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Bill Looks to Preserve Remaining J-Towns

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
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Years of cooperative efforts by leaders of the last three remaining Japantowns in California have resulted in the recent introduction of a state Senate bill that would preserve and protect the Japantowns and other historic ethnic enclaves.

The Ethnic Heritage Site Bill or Senate Bill 307, introduced on Feb. 20 by state Sen. John Vasconcellos, D-San Jose, unanimously passed a Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee hearing on April 2, and is now

headed for a hearing by the Appropriations Committee on April 23.

Sue North, Vasconcellos' chief of staff, said the senator supported the bill because "simply put, his interest in this subject is due to his longstanding commitment in celebrating the state's diversity." She said it was too early to determine how the bill will fare

in the Appropriations Committee as of press time.

The groundwork for SB 307 was laid out by the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council (CJACL), a statewide

organization (JACCNC) in San Francisco, was optimistic about the bill's future. In referring to the NRWC hearing, Osaki said "They loved the bill. They thought it was timely and a good bill that the state needed to support. ... That was a good sign. That indicates we're on the right track."

If the current bill passes, it would create an ethnic heritage site designation program within the state Department of Parks and Recreation where various ethnic enclaves would be able to apply for state funding to preserve and develop historic communities for future generations.

"This is new, a new twist or a new spin on the preservation of resources, which before were not identified as resources," said Bill Watanabe, CJACL co-chair and executive director of the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) in Los Angeles. "This is timely, espe-

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Los Angeles' Little Tokyo holds its annual Nisei Week parade, c. 1936.

Nikkei umbrella group that includes the JACL. This newly formed organization strives to proactively address the changing needs of the Nikkei community through networking and strengthening statewide partnerships.

Paul Osaki, CJACL corporate secretary and executive director of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern Califor-

Freshman Corrie Mizusawa Impresses at St. Mary's

By **LYNDSEY SHINODA**
Writer/Reporter

A freshman leading the St. Mary's Gaels to the NCAA tournament may seem strange, but considering that Corrie Mizusawa first picked up a basketball at the age of 1, it doesn't seem so strange after all.

Named the West Coast Conference's Freshman of the Year, the 5-foot-8 Mizusawa has made a name for herself at St. Mary's, a tiny private college (pop. 4,300) in Moraga, Calif. Just a hop, skip and a jumpshot away from her hometown of Lafayette, the Saneisi made an immediate impact on the women's basketball team in her rookie season.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Michelle Jacoby, the Gaels won a share of the WCC crown and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, where they played the part of Cinderella before bowing out to the Tennessee Volunteers in



Mizusawa takes charge as she dribbles down court for St. Mary's.

"It was always a dream of mine to play Division One basketball," said Mizusawa. "I'm pretty fortunate, not many people get this opportunity."

Also recruited by the University of Washington, UC Irvine, and other West Coast Conference schools, Mizusawa said that Coach Jacoby is the reason she ultimately chose St. Mary's, despite it being so close

to her hometown.

"That was the one bad part, I live 15 minutes away," Mizusawa explained. "I thought I would hate it, but looking back, I love having all the fans there and having a home-cooked meal whenever I feel like it."

Mizusawa talked about what makes Jacoby a great coach, "... her intensity and the fire in her eyes, — she knows how to motivate us," said Mizusawa. "No one else can do that."

A standout at Acalanes High School, Mizusawa also participated in the Asian American community basketball leagues, playing for the San Jose Ninjas and San Francisco Ardenettes before foregoing the long commutes to concentrate on her high school team.

Born August 7, 1982, to Dale and

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COMMENTARY The Week That Was

By **JOHN TATEISHI**
JACL Executive Director

Here's what last week looked like for us:

Ugly graffiti at Stanford University aimed at Asians ("rape all Asian bitches"), racial taunts directed at Ichiro Suzuki, a player with the Seattle Mariners, a radio show host calling pro basketball player Wang Zhizhi a "Chinaman," another radio talk show host mimicking Chinese because of the U.S. spy plane incident, a couple of radio talk show hosts who called the Chinese "slant eyes" and said if the



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APAs Protest Talk Radio Slander Amid China Crisis

By **TRACY URA**
Writer/Reporter

Racism against Asian Pacific Americans has been rearing its ugly head in broadcast media around the country amid the China detention crisis in which 24 American surveillance crew-members were held in Chinese custody for 11 days before being released to the United States on April 13.

The fallout has been felt by APAs coast to coast in Illinois and as far away as California, as civil rights groups confront an alarming rise in instances of on-air racial slurs directed at Chinese Americans.

"I haven't seen this much racist, anti-Asian activity since the redress days," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi.

"This seems to be something that's increasing, and I'm concerned about how the public views Asians Americans in this country, especially with something like the China situation and the economic

downturn and the growing Asian demographics in the United States. This is an indication of something much bigger than just trash-talking," Tateishi said. "It signifies something much deeper and more serious."

APA groups have noticed a resurgence in harmful stereotyping and name-calling particularly in the talk radio arena, which is typically crude, outrageous and insensitive to how such defamatory racial satire impacts APAs.

In Springfield, Ill., the hosts of the Lytle and Lamb morning talk radio show on WQLZ allegedly targeted Chinese people by saying "they all have slant eyes" and called for a boycott of local Chinese restaurants.

One Springfield resident said host Ray Lytle commented they should be put in "Japanese camps," and then he proceeded to call peo-

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Unhappy With Stanford's Response to Racist Graffiti, AA and Minority Student Groups Mobilize to Raise Awareness on Campus

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI**
Executive Editor

If you were a student at Stanford University and there had been recent incidents of racist graffiti aimed at Asian Americans, African Americans, and other groups, with threats of rape towards AA women, would you want the school to let you know about it?

You better believe it, say several AA and minority students and groups at the Ivy League school. But that is not what has happened.

Unhappy with the school's handling of what the Stanford police have admitted characterized as a hate crime, especially the lack of information being provided, a coalition of minority students are now taking matters into their own hands, bringing their concerns directly to the administration and raising awareness on campus.

"I'm disappointed because the university administration and police are trying to hide the details of the information," said Andrew Jian, chair of the Asian American Students Association (AASA), one of the groups spearheading the current efforts. "It's irresponsible." He

added, "It's a safety hazard for any student on campus, especially Asian American women."

"If the university does not do anything further, the university is treating this like it's a common occurrence, but it's not routine," said Dan Hsia, a columnist for Stanford's student newspaper, the Stanford Daily, who has been critical of the school's handling of the recent incidents. "To prevent things like this the university needs to take strong action against it."

The racist graffiti contained strong white supremacist overtones and a number of offensive passages including: "rape all Asian bitches and dump them," "rape all Oriental bitches," "nuke Japan," "Niggers don't get it, this is a whites only class," "I'm a klansman," and "Gooks out!!!"

Written in black marker, the graffiti was first discovered on March 15 in the Lane History Corner. On March 20, similar graffiti was found in the Center for East Asian Studies. The latest sighting was reported on April 3 after the same markings were discovered in

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OBITUARY

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, 85, Dean of JACL National Presidents, Dies

By **HARRY K. HONDA**
Editor Emeritus

A modern legend in JACL, Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, 85, passed away April 8. Funeral services were held at Centenary United Methodist Church in Little Tokyo on April 14.

Active in the JACL since joining the Venice chapter in 1941, he spent his war years as a voluntary evacuee in Kansas in 1942, enrolled at Northern Illinois College of Optometry in 1943 and graduated in 1946.

Roy returned and opened his practice in southwest Los Angeles in 1946 and renewed his

membership with the Los Angeles chapter. He helped organize and was elected the first chapter president of Southwest L.A. in 1948, then quickly ascended the leadership ladder: chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council in 1949, three terms as national treasurer from 1950, chair of the 1954 national JACL convention and national JACL president in 1956.

"As you can see," he told his campaigner Edison Uno, "I've been on damn near every JACL committee there was. My trouble is [that] I can't say 'no.' Most of my JACL work has been as a sort of a financial whip — begging, cajoling and pleading for funds at nearly every local chapter, district and national meeting so that the national and regional offices

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JACL of Today

When I was a child during the war, I remember that my older siblings who were in college and high school often were involved in JACL activities. Growing up on a farm near Salt Lake City, there wasn't much in terms of social activity, other than watching the plants get bigger. I can understand why my brothers and sisters were always going to some kind of JACL event. My association with JACL was that of a child spec-

Mori Memo JACL National President

tator at the sporting events and picnics sponsored by JACL and the community. I looked forward to the time when I would "grow up" and be able to participate rather than just watch.

As I grew older, school and church activities filled my extracurricular agenda. Yet, I was drawn to the social aspect of Jr. JACL when I was in college. After college and becoming a spouse and parent, my wife Irene and I felt the importance of having our children experience some of the Japanese American cultural heritage that existed in the San Francisco Bay Area where we had settled. JACL was the natural conduit for this desire. We began to take our children to the activities provided by the Mt. Eden chapter in the East Bay of San Francisco. Although this was the Vietnam War era when protest was so prevalent, and I was a college professor at the time, the task of parenting was of utmost importance to us.

Another phase of my life began with political involvement, first as a city councilman and then as a California State Assemblyman. Political involvement meant direct exposure to many of the civil rights issues facing JAs. The resolve to do all in my ability to correct the injus-

tices that existed in our society grew deeper and deeper. This resolve was seasoned with a good helping of political reality, but the resolve remained strong as I moved into the entrepreneurial phase of my life.

I have often mentioned that JACL itself has experienced varied "Phases of Development." These phases are the initial years of basic survival to the war years of social as well as civil activity, then on to the "Protest Years" of the 70s and 80s when Redress was the focal point of mobilizing the chapters into a national political action movement. We need to effectively identify into which phase we have presently drifted.

The key to enhancing the effectiveness of JACL rests with understanding that we are a dynamic organization whose emphasis must adjust to the needs and desires of the membership we wish to attract and maintain.

The Blue Ribbon Committee of Tom Tino, Henry Ota, Beth Renge, Sandi Sakamoto, Alan Kumamoto and Tricia Toyota has focused on this exact issue. As I have participated in their discussions thus far, their focus has been on "developing" of JACL. That is to identify what kinds of programs should be developed within the organization in order to attract and maintain the kinds of interests that exist within the demographics of whom we can call JAs of today.

They have recognized that there are three realms in which JACL needs to focus its programs: social, political, and economic. The important outcome of their deliberations will be in helping us determine in which realm we need to enhance programs in order to capture the interests of today's generations.

The Blue Ribbon Committee will make recommendations to the national board as to what they see as the JACL of today. These recommendations will be passed on, to chapters for their study and feedback. It is my hope that we can then begin to formulate an organization that will serve the community well into the next few decades until a new phase of our community warrants new focus or structure. ■

Matsui Introduces Medicare Mental Health Bill

U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Sacramento, joined House and Senate colleagues April 4 in introducing a bill that modernizes and expands mental health benefits covered by Medicare.

"Starting this year, any federal health plan is required to provide its members mental health benefits on a scale equal to physical health benefits," said Rep. Matsui. "It is only right that all Medicare beneficiaries have the same access to health care as members of Congress."

Medicare is the nation's largest healthcare program, yet it offers inadequate benefits for mental health and imposes more limits and higher co-pays for beneficiaries seeking mental health services. Since 1965,

there have been few changes to the mental health benefits offered by Medicare.

The bill eliminates the 190-day lifetime cap on inpatient services in psychiatric hospitals and reduces the 50 percent co-pay for outpatient mental health services to the 20 percent level applied to most other Part B Medicare services.

The bill expands access to community-based residential and outpatient services such as crisis residential programs and increases the number of professionals serving older Americans by allowing state-licensed marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors to provide Medicare-covered services. ■

Skit Mocks Chinese During ASNE Convention

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

The April 1 collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet, and U.S. negotiations between Taiwan and U.S. negotiators to "provide weapons, a more which China opposes, have strained diplomatic relations between the United States and China and have contributed to a national mock-fest of the Chinese.

Not even mainstream newspaper editors from top media companies were immune to laughing at racial stereotypes during a skit performed at an April American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) convention in Washington, D.C.

