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## Utah JACler Faces Down Bulldozer to Save Her Property

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

Mary Waki Kawakami was prepared to die under the bulldozer's wheels.

Kawakami, 89, and her husband Charlie, 99 — both longtime JAClers and 1000 Club members — live on seven acres of land in American Fork, Utah, located about 30 miles south of Salt Lake City.

This August, the Kawakamis, with no advance notice, saw a bulldozer start knocking down a portion of their fence and several old trees located on their property.

Shocked, Mary went over to the driver and asked him to stop, but her pleas fell on deaf ears. Charlie was physically unable to assist her since he is riddled with arthritis and battling kidney and lung problems.

That weekend, the Kawakamis hooked up with Thomas Duffin, a real estate attorney in Salt Lake City. Duffin, at that time, advised against taking out an immediate injunction because if the developer should prevail, the Kawakamis

could be forced to pay the developer thousands of dollars for each day the project was delayed. As a result, the couple, on an immediate basis, could do nothing except physically stand in the way of destruction.

And taking a stand is exactly what Mary decided to do. On Monday when Mary saw the bulldozer return, the 5-foot-1 inch, 110-pounds, Nisei marched over to the area, planted herself in front of the bulldozer and told the driver that he'd have to drive right over her if he wanted to get his job done. Then Mary got out her cell phone, dialed 911 and told the operator that she was about to be murdered. Within minutes, the police arrived, and the day ended in a standoff.

"I never thought I could ever do something like that," said Kawakami.

Later, neighbors, who had learned about the Kawakamis' plight, came out to take turns guarding what remained of the fence and two of six 60- to 70-year-old trees that dotted the area.

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## APA Congressmen All Vote Against War Resolution

On Oct. 4, Congress voted to give President Bush the authority to use U.S. military force against Iraq to enforce United Nations orders.

The weeklong debate ended with the Democratic-led Senate voting 77-23 in favor and the House voting 296-133 in favor of the war resolution (House bill, H.J. Res. 114, and Senate bill, S.J. Res. 45). All Asian Pacific American elected officials voted against the war resolution. This includes Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii; Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii; Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif.; Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif.; and Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.

The following are excerpts from

statements released by various APA representatives:

**Sen. Daniel Akaka**

"Before the United States wages war against Iraq, President Bush and the Congress owe it to the young Americans who face death or injury in that conflict to ensure that every effort has been made to obtain our ends without endangering them. Every ounce of preparation must be taken to ensure a swift and efficient outcome should war become necessary. As another president, Herbert Hoover, once said, 'Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die.' The burden is on our leaders to justify 'why young men and women need to risk their future now...."

"Constituent opinion in my home state is running strongly

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## Supporters Rally to Save Bowling Landmark

By TRACY UBA  
Writer/Reporter

From the outside, graffiti litters the brick walls and American Express credit card signs are pasted along the boarded-up front entrance. Overgrown shrubs obscure its name and a realtor's sign dangles from the marquee. For two years, the lanes have been closed at Holiday Bowl, once a cultural hotspot for the local Japanese American and now predominantly African American community in the Crenshaw district of Los Angeles.

Hoping to change that, longtime bowlers, residents and community organizers held a rally Oct. 5 in an effort to prevent redevelopment from turning the once bustling ethnic hub into a strip mall.

"For Southern California, it is one of the greatest multicultural places in the city," said Jackie Sowell, a former Holiday Bowl waitress who worked until its closing in 2000. "It's where Japanese Americans and especially black Americans were brought together and were allowed to bowl. It was sort of

built for them.

"This is Crenshaw Boulevard's country club," Sowell said. "When you live across the street for 30 or 40 years and you're used to walking across here to bowl, to congregate, to eat, that's what you want to continue to do, that's what your children do, that's what your family has done."

"It's a great spot for recreational

sheriff's department ate here in uniform throughout the day. It was just a great place to come and relax without fear of being mugged or robbed," Webster said.

"I used to hang out when I was a teenager in the late 60s, early 70s," said another former patron, Mike Ikeda. "I came mostly for the char siu and rice."

In 1958, four JAs opened the 36-lane Holiday Bowl with \$50,000 of their own savings and \$250,000 from investors. Back then, the Crenshaw neighborhood was predominantly comprised of Nikkei, and Holiday Bowl was home to several Nisei leagues, recalled long-



PHOTO: TRACY UBA

(L-r): Gene Abbot, Jackie Sowell, Tyonia Ybarra, Keiichi Ikeda and Eric Lynxwiler rally to preserve Holiday Bowl in Los Angeles.

activity. I have a lot of good friends that meet here, a good mixture ethnically," said George Webster, an African American who has been bowling at the Holiday lanes since 1963, often three times a week in tournaments, along with his wife and children.

"Many senior citizens would spend their time here both to eat and for recreation. They felt safe to do so because the police department, the fire department and the

time resident Keiichi Ikeda.

"In the old days when I first moved out here (in 1956), I would say it was 85, 95 percent all Asian. So every time they had any kind of school activity, it was just like going to a Japanese community center or a festival. Now, I don't even think there's 5 percent Asian. The kids all moved out, and a lot of people my age moved out too. After that

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## COMMENTARY Facing Hard Times

By JOHN TATEISHI  
JACL Executive Director

In the *Pacific Citizen* report on last month's national board meeting, you read that we are facing a financial crisis. Financial crises aren't anything new to the JACL; we faced a serious one back in 1996, and it seems we go through financial tough times periodically.

But never like this. The current crisis is in fact a very serious crisis. Some of the board members characterized the last meeting as grim, which it was. We spent most of the weekend discussing ways to avoid the worst possible scenarios ... in some ways inconceivable, but in some ways not unbelievable.

Here's the bottom line: for some time now, our membership revenues haven't been enough to support our operational budget, which



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## Hawaii Holding Special Election to Fill the Late Rep. Mink's Seat

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—State officials have decided to hold a special election next month to fill the late Rep. Patsy Mink's seat for just five weeks, saying it is required by the U.S. Constitution.

The order Oct. 1 by the state's chief elections officer, Dwayne Yoshina, could mean three successive elections in two months for the 2nd District seat — Nov. 5 with Mink on the ballot, Nov. 30 to fill the rest of her term, and, if Mink wins the first vote, Jan. 4 for the next term.

Gov. Ben Cayetano said he wants to avoid a lawsuit such as the one filed in Ohio to force a special election to replace former Democratic Rep. James Traficant, who was expelled from Congress in July after he was convicted of bribery, racketeering and tax evasion.

"That's not going to be the case in Hawaii," the governor said.

Each special election is estimated to cost \$2 million. State Senate Minority Leader Sam Slom said it was outrageous to spend so much to fill the seat for such a short period

when the state faces critical budget problems.

Candidates, whether representing parties or unaffiliated, have until Oct. 15 to file for the special election in the district that covers rural Oahu and all other islands.

The winner would have the advantage of incumbency in the Jan. 4 election, if it becomes necessary.

"The United States Constitution requires that citizens must have representation in Congress," Cayetano said. "In a democracy, we cannot deny the right of representation for one-half of Hawaii's population to save money. This is obviously especially true at this critical time in our nation's history."

Cayetano noted that House vacancies are treated differently from those in the Senate, where offices are filled by gubernatorial appointment. The Constitution requires that House seats be filled only by election. ■



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## COMMENTARY

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includes the cost of maintaining our bills and paying salaries. For a long time, the income we derived from our investment portfolio covered our shortfalls, aided also by our fund raising (sweepstakes, annual giving, etc.), contributions and corporate donations.

But over the years, our membership revenues have declined as we've experienced a steady attrition due primarily to the passing of our older members. Coupled with the disaster of the investment market that began in 2000, we've experienced a drop in our normal sources of revenues and we are faced with operational expenses that exceed our base revenues.

Any business person can tell you that what you do in this situation is make whatever cuts are necessary to keep the organization running. Cut all operational expenses that aren't absolutely necessary, and if that isn't enough, cut staff until our bottom line is comfortably in the black again.

It doesn't take a business genius to figure that out. A fifth-grader can tell you that much.

But the JACL isn't a business, and as much as we need to run it like a business, there are certain things that aren't about the sacred bottom line. And herein lies the dilemma. For me as the director, for Floyd Mori as your national president, and for the board.

In order to balance the budget with our current sources of revenues, the only line item left is salaries. We can make no further cuts in our operational costs. We've cut as much as we can, there's no meat on the organizational bone anymore.

Our staffing is down to a minimum, the result of my having imposed a freeze in hiring before the Monterey convention. I can make further cuts in the personnel line as has been suggested to me, but there are consequences to this in terms of who and what we are as an organization.

The subject of further staff cuts and getting to the bottom line was

raised at the September board meeting. But for the first time, we also talked about plans to increase revenues.

We will be launching our year-end annual giving campaign in the next two months, and I hope you'll give generously to this year's campaign. Whatever you donate will help us in more meaningful ways than I can begin to tell you here.

The annual giving campaign will help enormously to hold us over in the short term.

But in the long term, the thing that will make the most difference down that long road ahead of us is membership. If we can increase our membership by substantial numbers, that is the one thing that will make the difference in getting us out of this cycle of periodic fiscal crises, now and in the future.

Each board member was asked to get new members personally as a demonstration of their leadership and commitment to the organization.

However, each of you can make an enormous difference by getting your family members and your friends to join and getting your chapter board to begin a serious membership drive. If you believe in what the JACL is and what it stands for, if you believe that this organization is worth preserving for the future because of all we do to help people, it's not so hard to convince others to join our effort.

Personally, I know that what we do is important. Almost on a daily

basis — from my office and mainly through the regional offices — we deal with cases of discrimination or defamation or some form of social injustice against Asian Americans or others. I know responses to these situations go on at the chapter level too. And our response to these situations does matter. If it didn't, none of us would belong to this great organization.

For 74 years, the JACL has fought for the basic rights of Japanese Americans, and for the past several decades, for the rights of AAs and others. What we've done and accomplished has been terribly significant. Think about redress; think about the naturalization rights of the Issei; think about hate crimes against Asians; think about post-9/11. Want a list? I could fill this page with that list.

This is a great organization that has done great things, and continues doing great things that make each of us proud to belong. Forget our detractors who want to trash the JACL. Would they compare what they've done for the community against the JACL's record? They'd have to be fools to do so.

We're at a critical crossroads, and what you do to help will make a difference. Your personal effort now to recruit new members will help keep the JACL in good fiscal health to maintain its proud legacy of fighting for what's right into the future. ■

## Letters to the Editor

### An Unhealthy Atmosphere

During the past week, President Bush accused the U.S. Senate of not being interested in the security of the American people. This accusation infers that the senators are disloyal and unpatriotic.

Keep in mind that the Senate is an intrinsic component of the American political establishment. In general the senators epitomize the social and economic elite of this country. They are highly educated, wealthy, privileged and powerful. Furthermore, a majority of the senators are white males.

In political, social and economic standing, members of the senate are the president's peers. If President Bush can accuse the senators of disloyal and unpatriotic actions, how fragile and tenuous is the status of the non-white citizens of this country? Will Asian citizens find it necessary to demonstrate ultra-American behavior in order to dispel unwarranted suspicions of their patriotism?

There is an unhealthy atmosphere in this country. It is breeding mistrust of our fellow citizens. What happened to the promise of compassionate conservatism?

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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: paccit@aol.com. Photos will not be returned without an SASE.

