

JACL Executive Committee Holds Special Meeting to Discuss Finances

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The executive committee of JACL's national board met for a special meeting recently in a continuing effort to monitor and improve JACL's financial situation.

"We have to be the catalyst, we have to be leaders," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president, to the board members, "but we can't expect changes to occur overnight."

At the Nov. 24 meeting Mori and the executive board noted that tough times are still ahead for JACL, projecting a deficit of \$178,586 for 2002. With expenses already cut to the bone and numerous staff positions left unfilled, the board members agreed that revenue generation must be their focus and spent much of the meeting discussing the need to increase membership.

The message is simple, said David Hayashi, vice president of planning and development: "It's no JACL future or JACL future."

Financial Picture

The national board is looking at short-term survival right now, said Mori, taking things a few months at a time. Once the organization is on firmer financial ground, the national board will start to focus on long-term survival.

Clyde Izumi, JACL business manager, reported that JACL investments have started to go back up over the past few months after a slight rebound in the stock markets. As of Oct. 31, 2002, JACL's investments were valued at \$6,578,772. The Legacy Fund was at \$4,807,206 as of this date, still below the principle value of the fund, so earnings on the fund are continuing to be directly rolled back.

On Nov. 6, 2002, JACL made a \$75,000 draw on the Life Trust Endowment Fund in order to meet expenses. The withdrawal, which is actually a loan to be repaid within five years at an interest rate of 2 percent, is part of the \$200,000

loan authorized by the national board at the September 2002 national board meeting.

Izumi noted that although revenue projections have fallen short, if membership numbers continue to come in as projected and the Annual Giving campaign is successful, a second withdrawal from the Life Trust Fund will likely not be necessary.

Art Koga, JACL treasurer/secretary, stressed the need to come up with a cost-reduction plan A, B, and C. If JACL's finances do not improve, such a plan of action will become necessary, he said. So far he hasn't seen a firm cost-reduction plan.

Mori pointed out that the finance committee will need to come up with a cost-reduction plan. John Tateishi, JACL executive director, noted that he put forth such a plan at the executive session held during the recent national board meeting.

Looking forward to the next quarter, Mori emphasized the need to stick to the Three Pillars Plan introduced at the September 2002 national board meeting. The plan focuses on the areas of membership, education and fund raising, with the main goal being revenue generation.

Three Pillars Plan — Membership

As of Oct. 31, 2002, JACL had 20,744 active members. Lucy Kishiue, JACL membership and fund development director, reported that compared to 2001, JACL had 942 fewer new and renewing members in 2002. But she also noted that many of the new members signing up in 2001 were Blue Shield health insurance members who had let their JACL memberships lapse. Also, since JACL had a dues increase in April 2002, the impact on revenues has been offset.

In 2002 JACL was losing members at a rate of 4.4 percent compared to 2001, better than the 8 percent rate that had been predicted.

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Groups, Including JACL, Continue to Protest Targeted INS Registration

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
and TRACY UBA

As thousands of men, mostly from predominantly Muslim countries, scrambled to meet a second Department of Justice deadline for special registration, civil rights groups from across the country gathered on Jan. 10 to protest the policy as discriminatory and a blatant form of racial profiling.

"The DOJ/INS registration policy is clearly discriminatory because it's focused on only certain segments of the population, and in this respect, this is about as blatant a form of racial profiling as there is ... and by the way, by federal statute racial profiling is illegal," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director, who spoke at a rally in San Francisco.

Close to 7,000 men from 13 mostly Middle Eastern countries were required to check in with the Immigration and Naturalization Services office under the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System by the Jan. 10 deadline. Failing to register could result in deportation.

The men, here in the United States on non-immigrant visas, were fingerprinted, photographed

and interviewed. The targeted countries during this round were: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Lebanon, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The protesters were hoping to prevent a repeat of the mass arrests that took place in Los Angeles following the first registration deadline of Dec. 16 where about 400

America," said Saif Hussain, a member of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) of Southern California executive committee, who attended the rally in front of the downtown Los Angeles Federal Building.

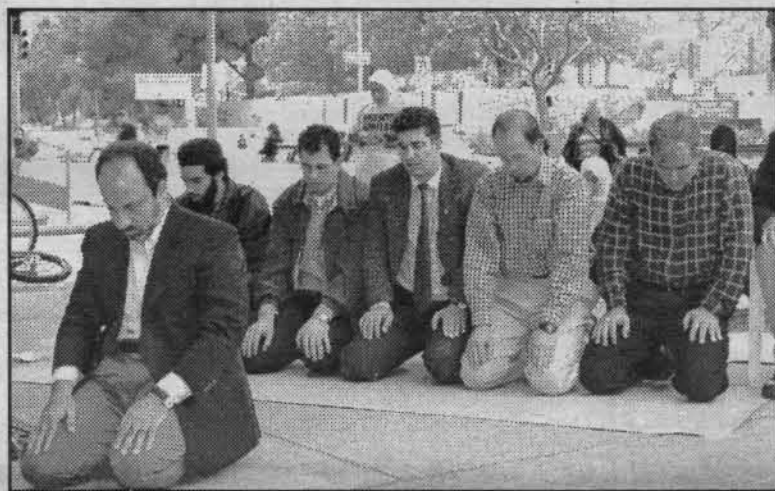
Zouvir Achour, a Tunisian, lives in San Francisco and was in line to register with the INS. While the 28-year-old student agrees that

registration is a "normal process," he feels that his privacy is being compromised by having to be subjected to fingerprinting and being photographed.

"I'm the most peaceful person on earth," he said.

The groups were calling for the end of the "special registration" arrests and detentions; release of the detainees arrested when they

PHOTO: TRACY UBA



Saif Hussain, of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, leads a Friday congregational prayer for Muslims in front of the Los Angeles Federal Building where the INS was holding special registrations for immigrants. Civil rights groups have called these registrations discriminatory and a form of racial profiling.

men were detained for various violations of criminal or immigration laws, which included mostly minor offenses such as not informing the INS about a change of address.