Amy Leang, a student reporter for the ASNE Reporter, wrote about her reaction to the skit, which was performed by a Washington, D.C.-based group called the Capitol Steps.

In her published article, the Ball State University senior wrote in part: "Dressed in costumes, the performers presented a skit concerning current Chinese and U.S. relations. They were white males impersonating a Chinese official and his translator. The Chinese official sported a black wig and thick glasses and spoke in a disconcerting version of Chinese."

"Ching chong chong," the man shouted as he gestured wildly with his hands.

"What was disturbing, was not just the fact that this was happening, but that hundreds of edi-

tors, my future bosses, were laughing. I felt myself swallowed by all the loud laughter. Each time the 'Chinese' voice became more jarring, the editors would laugh even harder. Despite feeling humiliated, I finished the job and turned in my pictures.

"The next morning, I woke up crying."

As of press time, Leang declined to comment further to the P.C. regarding the incident but said that: "Growing up in Indiana, there were few APA resources, whenever I hear that publications or organizations such as yours exist, it's like holy water to me."

Bill Yardley, who books performances for Capitol Steps, said he was unsure whether the comedy troupe plans to comment on this particular skit.

"I don't know," Yardley said. "We can certainly ask. You sort-of caught me flat-footed at this time."

Victor Panichkul, national president for the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), wrote to ASNE President Tim McGuire, the editor of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, decrying the reaction of ASNE convention-goers.

"The fact that most of the editors in attendance found the stereotypes humorous is deeply disturbing," wrote Panichkul. "It is a clear indicator of how far we have yet to go in educating our peers and bosses and goes a long way towards explaining why minorities feel isolated and margin-

alized in our newsrooms."

At the same time, Panichkul commended ASNE for allowing Leang to publish her commentary in the ASNE student newspaper, noting "that ASNE and the newspaper's editors encouraged her to write about her experience in a commendable way."

The ASNE was not issuing an official statement regarding this incident, but McGuire's response to AAJA's letter read in part: "I want to assure that ASNE opposes derogatory racial imagery in any form and continue to live and breathe that in our actions as an organization. At the same time we live by the First Amendment and recognize that it allows speech of any kind, even when it is distasteful."

McGuire, who also sent a personal letter to Leang, applauded her courage in writing her article for the ASNE Reporter.

A public opinion survey on the image of Chinese Americans to be released on April 25 by the Committee of 100, a national organization of prominent Chinese Americans, seems timely in light of the various incidents.

John Young, Committee of 100 executive consul, said the timing was not planned. The research had been going on for a year and was slated to be released just before their national convention from April 27-29.

While Young said the survey's results are still being finalized, he noted that "there is a need for a constant effort for people to understand each other." ■

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lot of the Chinese plane was in the United States he would be put in a "Japanese camp"; another radio talk show host who prides himself on his tolerance the lives in the Bay Area, after all) who referred to a "fry over" in a lame attempt at racist humor, and then proceeded to call a Chinese restaurant and ridiculed the person who answered because he spoke poor English; famed cartoonist Pat Oliphant's syndicated cartoon portraying a buck-toothed, slant-eyed Chinese waiter spilling noodles on Uncle Sam, and then demanding, "Apologize Lotten Amellican"; a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in which a skit caricaturing a Chinese ("ching chong chong") was considered, so amusing that ASNE refused to apologize for their bad taste and gross insensitivity.

Oh, and let's not forget last month's incidents (to speak of only two): NBA star Jason Williams of the Sacramento Kings turned on an Asian American fan who was heckling him and shouted angrily, "I will shoot all you Asian mother-..."; "Do you remember the Vietnam War? I'll kill ya'll just like that... just like Pearl Harbor"; and na-



Syndicated cartoonist Pat Oliphant's take on the U.S. spy plane incident.

tionally syndicated talk show host G. Gordon Liddy (yes, that Gordon Liddy of Watergate fame), said on national radio, "There has been enough Kissing Jap ass by the U.S. government" in reference to Japan's demand for an apology by the United States for the sinking of the *Ehime Maru* by a U.S. Naval submarine.

All a week's work. Did we respond? Yes, of course we did. In each instance we demanded action to rectify and prevent such outrageous incidents from occurring again.

What's troubling about these incidents is not only that they occurred, but that these types of incidents seem to be occurring more often these days. Something is happening that we need to take note of because if last week was any kind of indicator, it tells me we may be in for some uneasy times such as we haven't seen in a long while.

With the release of demographic numbers showing the astounding growth of the Asian population in the United States, coupled with a down economy, one has to wonder if mainstream America is feeling threatened by the presence of AAs in their midst, and so close to them. On the one hand, it's great to see that presence in the form of Asian faces in mainstream movies, in advertising, in just about every public area of life in America because it seems to signal our having broken through to a certain level of acceptance.

But with the incidents of last week, I'm left wondering if our acceptance at one level is provoking

insecurities at another level. If the incident in China with our downed spy plane is enough to trigger so much and such blatant racist reactions and ridicule, then it's telling us something. The fact that radio talk show hosts feel so free to mimic and mock the Chinese so unthinkingly on the public airwaves tells me that we are far from being fully accepted.

We can easily enough give a sigh of relief and say this is directed towards China and the Chinese and that we're not the direct targets as we were in the 1980s when Japan was viewed as an economic threat and we bore the brunt of that. But that's shortsighted and not somewhere we're even going to go. We're all in this together, and racism directed at one ethnic group in the Asian community is racism directed at us all.

We've fought long and hard to get to the level of acceptance we've achieved in this country. If the incidents that occurred last week are harbingers of things to come, all the more we need to sharpen our vision and continue our efforts against racism and discrimination and narrow-mindedness and stupidity.

We all know that racism won't go away. Given that, and given that Asians will continue to be targets of bigotry because there are those kinds of racists out there, the JACL is critical for our community and for all Asian Pacific communities. Our primary mission is to fight discrimination and bigotry.

Given last week's incidents, we have our work cut out for us. ■



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National Newsbytes

Minorities Seek Greater Political Power

PATERSON, N.J.—Explosive population growth for Asian Americans and Hispanics, according to the 2000 Census, is giving minorities the opportunity for more political power in New Jersey.

At the local government level, there's a chance for Indians, Palestinians, Vietnamese and other groups to elect representatives, while at the state level, the first Hispanic senator may be elected during legislative elections this autumn.

New Jersey and Virginia are also redistricting first. The other states, with elections in 2002, won't need to finish redistricting for months.

Minorities hope that their concerns won't be lost during redistricting, the rules for which are changing along with the nation's cultural mix.

The 1965 Voting Rights Act brought sweeping changes to minority groups seeking equal representation, particularly for blacks in the South. But recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions seem to have diminished the importance of race in redistricting.

The geography of a community, its interests and its history must also be weighed.

In Virginia, where AAs and Hispanics are concentrated in the suburbs of Washington, the communities are still too new to have established political clout.

"You're trying to survive," said Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium in Washington. "It takes a while to establish yourself and get fully involved."

Instead, AA advocates are focusing on New York and California.

Family Worries About Korean American Accused of Spying

NEW YORK—The wife and son of a U.S. citizen being held in South Korea on charges of spying said April 4 that they fear for his fate.

Song Hak-sam was arrested in Seoul on Feb. 27. He is accused by the National Intelligence Service of trying to help publish a book in Korea supporting communist North Korea and its leader, Kim Jong Il.

The book, "Kim Jong Il's Unification Strategy," was written by a member of a Tokyo-based group of North Koreans who are sympathetic to their country's regime. Song was arrested after he testified in Seoul at the trial of a man who published the book in South Korea. He attended the trial after visiting a brother in North Korea whom he had not seen since infancy.

The leaders of South Korea and North Korea met last year as a first step towards possible reconciliation. That meeting triggered Song's reason to go to North Korea to visit his brother, said Song's son. His family says Song supports reunification of the two countries but does not support the North Korean government.

Report: Segregation Persists Despite Growing Diversity

WASHINGTON—Segregation persisted in big cities over the past decade amid the nation's growing racial and ethnic diversity, said a report that provoked calls for stronger enforcement of laws against housing discrimination.

Distinct living patterns continued to hold sway in large urban centers where most of America's Asians, Hispanics and blacks are located, said the report released April 3 by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

With forecasts suggesting even greater diversity in the future, advocacy groups urged federal and local governments to step up enforcement of fair-housing regulations and upgrade education in minority neighborhoods.

Asians, Hispanics and whites were most likely to live separately in New York, while blacks and whites were most likely to be segregated in Detroit, the study said.

Among other findings in metropolitan areas: the typical white lived in a neighborhood that was 80 percent white, 8 percent Hispanic, 7 percent black and 4 percent Asian; the typical black lived in a neighborhood that was 51 percent black, 33 percent white, 12 percent Hispanic and 3 percent Asian; and Asians were more likely to live in diverse communities than Hispanics.

Court Upholds Affirmative Action Ruling

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court stayed out of a dispute over a Georgia county's former affirmative action program for awarding county contracts to minority-owned businesses.

The court recently turned down Fulton County's argument that a lower court went too far in issuing a permanent ban on the use of racial, ethnic or gender goals.

Fulton County adopted its first affirmative action program in 1979 to remedy what the county's lawyers called a long history of discrimination against minority-owned businesses. The 1994 version of the program set annual goals for awarding county contracts to businesses owned by Asian Americans, blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and women. An Atlanta federal judge ruled against the affirmative action program in 1999, saying there was no

evidence that the county had significantly discriminated against minority-owned businesses in the 1980s and 1990s. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the ruling last July.

Internet Hate Groups Concern Lawyers

RENO, Nev.—Law officers and prosecutors in northern Nevada are warning about the potential for proliferation of hate crimes and the presence of hate groups on the Internet.

About 100 lawyers and Washoe County judges were told at a Bar Association meeting April 11 that people who foster hatred and hate crimes are trying to recruit teenagers through the Internet.

John Helzer, assistant Washoe County district attorney, said the number of websites maintained by hate groups has grown from just one in 1995 to more than 1,400 four years later. Many hate groups, including skinheads and the Ku Klux Klan, have designed websites especially geared to middle-school children, Helzer said.

A local Jewish synagogue was firebombed in 1999. Five men, all self-proclaimed white supremacists, were convicted and imprisoned, and two teenage girls were declared delinquent and detained in the incident.

Census: Residential Segregation Persists

RICHMOND, Calif.—A survey in Asian American and Hispanic populations may make California more diverse on paper, but it appears the state's cities are increasingly segregated.

The trend emerges even as upwardly mobile minorities have spilled into once-white suburbs. As those waves ripple out from urban cores, immigrants from Asia and

Latin America are taking their place, tending to pool together, and some researchers say cities are becoming more divided along racial lines.

While residential segregation is decreasing in metropolitan areas among whites and blacks, it is increasing among Asians and Hispanics, UCLA demographer Paul Ong concluded after analyzing recent census numbers.

When Ong measured "racial isolation" among California's 33.9 million residents, he found that while Hispanics became increasingly insulated, Asians tended to integrate slightly more, while both whites and blacks mixed with other races at notably greater rates during the 1990s.

Study: Green Tea May Not Prevent Cancer

JAPAN—A new study in the New England Journal of Medicine suggests that drinking green tea does not prevent stomach cancer, as many believe.

The study by Japanese researchers looked at 26,311 residents of the Miyagi Prefecture, who filled out a questionnaire in 1984 about their health habits, including how much green tea they drank daily. The researchers used a cancer registry and found that 419 were diagnosed with stomach cancer by 1992.

"If green tea is protective, you'd expect to observe lower cancer rates among the subjects who consume higher cups of green tea," said Dr. Yoshitaka Tsubono of Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. "We didn't see any difference between those who consumed five cups or more with people who consume less than one cup."

Scientists believe the antioxidant action of polyphenol compounds in green tea are responsible for preventing cancer and lowering cholesterol. But studies have been inconsistent. ■

Calif. Attorney General Issues Hate Crimes Report

Attorney General Bill Lockyer on March 29 released the final report of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Commission on Hate Crimes, which found social and cultural barriers continuing to discourage the reporting of hate crimes. The report outlines 16 recommendations to improve the reporting of hate crimes in local communities, in schools and by law enforcement agencies.

