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Gov. Davis Seeks Support of APA Community, Possible Swing Vote

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
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As Democratic incumbent Gov. Gray Davis' lead over Republican candidate Bill Simon Jr. narrowed in the California race for governor, Asian Pacific Americans in the Davis administration have begun drumming up support among APAs, a community which may

included a Who's Who of California APA officials, starting with the highest-ranking APA appointee, Lon Hatamiya, secretary of the California Technology, Trade & Commerce Agency and the first APA to hold a cabinet-level position in California state history.

Joining Hatamiya was Nelson Chan, Hatamiya's deputy secre-



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From l-r: Nelson Chan, Davis Committee member, Timothy Dayonot, Dennis Hayashi, Lon Hatamiya, Joseph Ahn and Mona Pasquil.

play a swing vote in the November election.

The latest Field poll showed that Davis' overall 14-point lead in April shrank to 7 points in July. But Davis still leads in support among APAs (41 percent for Davis, 28 percent for Simon, 31 percent undecided/other); Latinos (54 percent for Davis, 16 percent for Simon, and 30 percent undecided/other); and African Americans (76 percent for Davis, less than 1/2 of one percent for Simon, and 24 percent undecided/other).

Simon has a slight lead among white non-Hispanics (37 percent for Davis, 40 percent for Simon, 23 percent undecided/other).

To retain Davis' lead until the November election, the Governor Gray Davis Committee recently held a round-table discussion with the APA media. Participants

tary of the Technology, Trade & Commerce Agency; Dennis Hayashi, director of the Department of Fair Employment & Housing; Darryl Young, director of the Department of Conservation; Timothy Dayonot, director of the Department of Community Services & Development; Margaret Kim, general counsel for the Resources Agency; Joseph Ahn, deputy director of the Los Angeles Regional Office's Division of Economic Development; and Mona Pasquil, political director of the Governor Gray Davis Committee.

Topics of discussion ranged from Davis' record on APA appointments to his support of anti-discrimination measures.

When questioned if California's increasing trade with Asia amid a weak U.S. economy is fueling Asia-bashing in such forms as scapegoating APA scientists,

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JACL Joins Groups Calling for Ouster of Conservative Civil Rights Commissioner

By **Pacific Citizen Staff**
and Associated Press

DETROIT—The JACL joined various Arab American and civil rights groups calling for the ouster of a conservative member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights after he made comments the groups say suggest tolerance for the internment of Arab Americans in the country's fight against terrorism.

At a monthly commission meeting on July 19, recently appointed commission member Peter Kirsanow responded to concerns from Arab Americans about recent civil rights violations by saying, "not too many people will be crying in their beer if there are more detentions, more stops, more profiling."

He added, "There will be a groundswell of public opinion to banish civil rights. So the best thing we can do to preserve them is by keeping the country safe."

Kirsanow also said during the session that he could foresee a scenario in which the public would demand internment camps for Arab Americans if Arab terrorists strike again in this country.

In various letters to the White House, the groups called for the immediate removal of Kirsanow from the commission.

"It is indeed troubling when a member of the Commission on

Civil Rights opens an avenue of discussion for mass detentions in a manner reminiscent of the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans," said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi in a letter to President Bush. "Our community has a clear recollection of the weeks following Pearl Harbor when initial calls for tolerance gave way to suggestions for mass internment which were followed by an insistence that all Japanese Americans be confined in concentration camps. It is a precarious slope made slippery by prejudice, intolerance and fear."

Tateishi continued, "As an organization representing a group of Americans who were denied our rights because of our race and forced into American concentration camps, the Japanese American Citizens League strongly objects to Mr. Kirsanow's comments and find them highly offensive and irresponsible. We know from our own experience sixty years ago that it is in times like these when we as a nation live with the sense that our security and safety are threatened, that the Constitution and our resolve to maintain the ideals of democracy are severely tested. This nation failed that test in 1942; we cannot repeat that failure today."

In a joint letter to the White House, the Leadership Conference

on Civil Rights and the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee wrote: "While we should take strong and appropriate steps to keep our country safe, it should not come at the expense of fundamental civil rights and civil liberties. Mr. Kirsanow's favorable talk of mass internment and the suspension of civil rights is shocking, irresponsible, outrageous, and should be unacceptable for a representative of the United States Government."

In response to the criticism over his comments, Kirsanow later told the *Detroit Free Press* that he personally doesn't support the idea of internment camps and the government would never envision them. He said he was merely saying public opinion would so strongly favor the idea that it would be difficult to prevent. There would be a "groundswell of opinion" for the internment, he said.

A White House spokesman told the newspaper that he could not respond specifically to Kirsanow's comments without seeing a full transcript of them, but said that the possibility of Arab internment camps has never been discussed at the White House.

Kirsanow, who was appointed to the commission last year by President George W. Bush, is the former head of the conservative Center for New Black Leadership.

Media Coalition Gives TV Networks Low Grades for Ethnic Diversity

By **TRACY UBA**
Writer/Reporter

Asian Americans and other ethnic minorities will once again be largely absent from the small screen come fall when TV networks unveil their new show line-ups, according to a watchdog media coalition.

The coalition, which includes the Asian Pacific American Media Coalition, American Indians in Film and Television, National Latino Media Council and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, criticized several major TV networks July 17 for failing to increase diversity in programming and is now asking advertisers and corporate sponsors to withdraw support.

It also issued its third annual "report card" grading the four major networks — ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox — on improvement in diversity.

CBS drew the lowest overall grades with a D-. NBC followed with a D+, while ABC had a C- and Fox earned a C.

"When you talk to the networks, they might talk in terms of the per-



PHOTO: TRACY UBA

Karen Narasaki presents the media coalition's third annual report card on diversity along with Sonny Skyhawk (left) and Esteban Torres.

centages and say, 'well, we had a 200 percent improvement.' But 200 percent improvement might mean they went from two to four. We're really talking numbers that small. That's why the grades are so low," said Karen Narasaki, chair of the APA Media Coalition and executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium in Washington, D.C.

Individually, the groups issued their own sets of grades, which were then compiled together. The grades were based on presence of primetime actors (regular and recurring), primetime writers and producers, primetime directors, entertainment executives, procurement and network commitment to diversity initiatives.

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The APA Media Coalition gave both ABC and NBC a C-, Fox a B- and CBS a D-. The National Latino Media Council gave ABC a C, NBC a D+, CBS a D and Fox a C+. American Indians in Film & Television scored NBC and Fox with a D, ABC with a D+ and CBS a fail.

"In terms of American Indian representation, we are looking at zeroes across the board," said Sonny Skyhawk, chair of American Indians in Film & Television. "We are tired of only talking. It's time to take action."

The only group not to issue a report card was the NAACP, which has opted to conduct a more in-depth analysis of the networks' diversity efforts, said John C. White, NAACP director of communications.

"We just chose not to do report cards at this time. Last year, we did the same thing. We issued our own report. We think it's important to make a report that goes beyond grades so that we examine and interpret all of the data and progress or lack of progress," White explained.

"But I'm here to show that it's a united front. We remain part of the coalition, and we think it's important that all of the ethnic and racial groups in the United States are better represented through the television medium. ... We still have a

long way to go," he said.

The multiethnic media coalition first formed after the networks' 1999 fall season was virtually devoid of minorities in primetime line-ups. The group has since started initiatives and programs to assist networks in achieving specific diversity goals.

In addition to adopting a report card system, the coalition urged networks to hold minority "showcases" last year, which allowed a largely untapped pool of talent to audition for casting directors and network diversity executives.

"Unfortunately, I think with the showcase system, you won't see the results immediately," said Esteban Torres, chair of the National Latino Media Council.

Narasaki added, "The report cards last year did have a huge impact. We believe it was the reason why ABC turned itself around" from a D+ in 2001 to a C this year.

Fox also showed significant improvement as far as APAs. This past season, Fox had eight APAs in regular roles and four in recurring roles, up from three in the previous season.

Although "Ally McBeal" with Lucy Liu and "That 80's Show" with Eddie Shin have been canceled, Fox will have two APAs in regular roles on "Cedric the Entertainer" and "Firefly" this fall.

Wenda Fong, Fox vice president of diversity development, said there will be an Asian American man in a "big series" in the fall, but "the deal's not closed."

She also said that Bobby Lee will be featured in Fox's sketch comedy show "MAD TV."

But Narasaki also pointed out the continuing omission of APAs in lead roles on any of a number of network hospital dramas today.

"It's mind-boggling that you'd have a hospital show with no Asian Americans," added White. "One of these shows] is set in San Francisco, which is a third Asian American. In my lifetime I don't think I've been to a hospital where I have not seen one Asian American."

Like APAs, Hispanics are one of the fastest growing minority populations in the United States today, yet their numbers are not being reflected proportionally on the screen either, said Alex Nogales, chair of the National Hispanic Media Coalition.

With over 300 Hispanic people in the United States today, Nogales said, "it's a substantial number of viewers that watch American television and we think that what they're viewing is not consistent with what this country's all about. Especially for the non-Hispanics or non-Latinos, they don't get a sense that we exist. We're really really invisible to them."

To combat this perception, the

coalition announced that it has begun to target advertisers on CBS, which it says has shown the least improvement and is the only network to not implement recommended diversity programs despite promises to hire people of color in areas of employment, casting and development.

The group sent letters of concern to CBS President and CEO Leslie Moonves and to the top nine corporations advertising on CBS: General Motors, Procter & Gamble, Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Philip Morris, Johnson & Johnson, Unilever, National Amusements and AOL Time Warner.

"These are corporations that — if you look at their ads, if you look at their own commercials — you'll see much more diversity on those than you'll actually see on the shows that they're supporting," Narasaki said.