"We feel very heartened, we feel very encouraged (by the support of other communities) and we see that this is not something unique that we are facing. It's just our time as Muslims and members of the Arab community in

came to register; repeal of immigration laws and policies that rely on racial profiling and incarceration; and more INS resources to reduce the application backlog that leaves non-citizens vulnerable to detention.

Recently JACL joined more than 50 national, state, and local organizations asking President Bush to eliminate the INS special

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MORI MEMO Looking Forward to a Great Year

By FLOYD MORI
National JACL President

The New Year is always a time to reflect. What am I doing right? What can I do to improve? We all want to maximize our good points and eliminate our weaknesses. We want to improve and do better this year. Can we? Yes, we can!

Let's take a look at ourselves as citizens of this great nation. It seems that we seem to measure how well we do in strictly economic terms. Is the number of dollars we have in the bank to pass on to our posterity the measure of how well off we are? In the worldly sense, probably yes. But how do



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Judge Rules Shooting of APA Girl Justified

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

A judge has ruled that the shooting of 14-year-old Anna Guo by a rookie Ventura County, Calif., police officer was justified.

Superior Court Judge Herbert Curtis III ruled on Jan. 6 that Guo intentionally rushed toward Officer Kristin Rupp with a knife while screaming profanities. Rupp reasonably believed her life was in danger and had little choice but to fire her gun, the judge ruled.

The teen could be sentenced to five years in the California Youth Authority, but Deputy District Attorney Miles Weiss has indicated that he will seek treatment for the girl instead. A sentence hearing was scheduled for Jan. 13.

Several Asian Pacific American groups, including JACL and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, have long protested Guo's shooting, describing the officer's actions as extreme and unjustified. Guo had originally moved from

China to the United States in November 2001 to be with her father. But in early May of last year she was removed from her father's care and placed in a foster home. On May 5, 2002, Guo became suicidal, threatening to kill herself with a steak knife. Fearing for their safety, the foster parents called the police.

When the police arrived, Guo allegedly lunged at Officer Kristin Rupp, 23, who then shot at Guo three times, hitting her in the leg and stomach.

Several members of the APA community questioned the severity of the felony assault charge, noting that the girl was distressed and suicidal at the time and was crying out for help.

Shortly after the shooting the Ventura Police Department conducted an internal investigation and eventually ruled that Rupp was not guilty of any misconduct. Guo remains in juvenile custody where she has been held since the shooting. ■

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Letters to the Editor

'Under God' in Pledge

I hope that other JACLers are as pleased as I am about the position John Tateishi clearly outlined in his letter to Sen. Tom Daschle ("JACL Urges Senate to Reject 'Under God' in Pledge," P.C., Nov. 15-Dec. 19). Although the Congress overwhelmingly agreed to maintain the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, Tateishi's letter gave voice to JACL's position that our diverse nation also includes patriots other than the religious right.

As Tateishi said: "Being a good American, being a great American, does not depend on one being a good Christian."

Many politicians are overreacting to the pressure from the Christian right. Already, there are proposals to amend the Constitution. President Bush himself has said that (referring to the "under God" court ruling) "we need common-sense judges who understand that our rights were derived from God. And those are the kind of judges I intend to put on the bench."

JACL is a relatively small organization with very little money or "clout." But our voice of reason was heard in Congress before and it might again. I hope so.

Larry Scheetman

Past president, Chicago JACL

I support the notion that we should reject "under God" from the Pledge. First of all, as you stated, "God" subtly implies Christian God and excludes many people who do not fit into the Christian category for philosophical, ideological, ethnic or spiritual reasons.

Secondly, we must support separation of church and state. The pledge is a "state" business and not a religious matter. Many dangerous things happen when we mix religion and state. I know how it worked in Japan's Shinto period during the war. It was also used to justify plundering and murdering in the Middle East under the Crusaders in Medieval times.

I support the editorial position on this because "God" can be misused or abused by ambitious, nationalistic leaders. This issue is particularly crucial at this time as the Bush administration is so intent on dragging us into another war which will kill more people (mostly poor and powerless) on both sides and divert our scarce resources for human and cultural needs.

Thank you for bringing up this issue of "under God."

Yoshiko Ikuta
Lakewood, Ohio

Recently, I attended the PSW District's quarterly meeting at the Venice Japanese Community Center. It was brought up that the PSWD should support the NCWNP District's support of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' ban on the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After some confusing discussions where ideas ran all over the map, the PSWD representatives voted NOT to support NCWNP and in particular the 9th Circuit

Court. One young man said we need to be mindful of "popular sentiment." What a scary thought! If America had heeded "popular sentiment" we would still have Jim Crow laws, lynching would be common and Asians and other minorities would be back to square one.

I looked at this young Japanese American and wondered why he was "selling out" his Issei and Nisei ancestors? The issue over the Pledge is not a religious argument but one of civil rights. The tyranny of the majority in forcing non-Christian children to say the Pledge violates the separation of church and state, and this is what the 9th Circuit Court was focusing on.

Ken Inouye, JACL vice president of public affairs, admonished the PSW representatives for not seeing the civil rights aspect of this controversy. "Popular sentiment" would undoubtedly support saying "under God" in the Pledge. Again, civil rights must always take precedence over what is "popular" if we are going to continue to be anything near a true democracy.

Bruce Haines

Co-president

San Gabriel Valley JACL

The P.C. recently ran an article titled, "JACL Urges Senate to Reject 'Under God' in Pledge."

Since JACL has taken this stance, will it go a step further and ask Congress to invalidate all silver dollars inscribed with "In God We Trust"? Also, will JACL claim that the oath used in court trials, "to tell the truth and nothing but the truth so help me God," infringes upon personal freedom of speech and religion? Is the use of the Holy Bible in swearing-in ceremonies of public officials wrong? What about application to deity via public prayer?

JACL would be well advised to concern itself with ethnic concerns without becoming involved in religious matters that are more diverse, controversial and divisive.

The Quakers during World War II came to the aid of the Japanese Americans who were suspect, friendless, subject to scorn and bias, and eventually subjected to mass incarceration. I wonder if present-day Quakers, given the foregoing scenario, might not feel they had supported a Godless society unwittingly?

Yours for a Better America.

