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From top: Tapestry depicting St. Paul Miki and St. Paul Ibaragi (third from left) and behind him, St. Paul Miki; guests exit the cathedral after an interfaith 9/11 tribute.

New L. A. Catholic Church Holds Interfaith 9/11 Service

Text and Photos
by
Martha Nakagawa

doors designed by Robert Graham have the Chinese character for heaven inscribed on them;

• St. Paul Miki and St. Luis Ibaragi (Kenichi Ibaragi), two of 26 Japanese Catholics who were martyred in Nagasaki in February 1597, are represented in the tapestry designed by John Nava. Ibaragi was baptized when he was 11 years old. A year later at the age of 12, he became the youngest among the 26 to be martyred. In June 1862, 235 years later, Pope Pius IX pronounced the 26 Japanese as saints;

• Another Asian saint on the tapestry is St. Paul Chong Hasang, who was martyred on Sept. 22, 1893, during the Gi Hye Persecution in Korea. Hasang was the second son of Yak Jong Chung, who had been martyred during the Shin-Yu Persecution in 1801. Hasang provided leadership to the Korean Catholic Church during a period of persecution and helped establish the Korean Catholic Diocese. Two months after Hasang was killed, his mother, Yu Cecilia, died in prison, and the following month his younger sister, Jung Hye, was martyred. The three martyrs were declared saints on May 6, 1984, by Pope John Paul II. ■

The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, the first major American cathedral to be built within the last three decades, was dedicated on Sept. 2. The following week, on Sept. 11, an interfaith memorial service to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks was held with more than 3,000 people in attendance.

The \$189.5 million cathedral took five years to construct and is 333 feet in length, one foot longer than St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. The brown-colored cement walls are meant to evoke adobe bricks which had been used to construct early California missions. In the plaza, a bronze sculpture by Johnny Bear Contreras depicts the Kumeyaay Indians' creation story of the first humans emerging from the ocean.

Los Angeles is home to the nation's largest and most ethnically diverse Roman Catholic archdiocese, and this multicultural connection is represented in the cathedral. Asian-related aspects of the cathedral include:

- The 30-foot-high, 25-ton brass

National Board Sets Forth Plan to Deal With JACL's Financial Crisis

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—As the JACL continues to struggle with its financial problems, the national board came up with a two-part plan to help alleviate the immediate crisis and hopefully set the organization on a healthy path to the future.

Abandoning the set agenda for the quarterly meeting Sept. 14-15, the board focused on finances. Looking at a continuing cash flow problem and a potential deficit of \$200,000 for this year's budget, the board came up with an aggressive Plan A and Plan B.

Plan A is to be implemented immediately and involves three steps: 1) The JACL will borrow as needed up to \$200,000 from the Life Trust Endowment Fund to be repaid at a 2-percent interest rate within the next five years; 2) Three Pillars Plan — the JACL will re-focus staff time into three main areas: membership, education, and fundraising. The focus here will be on revenue generating programs; and 3) The final step will be possible staff cuts at the discretion of John Tateishi, JACL executive director.

Plan B was discussed in a closed, two-hour executive session with the national board members. The topic of discussion was personnel matters, and thus Plan B could possibly involve more cuts to personnel.

The board members agreed that immediate action is needed if JACL is to survive the current financial crisis. "We're not in great shape, to put it mildly," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president.

"The situation is bleak and it's been bleak since about May or June and it's been continuously worse with each passing day," said Tateishi.

JACL's monthly expenses run about \$150,000-\$200,000 with about \$80,000 going towards payroll. With the membership revenues and monies from grants and fundraising coming in at a much slower rate than set forth in the 2002 budget, JACL is facing a potential deficit of \$200,000. To make this year's budget, JACL would need to raise about \$265,000 in grants and fundraising and about \$325,000 in membership for the remainder of the year.

Although in the past JACL has been able to rely on monies from JACL's various investments, the poor performance of the stock market the past several months means JACL cannot tap into this area as a revenue source. "We're bone dry," said Art Koga, JACL secretary/treasurer.

As of June 30, 2002, the National Endowment Fund is \$334,396 and the Legacy Fund is at \$4,997,471. Currently, both funds have gone below the principle.

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Commission's New Hate Crime Statistics Include Post-9/11 Backlash

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations released its annual report Sept. 9, which included statistics on hate crimes against Asian Americans and the post-9/11 backlash against Arab, Muslim and South Asian Americans.

"Since the horrific events of

September 11, 2001, our entire country has seen an increase in the acts of hate and discrimination, mostly aimed at the people who are and sometimes appear to be Middle Eastern or Muslim," said Rev. Zedar Broadous, president of the commission.

"During the year 2001, Los Angeles County had the highest number of hate crimes in our two-decade history," announced Robin Toma, executive director of the commission.

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BY THE BOARD Family Affair?

By RYAN CHIN
Nat'l VP. of Membership

Is JACL an organization that is appropriate for families? Or is JACL an organization whose primary purpose is to serve a generation of yesterday? Lately I have been thinking about that question to a large degree.

Time and time again I view the demographics of the organization and it leads me to believe that since the JACL membership is dominated by older Japanese Americans — many who joined around the same time — it is a group that survives to satisfy the needs of a specific generation. As these generations ebb away, so goes the JACL... fading into the twilight.

Is my logic flawed? Allow me to further investigate.

What you expect from an organization that involves multiple generations is that the age of the average member remains the same over time. Clearly the average



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JACL Issues Statement on Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks

As the nation remembered the tragic events of Sept. 11 a year ago, JACL and other Asian Pacific American organizations took part in observances of the one-year anniversary.

The following is the full text of JACL's statement:

"On the first anniversary of the tragic and horrific events of last September 11th, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil and human rights organization, solemnly remembers and honors the victims and heroes who lost their lives a year ago today. We mourn the senseless tragedy of innocent lives taken in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and pay tribute to police, fire fighters and emergency personnel and the passengers of United Flight 93 who selflessly gave their lives to save others. We are humbled by their sacrifices.

"The JACL also remembers and honors the other victims of September 11th, those victimized by scapegoating and a misplaced sense of patriotism by some Americans: the Sikh American man murdered outside of his gas station by someone proclaiming to be a "patriot"; the Muslim girl tor-

mented on her way to school by strangers because of her headscarf; the South Asian children not knowing the whereabouts of their father taken away by the police months ago; the American business owner of Arab ancestry whose store was vandalized and painted with racial slurs; the countless Americans who were told to "go home" to a country they had never seen.

"In expressing our grief over the tragic and horrific events that irrevocably changed the lives of every American a year ago, the JACL also renews our appeal to our government and our fellow citizens to remember the lessons of history when 60 years ago the Japanese American community was presumed guilty by reason of ethnicity and was incarcerated en masse. America was built on values of democracy and fairness and recognizes today that scapegoating in 1942 was a mistake — and that we cannot allow such a fundamental injustice to be repeated ever again.

"On this anniversary of national tragedy, the JACL fervently hopes that the upcoming days, weeks and months will bring further

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HATE CRIMES

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A record 1,031 hate crimes were reported last year, an 11 percent increase over the 933 hate crimes reported in 2000, Toma said.

Hate-motivated crimes stemming from anti-Arab or Muslim sentiment jumped sharply from 14 in 2000 to 188 in the three months following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. South Asians, particularly turban-wearing Sikhs, were targeted disproportionately, constituting about one-fifth of all post-9/11 hate crime victims in the country.

"These crimes, some of which are cited in our report, range from vandalism to threats of violence to brutal physical attacks," Toma said.

"But as stunning as these numbers are, I have no doubt they could have been worse," he added. "Unlike in years past, after the attack on Pearl Harbor led our government to intern over 110,000 Japanese Americans, my mother and family among them, this time it's different. We have leaders

speaking out, talking against scapegoating and lashing out against our neighbors."

Other highlights from the commission's report included a significant decline in hate crimes committed against blacks, Latinos and Jews, but overall blacks remained the most victimized group in Los Angeles County.

Dion Smith, an African American whose family's home in Azusa, Calif., was one of three to be fire-bombed in December 2001 in a racially motivated attack, attended the press conference to put a face to the statistics. "Hate crimes should stop," he said.

Meanwhile, other hate crimes, such as those motivated by sexual orientation bias, rose 9 percent, and anti-Asian hate crimes grew 40 percent, from 30 reported incidents in 2000 to 42 in 2001.

"As the report shows, over the course of 2002 the number of hate crimes against Asian Americans rose," said commissioner Kathy Feng, who is also a lawyer at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center.

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age of the organization has not remained stable for nearly 20 years. Clearly the age of the average member has steadily increased. The numbers show that JACL has not effectively spanned multiple generations.

What you expect from an organization that involves family members is that parents, children and grandchildren would be members. Clearly the membership rosters do not illustrate this. Clearly the most common scenario is that parents and grandparents are members, but not the children and grandchildren.

It seems that my logic passes the simple tests that I have presented. While emotionally it may be hard to admit, the numbers state that the JACL is geared toward specific generations. Typically numbers don't lie, people do.

What can we do?

For the chapters and districts, please consider putting on fun events that are suitable for families. For the members that live with a spouse and/or children, please make a concerted effort to bring them to JACL functions. For members who have family who are not members of the JACL, please make a strong request — as opposed to a passive or absent plea — to have them join the organization.

For members who have families, actually talk about your involvement in the organization and some of JACL's accomplishments. It's okay — don't feel shy, scared, or ashamed. The sales technique referred to as "word of mouth" can't be beat.

I believe that these are things that we have neglected to do over time. However, it is not too late. The time is now!

National will be trying to assist in making JACL a true family affair. In conjunction with this holiday season, we will be conducting a gift membership drive. We will be looking to chapters as well as the national board to sell these gift certificates as a way of inviting family members and other potential beneficiaries into the organization.

Like all membership drives, this one will be a team effort. I will work with the *Pacific Citizen* to document the results such as the amount that every national board member has sold, the top five selling chapters, and how well each district has done. Furthermore, the governors will be distributing the gift memberships to their respective chapters.

Upon purchasing the gift membership, people will receive a nice certificate that they can present to the recipient. The presentation and timing make this the perfect gift for the holidays. It can serve as a stand-alone gift or as a stocking stuffer.

If you believe that the organization is beneficial, then this should not be too hard of a sell. If you believe that the JACL is something that can work for other family members, then this should be considered as a logical gift for them. If you believe, like I do, that the organization will be needed in the future, this should be thought of as the gift that can keep on giving.

I know that some people may be offended that I even question JACL as a family-oriented organization. This is one of the few times that I will enjoy having someone curse me out as long as they can provide the numbers to back them up. How many family members do they have? How many family members do they have who benefit from the JACL? How many family members do they have who are members of the organization? ■

"There are a lot of explanations for why that can happen," Feng said, but more important have been the ongoing efforts to educate a community which is comprised of many non-English speakers and to teach them how to work with law enforcement as far as recognizing and reporting hate crimes.

All data in the report were collected from law enforcement agencies, school districts and community-based organizations, and the compiled statistics account for the 88 cities and unincorporated communities that comprise Los Angeles County.

"The members of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations have worked with our county board of supervisors, our district director and our county commission staff to implement a well-directed approach to this critical problem facing L.A. County and indeed our nation," said Rev. Broadous.

Part of that approach to help educate the community about hate crimes and discrimination is a new 30-second public service announcement which will soon be running on all major Los Angeles television stations, according to the commission. It features celebrities and others of different colors advocating tolerance.

"I recognize that there are people

who may not allow their minds to be changed," Toma said about the effectiveness of the PSA, "but there are many people who are going to think twice. There's an amazing change that can take place every time someone hears another person make a derogatory remark or a joke about an Arab or a Muslim or any person, and raising that issue is going to let them know that that kind of talk is not what we want to hear in L.A. County."

"I do believe that public service announcements are a step in that direction, but I know there's much more to it. Education is required as well, which is why we're working with the school districts. Ultimately, this is a long-term challenge," he said.

In addition to the PSA, the commission has developed several programs intended to further lessen intergroup tensions. They include the Network Against Hate Crime, the Human Relations Mutual Assistance Consortium and the new Youth Public Education Campaign.

The 21-year-old L.A. County Commission on Human Relations is comprised of 15 members and is one of the oldest and largest agencies of its kind in the United States.

For more information on the commission and its 2001 hate crime report, visit www.LAHumanRelations.org. ■

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healing, tolerance and understanding to the victims of September 11th and to all Americans."

Also releasing statements in observance of Sept. 11 were the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC).

Echoing JACL's sentiments, Warren Minami, NJAMF chair, stated: "In times of crisis, fear often trumps good judgment. The Foundation hopes that the lessons imparted by the Japanese American experience during World War II and embodied in the Memorial will be recalled during the present difficulty. How successfully we adhere to

our values as Americans in shaping our response to terrorism will spell the difference between us and our adversaries. For my own part, I hope that tolerance, understanding and fairness will win out over fear, ignorance and hatred, the very qualities that characterize those who would do us harm."

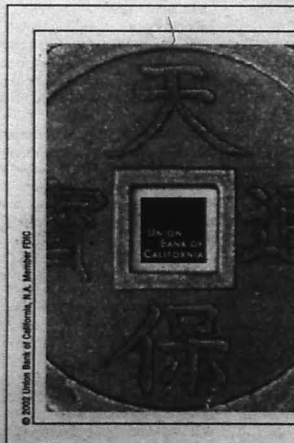
"APALC joins the nation in commemorating the lives of the September 11th victims. We stand in solidarity with all Americans and continue to provide necessary services," said Stewart Kwok, president and executive director of APALC. "We hope that the remembrance of September 11th will be marked with love for the ones that lost their lives and with respect for all Americans. Our diversity is strength and our tolerance is patriotism." ■

P.C. Holiday Issue Photo Contest

Break out your photo archives! This year's theme is "Our Town." Whether it's Japantown, Chinatown, or Thai Town, this issue will explore the significance and role of these ethnic enclaves. Let us know what role these "towns" have played in you and your family's lives. Photos will be given for creativity.

