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Lower Turnout at Annual PSWD Awards Dinner Causes Speculation About Community Rift

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

TORRANCE, Calif.—Less than 300 people attended the 2002 JACL Pacific Southwest District Awards Dinner at the Torrance Marriott Sept. 21, a noticeably lower turnout than in years past,

which the organization passed a resolution apologizing to the resisters for not acknowledging the stance they took during World War II. JACL has since tried to work with various veterans groups to alleviate tensions over the reso-

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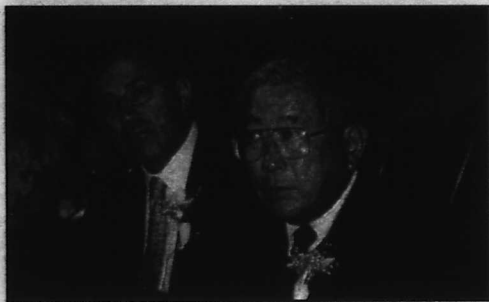


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Keynote speaker Louis Caldera, former Secretary of the Army, and JACL National President Floyd Mori at the 2002 PSWD Awards Dinner, which faced a lower turnout of attendees than in past years.

which caused speculation about possible community strife.

Many Nisei veterans representing the 442nd, 100th and Military Intelligence Service (MIS) groups as well as members of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) were absent from the event despite the fact that former Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera gave the keynote address detailing the push to get Medal of Honor upgrades for 22 Asian American veterans, including 20 Nisei, in 2001.

"It didn't come to my attention and nobody pointed it out to me, so I really can't comment," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "I know they had a hard time getting a lot of people out tonight."

Some lamented the possibility that the lack of attendance reflected lingering bitterness over the controversial 2000 JACL national convention in Monterey, Calif., in

MORI MEMO Boosting Membership

After reading National Vice President of Membership Ryan Chin's article regarding membership being a family affair in the Sept. 20 issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, I have two words to say: right on.

We saw the continuing need for JACL and organizations like JACL during the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Although national JACL will always be concerned with issues facing Japanese Americans generally, the local chapters of JACL should indeed place emphasis on family events which many chapters already do. National JACL as well as local chapters have scholarships available which help to



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Hawaii Rep. Patsy Mink, 74, Dies After Battle With Viral Pneumonia

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

HONOLULU—Hawaii Rep. Patsy Mink, who had been hospitalized for nearly a month with viral pneumonia, died Sept. 28, her office said. She was 74.

Mink died at Straub Clinic and Hospital, where she had been treated since Aug. 30 for viral pneumonia stemming from chickenpox, according to a statement from her Washington office.

Mink's name will remain on the November ballot as the Democratic nominee for her House seat. The longtime lawmaker had been expected to easily defeat her GOP opponent in the November general election. If she is re-elected posthumously, the seat will be declared vacant and a special election will be held to choose a successor.

Mink, the first woman of an ethnic minority to serve in Congress, was one of Hawaii's most liberal politicians and had been a member of the House for 24 years over two different stretches. She won re-election two years ago by a nearly two-to-one margin.

"Hers was a spirit like no other," Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano said in a statement. "Through several generations, she served as a pow-

erful force which shaped not only Hawaii, but our nation."

"Patsy was a petite woman with a powerful voice and a peerless reputation as a champion for equal opportunity, civil rights and education," said U.S. Sen. Daniel



Akaka, D-Hawaii. "She was a courageous and tenacious leader whose lifetime of public service made Hawaii a better place."

Mink often worked outside the mainstream of the Democratic Party and her political career predated Hawaii's statehood in 1959. Mink was an early opponent of the Vietnam War and accompanied fellow Rep. Bella Abzug, D-N.Y., to Paris to talk to participants in the Vietnam War peace talks. She opposed the death penalty and had

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JACL Statement on the Passing of Rep. Mink

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) mourns the passing of Congressman Patsy T. Mink, who succumbed to viral pneumonia on Saturday the 28th in Hawaii. We extend our deepest sympathies [to] her husband, daughter and the rest of her family and share their sorrow. Representative Mink was a passionate, compassionate and courageous leader on issues affecting gender equity, education, health and the environment, among many others, and she will be missed greatly.

"The JACL grieves the loss of a good friend and strong supporter in the Congress," stated John Tateishi, JACL national executive director. "We will especially miss Mrs. Mink because we've had a long and close relationship with her. We'll miss her friendship, her leadership and her pioneering spirit, but more than anything we'll miss her because she was such a good person with a great heart."

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Non-white Voters Showing Increasing Political Clout

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The growing strength of non-white voters in bellwether states such as California was the topic of discussion at the annual CAUSE-Vision 21 political summit held on Sept. 28 at the Los Angeles County Public Library.

CAUSE-Vision 21 is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to Asian Pacific American political empowerment.

To understand this trend, Mark Baldassare, director of research at the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), discussed voting patterns in California.

But this pattern is not exclusive to California, Baldassare said. He is seeing similar trends across the nation, particularly in larger states such as Texas, Florida and Illinois.

In California, Baldassare said the combined APA/Latino/African American vote in 1990 constituted 18 percent. That number rose to 29 percent in the 2000 election.

"That's not a lot but it's enough to swing the state," said Baldassare.

Because non-white voters favor Democrats, Baldassare said, "If this trend continues, there is going to be a huge problem for the Republicans unless they make an effort to be more inclusive."

To make his point, Baldassare examined the upcoming California gubernatorial race between Democratic incumbent Gray Davis and his Republican opponent Bill Simon. According to a September PPIC survey, Davis is leading by eight percentage points due to the APA/Latino/African American support. Among whites, Simon is favored.

With the rise in voters of color has been the increase in non-white elected officials. The biggest growth has been from the APA community, said Baldassare. In 1984, there were approximately 100 APAs in California elected office. That number rose to approximately 500 APAs in 1998. Among Latinos, there were 460 office holders in 1984. In 1998, there were 789. For African Americans, their numbers stayed constant in the mid-200 range.

Other trends included:
• passage of bond measures historically opposed by white voters;
• rise in independent voters, which doubled from 1.2 million to 2.5 million. This group tends to favor Democrats because they are politically moderate, socially liberal and fiscally conservative;
• increase in women voters. Women of color tend to have a high propensity to vote and favor

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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. Points 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 JPEG-formatted photos to: pccit@aol.com. Photos will not be returned without an SASE.

Entry deadline: Nov. 15



Letters to the Editor

Heart Mountain Reunion

The Heart Mountain Reunion VIII in Salt Lake City was very informative, especially for people like myself who did not go to camp except for short visits to Heart Mountain and Topaz during the spring of 1943.

The "Women's Conversation — The Untold Stories" panel provided insight into the role of women before and after arriving in camp, especially the Issei and other women who did not have the support of their husbands. Another forum told of the development of the farming operations from irrigation canals to the planning of crops. A Heart Mountain resident had a seed business and was able to ship seeds, including Japanese plants, to Heart Mountain. Probably not widely known were the camp swing bands playing for high school proms in Powell and other towns.

Raymond Uno and Jeanette Misaka, with the help of Bacon Sakatani and Salt Lake's young people, put on a terrific program. At this reunion more Sansei and Yonsei were in attendance.

It should be mentioned that Secretary Norman Mineta's talk was not on camp life but the influence the internment of Japanese Americans is having on the treatment of Arab Americans' civil liberties today. His talk was very good under today's circumstances.

Calvin Tajima
Altadena, Calif.

Re: Passport to Friendship

I would like to respond to the question asked by Maggie Ishino in the Letters to the Editor section of the P.C., Sept. 6-19.

I am gratified that Ms. Ishino enjoyed the exhibit, "Passport to Friendship," which will be on exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo through Oct. 13.

If Ms. Ishino needs to ask the question of why the newspaper clippings with the word "Japs" and other articles showing the discrimination against Japanese Americans were displayed where they were, then she missed the whole point of

the "Friendship Dolls," as the dolls were called, and the exhibit.

The "Friendship Dolls" exchange between the United States and Japan was started by Dr. Sidney Gulick, a missionary to Japan from 1888 to 1913, because he could not change the tide of anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States. Therefore, he initiated the doll exchange in 1926 to 1927 to promote friendship between the two countries, through its children. The clippings and articles of anti-Japanese wordings were instrumental in explaining to the visitor Dr. Gulick's motivation for the doll exchange.

If Ms. Ishino enjoyed the doll exhibit, I encourage her to see it again, and read the narrations that are on the walls. The story of the doll exchange is just as important as the viewing of the 75-year-old dolls themselves.

Bob Moriwuchi
Docent, JANM

Keep P.C. Interesting

I am delighted that the P.C. is getting so newsy! The Sept. 6-19 issue is a gem. Thank you for the Duke Kahanamoku stamp article (page 7) as well as Bill Marutani's East Wind (page 8). Keep P.C. interesting!

Yasuo Ishida
St. Louis, Mo.

MINK

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as her spending priorities education, housing and health care.

In a statement Robert Matsui, D-Calif., said: "With the passing of Patsy Mink, the U.S. House of Representatives, the people of Hawaii, and the nation have lost a woman whose vision and inspiration made her one of the most respected leaders in Congress. Simply put, Patsy Mink was a trailblazer. For Patsy, no challenge was insurmountable, and no barrier was unbreakable. She was a remarkable woman whose energy and spirit opened doors for millions of Americans."

Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, on Saturday said Mink would be sorely missed in Congress and repeated his call asking voters to remember her career when voting in November.

"I hope that the people of Hawaii will indicate at the polls their sense of gratitude to her and I think this is a good way to honor her," said Inouye.

Mink believed one of her most significant accomplishments in Congress was Title IX of the Education Act, which she helped author in 1972. The law, credited by many with changing the face of women's sports and societal attitudes about women, bans gender discrimination in schools that receive federal funding.

"To be frank," Mink said in 1997, the 25th anniversary of Title IX, "I thought this was great, a beginning statement of policy and intent. At the moment we were doing it, we didn't think it would have this fantastic momentum and the enforcement of the courts."

After serving in the territorial

and state legislatures, Mink was initially elected to Congress in 1964. She remained in the House until 1976, when she lost to fellow Rep. Spark Matsunaga in the Democratic primary for the Senate.

Matsunaga went on to win the election, but his death in 1990 led to Mink's return to Congress. She won a special election to fill out the term of Rep. Daniel Akaka, who was named to succeed Matsunaga in the Senate.

She was re-elected that year and in 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000.

After losing her Senate bid, Mink remained in Washington for two years as an assistant secretary of state in the Carter administration.

She returned to elective politics in 1982, winning a four-year term on the Honolulu City Council. She gave up the seat after one term and made an unsuccessful run for governor.

Born Dec. 6, 1927, in Paia, Maui, Mink graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1948 before earning her law degree from the University of Chicago in 1951.

Mink became part of a movement, mostly composed of second generation Japanese Americans — many of them decorated World War II veterans — that enabled Democrats to wrest control of Hawaii politics from Republicans.

The GOP's decades-old grip was broken in 1954 when Democrats took control of the territorial Legislature. Mink was elected to the territorial House two years later, and won a seat in the state Senate in 1959.

Her survivors include her husband John and daughter Wendy. Funeral services were scheduled for Oct. 4. ■

and Patsy were special to the common folks like me as they had a great personal touch in reaching out to the people of Hawaii."

