a collection as possible.

"The Japanese American Citizens League has been associated with the Japanese American National Museum for many years," said Tateishi. "The donation our archives is the beginning of what we believe will be the latest chapter in a long and fruitful partnership with the national museum."

For more information, contact the Japanese American National Museum at 213/625-0414. ■

'Tribute to Farming' Theme at CCDC Installation Banquet

By EIJY YAMASHITA,
Specialist to the Pacific Citizen

With the entry into the new century, Central California's Japanese American farmers mull over what they can do for future generations, based on the rich heritage left to them by the past generations.

With this sense of responsibility for a new transition in mind, the 51st annual JACL Central California District Central installation banquet celebrated the theme, "A Tribute to Farming," on Nov. 3 in Fresno.

The event held in celebration of the next generation and in praise of the past one honored David Mas Masumoto, local organic peach and grape farmer and award-winning author, and Harry Teichi Kubo, founder of the Nisei Farmers League (NFL).

The "Next Generation Award" was awarded to Masumoto, a Sansei, for his creative work and initiatives in issues surrounding the local JA community. Masumoto writes about farming, family, and the JA community and has written for *USA Today*, the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Fresno Bee*. He received a Commonwealth Club of California silver medal for the California Book Awards in 1999.

Kubo, a Nisei of Parlier, was honored with the "Heritage Award" for becoming a positive role model who made a remarkable contribution to the local JA community. Interned with his family during World War II at Tule Lake, Kubo established the NFL with JA farm-



CCDC Heritage Award winner Harry Kubo accepting his award.

ers in Fowler and Reedley in 1970 to represent the needs and concerns of local growers, protecting rights of farmers from inept legislation. The NFL has grown to represent more than 1,000 farmers from all over the Central Valley. Kubo retired from the NFL in 1995.

"The Japanese Americans have left a huge legacy in the Valley," said Fresno Mayor Jim Patterson, who attended the banquet. "It's a real tribute to the power and effectiveness in a very tangible way of Japanese people's ethics and virtues."

Patterson was among several local public officials who attended the event that had more than 250 attendees. Others included Debra Kazanjian, candidate for Fresno County Superior Court judge; office representatives of U.S. Rep.

George Radanovich and U.S. Sen. Diane Feinstein; and the chair of the Fresno County board of supervisors, Judith Case.

Case, a Sanger native who grew up on a farm, said she was intrigued by the new generation connecting with the past generation and adding continuity to the culture. "The basic philosophy and fundamental way of life of the past Japanese farming community, some of that will continue on," she said. "This was a very special time."

The dinner event also featured Masumoto's narrative performance, in harmony with local jazz musician Larry Honda and a trio of Taiko drummers: Nikiko (Masumoto's daughter), Gary Sakaki-Wong and Richard Ishimaru. Masumoto shared stories from his books "Country Voices," "Epitaph for a Peach" and "Harvest Son."

The banquet was wrapped up with official oaths taken by the newly elected district officers, and speeches by national JACL president, Floyd Mori and the new CCDC governor, Robert Taniguchi of Livingston-Merced chapter, paying tribute to farming.

In addition to Taniguchi, the 2001-2002 officers of the CCDC are: first vice governor, Bobbi Hanada, Fresno; second vice governor, Larry Ishimoto, Tulare County; secretary, Kathy Ishimoto, Tulare County; treasurer, Travis Nishi, Clovis; district youth representative, Dash Taniguchi, Livingston-Merced; regional director, Patricia Tsai Tom. ■

Topaz Mini-Reunion — Class of '45



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Close to 70 former Topaz camp internees gathered for an all-Topaz mini-reunion at the La Collina restaurant on the morning of the NJAMF dedication ceremony in Washington, DC.

Pictured above is the 1945 graduating class of Topaz High School, which also held a mini-reunion. The class of 1945 has been holding annual reunions since 1955. George "Dorsey" Kobayashi, who credited Daisy Satoda (third from the right) for organizing the class reunions, said, "We've developed a certain bond. He added that from 1970 to 1995, they had been meeting every five years.

In the far right, back row, is Paul Bell, who was the son of Topaz Assistant Director Roscoe Bell and one of three Caucasians to attend high school at the Topaz camp site.

Millennium Reunion, Set For Nov. 18-19

Wartime Nisei students at the University of California at Berkeley are holding their Millennium Reunion on Nov. 18-19 during the Big Game celebration of the Stanford-Cal football game.

