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## No More Camps: 10 Ways for You and Your Kids to Learn About Manzanar

By TONY OSUMI  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

### Point #1: Read picture books about camp

Picture books are great tools for exposing children and adults to complex concepts in simple ways. They can lay a foundation of understanding before moving on to more abstract ideas. Teachers call this building "prior knowledge."

One book aimed at younger readers is Ken Mochizuki's "Baseball Saved Us." It's about a boy who deals with the pressure of internment and racism by excelling in baseball. Not only

Angeles after camp. These three books make an excellent trilogy and have already helped my students learn about camp through a child's perspective.

Two other books are Chris Aihara's "Nikkei Donburi: A Japanese American Cultural Survival Guide" and "Kids Explore America's Japanese American Heritage" by Westridge Young Writers Workshop for their hands-on activities and kid-friendly formats.

You also don't have to use books specifically about camp in order to teach about internment. For example, I'll use "Swimmy"



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

The guard shack at the Manzanar War Relocation Authority camp.

will I read this to my child, but if she or he plays sports, I'll read it to her/his whole team.

Another book is "The Bracelet" by Yoshiko Uchida. It's about a girl who is sent to camp and loses a special bracelet but learns a valuable lesson. I'll use it to teach about the power of memory when faced with loss. I'll follow up the reading by making simple bracelets with my child to give away as gifts to friends and relatives.

A new book I just read to my third-graders is "Flowers from Mariko" by Rick Noguchi and Deneen Jenks. It's about a young Japanese American girl whose family struggles to resettle in Los

and the Japanese folk tale "Momotaro" to talk about cooperation and teamwork — just like the redress movement when people of many colors took a stand with JAS.

### Point #2: Collect and create artwork about camp

In our home, there are several pieces of art that deal with camp. There are "Day of Remembrance" posters and original paintings by Nisei artists Hideo Kobashigawa and Jack Nakamura. My wife Jenni even has a driftwood flower vase her grandfather carved while interned at Gila River. Each of these items has a story behind it, waiting to be shared.

Because kids like drawing and painting, it's good to connect their interests with larger political issues. Starting with the artwork on our walls, I'll also expose them to the camp art of Mine Okubo in "Citizen 13660" and artists in "The View From Within" like Henry Sugimoto and George Hoshida. Then I'll take them to visit Manzanar, J-town and other places to draw and document our being there. I'll frame their work and hang them in our home for everybody to see. Others will be given as gifts. Art is not only something beautiful, but a tool to educate others.

### Point #3: Watch movies about

## Preserving History: A Look at the Nation's J-Towns and Chinatowns

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

The future existence of historic Japantowns and Chinatowns across the nation are being affected by urban redevelopment and/or gentrification. Without a collective movement, these historic enclaves, which originally formed due to racist housing and employment policies, may soon disappear.

In Los Angeles, the Nikkei community is locked in a battle over whether an art park or a recreation center on a swath of city-owned land is best for the future of Little Tokyo.

Proponents of an art park, which includes the Japanese American National Museum, Go For Broke Memorial Foundation, East West Players, Museum of Modern Art and the Children's Museum, say an art park would allow patrons an area to gather for day/evening concerts and give Los Angeles needed green space.

Thom Mayne, an architect representing the Children's Museum, said an art park would create synergy among the art institutions and would serve not only Little Tokyo but the greater 13.5 million Los Angeles residents. "The city is its constituency," said Mayne.

Nisei veterans and their supporters testified at two public meetings that an art park would give visitors a place of contemplation when they visit the Go For Broke monument.

But supporters of a recreation center, spearheaded by the Little Tokyo Service Center, say a recreation center would bring back youths to Little Tokyo where they can compete in basketball, volleyball and martial arts tournaments.

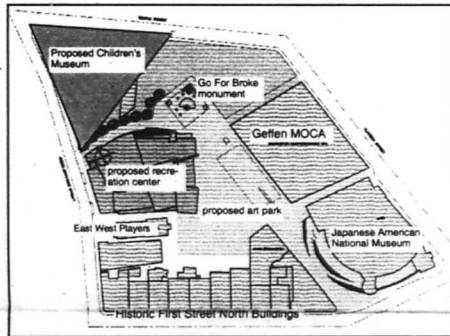
Diane Ujiye, with the Asian American Drug Abuse Program said an art park can be built anywhere in Los Angeles. "Why here? What is it about First Street North that you want to take it over?" Ujiye asked museum officials at a July 10 meeting.

While museum officials did not respond to Ujiye, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry, whose district encompasses Little Tokyo, said this property is desirable because it is city-owned and thus requires no acquisition costs.

Anthony Sperl, whose family has owned the Sperl Building on historic First Street North for about 120 years, said the property owners have not been consulted. "We need to be involved," he said.

Sperl, a former Los Angeles Police officer, supports a recreation center, saying that the LAPD, which is across the street from the proposed site, can use the center to work out and as a staging area for tactical practices. Sperl later attended an art park executive committee meeting with an LAPD representative.

But it will rest on Councilwoman Perry, who inherited this controversy from her predecessor.



First Street North block in Los Angeles with proposed projects.

Currently, Little Tokyo has no such central area, and Nikkei youth tournaments and practices are held throughout Southern California. Supporters also say the recreation center will house after-school learning programs, a computer learning center, senior hot meals program and art classes.

"We're not opposed to an art park," said Bill Watanabe, executive director of LTSC. "We're asking it to be smaller, to about two-and-a-half acres, to include a gym. Why can't we compromise?"

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## JACL Withdraws Support for Wen Ho Lee Petition Effort

By TRACY UBA  
Writer/Reporter

A petition effort seeking an apology for Wen Ho Lee may jeopardize a civil suit the former Los Alamos nuclear scientist has filed against the U.S. government, which is why several Asian American civil rights groups are withdrawing support for now.

Both the JACL and OCA recently decided to withhold support of a petition drive spearheaded by Cecilia Chang, executive director of wenholee.org, a Fremont, Calif., Web-based group which has collected over 15,000 signatures for a presidential pardon.

According to Chang, they are aiming to gather 30,000 signatures by Labor Day, 50,000 by Dec. 10 (the anniversary of Lee's indictment and incarceration) and 100,000 by March 8, 2003 (the anniversary of Lee's firing from Los Alamos National Laboratory

in New Mexico).

"As an advocacy group, I am doing this not only for the benefit of Wen Ho Lee," Chang said. "I believe the process of collecting signatures from Asian Americans, especially Chinese Americans, is a critical step itself. By signing each of their names on the Internet, Wen Ho Lee (center) at a UCLA book signing last year for his memoir co-written with Helen Zia, "My Country Versus Me."



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Wen Ho Lee (center) at a UCLA book signing last year for his memoir co-written with Helen Zia, "My Country Versus Me."

The petition letter, which includes the 15,000 signatures collected so far, was sent to President Bush on July 2.

Lee, a Taiwanese-born naturalized U.S. citizen, was indicted on 59 charges of mishandling sensitive nuclear information and spent nine months in jail in solitary confinement. He eventually pleaded guilty to a single felony count of downloading classified data onto portable computer tape, in

September 2000.

Among those who originally endorsed the petition were the JACL Honolulu chapter, OCA Seattle chapter and Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, who offered to forward the petitions to the White House via House postal service.