Noted Floyd Mori, JAACL national president, "Patsy Mink was an inspiration to all of us — not just the people of Hawaii or Japanese Americans — but to every American. We will miss her greatly." ■

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Added Clyde Nishimura, JAACL board member from Hawaii, "Mrs. Mink was an amazing lady. Growing up in Hawaii in the 60s and 70s meant looking up to many 'idols' such as Mink, Fong, Burns, Inouye, and Matsunaga. Sparky

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Project to Document JA WWII Life at Rohwer and Jerome Camps

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Fearing the history of Arkansas' World War II Japanese American internment camps would be lost, Richard Yada's father, a former camp detainee, often purchased books on the subject and gave them to Arkansas libraries.

More than a decade after his father's death, the son, a Little Rock financial adviser, attended an announcement of a major project documenting the history of the two Arkansas Delta camps on Sept. 16. The Rohwer and Jerome internment camps were home to more than 16,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. Most, including the Yada family, were forcibly relocated to Arkansas from California.

With nearly \$3 million in various grants from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, the Los Angeles-based Japanese American National Museum and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock will produce "Life Interrupted:

The Internment of Japanese Americans in WWII Arkansas," a series of exhibits, symposiums, videos and other projects telling the story of the two Arkansas camps.

Yada, who was born in one of the camps in 1943, said the project validates his father's quest to preserve the history.

"My father was a California farmer. The family was given three weeks to sell everything they owned and then were sent to Arkansas," Yada said.

When the war ended three years later, Sam Yada decided to stay in Arkansas to farm vegetables and provide for his family.

"My parents never said a bad word about America or Arkansas. My father thought Arkansas would be a good place to live and raise his family," Richard Yada said.

Sybil Jordan Hampton, president of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, began planning the project in 2000. The exhibits will be on display throughout the state in

2004. Jordan Hampton said the work is about both history and social justice.

"Very few Arkansans know that 16,000 Japanese Americans were relocated to the Arkansas Delta," she said.

Although planning began before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Jordan Hampton said the attacks and subsequent events give special meaning to the project.

"It has such immediacy and currency with Guantanamo and other concerns that have arisen," she said.

Johanna Miller Lewis, chair of the UALR history department, said the project will include a reunion of people detained in the camps and their families.

"Our mission is to preserve the legacy of these camps and to educate all Arkansans about what happened there," she said. "The Arkansas camps were the only ones in the South. There were many complex racial issues."

The Yada family is believed to be the only family still living in Arkansas.

During World War II, more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and Hawaii were relocated to 10 camps.

In addition to the Arkansas camps at Rohwer and Jerome, other camps were in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

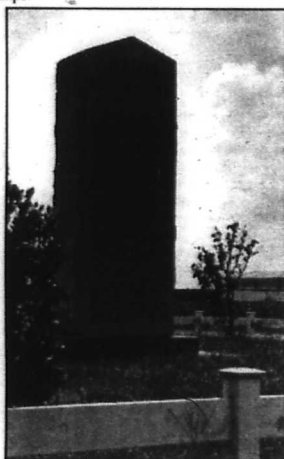
The Rohwer camp opened in September of 1942 in Desha County, and the Jerome Center opened the same year in Drew and Chicot Counties. During the war Rohwer held 8,475 detainees while Jerome housed 8,497 prisoners. The buildings that housed the detainees no longer remain, but historical monuments mark the sites. The Rohwer cemetery is now a national historic landmark.

Irene Hirano, JANM president, said Arkansas' willingness to confront history is important.

"It is a history that is not well known and not often discussed," she said.

The Arkansas project resonates with Hirano because her grandfather, aunts and uncles were detained at the Rohwer camp.

"This is a chance for me to connect with and better understand my own family's history," she said. ■



A monument honoring Japanese Americans detained at the Jerome, Ark., relocation camp during World War II. This monument is located off Highway 165 between Dermott and Jerome, Ark.

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Gov. Davis Signs Bill Creating First-ever Commission on APIA Affairs

California's Gov. Gray Davis has signed a bill establishing the first-ever Asian Pacific Islander American Advisory Commission (APIAAC) in the state. Assembly Bill (AB) 116, authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, passed its final hurdle when Davis signed the bill into law.

"California's Asian Pacific Islander community is growing and changing," said Davis. "This commission will help the state to better understand and serve this diverse community."

"I am truly impressed by the APIA community for their outreach and advocacy for this very important bill. I also applaud the governor for understanding how important the creation of this commission is," said Nakano, chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus.

The advisory commission will address the wide range of needs and concerns affecting over 3.8 million APIAs in California, currently the fastest-growing community in the state. The APIAAC will help identify and develop outreach programs to more effectively communicate with and respond to the needs of a growing and increasingly active community in California.

AB 116 will also improve the delivery of state programs and services to underprivileged Asian Pacific



PHOTO: TRACY UBA

Assemblymember George Nakano receives a "warrior award" from the Asian & Pacific Islanders' California Action Network for a new bill establishing an APIA Advisory Commission. Also pictured are Assemblymember Judy Chu (left) and API'sCAN Chair Diane Ujiye.

Islander American groups. The commission established by this bill will provide input to help prevent many of the problems that place this community at risk, such as gang violence, hate crimes, teen pregnancy, and infectious disease.

"My goal is to reach out to the APIA community and in turn, ensure California government understands and works to address any identified needs," said Nakano. "It is also important for these communities and organizations to maintain a constant line of communication with all levels

of government, so that we are aware of the most current and pressing issues."

The 13-member commission will hold meetings on matters affecting the APIA community, and submit an annual report with specified recommendations to help advise the governor, the legislature, and state agencies most prominent to the APIA community.

For additional information on this legislation, call Nakano's district office at 310/782-1553 or visit www.assembly.ca.gov. ■

Bill Would Create Memorial at Bainbridge Island

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Sixty years ago, 227 Japanese Americans were taken from their Bainbridge Island, Wash., homes at gunpoint and marched to the Eagledale Ferry Dock, on their way to internment camps.

They were the first of nearly 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent imprisoned for up to three-and-a-half years during World War II.

Now, Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., wants to study whether the Eagledale landing should be included in the National Park System as a reminder of a time when "our country succumbed to a wave of fear."

A national monument would "honor those who suffered, cherish the friends and community who stood beside them ... and inspire all to stand firm in the event our nation again succumbs to similar fears," Inslee said.

A House committee apparently

agreed. Members of the Resources panel unanimously approved the bill Sept. 12, sending it to the House floor.

The measure was prompted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's executive order of March 30, 1942. It ordered men, women and children of Japanese ancestry removed from their homes by the U.S. Army and marched down Taylor Avenue, where they boarded a ferry at the former Eagledale dock.

After arriving in Seattle, they were taken on a five-day train ride with window blinds drawn shut and no word on where they were going.

The train finally stopped in Manzanar, a remote camp in the Mojave Desert of California. About a year later, most were transferred to the Minidoka Relocation Center in rural Idaho.

In all, nearly 13,000 Washington state residents were incarcerated without trial, an event Inslee called tragic and frequently overlooked.

The intent of a Bainbridge Island

memorial is not to cast judgment from afar, he said, but to highlight an important episode in U.S. history. A memorial at the dock, a short ferry ride from Seattle, would serve as "a beacon to the future as we fight external and sometimes internal foes" in the current war on terrorism, Inslee said.

Frank Kitamoto, president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community, supports the memorial. For decades, he said, many JAs tried to forget the pain they endured.

"As we marched down (the) road, we were in shock. We didn't know where we were going, how long we would be there or if we'd ever come back," he said.

In recent years, activists have decided to call attention to the injustice to make sure history doesn't repeat itself, Kitamoto said.

The National Park Service has not taken a position on the bill but estimates a study would cost up to \$300,000. ■

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□ Inouye Caught Up in Senate Spat With Bush

WASHINGTON—Sen. Daniel Inouye emerged at the center of an impassioned Senate session Sept. 25, with Democrats firing back at President Bush for accusing the Senate of not caring about national security.

Majority Leader Tom Daschle demanded that Bush apologize to Hawaii's senior Democrat and other war veterans in the Senate. Inouye followed with a rare, off-the-cuff Senate speech, declaring his concern for America, lamenting the possibility of war with Iraq and accusing Bush of being divisive. Daschle was responding to a speech Bush recently made in Trenton, N.J.

"The House responded, but the Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people," Bush said.

Bush was referring to a debate over a homeland security bill, but Daschle, Inouye and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., all took his words to apply to the possible invasion of Iraq as well.

"I'm concerned about the security of this country," Inouye said. "I'm concerned about what history will say about this nation 50 years from now. Did we brutalize people or did we carry on ourselves as civilized people?"

"To attack a nation that has not attacked us will go down in history as something that we should not be proud of," said Inouye, who added he supports Bush as his president and was saddened by his criticism of the Democratically controlled Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., criticized the three for their statements, asking, "Who is the enemy here, the president of the United States or Saddam Hussein?"

□ Tokyo Grandmother Enrolled in English Program

AMES, Iowa—Akiko Hattori, 67, is the oldest student at Iowa State University's Intensive English

and Orientation Program, a two-month language immersion program that started in the late 1960s.

The grandmother from Tokyo is one of 20 foreign students studying English in the summer program. Coordinator Heidi Dorr said most students are in their mid 20s and hope to get a college degree.

Hattori's son, Ted, a consultant in agriculture business experts, got both his bachelor's and master's degrees from ISU.

For Hattori, studying English has been a dream since she was a little girl. Her father spoke English as a grain trader in Shanghai, China, but he never taught her the language. She was not allowed to study it in school either because Japan banned it during World War II.

□ Owens Criticized for Not Appointing JA Lawyer

DENVER—Minority bar associations are criticizing Gov. Bill Owens for rejecting an Asian American lawyer for judgeship, saying the move will discourage other minority lawyers from applying to the bench.

Kerry Hada said he was dumped from what appeared to be a sure appointment after advisers told Owens his views were left of center.

Owens' spokesman, Dan Hopkins, said Hada was not appointed after an interview and an extensive background check. He added that the governor has an "aggressive track record of appointing minorities" when they are nominated by the judicial nominating commissions.

Hopkins said of 21 Hispanic nominees, the governor appointed 10. He also appointed one of three black nominees. The nominating commissions recommended only one AA, and that was Hada, 52.

The former Airborne Ranger was one of four finalists who met with Owens Sept. 11 for one of four court vacancies in Arapahoe County.

In a memo, Hada said Owens told him he was highly praised by people both inside and outside the legal profession and that he had passed two nominating commissions with flying colors. "However, Gov. Owens said there was a problem. He

said that he had heard from key advisers that I might be judicially left of center," Hada wrote.

Owens asked Hada to prepare a "position-paper" overnight and send it to him the next day. He was informed Sept. 13 that the position went to Magistrate Marilyn Leonard of Jefferson County instead.

Hada practices domestic law, personal injury and criminal defense in state and federal courts.

□ Los Alamos Officials Cite Hiring Improvements

SANTA FE, N.M.—Los Alamos National Laboratory officials said they are doing a better job of hiring Hispanics and getting them into management positions, but it's been an uphill battle after five years, lab director John Browne told legislators from New Mexico and California meeting in Santa Fe Sept. 25.

But some said lab employees still face discrimination and are subject to retaliation if they speak out about employment or safety issues.

Tom Rivera, a Santa Fe native who has a doctorate and long record in explosives work, said he was passed over for as many as 15 promotions he sought when he didn't believe there was a lab bias against local Hispanics.