"There is much to consider in this report for improving the reporting of hate crimes in California," Lockyer said. "We are moving ahead on some of the recommendations through legislation proposed this year. Improving reporting in our communities and our schools will be important steps to undertake."

Lockyer was joined by members of his Civil Rights Commission on Hate Crimes: Sen. Kevin Murray of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca; Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley and Ismael Ito, brother of slain Filipino American postal worker Joseph Ito, whose killer is serving life in prison for a hate crime.

Participating commission members included: Maria Alegria, Pinole City Council member; Salam Al-Mayyari, Muslim Public Affairs Council; Gwen Baldwin, L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center; Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Simon Wiesenthal Center; Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College Board of Trustees; Rusty Kennedy, Orange County Human Relations Commission; Mary E. O'Gorman, Santa Barbara Human Relations Commission; Sue Stengel, Anti-Defamation League; Robin Thma, L.A. County Human Relations Commission; Howard Welinsky, Jewish Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation; and Fred Persly, California Association of Human Relations Organizations.

"In preparing this report, com-

mission members visited nearly two dozen large and small diverse communities throughout the state," Lockyer said. "The commission found that while many communities are responding and taking steps to address hate crimes, more still needs to be done so California can truly reflect the wealth of its social and cultural diversity."

Among the legislative proposals being pursued is the "Community Intergroup Relations Act." The bill, SB 143, by Sen. Murray, would encourage the development of city and county human relations commissions to sponsor hate violence prevention and response networks. The commission found these hate crime prevention networks to be effective in improving the way law enforcement and schools identify and report hate crimes. Victims also gain a better awareness of hate crime laws and the services available to help victims of these crimes.

Another bill, SB 1139, by Sen. Liz Figueroa, would require K-12 schools to have the technical resources required to institute programs on the prevention, identification, reporting and appropriate responses to intergroup tensions, hate incidents and hate crimes. A third bill, AB 257, by Sen. Sheila Kuehl, would require schools to develop hate crime reporting procedures.

The report, which may be viewed online at <http://caag.state.ca.us>, outlines 16 recommendations that fall into four main areas:

General:

- Launch multi-lingual campaign to increase public awareness about hate crimes, hate incidents and the availability of community resources.

- Have the Department of Justice establish a toll-free hotline and provide on-line hate crime reporting forms to encourage reporting of hate crimes.

Community:

- Enact legislation to set standards for and provide financial support to city and county human relations commissions to sponsor hate violence prevention and response networks.

Educational Institutions:

- Seen enactment of "School Intergroup Relations Act" to provide needed training and resources for elementary, junior high and high schools to respond to the concerns of a growing number of parents and students who feel their schools are not safe and staff are indifferent to hate crimes and hate incidents.
- Encourage state colleges and universities to identify and develop guidelines so that post-secondary institutions meet their obligations for identifying and reporting hate crimes.

Law Enforcement:

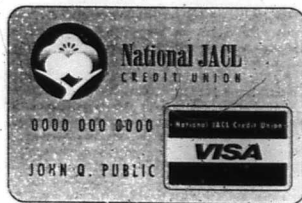
- Require specified training on identifying, reporting and responding to hate crimes and hate incidents for all levels of sworn peace officers and other law enforcement staff, such as dispatchers.

- Revise existing guidelines and training to improve hate crime reporting and law enforcement responses involving gender-based crimes, disability-based violence, hate-motivated crimes involving gang members, and identification of a hate crime where there may be multiple motives.

- Encourage law enforcement agencies to work with local government and community agencies to develop programs to prevent and respond to hate crimes and hate incidents.

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Berkeley JACL to Hold Scholarship Luncheon May 20

The Berkeley JACL will hold their 11th annual scholarship luncheon at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland on May 20. Six scholarship recipients from the East Bay area will be honored — Sayre Yamasaaki Lafin, Trina Nagakura, Emily Neveu, Amy Taguchi, Catherine Terauchi, and Emily Teruya.



Thuy Vu

In addition, the chapter will honor Frank and Toshiko Yamasaki (posthumously), and

Tony Yokomizo, with its 2001 "Pioneer Award," for their dedicated and distinguished service to the chapter and the communities it serves.

Guest speaker at the luncheon will be ABC7 news co-anchor Thuy Vu. Born in Vietnam, Vu's awards have included Best Reporter in the Bay Area award from American Women in Radio and Television, and an Emmy nomination for her investigation of safety problems at California amusement-parks.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students 18 and under. For more information, call Ron Tanaka at 925/932-7947. ■

A 'Happening' at Tulelake

By ANN MUTO

Many of us like to think that the Bay Area is where the action is, whether it's the high-tech hub of Silicon Valley or the cultural epicenter of San Francisco.

Contrast that to Tulelake, Calif., normally a tiny town of 1,000, which recently transformed into a center of activity on March 9-10, as the Japanese American Resource Center/Museum (JARC/M) of San Jose, the Tule Lake Committee and the JACL NCWNP district council held teacher training workshops at Tulelake High School.

The workshops were prompted by local history teacher James King, recipient of a California Civil Liberties Public Education Program grant, who dreamed of sharing his passion of working with the Tule Lake Preservation Committee with other teachers. He hoped that they would teach their students about the Japanese American experience during World War II as he had been for many years.

Contacting various news media, community leaders and local teachers, it was King who arranged for the workshops and the tour of the Tule Lake Internment Camp.

In preparation for the event, organizers met to discuss ways to provide a workshop that would be both relevant to teachers and accessible to residents in surrounding communities. There were varying levels of suspicion and mistrust in that area towards the efforts to preserve the historic buildings from the 1940s, which were part of the War Relocation Authority (WRA) camps.

Over 40 people — twice the number expected — boarded a bus and toured the site of the WRA Tule Lake Internment Camp in present-day Newell, Calif., which housed over 18,000 people during WWII and became known as the "Segregation Center."

Jimi Yamaichi, construction supervisor at Tule Lake and a former internee, led the tour, pointing out remnants from the camp's restroom-shower, stock-



PHOTO COURTESY OF HIROSHI SHIMIZU
The afternoon panel focused on the uniqueness of the Tule Lake Relocation Center in 1944. The panel consisted of (from left) Dr. Joe Yasutake, moderator; Hiroshi Shimizu, Hiroshi Kashiwagi, Jimi Yamaichi.

ade and low wooden fence marking the perimeter.

Yamaichi and fellow internees Mas Yamasaki and Eiko Tunaka Yamaichi spoke before an audience of nearly 70 people about their experiences in the camp. Yamasaki recalled everything from playing sports to living in the barracks with only "one cot, one mattress, two army blankets, a potbelly stove, a 60-watt bulb and no running water."

Eiko, a member of the first graduating class of Tri-State High School in the Tule Lake Relocation Camp, painfully remembered watching her father's despair when they had to sell their refrigerator for \$10. Her family had been poor before camp, and she recalled wearing shoes with cardboard soles.

Jimi talked about growing up in San Jose, Calif., before being interned at Heart Mountain in Wyoming. His family was moved to Tule Lake in 1943 when internees were segregated based on their responses to questions 27 and 28 on the "loyalty questionnaire." He also recalled the Issei having their authority stripped. "It was very degrading for them," he said, to have a 20-year-old supervising "people old enough to be my brothers, people old enough to be my grandfathers."

Audience members were given the opportunity to ask the panelists questions, while facilitator Greg Marutani challenged them to think about the implications of answering questions posed by the loyalty questionnaire. He explained the moral dilemma faced by internees as it became clear that neither answer, "yes" or "no

without qualification," could appropriately determine one's loyalty.

Among other speakers were Hiroshi Shimizu, whose family was sent to the Department of Justice camp in Crystal City, Texas, after his father eventually renounced his citizenship, and Hiroshi Kashiwagi, who was not an activist in camp but became one of the "no-nos," saying he could not in good conscience respond affirmatively to questions 27 and 28.

Eiko spoke about how her family was moved to one of the other nine camps where "loyal" JAs were sent, while Jimi went on to explain his reasons for resisting the draft, explaining that he knew of his brother's degradation in the Army when he was given a wooden gun in training while others received real weapons. It wasn't until July of 1944 that he encountered 25 other men at the front gate who had also resisted. After a trial and Judge Louis E. Goodman's ruling, those men returned to Tule Lake as "free" internees and, unlike resisters from other camps, were not imprisoned in a federal penitentiary.

Workshop moderator Dr. Joe Yasutake provided context for the resentment within the JA community from members of the much decorated 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team towards the resisters. Only recently, he said, has there been an attitude shift to give the resisters a "very rightful place in history as guys who resisted in their own way to some of the injustices that were going on in this country." ■

New York JACL Hosts Member Recruiting Event



The New York chapter of JACL held a member recruiting event on April 5 with guest speaker Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C., representative (above). Minami spoke about JACL's public affairs program that covers hate crimes, anti-defamation, discrimination, affirmative action, legislative initiatives, and community relations.

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COMMENTARY

Tule Lake Review

By HIROSHI KASHIWAGI

Several weeks ago, I was back at the Tule Lake camp site. Actually, I was with a group that was conducting a teacher training session on the subject of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II for a group of interested high school teachers of the school districts in the Tulelake area.

I should explain the discrepancy in the spelling — the town for some reason is one word, "Tulelake," while the WWII camp which was named for the dry lake bed where it was situated is "Tule Lake."

One night we had dinner at Captain Jack's Restaurant in Tulelake and I learned a bit of the history of the area. Captain Jack was the name of the famous Modoc Indian leader who led his tribe against the U.S. Army during the Modoc War of 1872-73.

From his stronghold along the shores of Tule Lake — rugged uneven terrain and caves formed by the ancient lava flows — Captain Jack and his tribe fought off the U.S. troops. This was the only major Indian war fought in California and the only Indian war in which a general was killed.

Captain Jack was forced to surrender on June 1, 1873, thus ending the Modoc War. He was later hanged.

At the restaurant we also met a woman who claimed that she and her family owned Horse Collar Mountain, renamed Abalone Mountain by the Japanese internees during WWII. How could anyone own Abalone Mountain? When we were incarcerated there the mountain was a source of solace and comfort and hope. Certainly, it belonged to us while we were there. It's a landmark of the Tule Lake area, that and Castle Rock. If anyone, they belong to the American Indians who have lived there for thousands of years.

In a holiday mood, I was enjoying an enormous prime rib dinner (probably bad for my gut) when I heard that there was someone out front who had come to play baseball at Tule Lake camp.

Instantly, my mind harked back over 50 years to that game between the Tule Lake All-Stars and the Klamath Falls Pelicans, a Caucasian team from the outside. Practically the whole camp had been out to see the game. We didn't know what to expect; these were semi-pro players from Klamath

Falls. But it soon became apparent that our players were more practiced and skillful than the visiting band of weekend players. The All-Stars scored early and often and by the fifth or sixth inning they were far ahead. The score was 16-2 when the game was canceled due to a dust storm.

I went out to meet this person from the past. They were a foursome — he, his wife and another couple, all so friendly and warm. I told him I remembered the game well and he assumed that I had played against him which would have made a good story but I had only been a spectator. Actually my brother was one of the players. He said he played first base and I remembered a Babe Ruth-like player — big body and piano legs. I mentioned how good he looked, like he would still go out and play and he was pleased. I asked about their pitcher and he didn't seem to remember. I thought he was big "but you were all big compared to our team," I said which provoked a hearty laugh from the group.

He remembered that he had had a great time and I was glad to hear that. I didn't dare mention who had won or the score or the terrible dust storm that made it impossible to continue the game. I just didn't want to cloud his memory or spoil the magical encounter over half a century later. ■

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter Celebrates Senior Center's 30th Anniversary

"Tomohibi, A Light is Burning" was the theme with which 125 members, guests, and friends met on April 1 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Senior Center at Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Tokushige Kizuka Hall.

Former leaders of the senior center were honored, and M.C. Carmel Kamigawachi led a moment of silence in remembrance of those members who had passed away.

Louise Sako narrated a nostalgic videotape of still photos highlighting the past 30 years of events, travels, celebrations and special moments. The tape was edited by Kamigawachi and Shig Kizuka from photos and videotapes provided by the seniors.