Winning submissions will be featured on the full-color cover. Don't be shy! Send to: Photo Contest, c/o Pacific Citizen, 7 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755 or e-mail pacit@aol.com. Photos will not be returned without an SASE.

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By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

□ Judge Refuses to Drop Charges Against Gary Physician

CROWN POINT, Ind.—A judge refused to dismiss charges against a suspended Gary doctor accused in the deaths of two patients who died from prescription drug overdoses.

Attorneys for Dr. Jong Bek of Chicago had argued the charges should be dropped because they were too vague and based on bias, but Lake Superior Court Judge Richard W. Maroc denied their motion Aug. 29.

Bek, 61, is accused of providing pills to two men who traveled to his Gary clinic to buy prescription drugs and who died after mixing those drugs with heroin.

Bek's defense attorney argued that prosecutors filed charges against his client, who is Asian American, but not against a white man whom he said injected both victims with heroin. Maroc said he did not believe Bek was a victim of selective prosecution.

Bek has pleaded innocent to two counts of felony murder and two counts of dealing in a controlled substance and is being held without bond in the Lake County jail. If convicted, he faces up to 158 years

in prison.

□ Minority Enrollment at UW Medical School Dropping

MADISON, Wis.—Minority enrollment at the University of Wisconsin Medical School has been falling since the mid 1990s, mirroring declines at similar institutions across the country, experts said.

The UW Medical School had 41 black students in the fall of 1995, according to the registrar's office, but by fall of 2001 the number had dropped to 13. For Hispanics, the number dropped from 43 in 1996 to 26 in 2001.

Asian American student enrollment has been more steady, with students numbering in the high 60s to low 70s, although the number dipped to 63 last fall.

Among the explanations offered by administrators were too little scholarship money, a backlash against affirmative action and the relatively small minority population in the state.

Gloria Hawkins, assistant dean for multicultural affairs, said the medical school has not yet undertaken a study, but administrators say they are concerned about the

decline because minority students are more likely to serve their ethnic communities, which can be under-served.

□ Study: Nevada Minorities Making Economic Strides

LAS VEGAS—A new University of Georgia study shows that Asian Americans, Hispanics and blacks in Nevada have increased their income at a faster rate than the state's total population during the past 12 years.

The study shows that Nevada's AAs ranked first nationwide since 1990 in their growth in buying power—361 percent—compared with AAs in other states.

"A lot of Asians have come from other states, where the cost of living tends to be higher," said Tonia Sison, vice president of external affairs for Concerned Asians of Nevada Development Organization, an umbrella group of AA civic and business groups.

"Many of them tend to work two jobs, which comes from a strong work ethic that is passed down," she told the *Las Vegas Sun*.

Sison said Las Vegas' AA community, which she estimates at 100,000, is demonstrating its growing economic clout by expanding Chinatown. She also pointed out the 12 AA candidates in November's elections for offices including State Assembly and District Court, an all-time high.

□ Nakano's Healthcare Legislation Signed by Governor

LONG BEACH, Calif.—In an effort to extend healthcare benefits for active California National Guard members, Gov. Gray Davis signed AB 1850 at a press conference at the Long Beach Convention Center Sept. 7.

AB 1850, authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, requires the State Military Department to provide healthcare coverage for guard members who have served 30 days of continuous active duty and their dependents.

"We must remember that our California National Guard members are forced to drop their civilian lives if called to active duty. They leave their families, their personal lives and their jobs," Nakano said. "Unfortunately, private sector employers suspend their healthcare benefits for the duration of active

duty, leaving guard members without adequate health coverage."

Prior to this legislation, California guard members had to serve six months of continuous active duty before their dependents received health coverage. AB 1850 corrects that loophole.

□ Mineta Introduces Coast Guard Anti-terror Team

LOS ANGELES—U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta has commissioned a new anti-terror team that will work to prevent future attacks from taking place in Southern California.

The Maritime Safety Security Team, a fast deployment U.S. Coast Guard unit, was created in response to Sept. 11 to enhance homeland security. The Los Angeles-based unit, the third of its kind, is expected to perform search and rescue operations at the nation's busiest port.

Mineta spoke at a ceremony honoring government workers Sept. 8 at the Coast Guard Terminal Island base in San Pedro, noting that the port receives more than 4 million cargo containers and more than 500,000 cruise ship passengers each year.

The 100 members of the maritime security team completed specialized weapons and boat tactics at Camp Lejeune, N.C., last month.

□ Asian Immigrants Bringing Ancestors to U.S. for Reburial

LOS ANGELES—Increasing numbers of Asian immigrants are moving their ancestors to the United States for reburial, say funeral directors.

The bones or cremated ashes of relatives are finding new graves, sometimes chosen according to feng shui principles of design and location. For some, it is too costly and time-consuming to go back to China or Korea to visit family graves.

Rose Hills in Whittier, Calif., handled 324 Asian burials in 2000 and 2001 and had 91 through June of this year. Many are handled in California and New York, which have the largest Asian immigrant populations.

It costs only airplane fare or shipping costs to have cremated remains transferred to the United States. They are not considered hazardous by U.S. Customs. But caskets must be hermetically sealed and require the permission of public health officers to prevent the spread of com-

municable diseases.

□ Hawaii Congresswoman Mink, 74, Hospitalized

HONOLULU—U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink, seeking her 13th term in Congress, has been hospitalized in serious condition with pneumonia stemming from chickenpox since Aug. 31.

Mink, a 74-year-old Democrat, is quarantined in the intensive care unit in Straub Clinic & Hospital, said Joan Manke, Mink's chief of staff in Honolulu. She also said the virus has reached Mink's lungs.

Mink, whose second congressional district covers rural Oahu and the outer Hawaiian Islands of Kauai, Maui, Lanai, Molokai and the Big Island, faces little-known candidate Steve Tatai in the Sept. 21 primary election.

She served in the House from 1965 to 1977 and returned to Congress in 1990. Mink also served as a Honolulu councilwoman and an assistant secretary of the state in the Carter administration.

Mink's family has not provided any information on whether the congresswoman is conscious or on a respirator, or her prognosis, Manke said.

□ Record 18,000 Japanese Over 100 Years Old

TOKYO—The number of Japanese who are at least 100 years old hit 17,934 this year, a new record in the world's longest-living nation, the Health Ministry announced Sept. 10.

People reaching their 100th birthday this past year boosted Japan's centenarians by 2,459 from the previous year. The number is also four times higher than a decade ago, the ministry said.

Some 84 percent of the centenarians are women, and 90.63 percent are 103 years old or less.

Okinawa has the highest proportion of people over 100 at 39.05 per 100,000 people. Tokyo has only 10.98 per 100,000 people but boasts the highest number in absolute terms. Okinawa also has the longest life expectancy in Japan.

The oldest living man and woman are 113 and 115 respectively. The woman, Kamato Hongo, is believed to be the oldest woman in the world. She requires nursing care but sometimes performs dance-like movements while seated when she has an audience, the ministry said.

Japan's life expectancy was 84.93 years for women and 78.07 for men in 2001, the longest in the world. ■

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APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments,
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Amanda Kent, 21, of Pocatello, Idaho, was named Miss Rodeo Idaho 2003. Kent, representing Twin Falls Western Days, was one of six contestants competing for the pageant title. It is a six-day competition, which involves the contestants riding on horses in full regalia around the Idaho Center arena. Kent's year-long reign begins in January, during which time she will serve as ambassador for the sport of rodeo. She is the daughter of Paul and Joanne (Higashi) Kent.

Assemblyman **George Nakano** has been appointed by Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson Jr. to chair the California State Assembly Democratic Caucus. Nakano is the first Asian American to be appointed to this position. The Assembly Democratic Caucus is the largest in the state Assembly, and as chair Nakano will be responsible for formulating caucus priorities, initiating policy discussions and running efficient caucus meetings. ■

Department Settles Discrimination Investigation Against Nuclear Lab

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) announced Sept. 13 that it has finalized a conciliation agreement with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory involving an employment discrimination class action investigation. The investigation was based on complaints filed by nine Asian American employees of the lab in December 1999.

Under the agreement terms, the lab will contract with a performance management expert approved by the department who will examine the lab's performance and salary management evaluation process for scientists and engineers. Specifically, the expert will look into whether racial stereotypes have been part of promotions, salaries, rankings and assignments. The expert will prepare guidelines intended to ensure a non-discriminatory program.

The lab will confer with the department regarding the findings of the expert and will implement their recommendations. One year after implementation, the expert will

audit the lab's processes to verify whether implementation of the recommendations has been achieved.

DFEH Director Dennis Hayashi praised the lab for its willingness to achieve a settlement: "Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory should be commended for taking steps to seriously reform its employment practices. This agreement represents a true partnership between DFEH and the laboratory to ensure that any discrimination against Asian Americans will be quickly and firmly addressed and resolved."

DFEH enforces laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, and freedom from hate violence. Protected bases include race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income and disability.

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All-Topaz Reunion 2002 Attracts 500

By HARRY K. HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO—Although a turnout of only 300 guests had been anticipated for the All-Topaz Reunion luncheon, held on Aug. 31 at the Radisson Miyako Hotel, the banquet room soon filled to its capacity of 400 and an adjoining room had to accommodate an additional 100 for a total of 500.

Guest speaker Diane Matsuda, director of CCLPEP (California

Reunion Committee volunteers; Fred Korematsu (who was not present); the Topazians at large; Nisei veterans; and donors to the CCLPEP of cultural artworks from the camps.

Memories related by Judi Nihei uncovered the tiny prewar Japanese community in Delta, Utah, where Issei maintained railroad tracks for the Union Pacific and where her mother, the late Masie Nihei, long-time JACL administrative assistant, grew up. Her family, the Imais —

JAMA Collecting Material for Publication on Camp Doctors

The Japanese American Medical Association (JAMA) is now soliciting oral history interviews, photographs and documents for a collaborative project on JA doctors, nurses and other medical professionals who served in hospitals in U.S. detention camps during World War II. Information is being collected from anyone who knew these health professionals or experienced their care and treatment.

The collection of this material will be used in the creation of a 100-page publication, "Silent Scars of Healing Hands," which will be published by JAMA through the collaboration of the Japanese American National Museum and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. This project has received partial funding through the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) and will be completed in 2003.

"These men and women attempted to serve as a healing force during a most tragic time in America's history," said Dr. Gordon H. Sasaki, president of JAMA, a nonprofit organization based in Southern California. "The documentation of their experiences will shed much light on the challenges faced by Japanese American doctors and medical professionals in seeking to provide the best care for their patients under harsh and difficult conditions. Many did not have access to the modern medical equipment and facilities available to the rest of America at that time. They witnessed firsthand the toll of the unsanitary camp conditions and inadequate nutrition on the health of incarcerated Japanese Americans."

JAMA has assembled a team of historians, researchers and writers for the publication. Medical anthropologists and oral historian Gwenn Jensen, who has conducted a study on the long-term health conditions of JAs incarcerated during WWII, is currently interviewing former camp doctors and other medical personnel in California, Oregon and Washington.

Author and editor Naomi Hirahara will serve as writer of the publication, which will include photographs, maps, medical records and correspondence. Community activist Paul Tsunishi will also conduct a portion of the oral history interviews. Project advisors are Arthur A. Hansen,

president-elect of the national Oral History Association and senior historian for JANM; Don Nakanishi, director of the UCLA AAS Center; and Louis Fiset, historian and affiliate associate professor of dentistry at the University of Washington, who has written extensively on the topic of JAs and medical care in various U.S. detention centers. The oral history interviews and their accompanying transcripts, as well as various artifacts, will be housed at JANM, UCLA AAS Center, California State Library and other institutions.

A prewar organization was created in 1906, when Japanese immigrant doctors formed the Association of Japanese Physicians in Los Angeles. After WWII, the medical organization was revived under another name, Southern California Japanese American Medical Society, before becoming JAMA.

To share recollections and either loan or contribute documents and photographs, contact JAMA at 800 South Fairmount Ave., Suite 319, Pasadena, CA 91105; call 626/796-3373; or e-mail Gsasakim@earthlink.net. ■



Diane Matsuda, director of CCLPEP (California Civil Liberties Public Education Program), keynotes 2002 All-Topaz Reunion luncheon Aug. 31 at the Radisson Miyako Hotel in San Francisco.

Civil Liberties Public Education Program), based in Sacramento, liberally highlighted her address with the Japanese expression of thanks, "Okagesama-de" (literally, through [efforts of] Mr. Shadow — kage). She acknowledged the efforts of Congressman Mike Honda for introducing the educational program in the legislature and of Assemblyman George Nakano for extending the mandate to educate the public, "for so few know about the World War II experiences of Japanese Americans," she said.

Others identified with "Okagesama-de" included UCLA professor Dr. Harry Kitano, a Topaz resident; Mrs. Tomoye Takahashi, Daisy Uyeda Satoda and the

eight in number — were the only Japanese in Delta when WWII broke out.

Delta is the nearest town in central Utah to Topaz where some 8,000 Nikkei evacuees, largely from the San Francisco Bay region, were interned during WWII. A new memorial, standing less than four feet high to discourage "target practice," was dedicated at the camp earlier this year. It replaces one that had been defaced by vandals. The three Utah JACL chapters, Salt Lake, Mount Olympus and Wasatch Front North, undertook the task of building the monument in observance of the 60th anniversary of Feb. 19, 1942, now known as the Day of Remembrance for evacuees.