"I don't believe that anymore," he said. He retired from the lab in 2001.

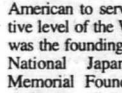
Lab officials reported: Hispanics make up 30 percent of the 7,400 employees; altogether, minorities make up 34 percent of its work force; Hispanics now comprise 9 percent, or 320, of the lab's 3,651 scientists and engineers.

One roadblock to hiring more Hispanic engineers, scientists and technology specialists is that their skills are desirable to private industry, Browne said. "The pool just isn't big enough," he said.

Fallout from the Wen Ho Lee case has shown up in the lack of applicants from those who identify themselves as Asians and Pacific Islanders, said Rich Marquez, associate lab director for administration. But applicants increasingly are refusing to identify their ethnicity, he said. ■

APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements

William H. (Mo) Marumoto was named to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Marumoto, an Orange County, Calif., native, is founder and CEO of The Interface Group, Ltd., in Washington, D.C. Previously, he served as special assistant to President Nixon from 1970 to 1973 and was the first Asian



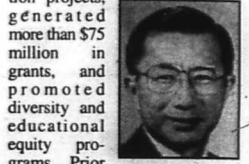
American to serve on the executive level of the White House. He was the founding chairman of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and past chairman of both Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) and Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

Fujio Numano was one of 14 distinguished scientists to receive an award from the New York Academy of Sciences for their contributions to science, technology and society. Numano, director of the Tokyo Vascular Disease Institute and emeritus professor of the Tokyo Medical and Dental University, was named an academy fellow for his work as a leader, internationally, in the field of arteriosclerosis research.

Professor **Roger Y. Shimomura** was named this year's recipient of the University of Kansas' Chancellor's Lifetime

Achievement Award in Teaching. Shimomura has taught painting and performance art at the university since 1969. His recent four-year, 12-museum national tour of his exhibition, "An American Diary" was based on the translations of his grandmother's diaries while both were interned in Minidoka during World War II. The exhibition won the College Art Association's Most Distinguished Body of Work in America for 2001, and he will be the keynote speaker at their annual convention in New York City in February.

Bob H. Suzuki, president of Cal Poly Pomona, announced he would retire at the end of the upcoming 2002-03 academic year. During his 12-year tenure as university president Suzuki completed \$185 million in new construction projects, generated more than \$75 million in grants, and promoted diversity and educational equity programs. Prior



to that, he spent six years as vice president for Academic Affairs at California State University, Northridge. In 1997, he was confirmed as a member of the National Science Board for a six-year term and is currently being considered for reappointment. In 2000, Gov. Gray Davis appointed him to the California Student Aid Commission. ■

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Heart Mountain Reunion VIII

Over 500 participants attended the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Reunion VIII in Salt Lake City over the Labor Day weekend, sharing three days of activities with family and friends. Some highlights of the reunion weekend:

Friday - Aug. 30

- Golfers enjoyed perfect weather at the Bountiful Ridge Golf Course.
- The evening mixer and dinner was a night of nostalgia and remembrance. The program included camp songs by Joy Teraoka Takeshita, and individual recollections of camp life athletics and high school activities by Mamoru Inouye, Babe Fujioka, Joy Wilson and Shig Yabu. Dave Reetz of the Heart a Mountain Foundation presented Bacon Sakatani the title of "Mr. Heart Mountain."

Saturday - Aug. 31

- Breakfast hosted by the Heart Mountain Foundation and presentation on the activities, accomplishments, and future plans of the organization. The foundation was honored with a plaque from the reunion committee.

- A Children's Cultural Workshop created an educational yet fun experience for grade school age children to catch a glimpse of camp life by listening to stories, making wood block prints, and other hands-on activities.

- "Women's Conversations: The Untold Stories" featured a panel of distinguished women (Shirley Higuchi, Toshi Ito, Kara Konda, Jeanette Misaka, and Karen Okabe; facilitated by Marj Matsushita (Spierling) discussing life in camp from the female perspective. The audience also shared similar experiences, heartwarming and heart wrenching at times.

- An open forum featured Bill Hosokawa, Hideo Tachibana, Edward Sakuye and James Ito, facilitated by Raymond Uno. Each touched briefly on life in the camp, with a particular focus on farming.

- The Sayonara Banquet featured keynote speaker the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, also a former Heart Mountain internee.

Recognition of the Resisters of Conscience, a presentation by Troop 333, and honoring of the veterans of the war were also part of the program. Hosokawa and Mineta were recognized with special awards. A lively auction and raffle completed the evening.

Sunday - Sept. 1

- Sandra Yamate of Polychrome Publishing held a book signing of Asian American children's books.

- A special exhibit at the Salt Lake City public library featured Mamoru Inouye's collection of Life Magazine photographs of Heart Mountain. A reception and lecture were also held.

In addition to these activities, the Heart Mountain Foundation conducted individual oral interviews with former internees; an Exhibit Room displayed memorabilia and photographs from the camp; mini-reunions of various classes and group and individual photo sessions were scheduled. Visitors to Salt Lake City also took advantage of sightseeing tours of the city and Olympic venues, Temple Square and a performance by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, as well as pre- and post-reunion tours to Yellowstone and the Heart Mountain camp, and Southern Utah parks/Las Vegas.

The weekend was a time for old friends to reunite and remember as well as to share their interment experiences with their children and grandchildren. Thanks go to co-chairpersons Sets Higuchi, Jeanette Misaka and Raymond Uno and their committee and subcommittees for their hard work in organizing the reunion. The committee has already received many letters and cards of appreciation from reunion attendees.

The reunion was also a financial success, and funds generated by the reunion will be appropriated to several organizations in the name of all reunion participants including: the Heart Mountain Foundation, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, JACL, and the Japanese American National Museum. ■

S.F. JACL and JCCNC to Organize Group for Breast Cancer Walk

The San Francisco JACL and the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) have joined together to get the Nikkei community involved in the fight against breast cancer.

The two groups are organizing a Japantown team to take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Sunday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. Participants can register to do the five-mile run or the one-mile walk around Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park, located at Fell and Stanyan streets in San Francisco. Participants for the Japantown team will be notified about a meeting place and time after registering as a team member.

"We invite all Nikkei, young and

old, to support this important cause," said Nancy Satoda of the SF JACL. "Breast cancer afflicts many Japanese Americans — mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, aunts, friends and men too. Let's run/walk together as a group to show our support for Nikkei victims and survivors of breast cancer."

The San Francisco event is now celebrating its 12th anniversary. Cost of participating is \$26.75, and all proceeds from the event go to fund local breast cancer research and education.

Those who register online and want to be a part of the Japantown team should go to the website, www.sfraceforthechance.org, then click on "team registration." Find or

write in the team name, "SF JACL-JCCNC, code number 148" and sign up. Those who wish registration forms mailed to them should contact JACL Regional Director Patty Wada at 415/345-1075. The deadline for online team registration is Oct. 13 and the deadline for mail-in registration is Oct. 4.

"This is a wonderful cause for all of us to support," said Jill Shiraki of JCCNC. "We invite the community to join our team on October 20. Let's have a great turnout and conquer breast cancer together."

For information, contact Nancy Satoda at 415/273-1015, sjfac@aol.com, or Jennifer Hamamoto at JCCNC, 415/567-5505, jccnc@jccnc.org. ■

Mt. Olympus JACL Hosts 7th Annual Autumn Golf Classic

Mount Olympus JACL hosted the Seventh Annual JACL Autumn Golf Classic Sept. 7 at the Old Mill Golf Course in Salt Lake City.

A total of 120 golfers enjoyed four days of golf culminating with the JACL tournament. Included were 21 members of the Houston Capers golf group, which consists of a number of former and current JACL leaders including David Kawamoto and David Hayashi, national vice presidents, and JACL National President Floyd Mori, plus one golfer from Japan.

Men's A Flight winners from 1st to 6th place were: Russell Oki, Stan Nakana, Rudy Thompson,

Art Suekawa, Mori, and Stephan Oda. B Flight winners from 1st to 6th place were: Warren Doi, Mark Akagi, Chris Howe, Kawamoto, Bill Mizuno and Ron Aoki.

Women's Best Ball team winners for A Flight from 1st to 3rd place were: Keiko Aoki and Elaine Seeholzer; Tina and Brooke Stewart; and Janice Shimada and Deenie Morishita; B Flight winners from 1st to 3rd place were: Yo Uno and Nancy Takagi; Susan Doi and Nancy Aoki; and Mabel Okubo and Mieko Hashimoto.

Mori chaired the tournament committee of Huch and Keiko

Aoki, Yuki Namba and Rick Shew. Others who helped were Diana Akiyama, Kevin Aoyagi, Irene Mori, Jeff and Terri Nakashima, Brandon Ushio, Carolyn Valentine, Jeff, Silvana, Kayla and Monet Watanabe, Amy Tomita, Mieko Hashimoto, Mabel Okubo, Frank and Sadie Yoshimura, and Dick and Chad Manno.

The tournament benefits the JACL scholarship program.

Major sponsors were National JACL Credit Union, Merit Medical, Reagan Outdoor Advertising, Associated Foods, the Summit Group, and Bendinger, Crockett, Peterson & Casey. ■

Tule Lake Committee Awarded Federal Heritage Grant Fund

The Tule Lake Preservation Committee was awarded a Federal Heritage Fund workshop grant of \$5,040. The fund is administered through the State Office of Historic Preservation. Earlier, the committee received a planning grant of \$2,500 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

With the funds, the committee will sponsor a planning and development workshop at Tule Lake on Oct. 17. Invitations have been sent to federal, state and local government officials; community leaders and politicians of the Tule Lake area; and representatives from other camps.

The objective of the workshop is

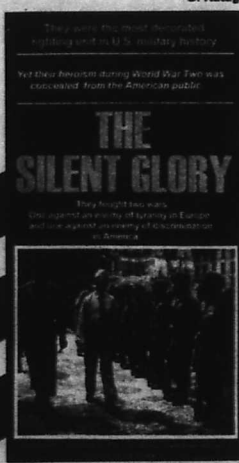
to advance historic and cultural preservation in California and specifically to develop a shared vision and a plan for the historic campsite and the five extant buildings at Tule Lake.

Some of the participants at the workshop will be: G. James West, regional archaeologist, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation; Brian Crane, director, District 2, California Department of Transportation; Gloria Scott, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation; Steade Craig, chief, Cultural Resources Division, Department of Parks and Recreation; Michael Crowe,

National Historic Landmark, coordinator, National Parks Service; Craig Dorman, superintendent, Lava Beds National Monument, National Parks Service; David Look, chief, Cultural Resources Team, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, National Parks Service; Cindy Wright, CEO, Museum of Local History; Gene Itogawa, State Office of Historic Preservation; Sue Embrey, Manzanar Committee; Art Hansen, historian, California State University, Fullerton; and Tule Lake Committee, Inc., members. ■

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PSWD Holds Annual Awards Dinner

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lution, according to Mori.

"Since the convention, since the resisters ceremony, there have been a lot of vets that expressed relief that it's over, that they have no hard feelings and that they're willing to work to support JACL, particularly some of the ones that were very adamant before. I don't think it was a conscious thing, nothing that I've heard of," he said.