George Shiozawa
Pocatello, Idaho

Addressing JACL's Financial Crisis

Financial crisis in JACL (P.C., Nov. 1-14, 2002)! So what else is new? Stop agonizing and start thinking outside the box. Most of all, stop recycling old ideas that don't work.

First, I would suggest commissioning a management/operational audit. This would be the equivalent of a top-to-bottom examination of the organization with recommendations for improvement if called for. These audits aren't cheap, but they can be paid for by skipping the next

two or more national board meetings.

Among other issues — and there are many — this audit could address how to legally re-characterize and utilize the myriad of funds, including those for scholarships, that might be available for general operating needs. Along with others, I've always questioned the value of scholarship awards since membership recruitment, one potential side benefit, has been practically nonexistent. In this regard, the scholarship donor(s) just might be persuaded to change the terms of their gifts for the good of JACL. Sounds pretty drastic, doesn't it? Well, if the JACL is truly operating in a crisis environment then nothing should be considered sacred. Plus, why not go to the chapters for help. After all, aren't we in this together?

Final thought: it does not require a stroke of brilliance to realize that the JACL could eventually lose its viability as a membership-based organization if net membership loss continues unabated. Why, then, can JACL not assume a new incarnation modeled after, for example, the NAACP or ADA?

A super-efficient lobby, if you will, with a well-paid professional staff in a few key locations might be just what we need to ensure the continuation of the JACL's mission into the new millennium. And concentrate its resources on the core issues impacting the JA community. Freeing itself from the constraints of costly national board meetings might very well be welcomed by the membership.

By the way, whatever happened to the so-called Blue Ribbon Committee?

George Kodama
Marina Del Rey, Calif.

Re: Macy's Buddha Boxers

Yesterday at church, a friend shared with me an article in the *Pacific Citizen* titled "Macy's Responds to Complaints Over 'Buddha' Boxer Shorts." I am writing to let you know that even though we are neither Asian American nor Buddhist, we too are outraged by such a disrespectful action by Macy's in marketing such an offensive item.

We believe that the freedom of worship guaranteed to us in our Bill of Rights by the founding fathers carries with it an absolute responsibility to show respect for the images, scriptures, practices and beliefs of those whose religion is other than our own.

This morning my friend called Macy's to make sure that these

offensive items were not for sale here in Fresno, Calif., and was told that they were but at a reduced price because "we're clearing them out."

We are sure that this is not what you thought Macy's agreed to do when they told you that they would remove them from their shelves. I plan to write a letter to Mr. Mettler, but I thought you should know of this.

Linda Mack
Fresno, Calif.

What is an American?

About nine years ago I visited Japan, my ancestral homeland. I enjoyed seeing the beautiful countryside and the rugged ocean shore. Most of all, I enjoyed visiting the city of Onomichi, where my father's parents lived before coming to America.

The visit to Japan is the only time in my life where I mingled among people who looked like me. But one fact became evident whenever I used my limited Japanese vocabulary — I am an American.

Yes, I look Asian because physically I am. I am proud of my ancestral roots and indebted to the ancestors who were brave enough to come to America. They endured so much in the process to be an American. I am an American.

The "Kung Foo" Halloween outfit and the Abercrombie & Fitch "two Wongs can make it white" advertisement are insulting to us all.

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Lott Takes Over Rules Committee After Groups Protest Racist Remarks

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.—Trent Lott recently took over the Senate Rules Committee after stepping down as Republican majority leader in the Senate following a political maelstrom he set off in December when he lauded Sen. Strom Thurmond's pro-segregationist presidential run of 1948.

Civil rights groups including the JACL and Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) sent letters criticizing Lott's comments, in which he stated that Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond at the time "and if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have all these problems over all these years."

"Taken at face value Senator, those are comments of a racist and segregationist and are stunning for their advocacy of racial inequality," said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi in a letter which also called for Lott's resignation as president pro tempore of the Senate.

"It's appropriate that we take a strong position of condemnation in response to Senator Lott's comments," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president.

"It's unconscionable that one of the most influential and powerful members of the United States government would lament the passing of segregation and the end of a system of social inequality," Mori said. "Implied in his comments is that African Americans are to blame for the social difficulties we've experienced as a nation for the past four decades. Such a notion is absurd and insulting."

"It is absolutely outrageous that someone in a position such as Lott's would make such a divisive statement, showing that he still adheres to the racist and segregationist policies of the past," added George Ong, OCA national presi-

dent. "Lott's statement and his outspoken support for racist organizations and causes indicate that he would not be able to successfully represent the interests of the Senate and this nation."

President Bush, during a Dec. 12 speech in Philadelphia, sharply criticized Lott for his comments, saying that they "do not reflect the spirit of our country."

"We recognize and approve of President Bush's strong words condemning Senator Lott's remarks," said Christine Chen, OCA executive director. "However, the Senate needs a leader who can better represent our diverse nation and provide leadership in a vision that treasures American values such as inclusion, diversity and civil rights."

Although Lott apologized for the remarks, saying his words were "terrible," other senators and politicians called for his resignation.

After he stepped aside, Republicans quickly elected Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to replace him as Senate majority leader. Lott will now become the Rules chairman and hold seats on the Finance, Commerce and Intelligence committees. The Rules Committee controls the assignment and administration of prized office space on the Senate side of the Capitol and resolves disputes on Senate rules and procedures.

"I'm not going back with vengeance in my heart. ... I set this fire myself and I do not intend to go around trying to blame anybody else," Lott told the Associated Press Jan. 3 from his home in Pascagoula, Miss. "I'll deal with this in a way that is positive for my state and for my nation."

Lott had led the Senate Republican caucus for more than six years. He admitted to some hesitation in facing longtime colleagues who called for his removal as leader. ■

Rep. Matsui Named DCCC Chair, First APA to Hold Position

Congressman Robert T. Matsui was recently nominated by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi to lead the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) for the upcoming 108th Congress.

The DCCC is the campaign organization of the House Democrats that focuses on recruiting, training, and helping to fund Democratic congressional candidates throughout the country.

Rep. Matsui is the first Asian Pacific American to chair the DCCC and this position makes him the highest-ranking APA in the House, among the top five in the Democratic leadership.