Reunion chair Bob Utsumi welcomed the attendees, some from the Midwest and East Coast and one from the 90s stood up. Glenn Kumeoka emceed; and Chuck Kubokawa and Mas Kawaguchi manned the hospitality table at Union Bank's social room.

Utsumi noted "this may be our last hurrah," but Kubokawa was skeptical, considering the unexpected turnout this time. ■

Poston Reunion Set for October in Laughlin, Nevada

The Poston I Classes of '46, '47 and '48 Reunion Committee have set final plans for their upcoming reunion Oct. 22-24 at the Flamingo Hotel in Laughlin, Nev.

Classmates, families, friends and all former residents of Poston are welcome to attend this special 10th year anniversary of the erection of the Poston historical memorial monument.

The events include an evening dinner banquet on Tues., Oct. 22. A bus trip to the memorial monument, return stop for lunch at the Blue Water Casino in Parker, Ariz., and the evening slot tournament at the Flamingo Hotel will fill the day on Wednesday. The reunion will close with a sayonara breakfast on Thursday, and return buses will depart from the Flamingo Hotel at 11 a.m.

Buses to Laughlin have scheduled departures on Tuesday morning, Oct. 22, from the Gardena Buddhist Church and Venice Community Center at 8 a.m., followed by a pick-up at the Orange County Buddhist Church and Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Registration packets can be obtained by contacting the following committee persons: Aki Amano at 310/541-4648, Mich Fujishin at 408/258-9795, Sets Shinto at 323/721-1387 and Haru Watanabe at 310/327-2596. Or write to: Poston I Class Reunion 2002, 1170 Cassidy Street, Gardena, CA 90248.

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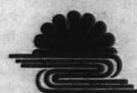
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JACL FINANCES

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pal value so JACL cannot make any withdrawals until the funds go above the principal. The Endowment Fund is about \$8,000 below the principal and the Legacy Fund is about \$100,000 below as of last week. The total value of all investments is \$6,832,072 as of June 30, 2002.

Clyde Izumi, JACL business manager, reported that JACL currently has about \$61,000 in unpaid expenses, which is about the same as it has been in previous years. The only difference is that the cash-flow situation has been better in the past than it is now, he said.

Plan A, Part 1

To deal with the realities of JACL's current financial situation, the national board agreed to immediately implement Plan A.

On an as-needed basis, JACL will be able to tap into the Life Trust Endowment Fund for monies up to \$200,000. The fund as of June 30, 2002, is at \$423,437.

This plan "is responsible, timely, and something we need to consider," said Ken Inouye, who was a member of the subcommittee consisting of Mori, Tateishi, David Hayashi, vice president of planning and development, and David Kawamoto, v.p. of general operations, who recommended the move. "It's consistent with the fact that it will allow us to maintain the core of the organization." Inouye noted that the finance committee will be monitoring the situation and will intervene if necessary.

There was some debate as to whether the national JACL could borrow monies from the fund. Research done by national JACL, mainly looking through past national council and board min-

utes, indicates the fund to be a board designated fund and thus the current national board may borrow monies from it.

A motion made by Hayashi and seconded by Ben Ezaki, MDC governor, to approve the \$200,000 from the Life Trust Endowment Fund was unanimously passed.

Plan A, Part 2 — The Three Pillars Plan

With a unanimous vote, the JACL national board approved a motion by Koga and seconded by Hayashi to implement the Three Pillars Plan. The plan involves the following steps:

Membership — The JACL will now aggressively pursue the recruitment of members, mainly through the implementation of V.P. of Membership Ryan Chin's membership plan, which includes several stages, one of which is an aggressive gift membership campaign. This section also includes community outreach activities.

Education — The area of education will include the following programs: scholarships, JACL/OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Program, Mike Masaoka Fellowship Program, APA Curriculum Guide, Diversity/Acceptance/Tolerance Committee, National JACL Youth/Student Conference, website, and hate crimes.

Fundraising — Fundraising will include: planned giving, the annual giving program that will begin in November, a year-long JACL 75th anniversary celebration, an awards dinner, foundation grants, and the President's Council.

"It's no mystery that the staff morale is down," said Chin, who along with Koga, Bob Taniguchi, CDCC governor, Josh Spry, national youth/student representative and Maya Yamazaki, national

youth/student chair, formed the subcommittee which recommended the plan. "One of the key reasons is the lack of leadership from the board. This is our attempt to take some action."

We've been trying the same strategies for the past few years now of cutting expenses and working on the same programs, said Chin, "but we're no better for it." He added, "how far do we have to go to realize we need to do this? We're in the mode of survival."

The Three Pillars Plan will require all JACL staff to refocus their time and energies in these three areas with membership being the most vital since monies can be realized quite quickly. The other areas of fundraising and education will likely not see results until 2003-2004. Although some of the programs outlined on the list may drop off due to a limited number of staff and staff hours, no new programs can be added to the list.

Both Koga and Chin emphasized that all of the programs now being worked on by the JACL staff must be revenue generating. If not, the JACL staff is not to work on them.

In response to the Three Pillars plan, both Tateishi and Patty Wada, NCWNP regional director, expressed concern that many people who rely on the JACL for help will be turned away since their requests may not fall under the above programs.

Both Chin and Koga emphasized that because of JACL's current fiscal situation, there is no way to avoid it for the time being. "If we're not here tomorrow, we can't help them," said Koga. "We need to do it now to save us for the future."

Tateishi agreed that the Three Pillars plan needs to be implemented but added that the membership will need to realize that some services will inevitably slow down and may not occur at all. He asked the governors and elected board members to help make sure the membership understands that the staff are refocusing their time and energies.

"This is going to take the whole team and will take the board members," said Tateishi.

Plan A — Part 3

The last part of Plan A will involve staff cuts at the discretion of Tateishi. He emphasized that the current priority was to make payroll but that if revenues continue to fall short, "I'm going to have to make cuts somewhere. I'm looking at personnel as a possibility."

Although the staff structure is at a minimum right now, Tateishi emphasized that his commitment was to maintain the regional

offices of JACL.

"The regional operations are one of the most critical factors we have," he said. If we cut offices, "it's the beginning of the end of the organization."

In addition to the above measures, the national board will also cut further expenses from the 2002 budget including: \$37,500 that had been budgeted for a professional fundraiser and \$23,000 for chapter rebates. The national board members emphasized that a letter would soon be going out to the various chapters asking them to forego their rebates and return the monies to national. For those chapters who want their rebates, they can request the monies and JACL will send a check.

Plan B

Plan B, which could possibly entail more staff cuts, is a backup plan if Plan A is not successful. The executive members of the national board will meet again on Nov. 24 at national headquarters to assess Plan A. The next national board meeting will be March 1-2, 2003.

Other Business Matters:

Financial Oversight Committee

Mori introduced a motion to have a financial oversight committee in addition to the finance committee. The oversight committee would oversee both the finance and audit committees.

We need this oversight committee "to watch over the hen house," said Mori.

The motion made by David Masuo, PSW governor, and seconded by Hayashi states:

"1. Purpose: This committee shall oversee and monitor the financial processes of national JACL through review of internal controls, operating procedures, sample transactions and report findings or recommendations with the national board in an effort to ensure adherence to the national council and national-board policy."

"2. Committee Membership:

a. The committee will consist of three professionals who are familiar with accounting and/or legal procedures and practices.

b. The committee members do not necessarily have to be members of JACL. A national board member cannot serve on the committee nor can their family members.

c. Committee members shall be appointed by the president and approved by the national board. The chairman shall be selected among the members of the committee and shall serve a minimum of one year.

d. Committee members shall serve three-year terms with a maximum

term of two terms. For purposes of initiating the committee, one member will serve for two years and two members will serve for three years.

e. The JACL Legal Counsel will serve as an advisor on the committee."

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee

A motion tabled at the last national board meeting to form a new finance committee was once again presented by Koga. It states that the finance committee shall consist of: Voting members — JACL secretary/treasurer, investment policy committee chair, governor's caucus chair; ex-officio members — JACL national president and JACL executive director; staff — business manager.

After much debate on the composition of the committee, newly appointed Legal Counsel Michelle Yoshida pointed out that the motion is out of order since the JACL constitution states the president and director are charged with fiscal responsibility for the organization and must therefore have a vote on the finance committee. Hearing this, Koga withdrew his motion.

Audit Committee

The main role of the audit committee is to select an auditor. Mori is currently seeking recommendations for appointments to this committee.

RFPs from Investment Management Firms

The JACL is currently looking to change its investment management firm. They have received nine RFPs (requests for proposal) from various groups and have narrowed it down to three possibilities. The JACL has interviewed all three candidates and are currently seeking additional information. The investment policy committee hopes to have a recommendation for the national board by the end of September.

Honolulu Convention Contract

The JACL has been working to revise the contract for the biennial national JACL convention between the host chapter and national JACL. A large part of the discussion was whether the current 50:50 split in profits between the national JACL and the host chapter was an equitable split. In the end it was decided that the contract for the Honolulu convention would maintain the 50:50 split in profits.

A motion by Kawamoto, seconded by Masuo, to approve the Honolulu chapter draft of the national JACL convention contract with amendments was unanimously passed. ■

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National Board Praises Congressman Underwood, Highlights President's Council Activities, and Votes Down Pledge of Allegiance Motion

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—Although most of the quarterly national board meeting Sept 14-15 was spent on dealing with JACL's current financial situation, the board members managed to get some other business accomplished.

President's Council

As part of the recent Blue Ribbon Committee report, Floyd Mori, JACL national president, and John Tateishi, JACL executive director, have been actively recruiting members for this national fundraising committee. So far, twelve individuals from across the country have indicated interest in being part of the committee. One individual has committed \$1 million towards the development of a youth leadership program. The leadership program would involve a five- to six-month internship at the various national JACL offices and a one-month stay in Japan. The interns would also be charged with developing youth programs for the organization. Mori and Tateishi are currently looking for other individuals who may be interested in adding monies to this leadership program. They are aiming to raise about \$3.5 million.

JACL Multicultural/multiethnic Committee (MCEC)

The MCEC, spearheaded by Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C. representative, under Ryan Chin, vice president of membership, is a committee that would ensure JACL is actively working with the diverse members of the Japanese American community. The work of the committee would be funded externally. Although a motion was presented to accept the committee, national board members asked that more detailed financial information, including a budget, be submitted. The national board

members agreed on the basic framework of the committee. The motion was tabled and will be presented at the next national board meeting.

National Athletics Commissioner

Mori has appointed Bob Taniguchi, CCDC governor, as JACL's national athletics commissioner. Working with the various JACL districts and chapters and other national Asian Pacific American organizations, Taniguchi hopes to promote JACL through athletic activities.

Mori points out that JACL used to be involved with various athletic activities including track meets and baseball and basketball tournaments. Athletics seems to be a good way of getting people together and he hopes to get JACL back into supporting various activities. Taniguchi is already looking at a possible national golf tournament.

"I think there's obviously a lot of potential," said Taniguchi, who has been a college athletics director and has coached sports teams. "We need to try to get JACL's name out there, and sports is a rallying point for many people."

A motion made by David Masuo, PNW governor, and seconded by Micki Kawakami, IDC governor, to appoint Bob Taniguchi as JACL's national athletics commissioner was unanimously passed.

Former Congressman Robert Underwood

A motion in praise of former Congressman Robert Underwood was unanimously passed by the

national board (Ken Inouye, vice president of public affairs, second: Allen Teruya, NCWNP governor).

The motion stated in part: "THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League, on behalf of its membership in 112 chapters across the country and in Japan, commends Congressman Underwood for his continual and proactive work to address issues of concern to the Asian American, Pacific Islander and civil rights communities; and

"FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League extends its deepest appreciation and thanks to Congressman Underwood for his invaluable leadership as an educator, community advocate and Member of Congress.

Pledge of Allegiance

Teruya presented the following motion, seconded by Koga: "be it resolved that the National Board of the JACL goes on record as supporting the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling of 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance as unconstitutional."

Although Mori supports the issue of separation of church and state he does not think that JACL should become involved in an issue that is in the courts.

"It's the wrong time and the wrong place," said Mori. "It does nothing for the organization but it alienates many in the organization."

Ken Inouye has spoken to a number of Japanese American

Buddhists who remember when "under God" first became a part of the pledge. They told him how uncomfortable and alienated they felt at the time. "It's the right thing to do," he said of the motion.

David Kawamoto pointed out that the JACL national council passed a resolution in support of the separation of church and state at the recent Las Vegas convention so JACL has already agreed to the resolution.

After the initial vote there were 6 ayes, 5 nays, and 4 abstentions. Mori made and broke the tie so the motion failed.

California Proposition 52

Inouye presented a motion to support Proposition 52, seconded by David Hayashi. Prop. 52 allows individuals to register to vote on the day of the elections, and studies have shown that it will increase the number of voters by 3 percent. It is endorsed by Rep. Bob Matsui, Congressman Mike Honda, and California state Assemblyman George Nakano. The motion passed unanimously.

Hate Crimes Program

Inouye announced that the JACL's Hate Crimes Program is in place and already three publications have been produced thanks to a donation by the Ford Company.

National JACL Youth/Student Conference

The national youth/student council is busy preparing for its upcoming national conference in St. Louis, Mo., June 20-22, 2003. They have a number of candidates for their Vision Award and are working with Southwest Airlines to provide a discounted fare for attendees. Some of the workshop topics will be: APA leadership, Hapa issues, finances, APA media training, and

how to put on a bone marrow drive. Maya Yamazaki, national youth council chair, made a motion, seconded by Kawakami, to approve the selection of St. Louis as the sight for the 2003 national youth conference. The motion passed unanimously.