"That's been brewing for a long time, and I'm really sorry about that because it shouldn't be a personal thing," said Wilbur Sato, a longtime political and community activist and one of this year's PSW honorees. "JACL is not anti-veteran. They supported the veterans for years and years and just because they recognized the resisters, the veterans got upset. But it has nothing to do with them. So I'm really sorry that they're not here. I don't see it as a slight. I'm just sorry that they can't see their way to work with other groups no matter what because we have a lot of things that we have to work together for."

Fellow honoree Joe Allman, a longtime Arizona chapter member who served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1964, formerly held a position as the chief warrant officer for the Military

Intelligence and more recently coordinated several community redress and teacher training workshops on World War II and the internment, said he hoped there were no hard feelings.

"I'm retired military myself. I did 23 years, six months and nine days [in the] Army, and I don't know, 'Are they blackbaling JACL?'" he asked. "I would hate to see that because JACL has been an important organization for many, many years and I'm fully in support of JACL."

According to Gerald Kato, PSW youth/student coordinator, there is generally a contingent from the Korean War Veterans Association, the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance and the Go For Broke Foundation who attend the annual awards dinner.

He said there was no explanation given to organizers who were initially soliciting attendees. "We just heard that they can't make it or they're not interested in coming. I hope it doesn't have anything to do with JACL's position from 2000 in Monterey where they apologized to the draft resisters," Kato said.

"At first, it was kind of surprising that very few of the vets were coming, and it was hard to get the ones that we got to come-out," he said. "I don't really have the answer, but hopefully it's not

because of political in-strife within the community that is causing people not to support other people, especially with the former Secretary of the Army Caldera speaking."

"I did see a few vets that I know," Caldera told the *Pacific*

to help explain what it is that their government does in their name, and also it's part of helping to build community," he said.

In his keynote address, Caldera spoke about reviewing the files of men recommended for the Medal of Honor upgrade and knowing it was long overdue for the government to correct a wrong that had prevented many Nisei soldiers

Just last September, prior to the 9/11 tragedy, Caldera had been honored at an appreciation luncheon by the Go For Broke Educational Foundation, 100th/442nd Veterans Association, MIS Club of Southern California and the MIS Association of Northern California.

As the evening's guest speaker, Caldera was expected to be a draw for attendees, and particularly veterans, said Kato.

"It's just circumstances," said Ken Inouye, JACL vice president of public affairs. "We support each other. A number of us, like David Kawamoto (JACL v.p. of general operations) and I, are on the board of Go For Broke. So, today, the lack of veterans is not a statement."

"There was no reason," said Florence Ochi, the sole representative from JANM to attend the dinner. "It's just that our board and our board of trustees and governors are in Washington, D.C. right now. Every now and then we have board meetings outside of L.A. It just happened to coincide with this [event]."

"People that normally come like George Takei and others, we knew that once this date was set in D.C. we couldn't change it because it has people on the board that come from all parts of the United States," said Ochi, who is also a member of the Venice-Culver JACL.

2002 PSW honoree Tritia Toyota, former KCBS and KNBC-TV news anchor and co-founder of the Asian American Journalists Association, was unable to attend the event.

This year's other honorees were Union Bank of California, which has lent national and local support to various Japanese American and nonprofit organizations, including PSW's youth programming, and Holiday Cheer, an annual JACL project that works with senior citizen organizations to distribute small monetary gifts to individuals in need within the community.



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2002 PSW Awards Dinner honorees (from left) Wayne Shimohara of Union Bank of California, Wilbur Sato, Army Tambara of Holiday Cheer, and Joe Allman are joined by PSW District Governor Hiromi Ueha.

Citizen, adding that he was not offended by any lack of attendance by veterans or others.

He attributed it partly to the fact that it's simply a dying generation: "Sadly, every year there are fewer and fewer of the Nisei veterans who are with us just because the passage of time is diminishing the ranks of veterans of World War II, and that's part of why it's so important to capture their stories today for the benefit of future generations."

Caldera, who said he was "honored" to be asked to speak, is a graduate of West Point and is currently the vice chancellor for the University Advancement of the California State University system. "I'm not in the public life in the same way anymore, but I've always thought that people who are in public life have an obliga-

tion to help explain what it is that their government does in their name, and also it's part of helping to build community," he said.

"There was an accurate belief that wartime hysteria and racism and prejudice had played a part in not fully recognizing the valor of Nisei soldiers," he said.

And when it came time for the 2001 ceremony in which those veterans were recognized by President Clinton in Washington, D.C., Caldera recalled, "It certainly made clear the magnitude of their sacrifice when you sat there and saw and thought about those who had been awarded posthumously, those who died in the line of duty and those who were represented by family members who came to accept the award for them. All those long years ago, they said farewell to their loved ones and never saw them come back."

Visual Communications Announces Call for Entries for 2003 VC Filmfest

Visual Communications, the nation's premier Asian Pacific American media arts center, is now accepting entries for the 19th edition of VC FILMFEST: The Visual Communications Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival, set for May 1-8, 2003, at the Directors Guild of America, David Henry Hwang Theatre and Aratani/Japan America Theatre. The festival, presented by VC, was established in 1983 to promote and present the best in Asian Pacific cinema.

The 2002 edition of VC FILMFEST observed a sea change in both the quality of works presented and the emergence of newer generations of APA filmmakers. Highlighted by the local premieres of Justin Lin's "Better Luck Tomorrow" (the first Asian American feature film to find commercial distribution when it was signed by MTV Films in February), Greg Pak's sneak-preview showing of "Robot Stories" and Bertha Bay-sa Pan's debut feature "Face," the festival's slate of film screenings and workshops included a who's who of APA and multicultural acting and filmmaking talents.

In attendance were the likes of actors John Cho, Bai Ling, Suzie Nakamura, Ken Takemoto, Jason Tobin, Tamlyn Tomita; filmmakers Ernest Dickerson, George Huang, Rita Hsiao, and many others. Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Freida Lee Mock ("Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision") was feted with a special spotlight program and seminar hosted by the DGA. The annual Golden Reel Award was given to Grace Lee's "Barner Device" and Gene Rhee received the New Director/New Vision Award for his directorial debut, "The Quest for Length."

VC FILMFEST 2003 will pres-

ent world and local premieres of major new works by Asian and APA filmmakers and video artists, workshops, media panels, and a wide variety of special events spotlighting the past, present, and future of Asian Pacific independent cinema.

Productions eligible for consideration for the upcoming festival include features and shorts in the following categories: dramatic/narrative, documentaries, experimental works and animation/graphic films; and 1½ channel video works in all genres. Super 8mm, 16mm, and 35mm entries (film); and NTSC-format works (video) by Asian and Pacific Americans with themes involving, but not limited to, APA culture, history and experiences are welcome and encouraged.

Early entries must be post-marked by Nov. 22; final post-marked deadline for entries is Dec. 18. Early deadline entries must include a processing fee (payable by check or money order to VC) of \$20 U.S. (domestic)/\$30 U.S. (international); final deadline entry fees are \$30 U.S. (domestic)/\$40 U.S. (international).

Preview tapes must be submitted in 1/2" VHS format (NTSC or PAL). Notification of selection will be announced in mid-March 2003. For all U.S. entries, a self-addressed-stamped mailer is required for return of preview tapes.

Entry materials are available by contacting the Festival Director, VC FILMFEST 2003 c/o Visual Communications, 120 Judge Aiso Street, Basement Level, Los Angeles, CA 90012; online entry forms are available by visiting www.vcfest.org. For more information and entry forms call 213/680-4462 ext. 68 or fax: 213/687-4848. ■

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BASKETBALL

Fate of Top NBA Draft Pick Yao to Be Decided After Asian Games

BEIJING—Questions remain over when No. 1 NBA draft pick Yao Ming will make his professional debut in the United States, and won't be resolved until after the Asian Games competition, said a top Chinese sports official on Sept. 29.

Quoted by the official Xinhua News Agency, Li Furong said Yao's fate would not be affected by the controversy over Wang Zhizhi, who angered Chinese sports officials by not reporting for training with the national team.

"Matters concerning Yao's playing in the NBA will be made clear after the Asian Games," Li was quoted telling reporters in Busan, South Korea, where the Asian Games are being held through Oct. 14.

Li, a deputy director of the State

General Administration of Sports, didn't say what issues remain to be worked out.

Yao, 22, is expected to join the Houston Rockets immediately after the Games. However, Xinhua said he is awaiting approval from the Chinese Basketball Association before signing a contract with the team.

Chinese basketball officials have said they want a written agreement from the Rockets making Yao available for the national team. It was not immediately clear whether such a document has been agreed to.

Wang, who joined the Dallas Mavericks last year as the first Chinese player in the NBA, is not currently playing with the national team. The rift prompted speculation

that China would hold off on sending Yao, its biggest star, to play in the United States.

Li said the issues weren't connected and won't affect each other.

Yao and Menk Bateer, 27, of the Denver Nuggets led China to a 78-45 victory in China's opener against Kuwait on Sept. 28. The 7-foot-5 center scored 15 points and dominated defensively.

Bateer, a 6-foot-11 center from Chinese Mongolia, is reported to be the subject of trade talks between the Nuggets and the Detroit Pistons.

TENNIS

Change on the Verge of Retiring

HONG KONG—Hong Kong's only pro tennis tournament lost two of its Asian faces Sept. 26 as crowd favorites Michael Chang and Paradorn Srichaphan were both knocked out in the first round of the U.S. \$400,000 Salem Open.

In possibly his final professional appearance in Hong Kong, Chinese American Chang battled bravely before losing to fourth-seeded Alex Corretja of Spain 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

Chang, a three-time Salem Open champion, was playing in his 12th consecutive year in Hong Kong.

The 30-year-old earlier said that "retirement is definitely on the cards" for him. "The passion is still there, but it is becoming more and more difficult to win tournaments," he said.

"He is one of the greatest players. Even though he is on the verge of retiring, I still had to play good tennis to beat him," said Corretja, who converted his fourth match point to secure the tough match.

Chang has already slipped down the world rankings to 120, and his last tournament victory was back in 2000 in Los Angeles.

Thai star Paradorn is trying to pick up where Chang left off. Starting the year outside the top 100, Paradorn has seen his ranking shoot to 31 in the ATP rankings.

Chang was defeated twice in March by Paradorn, who is fresh off his first ever ATP title in August and a win over Andre Agassi on Wimbledon's Center Court.

But his standing wasn't enough to prevent him from falling to a 6-4, 0-6, 7-5 loss at the hands of rising American Taylor Dent. Paradorn was the only seeded player to fall in the first round.

VOLLEYBALL

Tom Helps Lead Stanford in Pac-10 Play

The No. 4 ranked Stanford women's volleyball team (12-1, 3-0 Pac-10) continued undefeated league action, defeating Oregon State (5-6, 0-2) on Sept. 27 and Oregon (9-8, 0-4) on Sept. 28.

Junior middle blocker Sara McGee had a match-high 10 kills as the Cardinal swept Oregon, while sophomore outside hitter and All-American Ogona Nnamani notched a match-high 14 kills to sweep Oregon State.

Senior outside hitter Logan Tom extended the lead against the Ducks to 16-8 on a kill and her block ended the first game, 30-17.

Outside hitter Lindsey Yamasaki, who is back for a final season of volleyball after a three-year absence, served up an ace on a Cardinal seven-point run in game two, which ended at 30-9. In game three, she gave Stanford game and match point on a kill. A Nnamani

kill ended the final game at 30-21.