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# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff  
and Associated Press

## □ BART Rejects 'Tanforan' in Station Name

**SAN BRUNO, Calif.**—A request by San Bruno officials to name the city's new BART station San Bruno/Tanforan Park was rejected Oct. 3 by BART's board of directors.

The station will be dubbed simply by the name of the city, like two other stations on the new 8.7-mile extension line, South San Francisco and Millbrae.

San Bruno officials asked BART three times in the past five years to include Tanforan in the station's name. Tanforan, a race-track, became an infamous assembly center where 7,600 Japanese Americans from the Bay Area were held during World War II before being shipped to the Topaz internment camp in Utah.

BART Director James Fang opposed the "Tanforan" name because of the stigma attached to that dark chapter of history.

But others, such as Paul Osaki, director of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, said it was a missed opportunity to further educate residents.

## □ Chinatown Cultural Center Proposed

**NEW YORK**—An Asian cultural and performing arts center, modeled after Lincoln Center, could be constructed in Chinatown, according to a new proposal.

The proposed center would be dedicated to Asian arts and culture, housing operas, dance and theatrical performances and exhibits. It also could serve as a meeting place for community groups in Chinatown and Lower

Manhattan, City Councilman Alan Gerson said Sept. 30.

"Bringing Chinatown back means meeting many needs — economic, emotional and cultural," Gerson said.

The suggested location for the Chinatown Cultural Center is a state-owned building at 141 Worth Street, the former Manhattan office of the Department of Motor Vehicles and now home of the assistance center of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The center is expected to cost as much as \$50 million. The project's proponents, including leaders of several Asian American cultural groups, said they expect most of the funding to come from the Lower Manhattan Development Corp.

## □ Muslim Woman's Murder May Be A Hate Crime

**BOISE**—Police and FBI agents are trying to determine if the murder of a prominent local Muslim woman was a hate crime.

An autopsy showed Angie Abdullah, 37, was killed before her

house was doused in gasoline and set on fire in the early morning of Oct. 5, according to police reports. There were no signs of forced entry or a struggle, investigators said.

Abdullah's three children, who were sleeping at the time, escaped unharmed. Nine-year-old Alyssa Abdullah alerted neighbors to the fire. One kicked in the door and carried out an infant, while a 19-month-old toddler walked out moments later, the reports said.

Investigators have talked to Abdullah's husband Azad, who was in Salt Lake City over the weekend buying kosher meat with the couple's five-year-old son Redear.

Lt. Rich Schnebly said there is no evidence so far linking Abdullah's death to vandalism at Boise's Islamic Center on Sept. 30 or any other anti-Muslim activities that have been reported since the Sept. 11 attacks.

A candlelight vigil for Abdullah and the local Islamic community was held Oct. 13.

There are about 2,500 Muslim Americans in the Boise area. ■

## APALA Urges Community to Contact Bush to Re-nominate Igasaki to EEOC

The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) is urging the community to contact President George W. Bush to re-nominate Paul Igasaki to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

According to APALA, despite pressure from civil rights and APA groups to re-nominate Igasaki, Bush has failed to do so. Igasaki remains employed in the EEOC office, but he no longer serves on the commission and has no authority to investigate or speak on cases before the commission.

The EEOC is led by a five-member, bi-partisan commission, of which Igasaki had been a part of since 1994. He began service as vice chair and commissioner and served as acting chair for 10 months in 1998, when he helped to convince congress to approve EEOC's largest increase in nearly 20 years.

Igasaki is the first APA to serve at this level of the EEOC. He has a proven track record and reputation for being fair and a deep understanding of our nation's multifaceted needs of the EEOC. ■

## RESOLUTION

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against any authorization of the use of force against Iraq. The President and his Administration need to make a clear and compelling case to the American people and to our allies abroad as to why this confrontation is necessary now.

"For that reason, Mr. President, I support efforts to frame a multi-lateral approach to rid Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction. I support action by the United Nations in the form of a resolution calling for unconditional and unfettered inspections in Iraq. Only after we exhaust all of our alternative means should we engage in the use of force, and before then, the president must ensure we have a strategy and plans in place for winning the war and building the peace."

### Rep. Mike Honda

"This new resolution (H.J. Res. 114) still allows the president to launch a unilateral, pre-emptive attack, without providing any evidence to Congress that the U.S. is under imminent threat. The president says he is willing to 'go it alone' against Iraq as a last resort, but there is no mechanism in this resolution to ensure that it is just that — a last resort. Let one thing be clear, a vote for this resolution is more than an 'authorization for use of force,' it is a 'declaration of war' and I will oppose it."

"We all agree that it is critical

for the U.S. and the world community to ensure that Saddam Hussein is not developing weapons of mass destruction. I believe the U.S. can accomplish this by working with the U.N. Security Council to gain consensus on a tough and effective plan to gain the necessary unfettered access to inspect Iraqi facilities. A powerful, multinational force created by the U.N. would carry legitimacy, and stronger support in the U.S. and abroad. If the U.N. does not heed our call to action to ensure that Iraq is not developing weapons of mass destruction, then other options should be explored. As of today, it is clear that the Administration has yet to exhaust diplomatic options.

### Rep. Robert Matsui

"Should the U.N. shirk or fail in its duty, Congress should then consider, in an expedited fashion, the authorization of force to be used against Iraq. That way, we will vote with the full knowledge that all diplomatic efforts have indeed failed. It is at that time and at that time alone, that we, as Members of Congress entrusted with the solemn and terrible duty to send our young men and women to war, should be called upon to cast that vote. In short, Congress should vote to authorize force when and only when there is no other option."

"We are fortunate to have before us the opportunity to craft a sensible and responsible policy for the United States, one that reflects, I believe, the very reasonable view

of the majority of Americans. Americans are not hungry for war. We do not seek conflict, but neither do we shrink from our responsibilities. We will go to war only when we must — but not a moment before."

"But now Congress is faced with a vote on a resolution that asks us to authorize a war that may not be necessary at this particular time. That's not how Congress has dealt with issues of war and peace in the past, and there's no reason to violate that precedent now. A premature authorization of force is inconsistent with the traditions of the Congress and the character of this nation."

"Mr. Speaker, we can and must act to deal with the threat posed by Saddam Hussein. But Congress should not grant this authority prematurely, nor should we seek to do so. The Spratt amendment treats this matter with the gravity and circumspection it deserves. I urge my colleagues to consider carefully the alternatives before them, to vote yes for the Spratt amendment, and no on the majority resolution."

(The Spratt amendment, offered by John Spratt, D-S.C., authorized the president to continue his efforts to build a global coalition to deal with the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, but should those efforts fail, request that the president return to Congress for a second vote on the use of military force after all diplomatic efforts had been exhausted. The amendment failed with 155 ayes, 270 nays.) ■

## BOWL

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everything just went down. It's just the times," said Ikeda, an MIS veteran who has frequented Holiday Bowl since its opening.

"Now, we go down to another bar, and while we're there we run into some of our old black friends from over here. We see the old-timer black people," he said.

Where other places may have dealt with segregation among minorities or interracial tension, Holiday Bowl was the exception, according to Ikeda. It was also respected as a haven from crime.

"We used to close the bar every night," he said. "We always were very careful and tried to park near the entrance. People used to say, 'Oh, man, over there [a crime's going on]. We were lucky maybe, but we never came across anything like that."

"It's just amazing. I've seen guys wearing a red bandanna playing pool with guys that had on a blue bandanna right in that building," added Sowell, who has been working with the Los Angeles Conservancy, a nonprofit historical preservation group, to get the bowling alley designated as a landmark.

"The question is are they (redevelopers) willing to entertain something other than the most formula, standard, strip retail center plan, or not?" said L.A. Conservancy

spokesman John English. "The other question is are we interested in seeing the Holiday Bowl just re-opened? No. We're interested in seeing the Holiday Bowl as a state-of-the-art center. That's what it was when it opened in 1958. It was the largest bowling center property in Los Angeles County."

Since the Holiday Bowl property was sold in May of 2000, Sowell, Ikeda, English and others joined forces to form the Coalition to Save Holiday Bowl, a broad-based group which has been informing the community about viable options for saving the alley.

Despite public support for its preservation, an economic assessment conducted by the Brunswick bowling company and a study by California State University, Northridge, developer Abe Shofet, of Axiom Real Estate, so far has rejected ideas of incorporating the alley into new redevelopment plans, say coalition members.

Shofet's plan, which is subject to an ongoing review by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), calls for the old Holiday Bowl building to be demolished and replaced by Starbucks and a Walgreens store.

But coalition member Cynthia Griffin, who used to run a youth bowling and mentor program for those ages 4-22, pointed out that there is already a Rite-Aid drug store next door and a Sav-On directly across the street.

she and her husband will live long enough to see the situation resolved. But in the same breath, she adds she has no intentions of giving up, and plans to fight for her principles and property rights. She hates the idea of having big corporations coming in and pushing them around. In particular, she has been trying to get the Minneapolis, Minn.-based Target Corporation to be more responsive.

"Oh, these people are just predators," said Mary, referring to the three corporations. "I think they're used to walking right over people like us, especially because we're senior citizens."

Mary was born in Fort Lupton, Colo. During her childhood, she and her brother George Waki spent about two years in their ancestral home of Hiroshima studying Japanese.

After graduating from high school, Mary earned her cosmetology license and opened a beauty salon near the Spring Canyon Coal Mines in Utah where she met her future husband Charlie, who worked as a miner. The area around the Spring Canyon Coal Mines had a sizeable Nikkei community, since the company employed many Issei bachelors.

As was often the case among miners at the time, Charlie developed the black lung disease, caused by the inhalation of coal dust. Since the mining company provided no health benefits, the Kawakamis started thinking about other options. In August 1940, a year before the outbreak of World War II, the Kawakamis cashed in their Liberty Bonds.

When WWII broke out, the Nikkei miners found themselves fired from their jobs and the entire Nikkei community was given 48 hours to evacuate from the area because the mining company feared they posed a threat to national security. Thus, the Kawakamis ended up in American Fork, and purchased their current seven-acre property with the Liberty Bond funds.

While the Kawakamis did not go to the U.S. concentration camps, they were not immune from harassment. The FBI searched and interrogated the Kawakami household

"When, not if, the bowling alley re-opens, it's going to have to be renovated," Sowell said. "We want state-of-the-art equipment in there. But we do want the bowling alley. I don't need another place to buy aspirin."

Right Angle, a community group which is looking into alternatives for Holiday Bowl, is proposing a multi-faceted entertainment/recreation center, which will encompass refurbishing the bowling alley as well as building indoor basketball, football, track-and-field and soccer facilities.

"The basketball courts would be underground, then on ground level it would be track and field and football. Additionally, we want to do community services like counseling, tutoring, a Sylvan Learning Center for a lot of the kids who are based here in the inner city in this area. It would bring so much revenue to this community," said Right Angle member Leah Harden.

Costs for the recreation center are estimated at \$15 million.

The CRA is scheduled to assess the feasibility of the current project proposed by redevelopers and may make a decision on it by early next year.

If you'd like to support the preservation of Holiday Bowl, write letters of concern to Robert Manford, City Planner, Community Redevelopment Agency, 354 S. Spring Street, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90013. ■

twice until Clifford Young, an American Fork bank president, stepped in on behalf of the Kawakamis, whereupon the FBI visits stopped.

Mary quickly opened another beauty salon and Charlie found work at the John Pulley turkey processing plant where he worked alongside internees from the Topaz War Relocation Authority camp.