"We would like them to sit down with Leslie Moonves and other executives and raise the concern and tell them that they are also going to be paying attention to the progress over this next year," she said. "Because they (corporations) have dollar power, which is the almighty in Hollywood, we're hoping that they'll listen." ■

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Hatamiya pointed out that Davis' appointment of APAs to key positions becomes that much more critical in this global economy, saying that APA governmental officials play an important role in dispelling stereotypes and misconceptions on both sides of the Pacific.

"The way we address discrimination is to have Asian Americans in positions of influence and policy-making," said Hatamiya. "We're at a level that we can educate the rest of California and the rest of America that we have abilities beyond stereotypical images. That's the way you defeat discrimination."

According to Hatamiya, currently close to 50 percent of California's total export trade goes to Asian countries and five out of the top 10 markets for California are in Asian countries.

Hayashi, who was appointed to head the largest civil rights agency in the nation as director of California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing, added that his department has been conducting a two year investigation into the hiring and promotions of APA scientists. Although he could not disclose specifics of the case, he said "we are making some substantial progress in our investigation."

Hayashi said he has been working with Hatamiya's department after the 9/11 terrorist attacks since

many targets of hate crimes and vandalism in California after 9/11 were small business owners. He and Hatamiya jointly contacted various small business people, letting them know that assistance was available.

Hayashi also noted that the Davis administration has provided funds to publish brochures in various languages. "We are getting the word out to the Asian American community that you do not have to face discrimination alone," said Hayashi. "I'm gratified by the support of the governor for money to provide information in languages other than English, in particular in various Asian languages. We will be announcing in a couple of months the first time publication of many of our pamphlets in Vietnamese, Cambodian and other Asian languages."

Dayonet, the first Filipino American appointed to direct the Department of Community Service & Development, pointed out a few examples of Davis' support of the Filipino American community such as the signing of Assembly Bill 1978, which allowed Filipino World War II veterans to continue receiving state benefits even if they choose to return to the Philippines. He also noted that the Davis administration has been assisting laid off airport workers following 9/11. A substantial number of airport workers, particularly at San Francisco International Airport, were Filipino Americans, he said. ■

Letters to the Editor

A Challenge

The JACL Mile-Hi chapter does not wish to have the Mountain Plains District dissolved. It really doesn't help JACL and it discourages members in MPDC that national JACL is writing us off. I think this was a very heavy-handed way to spring this on us.

In a recent column our national president stated that we must enlarge our membership on all levels during the next biennium. The Mile-Hi chapter goes on record to double its membership. Are there any other JACL chapter who have the guts to challenge us on doubling our chapter membership? We will see the results at the next convention in Hawaii. Let me hear from you (fusakamoto@aol.com).

Dr. Frank J. Sakamoto
Past National 1000 Club Chair

Sports Section

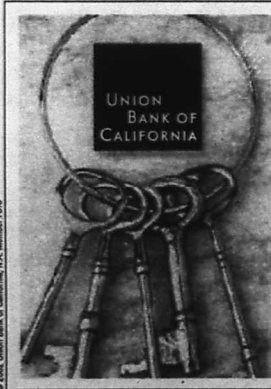
I just wanted to let your staff know how much I appreciate your coverage of sports in the Pacific Citizen. I wrote an e-mail a year ago regarding this issue and your publication followed through in a "big way." Keep up the great work and exposure!

For instance, coverage of Ishii, Nomo, Shane Kominie, Michelle Kwan, Lindsey Yamasaki, Kristi Yamaguchi, Tiger Woods, Ichiro, Sasaki, Shinjo, etc. There is another Major League Baseball player by the name of Ohka that is having a good year. How about an article about jockey Corey Nakatani?

I would like to see some diversification into the Korean and Vietnamese communities in the paper. I would also like to see some sort of "coupon" via a sponsor that a subscriber could redeem for something special or at a discount.

Randy Oka
Salinas Valley, Calif.

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APAs in the News
Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Janis Hirohama, of Manhattan Beach, Calif., was elected first vice president of the League of Women Voters at its 45th biennial convention in Miami. She was elected by more than 700 state and local members.

The 2002-2004 biennium will be Hirohama's second two-year term on the national organization's board of directors. During the past term, she chaired the Education Fund Committee. She is a staff attorney for the Los Angeles Superior Court and previously worked in private practice in New York City and Los Angeles.

Jeanne Hong, 36, was named a judge of the Baltimore City District Court by Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Hong, a Korean American former assistant state attorney, becomes the first Asian American judge in Maryland history. She currently heads the Vehicle Analysis Network in the state attorney's office and is the office expert on prosecuting car-jacking cases.

Ron Ikejiri was appointed to the 21-member Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Ikejiri currently serves on the City Council in Gardena, Calif., and was a former JACL Washington, D.C. representative from 1978 to 1984. The commission conducts reviews of all aspects of local government management, opera-

tions, and policies and is made up of community, corporate, legal and academic leaders.

Judy Nizawa was honored by the Santa Clara County Speech and Hearing Association for 35 years of public school service as a clinician, trainer of graduate stu-

lished by Michael Eng, who was inspired to establish the essay contest after hearing a speech by Warren Furutani. Los Angeles Community College Board president, at Ito's funeral and candle-light vigil. Furutani had said, "In a year from now, will anyone still remember the name of Joseph Ito and what his death stood for?"

Dr. Gay Yuen Wong, a professor of education in the Charter College of Education's Division



(From left) Dr. Henriette Langdon, Jean Gardner Ching, retired special education coordinator of PAUSD, and Judy Nizawa.

dents and legislative advocate in the field of speech and language pathology. She served as the county association's president in 1970 and sat on the board of the state association.

Nelson Wang, of Los Angeles, wrote the winning essay in the inaugural **Joseph Ito Memorial Essay Contest**. Ito was a Filipino American mail carrier who was gunned down by a white supremacist in Southern California. The contest was estab-

lished by Michael Eng, who was inspired to establish the essay contest after hearing a speech by Warren Furutani. Los Angeles Community College Board president, at Ito's funeral and candle-light vigil. Furutani had said, "In a year from now, will anyone still remember the name of Joseph Ito and what his death stood for?"

of Curriculum and Instruction, was one of several women to recently receive Cal State L.A.'s Distinguished Women Award. Wong, of Monterey Park, Calif., has done extensive work in minority and multicultural education. She served as director of Cal State L.A.'s Asian and Asian American Institute from 1995 to 2000 and is involved in such community groups as LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc.), the Asian Youth Center and East West Players. ■

API Groups Oppose California Initiative to Ban Racial and Ethnic Data

In a setback for the campaign to eliminate the collection of racial and ethnic data across the state, the so-called "Racial Privacy Initiative" failed to qualify for the November 2002 elections and instead will most likely appear on the March 2004 ballot. The initiative seeks to amend the California Constitution to ban the collection and use of racial and ethnic data by state and local governments, including such entities as school districts and health departments.

Asian and Pacific Islander groups across the state decried the initiative as a threat to the health and civil rights of all California residents, with especially serious repercussions for API communities.

"Stopping the collection of race and ethnic-specific information makes no sense," said Ignatius Bau, deputy director of Policy and Programs at the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum.

"The type of data that this initiative seeks to eliminate has helped us identify critical health disparities such as the fact that Korean Americans are more likely to be uninsured than any other group in the state, or that Vietnamese American women have the highest cervical cancer incidence rates of all women. In the absence of such data, we are ill equipped to understand and solve health issues that affect our diverse communities."

Members of the civil rights community have also raised concerns about the manner in which the loss of ethnic and race specific data will hinder efforts to track hate crimes, contest racial profiling, and enforce civil rights laws pertaining to such issues as employment discrimination and educational inequality.

"As a result of hate violence, 13 APIs have been killed across the nation over the last three years, and in just the first week following the

attacks of September 11th, the media reported 81 bias-related incidents against South Asians alone," said Stewart Kwoh, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "This initiative would prevent the state attorney general and public agencies from analyzing and reporting on hate crimes trends, thus limiting their ability to track hate crime groups or to provide resources to stop them."

With the temporary reprieve that the initiative's delay has caused, many API groups throughout the state have committed themselves to combating the initiative up through March 2004, with future plans to organize additional groups to oppose the initiative.

API groups that have already opposed the initiative include: PSWD Civil Rights Caucus JACL, Organization of Chinese Americans, the Asian Law Caucus, and Hapa Issues Forum. ■

Over One in 10 APIs in California are Multiracial

New census data show that over one in 10 Asian Pacific Islanders in California are multiracial or of mixed-race heritage.

According to these Census 2000 data, over 500,000 Hapas reside in the state. This makes the API community proportionately more multiracial than the African American, Latino and Caucasian communities.

Census 2000 marked the first decennial census in which data on America's multiracial population was collected.

While respondents in 1990 were forced to report a single racial or ethnic background, individuals in 2000 could report as many backgrounds as necessary to accurately

capture their racial or ethnic identity.



"Over half a million Hapas were recognized as a direct result of the Census Bureau's decision to collect data on people of mixed-race heritage," said Sheila Chung, executive director of Hapa Issues Forum (HIC), a national nonprofit organization dedicated to serving APIs of mixed-race heritage. "These data not only provide more accurate information on race, but help us challenge our invisibility in the API community."

Other community organizations also serving the API community are beginning to recognize the importance of engaging its multiracial members.

"These new numbers show us just how diverse our communities are," said Stewart Kwoh, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California. "Community organizations like ours need to be able to reach out to all segments of our community, including those of mixed-race heritage."

"Hapas are becoming an increasingly larger part of the Asian Pacific Islander community," said Ted Wang, policy director for Chinese for Affirmative Action. "We need to think about ways to be more inclusive and to address Hapa issues as part of our larger goal of eliminating discrimination from society." ■


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County With Many Hmong Declares English Its Official Language

GREEN BAY, Wis.—A county with a large Hmong community made English the official language of its government and called for more spending to promote fluency.

The all-white Brown County board voted 17-8 July 17 to approve the measure.

The measure also calls on the state and federal governments to spend more money on teaching English to those who don't speak the language.

The resolution will cause "no change whatsoever" in the workings of the county government, which already uses English, said County Executive Nancy Nusbaum.