Karen Nakasone, 2nd vice president of the Honolulu JACL, said

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## Mori Memo

Floyd Mori, JACL National President

### The Next Biennium

Another successful national JACL biennial convention has been completed. Betty Atkins, convention chairperson and past president of the Las Vegas chapter, did a great job. Many thanks to Betty and to Garrett Ogata, current Las Vegas chapter president, and to all the convention committee, chapter members and volunteers who worked long and hard to make sure the convention was a success. Thanks also to Larry Oda, chair of the Monterey convention, who was a convention consultant and helped with details of the convention, and to the national JACL staff who put in long hours. Special thanks also go to our National Director John Tateishi and to Lucy Kishiue.

Thanks to the chapters, delegates, alternates, committee chairs and members, interns, past presidents, past and present national board members, candidates, awardees and their families, boosters and all others who attended the convention. Thanks also to the

sponsors, speakers, workshop presenters and exhibitors who gave valuable service.

It has been an honor to serve as national JACL president for the past two years. I thank the delegates and chapters for the opportunity to continue to serve JACL in the same capacity for the next two years. I will do all I can to help JACL grow and flourish.

I am often asked, "What can JACL provide for me?" This is a most difficult question to answer when trying to quantify the benefits of a national organization because the benefits are intangible and difficult to measure in bricks and mortar or dollars and cents.

The freedoms and opportunities we enjoy as a basically admired ethnic minority comprise the greatest intangible. Because of the legacy that has been sown by our Issei and Nisei forbearers, we today enjoy the rights and privileges that not too many decades ago were unreachable. The professions, high

paying jobs, opportunities in education and political offices are all within our children's reach today where a few decades ago a Japanese American college graduate had difficulty finding a job that matched his/her education and training. An important function of JACL is to help us all to learn and remember this legacy and to continue it.

Although maintaining civil rights for all is of main concern to our national organization, our local chapters are embracing the cultural, educational, service and social functions of JACL. It is important that JAs have an organization on the local level to meet these needs, and the national organization must do what it can to support these local efforts. If the national board loses sight of this reality, we are in danger of alienating local members who are the unique strength that empowers our national network to be an effective political force on the national level.

Many JAs appreciate all they have been given in this great country and want to give back. One way to honor the accomplishments of those who have gone before is to be a member of JACL and help support the efforts of our past leaders. We need to continue JACL for our children and our children's children way into the future.

I intend that we are still a membership organization and that strength must be generated in our local chapters. It is my full intent to pursue the membership enhancement plan of Ryan Chin, our new vice president of membership, which is to provide local chapters with a membership strategy that focuses on non-members in all categories, including our college-aged youth. As we unfold this plan, we will need the support of each and every local chapter board member in implementing the plan, using a flexible strategy customized to meet each local chapter's needs. Current JACL members are a key factor in obtaining new members.

I hope to make this the biennium of enhancing membership on all levels. I ask for your support, which may mean a time commitment and face-to-face contact with all those who would benefit from membership in JACL. Let's all help increase JACL membership. ■

## Letters to the Editor

### Of the People, By the People

I had the privilege of serving as the Las Vegas chapter delegate to the national convention this past June with Lillian Morizono. Once again, I was most disappointed by the resolution portion of the convention (though committee chairperson Reid Tateoka did an excellent job of handling the floor process).

As the delegate, I presented each constitution/bylaw amendment and resolution sent to the chapter for discussion and vote at our chapter meeting prior to the convention, so I could express the sentiments of the chapter via our vote (which I did). However, the national council was presented with twice as many "emergency resolutions" as resolutions that were submitted in a timely basis. The passage or rejection of a resolution should reflect the sentiments of the organization, rather than that of the few.

An Emergency Resolution could receive passage by as few as 67 JACLers. Thus, a few influential individuals could determine the priorities of the entire organization for the next two years! This was a depressing reminder to me as to why I missed the past six national

conventions after having attended the previous 10.

*Ben Nakagawa*  
Las Vegas

### Arigato New 1000 Club Members!

Some people may think what nerve I have to ask a fellow JACLer to join the 1000 Club, which is one of the financial arms of this organization. Does the asking put a knot in my stomach? You bet it does.

But on behalf of JACL, I would like to thank the following people who joined the 1000 Club at the 2002 national convention. (This is a partial list.) They are: Ken Inouye, David Hayashi, Hiro Nishikawa, Valerie Yasukochi, James Duff, and Kenji Treanor. Also upgrading to 1000 Club Life were: Setsy and Chip Larouche and Yuri Wong.

Anyone interested in joining, please call at 303/694-4790 or write 6423 S. Dallas Court, Englewood, CO 80111-5348.

*Dr. Frank Sakamoto*  
Englewood, Colo.

### Longtime JACLer Reflects on 2002 Convention

We arrived in Las Vegas on June 26, after about a five-hour car drive from Phoenix, Ariz. My wife Kay and I got a ride in Dr. Ted Namba's van, which included Ted, his wife Michele and children, Lauren and Bryan. Ted and I were Arizona chapter delegates. Alternate delegates were Scott Weisby and Randy Nakagawa. Jason Wong served as chapter intern.

At the awards luncheon, the Arizona chapter found out that it was awarded first place in the George Inagaki Chapter Citizens Award, which included an \$800 check and plaque. Dr. Richard Matsuishi and I, both past presidents of the Arizona chapter, accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. Matsuishi then donated the \$800 check to national JACL. All 22 Arizona chapter members who attended the national convention were supportive over this gesture.

At the tribute dinner honoring JACL's World War II leaders, several chapter members volunteered. They were Toshiko Chavers, Seiko Watkins, Mary Kuhara, Joyce

Shiota, Nancy Tanita, Masako Takiguchi and Peggy Matsuishi. Doris Asano made the table center pieces.

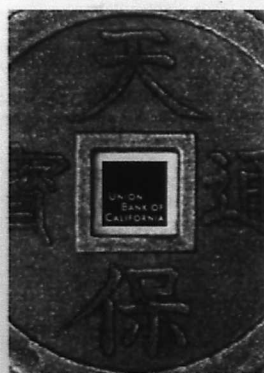
During the National Council session, Namba announced that the Arizona chapter intended to submit Phoenix as a bid for the 2006 national convention site. The Arizona chapter, which served as a back-up to the Las Vegas chapter at this convention, picked up many good pointers.

Kudos to the Las Vegas chapter and Betty Atkins, convention chair and past president of the Las Vegas chapter. The Las Vegas chapter really came through as a group.

Thanks go out to National President Floyd Mori, National Executive Director John Tateishi and National Vice President of General Operations David Kawamoto for recognizing the Arizona chapter during the convention.

Copies of the various convention reports are available at the Arizona Chapter Hall. Madeline Ong-Sakata took many photographs so these should also be available. It's nice to be back in Phoenix after an excellent national convention and visits with many old friends.

*Joe Altman*  
Phoenix



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## California Honors JA WWII Veterans for First Time

For the first time in California's history, the California State Legislature officially recognized and honored Japanese American World War II veterans on June 24 for their distinctive service and heroic contribution to the defense

resolutions, which commemorated the bravery and sacrifices made by JA veterans during WWII. Two representatives from each military division were called on by Nakano to accept the resolutions. Col. Young Oak Kim of Torrance,



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From l-r: Republican Floor Leader Assemblyman Dave Cox, 442nd veteran Roy Sato, Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, Col. Young Oak Kim, Assemblyman George Nakano and Assemblyman John Dutra.

of the United States.