Since building material was scarce during the war, Mary convinced her grandfather to let her convert part of the chicken coop into a beauty salon. Although clients had to tolerate chicken feathers and darting mice, Mary built up a loyal client base.

When Mary's husband was forced to quit the turkey plant after developing an arthritic back, she became the main wage earner. To support her family of four children, Mary came to the conclusion that she would have to improve her skills. To accomplish this, Mary worked six days a week, and on Saturday, after work, she hopped a Greyhound bus and with blanket in tow, slept her way to Los Angeles, where she studied with professionals all day Sunday and then slept her way back to Utah on the Greyhound bus Sunday night to start work on Monday morning.

Along the way, Mary entered and won numerous hair design contests. In 1954, she was voted as "One of the World's 10 Best," and asked to represent the United States in an international hair design contest.

With Mary's fame came more demand on her time. To work around her hectic schedule, Mary convinced her husband not just to help oversee the maintenance of her beauty salon building but to actually start shampooing her clients' hair. Initially Charlie "absolutely objected," but he later went on to get his own cosmetology license. Mary said her husband became quite popular among her clients, his forte being cuts, permanents and coloring.

From there, Mary opened the Mary Kawakami College of Beauty in Provo, Utah, where she taught until her retirement four years ago. To this day, she is grateful that her children do not resent her for being absent much of their childhood. ■

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## UTAH JACLER

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The property dispute centers around a little over half an acre of land. The Miller-Weingarten Realty LLC had purchased the surrounding land in August to build a shopping mall anchored by a Target store, according to Rob Beery, Miller-Weingarten's entitlement and design director.

Beery said documents show that the company has "clear title to the disputed land," and therefore had not contacted the Kawakamis before tearing down the fence and trees. The land was needed to provide a better access road to the shopping mall.

He declined to discuss details of the case but said he hopes the issue can be settled within the next 30 to 60 days.

The Kawakamis, for their part, said their fence had already been in place before they purchased the property in 1940 and had understood the fence to mark the boundaries of their land on which they have been paying property taxes.

Duffin filed a lawsuit this month against Miller-Weingarten, Target and Oakland Construction Co.

Duffin was reluctant to go into the details of the lawsuit, except to say that it is "a fight over who owns the property." He said it usually takes six months to a year before a case such as theirs is heard in court.

The battle has taken a toll on Mary, who has lost weight and sleep worrying over this issue. Most recently, the city attempted to have the value of the land reappraised without their knowledge. But it just so happened that Kawakami's son Paul had decided to attend the public meeting and was able to object to the motion. Had her son not been there, the Kawakamis may have seen their property taxes increase.

Mary's two daughters who live out of state have also been helping in whatever way they can. One daughter even tried to get environmentalists involved because of the uprooted trees, and Mary has been contacting local nurseries in an attempt to get a value placed on them.

Mary said she wonders whether





## By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

### Scholarship Recipients

Following relocation from the internment camps, the JACL placed a strong emphasis on its scholarship program. Since then, hundreds of students have received financial aid to facilitate the completion of their schooling.

While the primary reason for providing funding to younger Japanese Americans was never to gain new members, many have thought this to be a great source for new JACLers. Unfortunately what we have found over time is that many of these scholarship winners become members for a short duration but do not continue over the years.

The failure to renew their membership is caused by a wide range of circumstances. However, it is my guess that the vast majority of these scholarship recipients lose contact with the organization because they have moved, became too busy with their careers or school, did not have enough money to remain a member during their student years, or forgot about the organization among other pressing priorities.

On the national level, what we have decided to do is to make an attempt to renew contact with past scholarship recipients. It is our hope that by reminding these people of what the JACL has done and continues to do, they will return. We have finally begun to take an opportunity to welcome back these past members.

First a list of past scholarship recipients was compiled through various sources, mainly the *Pacific Citizen*, to document all of

the winners. We then attempted to find an address for these individuals by using computer phone books and the membership database. Upon gathering this information, we mailed each recipient a letter along with documentation on what JACL has done recently and a membership brochure.

While our methods are not the most accurate, as it was often difficult to locate people — especially women who may have changed their maiden names since winning a scholarship — I believe it's a good start for recruiting new members. For the recipients we could not find any address for, we have forwarded a listing to membership chairs. By reviewing the names, along with the chapter they belonged to and residence, we hope to locate some more of these people.

In the future, I hope that we can do this activity on a more regular basis, such as once every five years as opposed to once every 50 years. Locating these people after such a long time has passed, such as a scholarship recipient in 1946, will be challenging but I believe worth the effort. However, of course our chances of success would be much higher if we did this on a more frequent basis.

I know that most chapters do not have documentation as solid as the P.C., but it may be something you should think about doing on a chapter level. Reuniting with past scholarship recipients may be a membership drive that you do in the future. Researching past chapter newsletters and files may net a surprise return. ■

# JACL Corner

## Arizona JACL

The Arizona chapter will hold a teacher-training workshop on Jan. 25, 2003, at the Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College, Tempe, Ariz. The workshop will focus on the World War II internment of Japanese Americans in two of the larger camps in Arizona, one on the Gila River Indian Community lands and one on the Colorado River Indian Tribal lands.

## Monterey Peninsula JACL

The Monterey Peninsula chapter is helping the Maritime Museum in planning an exhibit of the Japanese

in the Monterey fishing industry. Anyone willing to lend artifacts to the museum or have stories to share are asked to contact Larry Oda at tsuneo1@msn.com.

## Sawtooth JACL

The Sawtooth chapter recently held their "Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Internment" event, which was attended by JACL chapter and Nisei Club members. The Roger Shimomura print, which was won by Guy Matsuoka, grossed \$1,485 for four non-profits: the Sawtooth chapter, Friends of Minidoka,

Idaho Human Rights Education Center and Jerome County Historical Society/Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum.

Sawtooth chapter members also recently helped fight misinformation and hate with letters to the editor responses in area newspapers. Sawtooth chapter members Rod Tatsuno, Dr. Robert Sims, Ron James, Janet Matsuoka Keegan, Maya Hata Lemmon, Micki Kawakami answered attacks directed at Dr. Sims, those of Japanese descent, JA veterans, Les Bock and the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial. ■

## APAs in the News

### Awards, Appointments, Announcements

California Assemblywoman **Wilma Chan**, an Oakland Democrat, was appointed majority leader of the California State Assembly by Speaker Herb J. Wesson Jr. She becomes the first Asian Pacific American and first woman to serve in this position. Chan's legislative priorities include health care, senior services, early childhood education, environmental health and sustainable economic development. Chan is co-chair of the Select Committee on Language Access to State Services and vice chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus.

California Assemblywoman **Judy Chu** was appointed chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Chu is the first APA to chair the subcommittee that



determines over \$60 billion in spending for health and human

services programs annually. Chu also chairs the Select Committee on Hate Crimes. She previously served on the Monterey Park City Council for 13 years from 1988 to 2001 and as mayor of the city three times.

**Scott Kawasaki** was re-elected to a second term on the Fairbanks City Council in Alaska. He received 65 percent of the votes in the Oct. 8th election. Kawasaki is the first APA and youngest member of the Fairbanks City Council.

**Dr. Gloria Kumagai**, principal of Museum Magnet Elementary School in St. Paul, was named Minnesota's 2002 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the U.S. Department of Education. Kumagai was nominated and selected by her fellow principals in a statewide search. She has been principal of Museum Magnet since 1997 and previously served as principal of Parkway Elementary School and coordinator of multicultural education for St. Paul

## Public Schools.

New York City Councilman **John Liu** was named vice chair of the New York State Democratic Committee's executive committee. The newly elected council member represents northeast Queens, District 20. He chairs the city's Transportation Committee and is a member of the Education, Consumer Affairs, Contracts, Oversight & Investigation, and Lower Manhattan Redevelopment committees.

**John Hideki Sugiyama**, 52, of Moraga, Calif., was appointed a judge of the Contra Costa County Superior Court by California Gov. Davis. He has served as the deputy director and chief counsel of the California Department of Corrections since 2000, and oversaw a department with almost 46,000 employees and an annual budget approximating \$5.4 billion. He previously spent 25 years in the State Attorney General's office. He has served as president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area and on the boards of the JACL and Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. ■



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# 2002 JACL Scholarship Winners

The national JACL recently announced its 2002 scholarship winners. The following are recipients from the freshman and undergraduate divisions with excerpts from their winning essays. Winners from the graduate division will appear in the next issue.

The JACL National Scholarship Program began in 1946 and continues to be one of the largest scholarship programs in the Asian Pacific American community. This year, JACL handed out 35 scholarships totaling \$65,950.

## FRESHMEN

### PATRICIA & GAIL ISHIMOTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Darcy Taniguchi**  
Livingston-Merced JACL  
University of California, San Diego  
Freshman

"The future of the Japanese American Citizens League will soon be in the hands of the youth of today because, unfortunately, the Issei, Nisei and Sansei will not be here forever. The youth are the ones who will keep this organization going for other unborn, civil rights-oriented people to enjoy. That is why it is important to encourage youth membership and participation in this organization. One way to achieve this goal is to have another national youth conference to get young people initially involved and then coordinate community activities to keep them involved. In order to allow youth to know about this great event, there would have to be major publicity efforts. The Pacific Citizen could be utilized to alert current members. After attending the conference, there will be many new members and more involved veteran members. To keep these people involved, there could be community activities which would help the individuals as well as improve the communities in which they live. The conference and subsequent community activities would help encourage youth membership and keep them involved. All of these efforts would help ensure that the Japanese American Citizens League will continue to live on for more ages to enjoy."

### MASAO & SUMAKO ITANO SCHOLARSHIP

**Kimberly Kanada**  
San Jose JACL  
Harvard  
Freshman

"I would implement a program where Japanese American students who establish a chapter of JACL in their high school or town would be eligible for special scholarships and awards. The purpose of the high school chapter would be to educate all students, without regard to ethnicity, about internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the violation of their constitutional rights. Awareness may serve as the greatest safeguard against recurrence of this injustice. And thirdly, for the many young people who wish to be involved in beneficial service but lack the initial data necessary, these high school level chapters could provide them with the necessary information on what organizations are available and how to go about getting involved."

The first purpose would be to provide basic information about the mission of JACL, the contribution of Japanese Americans to this country, and to educate young people about Japan and Japanese culture. The second purpose of the high school chapter would be to educate all students, without regard to ethnicity, about internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the violation of their constitutional rights. Awareness may serve as the greatest safeguard against recurrence of this injustice. And thirdly, for the many young people who wish to be involved in beneficial service but lack the initial data necessary, these high school level chapters could provide them with the necessary information on what organizations are available and how to go about getting involved."

### MASAO & SUMAKO ITANO SCHOLARSHIP

**Christina Salvato**  
Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL  
Brown University  
Freshman

"I feel that JACL lacks a system of consistent and frequent communication among youth/student members. I believe the best way to foster such interaction would be through an online student-run newspaper and forum for youth. The best way of reaching today's youth is through the Internet. Most students already spend much of their time cruising through cyberspace and talking to friends through instant messages, and many of today's youth are highly skilled in website building and use. The Internet is also an ideal method because it will provide the fastest and easiest way of communication throughout the organization. My proposal is beneficial because it directs its attention at perhaps the biggest problem among youth in the organization: a lack of communication between youth members. The proposed newspaper will help inform youth members of upcoming events, thus serving to increase youth involvement, participation, and membership. The website will help youth to develop their own identity as a prominent group within JACL. The key to this program is that it is entirely student-run. Moreover, the website will help to increase youth interest in JACL and the Japanese American community with its modern, upbeat, student-run style. This modernization of the JACL youth program is exactly what will hook students."