Yamasaki is currently averaging 2.83 kills and 1.61 digs per game. As a freshman starter in 1999, she averaged 2.54 kills and 2.04 digs for Stanford.

Tom, the 6-foot-1 2001 AVCA National Player of the Year and Pac-10 Player of the Year, recently had seven digs and match-high 15 kills against Cal on Sept. 20 in another Stanford sweep, 30-28, 30-25, 30-18.

She moved into 28th place on the Pac-10's career kill leaders list with 1,484. She is currently averaging 4.85 kills and 2.38 digs per game with Stanford.

Earlier in September, Tom helped the U.S. National Team to a silver medal at the FIVB World Championships in Germany. The three-time All-American ranked sixth in the world in total scoring and sixth in serving.

BASEBALL

Suzuki, Bonds to Lead Major League All-Stars in Japan

TOKYO—Ichiro Suzuki and Barry Bonds will lead a team of major league All-Stars to Japan in November.

Japanese baseball officials said Sept. 26 that Ichiro and Bonds will be joined by Torii Hunter of the Minnesota Twins and Miguel Tejada of the Oakland Athletics. The remaining members of the 28-man team will be announced at a later date.

The seven-game series will be played in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Osaka and Sapporo on Nov. 10-17. The major league stars also will play the Yomiuri Giants on Nov. 9 at the Tokyo Dome.

Suzuki played seven seasons for the Pacific League's Orix BlueWave before joining the Seattle Mariners last season. Bonds hit a record 73 homers last year for San Francisco.

Korean Players Help Cubs, Expos Win

The Cubs rallied past the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4 in Chicago Sept. 28, on an RBI single in the ninth from rookie Bobby Hill.

Meanwhile, Sammy Sosa is still struggling to reach 500 homers. He's stuck on 48 this year and 498 in his career, going 0-for-3 with a walk. He is 1-for-19 in Chicago's closing homestand.

Hee Seop Choi hit a two-run homer in the sixth as the Cubs — held hitless by Kip Wells for 5 1-3 innings — scored three times to take the lead.

Hill singled with one out in the sixth for the first hit off Wells, stole second and scored on Mark Bellhorn's single. Sosa then sent a high fly to the front of the warning track in right before Choi drove a pitch into the bleachers in left-center for his second career homer and a 3-

2 Chicago lead.

In Montreal, Korean pitcher Sun Woo Kim (1-0) allowed six hits in 8 1-3 innings as the Expos defeated the Cincinnati Reds 6-0 on Sept. 28.

Kim came within two outs of his first career complete game in his third major league start, leaving the game after getting the first out of the ninth.

"It was an outstanding job," said Expos manager Frank Robinson. "He had a few rough spots, but he made the pitches when he had to and stayed in there and battled until he started cramping up again. I had to take him out. I wasn't going to let him stay out there to try and get the complete game."

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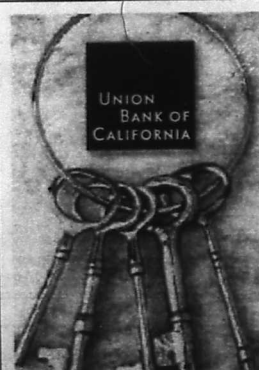
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IN DISCUSSING the U.S. Supreme Court decisions relating to the 1942 uprooting and confinement of Americans of Japanese ancestry, we pointed out that in *Hirabayashi*, 320 US 81 (June 21, 1943), the court had before it the question of the constitutionality of two orders issued by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, namely: (1) the curfew order and (2) the exclusion order. Both restrictive orders applied only to persons of Japanese race; American citizenship was not a shield against this openly race-based encroachment. In formulating its decision, the court bypassed ("ducked") in the vernacular) the exclusion question and used the curfew restriction in weighing the gravity of this race-based act. So cast, the imposition of a race-based act was upheld as being "an appropriate measure to meet [the] dangers of espionage and sabotage." (320 US at 104.)

EIGHTEEN MONTHS LATER, in *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (Dec. 18, 1944), the Supreme Court addressed the exclusion question which might be posited as follows: May the government "exclude" a group of people, designated solely by race ("Japanese"), including specifically U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry, who have not been charged with or convicted of any crime — simply because military authorities assert a "military necessity" for such action?

By a split decision of 6-3, the Supreme Court sustained the criminal conviction of citizen Korematsu for his noncompliance with the exclusion order. In writing for the majority, Justice Black concluded that the exclusion question was governed by the court's earlier decision on the curfew

question: "In light of the principle we announced in the *Hirabayashi* Case, we are unable to conclude that it was beyond the war power of Congress and the Executive to exclude those of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast" (323 US at 217-218.) Such rote application of the concept of "legal precedent" might be akin to judging whether a rape took place by focusing upon the pre-rape (uninvited) kissing and concluding that the kissing was a result of some "misunderstanding," there was no assault. Simply stated in the vernacular: "If the kissing portion was deemed excusable, so must the ensuing rape." To dispel any notion that race prejudice might have played a role in what befell these folks labeled "Japanese," Black instructs us that "[t]o cast this case into outlines of racial prejudice, without references to the real military dangers which were presented, merely confuses the issue. Korematsu was not excluded from the Military Area because of hostility to him or his race. He was excluded because we are now at war with the Japanese Empire" (323 US at 223; court's emphasis.)

Korematsu was excluded because of his race. (And, of course, that's not racism.)

THE DISSENTERS in *Korematsu* — Roberts, Murphy and Jackson (apparently Justice Douglas had not reached the Road to Epiphany, at least not yet) — launched into a call-'em-as-I-see-'em exposition. Justice Roberts' opening salvo was simple and direct. He characterized the entire case as one "of convicting a citi-

zen as a punishment for not submitting to imprisonment in a concentration camp, based on his ancestry, without evidence or inquiry concerning his loyalty and good disposition towards the United States." (323 US at 226.) Chronicling the steps taken by the government, including a pair of orders issued by Lt. Gen. DeWitt, Roberts bluntly questions the very bona fides of these government authorities: "The two conflicting orders, one of which commanded him [Korematsu] to stay and the other which commanded him to go, were nothing but a cleverly devised trap to accomplish the real purpose of this military authority, which was to lock him up in a concentration camp." (323 at 232; emphasis added.)

Strong rhetoric, perhaps, especially coming, as it does, from the sedate halls of the Highest Court of the Land. But justified? It's difficult to conclude otherwise.

JUSTICE MURPHY also did not hesitate to call a spade a spade. In the opening paragraph of his dissent he declared that "Such exclusion goes over 'the very brink of constitutional power' and falls into the ugly abyss of racism" (323 at 233.) He extensively refers to DeWitt's "Final Report," noting at the outset that while the "report was dated June 4, 1943, [it] was not made public until January 1944" (323 US 236, fn 1), an unexplained gap of some seven months. Murphy catalogs some of the factors that expose DeWitt's racial attitudes, pointing out that "the exclusion order necessarily must rely for its reasonableness upon the assumption that all per-

sons of Japanese ancestry may have a dangerous tendency to commit sabotage and espionage and to aid our Japanese enemy in other ways." (323 US at 235.) In footnotes, Murphy cites two evidences of DeWitt's objectivity and impartiality. He chronicles DeWitt's rabid testimony of April 13, 1943, before the House Naval Affairs Committee (in part): "I don't want any of them (persons of Japanese ancestry) here. They are a dangerous element. There is no way to determine their loyalty.... The danger of the Japanese was, and is now — if they are permitted to come back — espionage and sabotage. It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen, he is still Japanese. American citizenship does not necessarily determine loyalty.... But we must worry about the Japanese all the time until he is wiped off the map." (323 US at 236, fn 2; emphasis added.) Murphy also alludes to DeWitt's "amazing statement" wherein DeWitt takes absence of criminal conduct as confirmation of guilt: "The very fact that no sabotage has taken place to date is a disturbing and confirming indication that such action will be taken." (323 US at 241, fn 15.) By contrast, Murphy points to "the fact that not one person of Japanese ancestry was accused or convicted of espionage or sabotage after Pearl Harbor while they were still free." (323 US at 241, footnote omitted.)

The same records, documents, "Final Report" that justice Murphy referred to were equally available to the six justices who voted to uphold DeWitt's exclusion order. It is stupefying to contemplate that these six men could not, did not, perceive the perverted, uncontrolled racial hatred spewing forth from this general who held the fate of these 115,000 hapless souls in his clutches. It is profoundly disturbing to consider that maybe some of the justices did perceive it.

THE THIRD DISSENTER, Justice Jackson, sounded a warning note for future America: "[T]he Court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and of transplanting American citizens. The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need." (323 US at 246.)

* Quotation marks are placed around the word "exclude" to suggest that in the circumstances of the case, its use is inappropriate and indeed misleading.

The Issei and Nisei were uprooted and expelled from their lifetime communities, homes, place of business, place of worship, schools, public libraries, playgrounds, hospitals, etc. — the various facilities that go into the creation of a viable and unique entity of neighborhoods.

There are numerous other examples of employing euphemisms, oxymora and calculated deceptions. The forced expulsion of people, designated by race, is given the benign label of "evacuation." To save the time and trouble of rounding up these people, a scheme is devised to permit them to leave before the axe falls: it is labeled "voluntary evacuation" (as in "voluntary *hara-kiri*"). To camouflage the fact that American citizens are not exempt, a non-existent classification of "non-alien" for the Nisei is concocted. By mere manipulation of words an American one day becomes a non-entity ("non-alien") the next.

A tragic aspect of this is that some Japanese Americans have unknowingly "bought into" this ethnic disenfranchisement so that the term "American" is reserved for white, and further restricted to Europeans. Chinese Americans also have been known to engage (unknowingly) in this self-disenfranchisement.

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Veteran Harry Fukuhara to Be Honored at San Jose JACL Dinner

Harry Fukuhara's military career spans an impressive four decades. Born in Seattle in 1920, at the age of 13 he moved to Japan and did not return to the United States until after he had graduated from high school. Speaking very little English now and working as a houseboy, it was during this time that World War II broke out.

Fukuhara was sent to Gila River, one of ten concentration camps set up by the U.S. government to imprison 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. It was from this desolate camp that Fukuhara would make the decision that changed the rest of his life: he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

"I volunteered when it was not the popular thing to do from within the confines of an internment camp," he said. "I felt strongly that it was the time when I must make a decision for better or for worse, and to back up my decision with action."

Fukuhara is one of the local WWII heroes who will be honored at the San Jose JACL Annual Recognition Dinner on Nov. 16. Along with the San Jose Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9970, the chapter will be recognizing members of the Santa Clara Valley 100th, 442nd, and MIS.

Fukuhara's parents had immigrated to the States from Hiroshima, raising five children. When his father passed away in 1933, his mother decided to bring

the family back to Japan. Now alone in a U.S. concentration camp while his family was still in Japan. Fukuhara and 25 other Nisei from Gila River marched into the enlistment office on Nov. 23, 1942, and put down their names to serve.

Fluent in Japanese, Fukuhara immediately was accepted to train at the Military Language School at Camp Savage, Minn. Three months later, the war worsened and he left Minnesota for the South Pacific with the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), where he served as interpreter, interrogator and translator with combat units fighting the Japanese Imperial Army.

It was while he was stationed in the jungles of the South Pacific that Fukuhara was shocked to recognize one of the Japanese prisoners his unit had been interrogating. The man was from his neighborhood back in Hiroshima and they had attended high school together. Fukuhara had even gone to see him off when his neighbor had volunteered for the Japanese Army.