"The JACL extends our warmest congratulations to Representative Matsui on this historic first," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "The Congressman is a capable and seasoned leader with great political acumen and decades of policy experience. Clearly, his legislative and policy credentials are second to none, and he will bring many talents to this position. We wish him the very best in his new role."

Matsui is a senior member of the Committee on Ways and Means and is ranking minority member of the Social Security Subcommittee.

He has also served as the ranking minority member of the Oversight Committee, acting chair of the Trade Subcommittee, acting chair of the Human Resources Subcommittee, and member of the Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee.

Matsui's legislative achievements and leadership have been recognized by a broad range of local and national organizations, including the Child Welfare League of America, the American Public Transit Association, the Small Business Council, the Anti-Defamation League, and the JACL.

"We remember Representative Matsui's effective leadership skills from his days back when he served as president of the JACL Sacramento chapter," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "Bob is an old friend and has been a longtime supporter of the JACL in Congress, from the day he entered in the Congress in 1978, and we wish him well."

Upon ratification by the House Democratic Caucus, Rep. Matsui will serve as chair of the DCCC for a term of two years. ■

Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial Study Act Heads to the White House

A bill authorizing a study of the Eagledale Ferry Dock in Bainbridge Island, Wash., for potential inclusion in the National Park System has been sent to the White House for signature.

The dock is the site from which the first of 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent were removed and sent to concentration camps during World War II.

A total of 227 Japanese Americans were taken from their homes on the island, just across Puget Sound from Seattle, and marched to the old Eagledale landing on their way to internment camps.

The bill, authored by Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., with Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, both D-Wash., was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and approved unanimously in the

Senate.

Inslee called the study of a possible memorial timely, with the United States in the midst of an ongoing battle against terrorism.

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

JACL lauded the legislators from Washington for their commitment to ensuring that the JA experience is not lost in history, and thanked them for their leadership in introducing and pushing for passage of the bill.

"This bill is a tremendous opportunity to allow history to come to life outside the confines of a classroom," said JACL Pacific Northwest Regional Director Karen Yoshitomi. "Not

only does this site represent the experience of Japanese Americans in Washington State, but it also tells the story of the courage and commitment of the Bainbridge Island community — who denounced the forced evacuation, maintained contact with the internees during their incarceration, and welcomed them home when the camps were closed."

"This legislation is an appropriate tribute to and a timely reminder of the sacrifices of the Bainbridge Island community 60 years ago," said JACL National President Floyd Mori.

"The JACL is very pleased and excited that the Eagledale Ferry Dock may be added to the National Park System, and we thank Representative Inslee and the senators for their hard work." ■

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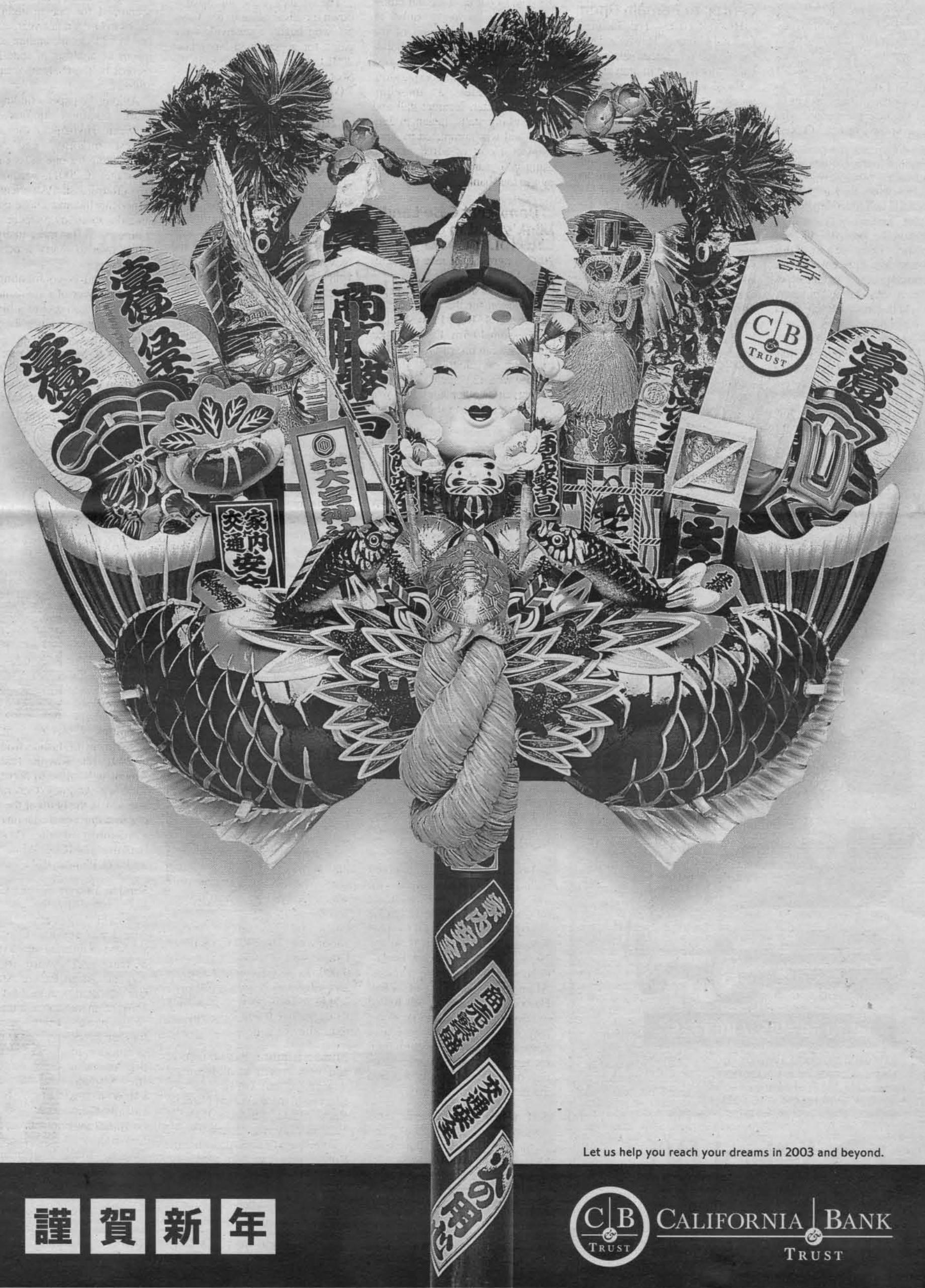
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□ O'Neal Says He Was Joking, Not Being Racist About Yao

LOS ANGELES—The Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal said he was joking, not being racist, when he used a mock Chinese accent while talking about Houston center Yao Ming.