Chapter president Marcia Hashimoto extended congratulations to the seniors and expressed the chapter's appreciation for their support and guidance and especially Ray Sako's outstanding leadership.

Guest speaker, retired Presbyterian minister Rev. Sumio Koga, spoke of his love for Watsonville and its diverse multicultural community and gave tribute to the founder of the center, the late

Tokushige Kizuka.

For the entertainment, Kinsui

Idemoto, Ray Sako and Yoneko Mizokami performed an original *shigin* to commemorate the occasion, and the Kayo Club sang "Green Grass of Home" in Japanese, as well as their favorite Japanese songs, and performed an energetic Western-style line dance.

Shig Kizuka, Nisei veteran of the 100th/442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. Hiromi Yoneda of the Westview Presbyterian Church offered the invocation, and grace and benediction were given by

the Rev. Bryan Siebuh of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. ■



Asa Sugidono, 97, the only surviving charter member, with daughter-in-law Jane and son Jiro.

Memories From the Minidoka Reunion

By YAS TOKITA

It was one of those episodes that one remembers forever. I was sitting at Table 21 at the Reunion held at Las Vegas' Caesar's Palace on April 5. I was talking with Aiji Uchiyama. We were connecting because he is a retired engineer from the Jet Propulsion Laboratories and my first career out of college was as an engineer for Boeing.

I was interested in the fact that he was a graduate of Brigham Young University, where my son will be graduating this month. Aiji then pulled a photograph out of an envelope and asked me if I knew the two people in a black-and-white photograph he had shot in the spring of 1943. The snapshot was of George and Grayce Gojo, my uncle (in-law) and his sister. I was stunned and filled with emotion.

I dragged poor Aiji across the ballroom where Auntie Margie Gojo, George's widow, was sitting. Grayce was sitting at the adjacent

table. It was an emotional moment where everyone became a bit choked up.

Aiji had been released from the Minidoka Camp to continue his education at BYU, located about 250 miles southeast of the camp. He decided to visit his friends in Minidoka in the spring of 1943 and one of his classmates suggested that he smuggle a camera into the camp and shoot some pictures. He went to Blocks 13 and 15 where his friends were housed and shot the picture of George and Grayce. Apparently they had been playing badminton.

This was one of countless poignant episodes of which reunions are made. It was these kinds of experiences that reunion organizers Jim Akagi and Mits Kawachi intended at the event, which attracted 675 participants.

Yas Tokita was housed at Block 38, Barrack 8, Units E & F during World War II.



Grayce and George Gojo dressed for badminton in the spring of 1943. Photographed by Aiji Uchiyama in Block 22 in front of Barrack 11. Photo digitized by Larry Gojo.

Alzheimer's and Dementia: New Services for Older API Adults

Fear and misunderstanding of Alzheimer's disease have often been unspoken barriers to Asian and Pacific Islander families concerned about their elders. However, after more than a decade of advocacy by community activists and organizations, a new project has started in Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay area to address these critical concerns.

This statewide project, "The Asian and Pacific Islander Dementia Care Network," focuses on collaborative strategies to promote access to home care, respite, community-based services, and

specialized training for a culturally competent dementia care system, as well as improved statewide policies on dementia care.

In Los Angeles County, the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) and Chinatown Service Center (CSC) have been contracted to deliver information, education, referrals, and service coordination through intensive care management to Japanese and Chinese families in Southern California with these needs.

In northern California, the Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

will replicate the same model of services to Chinese and Vietnamese families.

An example of services is respite care, which is poorly understood and seldom used when offered by non-community agencies. "We deal with people who have stress, frustration, anxiety — all day, every day," said Keiko Kotani, care advocate at LTSC. "We provide respite and relief that helps the family giving care, helps the family survive together."

According to Andrea Spolidoro, associate director of the Asian & Pacific Islander Older Adults Task Force in Los Angeles, the API older adult community is the fastest growing ethnic group over the age of 65 in the nation and the second largest ethnic elderly group in Los Angeles County. As the group grows in numbers, the incidence of Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases also increases.

"This is the first project specifically geared towards API groups," said Canossa Chan, project manager. "The federal government is ... closely monitoring this project to identify gaps and needs of API families dealing with Alzheimer's disease and dementia."

For further information and assistance, call Canossa Chan at the Alzheimer's Association: 323/938-3379; Keiko Kotani at the Little Tokyo Service Center: 213/478-1602; or Ruth Chu at the Chinatown Service Center: 213/253-0880. ■

LTSC's Computer Adoption Program Connects the Disadvantaged

Brian Estrada, 11, lives with his family in Angelina Apartments, a low-income housing development predominantly occupied by Latinos and Asian Americans. Few have the time to surf the Internet, or even the money to purchase a computer. But last week, Estrada and seven others from the Angelina Apartments in Los Angeles went home with a computer.

This was made possible through a computer adoption program by the Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit agency that owns Angelina.

Davis Park, a Korean American who grew up in Los Angeles, created the program, which allows entire families to take courses in computer skills. Volunteers, fluent in Spanish and Korean, assist students in their native languages.

Park considers public access to technology a "social justice issue." "Those who have the means to get information on the Internet about health, bargains, jobs and housing are at a greater advantage over those who are out of the electronic communication loop," he said. "So providing the equipment to families who otherwise couldn't afford or gain access to computers is important to this end, but is only a small step."

The unique part of the program

is that families learn on computers that they will soon own. The computers are donated by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter through the efforts of Tony Nobuyuki, who works at Morgan Stanley's Century City office.

For Sharese Lockin, a student and single mother, the convenience of having a personal computer cannot be stressed. "Usually when I do my homework, I have to either go to school a couple of hours before class or I have to go to the library on my off days," she said. "Now that I'm getting a computer at home, I'll have more time to spend with my son."

As part of the computer adoption program, families who receive computers agree to help tutor new families entering the course. This is a pilot program, but Park hopes to find corporate donors willing to continue the program.

Park also runs the DISKovery Computer Learning Center at the Maryknoll Catholic Church in Little Tokyo. The center offers beginning and intermediate computer courses and hours of free access to the low-income multiethnic community surrounding Little Tokyo.

"These classes give people skills they can use on the job market and they spread computer literacy through the community," said Park. ■

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Manzanar Advisory Commission to Meet

A meeting of the Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission is scheduled for 1 p.m., April 27, at the Sierra Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 346 North Edwards St. (U.S. 395) in Independence, Calif.

The purpose of the commission, established in March 1992 by Public Law 102-248 (which authorized Manzanar National Historic Site), is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the development, management and interpretation of this new unit of the National Park Service.

The 10 commission members, selected from over 40 nominees, are from four public-sector groups. They represent local residents, the general public, Native Americans and Japanese Ameri-

can former internees. Commission members include Keith Bright, Bill Michael (vice chairperson), and Vernon Miller of Independence; Richard Stewart, Big Pine, Calif.; Martha Davis, Riverside, Calif.; Dennis Otsuji, San Diego, Calif.; and Rose Ochi (chairperson), Sue Embrey, Gann, Matsuda, Mas Okui and Glen Singley of the Los Angeles area.

Items on the agenda for this meeting of the commission include a status report on the planning and development of the park and general discussion of future commission activities. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may offer written or oral comments before the commission pertaining to the park's development. ■

TALK RADIO

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ple with Chinese last names at random and harass them in a mock Chinese accent.

WQLZ General Manager Tom Kushak said he has received about five complaints so far from callers and several e-mails, but denies any wrongdoing by the station, claiming none of those callers had actually heard firsthand what was said on the show. Kushak admitted he had not reviewed a tape of the show himself, but rather held a meeting with the parties involved in which he came to the conclusion that "the allegations and e-mails are simply unfounded and untrue. These were comments made only in the vein of humor. Clearly, it was not in the vein of a racial slur."

Asked whether he was aware that "slant eyes" had been said in reference to Chinese people, Kushak replied, "Not to my knowledge, no."

He also pointed out that host Lytle is Mexican American and frequently engages in "self-deprecating humor."

"There was no intent to slander," Kushak said. However, Lytle issued a written apology to the Asian Community Online Network (ACON) in Chicago on April 16, saying he has been bombarded with phone calls, e-mails and various letters to the editor in local newspapers calling him a racist.

His letter, in part, read: "I did some segments on my show that at the time I thought would be funny. As it happens to be they weren't. They were ... considered to be very hurtful to the Asian American community. The Chinese Americans in particular...."

"I am saying now that I was wrong. I did do something hurtful and I need to let those that I have hurt know that I am sorry."

"Please accept my regret and my apology and my promise to keep my eyes open which they have become in the last few days."

Unfortunately, JAACL and other groups, including the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), say this type of backlash in times of international crisis is all too familiar.

"This sort of thing was bound to happen out of the incident that spawned it," said JAACL Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino, who sent a letter of protest to WQLZ. "Anytime the actions of a foreign nation are involved, they do affect the local citizenry. But this is not very surprising. It's just something that we need to be prepared for when it happens."

OCA President George M. Ong added, "Unfortunately, for Chinese Americans, the problem does not end with the release of the crewmen. Despite the fact that we are U.S. citizens and permanent residents, we continue to be beset with false characterizations and, when circumstances like this incident arise, our loyalty and patriotism are questioned."

In the Bay Area, OCA officials and station listeners recently called for a public apology from Star 101.3FM, whose radio talk show host Don Bleu spoofed the U.S.-China stand-off by calling it a "try-over" on April 6.

The station agreed to issue an on-air apology as did a different station in Sacramento for a racial comment made the same day on one of its morning talk shows.

KSTE-650 received several complaints from APAs, including the JAACL Florin chapter, about comments made on the Armstrong and Getty show, in which reporter Jamie Coffey said "Chinaman Wang" in reference to Wang Zhizhi, 23, the Chinese basketball player who made his NBA debut on April 5 in a game against the Atlanta Hawks.

The first Asian-born player to be drafted to the NBA when he signed a two-year contract with the Dallas Mavericks. Wang formerly played with the Chinese Army team, the Bayi Rockets.

JAACL Florin president Andy Noguchi said the "Chinaman Wang" comment was followed by

the show's hosts replying, "They (Asian Americans) don't like that term." However, Noguchi said they then proceeded to repeat the term again and perform a "sing-song" mockery of the Chinese language.

"I was strongly offended by it. I was surprised that that type of slur would be coming from a public radio station," he said. "I was driving to work listening to the show that morning, and I just couldn't believe it at first. Even after they recognized that language was offensive to Asian Americans, they continued to use it."

Noguchi and NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada both called KSTE to complain, after which the station's general manager, Ken Kohl, agreed to review the tape.

"These guys are practically apolitical. Their topicality is more television, movies, lifestyle and pop culture, than hard-biting racial issues," said Kohl, who also manages KSTE's owner station KFBK-1530.

Kohl said he believes their comments came more out of ignorance than racism and said the station itself is "sensitive to racial issues."

He also said the protocol for responding to situations where the station receives complaints from callers varies from case to case.

"We review the tape, we review the intent, and certainly we want to hear from community members who are adversely impacted," he said. "If an apology is necessary, we have no problem providing that either on or off the

air. It just depends. Each case is individual."

Fumie Shimada, JAACL Florin's civil rights co-chairperson, said she was glad to hear the show's hosts publicly apologize to the APA community, saying they did not intend to demean anyone, but she criticized it for failing to acknowledge the seriousness of the term "Chinaman" and allegedly misleading listeners about the number of complaints the station actually received.

"They did exactly what they said they would do, they apologized," she said. "But when I sat back and analyzed it, I thought, I don't know, was that a genuine apology? Or was it a [generic] apology?"

Noguchi claimed KSTE has a history of insulting minorities, including the Latino and gay communities.

"One of the concerns here," he said, "connected to the U.S. spy plane incident with China, is this anti-Asian, anti-Chinese fervor that's going to have a backlash, just as there was a backlash against Japanese Americans during the war with Japan. Whenever there's a foreign conflict with another country, it becomes an excuse to insult and attack Asian Americans."

"It's very demeaning," Shimada added. "This is exactly the reason we have to publicly stand up and say this isn't going to be tolerated. We have so much hatred out there already, we have to let people know this isn't acceptable."