About 100 of the classes of '39 to '45 will gather from across the United States in remembrance of those hectic years and to honor fellow students who have passed away.

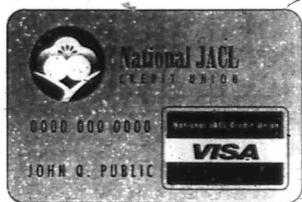
Saturday will include morning programs at the Executive Inn in Oakland and the afternoon Big Game in Berkeley. A Sunday morning bus tour will take participants on campus to see sights such as Euclid Hall, once the UC Japanese Men's Students Clubhouse, built in 1924.

A Sunday luncheon at Scott's Seafood on the Oakland wharf will feature sociology professor Michael Omi, and Kimi Kodani Hill discussing her recent book "Topaz Moon." A Sunday evening supper will be held at Executive House.

Arrangements have been made by an ad hoc committee headed by Ted Ono, George Matsumoto and Chizu Iiyama. Assisting them are Bill Fujita, Frank Inami, Sacha Kajiura, Kimi Kiyama, Min Sano, Yuri Shinoda, Yasuko Wada, Michiko Uchida, George Yasukochi and Emily Yoshida. ■

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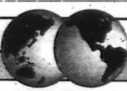
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Former IDC Gov. George Kimura, 80

Active Salt Lake JACLer in the 1960-1980s, George Kimura, 80, passed away Oct. 13 in Salt Lake City after a courageous battle with cancer.

A native of Hood River, Ore., and a World War II veteran, he was Salt Lake chapter president (1969-70) and Intermountain District governor (1973-75). A professional photographer for 30 years, he taught at Cypress High School for 14 years and was hailed as vocational teacher of

the year. He and his wife, Harriet, were awarded the JACL sapphire pin together in 1976.

Kimura graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a master's degree from Utah State.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Harriet, son George, daughters Anne Jacobsen, Joan West and Kathy Arishita, 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mari Tsuboi. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Abe, Isoyo Mary, 83, San Jose, Oct. 28; San Francisco-born; survived by daughters Shirley, Norma, Judy, son Nicholas, 2 g.c.; predeceased by husband Joe K.

Aihara, Ben, 77, Oceanside, Oct. 28; Los Angeles-born, longtime Vista resident; survived by wife Yukiko; daughter Julia and husband William; sons Mark and wife Marjorie, Bruce and wife Karen, 6 g.c.; sisters Chitose and husband Jerry, Hatsune; brother George and wife Yoko.

Adachi, John Sho, 75, Gardena, Oct. 15; Long Beach-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Betty H.; brothers-in-law George Kakehashi and wife Chiyu, Jerry Kakehashi and wife Alice (Chicago); sister-in-law Frances Seki and husband Sam (El Cerrito).

Cheung, Gail Sato, 48, Clovis, Oct. 13; Santa Monica-born; survived by husband Fred; daughters Kristin and Carissa; parents Hiroshi and Mary Sato (Los Angeles); brothers Randy Sato and wife Barbara (Los Angeles), Dennis Sato and wife Naomi (Richmond); sister Susan Asai and husband Cliff (Los Angeles).

Doi, Isamu, 95, Pico Rivera, Oct. 24; Aichi-ken-born; survived by daughter Jane H. Yotsuya and husband Kenji, 2 g.c., 1 g.c.

Goto, Takao, 92, Los Angeles, Oct. 19; Wakayama-ken-born; survived by son George and wife Harumi; daughters Pat Takeshita and husband Sam, Naomi Takeshita and husband Yoto Boto; daughter-in-law Hatsuko Goto; g.c.

Hirabayashi, Kozo, 75, Lindsay, Oct. 19; Layton, Utah-born; WWII Army veteran; survived by wife Fujiko Gomi; son Lonnie (Visalia); daughter Joeann Melching (Porterville), 2 g.c.; mother Ayano Hirabayashi (Lindsay); brother and sister in Lindsay; Tom, Jean Ishida; sisters in Fresno; Mary Matsubara, Ruby Matsubara; sister-in-law Toyomi Hirabayashi; predeceased by brother Roy.