"When the war ended I went to Hiroshima to look for my family, and I found the family of that Japanese prisoner. I told them I'd seen him alive a year and a half ago and they didn't believe me," he said. "They said his whole unit had been annihilated and wouldn't believe me when I told them I'd recently talked to their boy for 30 minutes.



MIS veteran Harry Fukuhara interrogates a Japanese prisoner during World War II. He will be honored at San Jose JACL's annual recognition dinner on Nov. 16.

"Then in 1989 I visited their family gravesite and I found the prisoners there alive! He'd survived and 45 years later I saw him. Now I hear from him every year regularly."

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, Fukuhara had already taken part in three enemy landings and five military operations in New Britain, New Guinea, Morotai and Luzon. He was suffering from bat-

tle fatigue and had been hospitalized several times with malaria; physically and emotionally he was exhausted.

"When given the choice between going home or going to Japan with the 33rd Division as part of the Occupation Forces, I was torn," said Fukuhara. "I feared the futility of looking for my family, and I feared that whatever I found could make me very bitter."

But despite his misgivings, Fukuhara was one of the earliest members of the U.S. Occupation Forces to witness the atomic bomb's aftereffects. What he found was staggering.

"I was astounded at what I saw. Standing on the Hiroshima City railroad station platform, I could see all the way across to the other side of the city, a distance of several miles," he said. "It was eerie and lifeless. There was no movement or noise."

When Fukuhara arrived at his family's house, he found his mother, an aunt and his older brother Victor. Although Victor was soon to die of radiation sickness, he learned his two younger brothers had just returned safely home from the Japanese Army.

The famed Nisei MIS soldiers earned the title "America's secret weapon in WWII." These same linguist soldiers went on to contribute to the success of the occupation and recovery of Japan. The MIS soldiers are in their twilight years now, but as Fukuhara says, "there is still a twinkle left."

The San Jose JACL chapter is holding its annual dinner/dance at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the San Jose Hyatt Hotel. Tickets and information are available at the JACL office at 408/295-1250, or contact Harry Fukuhara at 408/268-3658 or Rudy Tokiwa at 408/733-7692.

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Oct. 15/Nov. 26—Executive Order 9066 Exhibit; Rich Castro Bldg., 1200 N. Federal Blvd. (Human Services Bldg.). Info: Mary Medrud, 303/494-9476.

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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; <naominjn@hotmail.com>

Intermountain

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

Pacific Northwest

BELLEVUE, Wash.
Sat., Oct. 19—Shakuhachi/Guitar Concert by shakuhachi master John Kaizan Neptune and guitarist Takao Naoi; 7 p.m.; Bellevue Community College's Carlson Theater; preceded by Lake Washington JACL dinner. Tickets, info: 425/861-7865.

Northern California

EL CERRITO
Sat., Oct. 26—Contra Costa JACL-CARP program on JACL Blue Shield health insurance and evaluating long-term care insurance programs; 4-7 p.m.; East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave.; includes a representative from the JACL Health Benefits Trust; potluck follows. Info: June Kodani, Contra Costa JACL, 548-4104.

OAKLAND
Sun., Oct. 20—Otsukimi, Moon Viewing Festival; 5:30-9 p.m.; Lake-side Park Garden Center near Lake Merritt; sponsored by the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association. Free and open to the public. If bento dinner (by Musashi of Berkeley) is desired, it must be ordered by Oct. 15. Info: Liane Scott, (home) 510/482-5896; (work) 925/934-4100 ext 101; (cell) 510/325-3729; <lemzscot@worldnet.att.net>.
Sun., Nov. 3—NCWNP JACL District Meeting and Youth Conference; hosts Berkeley JACL; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; James

Irvine Conference Center; includes opening address by Kenji Treanor; high school and college discussion groups; elections; address by Jon Osaki, director of the Japanese Community Youth Council. 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 Louis 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
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; emcee Sharon Ito of Channel 10, gourmet Asian buffet, music by Maharika Lions Singing Group. Tickets: Asian Community Center, 916/393-9026.
Sat., Oct. 5—Violinist Jian Uyeuyama performs with pianist Vadim Serebryany; 7:30 p.m.; Jean Ruyon Little Theatre, Memorial Auditorium. Tickets, info: 916/264-5181, www.tickets.com, or 916/766-2277.

SAN FRANCISCO
Through January 12—Interactive Installation, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"; Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon St., inside the Palace of Fine Arts; explores culture and color. Free to museum members. Info: 415/EXP-LORE.
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 FRANCISCO
Sat., Oct. 12—Garden Gathering at the Shibata Garden, Mt. Eden; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; garden viewing, bento lunch, tea tasting; MIS and Building 640 exhibits, live entertainment, more; to benefit the National Japanese Historical Society. RSVP, info: NJAHS, 415/921-5007; e-mail: njahs@njahs.org.
Oct. 15 through Feb. 2003—Exhibit, "Manga: A Century of Social Commentary by Japanese Artists in America"; NJAHS, 1684 Post St.; works of Henry Yoshitaka Kiyama, Jack Matsuko, Pete Hirokawa, Stan Sakai, Kaiji Kawaguchi. Info: NJAHS, 415/921-5007.

THURSDAYS-SUNDAYS THROUGH OCT. 27—The 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors in "Spike Rhee's 'Get on the Bus'"; 8 p.m., except 7 p.m. on Sundays; Theater of Yugen/Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St. RSVP, info: 415/440-5545; <info@asianamericantheater.org>

SAN JOSE
Sun., Oct. 13—Film screening and forum, "Asian American women in the Arts/Media"; 2-4 p.m.; Wesley Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 566 N. 5th St., Japantown; includes "Slaying the Dragon," a documentary by Deborah Get; panelists include Phillip Kan Gotanda, Professor Wei Ming Darios, Julie Hatta; hosted by San Jose JACL and the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee. Free. Info: San Jose JACL, 408/295-1250.
Sat., Nov. 16—Recognition Dinner & Dance in honor of all members of the Santa Clara Valley 100th/442nd and MIS; Hyatt Hotel; hosted by San Jose JACL and San Jose Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9970. RSVP: Henry Wadahara, 408/926-6642, or San Jose JACL, 408/295-1250.

SAN MATEO
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 Work-

shop 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>

STOCKTON
Sun., Oct. 13—Stockton JACL's 32nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament; 10 a.m. tee-off; Swenson Park Golf Course, 6803 Alexandria Ave.; entry fee includes snack/lunch; hole sponsorships available. Info: Dr. John Fujii, 957-9315; Calvin Matsumoto, 931-1826; James Tomingana, 477-5921; or Ted Yoneda, 478-0374.

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.

MANZANAR
Fridays-Sundays 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

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

CARSON
Sun., Oct. 27—Krafty Delights Gift Boutique; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St.; gifts, crafts, collectibles, wearables, edibles; to benefit the Go For Broke Educational Foundation. Info: Lits Ohashi, 714/536-3401.

GARDENA
Sun., Oct. 20—UCLA Professor Valerie Matsumoto will speak on pre-war Nisei youth clubs and ethnic culture during the Jazz Age and the Depression; 2-4 p.m.; Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.; sponsored by the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. Free. Info: Iku Kiriyama, 310/324-2875 evenings.

GLENDALE
Sun., Oct. 13—"Unity Fest 2002"; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Verdugo Park, 1621 Canada Blvd.; food and entertainment from around the world. Info: 818/548-2000.

LOS ANGELES
Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24—Great Leap workshops that gather stories from residents of Boyle Heights, past and present; 7-9 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St. Free; performance experience not necessary. Info: Nona Chiang, 213/250-8800.
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.

SAN JOSE
Sat., Oct. 5—Exhibit Opening, "Lantern of the East" 10th Annual International Art Festival; opening reception, 2-4 p.m.; George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; works by visual artists from 28 countries. Free. Info: 213/628-2725, <www.jacc.org>; <www.lofte.org/works/index.html>. Exhibit runs through Oct. 27.
Sun., Oct. 6—Mini-seminar on "Estate Planning"; English, 9 a.m.-10:45 a.m.; Japanese, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Free, but RSVP to Pacific Bridge Companies, 877/205-2555.

MON., OCT. 7—"Colloquium: The Shogun and His Women in Popular Culture"; 3-5 p.m.; UCLA Center for Japanese Studies; Faculty Center Hacienda Room, 408 Charles E. Young Drive at Hilgard & Westholme; Info: 310/825-8681, <www.isop.ucla.edu/japan>

SAT., OCT. 12—Free concert, "Eastside Revue: 1932-2002"; 1-5 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; a musical homage to Boyle Heights. Info: 213/625-0414.

SAT., OCT. 12—East West Players fundraiser, "EWP Goes Hawaii"; 6 p.m. luau and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. performance; David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; featuring emcee Jerry Tondo; Casey Kono; Halau Hula 'O Napu-alani; much more. Tickets, info: 213/625-7000.

SAT., OCT. 12—World premiere of "Cross the Wounded Galaxies" by Hae Kyung Lee and Dancers; 8 p.m.; Aratani/Japan America Theatre; 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets: 213/680-3700.

SUN., OCT. 13—Mini-seminar in financial planning, "College Education Funding"; (see Oct. 6 for times, etc.).

FRI-SUN., OCT. 11-13—"The Films of Shintaro Katsu and Raizo Ichikawa"; Egyptian Theater, 6712 Hollywood Blvd. Schedules, info: 213/621-2267; <www.amricancinematheque.com>. Tickets: 323/467-0163.

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, 310/781-9100.

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.

TORRANCE
Tues., Oct. 8, & Sat., Oct. 12—Go For Broke Educational Foundation volunteer orientation; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; 370 Amapola, Suite 110; includes a historical overview, lunch, visit to the Go For Broke monument in Little Tokyo. RSVP: Dori Ishiura, 310/222-5704.

WEST COVINA
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, taiko, raffle, door prizes. Info: 626/960-2566.

Arizona - Nevada

GLENDALE, Ariz.
Sun., Oct. 13—Arizona JACL Craft Class; 1 p.m.; 5414 W. Glenn Dr. RSVP: Seiko Watkins, 623/581-2623.

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.
LAUGHLIN, Nev.

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; Mich Fujishin, 408/258-9795; Sets, Shinto, 323/721-1387; Haru Watanabe, 310/327-2596.

PHOENIX
Fri., Nov. 15—Asian Pacific Night with the Phoenix Suns; 8:30 p.m.; America West Arena; Phoenix Suns vs. Houston Rockets (with Yao Ming); Arizona JACL folk dancers and taiko at halftime. Discount tickets: Ted Namba, 623/572-9913, Marilyn Inoshita Tang, 602/861-2638.

TUCSON, Ariz.
Sun., Tues., Oct. 13-15—Conference, "The Multicultural Child: What Professionals, Parents and Communities Need to Know"; hosted by the Association of Multiethnic Americans (AMEA). Info: 877/594-2632; <www.ameaite.org/conference2002.html>; e-mail: <AMEAorg@aol.com>

RENO
Sun., Oct. 20—Reno JACL Halloween Potluck; 12 noon; Knights of Pythias Hall, 575 Nevada St. Info: 775/853-8850.

HAWAII
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).

Japan

NAGAOKA
Sat., Oct. 12—Exhibit opening, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Niigata Prefectural Museum of History; exhibit runs through Nov. 24.