The national youth council will also be working on a quarterly correspondence to chapters so chapters will get an idea about what others are doing to attract youth membership in JACL.

Redress History Project

Carol Kawamoto is currently working on a "How to Video" tape with her son Kevin to be available by the first national board meeting in 2003. This video will help individuals learn how to capture video histories of members who played a role in redress. Currently Kawamoto is working on the video at no cost to national JACL and also plans to attend the upcoming national youth conference in St. Louis to try to get youth involved in the project.

Presidential Appointments

Mori announced that Michelle Yoshida is the new JACL legal counsel. A Pacific Citizen editorial board chairperson has yet to be named.

Announcements

- The JACL/OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference will take place March 7-11, 2003.
- The JACL National Youth/Student Conference will take place June 20-22, 2003, in St. Louis, Mo.
- The CCDC Annual Banquet will take place on Nov. 2 and tickets are \$35. The event will honor the Japanese American veterans, and Eric Saul will be the keynote speaker. ■

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FOOTBALL

Record-setting Effort Just a Start, Morton Hopes

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—Chad Morton just wanted to do something to contribute. He wound up setting an NFL record and lifting the New York Jets to a wild opening victory.

Morton is a kick returner and third-string running back, which means he doesn't get his hands on the ball very often. He carried it once and caught one pass against Buffalo on Sept. 8.

The big plays came on special teams, where he returned six kickoffs, taking two of them back for touchdowns. The second, a 96-yarder, was the only play of over-time, giving the Jets a 37-31 win.

Tacked onto his 98-yarder in the second quarter that got the Jets going after they fell behind 10-0, Morton became the only player in league history to return kickoffs for touchdowns in regulation and overtime.

"It's my first time scoring a touchdown, and it's such a good experience," Morton said Sept. 9, as he accepted congratulations from his teammates. "It's extra

special to help this team win.

"We actually talk about it every single time, that we can break one. I have a lot of confidence in this group. We knew we could make things happen. The guys were saying, 'take this one back so we can get out of here,'" he said.

The speedy Morton barely was touched on either return, and he easily ran away from the final pursuers. Well, not so easily, he admits, on the second runback.

"I was afraid that guy was going to catch me," he said of Buffalo's Shawn Bryson. "I was saying, 'please, don't.' I was running for my life.

"At the 30, I was thinking at least we have got good field position. It's a credit to the guys blocking for me. They did it exactly the way (special teams coach Mike) Westhoff drew it up," Morton said.

Westhoff is considered one of the league's best special teams coaches and was among the first people Herman Edwards hired when he became Jets coach.

Westhoff told his players the Jets

would win the game on the overtime kickoff. That came hours after he challenged Morton and company to get a touchdown runback.

Not even Westhoff could have visualized two long scores in the same game. Add a blocked punt and it was a special day for his group. "To have two go back, block a punt and cover the way we did, not too many special teams have ever done that," he said.

Morton, acquired last year from New Orleans for a defensive back who didn't make the Saints and for a sixth-round draft pick, joined the Bears' Dave Williams as the only players to win an overtime game with a kickoff return.

The others with two kickoff runbacks for scores in one game are Timmy Brown of Philadelphia in 1966; Travis Williams of Green Bay in 1967; Ron Brown of the New Orleans Rams in 1985; and Tyrone Hughes of New Orleans in 1994.

Morton, a native of Torrance, Calif., graduated from USC and was a fifth-round NFL draft pick by New Orleans in 2000. He is the younger brother of Kansas City wide receiver Johnnie Morton.

BASEBALL

Ishii Has Surgery for Nasal Fracture, Return Not Known

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Dodgers rookie pitcher Kazuhisa Ishii, hit in the forehead by a line drive, remains hospitalized after undergoing a two-hour operation Sept. 9 to remove bone chips from his nasal passage.

A CT scan after the operation was deemed normal and the Japanese left-hander was eating and walking, according to the Dodgers. Ishii also sustained a small skull fracture and a concussion.

"The fortunate thing is he's doing okay," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "He's out of harm's way. I never want to go through seeing that again. It's the scariest thing I've ever seen."

Ishii, who turned 29 on Sept. 9, was struck by a line drive hit by Houston's Brian Hunter in the fourth inning of a 6-2 loss to the Astros on Sept. 8. Hunter drove the 3-2 pitch so hard into the left side of Ishii's head that the ball ricocheted to the backstop. Hunter wound up with an RBI double.

Tracy, assistant trainer Matt Wilson and paramedics rushed to the pitcher's aid. Ishii was placed

in a neck brace, then on a stretcher and driven off through the center field gate to Good Samaritan Hospital.

Johnston said Ishii was moved to Cedars-Sinai after the nasal fracture was discovered, and Dr. John Yu performed a two-hour operation to remove chips.

A small titanium plate was inserted during the surgery, Johnston said.

Dodgers team physician Mickey Mellman said Ishii was eating, walking around and taking Tylenol for a headache.

Dodgers spokesman Luis Garcia said no timetable had been set for Ishii's return to the mound.

"The most important thing as far as the Dodgers are concerned is his health and well-being," Garcia said, adding that Ishii's wife joined him at the hospital late Sept. 8.

Ishii has a 14-10 record and a 4.27 ERA. Before Hunter came up, Ishii was booed by the Dodger Stadium crowd of 42,934 because he had walked Jason Lane and pitcher Roy Oswalt with one out.

Ishii, one of the most effective starters in Japan for several years, signed a \$12.3 million, four-year contract with the Dodgers in February.

Ishii was the second Dodger carried off the field in two weeks at Dodger Stadium. Alex Cora left in an ambulance with a concussion after colliding headfirst with Arizona shortstop Tony Womack's knee while trying to steal second base. Cora missed two games.

Dodgers Promote Chen to Big League Roster

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Dodgers promoted Chin-Feng Chen to the major league roster Sept. 9, making the 24-year-old first baseman-outfielder the first Taiwanese player on a big league team.

"Chen's arrival is an exciting one for this organization," Dodgers general manager Dan Evans said. "He is an extremely talented player who continues to improve each year. It is important for him to experience a big league clubhouse and atmosphere, and his hard work and production have earned him this reward."

Chen hit .333 and drove in four runs while the Triple-A Las Vegas 51s were eliminated 3-1 by the Edmonton Trappers in a Pacific Coast League semifinal playoff series that ended Sept. 7.

A native of Yong Kang City in Taiwan, Chen hit .284 and led the 51s with 26 homers and 84 RBIs this season. He was a member of the Taiwanese national team in the 34th World Cup of Baseball, held in Taiwan last year, and led all players with 11 RBIs to help his country win the bronze medal.

Chen became the first Taiwanese-born player to sign a professional baseball contract with an American organization when he signed with the Dodgers in 1999.

Kaumeyer is New Defensive Coach at San Diego State

Thom Kaumeyer, 35, recently began his first season as the new defensive coordinator for San Diego State University's football team.

The San Diego native is the son of a Japanese American mother and a German American father and spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

Kaumeyer was an All Pac-10 pick while at the University of Oregon and went on to be drafted in the sixth round by the Los Angeles Rams in 1986. He played a couple of pro seasons with the Seattle Seahawks and New York

Giants, but made a bigger name for himself in Japan, playing in a Japan Bowl college all-star game and two NFL exhibitions.

In 1995 and 1996, he was the head coach of Tokyo's Onward Kashiyama, a team in Japan's pro league. It was on a flight from Japan to the United States that Kaumeyer met his wife, Kayoko Yoshioka, a former Broadway dancer who was cast in "Cats" in 1994.

Kaumeyer is expected to help the Aztecs' defensive backs in particular, with a 4-3 defense that is undersized at tackle and inexperienced at safety.

VOLLEYBALL

Kahumoku Has 26 Kills to Lead Hawaii Over UCLA

HONOLULU—Lily Kahumoku had 26 kills to lead No. 4 Hawaii over No. 7 UCLA on Sept. 2 in the championship match of the Wahine Volleyball Classic.

Hawaii defeated UCLA 30-28, 30-25, 28-30, 30-13 to claim its seventh tournament title in front of 7,387 fans at the Stan Sheriff Center.

Kim Willoughby added 19 kills and two blocks for the Rainbow Wahine (3-0) and was named the

tournament's most outstanding player.

Brittany Ringel paced the Bruins (2-1) with 11 kills while teammates Brynn Murphy and Lauren Fendrick added 10 kills each.

Murphy and Fendrick were named to the all-tournament team along with Hawaii's Kahumoku, Willoughby and Lauren Duggins. Monique Gerlack of Colorado and Stacey Gordon of Ohio State were also named to the squad.

THEATER

Play About South Asian Americans Runs Through Oct. 6

East West Players, the nation's premier Asian American theater company, will present "Queen of the Remote Control," a new play by South Asian American playwright Sujata G. Bhatt, through Oct. 6 at the David Henry Hwang Theatre in Los Angeles.

This black comedy set in Calabasas, Calif., is seen through the eyes of 17-year-old protagonist Shilpa Shah, who longs to break away from the Silicon Valley and go to New York, as it peers into the lives of a middle-class immigrant Indian family.

The play opens Sept. 11 with

performances Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. There will be no matinees on Sept. 7 and 14.

Regular admission is \$20-\$30 and student admission is \$10-\$15. There will be a special "pay-what-you-can-night" on Sept. 13 and an American Sign Language interpreted performance on Oct. 4.

The David Henry Hwang Theatre is located at 120 Judge John Aiso Street, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles.

For more information, visit www.eastwestplayers.org or call 213/625-7000.

FILM

2003 Chicago AA Showcase Seeking Submissions

The Chicago Asian American Showcase is seeking features, shorts, documentaries and experimental works on film or video for its 8th annual showcase to take place April 4-13, 2003.

The showcase is the Midwest's largest AA film festival and is presented by the Foundation for Asian American Independent

Media (FAAIM) and the Gene Siskel Film Center.

The entry deadlines are Oct. 31 (early) and Nov. 15 (late). Entry fees are \$15 (early) and \$25 (late).

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Census III: Counties With 1,000 or More Japanese Alone and Japanese Alone or in Combination

MATTERS BETWEEN AMERICA and Iraq/AI Qaeda continue to grab our attention with each passing day but, through Jerry B. Wong of the Census Bureau in Los Angeles, our inclusive sense for statistics concerning the Japanese remains strong.

An e-mail came recently with the Population 2000 of "Japanese Alone" and "Japanese or in

Combination" of the 124 counties (in 31 states and the District of Columbia) in the United States with 1,000 or more persons with at least one race that was Japanese (alone or in combination).

And the same listing is shown by numerical ranking, Honolulu County (Hawaii) being #1 at 161,224 and 230,044 respectively. Some counties like Honolulu, we found, were also major metropol-

itan areas, where the listing (our last column: Aug. 16-Sept. 6) ran with a minimum of 1,400 Japanese alone, or alone or in combination.

Our extra items indicate the county seat [in parentheses if different] and together with ranking [at left] among the 124 counties nationally in areas with a minimum of 1,000 Japanese alone, or alone or in combination. ■



Troubled in Paradise

Brian Niya

Ethnic Politics, Local Style

As I write this, we are a little over a week from the primary elections in Hawai'i, with the general election to follow a little over a month later. There are a great many positions being contested ranging from lieutenant governor to two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives to numerous state House and Senate seats to various local offices. The main event is certainly the race to become the new governor. Whoever wins would become just the 6th governor of the State of Hawai'i.

If I were writing this article for the P.C. about any other place in the United States, I would now list the Japanese American and/or Asian American candidates and lament the fact that there are so few of them. Needless to say, I won't be doing that here. In a state where over 70 percent of the population is at least part Asian or Pacific Islander, it is not surprising to find a leading candidate for nearly every office to be Asian or Pacific Islander American. JAs are no doubt overrepresented in politics here, in contrast to just about every other place in the country outside of Robert Matsui's congressional district.

So in some ways, a candidate's ethnicity makes little difference here. One of the leading candidates for governor — in fact, some would say she is the favorite — is a JA woman. If elected, she would be the first Asian American woman to hold a governorship. This would be a momentous event on some levels, and I know some AAs who are quite excited about the possibility. All of these people, however, are on the continent. Here in Hawai'i, it's just not a big deal, probably because there has already been a JA governor, as well as two women who have been major party candidates for governor, not to mention numerous JA/AA Senate and Congressional office holders. Two of the leading candidates for lieutenant governor are JA men? Hum; we've already had no less than three JAs hold that office, including the one who is in office now. And I won't even bother with JAs/AAs in the state house and senate; there's almost too many to count.

And yet, in other ways, ethnicity still plays a huge role in politics here. In a multicultural society such as Hawai'i where no one ethnic group is anywhere near a majority, one cannot hold statewide office

(and most local offices) without being able to appeal to more than one ethnic group. Candidates actively vie for the different ethnic votes. (I wrote a few years back on how prominent a role spouses play in some campaigns, particularly if they are of a different — and demographically significant — ethnic group from the candidate.) Depending on which election you look at and who you're talking to, JAs might be the swing vote, or maybe it's Filipino-Americans, or maybe it's the Hawaiian vote. (We don't say "Hawaiian American" here.) While one might assume that JAs are more likely to vote for a JA candidate, other factors, such as political party membership or union membership, could trump ethnicity in some cases. It's a complicated stew.