Over 100 JA veterans and more than 200 family members and friends from across California attended the special ceremony during the Assembly floor session, which paid tribute to the veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service.

The 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT are the most highly decorated military units in U.S. history.

"Today, we honor the Japanese American World War II veterans who exemplified the true spirit of patriotism and laid the foundation for the future of America," said Assemblyman George Nakano. "Their heroism is immeasurable to preserving our democracy."

The 100th, 442nd and MIS were honored with special state

Calif., and Roy Sato of Sacramento represented the 100th; Susumu Satow and Wallace Nunotani of San Francisco represented the 442nd; and Col. Harry Fukuhara of San Jose and Hitoshi Sameshima of Altadena, Calif., represented the MIS.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the internment of JAs. Over 30,000 JA veterans valiantly served the U.S. military at a time when their loyalty was questioned and their families were interned at camps across the country.

Prior to the dedication ceremony, the veterans were taken on a special tour of the State Capitol and were treated to a lunch with legislators and a viewing of the new documentary "A Tradition of Honor." ■

## National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

### □ Matsunaga to Make Run for Lieutenant Governor

HONOLULU.—Democratic State Sen. Matt Matsunaga announced July 12 that he will enter the race for Hawaii lieutenant governor.

Matsunaga, the son of the late U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga, said he has about \$25,000 in his campaign fund and expects he will need \$200,000 for an effective statewide race.

Matsunaga said as lieutenant governor he would want to focus his energy on diversifying Hawaii's economy through development of the high technology industry.

Other candidates expected to file for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor are Board of Education member and former state Sen. Donna Ikeda, Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee Clayton Hee and possibly state Sen. Ron Menor.

### □ Feds Argue Against California Law Allowing Slave Labor Lawsuits

SANTA ANA Calif.—The U.S. government has urged a California appeals court to throw out slave labor lawsuits brought by World War II prisoners of war against Japanese companies.

The federal government claims a state law that allows such action is unconstitutional.

Lawyers representing the U.S. State Department argued that the 1999 law allowing wartime forced-labor victims to seek redress against multinational firms that operate in California interfered with the country's foreign affairs policy.

But state Deputy Attorney General Angela Sierra argued the state law did not interfere with the country's ability to make decisions about foreign affairs.

She said the law only extended the statute of limitations for past crimes and had "nothing to do with the present Japanese government." She said it created a forum for personal injury claims.

The three-judge panel is expected to issue a ruling sometime in November.

### □ Survey: Ethnic Newspapers and Magazines Increasing

NEW YORK—A survey by the Independent Press Association-New York said more than 60 ethnic groups publish newspapers or magazines in 42 languages. Nearly half use a language other than English and 14 percent use more than one language.

The survey found six dailies are published for New Yorkers of Chinese descent, five for Koreans, four for Hispanics and three for Poles. It also found dailies serving blacks, Greeks, Israelis, Italians, Russians and Serbs.

A survey last year found 198 ethnic publications in the city, or roughly triple that of a decade ago. A significant portion of the publications began in the 1990s.

In both the Asian and Hispanic categories, immigrants are coming from more countries, rather than in mass numbers from a few places.

The circulation of ethnic publications was generally around 15,000 to 20,000, said Abby Scher, director of the press association.

There are eight million people in New York. According to the census, the city has the greatest number of foreign-born residents at 2.8 million, 36 percent of the

city's population. Of that total, 44 percent entered the country in the past decade.

### □ City Council Authorizes Racial Profiling Study

SEATTLE—The City Council recently voted to authorize funds for putting cameras in police cars that patrol minority neighborhoods and a study to determine whether minorities are targeted unfairly in traffic stops.

Both matters remained in doubt because the 5-2 vote for the study and the 7-0 decision to install video cameras, each costing \$105,000, only authorized funding. Under the city charter, Mayor Greg Nickels is not required to act.

Officers would complete a form with 17 items, including the time, location and reason for each traffic stop. An outside consultant would then review the forms for any patterns they might indicate.

"We've heard a lot from the African American and Asian American and Hispanic American communities wanting us to dig deeper into what's causing the disproportionality," council member Jim Compton said. "This keeps faith with those communities."

Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske has said the study might be distorted and could cause officers fearful of being branded racists to stop pulling over drivers in minority neighborhoods. Similar studies elsewhere haven't "led to any conclusion or concrete answers," he said.

Nickels' spokeswoman, Marianne Bischel, said he would meet with Kerlikowske to discuss the matter, including potential negotiations with the officers' guild over use of the cameras. ■

## APAs in the News

Assemblymembers Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, and Wilma Chan, D-Oakland, were named among California's top legislators by the *California Journal*, a non-partisan independent magazine covering state government and politics, in its July 2002 issue. The Minnie Awards, established in 1990, recognize legislators in five categories: integrity, quick study, hard working, problem solving and potential. Chu and Chan were two of nine members of the 2002 freshman class to be named "Top of the Class" by the journal, which bases its decision on detailed interviews and surveys from legislative offices.

Carol Fujita, 53, a 10th grade biology instructor at Rio Mesa High School in Oxnard, Calif., was one of five educators out of a pool of 700 in California to win an Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence. Amgen, one of the world's largest biotechnology companies, gave \$10,000 to each winner. Fujita has been teaching for 18 years and has volunteered at dozens of entomology exhibitions.

Christopher J. Ige has been named director of Asian Pacific Affairs for the office of Gov. Gray Davis. He will serve as liaison for constituency groups and continue Davis' outreach to APAs throughout California. Ige, a native of California, has a wide range of experience in the political arena at the state and local levels. Since

2001, he has served as a policy aide to Assemblyman Lou Papan, D-Milbrae. From 2000-2001, Ige served as COPE director for the San Mateo County Central Labor Council. Ige has been involved in several statewide campaigns, including a stint as lead field organizer for the California Democratic Party in 1998.

Tamaki Kawakubo, 21, of Los Angeles, was recently given the highest award presented at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in the violin category. Kawakubo, who resides in Germany, won the prestigious Sarasate Violin Competition last year and is a veteran of major concert stages, including the Hollywood Bowl with the L.A. Philharmonic and Germany's Schleswig-Holstein Festival.

Michael R. Yamaki, 54, of Los Angeles, was recently appointed a member of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) by Gov. Gray Davis. Yamaki is currently the appointments secretary to Davis. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Fire Commission and a former member of the Los Angeles Police Commission, in which he was responsible for oversight in officer-involved shootings. The POST advises local and state agencies on the development and implementation of standards for law enforcement training and administration. ■

## Iwasaki Selected to New Salt Lake City Justice Court

Paul F. Iwasaki of Bountiful, Utah, was selected to reside as a full time judge on the newly established justice court in Salt Lake City.

The new justice court, which was established through the efforts of Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, includes seven judges — four full-time and three part-time.

Iwasaki, at his swearing in, gave tribute to his grandparents, who left Japan to strike up a new life in the United States; his parents, who worked tirelessly for 56 years running the Pagoda Restaurant to make a better life for their children; and to his wife and children.

Iwasaki also paid tribute to the Japanese American attorneys who came before him in Utah such as Ken Hisatake, Mas Yano, Jimi Mitsuana, and to retired Judge Raymond Uno (former national JACL president) and Salt Lake City District Court Judge Glenn Iwasaki.