Both Noguchi and Shimada said the KSTE incident was just

the latest in a trio of racial slurs made in the Sacramento area since February.

During a Jan. 30 speech given at the commemorative opening of the "Time of Remembrance" exhibit, APAs were appalled when Patricia Larsen, literary dean at the California State University, Sacramento, used the word "Jap-town" in reference to the Japanese American community in Penryn, Calif.

Larsen resigned in light of subsequent protests over the comment, while CSUS president Donald Gerth apologized on behalf of the school.

On March 13, NBA player Jason Williams, starting point guard for the Sacramento Kings, caused a second uproar when he became embroiled in an abusive verbal exchange with heckling APA fans during a game against the Golden State Warriors.

Michael Ching accused Williams of making anti-Asian and anti-gay remarks, after which the basketball player was fined \$15,000 by the NBA and issued a statement of apology. He was also mandated to attend anger-management classes.

Shimada said Williams has held up his end so far by attending events sponsored by the APA community, including a recent basketball tournament banquet. Meanwhile, the Kings organization made a \$15,000 donation to CAPITAL, a Sacramento-based network of APA community and civil rights groups.

Shimada said the \$15,000 will go towards CAPITAL's tolerance committee to fight hate crimes. ■

J-TOWNS

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cially in light of the new census. The diversity of California has been spelled out pretty clearly. Legislators should realize that we can and should promote diversity as a resource.

Chris Aihara, GJALC member and community relations manager for the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center in Los Angeles, felt the fact that SB 307 encompasses all communities (i.e., Chinatowns, Little Manilas, the barrios, etc.) was particularly important.

"This is incredible because we're thinking beyond our community and trying to network with others," said Aihara. "The legislation does not necessarily say Japantowns per se but includes all historically important communities." Preliminary research by GJALC has identified at least 10 ethnic enclaves statewide that are in need of preservation assistance, but Watanabe added that "who knows what might come out of the woodworks." He noted that although Los Angeles and San Francisco completely lost their once thriving Little Italies, he felt there may be other communities that they are not aware of that may qualify for assistance under SB 307.

Watanabe said more recent enclaves such as Little Saigon in Orange County and Thai Town in Hollywood would not qualify under this bill because these newer communities are "thriving" and are not threatened by such issues as deteriorating buildings, the forced removal of residents and fleeing businesses.

"One of the specific points that the bill would address is redefining the term of 'historic' by creating a new designation. Under current state laws, [the more than century-year-old Japantowns do not qualify for historic preservation protection."

"Prior to the bill, we did a lot of research," said Osaki. "Unfortunately, our Japantowns are not historically by existing laws because the buildings have to be 50 years or older. Only Little Tokyo has that designation."

The reason for the lack of older structures in the historic Japantowns is due to the mass redevelopment efforts by governmental and foreign corporate interests in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Dur-

ing those three decades, Sacramento's Japantown was completely decimated to make way for office buildings, and large chunks were taken out of Los Angeles' and San Francisco's Japantowns in what is often referred to as "the second relocation" of California's Nikkei community. Only a portion of Los Angeles' Little Tokyo, specifically 13 buildings on First Street North, survived destruction through community pressure. This block has been given national historic landmark designation, the highest level of protection in the country.

But while SB 307 will designate the Japantowns as "historic," it will not place stringent business restrictions as does current state historic site laws.

"We have commerce here," said Lisa Sugino, head of LTSC's Community Development Corp. "And we need to be flexible in terms of change of signs, etc., so that business owners don't have to go through a painful process to conduct business here. ... The creation of a new historic designation could be more lenient and be like an overlay zone over the area."

What the bill also intends to do is to allow the community to have more input into the type of development and changes to occur in the area. Under SB 307, potential controversies such as the far-reaching closure of San Francisco's Japantown Bowl may be alleviated.

The closing of the 40-lane bowling alley was a big blow not only to San Francisco's Nikkei community but to the entire city, since it was the biggest of the last three bowling alleys left in San Francisco. A diverse group of people, as far away as Marin County, gave lengthy and emotional testimony in support of keeping the business open, but Kinletsu Enterprises of America, the owners of the bowling alley, pointed to unprofitability as the reason for closure, and was, at one time, in negotiations with an investment group that specializes in real estate consulting for dot-com firms.

Osaki's JCCNC had also offered a \$6.7 million deal to purchase the bowling alley, but Kinletsu turned it down, saying that the nonprofit did not meet sales conditions. Osaki estimates that the closure affected a quarter million people and close to \$5 million in revenues brought into Japantown annually.

"We want some control over our destiny where we can decide what our community is going to look

like," said Osaki. "Right now, those with money can buy property and do what they want."

How SB 307 Idea Came About

SB 307 did not develop in a vacuum. Since the mid-1990s, Nikkei community leaders statewide have been sharing resources and discussing the future of the evolving Nikkei community.

The first major attempt to form a national network was in 1995 when LTSC sponsored the Synergy Conference in Los Angeles. Nikkei leaders from as far away as New York and Toronto attended. Although this first conference focused on the social services sector, a more important impact of this event was the start of a national dialogue on the future of the Nikkei community and the formation of a broad network system.

As dialogue continued from the Synergy Conference, Nikkei leaders went from a social service focus to a broader community angle, and in 1998, LTSC and the JCCNC spearheaded another national conference in Los Angeles titled, "Ties That Bind." This three-day conference identified some of the common threads that ran through the various Nikkei communities, resulting in the creation of a "Declaration for the Nikkei Community" which set goals for the community in the 21st century.

"What the conference showed was that a sense of place was important and that we can't just live in a cyber community," said Sugino.

At the same time, Osaki was working on establishing a statewide network through GJALC. What resulted was a GJALC-sponsored mini leadership summit in San Jose in 1999, where participants discussed the findings from the "Ties That Bind" conference and prepared issues to present at the next national conference titled, "Nikkei 2000," which was held in San Francisco.

At the '99 San Jose meeting, participants also tossed out the idea for a state bill to preserve the Japantowns, but the idea did not solidify until last fall, following dialogue at the "Nikkei 2000" conference.

From there, participants explored the viability of a state bill by meeting with legislators and conducting extensive research on how the state of California defined and preserved historic sites. Eventually, Vasconcellos agreed to introduce the bill as it stands currently. ■

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Gone to the Dogs

In honor of Be Kind to Animals Week (May 6-12), this column has gone to the dogs. I was fortunate to grow up with two dogs, a Great Dane named Brown Sugar and a terrier mix named Blackie. During high school and my summers home from college, I spent about five years volunteering with the Nike Animal Rescue Foundation (not related to the athletic shoe company) in San Jose, and now I have two dogs, a Siberian

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husky mix and an Australian shepherd mix. I am not a veterinarian, professional dog trainer or breeder. All of the information in this column comes from years of personal experience with my own dogs and those I've helped rescue. Teaching children kindness toward dogs sounds obvious, but not enough parents take the time to show kids when to leave a dog alone (if it is growling, baring its teeth or seems to be trying to get away from the child). Small children need to be taught how to pet a dog gently and they may be too rough. Kids should never touch a dog they don't know without getting the dog owner's permission first. Also, parents should remember that small dogs are not necessarily safer than large dogs. Little fingers appear larger and more threatening to small dogs, especially if they have had negative experiences with children in the past. Perhaps the most important kindness you can show your dog is having him or her neutered or spayed, respectively. The operation is very simple, and dogs are usually fully recovered from the anesthesia within 24 hours. By

spaying or neutering your dog, you can reduce the risk for certain types of cancer. Some dogs even become calmer and more obedient after the biological pressure to reproduce is relieved. The most important reason to spay (and neuter, however, is that hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters across the United States each year because there are simply not enough homes for them. If you are thinking of getting a dog, please adopt from a rescue organization or shelter. Adopting an adult dog can be very rewarding (it may already be housebroken and past the chewing-on-everything-in-sight stage that most puppies go through), but shelters and rescue organizations also have some puppies. If you want a pure-bred dog, go to a public library and do some research. Make sure the breed you think you are sure is compatible with your expectations and lifestyle. After you are certain that a breed is right for you, consider adopting from a breed-specific rescue group such as Chihuahua Rescue, Greyhound Rescue, etc. If breed-specific rescue organizations do not have what you are looking for, they can refer you to a reputable breeder for a pet-quality dog. A knowledgeable and respected breeder knows the genealogy of the dogs he or she breeds and screens for hereditary diseases such as hip dysplasia. In contrast, puppy mills, which supply puppies to most pet shops, cruelly force brood bitches to have as many litters as they possibly can, even if this means inbreeding. Because of irresponsible breeding practices by puppy mills, pet shop puppies may show serious health problems as they get older. In order to stay healthy, dogs need high-quality food like Iams or Nutro Natural Choice, preferably in dry kibble to keep dogs' teeth clean. When a dog has a nutritious diet, its' poop should be firm and have only a mild odor. A lamb-and-rice based dog food can be very helpful for dogs with skin or coat problems. (Sometimes these problems are caused by flea

allergies; fleas can be eliminated quickly with Frontline or Advantage, which are available through most veterinarians.) You can avoid patronizing pet shops that support puppy mills by buying dog food and supplies from stores like Petco and PetsMart, which do not sell dogs or cats but allow rescue groups to hold adoption fairs in the stores, or by shopping through a catalog such as R.C. Steele at www.rcsteele.com or 800/872-4506. If you are experiencing behavior problems with your dog, it may be helpful to gain some insight into how your dog thinks. The most common behavior problem, excessive barking, can often be solved by allowing your dog to be indoors with you when you are home, including at nighttime when you are asleep. According to the Monks of New Skete, who have published many wonderful books, dogs are descended from wolves, which live in packs, so a dog may bark due to boredom when it is unnaturally isolated from the rest of the "pack" (you and your family). You can teach a dog to sleep in an airline-type crate at night until it is completely housebroken so that you won't wake up to any "accidents" on the floor. In addition, attending obedience classes with your dog will help you learn to communicate clearly to your dog and will help your dog learn good manners. Be wary of any trainer who says that he or she can "cure" your dog of undesirable behaviors without your presence. Training a dog should not create intimidation or fear in the dog; effective training is about building trust and understanding between the dog and its owner. Finally, don't forget the basics. Dogs need collars with identification tags imprinted with your phone number. Make sure the collar is neither too loose nor too tight; you should be able to slide two fingers between the collar and the dog's neck comfortably. Leash your dog when you take it out, and take a plastic bag to clean up. Most importantly, remember to get your dog vaccinated for rabies and DHLPP on a regular basis. ■

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cial intercourse. I shared a few pointers with you, but here are a few more which, if not helpful, you may find somewhat interesting. FOR STARTERS, take the basic act of having *gohan* (cooked rice) served in your *chawan* (rice bowl). When the server thrusts an empty tray toward you, with both of your hands place your (empty) *chawan* on the tray. When the server returns your *gohan*-filled *chawan*, mmm you dig in and start? Nope. The *etiquette* book directs an interesting step to be observed: "[Y]ou must... place the bowl back upon the table or on your individual tray. [I]t is very bad form to begin eating the rice without doing this." I don't know about you, but I see I'm going to have to make drastic changes in my dining pattern. HOLD THE TAKUWAN. Having retrieved the *gohan*-filled *chawan*, now can we dig in? Slow down, pardner; the book says: "[A]fter eating only one or two mouthfuls of rice, put down your bowl and... take up the soup bowl... [S]ome of the soup is drunk first, then some of the contents eaten. Next rice is eaten again, and then more soup or some other dish... on the right hand side [of your table]. After this, anything may be eaten, except the pickles (*tsukemono*). The pickles are to be eaten at the end of the meal. This is because the taste of pickles is strong and if

Bon Appetit

IN THE LAST two columns in this space, the topic was *rei-sabō* (Japanese etiquette); that if one looks like a Japanese, then the *Nippon-jins* (Japanese denizens) expect that person to be aware of and practice the customs and social behavior of a Nippon-jin. I mentioned purchasing a book titled "Japanese Etiquette" to familiarize myself with some of the do's and don'ts of Japanese so-