A columnist for *AsianWeek* complained in his newspaper that O'Neal made several derogatory comments about Yao when he said, "Tell Yao Ming, 'ching-chong-yang-wah-ah-soh.'"

"I said it jokingly, so this guy was just trying to stir something up that's not there. He's just somebody who doesn't have a sense of humor like I do. I don't have to have a response to that (charges of racism) because the people who know me know I'm not," O'Neal said Jan. 10.

"I mean, if I was the first one to do it and the only one to do it, I could see what they're talking about. But if I offended anybody, I apologize," he said.

Yao said he believed O'Neal was joking. "There are a lot of difficulties in two different cultures understanding each other, especially two very large countries. The world is getting smaller and I think it's important to have a greater understanding of other cultures. I believe Shaquille O'Neal was joking, but I think that a lot of Asian people don't understand that kind of joke," he said.

"It's an unfortunate situation.

I'm sure that Shaq had no meaning like that behind it. I'm sure he was just doing something that was fun-loving or something he thought was humorous," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson.

Yao is leading O'Neal for the starting Western Conference center spot in fan balloting for the NBA All-Star game.

□ Debts Forgiven, Japanese Cultural Center to Remain Open

HONOLULU—The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii escaped foreclosure or a forced sale as four banks forgave \$1.5 million in debt.

Faced with a Dec. 31 deadline to repay its debt, an eleventh-hour agreement allowed the center to stay open. A committee raised more than \$6 million in the last 47 days, and Central Pacific Bank, City Bank, Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank waived \$1.5 million in interest on the principle.

To seal the agreement, the Committee to Save the Center gave the banks a \$2 million check Jan. 1, said Colbert Matsumoto, committee chair. The remaining contributions from about 7,000 donors were to be deposited in installments before Jan. 31.

Matsumoto acknowledged that the center leadership would have to revise its operational strategy to avoid future financial problems. The center will launch a major marketing campaign in hopes of

expanding its membership. And it plans to seek board members who are younger and not of Japanese descent.

The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce developed the center's original plan in 1986 and gave its leasehold interest of 57,000 square feet of property to the nonprofit center. The organization agreed to purchase the property from Bishop Estate in 1989.

The center's debt stems from the plan to put up a second building on the property only 11 months after construction of the \$4 million first-phase office building was completed in August 1991. Work on the expansion, which includes a museum, resource center, banquet hall and 250 parking stalls, began in July 1992 and was completed in April 1994 at a cost of \$10.8 million, using a 20-year mortgage financed by the four banks.

□ Democrat Case Lands Mink's Seat in Congress

HONOLULU—The nation's 2002 congressional race is finally over.

Five weeks after winning a special election for the remainder of the late U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink's congressional term, Democrat Ed Case now can prepare for his own two years on Capitol Hill.

Case won 43 percent of the vote to beat out 43 other candidates in a special election to fill Mink's seat

in Hawaii's 2nd District, said state elections officials.

Case, who ran as an incumbent — since he'd won an earlier special election to fill the remainder of Mink's current term — garnered 33,002 votes, which were cast Jan. 4.

Democrat Matt Matsunaga finished second with 23,050 votes, while state Sen. Colleen Hanabusa, also a Democrat, was third with 6,046 votes.

The victory ends an up-and-down political season for Case, 50, who began a statewide campaign for governor in November 2001 only to come up short in the Sept. 21 Democratic primary by 2,000 votes.

□ Judge Otaka Thanks Staff, Supporters for Victory

LINCOLNWOOD, Ill.—Newly elected Cook County Circuit Court Judge Sandra Otaka, 49, recently thanked her campaign staff, volunteers and minority supporters for helping her win the November general election, in which she became the first Asian American to serve in the Cook County Circuit Court.

Otaka, a Democrat and California native, said her broad-based support came not only from the AA community, which makes up 5 percent of the population in Cook County, but from the African American, Hispanic,

Jewish and gay and lesbian communities.

Otaka previously worked two years in the county's Child Protection Division, 10 years in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chicago office and has served on various human rights advocacy and law enforcement groups.

□ Mixed Marriages Becoming More Common

SALEM, Ore.—Mixed marriages are on the rise, as couples of different races or ethnicities accounted for one in eight marriages in Oregon last year, up from one in 12 a decade earlier, according to an analysis of state health records by the (Salem) *Statesman Journal*.

Among the paper's findings: the most common unions were between Hispanics, the state's largest minority, and whites (accounting for one in four mixed marriages in 2001); a majority of two groups, Asian Americans and American Indians, chose partners outside their own race; white women were far more likely than white men to marry a person of another race.

The trend is contributing to a record number of multiracial children in Oregon and to a blend of cultures not seen since the state's pioneer era.

In 1960, Salem was more than 99 percent white. But 20,000 Hispanics call the city home today, or about 15 percent of the overall population. ■

APAs in the News

Frank Abe, of Seattle, was appointed director of communications by the Metropolitan King County Council. The 13-member council sets the regional policy and budget for the second largest government in Washington State. Abe, a veteran broadcast journalist and independent filmmaker, will be responsible for creating and implementing the council's strategic communications plan and managing its media releases, publications and website. He will also serve as executive producer for the county's government access cable TV station, Civic Television for King County. Abe is the writer/producer/director of "Conscience and the Constitution," a PBS documentary on the Heart Mountain resisters, and a former national vice president of the Asian American Journalists' Association.