Iwasaki earned his juris doctorate degree in 1980 from the University of Utah College of Law. He has been employed as assistant attorney general in the Utah attorney general's office and administrative law judge for the Utah Department of Employment Security. He has also worked as the deputy county attorney for the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office and a police officer in the Salt Lake City Police Department.

He is a member of the Utah State Bar Association and the Utah Minority Bar Association, as well as a long time member of the Salt Lake JACL chapter. ■

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## Honolulu Swears in New Board at Membership Meeting

The Honolulu chapter held its annual membership meeting on June 8 at Tretopos Restaurant, where it swore in new board members for the coming biennium. Incoming Board President Clement Bautista spoke of the challenges facing the new board in the coming years and cited the continuing need of a civil rights watchdog organization in the post 9/11 era.

This theme was echoed by state Sen. Matt Matsunaga, the keynote speaker for the event. In noting the continuing importance of the JACL, he cited the organization's role in a movement to get a Virginia public school named after his father, the late U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga, in the face of opposition that some construed to be racially based.

The program, hosted by Kalene Shim Sakamoto, included a musical performance by singer/songwriter and University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law faculty member Chris Iijima, and the presentation of JACL service awards to longtime civil rights activists Helen Nagtalon Miller and James and Yoshie Tanabe.

The new board members and executive officers were sworn in by Circuit Court Judge Karl Sakamoto. The executive officers include President Clement Bautista, First Vice President Susan Kitsu, Second Vice President Karen Nakasone, Third Vice President David Forman, Secretary Lori Amano and Treasurer Michale Murata. Board members include Jim Dixon, Ioane Hoomanawanui, Clayton Ikei, Bill Kaneko, Art Koga, Jody Kono, Benjamin Kudo, Mark Nakashima, Brian Niiya, Kalene Shim-Sakamoto, Dolly Strazar, Kathi

Takakuwa, Yoshie Tanabe, Garrett Toguchi and Jane Yamashiro.

## San Jose Chapter Bids Wayne Tanda Farewell

The San Jose chapter held a farewell luau for Wayne Tanda, former San Jose chapter president, who will be moving to Southern California as the newly appointed general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

The San Jose chapter honored Tanda for his many years of volunteer service to the organization. Among his accomplishments are chairing the chapter's 60th anniversary dinner, serving as the Issei Memorial Building manager, sitting on the chapter advisory board and recruiting new board members.

The luau was hosted by Advisory Board Chair Yosh Uchida, Chapter President Kenzo Kimura and board members Karen Shiraki and Tom and Sue Shigemasa.

The chapter also attended Tanda's retirement luncheon hosted by his co-workers. At the event, the chapter presented Tanda with a plaque of appreciation.

## Santa Maria Valley JACL Holds 2002 Scholarship Luncheon

Santa Maria Valley JACL recently held their 2002 scholarship luncheon, which was keynoted by JACL Executive Director John Tateishi. Scholarship recipients Christina Tsuyuki, who plans to major in English at California State University, Long Beach, and Alana Toshi Garcia, who plans to study sports medicine or physical

therapy at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, each received \$500.

## South Bay JACL Presents 2002 Egashira Scholarship Recipients

The South Bay chapter announced its four recipients of the Kiichi Egashira Memorial Scholarship: David Hill, Juli K. Matsumoto, Shoji Derek Ueki, and Elizabeth Keiko Williams. A special reception was held on June 8 at the El Retiro Park in Torrance. Alan Nishio, Associate Vice President for Student Services at California State University, Long Beach was the featured speaker. The Kiichi Egashira Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students of Japanese ancestry residing in the South Bay who plan on pursuing a degree in science.

Ichio Egashira of Homeland, Calif., established the scholarship in 1987 in memory of his brother Kiichi, who was an engineer at TRW. The Egashira family was interned at the Gila River Relocation Center and after the war Kiichi attended the Illinois Institute of Technology and later received his engineering degree from USC. After serving in the Korean War, he resided in Gardena.

## GLAS JACL Announces Scholarship Awardees

The Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL has chosen four college-bound students of Japanese descent from single-parent families to receive one of the following scholarships: a GLAS Hana Uno Shepard annual scholarship for \$1000 and one for \$500, and two

special 2002 scholarships for \$250 each in memory of the late Edwin Okahata. They will also each receive student memberships in the JACL.

The awardees are Carina Weber, daughter of Linda Nagai, from Corona del Mar High, Newport Beach; Kevin Ikeda, son of Rieko Ikeda, from Chadwick School, Palos Verdes Peninsula; Kamryn Sakamoto, daughter of Linda Sakamoto, and Jonathan Kawahara, son of Elizabeth Kawahara, both from Schurr High, Montebello.

The scholarship committee consisted of Florence Sumire Griffen, chair, Meriko Mori and Miyako Kadogawa.

## Ke Kitayama Memorial Scholarship Recipients Announced

The 2002 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship recipients were announced by Mas Hashimoto, scholarship chair. Each winner will receive \$1,000 thanks to the Kee Kitayama Memorial Fund, the Kitayama Foundation, the Day of Remembrance Education Fund, and proceeds from the recent Watsonville-Santa Cruz "re-enactment" event.

This year's winners are: Andrew Clouse, son of Matthew and Carol Clouse of Watsonville, Calif., an Aptos High School graduate who will be attending Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, majoring in computer science; Elizabeth Rose Mayeda, daughter of Robb and Dorothy Mayeda, an Aptos High School graduate who will be attending UC Berkeley and is contemplating a degree in business or biology; Allison Takeuchi, daughter of

Mark and Patt Takeuchi of Watsonville and an Aptos High School graduate, will attend UC Davis majoring in math with a minor in international studies; Kari Nagamine, daughter of Roy and Phyllis Nagamine of Watsonville and an Aptos High School graduate, will be attending UC Santa Barbara, majoring in biology/pre-medicine with a goal of specializing in sports medicine; and Alelani S. Goto, daughter of Alpha and Pam Goto of Santa Cruz and a graduate of Monte Vista Christian High School in Watsonville, will be attending USC in the fall, majoring in art.

## East Bay Living History Project Honors Legacy of Local Issei

In a series of East Bay History workshops, panelists Chizuko Iiyama, Cookie Takeshita, Nellie Takeda, Tony Yokomizo, and Min Sano shared memories of immigration stories, racism encountered, and the resilience and quiet determination of the Issei to build a sense of community in Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland.

"This significant event lends energy and follow-up to build local oral histories of Asians in America," noted moderator Jere Takahashi of the Asian American Studies Department of UC Berkeley. "History is illuminated and enriched by personal stories and narrations. The workshop is a wonderful beginning to gain a better understanding of the rich history of our local communities and to follow in the footsteps of contributions like Bob Yamada in Berkeley."

For more information about the East Bay Living History Project's three-part series, contact Berkeley JACL Civil Rights Co-chairs Jim Duff, 510/272-8286 or Alan Ohashi 510/649-2300. ■

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sor Rita Walters, to decide what plan to present before the L.A. City Council. To Perry's credit, she has held two public meetings recently to hear out the community. As of press time, Perry said she plans to schedule a smaller meeting in an effort to reach a compromise.

**S**an Francisco's Japantown recently went through a similar divisive controversy over the future of the Japantown Bowl. Despite public outcry from the Japantown community and local bowling leagues, Kintetsu Enterprises closed and sold the bowling alley to a non-JA investor whose plan is to convert the building into market rate condominiums and commercial retail space.