### KENJI KASAI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Lori DesRochers**  
Portland JACL  
Pomona College  
Freshman

"I think that it would be a valuable resource to have youth groups within the local chapters of the JACL where students like myself could meet each other and talk about issues that are important to us. From these meetings, we could then begin to develop other programs, such as more frequent local youth conferences and events. The culmination of these projects could be a trip to Japan, in which students could fully enrich themselves in the culture of their ancestry. I would also like to begin a newsletter for the young members of JACL so that we can learn about each other, even if we live apart. Through articles, interviews, and announcements, we could share our ideas and grow stronger as a community. The newspaper could be managed on a local level and distributed to all youth members. I think that young people can also become an integral part of the Japanese American community by getting involved with the numerous festivals and events put on by local JACL chapters, and helping to foster events from a youth angle. Giving young people positions of leadership can help in generating

wonderful ideas and energy towards carrying them out, as well as in exploring new ways to communicate and work with each other."

### HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Mark Sugi**  
Riverside JACL  
Johns Hopkins University  
Freshman  
Biomedical Engineering

"Many Japanese American youths still face a struggle of identity even in today's society. As they strive to assimilate the American culture, much of the important traditions of the Japanese culture is reduced or lost entirely. By developing cultural programs in the organization, youth and students alike will have the opportunity to build an understanding of their heritage and tradition. In Southern California, many different Nikkei student groups have come together to form a community of youth who are interested in furthering their exploration of Japanese culture. With much support from the JACL, these groups have united in projects such as Little Tokyo Sparkle," in which both the adults and youth joined together to clean up the city, with a break for entertainment and lunch. These cultural events can serve as both learning opportunities and a simple chance to get together with fellow Japanese American youth who share many of the same struggles and understandings of American culture."

### SAM S. KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Tessa Munekiyo**  
Honolulu JACL  
Williams College  
Freshman

"A program supporting or encouraging oral history research in connection with Japanese American history will provide the foundation needed for youth to become interested in the mission of the Japanese American Citizens League. Such a program will provide a direct connection between today's youth and previous generations. Further, it will provide a meaningful way for students to learn about the history of the Japanese in the United States and appreciate the rights and civil liberties they now have. Encouraging oral history research of Japanese Americans can be promoted in the form of a contest with scholarship awards. If integrated as part of a high school history program, both students and teachers will get involved. Such a program will not only hold educational benefits, but will help to preserve the rich personal histories of Japanese Americans. Promotion of this concept could also be coordinated through the National History Day Program."

### MR. & MRS. TAKASHI MORIUCHI SCHOLARSHIP

**Kyle Tajima**  
Greater Pasadena JACL  
Brown University  
Freshman

"To try and reach youth, JACL first might conduct a survey through which JACL members might interview their grandchildren or children who are not JACL members. The survey might address questions such as what do they know about JACL, why haven't they joined JACL, and what



could make JACL more attractive to them? Not only would the survey results be useful in designing programs and marketing strategies for attracting youth to JACL, but conducting the survey with active participation of JACL members would be an important first step in trying to build communications between the older generation of JACL members and youth who are potential future JACL members. It also could help JACL members realize how the organization might have to change if it wants to attract more members. To address the barrier of age differences between most JACL members and the youth, JACL should hire students or other young persons to recruit members and to help organize JACL youth chapters. These hybrid youth, in effect, would be community organizers who would help build JACL youth chapters and attract young members. It is much easier to reach out to someone of a similar age than someone from another generation."

### GONGORO NAKAMURA SCHOLARSHIP

**Lellani Savitt**  
Twin Cities JACL  
University of Wisconsin  
Freshman

"I would implement a program that would allow high school teens to travel and study in Japan. It would give Youth the exclusive opportunity to build their Japanese identity and to become more familiar with the Japanese culture. When these youth return to the United States with their newfound knowledge, they will seek opportunities that remind them of their experiences, and give back to the organization that made it all happen. Another program that I would initiate is the publication of a 'National Youth Pacific Citizen' newspaper. A paper that is written by and addressed to only youth in JACL will make youth feel more important. The last program I would implement is networking with other cultural representatives. This would serve the purpose of getting other youth interested in different cultures. Overall, all these programs recognize the importance of youth and are good steppingstones to making the future of JACL youth successful."

### YUTAKA NAKAZAWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Sarah Kasuga**  
San Mateo JACL  
Brown University  
Freshman

"As a member of the JACL, I want to be more involved in the youth program. Youth need to learn about this dedicated organization and become involved. During International Week at our school, I could set up a booth that has information about JACL and what it represents. I want to educate my fellow peers about the positive aspects of JACL so they may understand the importance of being a part of such an organization. If there are students like me who have a desire to join an organization like JACL but have no knowledge of it or never had the opportunity, I want to be able to provide them a chance to join. We could set up a tolerance confer-



ence to educate students about the dangers of prejudice, as well as ways to deal with injustices at school. In addition, it could teach people about the Japanese internment camps, the civil rights movement and the recent tragedy of September 11th. Youth is the face of tomorrow and we need to fight intolerance and racism."

### SOUTH PARK JAPANESE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

**Eric Tamura**  
Venice-Culver JACL  
Brown University  
Freshman

"The Japanese American Citizens League holds the key in providing a backdrop for a religiously and geographically diverse youth organization suited for Japanese Americans. Best named as the Nikkei Youth Association (NYA), this hypothetical program would work without regard to religious ties and could serve populations of Nikkei across America. The JACL's major role in this program would be to provide meeting spaces and secure areas for activities, along with providing the initial funds to the program before dues can be collected. The purpose of the organization would be to combat the growing problems of 'culture loss' that exist among the Japanese Americans today. In uniting the various JACL chapters across the country and their hypothetical high school NYA group, multi-chapter events like dances, bowling nights, broomball and retreats could serve as a great way to meet others. Seminars or other forum discussions regarding a selected topic could accompany the events and simply provide an outlet for concerns regarding Nikkei affairs."

### MAS & MAJIU UYESUGI SCHOLARSHIP

**Elizabeth "Buffy" Tateoka**  
Mt. Olympus JACL  
Mount Holyoke University  
Freshman

"JACL is a wonderful organization with much to offer the youth. It is an established organization which welcomes greater youth involvement. The key problem is that the youth are generally unaware of the great heritage of this organization. So how do we harness the vitality, originality and intensity of youth? The first and primary concern is notification. Youth can't get excited about what they don't know about. We need to know about activities that may be fun and exciting, as well as stimulating. We need to be informed. Just as an informed America is a strong America, an informed youth is a strong youth. How do we inform our youth? We need to go to where the youth get their information. They have to go to the high schools. They have to make sure their friends and other youth are armed with the information they want disseminated. Information needs to be distributed where the kids are. It needs to be mailed directly to us. We need to do something to feel needed and useful."

### MITSUYUKI YONEMURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Cory Hayashi**  
SELANOCO JACL  
University of Southern California  
Freshman

"In order to achieve greater youth involvement, a JACL youth group



should be established. The youth group themselves will decide what they will do and where to allocate their funds. The members will then be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of outings, events and community service projects they have chosen to put on.



Possibilities of activities could be: political involvement, camping trips, retreats, youth basketball camps/tournaments and Japanese cultural events. It will provide youth an opportunity to socialize and meet others like them while benefiting the community or attending an event. Also, it will be entirely student run, causing all members to feel at ease with each other and allowing all decisions to be made by the youth themselves. Finally, it will require the members to take full responsibility of the group's function. The group will raise all funds, unless the JACL is willing to subsidize a portion of the budget, and all promotion and decisions will be done by the youth members. Therefore, this will not only provide an organization to take part in its activities but provide lessons that will allow the members to become effective citizens in the future."

## UNDERGRADS

### KYUTARO & YASUO ABIKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Charlene Yamaoka  
Sonoma County JACL  
Undergraduate  
Business Administration

"To encourage youth participation I would implement more programs like the Youth Volunteer Corps of Sonoma County. This organization puts together dozens of projects year-round for kids in the sixth grade and up to meet other kids, make friends, build self-esteem and leadership skills, and it is also a great way to help the community. There is no pressure to commit a set amount of time, only encouragement and recognition for excellent service, which is enough to make these kids come back to participate. I think the best way for kids to know what is out there is to come to them where they spend most of their time — school. Many parents do not even know about these types of programs. It is important to bring these programs to the youth because many do not want to research what is out there or even realize that they want to participate in activities until they are laid out before them. The key to getting youth to participate in programs such as these is to offer exciting activities that do not put a heavy burden on the kids."



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### ALICE YURIKO ENDO SCHOLARSHIP

Terry Schiefer  
Arizona JACL  
Arizona State University  
Undergraduate  
Biochemistry with Japanese minor

"I believe there are three primary areas that this youth organization should focus their efforts on. The first important area is social activities. Youth should be challenged to plan events and activities that they are genuinely interested in, rather than the same old get-together party. Youth would be given the chance to work together in an organized setting and accomplish things that would not otherwise be possible. The second important area is that of service. The youth should be challenged to change



the world in which they live. Service does more to build character in individuals, instill a sense of accomplishment, and bring a group together than any other activity I have participated in. The last area is future careers. The youth will not always be youth. The youth should be challenged to visit businesses and hear from individuals that are related to careers that interest them. This type of activity would not only serve to open the youth's eyes to the spectrum of possible careers, but would also provide them role models whom they may follow."

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### KENJI KAJIWARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth Williams  
South Bay JACL  
Stanford University  
Undergraduate  
Physics with Japanese minor

"Beyond a competition designed to promote knowledge of the Japanese American heritage, JACL could create programs that develop students' leadership skills, for with these, organizations such as JACL would help prepare a new generation of leaders. JACL might offer its direct support by sending representatives from local JACL chapters to serve as role models, by speaking or acting as docents on related educational field trips. In addition, some JACL professionals could offer internships or allow students to 'shadow' them to help the youth explore career paths and future leadership opportunities. A student-run internship program, in particular, would provide students with invaluable leadership and career experience. I, myself, am currently a director of a student-run program called the Stanford Asia Technology Initiative, in which teams of students locate summer internships, spearhead international conferences, and organize activities with local university students in Tokyo, Shanghai and Bangalore."



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### NOBUKO R. KODAMA FONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Grant Takahashi  
Pasadena JACL  
UCLA  
Undergraduate  
Business-Economics

"One of the areas that I feel is constantly neglected in our society is the emphasis on the arts. I feel that the JACL can help rectify this problem in a small way by creating an outlet for youth talent. JACL can create a visual and literary art showcase magazine that would promote youth involvement and the arts. Another program that would promote youth involvement is a study-abroad program and student exchange program in Japan. As with many third- and fourth-generation Japanese American youth, I feel that I am deficient in my understanding of Japanese culture. Cultural identity is a significant problem facing the Japanese American youth and I think many youth would be eager to feel more connected to their Japanese ancestry by immersing themselves in Japanese culture. JACL can work with existing organizations that already operate study-abroad programs and offer this opportunity to its members."