Nusbaum and some community leaders opposed the proposal at a hearing earlier this month, calling it insulting to immigrants.

Nusbaum could veto the measure but said she was unsure whether she would because it "prolongs the debate and continues what has been quite a painful process."

Brown County, which includes Green Bay, has nearly 3,500 Hmong or Laotians among its 225,000 residents.

New SAT Essay Could Hurt AAs, Hispanics

BERKELEY—The decision to add a written essay to the widely taken SAT college entrance exam has critics saying it will hurt Asian American and Hispanic students who speak English as a second language.

"It's clear that Asian families want to be sure their children speak English. It just seems as if that (essay requirement) may put people at a disadvantage," said Margaret Fung, executive director of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education fund officials say it's too soon to know if the new requirement will be a problem, "but at a minimum we know the essay will not improve the situation," said attorney Victor Varamontes. "The older version of the SAT discriminates against English-learners and on its face the changes do not address the problem."

A 2001 College Board report found that students whose first language was not English had a mean score of 455 on the SAT verbal test, compared to 517 for those who spoke English first.

Patrick Hayashi, associate president of UC, says making the essay a national requirement has "the potential of actually helping nonnative speakers because I think it will encourage the development of better writing classes."

Meanwhile, Berkeley ethnic studies professor Ling-Chi Wang said he's heard from some who worry that the emphasis on writing is a way to boost diversity by curbing admission of AAs, which UC and testing officials deny, but Wang said he expects AAs to meet the new challenge.

Chinese American Researcher to Be Tried on Misdemeanor

WOODLAND, Calif.—A trial date was set for a University of California, Davis researcher accused of embezzling 20 vials of protein gel used for cornea research.

Bin Han, 40, a naturalized U.S. citizen, will be tried on one misdemeanor count of embezzlement Aug. 13 in Yolo County Superior Court. He originally faced charges of felony embezzlement and theft of trade secrets. Prosecutors dropped the second charge.

A judge reduced the charge to a misdemeanor after he ruled that the value of the gels, despite being crucial to research, is less than the \$400 necessary to qualify as a felony.

Campus police raided Han's home May 17 and found the vials in the freezer and a plane ticket to his native China. Han's attorney Stewart Katz said his client innocently stored the vials in his freezer just as any employee stores work-issued equipment. He also said the plane ticket was bought weeks before the raid so that Han could visit his ailing parents.

Fellow UC Davis employees and Chinese American groups say Han is being prosecuted because he is of Chinese descent.

Katz said Han had had an earlier falling out with his UC Davis bosses over credit for research.

UC Davis spokesman Paul Prothenauer said the school was never motivated by ethnicity or personality clashes with Han.

"The university stands by its claim that there was no discrimination evident in this case," he said. "We clearly feel this was a case of missing university property."

Hirono Files Nomination Papers for Governor

HONOLULU—Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono filed nomination papers for governor July 19.

She bowed out of the race for the Democratic nomination in November to run for mayor of Honolulu after Mayor Jeremy Harris said he would be resigning mid-term to run for governor.

But Harris made a surprise announcement in late May that he wouldn't run for governor.

Hirono, who has served two terms as lieutenant governor after 14 years in the state House, will face businessman and former state Sen. D.G. "Andy" Anderson and state Rep. Ed Case in the Democratic primary.

Hirono said that in contrast to Gov. Ben Cayetano, her running mate in the last two general elections, her leadership style is one of collaboration. "It's not a style of leadership that says: my way or the highway, top down. It's collaborative. It's action oriented through collaboration."

There needs to be continuing support for tourism and diversifying the state's economy through development of biotechnology, ocean sciences, astronomy and health and wellness, she said.

In education, teacher quality should be a top priority for the next administration, Hirono said, noting that she leads a policy group on teacher quality that includes representation from the unions, the Department of Education and the University of Hawaii.

Two leading candidates for lieutenant governor, state Sen. Matt Matsunaga and Board of

Education member and former Sen. Donna Ikeda, also filed papers on July 19. They will face Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee Clayton Hee.

Hate Crime Law Draws Criticism

DOVER, N.H.—New Hampshire's legal community is divided over the effectiveness of the state's hate crime law.

Since 1990, any perpetrator found to have been "substantially motivated" by hostility toward a victim's race, religion, or sexual orientation could receive extra punishment.

Last year marked the first time the Attorney General's office pursued hate crime charges in two separate cases, but neither defendant will face the state's enhanced penalty.

Charles Putnam, with Justice Works at the University of New Hampshire, says the state may have set the bar too high. He says lawmakers may have to ask if a perpetrator should be "partially" motivated rather than "substantially" motivated.

Last month, the impending trial of Richard Labbe, who faced a hate crime charge in the death of a Laotian American man, came to a halt after he agreed to a plea bargain. Even if the case had gone to trial, some experts say, it might have been difficult to get a jury to find him guilty of a hate crime.

Defense attorney Mike Iacopino, president of the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said a person should be punished for their crimes, not for their attitudes or religious beliefs.

State Rep. William Knowles, D-Dover, said the House Criminal Justice and Safety Committee would only review the law at the urging of the Attorney General's office or the 10 county attorneys.

Report: Women of Color Moving Up Corporate Ladder, but Obstacles Remain

NEW YORK—Minority women in executive-level and managerial positions are getting promotions and raises and building informal networks that can help them move up the corporate ladder, according to a new study released July 16.

The study, "Women of Color in Corporate Management: Three Years Later," is based on follow-up surveys of 368 of 1,735 women who participated in a 1999 report on minority women in corporate management.

The latest study, conducted by Catalyst, a New York-based research organization, found that 57 percent of Asian American, black and Hispanic women surveyed had been promoted at least once since the 1999 report. The participants' salaries also increased an average of 40 percent. Only 1 percent of those surveyed reported downward moves.

However, the study also found that women of color are less optimistic about their prospects for advancement. Respondents reported a lack of access to influential people, difficulty getting plum assignments and a "concrete" ceiling preventing upward mobility.

Women in the survey cited a lack of a mentor as the prime obstacle to their advancement. Fifty-eight percent said they had

mentors, compared with just 35 percent in the earlier survey.

Census: New Jersey Major Destination for Immigrants

TRENTON, N.J.—According to the 2000 Census, New Jersey and Hawaii have the third-largest percentage of foreign-born residents, 17.5 percent, trailing only California and New York.

Census experts say immigrants are drawn to New Jersey because of its proximity to entrance ports along the Atlantic coast.

In 2000, about 43 percent of the state's 1,476,327 foreign-born residents were Latin American, while nearly 28 percent were Asian-born.

James Hughes of Rutgers University said the influx is also due to immigration law reforms enacted in the 1960s, which made it easier for Latin Americans and Asians to enter the United States.

While most immigrants live in northern and central New Jersey, two southern towns — Atlantic City and Ventnor — have the largest percentage of foreign-born residents. About 10,000 now live in Atlantic City, and many of them work in the gaming industry.

Ford, SBA Join to Assist Minority-Owned Dealerships

CLERMONT, Fla.—Ford Motor Co. and the Small Business Administration are coming together to give minority-owned dealerships access to more capital and other resources, they announced July 24.

Although the federal agency has worked in the past with the Big Three automakers to assist outside contractors, this is the first time it has aimed its efforts at helping dealers, SBA Administrator Hector Barreto said.

The program, expected to be in place nationally by the fall, will provide dealers with technical and

business-development assistance.

Currently, 7 percent of Ford's 5,100 dealerships are owned by minorities.

In addition, Ford and the National Association for Minority Automotive Dealers are joining forces to increase the number of minority-owned dealerships.

Admission of Non- Hawaiian Student Sparks Outrage

HONOLULU—The admission of a non-Hawaiian eighth-grade boy to an otherwise all-Hawaiian private school system has sparked an angry dispute in a state which prides itself on multiculturalism.

The action by Kamekameha Schools follows legal challenges to other state systems that give preference to Native Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians, who are largely considered a downtrodden minority.

Kalani Rosell, a straight-A student at Maui's Iao Intermediate School, was admitted to the Maui Kamekameha school after trustees ran out of eligible applicants who could show they had at least one Hawaiian ancestor.

Counting the number of youngsters who might be eligible is difficult in the nation's most ethnically mixed state. One in five residents claimed more than one race in the latest census, while 42 percent described themselves as Asian, 24 percent white, 9 percent Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander and 2 percent black.

The admission has prompted criticism that Kamekameha was neglecting Native Hawaiians by not offering the spot to a student who may have been close to the admission criteria.

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Topaz Monument Dedication, 60th Anniversary Event Set for Aug. 10

A monument dedication at the Topaz War Relocation Authority camp site will take place in conjunction with a 60th anniversary commemoration program on Aug. 10.

The monument will be dedicated at the same site where an earlier monument, placed in 1976 by JACL groups from Salt Lake City, was vandalized beyond repair by gunfire last October.

Floyd Mori, national JACL president and JACL Topaz Monument Committee chair, said he would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who responded to the request for donations to help fund the new monument.

The new monument was designed by Ted Nagata and set into place with the assistance of Harry Suekawa.

The JACL Topaz Monument Committee was comprised of Mori, Nagata, Suekawa, Stuart Shimizu, Derek Omori, Carolyn Valentine, Kevin Aoyagi, Jane Sakashita and Yeiko Nagata.

Along with the monument dedication, the Topaz Museum board and residents of Delta, Utah have planned a full day of activities at the Topaz site and nearby Delta City Park.

"We hope that we will have a number of former internees attend

because we want to honor them during the program," said Jane Beckwith, who is with the Topaz Museum.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- 7 a.m.: Bike ride to Topaz;
- 9 a.m.-5p.m.: Tours of the camp;
- 10 a.m. to throughout the day: Tours of houses in Delta which were camp barracks, internment items on display at the city library, video showings at the school district office, and children's games and crafts at the park;
- 11 a.m.: Lunch at the park (somen and musubi);
- 12:30 p.m.: Program with overview of camp history;
- 2 p.m.: Taiko;
- 4 p.m.: Monument dedication at the camp site, led by National JACL Executive Director John Tateishi;
- 5:30 p.m.: Supper at the park;
- 7 p.m.: Live band playing 1940s and swing music.