Chris Hirano, director of community development with the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) which had placed a bid to purchase the bowling alley property, said the site is a corner lot, and those in Japantown fear there may be a domino affect where outside developers may start buying Japantown properties from the outside in.

Hirano said Japantown property is currently desirable among developers because Japantown, unlike other areas of San Francisco, is not protected. Japantown is under the jurisdiction of the redevelopment agency until 2005 and does not receive city policy protection banning development.

"Developers see this as a window of opportunity," said Hirano. "It's very political and the stakes are high."

And because the process can be so complicated, Hirano said some see no future in Japantown. But Hirano said there is statewide support such

as the recently passed Senate Bill 307, a pilot program that will promote the preservation of California's Japantowns, and Proposition 40, portions of which are slated to fund Japantown preservation efforts.

As for the debate in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo, Hirano said the JCCNC has a gymnasium and the benefits have been "phenomenal."

"From Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 7 p.m., the gym is packed with families I've never seen before," said Hirano, who works and lives in the Japantown area. "The gym brings people into Japantown and exposes them to many things they didn't even know existed here."

**S**eattle's once thriving Japantown is now a part of the International District (ID). Bob Santos, executive director of the International District Improvement Association, said the future of the ID is "an ongoing battle," and that without community activism 35 years ago, "we would have lost the district many, many years ago."

Some of the external elements the ID has to contend with include the construction of two stadiums; two freeways; and five office buildings, constructed by millionaire businessman Paul Allen. Santos said the Paul Allen buildings employ an estimated 4,000 people and parts of the buildings are built right inside the ID border. He predicts workers will want to live near their place of employment, pushing housing rates up and beginning a gentrification process which may force out low income Asian American elderly and immigrants living in the ID.

Already property values in the area have shot up, said Santos. To prevent ID residents from being evicted and to keep ID businesses viable, Santos' agency is working

with ID property owners to come up with financial plans and assisting in finding funding. Santos believes this is a critical time because if property value keeps rising, he fears many ID property owners may go bankrupt if their rent revenue can no longer cover rising property taxes.

But the ID community must also contend with internal politics. Three years ago, a group of Chinese American ID property owners started negotiations to have a McDonalds lease out space in their building. Supporters of the deal felt the land owners should be free to do what they wished. But opponents argued that allowing a franchise into the ID would set a precedent and erode away the uniqueness of the ID architect. The McDonalds deal fell through after opponents threatened boycotts but the issue brought to the forefront internal ID tensions.

Ed Suguro, the unofficial historian of the Nikkei in the Pacific Northwest, said the tension is mainly between Chinese Americans, who operate between 70 to 80 percent of the ID businesses, and the rest of the Asian American communities. Recently Suguro said Chinese Americans unsuccessfully went before the Seattle City Council to have the area renamed as Chinatown.

**I**n the Midwest, although many Nikkei resettled in the Chicago area, a Japantown never formed, said JAACL Midwest District Regional Director Bill Yoshino.

"For a time, there were several restaurants and markets in the area of Clark and Belmont streets on Chicago's North Side," said Yoshino. "But Chicago never had a Japantown or Little Tokyo in the same sense as Los Angeles, San Francisco or San Jose."

Debbie Miekko Burns, Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) archivist, the largest organization serving the Nikkei community in Chicago and the Midwest, said the reason a Japantown never materialized in Chicago was because JAs were discouraged by the government from congregating in groups during the war. Burns also said the JASC, to a smaller extent, is faced with the same issues as the Japantowns in that they are trying to bring in younger members and must outreach to other communities to increase their membership base.

**N**ew York never had a Japantown but its historical Chinatown is being threatened by gentrification, coupled with the

impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Robert Weber, director of policy for Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE), said Chinatown in the past 10 to 15 years had actually expanded and was even spilling into Little Italy. But that changed after 9/11.

Chinatown is less than a mile from what was once the World Trade Center. To assess the impact of 9/11, AAFE, along with 21 community and academic organizations, released a study earlier this year titled, "Chinatown After September 11th: An Economic Impact Study."

The study found that Chinatown's garment and restaurant industries were the hardest hit. Other findings include:

- Three months after 9/11, an estimated 7,700 workers or almost one quarter of Chinatown's labor force remained unemployed.

- Those who were employed saw a sharp decline in income. Garment workers witnessed a 46 percent decrease in their average weekly wages; restaurant workers, a 61 percent decline; and jewelry store workers, an 80 percent decline.

- Five months after 9/11, 40 garment factories had closed their doors permanently, while 70 percent of garment workers and one third of restaurant workers were still working reduced hours.

With the recent closure of manufacturing industries in Chinatown, Weber said there has been pressure to convert these vacant buildings into luxury condominiums and co-ops. But Weber said the survival of Chinatown hinges on the continuation of such industries as the garment and restaurant business because these are some of the few employment outlets that a recent immigrant can sustain themselves with limited English skills.

To prevent Chinatown from disappearing, AAFE with the national support of organizations such as the Freddie Mac, the Enterprise Foundation and the Harvard Joint Center for Housing, along with a broad group of community organizations, launched the Rebuild Chinatown Initiative on July 8. The initiative, headed by Weber, also has the support of elected officials, including U.S. Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"I think the issue of preserving Chinatown goes beyond the borders of New York City's Chinatown," said Weber. "This is one of the few Chinatowns in the country that a

Chinese American can work in, live in and return to because it is much, much more than a tourist attraction ... In fact, the national support for the initiative shows how important this community is."

"With the support of important national partners joining us, we can complete an intensive review of our community and provide a blueprint for rebuilding Chinatown today, one that will help lead the community into the future," said Christopher Kiu, AAFE executive director.

**T**he future of Philadelphia's 125-year-old Chinatown may not be as upbeat. Although the community successfully fought off the construction of a nearby stadium two years ago, Helen Gym with Asian Americans United said they are constantly threatened by projects that will negatively impact Chinatown.


The JAACL passed a resolution supporting Philadelphia's Chinatown when it passed a resolution at the 2000 national convention opposing the baseball stadium.

"Over the last 35 years, Chinatown has lost more than it won," said Paul Uyebara with the Philadelphia chapter. "It is largely walled off on all four sides by government development that is totally blocking expansion. In the last several years, expansion has pushed over the northern wall — the Vine Street Expressway. But movement in the other direction is not really possible. Local opposition has restricted but not stopped the development pressures."


Today, the Chinatown community must contend with talks of a convention center expansion. Gym said the convention center itself is built on historic Chinatown land, and at the time it was built hundreds of Chinatown homes and businesses were forced out. Gym fears an expansion would continue to shrink Chinatown.

Gym also said despite the Chinatown community's request to be a part of the process to determine what to do with a vacant building, they recently discovered through the newspaper that the city plans to convert the building into a mental rehabilitation hospital.

On the positive side, Gym said the stadium battle helped to publicize their plight and opened the doors to community leaders and elected officials. She said they hope to build upon these relationships and are in the discussion stages of expanding the north side of Chinatown. ■




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her group initially committed to obtain at least 200 signatures, which they were to file electronically with the [wenholee.org](http://www.wenholee.org) website.

"Our chapter felt that this was a worthy and legitimate cause to support," Nakasone said. "We collected some signatures at our annual membership meeting on June 8, and intended to collect the remainder of our 200 at the JAACL national convention. At the time, we signed on as an 'endorsee,' we had no reason to believe that [www.wenholee.org](http://www.wenholee.org) was acting counter to the Lee family's wishes."