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### SABURO KIDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Stephanie Scott  
Alameda JACL  
Colorado University, Boulder  
Undergraduate  
Pre-journalism & Mass Communications

"The JACL has the power to help guide today's youth through that phase of questions, and I think the best way to do that is through involvement of young adults. Most organizations get children involved through after-school sports programs. The truth is that not every child is a star athlete, and if they are not, it can be a great deterrent from getting involved. If the JACL had programs for every child's interest, they would heighten their involvement numbers greatly. To market this idea I believe the best way would be to create a newsletter or magazine for the JACL youth. This would not only make the youth feel more involved in the organization, but also help get the word out. Such a publication could be distributed throughout the area, to spread the word of the JACL through the youth. Since it is a youth-run program it is likely to draw media attention, furthering its attention in the community. This would market the programs and the JACL, as well as show what great things come from them."



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### HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Erin Hirata  
Stockton JACL  
UCLA  
Undergraduate  
English and Art History

"I would implement programs centered on professional and social development. Many students are interested in clubs that help them network with professionals in their field of interest and offer regular community service projects as well as a lively and inviting social atmosphere. The youth will get involved if they see a future for themselves in the JACL. The JACL is unique in that its members share a common interest in the Japanese American community and are tied to it in some way. Hopefully, then, bringing such a community together will facilitate a strengthening of that commonality. Almost every student looks to perform community service. The JACL could capitalize on this by offering monthly or annual community service projects. It could include volunteering at Japanese American events or festivals, tutoring at elementary schools and working with the elderly or homeless. Norm Mineta is a role model for the Japanese American community and should be a good resource for the JACL."



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### SAM S. KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brynn Yamamoto  
San Diego JACL  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Undergraduate  
Broadcast Journalism and Spanish minor

"My proposed program entitled 'Follow Your Dream' allows participating youth to pursue their dream career. This program would enable Japanese Americans to shadow a JACL mentor related to the child's job choice. More importantly, the participating child will learn about the Japanese American community through the life experiences of his or her mentor. It is important for the youth of today to be motivated and supported in their dreams. The future awaits the leadership from the younger generations. To get involved, children will write a short essay



explaining their dream job. Then JACL will place the individual with a mentor accordingly. I anticipate that recruiting youths to participate will not be the greatest challenge; it will be to convince JACL members to volunteer their time. It is valuable for the JACL member to mentor a student to encourage the future leaders, build relationships, and introduce students to the work system. The 'Follow Your Dream' program is designed to involve students and professionals in a manner to enhance education within professions and the appreciation of the heritage of the Japanese American culture."

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### MARI & JAMES MICHENER SCHOLARSHIP

Kenta Nakamura  
Diablo Valley JACL  
UCLA  
Undergraduate  
Biology and Asian American Studies

"Memorials and medals commemorate the heroic 100th and 442nd veterans, and proactive programs, such as the JACL's teacher workshops, ensure that the struggles of the past will stand resolutely strong for the future. These adventures help cultivate a strong sense of self-pride, respect and empathy for the pain and suffering endured by early Nikkei. These feelings have been instrumental in keeping me hard-working, grateful, and humble. Most importantly, however, knowledge of past Nikkei history has brought stability and security to my place in society as a Japanese American. Hence, we must continue to promote the history of our predecessors and provide the opportunity for new generations to discover their own identity as Japanese Americans. The shortfall for these efforts, nonetheless, lies in their ineffectiveness to penetrate beyond the blindness of naïveté fostered by American society."



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### YOSHIKO TANAKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mariko Bamba  
Seabrook JACL  
Baruch College  
Undergraduate  
Computer Information Systems and Asian American Studies

"Currently, the JACL offers internship and mentorship programs limited to just Japanese Americans in the ninth grade or higher grades. This creates a problem for the younger Japanese Americans who may wish to serve the good of the JACL. I would like to propose a new youth camp called 'Young Generation' which would promote the cultural heritage, and enrollment to any young person with the desire to learn being Japanese and American. During time in JACL's



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'Camp Young Generation,' he or she would develop important social and educational skills, whether focused on art camps, sports, music, or perhaps even on pre-college programs such as those held at universities. Camp members would be able to enjoy learning topics taught beyond classroom walls such as Japanese history or modern Japanese culture and lifestyles. The camp's biggest advantage would be that a camper would develop cultural intelligence at a young age."

### DR. THOMAS T. YATABE SCHOLARSHIP

Atsushi Maekawa  
San Francisco JACL  
University of California, Davis  
Undergraduate  
Food Science

"The goals of my two programs are to build self-confidence by having teens discover their personal strengths, and to promote future growth within JACL. Unlike the more common recreation, sports, or tutoring programs, a retreat will provide a 'hands



on' opportunity for teenagers to discover their niche in involvement. This retreat, titled 'JACL 4-U' (a.k.a. Just Another Chance to Learn For You) will take a group of college-bound high school students, either in their junior or senior year, on a camping trip away from the distractions of everyday life. At JACL 4-U, students will engage in various group activities. For example, a group obstacle course will be geared by having every student use his or her own background knowledge and skills to go on to the next stage of the course. In a sense, the leadership retreat would model business-training workshops. The program serves as a vehicle for students interested in gaining the proper skills to make differences in their communities and their own lives. Unlike many organizations that solely focus on 'leadership training,' JACL 4-U gears its objectives towards strengthening and improving students' self images and social skills. A student with greater confidence and self-esteem will stand on a solid foundation. With these inter- and intrapersonal skills, students will reenter their communities with the skills to empower other youths. To promote growth within JACL as an organization, the second program will work to establish JACL chapters on college campuses throughout the United States. These smaller chapters, similar to the mission statement of the JACL, will serve to, '... dedicate [themselves] to preserving the rights and well-being of all Asian Americans and others who fall victim to social injustice in the United States.' The atmosphere throughout many universities encourages its students to have an open mind by becoming aware of such issues. In many instances, a college campus is a location full of communication, enthusiasm, and great ideas. Multi-ethnic students attending a university with an established JACL chapter will have the luxury to take an active role in a worthwhile cause."

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Harry K. Honda

An Edifying Series Uncovered:  
'Japan and America'

IN ORGANIZING the clutter in my so-called computer room at home, I came upon a fat batch of *Asahi Evening News* tear sheets — a complete collection of the "Japan and America" series that ran between Feb. 2, 1971 and April 26, 1972. It was a gift from the late Dave Hoshimiya, director of the *Koryu Magazine* for indigenous Japanese employees with the U.S. Army psychological department. (Dave, I knew, was a prime Nisei pole vaulter at Los Angeles Manual Arts High in the mid-1930s and a prewar Shamrock basketball star. In the magazine publishing business in Japan post-war, we continued to be in touch professionally.)

The headline over the opening piece (#1) reads "New Breed of Japanologists Is Now Coming to Fore," and explains how with these subheads:

"A 10-Month Course" that aspiring doctorates in Japanology encountered at Inter University Center, Tokyo, the Japanese language school founded by 12 universities: 11 American and 1 Canadian.

"Nisei Japanologists" — The first-generation being the prewar

group of American missionaries to Japan; the second-generation graduates were to become well-known professors: Donald Keene, Herbert Passin, Edward Seidensticker. (Certainly not us.)

"The 3rd Generation" — From this group, Gerald Curtis, 30, berates Ruth Benedict's "The Chrysanthemum and the Sword," highly rated by the second generation as worthless "because it doesn't apply to all 100 million Japanese."

"Language Barrier" — This was the biggest hurdle for American students of Japan.

Professor Keene remembers his group learned their *Nihongo* from "Japanese American farmers who had no experience in teaching it systematically" (in quotes there may be readers here who were IUC instructors).

FAST-FORWARD to #51 (Aug. 21, 1971): "Sports Did Much to Rekindle Japan's Nationalism." And the subheads are:

"On Your Side" — Hironoshin Furuhashi, now teaching at Nihon University, was impressed by the encouragement Gen. MacArthur gave in August 1949 to the Japanese swim team before head-

ing to Los Angeles. "I want you to defeat the Americans completely at Los Angeles," the supreme commander of Allied Forces said in addressing the group.

"Nine World Records" — These were the stellar performances by Furuhashi and company. All Japan went wild. National pride was restored. (One still wonders how the U.S. Nisei swimmers might have fared at the 1948 Olympiad at London since Japan was barred from participation.)

"Open House in L.A." — The welcome extended to the Japanese swimmers included Fred Isamu Wada billeting them at his home "that was like paradise," Furuhashi recalled.

"Impact on U.S. Public" — Team manager and a prewar Olympian, Shoji Kiyokawa feared possible reprisals from Americans, perhaps stone-throwing, and had arrived in L.A. weeks before the meet to arrange for police protection in advance.

"But Kiyokawa was wrong." The record-smashing swimmers were warmly congratulated; deluged with bouquets and souvenirs, and embraced by cool comments in the American press.

"MacArthur's Message" — At the closing event, MacArthur

issued a special statement: "Nothing reveals the character of a nation in its true color as do the actions of her champions in an international sports competition. New Japan has passed her first character-test satisfactorily."

Dave inserted the next note: "We didn't receive the paper dated Aug. 24," which carried article #52.

ANOTHER "FF" to #83 (Nov. 16, 1971): "Ignorance and Scanty News Shape U.S. Ideas of Japan." (For example: Professor Akira Irie of U.S. history at the University of Chicago was amazed upon being asked by a geographer, whether the Japanese wore Occidental-style suits.)

"Only Half Know of Sato" — Referring to Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, only half of the graduate students on Japanology at Columbia knew of him; nearly all couldn't name a single Japanese political party in a scholarship test. Dr. Hans Baerwald, teaching Japanese politics at UCLA, confirmed the figure as about half of his students had read Michener's best seller, "Sayonara."

"Not Interested in Japan" — Paul Tekawa, Far Eastern division director at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif., agreed with *Newsweek* that "a week's collection of news on Japan in the U.S. papers cannot equal in volume a day's news on America printed in Japanese papers." (Likewise, the Nisei in Canada read more about the U.S. Nisei in their vernaculars than we in the United States saw of their concerns in our English sections.)

"Played Up Sensationally" — Abnormal events in Japan were played up as if the American press was always short on Japan. Examples: novelist Yukio

Mishima's *harakiri*, bamboo-spear wielding farmers at Narita; violent anti-war struggles by Keihin students. Hoover Tateishi, Japanese language instructor at the University of Hawaii, reported half of his students called Mishima's suicide "a sign of a revival of Japanese militarism." Without a stock of general news on Japan to guide them, how could they make a balanced judgment, this chapter wondered.

"Danger-Fraught Land" — A 20-year-old American lass walked sobbing into the Japan National Tourist Organization office in Chicago. She wanted to join her fiancé, a Marine stationed in Yokosuka, but her parents wouldn't hear of it. Would someone from JNTO meet with them? But the parents, having seen the anti-war rampage and Narita disturbance on TV news, told JNTO no power on earth could make them send their daughter to "a danger-fraught country like Japan."

"Scanty Knowledge" — A *Washington Post* reporter in Japan on a news-gathering mission told the *Asahi Evening News* that a segment of the American population still regards the Japanese as an "unpredictable people."

"Only 14 Percent" — The reference to the 14 percent measures the audience who heard President Nixon that March speak on TV about U.S. troop withdrawal from Vietnam. Thus, Harvard Prof. David Riesman doubted whether a hole in American "ignorance curtain" on international affairs could ever be pierced.

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## EAST WIND

## The Coram Nobis Cases

The discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in the Hirabayashi, Korematsu, and Endo cases would not be complete without at least a brief dissertation of legal actions initiated in the same federal district courts where the three U.S. citizens — Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui, and Fred Korematsu — had been tried and convicted. Each was represented pro bono by a team of volunteer lawyers who used a rarely employed petition for a writ of error coram nobis. Attorneys Rodney Kawakami, Peggy Nagae, and Dale Minami graciously accepted my invitation to share some of their observations.