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eastern first takes away the good taste of other foods. However, each dish must be alternated with the rice." (Emphasis added.) THE BOOK'S INSTRUCTIONS continue: "When one is finished with the rice, the last few grains are eaten, so that not one single grain of rice is left in the bowl. Upon seeing this the server will know that you have finished... and will serve tea in your *rice bowl*. Now it is time for the pickles. After the pickles are eaten, dip the tips of your chopsticks slightly in the tea to cleanse them, place them on the tray, and then drink your tea." (Emphasis added.) I've never seen this in practice and I cannot help but wonder if someone isn't pulling my leg. I've seen "chopsticks cleaning" practiced at a family-style dinner in a Chinese establishment. In seeking a refill from one of the dishes on the carousel, one of the diners (at my table) first "cleaned" his chopsticks by running the tips of his chopsticks through his closed lips. I don't know what suggestions you might have for adapting to the situation. I noted the spot where his chopsticks had stirred things up. SOME DO'S AND DON'TS are contained in the *etiquette* book, such as: Don't pick up chopsticks until one's seniors have taken theirs; don't scrape rice grains from the chopsticks; don't linger over dishes undecided as to what to take next; don't take food from the soup without lifting the bowl from the tray; don't take up dishes on the right side with the left and vice-versa; don't place food with sauces on the rice; don't attempt to eat chunks of food which cannot be eaten in one mouthful, "but cut them into smaller pieces with the chopsticks"; don't hold the rice bowl to the mouth and "shove the rice with chopsticks" except when eating *ocha-zūhi* (rice with hot water or tea poured over it); don't fail to lay down your chopsticks or stop eating while a second serving is being processed for you; don't smack lips, speak with the mouth full, or use a toothpick in public. *Gochiso-sama deshita.* ■

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By CHRISTINA SHIGEMURA



By BILL MARUTANI

Asian American Landmark in L.A. to be Restored

The Far East building, located on historic First Street in the Little Tokyo district of Los Angeles, has been acquired for restoration by the Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation (LTSC CDC). The Far East building, which was constructed in 1909 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, sustained extensive damage during the 1994 Northridge earthquake and has been vacant since then. From 1935 to 1994, the structure, which provided hotel and business space, housed the popular Far East Cafe, where for generations it had been the choice of places for Japanese American wedding and funeral receptions. Bill Watanabe, LTSC executive director, fondly remembers Far East where "the kids could run

around the tables and make noise, and no one would complain because the place was always noisy." The Far East Cafe was run for 59 years by the Mar family, who served Chinese food tailored to JA tastes. Popular dishes such as "American chop suey," "water chestnut hash" and "pork chow mein, Chicago style" had little to do with authentic Chinese cuisine but developed a fierce cult following. Saneji Tony Osumi remembers the specialties served at Far East to the point of obsession (The *Pacific Citizen* published a poem by Osumi dedicated to the Far East Cafe in the 1998 Holiday Issue.) "Far East and places like it are part of the Japanese American soul food experience," said Osumi. The Far East Cafe survived through major historical periods of Little Tokyo — during the 1930s

when more than 35,000 JAs lived in Los Angeles County; the 1940s when JAs were sent to concentration camps and Little Tokyo briefly became known as Bronzeville because African American families, locked out of living in other areas due to discrimination, moved into vacated JA neighborhoods; and the redevelopment turmoil of the 1950s. Andrew Chong, a member of the Mar family, recalled that the Far East Cafe allowed JA families returning from camps after World War II to eat on credit. Most recently, the Mar family agreed to donate the historic building to LTSC CDC, a nonprofit agency that builds affordable housing and provides social services in the area. LTSC CDC plans to preserve the building and renovate the hotel space into a 16-unit affordable housing space with funding from the State Housing and Community Development Department, the Los Angeles Conservancy, Los Angeles City Community Redevelopment Agency, State Assemblyman Gil Cedillo's office and local businesses. Cedillo said the project was significant because "it addresses the need for affordable housing, and is consistent with the vision to revitalize downtown by preserving culture and history." Ken Bernstein, director of Preservation Issues at the L.A. Conservancy, said that they were "excited" over this project because "it will restore a site of such rich architectural and cultural significance." The Mar family has reserved the right to reopen a revamped version of the Far East Cafe. ■

Cedars-Sinai Provides Hospice Help in Japanese

The Cedars-Sinai Hospice Program, which services most of the Los Angeles area, provides Japanese-speaking staff. The hospice program cares for patients and their families during the last weeks and months of the patients' lives. It offers physical comfort to patients who are suffering from the last stages of their diseases, and emotional support to patients and family members, who often feel isolated. This program, in particular, serves the needs of terminally ill patients and their families, who are supported by a team of trained

staff who regularly visit the patient. Patients can be visited at their homes, nursing homes or assisted living facilities. The hospice staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, particular needs such as specialized equipment or medication for pain are delivered to the patient, and are paid for by insurance. The Cedars Hospice staff are trained to be sensitive to patients' needs and to provide emotional support. For more information, please contact the Cedars-Sinai Hospice Program, at 310/423-9520. ■

Joel Nakamura's Poster Commemorates Earth Day

The U.S. State Department has commissioned artist/illustrator Joel Nakamura of Santa Fe, N.M., to create a poster celebrating living organisms in the biosphere, in observance of the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22. The poster will be displayed in U.S. embassies around the world. The original painting for the poster is in Nakamura's uniquely recognizable style of acrylic paints on tooled metal. Nakamura was born in Whittier, Calif., and is a graduate of Art Center College of Design. Since early childhood, he has traveled extensively with his artist family, and his art reflects diverse multicultural influences. His commercial works appear on billboards, music albums, magazines

and book covers, and on the sides of 18-wheelers, and his fine art paintings have been exhibited in solo shows. His work can be viewed at the Hahn Ross Gallery on Canyon Road in Santa Fe. ■



COMMENTARY

An Open Letter to 2000 JAACL Convention Delegates

By LEO HOSQDA

You, who voted for the Resolution of Apology to the Resisters of Conscience," should see the video "Farewell to Manzanar." This film is based upon a true story as experienced by a former occupant of Manzanar.

The incidents depicted in the film give one a picture of what went on in a typical camp during the controversial period. One particular incident which actually took place involved a JAACL supporter who was beaten, except in the film his name was fictionalized. (I wonder who should apologize to whom?)

Recently, an individual remarked that "there has been no disclaimer issued by JAACL in denying the acts which they are being accused of, therefore, it all must be true."

If JAACL had been guilty of all the things attributed to them, then an apology should be forthcoming from the JAACL. But, let's look at the facts: JAACL was in its infancy at that time. Members of the JAACL were in the vast minority. Most of those who volunteered for service, in and out of concentration camps, were not old enough to be JAACL members according to one evacuee

and 442nd veteran.

In my opinion, the confrontation was between those who opted to serve in the U.S. Army and those who were against the idea. Those who were for service were mostly non-JACLers who were convinced of the need to listen to the JAACL officer's advice. Therefore, any action on their part was not as JAACL members but in support of what the JAACL felt was the proper thing to do as American citizens.

Upon viewing "Farewell to Manzanar," I came away with the feeling that the JAACL officers deserve our highest praise for their courage in facing what they had to and the beatings they underwent as they tried to encourage all Nisei to be loyal U.S. citizens — and that goes to those who supported the JAACL advice by volunteering for the Army under hostile conditions.

Another fact that appears to me to be true is that all the aggressive action taken in the camps was by those opposed to Army Service. The JAACL officers and non-JACL members who supported the JAACL principle had to take all kinds of defensive action such as sleeping with a baseball bat near at hand or leaving camp at night to volunteer for military service to avoid confronta-

tions.

It also seems that if anything goes wrong in life, JAACL seems to get the blame. The JAACL is an organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry whose motto is: "Better Americans in a Greater America." The JAACL can't be held responsible for adverse actions at the local level — the JAACL is not a dictatorship!

Back in 1942, the American Civil Liberties Union, with all their liberal policies, issued their own interpretation of the law which in no way favored the dissenters and stated that "the dissenters have a moral right but not a legal right and will have to suffer the consequences of their action."

With respect to the so-called "inu," one should take into consideration that the United States had initiated a detailed information (dossier) on all minorities who might pose a threat to democracy as far back as 1939.

Today, we hear about the contributions made by the 100th/442nd/MIS. Do we hear anything about the "dissenters"? Who should apologize to whom???

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The Ongoing Nisei Conflict

By JIM YAMASAKI

There is a conflict that seems unsolvable. How do I describe this conflict? It started with the "loyalty questionnaire."

Answering "yes" to forswearing loyalty to Hirohito for me was no problem, but for some, "forswearing" gave the connotation that we had sworn before. I hadn't sworn in the first place, but this was a surprising words if one believed in the sincerity of the questionnaire; some didn't. After much anguish, I answered "yes" with a condition: that the government first let me out of camp before serving.

I worried the conditional response would prevent me from getting an FBI release to attend school. A "yes-yes" would have cleared me. By those incensed by the questionnaire, there were bad feelings directed at us for coming in.

My "yes, maybe, yes" was the compromise I took due to pressure. A close Kibei friend and I almost came to blows over this, but it came down to the teachers and students of Tracy High that I remembered fondly. I could not oppose the only country I knew. Whatever future I had was in the United States. My parents were gone. There were no ties to Japan for my family and me.

What has bothered me over the years is the number of Nisei that have been influenced by advocates opposing the drafting of the Nisei. The majority of Nisei were in their late teens and early twenties, the impressionable ages. Those with pro-American stances went about quietly with their camp lives, trying to stay out of conflict.

The anti-Americans, though low in number, were very vocal and caused problems trying to rally group objections. Almost all "nos" were transferred to Tule Lake, which became a high security camp.

I feel sympathetic to those that had the responsibility to keep their families together, and acknowledge that there is some validity to the point that sacrificing sons to a country that treated them this way did not make sense.

But while this decision was thought to be un-American, was it any worse than those who left for Canada and other places to avoid the draft during the Vietnam War?

Of course, there are differences between the two situations. The Vietnam draft dodgers went to a neutral country. The Nisei "draft dodgers" were going to an enemy

country and renouncing their citizenship; hence, no longer draft dodgers. A small group of Nisei did refuse the draft and were jailed before being pardoned by President Truman after the war.

The Vietnam draft dodgers were not "drugged" in any conventional sense. They opposed being drafted into a war they no longer supported. The "Nisei" had been truly wronged by being incarcerated for no reason, and some felt justified in refusing the draft until their families were released from camp.

Now fifty-five years later what is the situation? The Nisei that served came back as loyal Americans, credited as having done a superb job in the European and Asiatic theaters. The children of these Nisei proudly point to their accomplishments and contributed to Nisei memorials built across America.

What of the children of the Nisei who opted to return to Japan or of those who refused the draft and were jailed? The government has allowed the renunciations to remain because of duress and eventually apologized to all Japanese for the incarceration. Those that were jailed were pardoned. The sons and daughters of these Nisei should understand that their fathers were victims of a major injustice and war hysteria and deserving of all relief from any stigma that some may place on them. The presidential pardon attests to this.

Yet lacking tangible evidence such as a memorial, they remain dissatisfied and seek a better understanding of what happened. For those who blame the Nisei for not having supported them, I would say the Nisei did not have political influence to overcome the wartime situation. In those days even the white community had difficulty opposing those in power.

Therein lies the dilemma. Some feel the way to redeem themselves is to cast doubt on the Nisei majority, who felt it imperative to go to war to prove their loyalty. The Nisei minority and many Saneis feel that having to prove their loyalty was nonsense, that it was an injustice that the Nisei should have protested. The controversy continues. It will take a few more generations for this to fade away. ■

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COMMENTARY

My Issei Pop Was Right 48 Years Ago

By PAUL TSUNEISHI

Sus Satow and six other veterans who are JAACLers, in their letter to the P.C., raise a basic issue about JAACL as a civil rights organization. Did JAACL make the wrong decision last July at its biennial meeting in Monterey, Calif., in apologizing to those who resisted the draft when we were interned in concentration camps by our own government during World War II?

JAACL at that time, took the position also advocated by Roger Baldwin, founder of the ACLU: not to resist being drafted from the camps. Baldwin's strange position said that while the resisters had a strong moral position, that they had no legal case, that due process did not apply to us during wartime. Written records show that wartime JAACL leaders took a position of "back supporting" test cases, when they opposed Min Yasui's legal bid, and inverted our birthright as American citizens by deciding that we had to prove our loyalty! A strange policy position.