Hirabayashi, Dr. Richard Shinobu, 69, Oct. 14; Calgary, Canada; Washington-born; professor of education at University of Calgary for 19 years; survived by wife Dorothy; daughters Allison Soriano and husband Jose, Annie Dorchak and husband Mark; son Keith and wife Suzanne; stepdaughter Jen Tarr, 7 g.c.; brothers Gordon, Ed, Jim; sister Esther Furugori.

Hirata, Yoshiko, 93, Riverside, Oct. 27; Riverside-born; survived by son Allan A. and wife Betty (Gardena); brother Mas Yonemura (Berkeley); sister Irene Yaguchi (Montebello).

Hisatomi, James K., 90, Los Angeles, Oct. 15; San Francisco-born, active in early JACL organization in Hollywood. Heart Mountain internee; survived by sons James and wife Mary Lynn (Bellevue, Wash.), 2 g.c.; predeceased by wife Mabel, brothers Frank and Charles.

Iino, Glenn K., 61, Gardena, Oct. 1; Los Angeles-born; survived by Andy Iino; brother Roger and wife Kim Bateman (Washington); nephew Michio Iino; niece Jessamyn Iino.

Inouye, Seichi "Jimmy," 84, Los Angeles, Oct. 30; WWII MIS Veteran; survived by wife Midori; sister Misao Ikari.

Kodama, Hooee, 106, Seattle, Oct. 5; Yamaguchi-ken-born; Tule Lake internee; naturalized U.S. citizen; recipient of the Emperor's Medal for promotion; goodwill between Japan and the United States; founder of the Ikono School of Flower Arrangement; survived by son Ben and wife Lucille; daughters Kris Tanaka, Nobie Chan and husband Judge Warren, Yuri Sata and Dr. Lindbergh; stepson Kinichi Kodama and wife Masako; niece whom she raised: Heidi Kitayama and husband Ben, Kiyoko Chinn and husband Harry, nephew Hiroshi Horikawa; 16 g.c.; predeceased by stepchild Yasuko Kodama.

Kojaku, Shoko, 71, Gardena, Oct. 81; Terminal Island-born; survived by husband Jun; sons Jon and wife Miki (Japan), Randy and wife Gayle (Murietta), Bradley and wife Cindy (Lakewood); 5 g.c.

Kojo, Minoru, 90, Cerritos, Oct. 28; Washington-born; survived by daughters Reiko Yamashita, Toshiko Masada and husband Keichi, Sumiyu Ponce and husband Fernando; 12 g.c., 2 g.c.; brothers Jerry and wife Miyuki, Kaz and wife Mary.

Kuramoto, Mamoru, 96, Selma, Oct. 27; Hiroshima-born; survived by wife Kiyoko; sons Harry Moriaki; daughters Midori Nino and husband Hiroshi, Rose Mineko Kuramoto, Atsumi Alice Atsuyoshi Nishimura and husband Eddie Katsumi; 6 g.c., 5 g.c.

Kusumoto, Kenji, 82, Los Angeles, Oct. 26; Akita-ken-born; survived by wife Grace; son Gene and wife Donna; daughters Taeko Yanagi and husband David, Joy Lee and husband Jameson; 6 g.c.; brother Shosuke Wada and wife Tomoko; sisters Yoshiko Wada, Tokiko Tomoda, Sakiko Inomata.

Puranaka, Kate Kiyoko, 90, Los Angeles, Oct. 16; Hawaii-born; survived by son Kenneth and wife Mary, 2 g.c.; brothers and sisters in Hawaii: Robert Tanoue and wife Margaret, Sam Tanoue, Madge Kawabe and Aiko Yoshimura; sister Yukino Palacio (San Francisco); sisters-in-law Tayeka Tanouye, Matsue Murakami.

Nabeta, Ikuko, 77, Sacramento, Oct. 13; Yuba City-born; survived by daughter Irene Nabeta-Yee; g.c.; brothers Shigeo, Tetsuo, Isao.

Nagai, Harumi, 85, Los Angeles, Oct. 26; Washington-born; survived by nephews Hitoshi Nagai, Ken Watanuki and wife Sharon.

Nishihara, Michiye, 78, Adrian, Ore., Oct. 21; Sugar City, Idaho-born; survived by husband Masa; son Ross and wife Barbara (Adrian); daughter Marilyn Cangello and husband Vincent (Oakland); 3 g.c., 3 g.c.; brothers and sisters in Hawaii: Robert Tanoue and wife Margaret, Aiko Yoshimura; sister Yukino Palacio (San Francisco); sisters-in-law Tayeka Tanouye, Matsue Murakami.