Nakasone said her chapter had collected over 100 signatures by the time she was informed by OCA Executive Director Christine Chen that [www.wenholee.org](http://www.wenholee.org) was not acting according to the family's request.

Chen said she had received an e-mail from the Lee family's attorney, Brian Sun, who asked the groups "to hold off in pressing for a pardon" until the litigation was over.

"We (national OCA) never got involved mostly because the family had told us their wishes," said Chen, who is currently drafting a letter to [wenholee.org](http://www.wenholee.org) to "reclarify" their position not to take any action at this time.

"OCA and JACL have been very close, and it was just new information that I passed along," Chen said.

With this new information, the Honolulu chapter withdrew its motion to support the petition drive at the recent JAACL national convention, which was held June 25-29.

"We didn't take the position to not support the petition drive to undermine (Cecilia) Chang's efforts, but rather to honor the family's request," said JAACL Executive Director John Tateishi.

"Obviously, if the government knew that they were being pressured to issue a presidential pardon in light of a civil suit against the government, it would jeopardize the lawsuit by providing a way out of having to settle on the lawsuit," Tateishi said. "... It seems to me from the public evidence available that Dr. Lee was made a scapegoat and a target of racial profiling. I think he has a good chance of winning his case against the government, and I think the government knows this. A presidential pardon would be an easy way to resolve this matter for the White House."

Chang said she was contacted by Lee's daughter, Alberta, and still believes the family's concerns but still believes there are larger issues at stake.

"I personally cannot see how it will jeopardize the civil suit," Chang said. "If anything, I would think the support we are gathering around Dr. Wen Ho Lee through a pardon petition could only enhance his position in the lawsuit. Of course, I am no lawyer, so I won't pretend I under-

stand their strategy."

Last week, Nakasone sent a letter to Chang explaining their decision. "My chapter will likely support future efforts toward a pardon, at such time that the family requests such an effort," the letter stated.

Despite these retractions of support from key groups, Chang said "it will not affect my push for a pardon."

"Wen Ho Lee's case is now a symbol of injustice for Asian Americans in this country," she said. "If we do not voice our anger, we would be considered as politically powerless. Those in power would view us as the forever meek and timid race. Who do you think they would pick to kick around next time?"

In a January *Newsweek* interview, Lee had said he believed the government owed him an apology. He is now suing the government for violating his privacy rights.

At trial, the federal judge presiding over the case apologized to Lee for the mishandling of the investigation by "top officials" after it was revealed by the General Accounting Office that FBI Assistant Director Neil J. Gallagher had misled Congress about the espionage probe at Los Alamos.

The Justice Department and the FBI maintained they were correct in detaining Lee. Lee's lawyers are currently deposing Gallagher, former FBI director Louis Freeh and other officials in the civil case. ■

## Tule Lake Registration Deadline Aug. 1 Assemblyman Nakano Authors Bill to Create APIA Commission

The Eighth Biennial Tule Lake Gathering will be held Sept. 6-8 at the Double Tree Hotel, 2600 Point West Way in Sacramento. The registration deadline is Aug. 1.

"We are creating a multi-generational opportunity for Nisei to socialize and for Sansei and Yonsei — and Gosei, to gather — to learn more about life before, during and after internment," said Lorna Fong, planning committee co-chair. "We are planning education forums on the internment experience and will have a variety of displays with plenty of opportunities for the generations to share ideas, opinions and experiences."

Tom Okubo, planning committee co-chair, said many of the traditional activities, along with some new activities will be available. "We're going to have a mixer on Friday night, featuring music from the Downbeats, a band formed in Tule Lake. We'll have a dinner on Saturday night — short on speeches, but long on opportunities to socialize."

The gathering begins with a golf tournament at Teal Bend Golf Course on Friday, followed by a casual evening mixer.

The Tule Lake Gathering Planning Committee is also partnering with the California State University, Sacramento Archives (CSUS) to display never before seen artifacts from the camp.

On Saturday, the gathering will sponsor a bus trip to Reno. Back at the hotel, there will be an arts and crafts fair all day, along with a workshop on "Citizenship: The Japanese American Experience," and a panel discussion on "The Many Faces of Internment."

"Citizenship" will feature Georgianna White, special assistant to the Japanese American Archival Collection for Education and Outreach at CSUS. White will detail the history of the JA experience from immigration to redress.

"The Many Faces of Internment" will be facilitated by CSUS Professor Wayne Maeda. Designed for all ages, this panel will provide a multi-faceted view of the JA internment experience.

Megumi, a bilingual storyteller, will perform "The Heart No Longer Silent." The program recounts the personal stories of former internees and how a Yonsei finds out about her family's experience.

There will also be the traditional Saturday night dinner. This year's special attraction will be The Moonlight Serenaders, a group of Asian Pacific American performers whose mission is to present meaningful entertainment programs for JAs in appreciation of the many sacrifices they made.

At previous Tule Lake events, Sundays have been traditionally the "Sacramento Reunion." This year, the planning committee has arranged for bento boxes from Fuji Restaurant to be served at the Sacramento Buddhist Church kaikan. On display will be Sacramento Japantown — pre- and post-war.

For information or registration forms, call Lorna Fong at 916/393-0405; Tom Okubo at 916/421-4244; email: Tulelake2002@hotmail.com; or write Tule Lake Gathering 2002, P.O. Box 22877, Sacramento CA 95822. ■

With a vote of 7-1 on June 25, the California Senate Committee on Governmental Organization passed Assembly Bill 116, authored by California Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus. AB 116 would establish California's first-ever Asian Pacific Islander American Advisory Commission (APIAAC).

"There are over 3.8 million Asian Pacific Islander Americans in California, who reflect a wide range of unique needs and concerns that should be addressed by the state. With an advisory commission in place, California will be able to better identify and attend to the growing needs and problems affecting the APIA community," said Nakano.

Under AB 116, the APIAAC would establish a commission to help identify and develop outreach programs to more effectively communicate with and respond to the needs of the fastest-growing ethnic community in California. The 13-member commission will meet on matters affecting the APIA community, and submit an annual report with specified recommendations to help advise the governor, the legislature and state agencies on social and economic issues most prominent to the APIA community.

"The diversity in our origins, languages and dialects alone calls for the establishment of this type of commission," said Diane Ujiye, chair of the Asian and

Pacific Islanders California Action Network (API'sCAN), the organization sponsoring the bill. API'sCAN is a catalyst for public policy and community development that promotes health, social, economic and political equity for the diverse API communities through organizing, collaboration, leadership development and education.

"AB 116 is a natural and crucial extension of our efforts, and I am

pleased that this first step moves us closer to a much-needed commission," Ujiye said.

Other sponsors for this bill are the JACL, South Asian Network, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Asian American Recovery Services Inc. and the California Immigrant Welfare Collaborative.

AB 116 must now pass the state Senate before heading to the governor's desk for final approval. ■

## Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 Honors JAs Killed in Action During WWII



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On July 4, the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 of Sacaton, Ariz., honored Japanese American soldiers killed in action during World War II by placing a wreath at the Gila River Relocation Center, Butte Camp #2 site memorial.

There was a traditional rifle salute of three volleys by the seven member Honors Detail and the playing of taps by the post bugler.