I believe my Issei father, Satoru Tsuneishi, whose haiku pen name was Shisei, had it right when he was asked by the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee to chair a public meeting on this issue in the mess hall at Block Two in late 1943 or early 1944. In 1980, when he was 93 years old, I urged him to write something for the Congressional Hearings being held around

the country. A portion of his Christian witness stated:

"In 1943 there was the so-called Loyalty Registration. All of us, aliens denied citizenship under your laws, and American citizens of Japanese ancestry, were subjected to answering many questions. It aroused a great dispute, particularly among Nisei. For me, as an alien, there was no choice but to submit to the war policy of the United States. But to the Nisei, it was different, because they were American citizens. There were many super patriots who volunteered to serve the Army, in spite of the fact that their rights of citizenship had been ignored and they were confined behind barbed wire fences.

"The gist of my talk at that Fair Play Committee was as follows: Since I am legally an enemy alien, I am not in a position to express my opinions on the policy of the war of the United States, but when I was younger I went to the American schools for several years and learned about American history, as well as the Constitution of the United States. I know why the colonists rebelled against England. The Nisei also know about them. I can understand why some of them refuse to be loyal to the United States, and refuse to serve in the American Army, since their rights of citizenship have been denied to them, and they have been put into the concentration camps without

doing anything wrong. Tonight, young people are going to speak about what they have in their minds. I wish all of you ... please listen to what they say!"

"At that time, when I spoke at the meeting, three of my sons were already serving in the American Army. I was proud of this. At the same time, I justified some of the Nisei who refused to serve in the Army under such circumstances. "Later, some were charged with violating the law, and I offered to be a defense witness on their behalf. From Heart Mountain, seventy of these Nisei finally were sentenced and served time in jail.

"After almost 40 years, I firmly believe that the total evacuation of Japanese during World War II was wrong, and the United States government made a great mistake. It is proper for the United States to recognize this, and to do something to compensate the victims to show her sincerity.

"By so doing, I believe, the United States will not lose anything; on the contrary, her reputation as a true democratic country will be greatly enhanced."

My pop was right 48 years ago at Heart Mountain, and I believe JAACL, as a civil rights organization, made the right decision last July at Monterey, Calif. ■

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Tule Lake Camp: Confidential

The following is an article submitted by one of the 30 grant recipients of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP).

CCLPEP is a three-year grant program created in 1998 to provide the California community with information and education on the Japanese American experience before, during and immediately after World War II.

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The extraordinary story of Noburu Shirai and his three and a half years in the Tule Lake Relocation Center during World War II

will soon be published in English. A team of translators and editors headed by Shirai's daughter Eucaly is currently preparing a translation of the book, "Forced Relocation of California Nikkei."

Originally published in Japanese in 1981, this English version will be titled, "Tule Lake Camp: Confidential," and will be published in 2001.

Author Noburu Shirai's story is unusual. Not only are there few accounts of life at Tule Lake Camp by an Issei, but also none by an Issei sociologist/journalist. Because Shirai actively served in many camp roles, endured the same hardships as the other internees and was a keen observer of human behavior, his insights are especially perceptive. Shirai's writing is a rare combination of emotion and intellect.

The Tule Lake Relocation Cen-

ter was one of 10 internment centers for Japanese aliens and citizens during WWII. It was the home for up to 18,000 internees between 1942 and 1946. In September 1943, it became the top security segregated center when people designated as "disloyal" were rounded up from other camps and placed with the remaining camp residents including "loyals" and passive "disloyals" who refused to relocate a third time.

With this volatile mix, internees at Tule Lake suffered greater psychological trauma and experienced more violence than at any other camp. This was the only camp heavily fortified with taller (8-foot), heavier barbed wire fence encircling the camp. Passes, fingerprint identification, more sentry-manned watchtowers and finally a full military battalion with tanks further isolated Tule Lake from



Noburu Shirai, dated approximately 1962.

the other camps.

From contemporary notes and diaries, Shirai recreates the turbulent years at Tule Lake Camp, the resilient Japanese spirit in overcoming problems of communal camp life, the parents stripped of authority, the tension between generations, Issei, Nisei and Kibei, the administration-internee conflicts, the political factions and intrigue, and the degeneration of moral values behind barbed wire. He describes the soul-searching upheaval caused by the loyalty-oath registration and the riveting drama of events that led to martial law, the stockade and the devastating aftermath.

Thirty years later, Shirai marveled at Japan's miraculous recovery from the devastation of war, her rise to world economic power and her role as United States ally. He worried that complacency with the present prosperity would cause the Japanese to forget the past and the need for ongoing vigilance. He wanted to preserve the painful history of the Japanese in America, the flagrant discrimination and the shameful government policies resulting in the violation of civil rights and loss of personal freedom and over 100,000 Nikkei suffered. With this in mind, he wrote his book, "Forced Relocation of California Nikkei."

Educated in two countries at Hiroshima Teacher's College, Kalamazoo College and Stanford University, Shirai was well qualified to write his version of the Tule Lake camp experience. Born in Hiroshima, Japan, in 1908, Shirai continued his career in both Japan and the United States. After the war, he was Sacramento branch manager for the *Nichi Bei Times*, overseas sports columnist for *Nikkan Sports* and president of Asahi Homecast.

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OBITUARY

John Ishii, 80—Lay President of St. Martin's College

The first lay president of Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Wash., Dr. John David "Jack" Ishii died March 18 at Centralia.

Born in Seattle on Jan. 7, 1921, Ishii graduated St. Martin's High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1938, and St. Martin's College in 1942 with a degree in political science. To escape the World War II internment, he and his future wife, Lillian Horichi, went to Wyoming, where they were married. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the MIS in the Pacific.

Postwar, he earned his master's degree in political science and doctorate in international relations from Georgetown University, then served in the State Department's Foreign Service from 1950-63 as an area specialist on Northwest and Southeast Asian Affairs. From 1965-73 he served as advisor to the prime minister of Malaysia on political and economic affairs; he was dec-

orated by the king with the Order of the Royal Sword.

Dr. Ishii then returned to St. Martin's to teach, founded the college's International Club, and became president in 1980. During his tenure as president, he helped draw international students to the Catholic college through the Pacific Rim Institute, which he developed and which continues today. He retired in 1985.

Surviving are wife Lillian, children John (Malaysia), Paul (Federal Way, Wash.), Patricia Halbmier (Federal Way), Mary Anderson (Budapest, Hungary), Addie Magnant (Florida); brothers William, George and David (all Seattle); sisters, Dominican Sister Mary Imelda Ishii (Karachi, Pakistan), Mary Ishii (Seattle) and Harriet Ishii (Rockland, Ill.) Remembrances may be made to the Tiffin House, 812 Cowlitz Rd., Centralia, WA 98531. ■

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could continue. In contrast to that, I find that selling the national convention (in L.A.) is easy and pleasant, although [that] too has its financial worries."

Along with Mike Masaoka, Nishikawa was a permanent member of the JACL Endowment Fund that was established in 1936 with a \$1,000,000 goal.

While the Pacific Citizen board chairman (1959-1962), the immediate task was to resolve the circulation problem. Many paid-up JACL members were not getting their newspaper each week, when P.C. subscription was tied in with membership dues in 1960. To respond to this and other concerns, communication through district council representatives was instituted.

In 1967, Roy noted one thing for sure for JACL (P.C. 8/18) and warned: "JACL can no longer coast along on its past accomplishments. It must — and soon — develop wider horizons, and create programs which are more meaningful and more significant for its membership."

In 1969, his speech at the San Gabriel Valley JACL installation

(11/15) began: "Is JACL dead?" while citing the greater problems — Vietnam, draft resisters, taxes, poverty, crime and violence, etc. — that face JACL members, and the organization being unconcerned. In contrast, he mentioned how furious a few JACLers were over Bill Hosokawa's book title: "Nisei: the Quiet Americans." JACL is not dead, he concluded, urging JACLers to be more informed, aware and involved. "Since we pass this way but once on earth — is this not the only truly worthwhile thing that we can leave behind?"

At the PSWD annual awards dinner in 1997, he and his wife Alice were honored for a combined 110 years of JACL service. Despite the frustrations and feelings of "burnout" that young stalwarts in JACL may have, his message to them was "to keep the faith and hang in there. Above all, maintain and preserve the organization."

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Alice, son Kenneth, two grandchildren, sister Margaret Kawachi, nephews and nieces Judge Ken Kawachi, Byron Kawachi, Karyl Lynn Kawachi, Dean and Steven Otani and rela-

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Asao, Masami, 80, San Gabriel, March 15, survived by wife Michiko Nancy; daughters Sharon and Kerry Asao; son Duane and wife Shirley; 3 g.c.; brother Jitsuihiro and wife Kazuko; sister-in-law Reiko Yoshimashi and husband Tokei; brother-in-law Thomas K. Kato.

Doi, Eiji, 64, Altadena, March 16, South Pasadena-born, survived by mother Setsuyo; brothers Douglas and wife Kathryn, Morio, Kazuo and wife Shinko.

Fukushima, Tadao, 89, Bellflower, April 1, Hawaii-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Tsudeko Sue; sister Margie Hamamura; brothers-in-law Shigeru Chikami and wife Marie, Joe Chikami and wife Kinu, Harley Yoshimura; sisters-in-law Riyo and Kaoru Chikami.

Furuta, Gary Takashi, 57, Mission Viejo, March 17, Amache, Colo.-born; survived by wife Jean Suzuko; sons Sean, Jason, Garrett; daughters Lindsey, Katelyn; mother Rosemary Toshiko Furuta; brothers Chikara and wife Yudi, Teruo; sister Shigeo Williams and husband Tyrone.

Hara, Walter Shuji, Palo Alto, March 31; Florin-born; survived by sister Shizuyo Kuwada and brother Akira (both Northern California).

Hayashi, Meri, 90, Spokane, Wash., April 5, Tacoma-born; survived by sons Richard (Kent, Wash.), Keith (Lakewood, Colo.); 4 g.c.; sister Peggy Fukai (Spokane); brother Tatsuo Moryasu (Portland, Ore.); predeceased by husband Roy and son Minoru.

Ichikawa, Shigeno Maeda, 83, Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 18; longtime Placer County resident; survived by daughters Barbara T. Walker (Vancouver), Gerri Matsuji (Millbrae); brothers Rutaro Maeda (Oakland), James Maeda (Indianapolis, Ind.), Futami Maeda (Alameda); 2 g.c., 1 g.c.; predeceased by husband Toshiro.

Izumi, Edwin Shinzuke, 95, St. Louis, Feb. 5; he was the last of the Issei in St. Louis who immigrated before the cut-off; interned at Tule Lake; translator for the Army at Camp Savage during WWII; survived by daughter Nobuko Anne Mizutani.

Izutsu, Teiko, 78, So. San Francisco, March 1; Oakland-born; longtime So. San Francisco resident; predeceased by husband Harry T.; survived by son Richard; daughter Ann; brother Tak Kusano.

Kameda, Shigeo, 84, Kamakura, Japan, Feb. 27; Hawaii-born; head of the Japan Airlines Los Angeles office and San Francisco travel agency; survived by wife Reiko.

Kami, Masami, 76, Los Angeles, March 23; Wakayama-born; survived by wife Yuni; daughters Jupe Nakata and husband Deane, Grace Kami Mashhad and husband Steve; 1 g.c.; mother-in-law Aki Imamura (Kagoshima); sister Yoshiko Taniguchi and husband Hirozo (Wakayama); brothers Yoshihiro Sagara and wife Kayoko (Tokyo), Noboru Kami (Tokyo).

Kamikawa, Paul, 76, Milwaukie, Feb. 15; Thomas, Wash.-born; 442nd RCT WWII Army veteran; pioneer chef in microwave cooking; author of "Cooking Without Fire."

Katayate, Richard Tairo, 97, Downey, March 15; Nagasaki-ken-born; survived by wife Kofude; daughters Conni Valdez, Belia Hernandez and husband Mack, Gloria Vargas and husband Michael; 10 g.c., 18 g.c., 1 g.c.g.