Nishiyama, Pauline Emiko, 56, Culver City, Oct. 25; Brighton, Colo.-born; survived by husband Roy; daughters Arlene Nishiyama-Lopez and husband Albert; Lori Cahitas and husband Javier; 3 g.c.; mother Tsugiko Arlene Morishita; sister Arlee Kudo and husband Dennis; brothers Wilson Morishita and wife Mayumi, Dennis Morishita; brother-in-law Jimmy Nishiyama.

Nomura, Kiyoshi, 70, Oakland, Oct. 23; survived by wife Yoko; son Christopher and wife Judy; daughters Margaret Clark and husband Scott, Izumi Cabrero and husband Alan.

Ohwa, Mitsuko, 93, San Francisco, Oct. 13; survived by son George and wife Lois Nobuko (San Francisco); daughter Yoko Nakayama and husband Aiko (Japan); 3 g.c., 1 g.c.

Otsuji, Margaret Sueko, Los Angeles, Oct. 27; survived by daughter Janice Higashi and husband Melvin; 2 g.c.; brother Jimmy Yamaya and wife Midori; brother-in-law Mitsuru Otsuji and wife Sally (Chicago); predeceased by husband Bill.

Sasaki, Hideko, 89, Los Angeles, Oct. 23; San Francisco-born; survived by son Donald K. Sasaki and wife Marizita; daughter Virginia Galvin and husband Michael (Oregon); 1 g.c., 1 step-g.c.; brothers George Sonoda and wife Sadie, Gen Sonoda; sister Yasuko Nowaki.

Shikuma, Horoshi, 81, Carson, Oct. 28; El Segundo-born; survived by wife Kazuyo; sons Dan and wife Shirley, Masao and wife Elaine; daughter Diane Sachiko Uyeda and husband Ken (San Jose), 6 g.c.; sister Yasuko Nagai; brothers Joe Shigenaga and wife Mary (Chicago), Takumi Shigenaga and wife Hina (Santa Maria), Sumito Shigenaga and wife Yotsuko (Arroyo Grande); sisters-in-law Grace and Betty Shigenaga.

Shitanishi, Aikiko, 76, Los Angeles, Oct. 11; Portland, Ore.-born; survived by sons Eddie Toyosaki and wife Christine, Ken Toyosaki and wife Eva; 2 g.c.; brother Shigeru Kumura and wife Kiyoko; sisters Keiko Shimoto, Hideko Arashima and husband Masanaga; brothers in Japan: Hiroyasu Kumura and wife Sanae and Yoshiko Kato and wife Ikuko; sister-in-law Kimiko Shitanishi.

Swaney, Marilyn Diane, 53, Redwood City, Oct. 17; San Francisco-born; survived by daughters Samantha Luna, Kim McGarvey; son-in-law Tim McGarvey; parents Kim and Randall "Rudy" Ogata; brother Dennis Ogata (all in San Mateo County).

Tatsumi, Kaoru Nick, 78, Gardena, Oct. 26; Hilo, Hawaii-born; WWII veteran; survived by sons Stephen and wife Margaret, Miles and fiancée Jean Hedman; sister Teri Tatsumi (Las Vegas); brothers-in-law Richard Inamine and Walter Takeuchi and wife Dolly (both Hawaii); sisters-in-law Helen Tatsumi, Jane Matsunaga and Eunice Higa (all Hawaii), Dolores Takeuchi.

Tatsumi, Kimie, 92, Gardena, Oct. 27; Wakayama-born; survived by daughter Sumiko Mattingly; daughters-in-law Kazuko and Yoshiko Tatsumi; 5 g.c., 3 g.c.

Terakawa, Yoshio, 99, San Francisco, Oct. 21; survived by son Hiroshi and wife Masako Ruth (San Jose); daughter Sumiko Kanaki and husband Paul; daughter-in-law Margaret Keiko Terakawa; 11 g.c., 10 g.c.

Ueda, Richard Shigeru, 77, San Marcos, Oct. 30; Oahu, Hawaii-born; survived by son Miles and wife Jennifer; daughters Mury Miyagi and husband Alan (San Marcos), Ricki Ueda (San Diego); sister Jane Tabusa and husband Glenn (Las Vegas); sisters in Hawaii: Hazel Tani, Yoshie Kuraya, Helecyon Ueda and husband George, and Naomi Ueda; brother-in-law Frank Tabusa (Las Vegas).