The monument dedication and supper in the park will be hosted by the JACL Topaz Committee with help from local civic clubs. All events are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mori at 801/572-2287 or Jane Beckwith at 435/864-2098. ■

Go For Broke Hosts Workshop With Teacher Who Inspired 20,000 Tassel Tapestry

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation is hosting a free teacher-training workshop on Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Central Hall of the Japanese American National Museum. Special guest speakers at the workshop will be teacher Leila Meyerratken who inspired her eighth-grade students to create the giant "20,000 Tassel Tapestry" quilt. Two of the quilt project students will be with her.

The purpose of the workshop is to help other educators understand how Meyerratken was able to alter her students' opinion of Japanese Americans. Two years ago, students had responded to Meyerratken's lessons on JA history by

making slant eyes and saying "We nuked 'em!"

A year later, those same students were putting the finishing touches on the giant quilt that honored the memory of the JA World War II veterans and internment camp survivors.

The quilt, which hangs 19 feet tall and 41 feet wide, consists of 12 sections telling stories and representing the years and events during WWII. The quilt is personalized by actual artifacts donated by veterans, such as clothing, photographs and medals.

Five hundred eighth-graders from Sunnyside and Tecumseh Middle Schools in Indiana volunteered their after-school time,

weekends and summers to complete it. The attention to detail and use of symbolism testify to the enthusiasm with which the quilt was constructed.

The quilt debuted in Washington, D.C., at the Japanese American National Memorial's rededication June 29, 2001. It has since been displayed in its hometown of Lafayette and in Honolulu. The quilt will also be on display during Nisei Week at JANM, Aug. 10-11.

Advance reservations for the workshop are required as seating is limited. For more information, contact Helen Ota at the Go For Broke Educational Foundation, 310/222-5711. ■



The quilt will be on display Aug. 10-11 at JANM during the Nisei Week festivities.



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Jane Beckwith details the history of the Topaz War Relocation Authority camp at the Topaz Museum in Delta, Utah.

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JA History Art Project Opens at Portland Art Museum

A hundred and twenty years of Japanese American history in Oregon is currently being showcased in a new art and history exhibit at the Portland Art Museum. The exhibit shows the rich heritage of Japanese and JA life which began in Oregon in the 1880s when Japanese citizens came to Oregon to work on the railroads, in the mills and ports.

Created by the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (www.onlc.org), the exhibit features over 30 panels of art and history that spans the JA experience from business and agriculture to arts and culture. The panels, created with photographs and written and oral histories of four generations of Oregon's JAs, were designed by Scott Sakamoto

of Ronin Studios.

"This is the first time the 120-year history of Japanese Americans in Oregon (from 1880-2000) has been told in Portland," said June Arima Schumann, executive director of the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. "It's a personal glimpse. It's a way to tell history by telling stories. Japanese Americans as a group have a history unique in the United States."

The exhibit runs through Sept. 22 in the North Wing of the Portland Art Museum (www.portlandartmuseum.org), 1219 SW Park Ave. It is running in conjunction with the museum's "Splendors of Imperial Japan: Arts of the Meiji Period" from the Khalili Collection. Both exhibits are part

of the Portland area Japan Summerfest (www.japansummerfest.org).

Admission to the history exhibit is free but has limited hours. For times and dates call the museum at 503/226-2811. The exhibit is presented by the center with the support of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment, Japanese Ancestral Society, JACL, Japan America Society of Oregon and Shokokai. Corporate sponsors include: Spirit Mountain Community Fund of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Wells Fargo, Portland General Electric, PacificCorp, NW Natural Gas, Regence Blue Cross of Oregon, Bank of America and Standard Insurance. ■

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NJAHS Begins Studies for San Francisco's Presidio Building 640

The National Japanese American Historical Society, headquartered in San Francisco's Japantown, is undertaking a conceptual study of Presidio Building 640 with the intention to renovate it as an Interpretive Center.

Building 640, the site of the original all-Nisei language school of the Military Intelligence Service of World War II, was the forerunner of the famous Defense Language Institute in Monterey. This site was instrumental in training Japanese Americans in translation, battlefield interrogation skills, and cultural understanding, helping to hasten the end of World War II and subsequently ensuring post-war democracy in Japan.

Ironically, Building 640 is just a short distance from the Presidio Headquarters where General John L. DeWitt gave the order to intern

thousands of Japanese Americans during WWII. Unknown to many Americans, JA men in Building 640 were in service to the United States while their families were being incarcerated in internment camps.

The Building 640 Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Presidio Trust. Proposed adaptive uses of the site include interpretive exhibitions that illustrate the Presidio Military Intelligence School experience. Exhibitions and programs at the site will explore the national and international precedent established at Building 640.

Recently, the Appropriations Committee of the U.S. Congress agreed to allocate \$600,000 to the National Park Service for the second phase of a feasibility study for the rehabilitation of Building 640.

In the Senate, the funding was requested by Sens. Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, and Daniel Akaka. Rep. Nancy Pelosi led the effort in the House, joined by Reps. Mike Honda, Sam Farr, Barbara Lee, Lynn Woolsey, Tom Lantos, and George Miller.

Approval of the final project program, proposed leasing, and building renovations for Building 640 is pending from the Presidio Trust.

An informational presentation about the NJAHS's feasibility study for Building 640 will be made at the NJAHS gallery in San Francisco's Japantown, 1684 Post St., on Aug. 10 in the afternoon, and at the Crissy Field Center, San Francisco Presidio, Sept. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call NJAHS at 415/921-5007, or e-mail: njahs@njahs.org. ■

Korean War Vets to Honor Those Killed or Missing in Action

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) will pay tribute to the 247 Japanese Americans killed or missing in action during the Korean War at a two-day event scheduled for Sept. 24-25 in Honolulu.

A contingent of mainland JA Korean War veterans and their families and friends, led by Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura — the only JA Medal of Honor recipient of the Korean War — will join Hawaiian JA veterans and their families to honor the brave JA soldiers who lost their lives in the fight to free South Korea.

The tribute will begin with a memorial service at the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials on the Hawaii State Capitol Grounds on Sept. 24. Scheduled speakers at the service include: Gov. Benjamin Cayetano, Consul General Ji-doo Lee, retired Lt. Gen. Allen Ono, and Miyamura.

The main event will be the opening of the Japanese American

Korean War exhibit on Sept. 25 in the JCCH gallery featuring photographs of the JA soldiers missing or killed in action during the Korean War. Following will be a public ceremony to honor the Korean War veterans and their families.

Scheduled speakers include: Gov. Cayetano, retired Gen. David Bramlett, U.S. Army, Navy Captain Yusong-joo Kwon of Korea, Susan Kodani, president of JCCH, Minoru Tonai, president of JAKWV, and Miyamura.

The event is being endorsed by the Hawaii United Okinawa Association, MIS Veterans Clubs of Honolulu and Kauai, VFW Posts 1540, 1572, and 10276, 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans, and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Veterans.

For information call Victor Muraoka, 818/897-1533, fax: 818/897-1714, or Frank Kamita, 310/515-1369, fax: 310/965-0439 on the mainland; and retired Major Stanley Igawa, 808/696-8998 in Hawaii. ■

CCLPEP Director Matsuda to Speak at Topaz 2002 Reunion

Reservations are almost at capacity for the All-Topaz Reunion Luncheon, scheduled for Aug. 31 at the Radisson Miyako Hotel in San Francisco's J-Town.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon banquet will be Diane Matsuda, program director of the California Civil Liberties Education Program (CCLPEP).

The purpose of CCLPEP is to inform the California community of the Japanese American experience during World War II by creating and supporting educational and other materials on this period of history.

CCLPEP also seeks to fund projects that link the JA incarceration experience with the experiences of other populations so that such acts of injustice can be understood and illuminated. Matsuda oversees the program, which is administered by the California State Library in

Sacramento and provides \$1 million annually in competitive grants.

Matsuda received her undergraduate degree in government and sociology from the University of San Francisco and her JD from UC Hastings College of the Law, also San Francisco. She has served as a California congressional assistant; law clerk for Minami, Lew and Tamaki; clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi in Los Angeles; and attorney with Nihonmachi Legal Outreach. She is currently very active in many organizations in San Francisco's Nihonmachi and is associated with the Nikkei Traditions boutique.

Matsuda's mother, Noriko Yoshifuji Matsuda, was a junior high student at Topaz, and her father, Anthony Matsuda, was incarcerated at the Poston, Ariz., internment camp.

Toastmaster for the luncheon will be Glenn "Rosie" Kume-kawa, a pre-war resident of San Francisco. He was a student body president at Topaz High and a member of the last graduating class in 1945. He has served as executive assistant to the governor of Rhode Island and was professor of the Intergovernmental Policy Analysis Program at the University of Rhode Island. Members of the reunion committee include: Fumi Manabe Hayashi, Mas Kawaguchi, Chuck Kubokawa, Daisy Uyeda Satoda, Anah Yamanashi Sugiyama, Paul Takata, and Bob Utsumi, chair, assisted by Helen Yamanashi Kato, Alice Mori Shibata and Takiko Nonaka Shinoda.

For registration information, contact Yone Ito at 510/783-0478; e-mail: baachyon@cs.com. ■

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FOOTBALL

Wong to Make Debut With Houston

Linebacker **Kailee Wong**, 26, will make his preseason debut with Houston Aug. 5 when the Texans take on the New York Giants at the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio.

The former Minnesota Viking and free agent signed with the expansion Houston team back in March, inking a four-year, \$12 million contract. He will play the rush linebacker in head coach Dom Capers' 3-4 defense.