Bill Marutani

By Rodney Kawakami, Peggy Nagae, and Dale Minami

## INTRODUCTION

The landmark Supreme Court cases of *Hirabayashi v. United States*, *Yasui v. U.S.* and *Korematsu v. U.S.* ("The Wartime Cases") were decided almost 50 years ago and while their legal precedential standing is debatable, the political lessons of those legal cases are enduring. That controversial precedent — that the mass banishment and imprisonment of an entire ethnic group without notice of charges, without attorneys, without a trial, essentially without due process is constitutional — has been discredited by legal commentators, policy makers and the courts. Still, this administration has re-introduced the *Korematsu* case to justify its assault on civil rights, highlighting the continuing debate over The Wartime Cases.

## THE BEGINNING

The idea of reopening the original cases was suggested independently in the late 70s and early 80s by two noted Nisei attorneys: Frank Chuman and William Marutani. They proposed an obscure legal procedure — a writ of error coram nobis — to relitigate the Wartime Cases. This writ allows a person to challenge his/her conviction after the sentence has been completed in very rare circumstances — when he/she can demonstrate an error "of the most fundamental character." The problem with the coram nobis idea at that time was simple: No evidence was then available to prove that governmental misconduct resulted in an injustice to Korematsu, Hirabayashi or Yasui. No evidence, that is, until Peter Irons and Aiko Yoshinaga-Herzig uncovered startling documents which pointed to a fraud on the United States Supreme Court in the original Wartime Cases.

What they discovered was a clear

trail of reports, notes, memoranda penned by governmental lawyers and high civilian leaders which showed that the Department of Justice and War Department suppressed, altered and destroyed important evidence during the prosecution of these three cases in order to win them at all costs. This evidence demonstrated that (1) the government prosecutors possessed authoritative intelligence reports which concluded that Japanese Americans were not dangerous, as a whole. This evidence was suppressed from the court. (2) General DeWitt's original Final Report had been altered, the original Final Reports destroyed and an altered report submitted to the Supreme Court to support the government's position; and (3) allegations of espionage and sabotage by JAs by

any findings on the allegations of prosecutorial misconduct and lack of military necessity for the exclusion and detention. The *Korematsu* legal team, however, demanded specific factual findings by the court that the internment was not justified.

In a solemn courtroom filled to capacity with many former internees and supporters, Dale Minami argued for the need to issue findings by the District Court, beginning his argument with a simple statement: "... We are here today to seek a measure of the justice denied to Fred Korematsu and the Japanese American community 40 years ago." He argued that the public interest, the interests of the JA community and Korematsu's interest compelled findings on the wrong done to JAs, ending with this

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DeWitt which formed the foundation for the government's cases were false and known to be false by government attorneys who failed to inform the Supreme Court of this deception.

Based on the newly discovered evidence, Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Yasui filed coram nobis petitions in early 1983, to erase their World War II convictions on the grounds of prosecutorial misconduct. The legal teams wanted to vindicate these three courageous men who stood up, virtually alone, to challenge the discriminatory military orders but they had other goals. In the midst of the Redress Movement, they wanted to educate the American public by correcting the historical record which branded JAs as disloyal and to attack the precedent created through the three earlier Supreme Court cases which upheld the imprisonment of an entire minority group without due process.

Korematsu's case was heard first, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in November, 1983. The United States did not contest the request that Korematsu's conviction be vacated but attempted to prevent

plea. The public interest, then, demands more than a sterile recitation that we should let bygones be bygones and requires that the real substantial reasons be exposed so that this tragedy will never be repeated. ... For those Japanese Americans interned, for those ex-internees in the audience, for Fred Korematsu and for this court, this is the last opportunity to finally achieve the justice denied 40 years ago.

Korematsu then addressed the court, recalling his initial appearance 40 years before when he was "handcuffed and arrested as a criminal" and ending with this request: "... I would like to see the government admit that they were wrong and do something about it so this will never happen again to any American citizen of any race, creed or color."

Judge Marilyn Hall Patel then announced her decision: The military necessity justification for the executive and military orders were based on "... unsubstantiated facts, distortions and representations of at least one military commander, whose views were seriously infected by racism." The court further determined that "the government knowingly withheld information from the courts when they were considering the critical question of military necessity in this case." Accordingly, the writ of coram nobis was granted and Korematsu's conviction was vacated. The government filed a notice of appeal in the *Korematsu* case but the appeal was withdrawn and the decision became final.

On Jan. 16, 1984, Yasui's hearing was held before Judge Robert C. Belloni of the U.S. District Court in Oregon before a courtroom packed with former internees and their friends. The government argued that since it agreed with Yasui's position that his conviction should be vacated there was no need for legal and factual findings such as were rendered in the *Korematsu* case. Peggy Nagae, lead counsel for Yasui, disagreed, asserting that the court had a duty to "protect the public interest" by examining the constitutional aspects of the petition.

Ten days later, the court rendered its opinion stating: The two requests each the same result, the only difference being that the petitioner asks me to make findings of governmental misconduct ... I decline to make such findings forty years after the events took place ... both sides are asking for the same relief but for different reasons. Petitioner would have the court engage in fact finding which would have no legal consequences. Courts should not engage in that kind of activity.

Yasui and his attorneys were pleased that his conviction was overturned but were still unsatisfied by the court's lack of an evidentiary hearing and any findings. Yasui then appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals requesting a substantive hearing. Sadly, on Nov. 12, 1986, before the appellate court could review the appeal, Yasui passed away. The government then made a motion to dismiss the appeal as moot, which the court granted. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which also found the case to be moot. Yasui's long journey for justice came to an end and while short of court findings about governmental misconduct, Yasui did experience the victory of seeing his conviction erased.

The government switched tactics with Gordon Hirabayashi's petition, contesting the allegations, resulting in a trial in June 1985 before packed courtrooms. Hundreds of documents were introduced into evidence, some over 40 years old. Edward Ennis, the government attorney responsible for preparing the appeals briefs in the original *Hirabayashi* and *Korematsu* cases, provided compelling testimony supporting the claim of governmental misconduct in the handling of both the *Hirabayashi* and *Korematsu* cases. Irons and Yoshinaga-Herzig testified as research scholars. Both described locating the "smoking gun" documents used to support the coram nobis petition. Jack Herzig (a retired army colonel) testified as a military intelligence expert regarding the gathering and use of military intelligence. The government called six witnesses, most notably David Loman, who testified about his knowledge of "Magic cables" (decoded Japanese intercepts).

During the trial the government argued that the Supreme Court was not misled by the government's representations in *Hirabayashi* because it knew from a published newspaper interview that General DeWitt was a racist; that the Supreme Court was aware that DeWitt made no military judgment of emergency in issuing military orders; and that, in any event, DeWitt's views were not important because he was not the only decision maker when it came to the exclusion and curfew orders. The government further contended that the intercepted Japanese cables ("Magic cables") were part of the justification for DeWitt's military orders but that they were so highly classified that at that time, for national security reasons, could not be argued before the Supreme Court.

In the original *Hirabayashi* case, the petitioner was convicted of two crimes — violation of the military exclusion orders and violation of the military curfew orders. Thus, his coram nobis petition sought vacation of both convictions. On Feb. 10, 1986, the court held that Hirabayashi proved that the government committed misconduct before the Supreme Court which violated his constitutional rights to due process. The misconduct cited was the government's intentional concealing of evidence and misrepresenting to the Supreme Court DeWitt's racist reason for the military orders. The court ordered that Hirabayashi's exclusion conviction be vacated. However, the court also held that curfew was a lesser restriction

on freedom than exclusion and therefore, denied his request to vacate the curfew conviction.

Both Hirabayashi and the government appealed the trial court's decision. The appeal was argued before a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on March 2, 1987. In a unanimous opinion written by Judge Mary M. Schroeder and filed on Sept. 24, 1987, the court rejected all of the government's arguments and affirmed the district court's finding that governmental misconduct had occurred.

The court noted that "In a careful opinion containing detailed findings of fact, the district court confirmed Hirabayashi's contentions in virtually every factual respect. [Citation]. It rejected as factually and legally unsupported the government's arguments ...." Echoing the findings of the *Korematsu* decision, the court held that the altered, suppressed and destroyed evidence may have affected the original Supreme Court decisions and affirmed the overturning of the exclusion conviction.

The court then reversed the lower court's holding and overturned Hirabayashi's curfew conviction as well, observing no rationale for treating the curfew differently from the exclusion and reasoning that: "The Supreme Court in 1943 reviewed only the curfew order and clearly saw it as a serious deprivation of liberty." It noted that "the two convictions were based on simultaneous indictments, were tried together, briefed together, and decided together" and that the government's Supreme Court argument was the same for exclusion and for curfew. It concluded, therefore, that the trial court erred in distinguishing between the validity of the curfew and exclusion convictions. With that opinion, Hirabayashi's 40-year-old conviction was finally wiped from the record.

## CONCLUSION

All three men had their 1942 convictions overturned and their cases became landmark constitutional law studies, raising significant legal, political and moral issues relevant to today's post Sept. 11 challenges to civil rights. Further, the danger such decisions pose, not only to unpopular minority groups, but to our Constitution today, is real and frightening.

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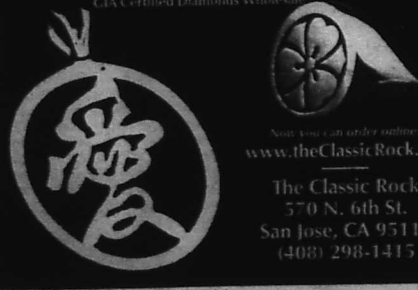
Perhaps, as Judge Marilyn Hall Patel stated in vacating Korematsu's conviction, the greatest lesson to be learned from these cases is one of continual awareness: *Korematsu* remains on the pages of our legal and political history. As a legal precedent it is now recognized as having very limited application. As historical precedent it stands as a constant caution that in times of war or declared military necessity our institutions must be vigilant in protecting constitutional guarantees. It stands as a caution that in times of distress the shield of military necessity and national security must not be used to protect governmental actions from close scrutiny and accountability. It stands as a caution that in times of international hostility and antagonisms our institutions, legislative, executive and judicial, must be prepared to exercise their authority to protect all citizens from the petty fears and prejudices that are so easily aroused. ■

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

### NEW YORK CITY

Sat., Oct. 26—NYBC Autumn Festival; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; 331-331 Riverside Dr.; martial arts, *unpitsu* brush technique, Tachibana Dance Group, Soh Daiko/Japanese Drums, merchandise, food sales, silent auction. Info: 212/678-0305.

Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 14-15—Asian Diversity and LEAP Conference & Job Fair; Jacob Javits Convention Center, 11 Ave. between 34th and 39th; pre-registration is strongly recommended. Info: job seekers, 212/279-7371; conference, 212/465-8777; www.asiandiversity.com/event.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun., Dec. 8—Washington JACL Mochitsuki and General Meeting; 2-5 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Info: Craig Uchida, 301/438-3132 or cduchida@aol.com.

## Midwest

### EUCLID, Ohio

Sat., Nov. 2—Cleveland JACL's Annual Holiday Fair; 3-8 p.m.; Euclid Central Middle School. Info: Diane Asamoto Grant, 330/535-5014, or Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416.