Nelson Akagi, 79, was honored with five Distinguished Service medals in Salt Lake City almost 60 years after having served in the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. At age 19, he joined the "Go For Broke" unit, which fought in Europe. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Akagi's family was forced to relocate from California, where they had a fruit farm, to Idaho. Although he had technically been recognized with the honor years ago, he had not officially received the medals from the Army.

Jeff Itami received the 2002 Award of Excellence and Achievement from the Utah Division of the International Association for Identification (IAI), the largest criminal forensics police and crime laboratory technician's certification and training group in the world. Itami, a retired deputy sheriff, was recognized for his contributions as a

training presenter, officer of the division and member of the parent organization's board of directors. He served 18 years as a crime scene investigator with the Salt Lake City Police Department and is currently the civil rights chairperson for the Salt Lake JACL and first vice governor of IDC.

Helen Kawagoe, former JACL national president, was elected to the board of directors of the National League of Cities (NLC) at its annual Congress of Cities in Salt Lake City. The NLC is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States.

Kawagoe, of Carson, Calif., will serve a two-year term on the 40-member board, which serves 18,000 U.S. cities and 225 million people nationwide. The 2002 Congress of Cities was attended by nearly 4,000 local government leaders and examines a variety of challenges from improving education to upgrading water infrastructure to tackling racism.


Minnie Kimura, Alaska pioneer and now retired small-businesswoman, is one of 12 Alaskans honored in the 2003 First National Bank Alaska calendar. Born in 1922 in Cordova, Alaska, Minnie married well-known Alaskan artist Bill Kimura; both were interned in Minidoka before returning to Alaska. Minnie operated a laundry business for 37 years before retiring in 2002.

Rose M. Ochi was appointed executive director of the


California Forensic Science Institute at California State University, Los Angeles, where she is an alumna. Her new duties will include serving as the academic, research and training arm of the Regional Crime Laboratory, advocating policies that impact law enforcement forensic services and developing forensic science research projects and career education. Ochi served as director of the Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice from 1997 to 2001. She was the first Asian American woman to serve at the Assistant Attorney General level and was at the helm of the federal government's race relations arm as a member of the President's Initiative on Race White House Task Force under Bill Clinton.

Sandra Yamate, former Chicago JACL board member and former president of the Japanese American Service Committee, was one of nine lawyers to receive a Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association at its 14th annual convention in Atlanta. Yamate was recognized for her work as director of the American Bar Association's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession where she works to develop increased opportunities for minority attorneys. She was also honored for her advocacy of APA children's literature through her multicultural children's publishing company, Polychrome Publishing. ■






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MORI MEMO

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we feel about ourselves and what can we do to improve our relationships with our family, neighbors and fellow citizens? We are supposed to develop a society where we can allow all to pursue happiness, not to control and overpower one another.

Are not "values" the lasting element of life here on earth? Moral and human values? Are our children more apt to go farther if engrained with a solid set of values or if wandering through life wondering who they are and what they should be doing other than breaking their back and family ties by spending all of their time pursuing that all-encompassing monetary fortune?

Is it more important to make a name for ourselves or to leave a name upon which posterity can build? In my opinion, it is no contest. Leaving a name and legacy for posterity is THE critical objective that the values of our ancestors were built upon. It may sound corny and trite in today's mega hype on individual stardom, but the comments of the past of "don't shame the family name," or "for the benefit of the children" still should remain major goals in our community. Without some solid goals that include human values, our community is doomed to extinction.

So where is JACL in this labyrinth of conflicting community values that we face today? JACL is one of the major forces in preserving our ancestral culture and values. Although JACL has been involved in the building of some memorials, we generally don't build monu-

ments or erect grand edifices. But JACL does build character and tries to preserve the rights and values that make up our inherent right as humans on this planet.

I am proud of where JACL has been as an organization, and I look forward to a New Year where JACL will help all to understand and appreciate who we really are and why we have so much today. It is because so many before us adhered to some of the old traditions and values of the past. In the New Year, may we be as wise and generous.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Have a great year!!! ■

INS

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registration program.

"We're doing what the American people want us to do," said Justice Department spokesman Jorge Martinez. "I don't think the American people would want known terrorists or wanted criminals running around the country attempting to harm the people."

INS spokesperson Francisco Arcaute said steps were being taken to avoid large-scale detentions like those last month in Los Angeles.

"It does appear the process was not as smooth as we would have liked it to have been," he said. "If all is in order, they are allowed to go on their merry way."

National groups such as CAIR and the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee are advising men to register but recommending that they talk to a lawyer before they go.

Many of the protesters believe the registration process is ineffective and will not result in the arrest of terrorists. The policy will not uncover terrorists, they said, but will instead alienate the communities whose assistance the government should be seeking.

"I understand the need for security and safeguards against future terrorist attacks, but this is such a badly planned and illogical process that it's not going to serve any true need other than to upset those who are required to register," said Tateishi. "The

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ed, said Kishiue.

With the immediate need to raise membership revenues, Mori challenged the board, districts, and chapters to recruit new and lapsed members.

Mori encouraged all the board members to recruit 10 members each by the end of the 2002.

"As national board members we have to set the example," said Mori, who has managed to recruit more than 10 new members since

assumption of this program is that anyone who's associated with the countries on the DOJ list is a potential terrorist, and the way the public will interpret this is that those who have certain kinds of physical/racial features is someone to be concerned about."

Tateishi described the current policy as reminiscent of the prejudice and discrimination faced by the Japanese American community during World War II. "This is the argument the government used in 1942, and it should be clear to anyone with intelligence that we were the victims of blatant racism. The current situation isn't all that different in many ways."

"I really feel a responsibility to be out here because of what happened to my parents. It's just about due process and being treated with dignity," said Kay Ochi, with Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR), who attended the Los Angeles rally.

"We can relate to all the feelings [Japanese Americans] had about being profiled en masse and interned en masse," Hussain said. "The part that is a little scary ... is that there is a precedence and it shows where this kind of fear of the 'other' and suspicion based on profiling can actually lead to — internment and concentration camps. We don't know if this is any indication of the future."

The next and final deadline is Feb. 21, when 14,000 men from Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are expected to register. ■

Associated Press contributed to this story.