Party membership will certainly be a salient subtext of this election. Democrats have largely controlled politics in Hawai'i since 1954, when a coalition of Nisei war veterans, union members, and young, mostly AA, politicians wrested control from the Republican old guard. That coalition has managed to hold on to power for nearly 50 years. But for various reasons — a stagnant local economy, allegations of corruption, and changing demographics chief among them — new Republicans have been gaining ground and came within an eyelash of the governorship last time around. Many people here — even those who lean Democratic — recognize the need for change. The various elections may well turn on which candidates are best able to portray themselves as agents of that change.

The Honolulu chapter of the JACL will be organizing an event on October 13 at the University of Hawai'i that will focus on the role of ethnicity in politics today. The date was chosen to be after the primary elections, but before the general elections. We're still in the process of putting the program together, but it will consist of a panel of experts on this topic who will be prepared to speak on the topic in general and on particular aspects of the various campaigns as they develop at that time. If you find yourself in Honolulu then — and we always seem to meet some visiting JACL folks at our events — please stop by and say hello.

In the meantime, please take the time to be aware of the issues in your own area, and go out and vote. ■

Japanese Alone and Japanese Alone or in Combination By Counties with 1,000 or More Persons with one race that was Japanese

Ranking	Alone	In Comb.					
ALASKA			31	Middlesex (EastCambridge)	3,751	4,900	
75 Anchorage Municipality	889	1,735	59	Norfolk (Dedham)	1,877	2,286	
ARIZONA			46	Suffolk (Dedham)	2,449	2,922	
18 Maricopa (Phoenix)	4,875	8,394	MICHIGAN				
45 Pima (Tucson)	1,761	2,937	27	Oakland (Pontiac)	4,746	5,589	
CALIFORNIA			68	Washtenaw (Ann Arbor)	1,603	2,017	
9 Alameda (Oakland)	12,540	18,656	67	Wayne (Detroit)	1,203	2,025	
16 Contra Costa (Martinez)	7,867	11,860	MINNESOTA				
22 Fresno	5,721	7,448	56	Hennepin (Minneapolis)	1,453	2,387	
78 Kern (Bakersfield)	964	1,705	122	Ramsey (St. Paul)	651	1,007	
2 Los Angeles	111,349	138,080	MISSOURI				
52 Marin (San Rafael)	1,687	2,622	80	St. Louis (Clayton)	1,137	1,643	
28 Monterey	3,363	5,271	NEVADA				
3 Orange (Santa Ana)	31,283	41,767	17	Clark (Las Vegas)	6,550	10,554	
55 Placer (Auburn)	1,690	2,516	72	Washoe (Reno)	1,118	1,830	
24 Riverside	4,062	7,293	NEW JERSEY				
10 Sacramento	11,908	17,951	19	Bergen (Hackensack)	7,662	8,344	
20 San Bernardino	4,425	7,986	108	Burlington (Mount Holly)	592	1,116	
7 San Diego	18,649	29,028	121	Essex (Newark)	715	1,008	
33 San Joaquin (Stockton)	3,153	4,668	106	Hudson (Jersey City)	906	1,125	
13 San Francisco	11,410	14,618	111	Middlesex (New Brunswick)	778	1,065	
82 San Luis Obispo	988	1,550	NEW MEXICO				
14 San Mateo (Redwood City)	9,703	13,003	71	Bernadillo (Albuquerque)	961	1,848	
49 Santa Cruz	1,897	2,777	NEW YORK				
4 Santa Clara (San Jose)	27,257	35,152	43	Kings (Brooklyn)	2,355	3,066	
40 Santa Barbara	2,384	3,502	57	Nassau (Mineola, L.I.)	1,978	2,378	
37 Solano (Fairfield)	1,991	4,184	12	New York	14,325	16,116	
47 Sonoma (Santa Rosa)	1,631	2,894	26	Queens (Jamaica)	5,103	5,957	
88 Stanislaus (Modesto)	726	1,475	85	Suffolk (Riverhead, L.I.)	995	1,509	
105 Tulare (Visalia)	775	1,144	21	Westchester (White Plains)	6,731	7,460	
23 Ventura	4,840	7,393	NORTH CAROLINA				
58 Yolo (Woodland)	1,522	2,325	112	Mecklenburg (Charlotte)	819	1,061	
COLORADO			100	Wake (Raleigh)	777	1,217	
77 Adams (Brighton)	1,127	1,726	OHIO				
51 Arapahoe (Littleton)	1,610	2,633	76	Cuyahoga (Cleveland)	1,198	1,732	
74 Boulder	1,185	1,773	39	Franklin (Columbus)	3,223	4,025	
48 Denver	1,941	2,846	101	Hamilton (Cincinnati)	864	1,211	
50 El Paso (Colorado Springs)	1,426	2,688	113	Montgomery (Dayton)	668	1,060	
54 Jefferson (Golden)	1,659	2,587	OKLAHOMA				
119 Larimer (Fort Collins)	593	1,017	86	Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)	917	1,500	
CONNECTICUT			OREGON				
44 Fairfield (Bridgeport)	2,448	2,962	29	Multnomah (Portland)	3,316	5,179	
89 New Haven	786	1,090	36	Washington (Hillsboro)	2,811	4,362	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1,117	1,471	65	Lane (Eugene)	1,306	2,091	
FLORIDA			70	Clackamas (Oregon City)	1,096	1,866	
81 Broward (Ft. Lauderdale)	989	1,360	115	Marion (Salem)	667	1,049	
64 Dade (Miami)	1,544	2,093	PENNSYLVANIA				
124 Duval (Jacksonville)	521	1,004	83	Allegheny (Pittsburgh)	1,143	1,536	
97 Hillsborough (Tampa)	732	1,317	79	Philadelphia	1,216	1,695	
73 Orange (Orlando)	1,193	1,801	TEXAS				
116 Pinellas (Clearwater)	629	1,042	42	Bexar (San Antonio)	1,655	3,164	
GEORGIA			93	Collin (McKinney)	977	1,393	
96 Cobb (Marietta)	995	1,360	123	Denton	620	1,007	
110 DeKalb (Decatur)	779	1,086	87	El Paso	980	1,496	
90 Fulton (Atlanta)	1,082	1,453	41	Dallas	2,193	3,261	
92 Gwinnett (Lawrenceville)	1,048	1,436	30	Harris (Houston)	3,574	5,133	
HAWAII			61	Tarrant (Fort Worth)	1,253	2,220	
5 Hawaii (Hilo)	20,147	32,815	63	Travis (Austin)	1,339	2,139	
1 Honolulu	161,224	230,044	UTAH				
15 Kauai (Lihue)	7,456	12,498	94	Davis (Farmington)	819	1,384	
8 Maui (Wailuku)	12,926	21,305	32	Salt Lake (Salt Lake City)	3,065	4,773	
IDAHO			91	Utah (Provo)	765	1,436	
95 Ada (Boise)	728	1,377	117	Weber (Ogden)	703	1,041	
ILLINOIS			VIRGINIA				
11 Cook (Chicago)	13,735	17,389	98	Arlington	1,011	1,284	
60 DuPage (Wheaton)	1,511	2,251	35	Fairfax (Rocky Mount)	2,892	4,363	
62 Lake (Waukegan)	1,493	2,151	99	Virginia Beach City	695	1,275	
INDIANA			WASHINGTON				
102 Marion (Indianapolis)	713	1,180	69	Clark (Vancouver)	1,097	1,895	
KENTUCKY			6	King (Seattle)	21,455	30,229	
103 Fayette (Lexington)	1,006	1,174	66	Kitsap (Ellensburg)	1,148	2,090	
MARYLAND			25	Pierce (Tacoma)	3,571	7,287	
118 Baltimore (Towson)	754	1,037	34	Snodgrass (Everett)	2,480	4,495	
38 Montgomery (Rockville)	3,158	4,121	53	Spokane	1,686	2,610	
104 Prince Georges (Upper Marlboro)	672	1,173	84	Thurston (Olympia)	791	1,528	
MASSACHUSETTS			WISCONSIN				
120 Essex (Salem)	710	1,015	107	Dane (Madison)	707	1,124	
			114	Milwaukee	662	1,058	

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CCLPEP Awards Grant for Japantown Landmarks

The California Japanese American Community Leadership Council (CJALCLC) has received a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) to create and establish historical landmark exhibits in the last three remaining historical Japantowns in California: San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles.

The goal of the historical landmark project "From Injustice to Redress" is to create a powerful and emotional permanent outdoor historic exhibit in each of the three Japantowns, which will capture the hopes and struggles of the Japanese American community.

These exhibits will provide millions of visitors an opportunity to learn about and gain a better understanding of the history and challenges of the JA community in California by viewing the actual sites where such activities and tragedies as the forced mass evacuation and government initiated redevelopment took place.

The CJALCLC has been meeting and working with representatives from the three Japantowns for the past two years in trying to develop a common agenda toward the preservation of the communities.

"One of these goals has been to create a common historical landmark exhibit which would not only designate our Japantowns as an historic California community asset, but also educate individuals about the history of our communities to the fact that they are not

just tourist designations but are actual, real neighborhoods where our community was born, where our two cultures first met, our first businesses were developed and where one of the greatest civil liberty violations in our American history took place," said Paul Osaki, board member of CJALCLC and executive director of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center of Northern California.

Last year, the CJALCLC received an initial grant from CCLPEP to conduct research into the feasibility of establishing these historical landmarks.

"The CJALCLC is grateful to the CCLPEP and Diane Matsuda, director of the CCLPEP, for their support and belief in this historical project," said Osaki.

Last year, the CJALCLC was successful in helping to pass legislation SB 307, which was authored by state Sen. Vasconcellos and signed by Gov. Gray Davis. SB 307 is the first statewide legislation signed into law which will help to preserve and protect California's Japantowns.

The project will be overseen by CJALCLC, CCLPEP and Osaki Design, a graphic design firm based in Berkeley, Calif. Requests for proposals and details regarding the landmark exhibit project are available for artists and designers who wish to submit designs.

For more information, contact Robert Kawamura, Osaki Design, at 510/704-1591. ■

COMMENTARY

Internship Program Provides Insight to JA Community

By KYLE TAJIMA

During the eight-week Nikkei Youth Internship Program, I was stationed at the JACL's Pacific Southwest District office. The internship was an interesting, fun, and very worthwhile experience, providing me numerous opportunities to get involved in the Japanese American community while learning more about my culture and heritage.



While interning at JACL under Gerald Kato, PSW youth director, I had the privilege to attend the 2002 JACL national convention in Las Vegas. I met with state assembly members during the Asian

Pacific American Sacramento Legislative Youth Conference. I also volunteered at Manzanar and the Tofu Festival as well as visited the J-Town in San Francisco with the other Nikkei Youth interns and the director, Amy Phillips.

The trip to the JACL national convention during the first week of my internship was a fine introduction to JACL, teaching me what the organization was all about and its great importance to everyone, not just Asian Americans. At the convention, I was informed on several issues the organization dealt with as well as its structure.

The excursion to Manzanar a few weeks later reiterated the necessity of a civil rights organization such as JACL and made me proud to be able to intern for the organization. After working only one day in the heat and dust at

Manzanar, I could not imagine nor believe that JAs were confined there or at any other internment camp.

I also enjoyed attending the Legislative Youth Conference in Sacramento where I met a few state assembly members including Carol Liu, Judy Chu, Wilma Chan and George Nakano. While in Sacramento, I learned more about the state government and realized the need for AAs to represent their state and local governments.

In the friendly JACL PSW office, I mainly worked on the JACL PSW's seventh annual awards dinner. I sent numerous letters to request donations from various corporations, businesses, stores and athletic organizations for the silent auction which will take place at the awards dinner on Sept. 21. Also, I wrote letters to state and local officials to request welcome letters from them for the dinner.

While working in the JACL PSW office, right in the heart of Little Tokyo, I was exposed to many issues and events in the JA community.

The eight-week Nikkei Youth Internship Program went by quickly and made my summer a meaningful, educational, and productive one. I enjoyed interning at JACL alongside Gerald Kato and Carol Saito as well as with Amy Phillips and the other interns outside the JACL PSW office. ■

San Jose JACL to Host Forum on AA Women in Media

The San Jose JACL and Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC) will host a forum on "Asian American Women in the Arts and Media" Oct. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church fellowship hall in San Jose's Japantown.

A screening of Deborah Gee's landmark film "Slaying the Dragon" will be followed by an expert panel discussion and a question-and-answer session. Incorporating clips from film classics and contemporary works, this

seminal film traces portrayals of AA women in film, theater and news media from the 1920s Anna Mae Wong era through the mid-1980s.

Panelists will include playwright Philip Kan Gotanda, San Francisco State University Professor Wei Ming Dariosis and Julie Hata, formerly with NAATA.

Admission is free, and donations are welcome. For further information, please contact San Jose JACL at 408/295-1250. ■

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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

ATLANTA

Sun., Dec. 8—Southeast JACL Holiday and Installation Dinner; 5:30 p.m.; Sato's Sushi Restaurant. Info: Roger Ozaki 770/979-3616.

NEW YORK CITY

Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 3 & 4—Musical, "Flower Drum Song" updated by David Henry Wang; 8 p.m.; Virginia Theatre, 245 W. 52nd St.; fund-raising events for AALDEF and APICHA. For tickets call: AALDEF 212/966-5932 for Oct. 3; APICHA, 718/875-1225 for Oct. 4.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., Sept. 21—Program, "Public Catastrophe, Personal Changes: A Discussion"; 2 p.m.; Carmichael Auditorium, Smithsonian's National Museum of American History; featuring Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, photojournalist Stanley Honda, Irene Hirano, George Takei; in conjunction with the museum's 9/11 exhibit.

Sat., Oct. 19—Family Day; 2-4 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda; featuring a Nen Daiko workshop with Amiko Matsumoto and Emily Ihara.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Fri., Oct. 18—Teacher Training Workshop; Cleveland State University, Mather Mansion; co-sponsored by the university and the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Ohio Council for Social Studies; Hank Tanaka and Ed Ezaki, co-chairs.