## Mountain Plains

### DENVER

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

### CRYSTAL CITY, Texas

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 8-10—"And Justice for All"—the first national reunion of German, Italian and Japanese Crystal Lake WWII internees; includes reception, business meeting, memorial service, erection of an historical marker, Spinach Festival parade.

Sat., Nov. 16—See Monterey Park in Southern California for Crystal City reunion dinner.

## Northern California

### BAY AREA

Sun., Nov. 3—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto,

510/444-3911.

### 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., Nov. 3—NCWNP JACL District Meeting and Youth Conference; hosted by 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 Dr. William Masuda. Free. Info: Janet Kameda, 650/323-9347; Misao Sakamoto, 650/493-5508.

### SACRAMENTO

Sat., Oct. 19—Florin JACL Annual Scholarship Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo; 5:30-7:30 pm; Florin YBA Hall. Info: Bob Uyeyama, 916/689-9610.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Sun., Oct. 20—Susan Komen Race for the Cure—Team JCCNC; 5k Run or 5K/1K Walk for breast cancer cure; Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park. Info: 800/698-8699.

Sat., Nov. 2—Lecture, "Alzheimer's: Beginning to Cope"; 10 a.m.-12 noon; Christ United Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 1700 Sutter St. at Laguna. RSVP: Kimochi, 415/931-2294.

Sat., Nov. 2—Nikkei and Retirement presentation, "Diabetes is Everywhere—Prevention & Self Management Tips"; 1-3 p.m.; Hinode Tower, Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St. at Octavia. Free. Info: 415/661-0413.

Sun., Nov. 24—JACL Health Benefits Trust Insurance Commissioner's District Meeting. For details, call Stephen Divizich, 800/400-6633.

### SAN JOSE

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

Wadshara, 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.

Sun., Oct. 27—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Snow Country" (*Hakiguni*); 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; black & white, English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

### WATSONVILLE

Sun., Nov. 10—Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Veterans Day program; 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; JACL Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St.; guest speaker, historian Sandy Lydon; includes unveiling of local Nisei WWII veterans' Honor Roll; lunch by Wiyu Restaurant. Info: Shig Kizuka, 803/728-2693.

Mon., Nov. 11—Veterans Day Parade and Program; 9:30 parade, 11 a.m. program at Watsonville High School. Info: Shig Kizuka, 803/728-2693.

## 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; program, "Salute to the Veterans"; keynote, Curator/Historian Eric Saul. RSVP by Oct. 18 to local JACL chapter or Bobbi Hanada, 559/344-1662.

Sun., Nov. 10—JACL Health Benefits Trust Insurance Commissioner's District Meeting. For details, call Stephen Divizich, 800/400-6633.

## Southern California

### ALHAMBRA

Sun., Nov. 3—Tsuki Mi Matsuri 2002, Festival of the Full Moon Benefit; 3 p.m.; Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church, 1850 W. Hellman Ave.; Info: 626/284-3229.

### 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: Lis 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 Kiriya, 310/324-2875 evenings.

### LONG BEACH

Wed.-Sun., Oct. 30-Nov. 3—Pacific Rim Haiku conference, "Haiku Without Borders"; Cal. State Long Beach; Info: 562/985-5716; talks, panels, outings, readings, exhibits. Info: 562/985-5716, www.27.brinkster.com/hpr/

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Thurs., Oct. 31—Haiku Conference Public Readings; 3:30 p.m., Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden, Cal. State Long Beach. Info: 562/985-5716, www.27.brinkster.com/hpr/HPRmain.

### LOS ANGELES

Sun., Oct. 20—Mini-seminar on "Retirement 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.

Wed., Oct. 23—Nikkei Federation Meeting; 7 p.m.; JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: Bryan Takeda, 626/396-9927.

Thursday, Oct. 24—Great Leap workshop to 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.

Sun., Oct. 27—Mini-seminar on "Income Protection"; 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.

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Sat., Nov. 2—Asian Professional Exchange (APEX) 5th Annual Career Day; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Omni Los Angeles Hotel, 251 Olive St.; opportunities from entry level through executive management, plus professional development workshops. Pre-registration, info: www.apex.org.

Sat., Nov. 2—Tour of Evergreen Cemetery; 3-4 p.m.; 204 N. Evergreen in Boyle Heights; in conjunction with the exhibit, "Boyle Heights: The Power of Place." Info: JANM, 213/625-0414, www.janm.org.

Sat., Nov. 2—Thirty-first Little Tokyo Community Health Fair; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Union Church of Los Angeles, 401 E. Third St. at San Pedro; flu shots, medical screenings, etc. Info: Bill Watanabe, 213/473-1602.

Sun., Nov. 3—Manzanar benefit concert by Asian Persuasion and friends; 2-6 p.m.; Reikai's Kitchen, Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. Third St.; bento lunch; sponsored by the Manzanar Committee and United Teachers Los Angeles. Info: 323/662-5102, www.manzanarcommittee.org.

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.

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 15-17—"All Camps Summit: Ensuring the Legacy"; the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and the Japanese American National Museum; workshops, dialogue sessions, national keynote speakers, all-camps reunion reception, more. Info: 800/461-5266.

Sun., Nov. 17—JACL Health Benefits Trust Insurance Commissioner's District Meeting. For details, call Stephen

Divizich, 800/400-6633.

### MONTEREY PARK

Sat., Nov. 16—Crystal City Reunion Dinner; 7:30 p.m.; Paul's Kitchen Cantonese Chinese Restaurant, 1950 S. Atlantic Blvd. RSVP ASAP: Sumi Shimatsu, 1079 Mesa Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010.

### RIVERSIDE

Sat., Oct. 19—Riverside JACL Potluck Luncheon; 12 noon; University of California, Riverside, Highlander Hall, 1200 University Ave. (across from University Village); with Joyce Nako, "kamishibai" (paper slide-picture show) storyteller; stories will be told in English.

### TORRANCE

Sat., Nov. 9—Free neighborhood concert: Yasuo Shinozaki conducts the L.A. Philharmonic; 7:30 p.m.; Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St.; includes "Guardian Angel" by Karen Tanaka. Free, but RSVP: Torrance Unified School district, 310/972-6135.

### WEST COVINA

Sat., Nov. 2—"Fall Frolic" Dance; 7:30-11:30 p.m.; E. San Gabriel Valley JCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; to support the San Gabriel Valley JACL Scholarship Fund; music by Jim Ikahara. Info: Barbara, 626/810-1509.

### WHITTIER

Through Oct. 31—Exhibit, of works by Grace Nakamura and Joel Nakamura; Nixon Room, Whittier Public Library, 7344 Washington Ave.; includes the original of "Siesta," a story in pictures that appeals to all ages. Info: 562/464-3450.

## Arizona - Nevada

### GLENDALE, Ariz.

Sun., Nov. 10—Arizona JACL Cooking Class; 1 p.m.; 5414 W. Glenn Dr. RSVP: Seiko Watkins, 623/581-2623.

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

### PHOENIX

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### Japan

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## Obituaries

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**Asayama, Minoru, 77**, Gardena, Sept. 24; Des Moines, Wash.-born; survived by brothers Noboru, Jimmie (Miyoko); sisters Helen (Mack) Yamamoto, Betty (Tom) Morimoto.

**Fujiwara, Ryoho, 80**, Los Angeles, Sept. 20; former Nichiren Beikoku Butsuin Dai Hassai minister; survived by wife Tomoko; daughters Maya, Ema.

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**Hamada, Sumiye, 66**, Torrance, Sept. 29; Los Angeles-born; survived by son David Yoshio (Michelle); daughters Lisa (Loren) Johnson of San Jose, Jodie (Craig) Hirayama; 6 gc.; sister Miyo (Alfred) Mizunoe; brothers Sho (Aiko) and Ichiro (Suzie) Takahashi.

**Hamamoto, Masako, 83**, Oceanside, Oct. 1; Oxnard-born; Japan-educated; survived by daughter Ann Hatsumi (Peter) Arico; sons Grant Tadashi (Kathleen), Robert Masaharu (Sherry); 3 gc.; sisters-in-law Tomoe Morimoto, Jane Takade.

**Hatai, Thomas Henry, 64**, San Pedro, Sept. 26; Tokyo-born; survived by son Dickson; 2 gc.; mother Kiyo Kume; sister Toshie Takei.

**Horino, Tadashi "Tad," 80**, Los Angeles, Oct. 3; Seattle-born; television and movie actor; survived by nieces Susan Michiko (Ted) Sunada of San Jose, Nancy Emiko (Calvin) Ng, Bonnie Sachiko Furukawa.

**Horita, Daiji, 95**, City of Orange, Oct. 4; Tottori-ken-born; survived by wife Sadako; daughters Chiyeko (Masami) Doi, Mieko Ikari; 15 gc.; 20 ggc.; daughter-in-law Gladys Horita;

sister Matsu Mori of Japan.

**Ishikawa, Kinnosuke, 89**, Costa Mesa, Sept. 16; Saitama-ken-born; survived by wife Kikue Mary; son Masaya (Yuriko); 2 gc.; sisters Teruko Ishikawa, Sumiko Kurofuchi; sister-in-law Kiyoko Ishikawa.

**Ito, Rev. Kunimaro, 100**, Los Angeles, Oct. 1; Shizuoka-ken-born; survived by son Rev. Kunishige (Yumiko); daughters Yoshiko (Bob) Kanegawa, Fumiko (Sam) Okada, Shizuko Ito; 9 gc.; 4 ggc.

**Kamachi, June, 77**, Monterey Park, Sept. 26; Okayama, Japan-born; survived by husband Tom; daughter Sachi (Seigo) Hayashi; 2 gc.; brothers-in-law Peter (Clara) and Paul (Yo) Kamachi; sisters-in-law Sister Ann Theresa, Toshiko Kagawa, Michiko Torii.

**Kamibayashi, Yoshiko, 80**, Los Angeles, Sept. 29; Lomita-born; survived by husband Roy M.; sons Shigeru (Marie T.), Ted; daughter Lily (Yasuhiko) Nagatoshi.

**Maruyama, Thomas Hiroshi, 69**, Gardena, Oct. 8; Peoria, Ariz.-born; survived by wife Nancy; son Kent; brother Kiyo (Roz); sister Darlene Kaneko.

**Matsubayashi, Harumi, 94**, Gardena, Sept. 23; Mie, Japan-born; survived by son Bob (Joanne); son-in-law Hideo Kuroda; 8 gc.; 7 ggc.

**Matsubayashi, Joanne K., 60**, Gardena, Oct. 2; Long Beach-born; survived by husband Bob; children John (Amy Ota), Alice (Chris Duval), James; mother Hisako Ashimoto; sisters Alice (Ron) Sato, Betty (Scott) Moore, Judy (Edward) Nagatoshi; brother Thomas (Janice) Ashimoto; brother-in-law Hideo Kuroda.

**Matsushita, Masaru, Chicago**, Oct. 4 service; survived by wife Keiko; daughter Emi.

**Mayeda, Hideo, 80**, Los Angeles, Oct. 6; Santa Monica-born; survived by wife Mary; sons Dr. Duane (Dr. Ann), Lester (Lori); gc.; brothers Sam (Sally), George, Dr. Kazutoshi (Betty Jean); sisters-in-law Nancy Takagi, Gerrie Tanaka.