The 6-foot-2, 250-pound Wong was a second-round draft pick out of Stanford in 1998. The Eugene-Ore.-native played defensive end in college and switched between end and linebacker in his first two years with the Vikings. Last season, he started 16 games for Minnesota and led the team with 116 tackles.

Morton, Fujita Join Kansas City

Former Detroit Lion **Johnnie Morton**, 32, and fifth-round draft pick out of UC Berkeley **Scott Fujita**, 23, joined the Kansas City Chiefs for the team's first training camp practice July 26 in River Falls, Wis. They will play their first 2002 preseason game Aug. 10 against the 49ers in San Francisco.

Morton, a free agent wide receiver who spent eight seasons with Detroit, is one of Kansas City's biggest off-season acquisitions. In late March, he signed a seven-year contract worth a reported \$25.7 million.

A first-round NFL draft pick in 1994, he tallied a career 469 receptions for 6,499 yards and 35 touchdowns with Detroit. Last season he had 77 catches, a career-high 1,154 yards and four touchdowns.

Morton, an All-American and All Pac-10 Conference first team selection in his senior year at USC, is expected to be Kansas City's No. 1 receiver.

Fujita, a 6-foot-5, 248-pound rookie from Camarillo, Calif., will fill an outside linebacker spot for the Chiefs.

In 2001, he started for Cal at weak side outside linebacker, recording 60 tackles with 2.5 sacks for minus 23 yards and seven stops for losses of 35 yards. He also earned Pac-10 All-Academic first team honors and received the Frank Stormont Award as the team's outstanding student-athlete.

Graduating with a B.A. in political science last year, Fujita is now pursuing his master's in education. Morton, whose mother is Japanese American, is from Torrance, Calif. Younger brother Chad is a running back for the New York Jets entering his fourth season in the NFL.

Morton has appeared in several music videos, an international Nike print ad campaign and as himself in the Tom Cruise movie "Jerry Maguire."

JA Woman Becomes NFL's First Female Trainer

LATROBE, Penn.—The Pittsburgh Steelers named **Ariko Iso** their new assistant athletic trainer July 24. She is the first female and first Japanese American to become a full-time, permanent trainer for an NFL team.

"I'm not intimidated," said the 5-foot-5, 100-pound Iso during a short break from a 15-hour day at camp. "It's a different environment and it is a big adjustment, but I'm not as nervous as maybe I should be or I thought I would be."

"But I do feel the pressure. I never had a goal to be the first female professional, but I now know that a lot of people had that as their goal. So now I have the pressure that I cannot make any damage for those people," she said.

Iso, 31, was a Steelers training camp intern in 2000 and 2001 and spent the last five seasons as head football athletic trainer at Portland State University, working in a windowless basement office.

Iso, a former basketball player from Tokyo, came to the United

States after high school. A ripped knee set back her athletic career, which led to her interest in sports medicine. She has a bachelor's degree from Oregon State and a master's from San Jose State.

Nearly half of the estimated 20,000 registered athletic trainers in the United States are women, and Julie Max is the president of the National Athletic Trainers Association. But Iso is the only full-time female trainer in the NFL, NHL or major baseball league. The NBA's Houston Rockets have had a female assistant trainer, Michelle Leget, since 1997.

The reasons why the NFL hasn't hired a female trainer until now are many — the fear of possible sexual harassment among them — but Iso isn't worried about holding her own.

"I treat the players with respect, and I haven't had any bad experiences in my career," she said. "I was competitive when I played sports and I would cuss out sometimes. Everybody does it, so I'm okay with that."

GOLF

Park Wins Girls U.S. Junior Championship

WESTFIELD, N.J.—**In-Bee Park** won the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship July 27, beating **Jenny Tangtiphaibontana** 4 and 3 at Echo Lake Country Club.

Park, from Eustis, Fla., became the second-youngest champion at 14 years, 15 days old. Aree Wongluetkiet was 13 years, 3 months, 7 days when she won in 1999.

Park and Tangtiphaibontana earned exemptions into the U.S. Women's Amateur at Sleepy Hollow in Scarborough, N.Y., on Aug. 12-17.

Park won the third, sixth and ninth holes with pars and led 3-up after nine holes. She made an 8-foot birdie putt at the 13th to increase her lead to 4-up.

Tangtiphaibontana, who struggled in her putting in the final, made par on the 14th, cutting Park's lead to 3-up.

After Tangtiphaibontana sent her approach 12 feet past the hole at No. 15, Park made an 8-foot birdie putt to clinch the victory.

The 17-year-old Tangtiphaibontana, from Long Beach, Calif., was the crowd favorite

because of her struggle with personal tragedy. In November, her parents died in an automobile accident on the way home from a state tournament in California.

Tangtiphaibontana was riding in the car with her best friend Dianne Sirisut and sustained only minor cuts and scratches. In her mother's memory, Tangtiphaibontana now carries a red blouse she used to wear during the final rounds of tournaments.

BASEBALL

Irabu Released From Hospital

ARLINGTON, Texas—Texas Rangers closer **Hideki Irabu** was released from a Kansas City hospital five days after being diagnosed with a series of small blood clots in his lungs.

Irabu, who was released July 19, was hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath.

Irabu, who leads the Rangers with 16 saves, will return to

Arlington for an examination by team internist Dr. Scott Hunter.

The right-hander had been given medication and blood thinners to dissolve the clots, then scheduled for additional tests to determine where the clots formed.

Irabu had a 3-8 record with a 5.74 ERA in 38 games. The Rangers are last in the American League West and 19-and-a-half games behind the first-place Seattle Mariners.

SOCCER

Makinano Selected Preseason All League

RENO, Nev.—A defensive soccer standout at Nevada has been named to the Western Athletic Conference's preseason women's all-league team.

Leisha Makinano, a junior at UNR from Honolulu, was a second-team all-WAC selection last year. She has been named to the first team in this year's preseason survey of the leagues coaches.

She's the only Nevada player to make the team. SMU senior forward Tara Comfort was named preseason WAC player of the year.

BASKETBALL

Yamasaki Scores Seven in Sol Loss

PORTLAND, Ore.—Miami Sol forward/guard **Lindsey Yamasaki** scored seven points and played 14 minutes off the bench as Miami was defeated by Portland, 71-61, on July 27 at the Rose Garden.

The Sol's Sheri Sam had a team-high 15 points and Betty Lennox chipped in 12, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Fire's Tamicha Jackson, who tallied 14 points, and

Stacey Thomas, with 11.

Portland has won six of its last seven games at home and remains two-and-a-half games ahead of Seattle for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Miami has lost four of its last six games and is tied with Orlando for the final playoff berth in the East. The Sol has lost four of its last five meetings with Portland.

NBA Star Predicts Yao's Success in Pros

BEIJING—The Toronto Raptors' Vince Carter faced off against Houston Rockets top draft choice **Yao Ming** July 24 and predicted that China's new NBA sensation will be successful in the pros "because he is high and he has skills."

Carter, visiting Beijing, joined Yao to play a two-on-two half-court game at the Chinese National Training Administration stadium. Each had a child as a teammate.

The 7-foot-4 Yao was the No. 1

overall NBA draft pick last month. He hasn't reported to the Rockets yet, pending final permission from his Chinese club, the Shanghai Sharks, and the Chinese Basketball Administration.

"If you give me three to four weeks to see how he plays, and how he adjusts, I can tell you (if) he is good or not," Carter said. "There are a lot of people from the world playing in the NBA, and lots of people struggled at first."

SWIMMING

Imai Takes 200 Breaststroke

Ryosuke Imai, of USC, took first place in the men's 200 breaststroke at the Janet Evans Invitational at USC's McDonald's Swim Stadium July 20.

He clocked a time of 2:16.40, trailed by Ratapong Sirisanont, of Oakland, who came in at 2:16.74, and Daniel Kieper, of Irvine Novaquatics, who posted 2:20.47.

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The Trilogy: Part Three

IN *HIRABAYASHI*, 320 US 81 (June 21, 1943), the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the criminal conviction of a U.S. citizen who had refused to comply with a 1942 curfew restriction imposed only on individuals of the Japanese race. In the opinion authored by Chief Justice Stone, there was articulated the core concept guiding the court: "*The fact alone that attack on our shores was threatened by Japan set these citizens [Nisei] apart from others who have no particular association with Japan.*" (320 US at 101; emphasis added) It is both startling and profoundly troubling that such raw articulation of "racial profiling" emanated from, of all places, the apex of our American system of justice.

There are yet other disconcerting aspects of the Supreme Court's management of the issues surrounding the 1942 uprooting, exclusion and confinement of the Nisei and Issei then residing in the Pacific Coast states.

IN ADDITION to his curfew conviction, Hirabayashi had also been convicted and sentenced for refusal to follow the exclusion order (also applied only against individuals of the Japanese race). On both convictions, the trial court had imposed sentences of three months confinement, the sentences to run concurrently. Hirabayashi had appealed both convictions but the Supreme Court considered only the curfew

case and upheld the conviction thereon. Now, since Hirabayashi would have had to serve his full sentence on the curfew conviction, the court reasoned there was no need to review the exclusion conviction which carried the same sentence.

AT THIS POINT, let's "freeze-frame" the picture so that we can more readily perceive the operative components underlying the court's action and its potential impact on its decision in *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (Dec. 18, 1944).

First, although the court decided *Hirabayashi* on the curfew conviction, it just as easily could have decided the case upon the exclusion conviction. There was no obstacle standing in the court's way to doing so.