Ueno, Teruo, 84, San Mateo, Oct. 27; former correspondent for

DEATH NOTICE

CALVIN HIDEKI ISERI
SARATOGA, Calif. — Colusa native Calvin Hideki Iseri, 76, has passed away. He is survived by his wife Toshiko (Hawaii), daughter Karen and husband Scott Tang, brother Richard K. and wife Aiko Iseri.

DEATH NOTICE

YUKIO HAYASHI
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Yukio Hayashi, 81, passed away Oct. 20. Born in Seattle, but grew up in Japan outside the town of Yama in Yamaguchi Prefecture. After graduating from high school, Yukio returned to the United States. Mr. Hayashi married Sue Yoshino in 1942. Both were interned during World War II at Pecos, Ariz. and Tule Lake. The Hayashis were released to work in Chicago towards the end of the war. Both entered Roosevelt University as students. Yukio later worked in statistics at the Univ. of Chicago and was a team member in war games to create the NORAD system. Yukio was one of the early computer programmers, starting in that field in 1958. He retired in 1988 as a Senior Systems Engineer for EDS in San Francisco. Central to raising his family was Yukio's love of literature, the arts, and intellectual discourse. Yukio and Sue always acted on their convictions; they were activists in supporting the American civil rights movement, the International Peace movement, and the struggles to establish parity for all Americans of color. Yukio is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sue Sumiko Hayashi, sons Marc, Eric and his wife Sharon Faye and grandson Aaron Akira Hayashi. The Hayashi family is establishing a trust that will encourage Asian Pacific Americans to work in the field of policy study. To this purpose donations in his name will be accepted in lieu of flowers, or Eric & Sharon Faye Hayashi, 3629 Thorncliffe Road, Pasadena, CA 91107. At Mr. Hayashi's request, there will be no memorial service.

the Nichi Bei Times and the Hokuhei Mainichi; survived by wife Eiko; sons Norman Takio and wife Kimiko, Scott, Yoshihiro and wife Doug, 1 g.c.; brother-in-law Masahiko Shiohara and wife Tamae; sisters-in-law Tameko Kawamura and husband Kaoru, Miwako Iwayama and husband Yoshiko. ■

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Rae Mincer is seeking a Nikkei couple named Min and Sue, who used to live in the Seattle or Renton, Wash., area in the mid-1940s. Mincer, who was a young child in the 1940s, does not know the couple's last name, but her parents' names were Ray and Jeanne Watson.

Mincer writes: "It was a time of financial strain for us, and with four children in the family, I'm sure our parents struggled to put food on the table. One of my memories from those days is seeing Min and Sue walking down the sidewalk to our humble home with arms laden with bags of groceries. I don't know how many times they may have done that for our family, but I do know that to us kids, it was like having Santa Claus come to visit when they came. I'm not sure when their visits stopped, but later in life, I asked my mother what happened to this special couple that had been such unsung heroes. When she told me they had been sent to a relocation camp, I was horrified."

Mincer would like to reconnect with this couple, and can be reached through e-mail at Raminerc@aol.com. ■

DEATH NOTICE

WILLIS MASATO HIRATA

OXNARD, Calif. —Parlier-born Willis Masato Hiram, 84, passed away after a courageous battle with respiratory and kidney failure following heart bypass surgery. He was a pharmacist and Oxnard community leader for 61 years. Willis graduated from Cal Berkeley in 1939 with a degree in Pharmacy. He began a practice in West Los Angeles, but then was sent to Glendale, Ariz. under POW 8086. He and his wife Marlene were transferred to Mantana and subsequently moved to Detroit. In 1949, he and Marlene permanently moved to Oxnard and opened Willis Pharmacy until retiring in 1993. Willis was president of the Oxnard Evening Optimist Club, JACL, the Oxnard Nisei Golf Club and was active and successful in bowling league tennis. Mr. Hiram was quick to see humor in most situations and possessed an acerbic wit that delighted friends and relatives. He touched many lives and will be sorely missed by all those he met. He is survived by Marlene Matsune Kozaki, his wife and best friend for 58 years, son John Lytle, who passed away in 1969, daughters Onetta Fils and Barbara Hiram, Gail, granddaughter Yasmine Fils and son-in-law Victor Gae. The family wishes to thank the doctors and staff in the Cardiac Care Unit at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura. A Celebration of Life service was held Nov. 4. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

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can, it's not politics, it's not Democratic. It's about America."