September. "We have to keep talking to them ... we have to show them the way."

He added, "There's no gimmick to getting membership." You have to be aggressive and make those personal connections either in person, by phone, or by e-mail, said Mori.

Part of the membership portion of the Three Pillars Plan involves the implementation of V.P. of Membership Ryan Chin's membership plan. In the past few months he has focused on lapsed and gift memberships because he believes these have the most potential and will quickly raise monies.

So far he's been disappointed with the results and the lack of response from the various district governors.

"I'm pretty disappointed with the numbers," said Chin. And the lack of response from the governors "makes it hard to develop realistic projections."

From September to November of 2002 only 29 gift memberships were gifted even though 1,300 letters were mailed out, reported Kishiue. Of the 542 notices sent to past JACL scholarship winners to renew their memberships, only 18 took up their offer, including one life membership.

Chin noted that if chapters don't have the time to contact lapsed members, national JACL would help contact the individuals. The board members agreed that more communication must take place between Chin, the governors and the chapters, so Chin will now be sending out bi-weekly e-mails to the chapter presidents and he also wants monthly reports back from the governors.

Clyde Nishimura, EDC governor and the governor's caucus chair, noted that the governors have been talking to their chapters, but getting new members has been difficult. He also believes it takes time for the results of their efforts to trickle in.

But the districts have started to take on JACL's challenge to recruit new and lapsed members. Ken Inouye, v.p. of public affairs, noted that the PSW district has started a membership contest to see who can recruit the most members. The winner will receive a paid registration for the JACL's Honolulu convention in 2004. Mark Kobayashi, NCWNP governor, announced his district's "All We Ask is One" membership plan. The plan asks that each district member either recruit a new member or gift a membership.

The executive board set Feb. 15, 2003, as the date by which chapters should contact their lapsed members. They also noted that JACL must recruit 2,000 new members for 2003 in order to meet budget.

Kishiue will be assigning how many new members each district will be responsible for recruiting in 2003. Hayashi estimates that each chapter will have to increase their membership by 11.5 percent in order to meet the 2003 budget.

Education

The education portion of the Three Pillars Plan focuses on the following programs: scholarships, JACL/OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Program, Mike Masaoka Fellowship Program, APA Curriculum Guide, Diversity/Acceptance/Tolerance Committee, National JACL Youth/Student Conference, website and hate crimes.

The board members reported that the timelines for these programs have been set and are currently being worked on. David and Carol Kawamoto of the PSW district are now responsible for JACL's national scholarship program. PNW Regional Director Karen Yoshitomi is currently looking at a possible redesign of JACL's website. A \$10,000 grant will go towards this.

Fund Raising

Programs under this pillar include: planned giving, annual giving, JACL's 75th anniversary, awards dinner, foundation grants and the

President's Council.

Tateishi reported a number of grants for 2002 including \$60,000 from the Ford Foundation for JACL's hate crimes program. Ford also donated \$5,000 for the 2003 national youth/student conference. State Farm has already funded the first year of the APA Curriculum Guide of \$50,000 and also donated \$5,000 towards the youth conference. Tateishi is currently in talks with Chrysler for a possible grant.

Kishiue reported that the annual giving program was launched in the Nov. 15, 2002, issue of the *Pacific Citizen* and letters will also be going out to individuals. Donors of the annual giving program are acknowledged in this issue of the *P.C.* Hayashi explained that the planned giving program needs further discussion but that he personally wants to see that the program is started.

Chin is currently working on a commemorative 75th anniversary booklet. He plans to find a different author to write about each decade and hopes to raise \$30,000. Koga noted that the Honolulu chapter is also working on a commemorative booklet for the 2004 convention. Chin and Koga agreed to discuss the issue further to avoid any conflicts because of the similar projects.

Tateishi and Mori are currently discussing possible ideas for a national awards dinner. The various districts have also discussed having their own dinners. The NCWNP district is currently in the very preliminary stages of exploring a possible dinner and Larry Oda has been appointed co-chair of the dinner committee. Inouye reported that PSW has also discussed doing their own dinner and noted that the district has held its annual awards dinner for several years now. Nishimura indicated that the EDC would likely not hold a dinner in the Washington, D.C., area because a number of other APA organizations already hold annual dinners in the city.

Koga noted that it would help if districts think outside the box, possibly holding events other than a traditional dinner, such as a sake-tasting event.

Mori agreed. "Let's be creative. I sure would like to see each district do something."

Tateishi and Mori continue to seek members for the President's Council. Their goal is to raise \$3 million by the end of 2003. The monies will be used for youth programs.

In addition to the efforts to raise monies under the Three Pillars Plan, Hayashi encouraged chapters and board members to purchase JACL curriculum guides, which are currently being sold for \$10 per book with a minimum order of five books. Hayashi himself purchased 48 books and is handing them out to educators in his area.

Mori also noted that some of the smaller chapters have been very generous in their donations, including the Houston and Pocatello-Blackfoot chapters who recently donated \$1,000 each, and encouraged the larger chapters to think of donating to national JACL. He also noted that Edwin and Debra Endow of the NCWNP district made a donation of \$1,000 to national.

Nishimura noted that EDC recently raised enough monies to purchase a half-page ad in the *P.C.* to show their support, and encouraged other districts to follow EDC's lead.

The executive board members also expressed their gratitude to the many chapters who have decided to forego their chapter rebates for 2002 in light of national's financial difficulties.

Izumi noted that chapter rebates for 2001 have also not been paid out to the various chapters. Mori asked that letters be sent out to the chapters explaining the current situation and the reasons for non-payment.

The next national board meeting will be held March 1-2, 2003. ■

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PANA Bolivia Will Be Ready July 24-27

NIKKEI IN BOLIVIA are all set to host the next PANA convention this summer (the dead of winter there), July 24-27, in the low-hills metropolis of Santa Cruz de la Sierra (on the maps as "Santa Cruz"), where a major Japanese population abides in two agricultural colonias: Colonia Okinawa and Colonia San Juan de Yapacaní. Altitude: 1,460 ft. above sea level. (Everybody has been asking.)