Second, the curfew was no longer impinging upon Hirabayashi's freedom; it was a *fait accompli*, an event in the past tense. On the other hand, by marked contrast, the exclusion order was very much operative, daily inflicting egregious and irreparable harm upon Hirabayashi. Of course, in the immediate background were those 115,000 hapless souls, excluded from their homes and places of business and forcibly confined in barbed-wire camps, doomed to serve, as it were, an indeterminate sentence, having committed no offense.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS

LATER, in *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (1944), by a majority decision of 6-3, the exclusion order was upheld. Justice Black, in writing for the majority, quoting extensively from the court's decision in *Hirabayashi* (upholding curfew restrictions), now upheld the exclusion order: "Like curfew, exclusion of those of Japanese origin was deemed necessary because of the presence of an unascertained number of disloyal members of the group ... In the instant case, temporary exclusion of the entire group was rested on the same ground." (323 US at 218-219)

The U.S. Supreme Court could have ruled, but did not, upon the legality of the (traumatically, irreparably and continuingly operative) exclusion order directed at a racial group, including American citizens thereof. Instead, it elected to address the grave legal issues presented, in the context of less intrusive curfew restrictions. In so doing, the way was facilitated for a majority of the court to justify and uphold an egregious blot upon our American system of justice.

In the next column, I hope to touch upon the dissenting opinions in *Korematsu*: whether these events and decisions, which took place some 60 years ago, should be of any concern to us; shouldn't we let "bygones be bygones?"; isn't this needless "rocking the boat?"; and a few other thoughts that may come to mind. ■

By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership



One Great Membership Tool

As the vice president of membership, my first move has been to work with staff to distribute membership reports on a monthly basis as opposed to quarterly. A big concern that was voiced to me by Portland JAFL President Chip Larouche, among others, is that we must distribute these reports much more frequently.

Membership reports are used effectively to generate renewals by simply placing calls to people with elapsed memberships. The great majority of the time, an elapsed renewal is a forgotten duty, as opposed to an intended action.

Recently, the decision was made to cut back the amount of membership reports sent out, mainly due to the staff time associated with mailing this information out. As a compromise, I have been working with National Executive Director John Tateishi to ensure that chapters have the opportunity to receive this critical data on a much more frequent basis. We have decided that we can be efficient while supporting the effort to maintain membership at a local level.

In order to achieve both goals, we will proceed immediately with providing chapters a means to maintain their members by e-mailing electronic files (Excel) monthly to the chapters we have e-mail addresses for. Therefore, we not only eliminate our costs of paper,

postage and labor, but we also deliver a report almost instantaneously.

We have leaned heavily on JAFL governors to provide valid chapter e-mail addresses. If you are not sure if your governor has the appropriate e-mail address for you, it would be best to check with them. E-mail addresses for governors can be found at www.jafl.org/board.html. Governors should then forward these contact details onto the appropriate person(s) as has been requested of them.

Realizing that not all chapter presidents or membership chairs have access to e-mail, we ask that you please work with someone within your chapter. We ask that you please find someone in your chapter willing to provide their e-mail address, receive the membership reports and pass them to the appropriate parties. As we all know, membership is a huge job, therefore we ask for a total team effort.

Please ensure that you are exercising the basic step of membership recruitment, by following up personally on elapsed memberships on a monthly basis. Please designate someone in your chapter to follow up and receive reports via e-mail (not necessarily the same individual). Working together we can ensure the strength of our grassroots effort for years to come. ■

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COMMENTARY

An American Buddhist's Take on "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance

By MAS HASHIMOTO

When the phrase "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, our nation ceased to be "one nation, indivisible." American Buddhists were among those who were unceremoniously excluded. Buddhists do not deny the existence of a God, but we have never considered it the essence of our religious lives.

In 1942, as a first-grader at Linscott School on Elm Street, I recited the Pledge of Allegiance, but I was sent to prison anyway. Our country was at war with Japan, and I, an American citizen, was in prison.

At the Poston, Ariz., concentration camp, I recited the Pledge of Allegiance with its "liberty and justice for all." My Caucasian American teachers had to look away for we, American citizens, were denied those rights.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights did not fail us. The leaders of the executive, legislative and judicial branches, those who took a pledge to support the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, failed us.

American Buddhists adhere to the right that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." With its implied "separation of church and state" concept, freedom of religion makes us truly free.

When Michael A. Newdow sued his daughter's Elk Grove,

Calif., school district, Congress and President Clinton in 2000, he was trying to restore the pledge to its pre-1954 version. The phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance was declared unconstitutional by a 2-1 margin in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The majority opinion was written by Judge Alfred T. Goodwin.

The original 1892 pledge — "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" — is attributed to socialist editor and clergyman Francis Bellamy and has undergone several changes. In place of "my flag," the phrase "the flag of the United States of America" was added for Flag Day in 1924. During the Korean War, in 1954, "under God" was added by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Congress.

Many wish to continue with the 1954 amended pledge. They cite our founding forefathers' religious beliefs in one God as stated in the Declaration of Independence.

It is interesting to note that Thomas Jefferson's responsibility as the author of the Declaration of Independence was to legitimize an illegal rebellion by appealing to a higher source of authority — one higher than the King and Parliament. He appealed to "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." For those who didn't believe in God, Natural Law would suffice.

Some point out that the term

"separation of church and state" is nowhere to be found in either the Constitution or Bill of Rights. "U.S. Air Force" is not mentioned in these 18th century documents either. Is the Air Force "necessary and proper" for a free state? Yes. Is separation of church and state "necessary and proper" for a free state? Yes, again.

Which of the first ten amendments in the Bill of Rights is the most important? The first amendment — that "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..." — is what sets us apart from all other civilizations.

All other rights in the Bill of Rights are dependent upon the concept of religious freedom — the right of free speech and of the press; right of assembly; trial by fair and impartial jury; freedom from cruel and unusual punishment; not to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process, etc. — can be traced back to freedom of religion. Separation of church and state provides us with the freedoms and rights we enjoy.

If those who insist on the phrase "under God" in the pledge are allowed to continue, then America will lose its appeal and its purpose. To be free of religious persecution is the dream of so many who live in fear for their lives. The right not to have religious beliefs forced upon us makes Americans the envy of the world. ■

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COMMENTARY

Calif.'s Imperial County Ordinance No. 154

By Ike Hatchimonji



(This commentary refers to a government report titled "Community Analysis Notes, No. 12," published by the War Relocation Authority April 9, 1945.)

The Pioneers Museum & Cultural Center in the Imperial County, at the southern end of California, includes a gallery devoted to the contributions of Japanese Americans to the Imperial Valley. The section came about thanks to a group of Imperial Valley Nikkei led by a Saneji. The exhibit tells the struggles of the Nikkei pioneers who achieved success in a hostile environment. Just outside the museum is a veterans' monument, and in the World War II section, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team is given distinction along with Nisei killed in action.

But Imperial County wasn't always so welcoming to the JAs.

Prior to WWII, Imperial County had over 1,500 persons of Japanese ancestry. Most were vegetable farmers, who had arrived as early as 1904. As pioneers to the valley, they were an important part of the area's economic development and introduced many new crops, among them lettuce, a major cash crop today.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Imperial Valley Nikkei communi-

ty became the target of Ordinance No. 154, which was passed by the Imperial County Supervisors on Feb. 19, 1942. This is, ironically, the date on which President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. Whether the date is a coincidence or occurred by design is unknown.

Ordinance No. 154 states in part that: "It requires registration of, and regulation and control of alien enemies (Issei) of the United States with the County Agricultural Commissioner of oneself and family, of one's agricultural lands (leased or owned), and of one's business if engaged in handling, harvesting, processing or shipping of agricultural products." It goes on to state: "It shall be unlawful for any alien enemy, either as tenant, lessee, sub-lessee, cropper ... to have or direct any interest whatsoever in agricultural land within the county."

The ordinance also applied to American citizens (Nisei) as well as declaring it "unlawful to assist, encourage or connive in agricultural operations of alien enemies or to transport, carry, haul or in any manner whatsoever to transport farm products."

It also became "unlawful for any citizen Japanese Americans to acquire, control or in any degree, benefit, directly or indirectly, from any said operations through a native born, or a naturalized United States citizen." The county district attorney was to

enforce the ordinance. Also, "it was the legal and patriotic duty of all citizens to report any apparent or actual violation." Some of the reasons given for the ordinance's passage were: "alien enemies have children and families in the countries with which we are at war"; "the presence of such alien enemies ... is a serious menace to the peace, health and safety of our people and their property"; and "their unrestricted activities ... constitute manifestly a dangerous and innocuous public evil and should be suppressed."

Violations of the ordinance would result in imprisonment of up to six months or a fine of \$500 or both.

The ordinance, which became a county law, allowed "the Agricultural Commissioner and each of his deputies, inspection agents, employees and all peace officers of said county to enter all agricultural lands to investigate alleged violations."

All of the "alien enemy" farmers, some 210 were ordered by the district attorney to surrender land leases which ended all Nikkei farming activities. Crop mortgages to obtain loans were nullified and the crops taken over by Caucasian landowners or lease holders who kept the sale of the harvest while leaving the responsibility of paying off the loans to the Nikkei farm operators.

Other problems plagued the aliens. One hundred and ten, mostly community leaders, were picked up by the FBI and interned in Department of Justice camps following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Their families were left without a head of household at a critical time.

The JAEL sought to demonstrate the loyalty of the Nikkei community by urging the Issei to buy war bonds being issued by the government to aid in the war effort. However, there were

rumors among the Issei that they were "being put on the spot" and that they "were being reported to the FBI if they didn't follow the JAEL program 100 percent." Due to these and other tensions, two Nikkei were murdered. Other acts of violence directed at the Nikkei community included a vigilante raid, which shot up a farm house killing the mother and father of four children.

In Brian Niya's book, "Encyclopedia of Japanese American History: An A-Z Reference From 1868 to the Present," there is reference to writer Carey McWilliams, who was at first anti-Japanese but after visiting the assembly centers changed his view, and in 1944 published the book, "Prejudice: Japanese Americans - Symbol of Racial Intolerance."

McWilliams is mentioned in the WRA report and described the Imperial Valley in December 1944 as a "hot spot" because "it has never had a tradition of law and order and is the home of vigilantism in California, and, on more than one occasion, the valley has connived at lawlessness."