Kato, Yo, 84, San Francisco, Feb. 25; Alamo-born; Amache internee; WWII MIS Army veteran; survived by wife Stella, son Lane and wife DeeDee; daughter Cynthia Kim and husband Eric; 6 g.c.; sister Miye Baba and husband Nobuo.

Kishi, Frank Riji, 81, West Los Angeles, March 17; Los Angeles-born; MIS veteran; survived by wife Stella Chizu; daughters Jo Ann Kishi, Betty Ann Kishi-Uematsu, Evelyn Kishi; 1 g.c.; sisters Shizuko Ueda, Kazumi Tasumi; brother Tadashi and wife Yoshiko.

Kono, Tom Masahiro, 75, San Francisco, March 30; Sacramento-

born; Tule Lake internee; WWII MIS Army veteran and postwar interpreter in Tokyo; survived by brothers Norman, Gordon, Andrew, Richard, Jack; sisters June Takahashi, Nancy Kono, Rose Wataida, Grace Uyeno, Doris Joe, Pat Kono.

Kyogoku, Rev. Yurii, 85, Richmond, Va., Jan. 7; daughter of pioneer ICA minister Rev. Itzuro Kyogoku; she was stranded in Japan during WWII; ordained as a Buddhist minister in 1953 and served in Fresno and Minneapolis; survived by sister Marii Hasegawa.

Morimoto, Chiye June, 101, San Francisco, March 21; Hiroshima-born; survived by son Eiichi.

Morimoto, Ikuro, 83, Gardena, March 18; Honolulu-born; survived by sons William and wife Karen, Roger and wife Linda, Russell; 8 g.c.; son-in-law Wendell Suyama.

Mizuhara, Jack, 74, El Cerrito, March 12; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Ida; son Kurt and wife Ming-Ming; daughters Ellen, Marcia, Joyce and Amy Mizuhara; brothers Howard, Albert, Yosuke.

Naganuma, Hiyoichi "Herb," 75, Seattle, March 1; Gresham, Ore.-born; 442nd RCT (Co. K) WWII Army veteran.

Nagasawa, Ichiro, 79, Seattle, Feb. 26; Seattle-born; 100th/442nd RCT WWII Army veteran; Camp Harmony and Minidoka internee; survived by sons Jon, Mark, Lance; 5 g.c.; brother Hiro Bob; predeceased by wife Yasuko.

Nakashizima, Yoshito Bud, 90, Dinuba, March 10; Kumamoto-born; survived by wife Ayako Alice; daughters Iris Kawano and husband Richard; Kay Cappella and husband Arthur; sons Gary and wife Mitzi, Steven and wife Diane; 12 g.c.

Nihel, Marilyn, Cleveland, Feb. 23, survived by daughters Patricia Nihel and husband Richard, Sally Inggold and husband David, Deborah Nishiyama and husband John; sons Ronald and wife Barbara, Richard and wife Christine; 2 g.c., 3 g.c.; sisters Hazel Wada, Helen Akiya; predeceased by husband Francis, brother Jimmie and sister Mary Sugitachi.

Nishino, Hifumi Eddie, 83, Long Beach, March 19; survived by wife Terue; sons Philip and wife Mutusko, Gordon; daughter Betty Kobata and husband Robert; 5 g.c.; sisters Shigeno Shimono, Momo Wakisaka.

Nojima, Hatsuko, 84, Stockton, March 8; Stockton-born; survived by sister Sadako Kajiwara; sister-in-law Dorothy Yamanaka; niece Wendy Yamanaka.

Omoto, Masao, 90, Monterey Park, March 19; Salinas-born; survived by wife Sumi Omoto; daughter Linda Juno Baldini and husband Brian; sister-in-law Sa-tsuki Katayama (Chicago).

Osako, Eric Botelho, 63, Oxnard, March 26; Hawaii-born; survived by wife Bonnie; son Rick; daughters Erica Tarazon, Sherri Hairston; stepchildren Terri, Thomas, Cheri 6 g.c., 3 step-g.c.; brother Kenneth; sister Grace Fickenthorn.

Sakamoto, Tsuruo, 83, Los Angeles, March 20; Onhu, Hawaii-born; survived by son Tomio, Kawamura and wife Irene; 2 g.c.

Sasaki, Satori, 88, Camarillo, March 12; Gardena-born; survived by wife Aye; daughter Joyce K. Fabyanic and husband Alan, Renee Kruppenbert and husband Mitchell; son Victor and wife Lisa; 4 g.c.; brothers and sisters Takeru and wife Kinuye, Narumi Sasaki, Shizuko, Shizuko Kawamoto, May Kanow, Yuki Suzuki and husband Naoshi.

Sato, Kazumi George, 76, Morgan Hill, April 2; Washington State-born; survived by wife Carol; son Ken and wife Sherri; daughter Karen Sato; 3 g.c.; brothers Mitsuo, Dick; sisters Kazuko Miyamura, Chieko Harada, Hideo Nora Kinoshita, Sue Dibble.

Sunada, Mary Yoshiko, 90, Rocklin, March 5; Stockton-born; survived by son Daniel and wife

Kristen; daughters Grace Miyamoto and husband Eddie, Dorothy Fuller and husband William; 5 g.c., 7 g.c.; brothers Tom Tanihara and wife Kay, Yoshio Tanihara and wife Toyoko, Ray Tanihara and wife Mary; predeceased by brothers Kiyoko, Eddie, Bob and Sam Tanihara.

Takeda, Koharu, 88, San Francisco, March 6; survived by children Kyoko, Fujiko, Hirohara, Diane; 2 g.c.; predeceased by husband Nisuburo.

Uchida, Makoto Mike, 81, Pasadena, March 15; Pasadena-born; survived by wife Mary; daughters Lu Ann Lane and husband Bill, Pattie Gin and husband Wilbur, Carol Tomoyasu and husband Larry; 5 g.c.; sister Setsuko Yamada and husband Frank; brothers Gus and wife Mitsuko, Joe and wife Agnes, Bob and wife Mae.

Uda, Frank Masaru, 83, Sacramento, March 26; Inglewood-born; longtime Walnut Grove resident; survived by wife Kathryn Sadako; sons Frank Jr. and wife Lisa (San Jose); Russell and wife Gloria; Masashi and wife Estrella, Kyle and wife Jean, Lane and wife Betsy (Sacramento); daughter Janice Ichino and husband Masami; 10 g.c., 1 g.c.g.

Wada, Teruo, 84, Los Angeles, March 18; survived by sons Frank, Michael, Richard and wife Sophia; 2 g.c.; sister Hatsumi Yamaoka.

Wake, Atsushi, 71, North Hollywood, March 15; Tule Lake-born; survived by wife Marumi; sons Arthur, Dennis and wife Yuki; daughter Mable Madson and husband Ken; stepchildren; many grandchildren; brother Kenni and wife Toshiko; sisters Yuriko Shimizu, Kimiko Mine, Kateumi Oshita (all Japan).

Yamanashi, Joey Michio, 35, Gardena, March 17; Torrance-born; survived by parents Ted and Toshiko; son Nikki; fiancée Yuki; sister Patty; brother James.

Yamasaki, Yayoi, 82, South Pasadena, March 16; Gardena-born; survived by husband Yoshi-masa; son Albert Shigeo; daughters Irene Tsuneyo Hagihara and husband Eddie Shigeiki, Darlene Katsuko Maeda and husband Ronald; 3 g.c.; brother and sister in Japan: Katsuchiro Okada, Hatsue Nakane (Japan).

Yamashiro, Kana, 104, Los Angeles, March 24; Okinawa-born; survived by daughters Yukiko Matsumoto, Misako Amakani and husband Gene, Kay Kazuko Okazaki and husband John; 7 g.c., 9 g.c.g.

Yasuda, Akira H., 86, San Jose, Feb. 28; survived by son Dennis; daughter-in-law Michiko; 3 g.c.; predeceased by sister Mitsuyo Okumura and brother Masato Yasuda.

Yonehiro, George, 78, Auburn, March 25; Gold-Hill-born; Tule Lake internee; WWII 442nd RCT Army veteran; served as municipal court judge 1964-83 and was elected to the Superior Court in 1988; survived by wife Miyoko; son Cmdr. Marcus, USN (Japan); daughters Melissa Yonehiro (Sacramento), Allison Dee Miller (Seattle); sister Mary Sagara (Granada Hills); 3 g.c. ■

In memory ...

• **Frank Chuman, JACL national president from 1960-1962**
One of the great shining beacons of light and strength of the JACL and of the greater Los Angeles Japanese American community was taken from us suddenly April 10.

From his earliest days as a member from 1936 and for almost 65 years, Dr. Nishikawa provided clear and steady thinking involving programs and policies in almost every area of the chapter, district council and national organization. Dr. Nishikawa provided the vision, courage, conviction and financial reconstruction necessary to continue the important work of the JACL to the present time.

• Fresno JACL Chapter

On behalf of the Fresno chapter of the Central California District JACL, please extend our condolences to the family of Dr. Roy Nishikawa. His service and support of JACL will long be remembered by us all. — Randy A. Aoki, Fresno chapter president.

• **Fred Hirasuna, attended first JACL national convention in 1930**

Please extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Roy Nishikawa. We have admired his consistency in support of JACL. His long service to JACL is remembered with gratitude.

• Harry Honda, P.C. editor emeritus

We will miss Roy, but his spirit and wisdom are with us in his letters and the printed words.

• **Helen Kawagoe, national JACL president from 1996-2000**

Roy Nishikawa, a past national JACL president, will always be remembered for his continued commitment and dedication to JACL at all levels of the organization. Along with his wife Alice, he regularly attended the PSW District meetings. He was a role model, an excellent advisor extraordinaire to our youth and membership and a champion for civil rights. Roy's legacy is his message that there will always be a need for JACL and that we must always be vigilant. There are not too many Roy Nishikawa's available. He will be sorely missed by all.

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Keiro Support Group Donates Two Vans to Keiro Nursing Home

Visions for Keiro, a volunteer support group affiliated with Keiro Services, presented two handicapped-accessible vans to Keiro Services CEO Shawn Miyake and Keiro Nursing Home Administrator Janie Teshima earlier this year. The vans, purchased through proceeds from previous charity golf tournaments sponsored by Visions, will be used to transport residents to their medical appointments and to special outings.

"The two vans to Keiro Nursing Home add up to a total of four vehicles donated to Keiro Services by Visions for Keiro," Miyake said. "The two vans also complete the five-year pledge by the support group to provide transportation vehicles, which would improve the lives of seniors in our community."

The Sansei support group has also donated a vehicle to the Keiro Retirement Home and the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home in years past. "We are pleased to know that vehicles purchased by Visions for Keiro are being used, by the seniors who need it the most," said Visions for Keiro

President Gary Kawaguchi. "The decision to purchase vans for the nursing home was due to the need for transportation and the organization's mission to provide quality care to its residents."

"We appreciate the generous donation from the support group," said Teshima. "The new vans have several features including seating for escorts, accommodating wheelchairs, and having a convenient wheelchair lift. The vans are also easier to drive, and with two vehicles we will be able to accommodate more of our residents comfortably and safely to their destination."

Keiro Services, celebrating 40 years of caring in 2001, specializes in a continuum of care which includes the Wintersburg-Keiro Adult Day Care Center, Keiro Adult Day Health Care Center, Keiro Intermediate Care Facility, Keiro Nursing Home, South Bay Keiro Nursing Home and Keiro Retirement Home. ■

Canadian Nikkei Center Tears Up \$1.6 Million Mortgage

The National Nikkei Heritage Centre Society paid off its \$1.6 million mortgage and now holds clear title to the property, according to the February *Nikkei Place Update* newsletter. The society raised \$8 million, exceeding its \$7.5 million goal, and acknowledged nearly 3,000 individuals, families, businesses, foundations and the government who gave to the "Put the Centre into Place" campaign during the past three years.

The Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation granted \$3 million to Nikkei Place. Two and one-half million was used to purchase the property and is not included in the fund-raising total, it was added. The Japanese Canadian NNHC celebrated its grand opening on Sept. 22, 2000. ■

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