Congressman Bob Matsui also paid tribute to the veterans when he spoke at the dinner, calling them "America's heroes."

"When I look out in this audience today I see really, truly America's heroes. Those who fought in the 442nd combat troops, those who served in the Pacific with the MIS, and those who struggled in their everyday lives making sure that those four years they were locked up by their own government they were in fact able to give confidence to their children and make sure they remained loyal and defined what true citizenship is all about. This day is dedicated to all of you. Because you are truly America's heroes."

"It's been a very emotional event for me. I have thoughts of what people have done for me," said National JACL President Floyd Mori, whose own brother died fighting in the Pacific during WWII and whose name is etched on the memorial. "I hope they read the inscriptions so they understand we of Japanese ancestry are Americans and have loyalties and express patriotic courage like any other person on this earth, if not more."

"I think this was a really important event for the Japanese American community," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi. "I think the turnout really reflects how much people care about the memorial. I think it's really historic and really important for us in signifying that we've reached a certain level of achievement in this country." He added, "There's a lot still that has to be done. We have a lot of battles to fight. But this is really a hallmark for us and where we are in the United States."

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fore the dedication.

What an impressive day it was. And allow me to note: Not only was it a day for the Japanese in America but for all Americans. It made all of us feel proud.

Since the final touches of construction are under way at the memorial and the placement of cherry trees around the wall facing the streets — some of us vowed to come back in the spring (perhaps when Washington's famous Japanese flowering cherry trees are in bloom around the first of April 2001).

One Nisei said it was fortunate in a way that the memorial was incomplete for his children and grandchildren can return to relive the story of dedication that embraced the crowd.

Nina Akamu, the artist who created the 14-foot bronze crane statue, shared a perspective with me that everyone who visits what looms to be the hallowed ground honoring the patriotism of the American Nisei, should look out for. Come by when the afternoon sun shines, for the golden tips of the cranes' wings at the highest points, she said, can be as bright as the sun.

"In fact, you'll even notice the bright beam of the afternoon sun sink in your eyes while driving by on New Jersey Avenue," she said.

We're about 600 yards from the Capitol, and how to attract the thousands of students, parents and visitors — foreign and domestic — to this triangular park is keeping Rear Admiral Mel Chigioji's and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation's thinking caps on.

I suppose with hi-tech constantly evolving, it would be fitting to invite Sansei deeply engrossed in their ever-booming world of computers to present the state of the art technology the next time the board meets next spring so they



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Bacon Sakatani, a former Heart Mountain internee, pours sand from all ten of the former internment camps into a metal box at the memorial dedication ceremony on Nov. 9 while the Hon. Norman Mineta speaks to the crowd.

can boot or reboot the upcoming generation of Japanese Americans — few in numbers but potentially the best there is — to preserve our legacy well into the third millennium.

A special addendum to the dedication program was the emotional remarks made by Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta as Bacon Sakatani of West Covina, Calif., poured an urnful of sand into a flat metal box that was buried within the memorial foundation. The sands came from the soils of the 10 WWII internment camps.

"Each grain will represent the stories of the more than 120,000 Japanese Americans who poignantly withstood great injustices because of their allegiance to this nation," said Mineta.

Recently, I returned from an eight-campsite tour where 22,000 Japanese Canadians were interned during WWII in the British Columbia interior. Our Palo Alto pal and former acquaintance with NASA, Chuck Kubokawa, was thinking about a "similar tour of most of the U.S. internment camps — relying on hope on planes because the distances involved between the camps are too great. The tour could either start or end at Manzanar, the first of the National

Senate Extends Citizenship Bill to Hmong Widows

WASHINGTON — President Clinton signed legislation Nov. 1 that would make it easier for widows of America's Laotian Vietnam War allies to become U.S. citizens, six months after signing a similar bill that didn't cover certain widows.

The original legislation covered veterans and their spouses and widows, but an apparent oversight left out widows whose husbands died before coming to the United States. The updated legislation, sponsored by Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., corrects that.

The law waives the English-language requirement to become citizens, which many Hmong said had been a difficult barrier because their own language did not have a written form until recently.

Thousands of Hmong were recruited by the CIA to fight in support of the U.S. military during the conflict in Southeast Asia.



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