Similar activities were held at monument sites located in the seven districts comprising the Gila River Indian Community lands to honor the numerous Indian veterans of WWI, WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Two members of the Honors Detail of Post 84 are Masaji Inoshita and Joe Allman, both WWII veterans and members of the Arizona chapter of JACL. ■

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### Census Workshop: A JACL Convention Bonus

**A**MONG THE workshops offered at the recent National JACL Convention in Las Vegas, the one on Census conducted by Jerry Wong turned out to be a bonus, especially for me.

Jerry, a veteran West Region official of the U.S. Census Bureau, and his bureau assistant Wayne Kei from Washington, D.C., manned their information booth at the convention. (I first met Jerry in the 1980s when he was Hollywood JACL chapter president; maybe before then.)

Two printouts of particular interest available at this booth were the Population of Japanese by States and by Major Metropolitan Areas. This was the bonus.

And for the first time, a portrait of the Hapa Japanese population in the column titled: Combination. The question on race was asked of every individual living in the United States for Census 2000. The bureau uses the term "two or more races" and refers to respondents who chose more than one of the six race categories or reflected self-identification. The six racial categories: white, black or African American, American Indian and Alaska native, Asian, Native

Hawaiian and Pacific Islander and others.

**LAST SEPTEMBER**, the Census Bureau reported the Asian population of 10.2 million alone and 11.9 million in Combination. Last month, JACLers at the convention were able to pick up a specialized Census Bureau report by State of the Japanese Alone (796,700) and in Combination with one or more races (1,148,932). The Hapa segment adds an extra 44 percent (352,232).

The second specialized report lists Japanese populations by major metropolitan areas, there being 58 areas with 1,400 of Japanese, Alone or in Combination. The inclination is obvious to conjure a map where JACL might consider grooming new chapters or bolstering existing chapters.

With 201,000 Japanese plus another 94,910 Hapa Japanese in Hawaii, the immediate question arises: Why just one chapter? The second chapter in Hilo was short-lived. The Honolulu chapter was founded in 1980 by Earl Nishimura, the Hawaiian Nisei in a federal post in Washington who retired and returned home to

organize the first chapter outside the mainland. (The same year, Barry Saiki, now of Stockton, organized the Japan chapter. Both comprise the Pacific portion for Northern California-Western Nevada district council.)

JACL has long felt its place was uncalled for, with a Nikkei majority in the Islands; whereas JACL was originally organized for a Nikkei minority facing a multitude of problems on the mainland.

Not forgotten, however, was the postwar JACL effort to raise funds for the Issei naturalization campaign in Hawaii. For fund-raiser Saburo Kido, then immediate past national JACL president in 1948, it was his first trip home to his birthplace in a quarter century.

JACL is also most appreciative that Pfc. Thomas Higa, a Hawaiian 100th Infantry veteran recuperating from combat wounds in a Utah army hospital, spoke glowingly in Nihongo to Issei in the WRA camps about the exploits of the Mainland Nisei GIs. (I met his son, a cardiologist, in Santa Maria some years ago.)

**BACK TO** the workshop: The total Japanese population dropped from 847,562 (1990) to 796,700 (2000) and to sixth place (8 per-

cent. of the total 10 million Asians). Preceding are (1) Chinese, (2) Filipino, (3) Asian Indian, (4) Vietnamese, and (5) Korean.

The median age of the Japanese nationally is figured at 42.4 years, according to my workshop notes. What does that portend for the future life of JACL as an organization promoting and protecting the welfare of Japanese Americans and Nikkei? It is the highest among all Asian groups in the United States. Numbers for others: Koreans, 32.4; Chinese, 35.3; Total U.S. population, 35.3.

(The median age for California Asians is 34.2; for Latinos, 25; blacks 31.5, and whites, 40.3, according to the California Census Friendly Guide that State Sen. Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles, had requested.)

By October 2002, the Census Bureau will have a population count and details by ancestry groups: 108 of them, the workshop was informed.

Jerry Wong added the Census Bureau hopes to eliminate the long-form on an annual basis. Population estimates and projections will continue as well as the five-year economic census, and ongoing demographics. For the first time, detailed reports are available for a fee on CDs and DVDs. Cost of 2000 products are mostly free, otherwise. Fast computer access <www.census.gov> and Internet minority links are streamlined.

Many thanks for the Info Kit, Jerry, and display copy of the National Data Book: Statistical Abstract of the United States 2000, which bears a most familiar name on the title page: Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce. It's the first federal reference publication with his name in our library. ■

#### Japanese Population by State 2000

	Japanese Only	Combination
United States	796,700	1,148,932
Alabama	1,966	3,163
Alaska	1,414	3,011
Arizona	7,172	13,199
Arkansas	1,036	1,739
California	288,854	394,896
Colorado	11,571	18,676
Connecticut	4,196	5,767
Delaware	614	976
Dist of Col.	1,117	1,471
Florida	10,897	18,002
Georgia	7,242	10,618
Hawaii	201,764	296,674
Idaho	2,642	4,481
Illinois	20,379	27,702
Indiana	5,065	7,294
Iowa	1,474	2,358
Kansas	1,935	3,501
Kentucky	3,683	4,831
Louisiana	1,519	2,684
Maine	616	1,045
Maryland	6,620	10,017
Mass.	10,539	13,997
Michigan	11,288	15,745
Minnesota	3,816	6,483
Mississippi	766	1,372
Missouri	3,337	5,625
Montana	885	1,513
Nebraska	1,582	2,555
Nevada	8,277	13,138
N.H.	877	1,464
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New Mexico	1,964	3,831
New York	37,279	45,237
N. Carolina	5,664	8,890
North Dakota	186	376
Ohio	10,732	15,225
Oklahoma	2,505	4,728
Oregon	12,131	19,347
Pennsylvania	6,984	10,436
Rhode Island	784	1,278
S. Carolina	2,448	3,724
South Dakota	350	621
Tennessee	4,304	5,872
Texas	17,120	28,060
Utah	8,186	9,991
Vermont	403	683
Virginia	9,083	14,613
Washington	35,985	56,210
West Virginia	887	1,237
Wisconsin	2,868	4,884
Wyoming	485	862
*Puerto Rico	251	400

\*not included in U.S. total



### Troubled in Paradise

Brian Niiya

### The Strange Case of Testuo Harano

**I**n 1994, a series of tunnels on the H-3 freeway on Oahu were named after Testuo Harano, a former head of the state highways department. Harano, 74 years old at the time, retired shortly thereafter from the state Department of Transportation, having worked there for 52 years. With the blessing of Gov. John Waihee, a concurrent resolution was passed in the state legislature naming the tunnels after Harano.

Then, in March of 2001, current Gov. Ben Cayetano issued an executive memo recommending that the tunnels be renamed after Gov. John A. Burns, while naming the H-3's control center after Harano instead. Earlier this year, the renaming was completed, much to the dismay of the very much alive Harano and his family.

This much we know. Beyond that, the renaming episode is complicated and puzzling in a number of ways. The various issues that could be behind this event shed light on the complexity of race and politics in Hawai'i in 2002.

First there is H-3 itself. The last of Hawai'i's freeways took some 25 years to complete at a cost of \$1.3 billion when it opened in December of 1997. It had been dogged by controversy throughout its construction. Many wondered about the cost of the freeway, given that the original military rationale for its Kaneohe to Pearl Harbor route seemed to have dimmed with time. There were also environmental concerns, since the freeway cuts through the Koolau Mountains in the middle of the island, as well as issues concerning ancient Hawaiian cultural sites in the path of the freeway.