McWilliams' view may have been influenced by a mass meeting held on Dec. 7, 1944, by Brawley Mayor Elmer Fears. At that meeting, Fears said "39 organizations in the valley banded together to oppose the return of the internees to the valley. In this area, returning evacuees cannot expect protection from local police or from other law enforcement agencies."

A similar gathering took place at the Brawley High School Athletic Field sponsored by Imperial County United with speaker John B. Lechner, sugges-

edly an authority on Japanese activities in California.

The Brawley News stated: "Sure we remember the sneak attack of the Japs on Pearl Harbor ... that infamous treachery we will never forget. Do we of the Imperial Valley want the return of the Japs?"

Such events unfolding in Imperial Valley had a disheartening effect on former Imperial Valley Nikkei residents, most of whom were now incarcerated at the Poston camp.

A Poston Community Analysis report dated Dec. 31, 1944, stated that "enthusiasm about return or relocation is largely lacking now because of the loss of evacuation and the anti-evacuee agitation in Brawley and elsewhere in the valley. ... Many relocated east of the Rockies, and probably many more will follow their footsteps."

Today, the Imperial Valley Nikkei population is, understandably, small compared to other farming communities where Nikkei were able to return. Resettlement of JAs after leaving the camps was a difficult period, especially for the aging Issei, who faced many constraints — lack of English language or job skills, being aliens unable for U.S. citizenship, anti-Japanese discrimination and re-establishing a new life for themselves and their families. For some, it took as much as 20 years to regain their former status. For others, they passed on before they could realize their goals. With no assistance from the government that interned them, their struggle to reintegrate back into mainstream society was the greatest challenge. ■

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Fujisaka, Alko, 80, El Cerrito, July 15; Medford, Ore.-born; formerly of Los Angeles; survived by daughters Kathryn Fujisaka and husband Walter Lehman, and Barbara (both El Cerrito); sons Steven and wife Rosslin (El Sobrante), Thomas (Concord); 4 gc.; sisters Terry Kimura, Taka Shitara.

Furuichi, George, 80, Palo Alto, July 26; Los Altos-born; Heart Mountain internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Rosie; sons Darryl, Deane; daughters Connie Lunbeck, Wendy; 10 gc.

Greene, Johanna Lee, 70, Mill Valley, July 3; Tulsa, Okla.-born; survived by son Christopher Kevin; gc.; brothers.

Hall, Fumiko "Fusetsu," 80, San Pedro, July 11; Tokyo-born; survived by husband Roger; son Roger Jr.; daughters Juanita Cobb and husband Curtis, Christine Crum and husband Matt; adopted daughters Ann Kusamoto and Rosa Alexander; 4 gc.; 1 brother and 2 sisters in Japan.

Higashi, Shiyoji, 72, Montebello, July 21; Los Angeles-born; U.S. Army Korean War veteran; survived by son Mike; sister Yone Yamada (Los Angeles).

Hikido, Sadako, 99, San Jose, July 22; Wakayama-born; survived by sons Katsumi and wife Alice, Tsutomu and wife Joyce, Shogo and wife Chiyo, Tatsuya and wife Aina; daughter Koharu Sera and husband Yukio; gc.

Horimoto, Ichiro, 80, Lodi, July 10; Lodi-born; survived by sister Asako Mayeda and husband Ted.

sister-in-law Yoko Horimoto; nieces and nephews; cousin Koichi Tanaka.

Imai, Tomoko, 48, Rancho Cucamonga, July 8; Hokkaido-born; survived by husband Tsugio; son Ryohei Brian; daughters Azusa Sadie, Tamiki Cindy; father Toraichi Asami and wife Fusako (Japan); brother Koichi Asami and wife Kyoko (Japan); sisters Akiko Murakami, Noriko Asami; brother-in-law Yasutoshi Imai and wife Yumiko (Japan), Michio Imai and wife Suchin (Hawaii).

Ishihara, Fumiko Okanishi, Los Angeles, July 24; survived by son

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Kazuo (Sacramento); daughter Miyo Ishihara and husband Jeremy Dailey (Sacramento); sisters Kimiko Maeda and husband Arnold, Natsuko Akiyama and husband Yoshio; sisters-in-law Yoneko and Eiko Okanishi.

Ito, Joe, 84, Gardena, July 21; Torrance-born; WWII 442nd RCT Army veteran (3rd Battalion, Co. I); accomplished race car builder, considered a major figure in the history of Hot Rodding; recipient of the California Hot Rod Reunion Speed Award (1996); survived by sons Luckie (San Diego), Mickey (Carson); Bettie Jo Yamane (Kailua, Hawaii), Joe Jr. (Gardena); 11 gc.; 4 gc.; brother George and wife Kiyoishi; sisters Martha Yamaki, Mary Rosalia.

Jensen, Brett Akio, 19, Seattle, May 7; University of Washington student; survived by parents Donald Ray and Janice Hoshide Jensen; sister Megan Miyoko; grandparents Miyoko Hoshide (Hilo, Hawaii) and Kenneth S. Jensen and wife Alice (Oak Harbor, Wash.); predeceased by grandfather Akio Hoshide, grandmother Grace Jensen.

Kato, Misao, 80, Carson, July 14;

Gardena-born; survived by sons Victor, Alan and wife Dawn; 4 gc.; brother Kasumi Wada and wife Fumi; sister Kazuko Wada and husband Masaru (Japan); brother-in-law Stan Giddings.

Kinoshita, Lillian F., 84, Torrance, July 21; Seattle-born; survived by husband Robert K.; daughter Pat Aoki and husband Wayne; daughter-in-law Gale Jones; 2 gc.; 2 gc.

Mayeda, Hana, 86, Buena Park, July 15; survived by daughter Jane Kowata and husband Tak; sons Richard and wife Manuela, Dennis and wife Beatrice; sisters Ruby Seehas (Olympia, Wash.), Ruby Watanuki (Mariposa), brother Tom Watanuki and wife Patricia (Apple Valley); 7 gc., 7 gc.

Nakagawa, August, New York; formerly of Chicago and Cleveland; senior associate of planning for I.M. Pei Associates; survived by wife Kitty; 3 stepchildren; 7 gc.; a sister and brother-in-law.

Nakamatsu, Natsue, 75, Los Angeles, July 12; Peru-born; survived by son William Shinya and wife Rosanne Aiko; daughter Ruby Rumiko Maya and husband Kenneth Tsuyoshi; 2 gc.

Nakamura, Masami, 84, Monterey Park, July 11; Hamamatsu-shi Shizuoka-ken-born; survived by wife Darlene; brother-in-law Makoto Fukui and wife Haruko (Japan).

Nishihara, Mitts, 76, Watsonville, July 13; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Yoshiko, son Scotty and wife Franci; daughters Linda (Scotts Valley), Lynne Yoshimoto and husband Glenn (Kingsburg); 5 gc., 1 gc.; brothers Yamato (Watsonville), Mike (San Mateo); sisters Chisato Mochimaru (Capitola), Nancy Nishihara (Watsonville); predeceased by son Dale.

Ogawa, Minoru, 88, Monterey Park, July 19; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Ellsie Yoshie; son Donald Shoichi and wife Eileen; daughters Lillian Kimura, Taka Nakamura; 4 gc.; two brothers in Japan.

Okazaki, Konatsu, 94, San Francisco, July 6; survived by children Sachiye Mayeda, Keiko

Kariya and husband Kaz, Takashi Okazaki and wife Suzie; 5 gc., 8 gc.

Okinaka, Harumi H., 96, Orange, July 17; survived by son Ronald; sister Emma Hatayama; daughter-in-law Kazuyo Okinaka; 3 gc., 4 gc.; predeceased by husband Tsuchimoto.

Oshiro, Isabel Sumiko, 84, Concord, July 9; San Francisco-born; survived by son Neal H. (Lynnwood, Wash.); daughter Judy DeHont (Danville); 4 gc.; sister Jean Kaku (Tracy); brother George Dakuzaku (Sacramento).

Ota, Sam I., 80, Monterey Park, July 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Elma; son Steven M.; 1 gc.; brother Fred and wife Toshiko; sister Kazuko Oshiro and husband Hideo.

Oyama, Mitsuye, 87, Los Gatos, July 13; Malaga-born; survived by daughters Joyce Yuri, Margie T.; sons Richard Y., Norman K.; brother Takayuko Toma and wife Midori; predeceased by husband Isami and sister Muraye Ando.

Ryono, Margaret Toshiko, 73, Torrance, July 17; Sacramento-born; survived by husband Katsumi; son Steve and wife Chris (Quartz Hill); daughter Stacy Hashimoto and husband Larry (Redondo Beach); 2 gc.; sisters Isabel and Laura Shibuya; brother William Shibuya.

Sagami, Minnie, 78, Olympia Fields, Ill. June 25; Seattle-born; resident of Riehton Park; survived by husband Yahachi; daughter Donna Handwerk and husband David (Chicago), Marcia and fiancé Mark Morancy (Alameda), Lisa (Chicago); brother Fred Takenaka (Brackneridge Pa.) 1 gc.

Shibasaki, Dr. Eugh, 82, Montebello, July 17; Chicago-born; survived by wife Junko; son Eugh Jr. (Chicago); daughters Aiko Shioya and husband John, Kyoko Kusaba and husband Katsu, Raye; 2 gc.; brothers Shiyu and wife Misao, Yo and wife Kaoru; sisters Toshiko Shibasaki (San Francisco), Takako Kawaguchi.

Shitamoto, Takashi, 77, Pacific Palisades, July 15; Lahaina, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Yoshie; sons Elbert and wife Rika, Robert and wife Karen, Simon and wife Eugenia; 2 gc.

Sujishi, Robert Masao, 40, Hawaii, July 13; San Jose resident;

survived by wife Vivian; parent George and Asae; brother Kirk and wife Flora; father-in-law Junichi Takimoto; mother-in-law Jeanne Takimoto.