Sat., Nov. 2—Annual Cleveland JACL Holiday Fair; Euclid Central Middle School, Euclid.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., Sept. 29—Theater Mu will perform "Of Hope and Courage"; 2 p.m.; Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave. So. Minneapolis; adaptations of two Korean and Japanese folk stories; a portion of ticket sales support Twin Cities JACL youth programs. Tickets, Info: Natalie Nakasone, 651/698-3647; <nle4217@aol.com>.

Sat., Oct. 12—Luncheon Seminar, "Add Meaning to Your Success Through Charitable Contributions"; 11 a.m.-12 noon; Edina Community Center, Room 350, 5701 Normandale Rd.; bento lunch from Kikugawa; presented by Steve Kumagai; sponsored by Twin Cities JACL. RSVP: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, 952/925-2429; <dulas001@msn.com>.

Mountain Plains

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Sun., Sept. 29—Aki Matsuri; Park Square.

DENVER

Thurs., Oct. 3—JACL general meeting; 7 p.m.; Rich Castro Building, 1200 N. Federal Blvd. Info: Dr. Mark Shimoda 303/933-4095.

Sat., Oct. 26—Colorado JACL meeting; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tamai Towers Penthouse at Sakura Square. Info: Dr. Alley Watada 303/544-0638.

FORT LUPTON, CO.

Sat., Oct. 19—Fort Lupton JACL's 60th Anniversary Banquet; 4 p.m.; Fort Lupton Buddhist Temple. No cover charge. Info: Naomi Matsumura Nguyen, 970/785-0836; <naominjin@hotmail.com>.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., Sept. 28—Nisei Appreciation Dinner; Little America Hotel; Ogden Taiko; sponsored by Wasatch Front North JACL.

Sat., Oct. 19—Children's Cultural Workshop; 1-3 p.m.; Cottonwood 16th Ward, 1750 E. Spring Lane; K-6th grade; featuring Rajin Taiko. RSVP: info: Cherie Ushio, 801/278-3754, Terri Nakashima, 801/957-1107.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND

Through Sept. 22—Free exhibit showcasing 120 years of Japanese American history in Oregon; Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave.; in conjunction with the museum's exhibit, "Splendors of Imperial Japan" (entrance fee required). Info: 503/226-2811; www.portlandartmuseum.org. Sun., Sept. 29—"Sento at Sixth and

Main; Preserving Landmarks of Japanese American Heritage," book reading with Gail Dubrow; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave.

SEATTLE

Sat., Oct. 5—Annual Bazaar; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001-24th Ave. South. Info: 206/723-1536.

Northern California

OAKLAND

Sun., Nov. 3—NCNWP JACL District Meeting and Youth Conference; hosts, Berkeley JACL; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; James Irvine Conference Center. Info: Jim Duff, 510/272-8286 day, 510/336-3371 evening, 510/384-3712 cell.

PALO ALTO

Sat., Oct. 26—Forum on Critical Issues of Aging: Memory Loss, Legal and Financial Planning and Family Relations; 1-4 p.m.; Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Hall, 2751 Lundy Rd.; co-sponsored by Sequoia JACL; panelists: Dr. Kellie Takagi, Attorney Allan Hikoyeda and Rev. Dr. William Masuda. Free. Info: Janet Kameda, 650/323-9347; Misao Sakamoto, 650/493-5508.

SACRAMENTO

Sun., Sept. 22—Asian Pacific Islander Voters Candidate & Education Forum; 2-5 p.m., no-host cocktails 5-6 p.m.; nonpartisan, nonprofit; Q&A session; Sheraton Grand Hotel, J Street & 14th. RSVP: Irving Teranishi, 707/428-4444; Norm De Young, 916/686-2031; Tom Bhe, 916/355-4159, Mayue Carlson, 916/ 355-5988, Linda Ng, 916/96-3770; www.apapa.org.

Sat., Sept. 28—CANCELLATION of the Nakamichi Bazaar due to limited number of participants. The event will be rescheduled for next year.

Sat., Oct. 5—16th Annual Asian Community Nursing Home fund-raiser; 7-9 p.m.; Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd.; honorary co-chairs, Robert T. Matsui, Angelo Tsakopoulos; M.C., Sharon Ito of Channel 10; gourmet Asian buffet, music by Maharika Lions Singing Group. Tickets: Asakia Community Center, 916/993-9026.

Sat., Oct. 5—Violinist Jann Uveyama performs with pianist Vadim Serbyany; 7:30 p.m.; Jean Runyon Little Theatre, Memorial Auditorium. Tickets, info: 916/264-5181, www.tickets.com, or 916/766-2277.

Sat., Oct. 19—Florin JACL Annual Scholarship Fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Florin YBA Hall. Info: Bob Uveyama, 916/689-9610.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mon., Sept. 30—Lecture,

"Maximizing Your Memory"; 2-3:30 p.m.; Kimochi, Inc., Nutrition Site at the Japanese Community and Cultural Center, 1840 Sutter St. RSVP: Kimochi, 415/931-2294.

Fri., Oct. 4—Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach 27th Anniversary Awards Banquet; 5 p.m. auction, 6:30 p.m. banquet; 7:30 p.m. program and entertainment; Hotel Nikko, 222 Mason St.; banquet by Master Chef Sam Choy; Polynesian attire recommended. RSVP by Sept. 20.

Sat., Oct. 12—San Francisco Video Documentary premiere showing, "Calling Tokyo: Japanese American Radio Broadcasters During World War II"; 3 p.m.; JCCNC Memorial Hall, 1840 Sutter St.; produced by Gary Ono, son of one of the WWII broadcasters; screening co-sponsored by San Francisco JACL. Free. Info: Jill Shiraki, JCCNC, 415/567-5505 ext. 228; <jshiraki@jccnc.org>.

SAN JOSE

Sat., Nov. 16—Recognition Dinner & Dance in honor of all members of the Santa Clara Valley 100b/442nd and MIS; Hyatt Hotel; hosted by San Jose JACL and San Jose Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9970. RSVP: Henry Wadachara, 408/926-6642, or San Jose JACL, 408/295-1250.

SAN LEANDRO

Sat., Oct. 5—Eden Holiday Boutique; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Sept. 22—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Red Beard" (Aka-Hige) by Kurosawa; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; 1965, 191 minutes, Japanese with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

Wed., Sept. 25—Tomodachi Community Center trip to Apple Hill Ranch in Placerville; 8 a.m. departure from the Buddhist Temple parking lot. Info:

Amy Izumizaki.

Fri., Sept. 27—San Mateo JACL Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon; 12 noon; Martin Luther King, Jr., Recreation Center, 725 Monte Diablo Drive; Dr. Tsukasa Matsueda will speak on "Chiri mo tsunoreba, yamato nari" ("Even dust, when it accumulates can become a mountain"). RSVP: Roz Enomoto, JACL Community Center, 650/343-2793.

Sun., Oct. 20—2002 San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament; first group tee-off, 10 a.m.; Poplar Creek Golf Course, 1700 Coyote Point Dr.; supports San Mateo JACL's scholarship program; players of all levels are welcome. Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590.

SAN PABLO

Sat., Oct. 12—Teacher Training Workshop for elementary and secondary educators about the WWII Japanese American internment; Contra Costa College; includes a curriculum guide, speakers, workshops, lunch, panel discussions, books, raffle; sponsored by Berkeley and Contra Costa JACL with the Go For Broke Foundation. Info: Thomas Wei, 925/287-1358, <thomasw99@yahoo.com>.

WATSONVILLE

Thurs., Oct. 17—Senior Trip to Shin Zen "Friendship Garden" in Fresno and Table Mountain Casino in Friant. RSVP: Carmel Kamigawachi, 831/722-1930.

Central California

FRESNO

Sat., Nov. 2—JACL CCDC 53rd Annual Installation Banquet; 5:30 p.m. social, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program; Grand Occasions, 4584 W. Jacquelyn; "Salute to the Veterans"; keynote, Curator/Historian Eric Saul. RSVP by Oct. 18 to local JACL chapter or Bobbi Hanada, 559/434-1662.

2003: Mon-Wed., March 24-26—Poston III Camp Reunion; see details at Las Vegas.

MANZANAR

Friday-Sunday through Oct. 31—Guided tours of Manzanar National Historic Site; 10:15 a.m.; self-guided tours also available. Info: Alisa Lynch, 760/878-2194 ext. 11.

Southern California

ANAHEIM

Thurs., Sept. 26—Seminar, "Japan's Economy and Labor: A New Era Begins"; 8 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; Disneyland Hotel, 1150 Magic Way. Free. RSVP by Sept. 25: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 202.

CAMARILLO

Sun., Oct. 6—Ventura County JACL's 12th annual Japanese Cultural Festival; 2-5 p.m.; Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Bumley St.; featuring L.A. Taiko, Okida Gumi traditional Japanese dance, Shorinji Kempo martial arts; strolling, games, crafts, tea ceremony; ikebana, bonsai, sumi-e, koi; food tasting. Info: 805/477-3596; e-mail: vcjacl@hotmail.com; www.vcjacl.org.

CERRITOS

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 4-5—Taiko concert, "The Wings of Flightless Birds"; 8 p.m.; Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 12700 Center Court Dr.; featuring Taiko Master Eitetsu Hayashi; Info: CCPA, 562/916-8501.

EAST LOS ANGELES

Sat., Oct. 5—"Boyle Heights: Sites and Insights"; 12 noon-5 p.m.; Self-Help Graphics Galeria Otra Vez, 3802 Cesar Chavez Ave. Info: 323/881-6444.

GARDENA

Sat., Oct. 5—Gardena's 9th Annual Heritage Festival; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Gardena Civic Center, 700 W 162nd St.; pancake breakfast at 7 a.m.; children's arts & crafts, games, rides entertainment; food samples; cultural entertainment; car show. Info: Recreation Manager Deryl Lloyd, 217-6169.

LOS ANGELES

Sat., Sept. 21—"Inekari: The Harvest Celebration"; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; JACCOC Plaza, Little Tokyo; displays; craft activities for children; food booths; performances by heretofore theatre company, Thai Community Arts and Cultural Center Dance Group, Kaibigan Dance, Nippon Mynio Kenkyukai, Korean Classical Music and dance; a program of the 2002 World Festival of Sacred Music. Free.

Sat., Sept. 21—Outdoor musical performance, "Mare Tranquillitatis (Sea of Tranquility)," celebrating the harvest moon; 8 p.m.; JACCOC Plaza, Little Tokyo; by Hirokazu Kosaka and special guests; a program of the 2002

World Festival of Sacred Music. Tickets: Aratani/Japan America Theatre box office, 213/680-3700.

Sun., Sept. 22—Mini-seminar in financial planning, "College Education Funding"; English, 9 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Japanese, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; JACCOC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Free, but RSVP to Pacific Bridge Companies, 877/205-2555.

Wed., Sept. 25—Conference and Celebration for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Recovery; 3-5 p.m.; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St.; Dr. Ford Kuramoto will join a panel of AAPIs in recovery; an event of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Info: Ryan Yamamoto, 213/625-5795.

Sat., Sept. 28—Premiere appearance of "Hanayui"; 8 p.m.; Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; featuring members of Japan's Kodo and the San Jose Taiko in "Himawari" (Sunflower). Info, tickets: 213/680-3700.

Sun., Sept. 29—Mini-seminar in financial planning, "Income Protection"; (see Sept. 22 for times, etc.).

Through Sept. 29—2002 World Festival of Sacred Music; 43 venues from Northridge to Long Beach and Santa Monica to Downtown L.A. For schedules, locations, etc., call the festival hotline, 310/825-0507, or visit <www.festivalofsacredmusic.org>.

Sat., Oct. 5—"Breaking the Silence: Daughters Unveil Their Father's WWII Experiences"; 2 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; film screening, reading and conversation with the authors. RSVP, info: 213/625-0414.

Thurs.-Sun., through Oct. 6—"Queer of the Remote Control," a play by Sujata G. Bhatt; 8 p.m.; East West Players, David Henry Huang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Times, tickets, info: 213/625-7000.

Sun., Oct. 20—Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) Family Day at Santa Anita Race Track; 10:30 a.m. to the last race; price includes entrance fee, parking, program and BBQ tri-tip buffet; RSVP early!; Sam Yamaguchi, 310/822-6688.

Fri.-Wed., Nov. 8-13—Special travel package: Honolulu to Los Angeles to Las Vegas to Honolulu; includes "Evening of Aloha" dinner ticket (see Nov. 9) and three nights plus meals at the California Hotel in Las Vegas. Info: Jan Hirata, Go For Broke Educational Foundation, 310/871-9100.

Sat., Nov. 9—Go For Broke Educational Foundation Inaugural Gala Dinner, "An Evening of Aloha"; California Science Center at Exposition Park; featuring Hawaii chef Sam Choy. Info: 310/328-0907.

Through Feb. 23—Exhibit, "Boyle Heights: The Power of Place"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; includes oral histories collected by scholars and students from USC and Roosevelt. Info: 213/625-0414.

POMONA

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 27-29—Asian and Pacific Islander Festival at the L.A. County Fair; 1101 W. McKinley Ave.; featuring "Eastern Winds: The Drums of Asia," Lokelani's Rhythm of the Islands, Yu Su Kyung Korean Dance Group, Northern Shaolin Kung Fu Association; feng shui demonstrations by Angi Ma Wong; acupuncture demonstrations; music, martial arts, dance, puppets, calligraphy, painting, bonsai; food, etc. Info: 909/623-3111; www.fairplex.com.