**Menda, Yaeko Inouye, 79**, Stockton, Sept. 19; Yamanashi-ken-born; survived by husband Mitsuo Harry; sons Melvin, George (Susan) of Washingtonville, N.Y.; daughters June (Edwin) Huebke of Castro Valley, Naomi May Mena (Roderick) Wong of San Ramon; 5 gc.; sister Tomiko Rynne of New Hampshire; brother Masayuji Inouye; sisters Kikue Suzuki and Yuriko Kurosawa in Japan.

**Miyashiro, Pete, 82**, Gardena, Sept. 2; Brawley-born; survived by wife Toyo; sons Gary (Elaine), Ronald; daughter Cynthia Miyashiro of Las Vegas; gc.; brothers Harry (Natsuko) and George (Toshiko) Miyagi; sisters Edythe (George) Kawakami, Yoneko Koga.

**Morioka, Alice, 77**, San Francisco, Sept. 18; survived by sisters Lilly (Ben) Hatanaka, Michi (Raymond) Motoike, Judy (Kenji) Bingo, Kathleen (Andre) Pehargou; also Frances and Glenda Morioka, Yoshiko (Masato) Ide, Ginger (Seiichi) Miyakawa, Hiroko. (Roy) Okumura.

**Nakaishi, Ann Fumiko, 85**, Los Angeles, Oct. 6 service; Hawaii-born; longtime proprietor of York Boulevard Nursery; survived by husband Toshio; sons Stanley, David (Sharon); gc.; brother Seiko Yamashiro, five brothers in Hawaii.

**Nakamura, Henry, 81**, WWII Army veteran; ceramic engineer who contributed to the design and development of the space shuttle; survived by brother Karl; sister Marion (Joseph) Sato; predeceased by brother James.

**Oda, Lily Yuriko, 75**, Los Angeles, Oct. 5; Los Angeles-

## OBITUARY

### Tooru Joe Kanazawa: Author, Journalist, WWII Veteran Passes at 95

Author, journalist and World War II veteran Tooru Joe Kanazawa passed away in Malibu, Calif., on Oct. 2. He was 95.

Kanazawa was born in Spokane, Wash., on Nov. 12, 1906. In 1912, his family moved to Alaska, where Kanazawa interacted with itinerant Issei working in the salmon canneries. This early experience would later become Kanazawa's source for his fiction novel, "Sushi and Sourdough," published in 1989.

Kanazawa graduated from the University of Washington in 1931 with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. He then had a short stint with a Nikkei newspaper in Seattle before finding a job in Los Angeles with the *Rafu Shimpo* newspaper, where he covered the 1932 Olympic Games. Soon after, he returned to Juneau, Alaska and supported himself driving trucks for W.H. Fukuyama's laundry business while freelancing for the *Christian Science Monitor* and *Thrilling Sports*.

Based on his freelancing success, Kanazawa moved to New York in 1940. Although the move saved him from being interned in U.S. concentration camps after the United States entered WWII

in 1941, the rest of Kanazawa's family were not so lucky. His older brother, who was evacuated from Alaska, died in the Lordsburg, New Mexico Department of Justice camp, and his mother, two sisters and four nieces/nephews ended up at Poston.

Because of the government's treatment of his family, Kanazawa went to Washington, D.C., in 1942 to work with then-JACL Executive Secretary Mike Masakaka. In 1943 at the age of 36, Kanazawa volunteered for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and served in the Cannon Company. He was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service as a radio operator assigned to rifle companies and as a citation writer. He would later write about his 1943-1945 war years in "Close Support," published in 1993.

After the war, Kanazawa returned to New York and edited the now defunct *New York Nichibei* newspaper.

Kanazawa is survived by his wife, Masako Mae, children Teru (Jim) Sheehan, Mark and Joy Kanazawa, and four grandchildren. ■

born; survived by sons Rex, Wesley; daughter Bonnie; sisters Dorothy Matsumoto, Ruth Uemura, Chizuko Uemura, Betty (Hiro) Kageyama.

**Sakanashi, Takeshi H., 78**, Oakland, Oct. 4; longtime Richmond resident; survived by wife Kay; sons Mark and Aki Sakanashi, Marcia and Roland Gee, Jean and Steve Hayes, Kelly and Sharon Sakanashi; 11 gc.

**Sato, Hiroshi, 80**, Mar Vista, Oct. 6; Hood River, Ore.-born; survived by wife Mary M.; sons Randy (Barbara) Sato, Rev. Dennis (Naomi) Sato of Richmond; daughter Susan (Clifford) Asai; 10 gc.; brother Kiyoshi (Haruye) Sato; sisters Keiko Miyakawa and Ryoko Sato, both of Japan, and Nobuko (Harry) Sasaki; son-in-law Fred Cheung of Clovis; sisters-in-law Fukue Sato of Japan, Ruth (Frank) Tokirio of Alameda; Helen Okai of Oregon.

**Shinba, Tomi, 88**, Los Angeles, Oct. 9; Stockton-born; survived by son Rodney Kenji (Suzette Horikiri); gc.; brother Junichi (Amy) Shiromizu; sisters-in-law Florence "Tae" Shiromizu, Misao Nagashiki, Shigemi Morita.

**Uyeda, Mineyo, 100**, Gardena, Sept. 26; Japan-born; survived by daughter Rose Mikami of Gardena; 3 gc.; 3 ggc.

**Wilson, Daniel E., 61**, Bullhead City, Ariz., Oct. 4; Tonopah, Nev.-born; survived by wife Phyllis; daughters Kimberly Adkins of Washington, Leslie (Keith) Larsen of Wyoming; 4 gc.; mother-in-law Hannah Sato-Sugitani of Gardena; brother Mike (Theresa) of Missouri; sister Cheryl (Larry) Elliott of Kansas; brothers-in-law Stan Sato of Lomita, Mark (Rodna) and Terry (Val) Sato of Torrance.

**Yamada, Kitao, 84**, Pasadena, Sept. 27; Pasadena-born; WWII veteran; survived by sons Robert D. (Frances L.), William J. (Naomi); 5 gc.

**Yamanouye, Atsuko, 68**, Northridge, Oct. 2; Sapporo, Japan-born; survived by sons Tony, Allen; daughters Margie Baba, Marie Fason; 7 gc.; sister Reiko Ishikawa.

**Yeto, Utako, 93**, Oxford, Oct. 2; Honolulu-born; survived by children Masanobu (Nobuko), June Yeto, Jean Yeto; gc.; brother George (June) Takemoto; predeceased by husband Tomio.

**Yokota, Hiroko, 91**, Auburn, Sept. 27; survived by daughter Clara Fujie (Toshiaki) Hada of Newcastle; son Susumu (Norma); 3 gc.; 4 ggc.

**Yonekura, Yoshie Iizuka, 79**, Elk Grove, Sept. 28; Brawley-born; longtime Chula Vista resident; survived by daughters Faye, Janice (Michael Kanoe), Ginger; 2 gc.; brother Masami (Tomoko) Iizuka; predeceased by husband Tom, son Jeffrey and brothers Kiyoshi and Takuji. ■

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#### DEATH NOTICE

#### STANLEY MUSASHI NAGATA

DINURA, Calif. — Stanley Musashi Nagata, 79, passed away May 3. Stanley was past CCDC governor and Tulare County JACL president. He is survived by wife, Haruye (Hankus); daughters, Carol Hirahara and Marcia Chung; brothers, Ed and Gordon; sisters, Lydia Shiba, Lilian Kiyomoto and Amy Akashi; and 6 grandchildren. He was predeceased by sister, Mollie Hanada.



## BASEBALL

Bonds Ball Dispute  
Headed for Trial After  
Mediation Fails

SAN FRANCISCO—After a third mediation attempt failed, the legal tug-of-war over Barry Bonds' 73rd home run ball will go to trial, lawyers for both parties said Oct. 9.

The dispute involves Alex Popov, the man who says he caught the ball, and Patrick Hayashi, the Giants fan who ended up with it.

Retired Bay Area Judge Coleman Fannin tried to get both sides to settle out of court, but lawyers for Popov and Hayashi said in a joint statement that the difference of opinion would have to be resolved at trial.

"Parties had extensive confidential conversations but were unable to resolve or settle today. All were very pleased with Judge Fannin, but we are now proceeding to trial," the statement read.

Popov claims to have caught Bonds' record-setting home run hit on Oct. 17 last year, only to have it wrestled away from his grip by a surging crowd of fans and end up in the hands of Hayashi.

"I'd just like this piece of baseball history returned to me. That's the most important thing," Popov said.

The ball remains in a safety deposit box pursuant to a court order.

Hayashi earlier said that he's not willing to part with the ball without first exhausting his legal options. He also said he intends to sell the ball perhaps to an auction house.

"I value the ball just as much as he does," Hayashi said. "If it goes to trial, that's what will happen. I will be the owner of that ball." ■

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## MEDIA

Producers Guild  
to Honor Lee

The Producers Guild of America announced it will hold its inaugural "Celebration of Diversity" Oct. 28 at the Regent Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills, Calif., to honor the contributions of Asian Americans, Africans Americans, Latinos, gays and lesbians and women filmmakers and producers.

The "Celebration of Diversity" was created to celebrate and promote broader diversity in film, television and new media productions by creating awareness of significant social issues.

The honorees are: Ang Lee, Danny Glover, Moctezuma Esparza, Marian Rees and the producers of "Six Feet Under."

Lee is the critically acclaimed director of such films as "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Sense and Sensibility" and "The Ice Storm." He is currently directing "The Hulk" starring Eric Bana and Jennifer Connelly.

"Our industry is the most sophisticated and effective storytelling medium ever created, which is why it's so troubling when the kinds of stories that we tell don't reflect who we are as a people," said Kathleen Kennedy, PGA president. "In celebrating diversity, we illuminate our culture's common richness and strength and send a message that we hope will motivate others in our industry to tell stories and create employment opportunities that are representative of that diversity." ■

## In Sports &amp; Entertainment

## JA Sports Hall of Fame to Be Inaugurated

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC), along with the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers and Golden State Warriors, will inaugurate the Japanese American Sports Hall of Fame (JASHF) on Nov. 2 at San Francisco's Pacific Bell Park.

The five inaugural inductees will be: Kristi

Yamaguchi, the first minority woman to win the Olympic gold medal in figure skating in 1992; Wat Misaka, the first minority to be drafted into the NBA in 1947 by the New York Knicks; Wally Yonamine, the first Asian American to play professional football for the San Francisco 49ers in 1947; Tommy Kono, the first AA world-class weightlifter who won two gold and one silver Olympic medal from 1952 to 1960; and Ann Kiyomura Hayashi, the first minority woman to win a Wimbledon title in 1975 in dou-



Clockwise from top: Kristi Yamaguchi, Wat Misaka and Wally Yonamine are among the athletes who will be inaugurated into the new JA Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 2.

bling sports leagues and teams which teach fair play on and off the field. This year's recipients are Grace Nakai of the San Francisco Enchantees Girls Basketball Club and the Golden Gate Optimist Club Youth Bay Area Baseball Leagues.

A VIP grand buffet reception attended by honorees and other local sports celebrities will be held at 2 p.m. Individual VIP tickets are \$125.

General admission is \$25 for the inductee ceremony, which begins at 3:30 p.m. Admission for children under 12 is free. There will also be a sports memorabilia auction, a raffle for a trip to Hawaii and a tour of the ballpark.

Proceeds will go towards the JCCNC's Nikkei Youth Sports Scholarship fund.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Ken Maeshiro at 415/567-5505 or e-mail: kmaeshiro@jccnc.org. ■

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