The tunnels formerly named after Testuo Harano were important parts of H-3, featuring state-of-the-art lighting, ventilation, and signage.

The renaming of the tunnels seemed to come out of the blue. At first, the governor's office claimed that Harano and the Burns family had approved the renaming of the tunnels. However, Harano has since made it clear that this was not the case. In April, Gov. Burns' daughter Sheenagh Burns also questioned the name change, noting that the medical school at the University of Hawai'i, among many other things, is already named after him. The governor's office has since remained vague about the reasons for the name change, citing only the desire to honor Burns.

The name change has sparked opposition among many in Hawai'i, particularly among some Japanese Americans. Some see subtle racism here, pointing to a memo from the governor's office citing the desirability of "selecting a name more sensitive to the area occupied by the H-3 Freeway." Since "Harano" was being replaced by "Burns" on a road that leads to Pearl Harbor ... well you connect the dots.

But other JAs have been ambivalent. Some feel that a Hawaiian name would be more appropriate. Others may be less inclined to oppose the name change because the former Gov. Burns is a beloved figure among many JAs of the immediate post-war generation, credited with opening the doors to political and economic power to AJAs.

There is yet one more level of

complication to add to the mix. It turns out that Gov. Cayetano once worked for the state highway department many years ago and was turned down for a promotion despite having achieved the highest score on the written exam. The implication is that he was turned down because of his ethnic background. Guess who was the head of the highway department at the time? Cayetano cites this event as one of the catalysts for his going to law school in California, and the beginning of the road that would lead him to the governor's office. Could changing the name of the tunnels some 35 years later be a payback?

Given that no one is talking, we can only speculate. We may never know the real reason for the name change. In the meantime, I suspect we haven't heard the last of the Harano/Burns tunnel — it is an election year after all.

My own view? I'm of two minds. On the one hand, taking someone's name off a freeway tunnel while the person is still alive for any reason short of a felony conviction strikes me as cruel and unprincipled. I feel badly for Mr. Harano, who is now 82 years old, and who has seen a great honor rather callously taken from him. At a certain level, I would like to see his name restored, particularly if anti-Japanese sentiment played any role in his name being taken off the tunnels. But on the other hand, I think it is just as well that the tunnels on a highway so opposed by many Hawaiians not be named after a JA. Enough with the "middleman minority" stuff already. Regardless, we will see how it all shakes out. ■

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# In Sports & Entertainment

## PRO BASEBALL

### Ishii Helps Dodgers Stay Half Game Atop West

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Dodgers are still on top of the National League West, even after losing three of four games to the defending World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks last weekend.

The Dodgers defeated Arizona 2-1 on July 14. Kazuhisa Ishii (12-5), the rookie from Japan, held Arizona to two hits in 7 2-3 shutout innings in the final game of the series.

"The one thing you heard about Ishii before we signed him was that he was a big-game pitcher," said

manager Jim Tracy. "My guess is that he's been involved in a lot of big games in Japan, and that he rises to the occasion."

Ishii, speaking through an interpreter, said that experience has helped. "I thought about that," he said. "I like pressure, like to win big games."

He appeared in 10 Japan Series, winning five championships with the Yakult Swallows.

The Dodgers are now half a game ahead of Arizona, who lost July 15 to the San Francisco Giants. ■

## FILM

### New York AA Film Festival Kicks Off July 19

The 25th Asian American International Film Festival will take place July 19-27 at the Asia Society & Museum, 725 Park Ave. (at 70th St.), in New York. It will feature over 120 new movies, including the latest blockbusters from Asia, art-house films, directorial debuts and a retrospective series.

Program highlights include: "Musa

the Warrior" starring Zhang Ziyi; "Shaolin Soccer" starring Stephen Chow; "Full Time Killer" starring Andy Lau and Takashi Sorimachi; "Bagong Buwan" starring Cesar Montano; and "The Cheat" introduced by Martin Scorsese.

For complete program and ticket information, call 212/989-1422 or visit [www.asiancinema.com](http://www.asiancinema.com). ■

## THEATER

### New Play Opens Dialogue for JA Women

Leslie Kitashima-Gray's new play "Reds, Whites, and Blues" about two Japanese American women is set to open Aug. 1 and run through Aug. 31 at the historic Los Angeles Athletic Club.

The play focuses on Daphne and Grace, two former classmates who fatefully meet at an exclusive hotel where one is a privileged guest and the other is a maid.

Each show will be limited to 10

people, who will get a tour of the LAAC, the first private club in L.A. with a non-discrimination policy.

Show days and times are Wednesday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The LAAC is located at 431 West Seventh St., downtown. Advance reservations (\$20, includes parking, tour of building and reception) are required. For reservations or information, call 323/655-0120. ■

## SOCCER

### Organization to Hold National Games in Hawaii

HONOLULU—Close to 200 teams and 6,000 visitors got their kicks last week as the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) brought its National Games to the islands for the first time.

Soccer fans weren't the only ones cheering as businesses — from hotels to sporting goods stores — prepared for a financial surge of as much as \$8.2 million.

"One of the things that has really become clear is the importance of events and how events can help stabilize the industry as a whole,"

said Pearl Imada Iboshi, the state's chief economist.

The games, which began July 4, featured 192 teams from all over the country, the largest turnout since the games started in 1988, organizers said.

Bringing the tournament to the islands included years of lobbying as well as the completion of the 288-acre Waipio Soccer Complex, which opened in September 2000. The complex has 19 full-sized soccer fields and a stadium facility with lights.

Officials estimate there are about 23,000 children in Hawaii who are members of AYSO, the highest proportion in the country.

United States Youth Soccer has also planned its Region IV tournament in Hawaii. The organization announced last year that the tournament will bring 256 teams from 13 states to Hawaii for the competition for age groups ranging from under-12 to under-19 in both boys and girls divisions. The tournament is scheduled for June 23-28, 2003. ■

### Fair Sisters Face Off as Philadelphia Defeats New York

VILLANOVA, Pa.—Twin sisters **Lorrie** and **Ronnie Fair**, 23, went head to head as their two teams, the Philadelphia Charge and the New York Power, faced off July 7.

Marinette Pichon, of France, scored all three of her goals in the second half to lead the Charge to a 3-1 victory. She leads the Women's United Soccer Association with 12 goals and 25 points and became the all-time leading scorer for the Charge, surpassing Lu Ailing who has 24 points.

## DIVING

### Soldati Grabs Silver

U.S. diver **Kimiko Hirai Soldati** captured a silver medal in the 10-meter individual platform event at the World Cup Diving Competition in Seville, Spain, held June 25-29. She also placed sixth in the finals of the 3-meter individual event. In the 3- and 10-meter synchronized events, she placed fourth and fifth with Erin Quinn and Laura Wilkinson respectively. ■


## PRO BASKETBALL

### Yamasaki Sees Little Playing Time

The Miami Sol activated forward **Lindsey Yamasaki** and placed center **Carolyn Moos** on the injured list in late June, but the 6-foot-1 rookie out of Stanford has yet to see much playing time off the bench.

She played only one minute on July 13, as the Sol (9-10) defeated the Miracle 70-54. Betty Lennox led Miami with 24 points.

In three appearances earlier this season, Yamasaki averaged 9.3 points per game, shooting 52.4 percent from the field and 71.4 percent from three-point country. ■



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