SAN DIEGO

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 4 & 5—Video Documentary premiere showing, "Calling Tokyo: Japanese American Radio Broadcasters During World War II"; 3:30 p.m. Friday at Madstone Theatres, 7510 Hazard Center Dr.; 1:30 p.m. Saturday at UC San Diego; screening co-sponsored by San Diego JACL; part of the San Diego Asian Film Festival. Info: 619/291-7777.

TORRANCE

Sat., Sept. 21—JACL Pacific Southwest Awards Dinner and Silent Auction; 6 p.m.; Torrance Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way; keynote speaker Louis Caldera, Cal State University vice chancellor and former Secretary of the Army; honoring Trista Toyota, Joe Allman, Union Bank of California, Holiday Cheer program, Wilbur Sato. RSVP: 213/626-4471.

WEST COVINA

Sat., Sept. 28—"Oldies Dance XIII"; 8 a.m.-12:30 a.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; 21 and older; music by Steve Kikuchi and High Resolution. Advance discount. Info, song requests: Joanie, 626/284-8192; Roy, 909/595-6183; or Frank, 714/890-1776.

Sat., Oct. 5—2002 Aki Matsuri; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley JCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; "Moon Bounce," games for kids, cultural exhibits, food, martial arts, talk, raffle, door prizes. Info: 626/960-2566.

WEST LA.

Sun., Sept. 29—Aki Matsuri Boutique by the WLA JACL Auxiliary; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; dressy to casual clothing; tees; jewelry; gold, silver, pearl, costume; gift items; art work; ceramics; stationery, etc. Info: Jean, 310/390-6914, or Eiko, 310/820-1875.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Fri.-Wed., Nov. 8-13—See Los Angeles for Go For Broke Educational Foundation special travel package: Honolulu to Los Angeles to Las Vegas to Honolulu.

2003: Mon-Wed., March 24-26—Poston III Camp Reunion; Golden Nugget. Info: Sammy Nakagawa, co-chair, 559/638-9510; Franklin Ake, 559/626-7275; Ada Yamamoto, 559/834-2468; Registration deadline Feb. 15: Poston III Camp Reunion, 7015 S. Willow Ave., Fresno, CA 93725.

LAUGHLIN

Tues.-Thurs., Oct. 22-24—Poston Camp Reunion; Flamingo Hotel; banquet, bus trip to the memorial monument and Blue Water Casino, slot tournament, sayonara breakfast; buses from Gardena, Venice, Orange County, Montebello—register early for bus space. Registration: Aki Amano, 310/541-4648; Michi Fujishiro, 408/258-9795; Setsu Shinto, 323/721-1387; Haru Watanabe, 310/327-2596.

Hawaii

HONOLULU

Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 24-26—Opening ceremony and reception for the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit; Hawaii Capital Grounds; speakers, retired Lt. Gen. Alan Ono and Medal of Honor awardee Hershey Miyamura; optional tours to Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Punch Bowl, etc. Info: 818/591-1269; e-mail: tonaim@pacbell.net.

Fri.-Wed., Nov. 8-13—Special Go For Broke travel package: Honolulu to Los Angeles to Las Vegas to Honolulu; includes "Evening of Aloha" dinner ticket (see Los Angeles, Nov. 9).

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.
Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

Correction
The name of the school on Maui, Hawaii, mentioned in National Newsbytes in the Aug. 1-15 issue (page 4) should have been spelled "Kamehameha."

Announcement
Women between the ages of 20 and 40 with a Japanese cultural background are invited to join a focus group to discuss prenatal genetic counseling and prenatal diagnosis. The discussion will be held in English and Japanese, and participants will receive \$25. No drugs or medical procedures will be involved.

The information gathered will help health professionals understand and address cross-cultural concerns in prenatal genetic counseling. For more information, contact Chieko Tamura, genetic counseling student, Johns Hopkins/National Institute of Health graduate program; phone 301/435-6688; fax 443/612-9809; e-mail ctamura@jhsp.edu.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Endo, Kazuko, 80, Downey, Sept. 3; Tokyo-born; survived by son Gene H. (Susan); daughters Emily E. and Marie M. Endo; 3 gc.; sisters Shizuko and Setsuko Omori.

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$15 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.

Fujimoto, Ben, 70, Pacoima, Sept. 8; Yakima, Wash.-born; Korean War veteran; survived by brother Robert; sisters Lily Lee, Betty Fujiwara.

Fujioka, Yukio, 86, Spokane, Wash., Aug. 29; longtime Chataway resident; survived by wife Michiko; son Cary (Seattle); daughter Sharon Fujioka of New York; brother Fashio of Vashon Island, Wash.; sisters Martha Nakamoto of Ontario, Ore., Mary and Susie Fujioka of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; sister-in-law Mollie Fujioka of Walnut Creek.

Hirano, Yutaka, 76, Kirkland, Wash., Aug. 4; Seattle-born; survived by wife Iku; daughters Jeannie Nakasone, Joy (Gene) McCain; 4 gc.; brother Hiroshi (Oyama); sister Mieko (Kenneth) Tiyama.

Homma, Teiko, 81, Oceanide, Sept. 4; survived by nephews Jon (Suzanne) Mayeda, Tom (Sue) and Steve Homma of Illinois, Robert Homma of New York.

Imahara, James Tetsuo, 77, Sunnyvale, Sept. 7; U.S. Army veteran (interpreter during the Japan Occupation); pioneer strawberry farmer; survived by wife Shigeyo; sons Alan, Clifford (Phyllis), Wayne (Deb); 8 gc.; sister Grace Marubashi; brothers Fred, Victor; predeceased by brothers Thomas and Norman.

Iwashika, Jane Yoshika, 74, Los Angeles, Aug. 16; Fresno-born; Hiroshima survivor; longtime resident of Los Angeles and Huntington Beach.

Kodama, Malcolm Yukio, 55, Walnut, Aug. 29; Oahu, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Nancy Fumiko; daughter Eileen Shigemitsu Kodama; mother-in-law Emiko Shigeyasu; sisters-in-law Eleanor Yamaguchi, Jean Nakashima, Grace (Yuki) Fujita.

Komoto, Kaori "Cory," 72, Fresno, Sept. 3; Fresno-born; Jerome, Ark., internec; Korean War Army veteran; survived by sons Brian (Mary) Kerry (Anne); 4 gc.; brothers Yasuro (Toshi), Katsuro; predeceased by wife Shigeko Nancy.

Matsuda, Fannie Sachiko, 78, Stockton, Aug. 31; Colorado-born; survived by sisters Josephine and Sumi Matsuda, Mabel Young; brothers George (Arlene) and Bill (Tomoko) Matsuda.

Miyaji, Umeko, 91, Rancho Palos Verdes, Sept. 4; Gardena-born; survived by daughters Carl Reiko (Kazuo) Ogawa, May Masako (Ted) Lutz of Texas; 4 gc.; 7 gc.; sister Yoshie Kokuga of Japan; sister-in-law Kiyoko Kokuga.

Hayataka, Noboru, 87, Gardena, Aug. 29; Gardena-born; survived by brothers Hiroshi of Florida and Minoru; brother-in-law Robert Mitsuda.

Moromisato, Shinko Fred, 96, Gardena, Aug. 27; Okinawa-born; longtime Hawaii resident; survived by sons Harry (Alice), Fred (Sharon); daughter Myrna (Hiro) Kodama; 4 gc., 2 ggc.

Murakami, Shigeo "Sig," 86,

Ontario, Ore., Aug. 17; Seattle-born; survived by wife of 61 years, Mitsuko; son David M. of Ontario; daughters Janis (Ron) Commeser of Spring, Texas, Eileen Gonzalez of Ontario; sisters Kazuo Okasaki of Los Altos, Molly M. Shigeno of New Plymouth, Idaho, Masako (John) Kobayashi of Lawndale; predeceased by parents Chohachi and Ema Kogo, brothers Kiyoshi and Thomas Kitajima, and two grandchildren.

Nakano, Sumiye, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 28; Seattle-born; survived by daughter Elaine Nakano; sisters Hisa Hori and Tomoe Sunahara, both of Chicago; sisters-in-law Yayo Nakano of Yuba City, Shizuyo (Kelvin) Mitani of Newcastle, Kinie (Shigeru) Yabumoto of Stockton; brothers-in-law Kenso (Keiko), Yoshio (Mieko) and Tadashi Kono, the latter two of Sacramento; predeceased by husband Shigeo, son Billy, sister Momoye Ohmoto of St. Louis.

Sakamoto, Hanaye Fujiwara, 74, Portland, Ore., Sept. 10; Vernonia, Ore.-born, recently of Pacific City; Minidoka internec and high school graduate; survived by husband Sam S.; sons Dale of Portland, Craig of Milwaukie, Ore.; 2 gc.; sister Tamaye Nomi of Mercer island, Wash.

Sato, Matsutaro Jack, 93, San Jose, Sept. 3; Okayama-born; survived by wife Yoshiko; sons Sam Sadayoshi (Becky), Yosh (Dorothy), Masayuki A. (Joyce); daughter Kiyomi Jean Muroya; 10 gc., 3 ggc.

Sato, Rev. George Kiyoshi, 62, Long Beach, Sept. 1; Los Angeles-born; minister of West Adams Christian Church; survived by wife Carol Y.; son Timothy T. (Caroline); daughters Rebecca M. (John) Teter, Deborah; 2 gc.; mother Sanaye Sato; brother Rev. Dr. Aron (Ruta Suamataia); mother-in-law Teruko Kuwada; sisters-in-law Fay Little, Arleen (John) Garrett of Dayton, Ohio.

Shimakawa, Tomiko, 90, Fullerton, Sept. 2; Watsonville-born; survived by daughters Yoko (Ted) Yamashita, Akiko (Gary) Matsuno; son Dan Hidetoshi (Sannie); 6 gc., 2 ggc.; brother Yasuo (Jenny) Abe; sisters June Yamamisaka, Arlyne (Roy) Namba.

Tagami, Star Toshiaki, Sept. 10 service in Cypress; survived by wife Anna; children Michael, Michele, Mitchell, Nikki; 2 gc.; brothers Ben, Roy; sister Rose.

Takemori, Seiro, 78, Sacramento, Sept. 1; Sacramento-born; Tule Lake internec and high school graduate; survived by wife Tatsuko; daughter Shirley; son-in-law Morris Gee; son Ryan; 5 gc.; brother

ers Masaki (Midori), Edward Masao (Irene); sister Tomiye Okabayashi.

Tokuichi, Toby, 86, San Francisco, Sept. 8; survived by wife Emiko; daughters Sandy, Karen (Craig) Nagareda; 3 gc.; sister Miyoko Rachel Kuruma and other siblings.

Takahashi, Richard Tadashi, 84, Phoenix, April 25; Orting, Wash.-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran (Lt. Snelling, Minn.); survived by longtime friend and companion Faye Rasmussen of Sun City, Ariz.; brothers Tad Sasaki of Orting, Mas (Yori) of Willamette, Ill., Bob (Elizabeth) of Northbrook, Ill.; sisters Freda Nyfler and Edith Sagami; predeceased by parents Sasayo and Sadachi, brothers Satoru and George, sister Betty Uba.

Cavan, Dr. Mahito, 83, Denver, Sept. 10; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Lillian Runiko; sons Ronald, Gary, James, Gene; sisters Miyeko Yokoyama of Torrance; brother Toshio (Jane) of Lakewood, Colo.; sisters-in-law Florence Uba of Marina Del Rey, Lillian Uba of Los Angeles; brother-in-law Fred Odnaka of Honolulu; predeceased by sister Fukiko Odnaka, brothers Dr. Hideo, Dr. Katsumi; brother-in-law Ken Yokoyama.

Uehara, Haya, 89, Santa Monica, Aug. 3; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Grace; son Roger (Carol); daughter Joanne (Gene); 3 gc.

Ushijima, Kikue, 93, Los Angeles, Sept. 7; Alameda-born; survived by son Jimmy A.; daughters Grace (Ichiro) Miyoshi, Alice (Noboru) Uyekawa, Betty (Allan) Hirata; 12 gc., 6 ggc.

Yamada, Henry Yoshiharu, 68, El Macero, Aug. 23; survived by wife Kumiko; son Dean; daughters Phyllis (John) Louie, Joyce (Emmanuel) Jee; 2 gc.; sister Susan (Jerry Uyemoto); friend Ben Takeuchi.

Yamamoto, Shizu, 98, Monterey Park, Aug. 28; Hiroshima-ken-born; survived by son Hiroaki (Julia); daughters Nobuko Yamamoto, Yoshiko Ogata; son-in-law Hikoe Ishiguro; daughter-in-law Joy Yamamoto of Las Vegas; 15 gc., 15 ggc., 4 gggc; sister Hideko Toosu and brother Yoshimasa Sasaki, both of Japan; sisters-in-law Hisako Sasaki and Kimiko Hirooka, both of Japan.

Yoshioka, Masaru, 84, Oakland, Aug. 28; Hayward-born; WWII MIS veteran; survived by wife Toyoko; son George (Mona); daughters Renee Yonekura, Penny Buck, Sherry Burton, June Gacad, Ann Marie (George) Nakayama, Georgia Kawazoe, Robbin (Able) Kavan; sister Yuki Goto; sister-in-law June Yoshioka; 14 gc., 10 ggc.

OBITUARY

Renowned Historian, UCLA Professor Yuji Ichioka, Passes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Historian and UCLA professor Yuji Ichioka, who coined the phrase "Asian American" in the late 1960s, has died of cancer on Sept. 1. He was 66.