Sutow, Mary H., 88, Houston, July 17; survived by daughters Ellen "Kippy" Williams and husband Philip (San Carlos), Tina Van Dam and husband Philip (Midland, Mich.); son Edmund "Buzzy" and wife Beatriz (Arlington, Va.), Toshiko and Morio Miyamoto (St. Louis), Ryoosuke Kimoto (Houston); 12 gc., 5 gc.; siblings Sumiyo Fujii (Montebello), Shigeko and Jiro Watanabe (Monterey Park); Marilyn Korenaga (Portland, Ore.); predeceased by husband W.W. Sutow, M.D.

Takata, Victor Ichiro, 87, Los Angeles, July 7; Seattle-born; survived by wife Hiroyo May; daughters Akemi Fort and husband Rick, Naomi Takata; 1 gc.; brothers-in-law Akira Matsuno and wife Michi, Jimmy Matsuno and wife Miyo.

Takayama-Masato, Matsuno, 95, Los Angeles, July 11; Hiroshima-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by daughters Yoshie Sakamoto and husband Charles, Mary Hikoda and husband Katsumi; 5 gc., 9 gc.

Toyomura, John Hatsu, 66, Harbor City, July 1; Hilo, Hawaii-born; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Jane Tomoko; son Sean; brothers and sister in Hawaii; Edward and wife Carol, Herbert and wife Debbie, Glenn Hamamoto and wife Kathleen, Betty Tanaka; brothers-in-law Peter and wife Lorraine, Robert, Jim Murai and wife Nancy, Bert Murai and wife Joan (Hawaii), Harry Murai and wife Ruby, Fumio Murai and wife Gale (San Jose); sisters-in-law Thelma Nakashima (Hawaii), Ethel Arisumi and husband Masato.

Yamada, Frank T., 88, Pasadena, July 16; survived by wife Setsuko; son David Yamada and wife Judith; daughter Betty Yutani and husband Norman; 1 gc.

Yamagata, Henry "Hank," 88, Palm Desert, July 17; longtime Long Beach resident; Gila River, Ariz. and Jerome, Ark., internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Sylvia, daughter Sandra Eggleston and husband Ron (Palm Desert); 2 gc., 3 gc.

Yamamoto, William Kasuro, 80, Garden Grove, July 20; Seattle-born; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Toshi; daughters Cindy and Kathy; 1 gc.; sister Minnie Miye Hanaoka and husband Bill; sister-in-law Sachiko Wada and husband Walter.

Yoshimoto, Kazuo, 82, Long Beach, July 22; San Pedro-born; survived by wife Misao; sons Bill and wife Joy, Kay and wife Sharon; 3 gc.; sisters Harue Goka and husband Kenny, Fumi Takeshita; brother Henry and wife Mits; brother-in-law George Tsuda and wife Helen, Pee Wee Tsuda and wife Betty, Yosh Tsuda and wife Masayo. ■

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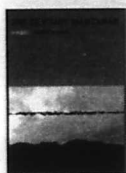
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FICTION

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Circle K Cycles

By Karen Tei Yamashita
Coffee House Press
147 pp., \$16.95 paperback

Karen Tei Yamashita's fourth book merges fiction, essay and pop culture collages to illustrate the experiences of second-generation Japanese Brazilians when they emigrate to Japan to assume the manual work its citizen no longer want to work at. In the short stories, we meet Miss Hamamatsu '96 — a Eurasian beauty who covets the Miss Nikkei pageant crown; conwoman Marie Madalena and her ad scams and phone sex business; Ze Maria, embroiled in a sinister labor debacle; and other characters enmeshed in a Brazilian Japanese employment venture and its unsolved, deadly outcome. Interspersed between these tales are Yamashita's personal essays that detail the author's travels to Japan with her Brazilian husband and family — a time spent straddling the fence between boisterous Brazilian customs and conservative Japanese tradition.

NONFICTION

Taisho Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco
By Kendall H. Brown & Sharon A. Minichiello
University of Washington Press
176 pp., \$45 hardback

The Taisho period, loosely the first three decades of the 20th century, was a dynamic era in Japan. On one hand, it spawned social liberalism and political radicalism; on the other, it generated the social conservatism and cultural nativism that grew into the ultra-nationalism of 1937-1945.

In art, it produced an infatuation with Western modernism as well as a new exploration of traditional aesthetics. During this time, the role of women became the center of debate over Japanese cultural identity. The primary focus in this volume is the nexus of tradition and modernity manifest in popular images of women, as well as in domestic furnishings and fashions made for women.

Sento to Sixth and Main: Preserving Landmarks of Japanese American Heritage

By Gail Dubrow With Donna Graves
University of Washington Press
232 pp., \$19.95 paperback

The Hashidate-Yu, a Japanese-style public bathhouse (*sento*), gave Japanese immigrants and their families a chance to relax and socialize at the corner of Sixth and South Main streets in Seattle, the heart of Nihonmachi.

There used to be hundreds of bathhouses in Japanese American communities across the United States, but the Hashidate-Yu, carefully preserved in recent years, is one of only two of these historic details that have survived. The details found there are reminders of daily life in Japanese America prior to internment during World War II. This book combines research on historic places, personal memories and vintage photographs to showcase once-familiar parts of Nikkei life — bathhouses, community halls, farms, lumber camps, temples, schools, hospitals, midwiferies and bowling alleys. Focusing on 10 places significant in JA heritage — located in Seattle, Auburn and Selkirk in Washington, and Sebastopol, San Jose, and Los Angeles — this book also calls attention to the many landmarks awaiting further study and protection.

Japan: Encyclopedia

By Louis Frederic
Translated by Kathe Roth
Harvard University Press
1102 pp., \$49.95 hardback

This tome includes some 20,000 alphabetized entries ranging from acupuncture to zoo. This detailed encyclopedic dictionary covers the full range of Japanese history and civilization up through the present and is the only single-volume reference work of its kind in English.

A guide to Japanese culture beyond economics and politics, this book is particularly strong in religion, material culture and the arts while also presenting a great deal of information on Japanese society and institutions, commerce and industry, sciences, sports, politics and virtually every other aspect of modern life in Japan. It is noteworthy for its historical detail and wide biographical coverage. Individual entries range from the brief biographical and descriptive to substantive articles

Book Review

Book on Redress Campaign Focuses on Seattle Activists

By MAKO NAKAGAWA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

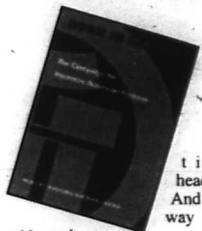
In his book, "Born in Seattle: The Campaign for Japanese American Redress," writer Robert Shimabukuro presents a unique perspective on the beginnings of redress. Seattle Nisei engineers at Boeing, convinced that the expulsion and incarceration of Japanese Americans resulted in mistreatment by Boeing managers, decided to campaign for redress. As far-fetched as this may seem, Shimabukuro's account is convincing, interesting and documented, making it a book which should interest scholars, laymen, and those who are just looking for a good story to read. And yes, even those who are tired of redress and World War II incarceration stories.

"Born in Seattle" traces the evolution of redress, from the beginning plans of redress in the late 1960s to the legislative triumph and payments in the early 1990s, with an emphasis on the Seattle activists, who included engineers, teachers, business owners, writers, journalists and artists — grassroots folks. They developed a plan which attracted people, and developed enough expertise to convince legislators in the justice of redress.

Shimabukuro's research led him to the story of how, in 1967-68, two Nisei engineers lamented the treatment of JA engineers by aerospace giant Boeing. Henry Miyatake and Mike Nakata observed that Boeing's Nisei engineers, despite their education and ingenuity, lacked self-confidence and suffered insulting treatment from Boeing managers. Nakata and Miyatake reasoned, "We take a lot of crap without answering back, and we're always reticent about showing our capabilities. We got put away. We didn't do anything. All hakujin feel like they can walk all over us, without us making a noise."

Nakata was convinced that the WWII incarceration of JAs was a major cause of Nisei lack of self-confidence and their managers' scorn, and in order to erase these perceptions of the Nikkei in America, JAs had to address the wartime expulsion and incarceration

on Buddhism, castles, ceramics, cuisine, literature, cinema, painting, sculpture, flora, geography, gardens, sumo and the like. Cross-references and an index will help the reader trace themes from one article to the next.



tion head-on. And the way to

address these issues was to organize a campaign for redress.

Shimabukuro gives us the personal stories of these and other Seattle activists who worked for over two decades to educate the JA communities, legislative bodies and the broader American public about the need for the U.S. government to redress the JA community for their wrongful imprisonment.

In 1997, Cherry Kinoshita asked Shimabukuro if he wanted to write a book about the Seattle activists. "I was very intrigued by the possibilities," he said. "I always felt that community organizers are a very important yet neglected part of society (at least in the general media) and here was a chance to write about a successful campaign that nobody really believed had a chance in the beginning."

It is, as professor Gail Nomura at University of Washington said, "a passionate telling of the Seattle story of Japanese American redress from the late 1960s to 1990."

The Seattle Redress Committee, a group made up of some of the Seattle activists, oversaw the production of "Born in Seattle." The project was funded by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, the National JACL Legacy Fund, the Seattle chapter JACL, the Minoru Masuda Memorial Fund and the Washington Coalition on Redress.

"Born in Seattle" was selected as a Scott and Laurie Oki Series in Asian American Studies book published by the University of Washington Press.

The book is available at most book sites on the web, or by contacting the author at shimaito@atbi.com.

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- to provide concrete, new and specific knowledge of Asian women in the United States in the context of global restructuring;
- to serve as a pedagogical resource in AA women's studies course reader and resource book for students, scholars and the general public.

Editors will be: Seung Hye Suh, associate professor, Department of Women's Studies at Barnard College and assistant professor of English at Scripps College; Ai-jen Poo with Women Workers Project of CAAAV; and Robert Ji-Song Ku, acting director of the Asian American Studies Program and assistant professor in the Department of English at Hunter College, CUNY.

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