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
David Masuo, JACL PNW district governor, was incorrectly identified as governor of the PSW district on page 5 of the Sept. 20-Oct. 3 issue.

Correction
The price of the book, "In America's Shadow" (Children's Books, page 12, Sept. 6-19 issue) is \$35.00, not \$24.95.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Fujino, Dorothy, 83, Concord, May 24; Los Angeles-born; long-time Denver resident; survived by husband Frank; daughter Eileen Ladare; 2 gc.

Homma, Richard Satoshi, 84, Orange County, Sept. 19; Santa Fe Springs-born; Rohwer, Ark., internec; WWII MIS Army veteran, also served as a civilian in the Japan occupation; pre-WWII sports editor for *The Rafu Shimpō*; survived by wife Fusako; sons Victor, Robert; 3 gc.; sisters Toshiko Homma of Hiroshima, Eiko Takemoto of Fujiwara.

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 recorded as needed.

Igawa-Shimonaka, Sumiko, 68, Buena Park, Sept. 23; Yamaguchi-ken-born; survived by husband Takami; sons Hidenori (Yuko), Michitoshi (Anna Marie), and Douglas Yoshinobu Igawa; 2 gc.; brothers Kiyoshi (Wakiko) and Hiroshi (Keiko) Igawa, sister Momoyo (James Seishiro) Yasuda.

Itokazu, Fumio, 59, San Dimas, Aug. 28; Osaka-born, Okinawa-raised; survived by wife Setsuko; sons Fumihiro (Leianee), Fumihiko, Fumihide; daughters Miyoko, Michiyo; brother Isamu (Sumie) and sister Hatsuko Itokazu of Japan; parents-in-law Chohei and Shizu Yoshihira of Japan.

Iyemura, Ralph Toru, 84, Hayward, July 18; survived by wife Mary Funamura; son Ronald; daughter Pat; sisters Kazu Yumae, Suzu Morimune, Chizu Fujii; brothers Henry, Thomas.

Kagiwada, Sachiko, Sacramento, Aug. 12; Japan-born; long-time Los Angeles resident; survived by daughter JoAnne Hirasuna Kagiwada, Nina Graham Kagiwada; 6 gc., 4 ggc.; predeceased by husband Frank, sons-in-

law Rev. David Tamotsu Kagiwada and Dr. George Kagiwada.

Kamo, Yoshiko, Chicago, Sept. 17 service; survived by husband Haruko; sons Richard, Michael; brother Chikateru (Mariko) Inouye; sisters Hisako (Kenichi) Nakahiro and Shizuko Nakamura of Japan, Kazuko Inouye.

Kawahara, Takayo, 82, Los Angeles, Sept. 2; Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by daughter Vivian H. (George) Tashiro; sons Glenn (Jane), Bert (Nancy), Robert (Marie); 10 gc.; brothers Katsumi (Carol) Murai of Illinois, Suetō (Shion) Murai of Washington; sister Gladys (Goro) Sumida of Hawaii.

Kawashima, Fumi, 78, Altadena, Sept. 24; Menlo Park-born, Mie-ken-reared; survived by husband Tsumuo; son Mike Hidetoshi (Rumi) of San Carlos; brother Bob (Tami) Kawashima; sister Mary (Jake) Matsumoto; sisters-in-law Nori and Lillian Kawashima.

Kitade, Eli, 85, Sacramento, Sept. 22; veteran; survived by wife Mitsuko; sons Kent (Patty), Bert (Diep), Wayne (Cindy); 9 gc.; sister Haruyo Kitada.

Kikuta, Noboru, 83, Sept. 15 service; survived by wife Kie; daughter Sharon Akiko (Kevin) Okazaki, Betty Yooko Kikuta; 2 gc.

Kiyono, Aiko, 84, Los Angeles, Sept. 11; survived by sister Michi Obi; brother Tak (Martha) Nomiyama; nieces and nephews; predeceased by husband Milton T.

Kudo, Eunice Tsuyako, 69, Los Angeles, Sept. 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Lance Kenji; sisters Mineko Sakuma of Japan, Akiko Janet (Robert) Kozasa.

Kumagai, Dick Yukuro, 81, Sylmar, Sept. 21; Arroyo Grande-born; survived by wife Lily Yuriko; son Steven; daughters Marilyn (Dennis) Miyamoto, Alice (Chet) Pierce; 3 gc.

Matsuda, Yukiko, 73, Sebastopol, Sept. 9; survived by husband Minoru; sons Leland H. of Dublin, Gary H. of Phoenix, Dr. Kent M. of Santa Rosa; sister-in-law Tamie Matsuda of Sebastopol.

Miyamoto, Jane, Las Vegas, Aug. 20; formerly of Los Angeles and San Jose; survived by husband Tom.

Mori, John, 71, Atwood, Colo., Sept. 15; Colorado-born; survived by wife Yuki; daughters Dawn and Gail Mori; stepsons Michael and Terry Matsumura; brothers Jim, Roy, Robert; sisters Louise Kawakami, Grace Nukaya; predeceased by wife Fern, brothers Yoshio, George and Tom, sisters Mollie, Helen and Jun.

Mori, Patricia Sakiko Shishido, 49, Torrance, Sept. 16; survived by husband Kirk; mother Hisako Shishido; brothers Alan (Laurie), Dale and Jack (Elsa) Shishido; father- and mother-in-law Roy and Helene Mori.

Motonaga, Erna, 74, Westminster, Sept. 23; Yugoslav-born; survived by husband Ray; son Wayne; daughters Rudy Gola of Westminster, Liliana Maletin of Yugoslavia; 6 gc.

Muramoto, Bill Tatsue, 81, Los Angeles, Sept. 17; survived by wife Susan; son Mark (Traci); daughters Kathy (Clinton) Lee, Donna (Richard) Yee, Teri (Michael) Takigawa; 7 gc., 2 ggc.; brothers Fred, Jimmie (Emi); sisters Doris (Henry) Yamane, Masako (Kiyo) Ihara.

Muto, Sam I., 87, Laguna Woods, Sept. 10; formerly of Vista; survived by wife Ethel; daughter Sherry Matsuura; 2 gc.; sisters Chiyo Shibuya, Ayako Mitsui, Kuniko Nakao.

Nakagawa, Eyo, 93, Long Beach, Aug. 27; survived by sons Akinobu (Sueno), Isamu Sam (Fumiko), Kenichi Ken (Peggy), Jim (Nancy); daughter Miyoko (Tom) Toyama; 9 gc., 9 ggc.

Nishimoto, Kiyono, Chicago, Sept. 17 service; survived by sister Tomiye Nakamura, Haruko (Joe) Mukai, Yoshiko (Yuichi) Takahashi; brother Tadao (Evelyn) Nishimoto; predeceased by sister

Tokiye Iino and brother Yuji Nishimoto.

Nishimura, Haruo Mike, 74, Seattle, Aug. 2; Seattle-born; Minidoka internec; U.S. Army veteran; survived by siblings Aiko Shimizu, Fumio, Frank (Glady), Hank (Toshiko), Hanako Konishi, Yoshiko (Tsutsumo); predeceased by parents Genya and Fumio.

Noguchi, Sae, 84, Los Angeles, Aug. 30; Kagoshima-ken-born; survived by husband Takichi; sisters Iye Kisanuki and Naru Wakamatsu of Japan; sisters-in-law Himi Kitayama of Japan, Aiko Yamano.

Sakamoto, Yoneo, 88, Los Angeles, Sept. 16; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughter Lucy (Spencer) Whiteman; 4gc., 2 ggc.

Sakurai, Renae Shizue, August 19; survived by parents Kunio and Katherine; brother Randall; sister-in-law Helen.

Shinoda, Mari Mariko, 78, Culver City, Sept. 7; Chico-born; survived by sons Robert (Kelly), Gary; daughter Judith (Glenn) Berry; 1 gc.; brothers Gene (Amie), Glenn (Suzanne) and Robert (Twyla) Matsumoto.

Shindo, Shie Handa, 105, Berkeley, Aug. 23; Gumma-ken-born; formerly of Terminal Island; survived by daughters Eva Ishui, Satoe (Shunichi) "Jake" Chisaki, Yoshiko (Jerry) Takemoto; sons Frank (Mitsue), George (May), Kokki (Hazel); 21 gc., 44 ggc.

Shishido, Saburo, 78, Torrance, Sept. 18; Rocky Ford, Colo.-born; survived by wife Kazuko; sons Gerry K. (Kiyomi), Carl T. (Junko) of Japan; 7 gc.; brother Tom H. (Kinu); sister Haruko (Eichi) Koshimizu; sister-in-law Kaj Shishido.

Suski, Susie Harue, 82, Cerritos, Sept. 24; Long Beach-born; survived by husband Joe; son Dennis (Jane); 6 gc.; sisters Toshi Fukuzaki, Mitzi Tawa; sister-in-law Jean (Joe) Miyoshi.

Suzuki, Shizuye, 98, Pasadena, Aug. 23; survived by daughters Mary (Phill) Ichino, Angela (Susumu) Nakamura; son Michael (Georgia); 12 gc., 12 ggc.

Tomita, Yoshio, 76, Seattle, Sept. 1; Seattle-born; Minidoka internec; WWII MIS Army veteran; survived by wife Daisy; sons Steven of Gig Harbor, David of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; daughter Susan T. (Lawrence F. Jr.) Meehan of Philadelphia; brother Robert S. (Setsuko); sisters-in-law Kiyoko and Masako Tomita of Seattle, Fumiko Virginia Tomita of Oakland; predeceased by brothers Kiyoshi Kenneth, Masaru Chester, Kazuharu Richard, twin Masao Roger, sister Takiko Nancy.

Tsuchii, Asako, 103, Los Angeles, Sept. 10; Shimane-ken-born; survived by son Kiyoshi

(Sachiko); daughters Hisako (George) Shintaku, Mitsuko (Tom) Miyawaki; gc., ggc.

Uyetake, Shigeru, 78, Los Angeles, Sept. 17; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Lily Yuriko; daughters Janice Tori, Eileen Keiko Uyetake, Francine Sayuri Uyetake; son Neil Shigeru; 2 gc.; brothers Josō (Kiyuki), Tadao (Toshiye) of Honolulu; sister Ruth Maeda, also of Honolulu.

Yamada, Masao, 80, Los Angeles, Sept. 14; survived by wife Nobuko; daughter Barbara (Victor) Takagi; 1 gc.; sister Hisaye (Ted) Tsujimoto; brother Tom Yamada; sister-in-law Miyoko Inouye; brothers-in-law Roy Nakagawa, Nate Osajima, Mas Miyamoto.

Yano, Ted, 79, Los Angeles, Sept. 13; Talbert-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Yoneko; sons Roger (Janet), Mark (Mary Ann); daughter Sandy (Stan) Nishikuro; 5 gc.; brother Thomas (Betty) of Las Vegas; sister Ruby Nakasako; sisters-in-law Hisa, Fumi and Tomi Yano, Mary (Tom) Kuhara of Glendale, Ariz., brother-in-law Yoneo (Doris) Asano of Phoenix.

Yoshiwara, Haruko Frances, 84, Cerritos, Aug. 29; Colorado-born; survived by brothers Ben Shizuo (Hisako) and Ted Takeo (Sayoko) Yamanaka; nephews and nieces.