Ichioka, who taught the first AA studies course at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1969, also was a prominent activist and considered the country's leading expert on Japanese American history. His contributions to the university's AA and immigrant studies program were "path-breaking," said Don Nakanishi, UCLA's AA Studies Center director.

"We will forever benefit from his courageous leadership and fiery social commitment," Nakanishi said.

Ichioka was born on June 23, 1936, in San Francisco. He earned his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his master's at UC Berkeley. During World War II, Ichioka's family was interned at the Topaz War Relocation Center.

Years later, Ichioka's testimony at congressional hearings on the injustice of the internment experience helped lead to the official presidential apology and redress of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

By mastering his ancestral language, Ichioka was able to uncover treasures of Japanese history that only Japanese immigrants could give him in the form of old diaries, documents and photos.

His dedication yielded such works as "Issei: The World of the First Generation Japanese Immigrants, 1885-1924," a book that won him the 1989 U.S. History Book Award of the National Association for Asian American Studies.

The UCLA AA Studies Center plans to establish the Yuji Ichioka Endowed Chair in Social Justice Studies.

Ichioka is survived by his wife, Emma Gee. The family requests that donations be made to: "The Yuji Ichioka Endowed Chair in Social Justice Studies." Cards or donations can be sent to: Yuji Ichioka Fund c/o UCLA Asian American Studies Center, P.O. Box 951546, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90032-1546.

A public tribute will take place on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at UCLA's James West Alumni Center (next to Pauley Pavilion). Park in Lot 6 (\$7/day). For information, contact the UCLA AA Studies Center, 310/825-2974 or Nakanishi at dtn@ucla.edu. ■



OBITUARY

Eugene Allen Wright, Judge and Former Commander of JA Soldiers, Passes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE—Eugene Allen "Gene" Wright, a federal appeals judge with an interest in First Amendment issues and a talent for clear writing, is dead at 89.

Wright served on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals from 1969 until he died on Sept. 3 of pneumonia and congestive heart failure at Virginia Mason Hospital.

During World War II Wright served in the U.S. Army as an intelligence officer, Japanese interpreter, interrogator of prisoners and commander of Japanese American soldiers. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and Army Commendation Medal.

A lifelong Seattle resident, Wright earned undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Washington, then joined his father, Elias Allen Wright, at the law firm of Wright and Wright.

Wright Served in 1948-52 as a part-time Municipal Court judge

and in 1954-66 as a King County Superior Court judge. Following three years as a bank executive, he was named to the federal appeals court by President Richard Nixon.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Esther Ladley Wright, sister Florence Wright Russell of Seattle, son Gerald Allen Wright of Portola Valley, Calif., daughter Meredith Wright Morton of Olympia, a grandson and great-granddaughter. ■

DEATH NOTICE

FUJIKO TSUJIMURA
BRAWLEY, Calif. — Fujiko Tsujimura, 88, passed away Sept. 5. Hollywood-born, Fujiko was a Japanese Pioneer Farmer in the Imperial Valley since 1936 and lived in Westmorland then in El Centro. She is survived by son, Roy Yoshio Tsujimura, daughter, June Hiroko Murakami, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICE

AKIRA MATSUSHITA
CHICAGO, Ill. — Akira Matsushita, 80, has passed away. Beloved husband of Fumiko. Loving father of Kevin (fiance Christine Jardeleza) Matsushita, and Elaine Matsushita. Dear brother of Bessie (late Frank) Shigekawa, Lucy (Roy) Teshima, Phyllis (John) Takekawa and Tatsuko (Mickey) Ogata and the late Hiroshi Matsushita. Dear grandfather of Joshua and Samuel Fidler. Fond uncle of 19. Visitation and funeral services were held Sept. 6.

DEATH NOTICE

SHIE HANSA SHINDO
BERKELEY, Calif. — Shie Shindo, 105, passed away Aug. 23 at the home of her daughter, Satoe Chisaki. She was born in Gumma prefecture, Japan on Mar. 12 1897, and lived on Terminal Island for over 21 years after her marriage to Tomosato Shindo in 1920. Shie is survived by her six children: Eva Ishiura, Satoe (Shunichi "Jack") Chisaki, Frank (Mitsuo) Shindo, George (May) Shindo, Yoshiko (Jerry) Takemoto and Kokki (Hazel) Shindo. She is also survived by two sisters in Japan, Eiko Kishiwagi and Fumio Nakamura, 21 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Sat., Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Union Church of Los Angeles, 401 E. 3rd St. Ash burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, 204 N. Evergreen Ave.

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FICTION

A Loyal Character Dancer
By Qiu Xiaolong
Soho Press
351 pp., \$25 hardback

This is Qiu Xiaolong's second mystery novel featuring Inspector Chen Cao, whose spare time is spent translating Western mysteries and who finds solace, as well as clues, in poetry.

On the morning when the dead man was found in the historic Bund Park, Inspector Chen, a Shanghai police officer, was already there as he was many a

morning, contemplating the yin and yang of his career. Detective Yu, Chen's seasoned assistant, is uneasy about taking on the case, but Chen

refuses to give in to either superstition or fear. When Party Secretary Li tells Chen his English skills are needed to entertain a U.S. Marshall, Chen reluctantly agrees. The Marshall turns out to be a young woman, Catherine Rohn, whose mission is to bring Wen, the pregnant wife of a witness in an important U.S. criminal trial, to America. Rohn is enroute when Chen learns that Wen has vanished from her village in Fujian. As Chen and Rohn discover more of Wen's past, the dangers to both of them increase.

NONFICTION

Born in the USA: A Story of Japanese America, 1889-1947
By Frank Chin
Rowman & Littlefield
528 pp., \$29.95 paperback, \$80 hardback

This unique oral history presents the Japanese American saga as told by those who lived through it. Frank Chin details the lives of first- and second-generation JAs before World War II through interviews, popular songs, novel excerpts and newspaper articles. The heart of his story is what occurred to JAs after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The author weaves interviews and testimonies from the JACL with opposing, in-depth conversations with those who resisted the JACL's support for U.S. policy.

Paper Son: One Man's Story
By Tung Pok Chin & Winifred C. Chin
Temple University Press
184 pp., \$19.95 paperback, \$59.50 hardback

In this memoir, Tung Pok Chin casts light on the largely hidden

experience of those Chinese who immigrated to this country with false documents during the Exclusion era. Although scholars have pieced together their history, first-person accounts are rare and fragmented. Many of the so-called "paper sons" lived out their lives in silent fear of discovery. Chin's story speaks for the many Chinese who worked in urban laundries and restaurants.

Afghanistan's Endless War: State Failure, Regional Politics, and the Rise of the Taliban
By Larry P. Goodson
University of Washington Press
279 pp., \$22.50 paperback, \$35 hardback

Going beyond the stereotypes of Kalashnikov-wielding Afghan mujahideen and black-turbaned Taliban fundamentalists, Larry Goodson presents a concise analysis of the Afghan war and what was happening in Afghanistan in the last 20 years.

Beginning with the reasons behind Afghanistan's inability to forge a strong state — its myriad cleavages along ethnic, religious, social and geographical fault lines — Goodson then explains the devastating course of the war itself. He charts the destruction of the country, from the deaths of more than 2 million Afghans and the dispersal of some 6 million others as refugees, to the complete collapse of its economy, which today has been replaced by monoagriculture in opium poppies and heroin production. The Taliban, some of whose leaders Goodson interviewed as recently as 1997, had controlled roughly 80 percent of the country but themselves had shown increasing discord along ethnic and political lines.

Magic: The Untold Story of U.S. Intelligence and the Evacuation of Japanese Residents From the West Coast During WWII
By David D. Lowman
Athena Press
391 pp., \$29.92 paperback.

During the redress movement, David Lowman, former special assistant to the director at the National Security Agency, questioned Japanese American loyalty during World War II by citing intercepts of the "Magic" cables as the basis for his allegations. Magic were decoded diplomatic transmissions between the Japanese government and its consular offices in the United States and elsewhere. According to Lowman,

the existence of Magic was justification for the WWII evacuation and incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry into camps, but the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, Congress and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals all dismissed the allegations.

'Race' Panic and the Memory of Migration
Edited by Meaghan Morris & Brett de Barry
Hong Kong University Press
432 pp., \$17.95 paperback, \$45 hardback

This book includes 18 original essays, nine of which have been translated into English for the first time. It is an exploration of the complex relations between violence, historical memory, and the production of "ethnicity" and "race." Some essays analyze the panicked "othering" that has led to violence against Chinese Indonesians and to the little-known massacres of Hui Muslims in 19th-century China and of Cheju Islanders in Korea in 1948. Others examine the fraught discourses surrounding colonialism, immigration, and nation-building in Australia, Taiwan, Japan, the United States and Ireland.

The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War
By Louise Steinman
Plume
259 pp., \$14 paperback

The recipient of the 2002 Forward Magazine Book of the Year for Autobiography/Memoir award is now in paperback form. The book chronicles Louise Steinman's discovery of her parents' World War II past. Growing up, Steinman knew little about her father's war experiences. All she knew was that the whistling kettle was banned from the kitchen and that she was never to cry in front of him. Years later, after her parents' deaths, she found an old ammunition box filled with nearly 500 letters her father had written her mother during the war. She also found a silk Japanese flag inscribed to Yoshio Shimizu. But who was Yoshio Shimizu and why did her father have his flag? So began Steinman's quest to return this "souvenir" to its owners, and in the process, to learn more about the war that transformed the expressive young man in those letters into the reserved father she had known.

BOOK REVIEW

PICTORIAL HISTORY: San Francisco J-Town, Past and Present, Sparkles

By Harry K. Honda

Our nomination among splendid books, a conversation piece for the coffee table, goes to "Generations," published by the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. It came to my attention last month while enjoying the "2002 All Topaz Reunion" in San Francisco.

The spread of photos in Chapter 2, "Our Home," depicts the 1930s as many Northern California Nisei retirees will remember — especially of Post Street from Laguna (the eastern edge of J-town); past Buchanan (the heart of J-town) and beyond, ending in front of the streetcar barns at Presidio Avenue (though the caption fails to mention that). My familiarity of this much of local geography stems from the late Yas Abiko at the *Nichibei Shimbun*, where I worked in 1941 prior to being drafted into the Army.

While thumbing through the book, "Hats" Aizawa, designer of the 140-page hardcover, called attention to the picture of his dad's bookstore, Goshu-Do, at Post and Buchanan. Looking at the books stacked 14 or 15 shelves high, I told him: "I don't remember a similar display of Japanese books that high ever in Little Tokyo." In the caption, Hats says "Many dropped by ... but [they] never bought."

Scenes of Japantown at the turn of the 20th century south of Market around South Park, Jessie and Stevenson (no longer around) streets facing Pier 34 and Pier 36 where the Japanese ships docked are historic of a J-town before the 1906 quake. It was after the quake that Japantown bloomed in the Western Addition tract now eyed for preservation.

If you're a San Franciscan, concentrating on the photos for a familiar face can yield many a pleasant moment. Text for names is at a minimum; these pictures are sharp and brilliant. The postwar gang will easily relate to scenes and perhaps identify people they know in subsequent chapters: the Evacuation, Beginning Again, New Voice (the late Edison Uno and activists of the 1960s), Redress, and Our Community and Future (the final chapter in color). Order: JCCCN: 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, 415/567 5505, \$40 hardback.



Along The Silk Road
Edited by Elizabeth ten Grotenhuis
University of Washington Press
144 pp., \$24.95 paperback

In 1998, renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma founded the Silk Road Project, Inc., a nonprofit foundation devoted to the living arts of people of traditional Silk Road lands. Part of the project involved the exploration of ways that traditional cultural expression can help revitalize contemporary culture, a goal exemplified by this book.

The Silk Road encompassed certain sea routes and loose systems of trails that crossed the mountains and deserts of Central Asia to connect East Asia to the Mediterranean. This historical network, at its height from the second century B.C. until the 14th century, was the most cosmopolitan area on earth. The book is keynoted by Yo-Yo Ma. Other contributors include a composer, an ethnomusicologist, an archaeologist, a

photographer, a scientist, a film critic and two art historians.

Jumping Through Hoops: Autobiographical Stories by Modern Chinese Women Writers
Edited by Jing M. Wang
Hong Kong University Press
144 pp., \$19.95 paperback, \$39.50 hardback

This is a collection of nine stories about the experiences of Chinese women during World War II. It was originally published in 1945 as part of Xie Bingying's classic anthology "Nu Zuojia Zizhuan Xuanji" ("Selected Autobiographical Writings by Women Writers").

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Meet the Authors

Saturday, Oct. 5 — 2 p.m.
Book Reading of "The Souvenir" and Film Showing of "Honor Bound" @ the Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles

The event will feature Louise Steinman, author of "The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War," and Wendy Hanamura, Emmy award-winning documentary of "Honor Bound — A Personal Journey."

The event is free to museum members. For non-members, \$6 adult; \$5 seniors (age 62+); \$3 students and children (ages 6-

17). Contact JANM: 369 East First St., Los Angeles; tel. 800/461-5266; www.janm.org.

Sunday, Oct. 27 — 2 p.m.
Breaking the Earthenware Jar: Lessons From South Asia to End Violence Against Women and Girls @ the Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, Calif.

Basing her book on interviews with approximately 200 activists against sexual violence, Ruth Finney Hayward explores and illustrates the status of women's and girls' rights in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal,

India and Sri Lanka. Topics covered include domestic and child abuse, "honor killings," beatings during pregnancy and female feticide.

Finney uses the stories of both men and women to highlight the efforts of activists in the region and to demonstrate the need for creating cultural respect for the rights of women and girls and their role in society.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. The "Authors on Asia" programs are presented free but reservations are recommended. For info, 626/449-2742, ext. 20.