Yoshiwara, Terumi "Ted," 80, Las Vegas, Aug. 26; North Hollywood-born; WWII 100th/442nd RCT Army veteran; survived by wife Sadie; sons Ted Jr. of Las Vegas, Dean (Chris) of Moorpark, Jon of Portland, Ore.; 11 gc., 11 ggc.; sister Mitsuko (Kei) Okuhara. ■

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DEATH NOTICE

VYVYANNE (TERADA) OWASHI
REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Vyvyanne Terada Owashi, Pharm. D., 54, passed away Sept. 16 from her battle with kid-



ney cancer. Born in San Diego, she graduated from U.C. San Diego in 1969 and U.C. San Francisco in 1973. Vyvyanne was well known to continuing education for long term care health professionals, which earned her the national Leadership in Education Award from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. She is survived by husband Bruce and daughter, Candice. Predeceased by brothers John and Eugene, and parents John Sr. and Margaret Terada. Memorial services have been held.

DEATH NOTICE

ROY NISHIGUCHI

RENO, Nev. — Roy Nishiguchi, 86, passed away Aug. 13 at his home. Born in Provo, Utah Oct. 8, 1915, he moved to Gerlach, Nev. and lived there upon entering the Army in 1941. Roy attended the Univ. of Nevada, Reno and enjoyed fishing, baseball, basketball, boxing and bowling. He was also a member of the JACL. Roy was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth; parents; Yano and Sam Nishiguchi; and sisters, Bessie Allard and Grace Nishiguchi. Survivors include his brother, Art Nishiguchi; sisters, Mary Chadwell (Chad), Ida Otani (Bob), Joy King (Al) and Mimi Davis; as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A memorial service has been held. Donations can be made in Roy's memory to St. Mary's Hospice of Northern Nevada, 3605 Grant Drive, Reno, NV 89509 or the Univ. of Nevada, Reno Foundation. Send UNR Foundation donations to Jean Carbon, Director of Development and Public Relations, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557. Please mention "Cancer Research Gift" on the memo line.

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Democrats. Among women voters, Davis leads Simon by 11 percentage points.

At last year's political summit, consultant Allan Hoffenblum observed that APAs lacked a Richard Polanco, so this year California state Sen. Polanco, D-Los Angeles, was an invited speaker. Polanco is credited for creating a political machine that recruits, motivates and assists Latinos to get elected to office.

"A whole class of Latino politicians are now in power because of help from Richard," said Charlie Woo, executive director of CAUSE-Vision 21.

Polanco outlined the elements they put in place so that the Latino community could 1) elect individuals who were best qualified and 2) be able to sustain and build upon the infrastructure so that it is not a one-shot deal or not by chance that a Latino is elected.

"Things in politics quite frankly don't happen by chance," said Polanco. "You have to never assume that someone is for you or against you, and never assume that something is going to happen in this political dynamic by itself."

Polanco went back to the early 1990s when California witnessed a rising Latino population along with a backlash of anti-immigrant legislation. During that time, Polanco saw a need to get immigrants involved, starting with the naturalization process and on to voter registration. To institutionalize the process, Polanco and his colleagues worked to get federal funds earmarked for adult education at community colleges and community agencies to be used in educating immigrants on how to become U.S. citizens. Today, of the estimated 5.2 million immigrants in California, 2.4 million have been naturalized, said Polanco.

Reapportionment was another issue that prompted Polanco to get more Latinos involved. In the 1990s, the district lines were largely being drawn by white men, who attempted at one point to cluster three Latino elected officials at the federal and state levels to represent one district rather than three separate ones.

"I knew if we were going to be effective in the legislature, if we were going to make a difference and bring the experience of not only Latinos but the experience of people of color to California's legislature, we had to start identifying, recruiting and financing individuals who we felt were 'viable' candidates," he said.

By viable, Polanco said they seek candidates who show concern for and want to make a positive change for the community.

Polanco said they had no problem finding a talent pool. But since these individuals lacked funds and a campaign structure, Polanco said, "We brought it to them. We gave it to them with the hope and understanding that when they get elected, that they not betray the community, that they stay true to the principles of wanting to make a difference and wanting to help people."

If success is measured by numbers, today there are 22 Latinos serving in the California legislature, in contrast to seven more than 10 years ago. The Latino Caucus today is the largest California caucus outside the Democratic and Republican caucuses.

Polanco said they also focused on assisting Latinos run in districts that were not predominately Latino. Successful examples include state Sen. Liz Figueroa, D-Fremont, who won in a district where Latinos were only 18 percent

of the population (not registered voters). When state Sen. Deborah Ortiz, D-Sacramento, first ran for a Sacramento city council seat, the power structure told her she couldn't win, but Polanco encouraged her and she won in a district which was only 12 percent Latino.

To sustain success, Polanco stressed the importance of "making sure that the pool is always full." By that, he meant ensuring that local positions such as city council, school board, water district seats are filled with talented individuals.

Polanco also pointed to the importance of supporting organizations such as CAUSE-Vision 21 which help to educate the community.

In addressing how APAs could unite in the same way that Latinos have, Polanco said, "You have to find commonality within the Asian American community much like we have to find commonality among and within our own communities. And in order to get there, first and foremost, you've got to drop your own personal agenda."

Michael Yamaki, appointments secretary to California Gov. Davis, noted that APAs need not be discouraged because Latinos are just as diverse as APAs, with ethnic backgrounds ranging from Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Argentinians, Salvadorians, Mexicans, etc.

"They (Latinos) have their battles so it's okay for us to have ours," said Yamaki.

Rather than focus on the differences, Yamaki encouraged participants to network and to be inclusive of all communities. He also reiterated a point made by other speakers that day — that communities needed money and votes to be effective in politics.

Lydia Camarillo, senior special assistant to state Sen. Richard Alarcon and founder of Southwest Voter Registration, discussed Latino mobilization that began pre-1990s when the Latino population was far smaller.

Camarillo said in the early 1970s outright discrimination prompted them to become politicized. They had a two-pronged approach with MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund) fighting in the courts, and organizations such as Southwest Voter Registration and the League of United Latin American Citizens working at the grassroots level.

Because Latinos were only 5 million in the 1970s, in contrast to 20 million today, organizers pursued races that would ensure them real gains. Their first battle was representation on school boards in California, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. Because these seats were elected at-large, organizers focused on changing the at-large system to district-specific races.

Today, Southwest Voter Registration has built upon that foundation, allowing them to increase their outreach capacity. It is projected that by the year 2004, there will be close to 8.2 million registered Latino voters.

But to get to this point, Camarillo said Latino organizers are constantly strategizing, training and outreaching even during non-election years.

"It's never done in a vacuum," said Camarillo.

During election years, Southwest Voter Registration opens temporary offices and hires seasonal workers. Depending upon the race, they may open anywhere from five to 500 temporary offices.

For APAs to succeed, Woo felt that the community needed to:

- Cultivate APA leaders — Woo said when APAs run, they motivate and galvanize the APA community.
- More community organizing — Woo felt that through grassroots efforts, leaders could educate the community, which in turn

would motivate others to become involved and run for office.

• Form a political infrastructure: A readily available pipeline of APA talent needed to be formed to replace term-out or losing APA candidates.

John Chiang, chair of the State Board of Equalization and highest ranking APA elected official in California, agreed with Woo. "Clearly there is a need for an apparatus where we engage people to participate in the political process," said Chiang.

Chiang noted that if APAs are not involved, public policy, something that affects everyone's lives, will continue to ignore the needs of the APA community.

The inclusion of unemployment figures for APAs in California for the first time this year illustrates Chiang's point. Sam Rodriguez, chief deputy director of California's Employment Development Department said in the past APA unemployment rates were not studied because the federal government felt the numbers were too small. But the 2000 Census found that APAs were 11 percent of California's population, a larger number than the much studied African American population, which is currently 9 percent of the California population.

"We communicated this to the federal government, and they said, 'Yes, go ahead and capture the Asian American population,'" said Rodriguez. "What we hope to do now is understand the profile of Asian Americans who are unemployed. We want to know where they live, what occupations or industries they work in ... We're not there yet."

Knowing the unemployment rate becomes important, Rodriguez said, because the federal government provides funds to the various communities.

Chiang added that if APAs are not included in governmental and academic studies, APAs are at a disadvantage when they want to bring up and validate issues relevant to the APA community.

The three APA assemblypersons from Southern California also provided advice to participants.

State Assemblyman George Nakano, D-53rd, said, "If you are not at the table, you will not be heard." He gave the example of his involvement with Los Angeles' Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Had Nakano not been involved, the MTA board was ready to vote out a proposed subway station in Little Tokyo in an effort to save money.

Recently, Nakano successfully sponsored a bill that created an Asian Pacific Islander American Advisory Commission. While the Latino Caucus has more members, Nakano's bill to date is the only ethnic-specific advisory commission formed in California.

According to state Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-49th, other successful APA-sponsored bills that have benefited the APA community include: Chu's bill on hate crimes and support of the acupuncture industry; Assemblywoman Carol Liu's, D-44th, bill related to APA gang violence; and Assemblywoman Wilma Chan's, D-16th, bill on language access and support of children's health care.

The importance of having APA representation was evident in Chu's battle to pass a bill favorable to the acupuncture industry. For a decade the acupuncture industry had met with hostility at the state level, and when Chu first introduced the bill she was told to kill it. But instead Chu advised the acupuncture industry on how to effectively lobby, and the result was the passage of the bill.

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draw some members, but we must find other ways to reach out to the younger generation and to keep our members. If we could just get our former scholarship recipients to join JACL, it would enhance our membership numbers greatly. Maybe it's time to give back.

It is gratifying to have young adults such as Ryan Chin and others on the JACL national board and local chapter boards committed to JACL who are willing to serve.

While it is true that the average age of JACL members has increased as the Nisei have gotten older, the problem has been that too many of our family members have not become members of JACL. Many of our older leaders have not been able to get their own children interested and involved with JACL. Former national officers have indicated that their children and grandchildren are not JACL members.

Although the national board is currently trying to increase JACL membership, it cannot be done without the membership becoming involved by getting new members from among their friends and family. It would be such a legacy if our older leaders (both former and

Liu reiterated the importance of "participation and being at the table." She said this was the first time in state history that there are four APAs serving in the state legislature. But while APAs seem to be gaining ground, Liu said stereotypes such as all Asians look alike still existed. As an example, she said the three elected APA women — Liu, Chu and Chan — are often mistaken for one another. ■

could get family members to join JACL. Gift memberships are a good way to get them involved or re-involved in JACL. Our membership numbers could increase by leaps and bounds.

The sales technique of "word of mouth," as Ryan indicates, certainly cannot be beat. The personal contact by JACL members is much more effective in getting members than sending out notices or requests to join.

This was forcefully brought home to me recently as I was trying to solicit sponsors and donations for the JACL Golf Tournament held in Salt Lake City to benefit the scholarship program. About 100 letters explaining the program and requesting donations were sent to local businesses, banks, law firms, and leading companies listed in the *Utah Business Magazine*. No one contributed from that mailing. Only a few of the companies even responded with a no; Most did not even acknowledge that they had received the letter. The sponsors and donors ended up being exclusively those who were personal friends and associates of those soliciting the funds.

JACL does have value to the Japanese American community. JACL will be here for us, our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren IF we support the organization by helping to get more members from among our family and friends. THANKS for your support of JACL. Please help in this membership drive to boost JACL membership numbers. ■

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