As New York JACler Lillian Kimura fax'ed the other day, CONVENCIÓN PANamericana Nikkei (COPANI) XII will be held at several hotels. The English version of the registration details from American Holiday Travel's Ernest Hida lists Hotel Los Tajibos, Hotel Yotaú (both about 10 minutes by taxi to downtown), Hotel Camino Real and Hotel Casa Blanca (all five stars).

The convention begins July 24 for delegates from member PANA countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States and Uruguay). They are expected to review and ratify the by-laws, which were presented in Spanish at the PANA session in New York two years ago. English and Japanese translations, as well as other material, registration forms, rates, are available on their website: <http://fenaboja.hp.infosseek.co.jp>.

The heart of PANA conventions since they began in 1981 has been the camaraderie, native cuisine, workshops, festivities, seeing the countryside and a golf tournament. Some might remember an American raffled off his set of clubs in Paraguay in 1991 rather than carting them back home. Latin Americans couldn't believe it was happening.

Workshops (in the hands of the PANA Commission of Health,

Commission of Industry & Commerce, Commission of Japanese Language, Commission of Youth, and Commission of Lawyer) are three-hour sessions Friday, Saturday and Sunday allowing open periods on these days for opening session Friday morning, and free dinner that evening with a chorus festival and karaoke at the Nikkei Hall; visiting the two Japanese agricultural centers and their museums Saturday afternoon and evening and a closing ceremony with dinner Sunday.

One can't help but notice Latin American Nikkei ceremonies are elaborate and ostentatious, even properly solemn on occasion; unlike what might be encountered in the States. Brilliant with colorful decor, a mixture perhaps of native music plus Japanese favorites, certainly different flavors at dinner and unique to PANA functions is the chance to converse with Nikkei in Spanish or Portuguese. It was pleasing to hear at recent PANA gatherings the younger delegates speak English and not Japanese, the common *lingua* at the early PANA conventions.

Registration by participants — payable to the PANA representative of your country — is in U.S. dollars: Adults, \$200; Youth 25 and under, \$100; and participants in Chorus only, \$160. Payment can be split: 50 percent before leaving your country, 50 percent 30 days prior to arrival at Santa Cruz. Cancellation must be done before July 23, 2003, for total amount of the deposit. Otherwise, a 20 percent penalty will apply to cover the charge.

Program: Breakfasts are part of the hotel rate; opening ceremony, workshops (sites to be announced), 9-12 noon; lunch breaks from noon till 2 p.m., dinners at 7 p.m. Closing ceremony on Sunday begins with the

farewell dinner at 7 p.m. at a site TBA.

Santa Cruz was once a drug-trafficking base, now eclipsed by a boom in tropical agriculture: sugar, rice, cotton and soybeans. Grounds should be fallow in July. Visitors might check for forest-dwelling sloths still hanging from trees in the main plaza.

Saturday field trip by bus leaves the city around 11 a.m., "a typical lunch" upon arrival at Colonia Okinawa around 12:30, and visit until 2:30; then proceed at 4:30 to Colonia San Juan with dinner at 6 p.m., visit their museum, join the "Festival Bon Odori" ending about 9 p.m. and return to the hotel around two hours later.

Flight information is to be announced for Los Angeles departures from American Holiday Travel. Hida will offer one basic plan to and from Santa Cruz. Optional tours before or after are being studied. Passport is essential for all visitors to Bolivia. Some carry certified photocopies and leave the original at the hotel safety box.

Hotel room rates (for PANA) range between US\$67 and US\$98 at the 5-star hotels. Los Tajibos, which appears to be the main convention site, shows US\$98-\$116, presumably based on the exchange rate as of Dec. 18, 2002. Hotel in the outskirts of town has a nightclub, swimming pool, casino, health club, tropical gardens. Website: www.bolivianet.com/lostajibos.

Money exchange: Some years ago, many years ago, US\$1 was equivalent to B\$1,000,000. The *Lonely Planet* cites B\$6.27 as of October 2000. ■



East Wind

Bill Marutani

Home-boy

"HOMETOWN" is a word that, for some, conjures up idealistic visions of a Norman Rockwell homogenous community: PTA bake sale; a little leaguer sliding into second base, his tennis shoes (as those high-top "sneakers" were known in years past) held high to break up a double-play; the Saturday afternoon gathering of senior citizens at the local barber shop swapping the week's gossip. And so on. I've often wondered how those who were born in an "assembly" or "relocation" camp during World War II regarded their "town of birth." Perhaps such musings are gratuitously solicitous. After all, we just celebrated the birth of One who, for lack of accommodations, was born in a manger.

THE DICTIONARY definition of "hometown" reads: "the town or city in which one was born or lives or has one's principal residence." You'll note there are three criteria, any one of which qualifies as hometown: you were born there, you live there or it's your principal residence. If all three are applicable to a person, then you well may have the beginnings of what is known in *Nihongo* as *furu-sato*.

A JAPANESE TERM, *furu-sato* refers to one's birthplace, native place, the spiritual home. Compared, for example, to the Japanese term *jū-sho* (residence, habitation), *furu-sato* connotes a personal, intimate — indeed, emotional reference to what otherwise might well be casually referred to merely as where one "hangs his/her hat." In an effort to convey to the reader the sentimental intimacy borne by the term, the Japanese *jiten* (dictionary) Kenkyusha sets forth the following example in *Nihongo*: "*Fuji-san wa Nippon-jin [Nihon-jin?] no kokoro*

no furu-sato de aru." (Mt. Fuji is dear to the heart of every Japanese.) There is a Japanese love song in which the male vocalist plaintively croons "*Oshie-te kure-e-e, kimi no furu-sato-o-o-o...*" (Reveal to me [tell me] where you live....)

WHEN NIKKEI first meet, one of the first questions posed is "which camp were you in?" Presumably, the camp designation can provide a clue as to where one's "pre-war" abode was, be it Sacramento, El-Ay, the Pacific Northwest or wherever. If that doesn't provide the essential key, the follow-up question is "from which Assembly Center?" When I reply that I was a Tulalake inmate, there sometimes is an awkward pause. Pregnant in the pause is the unasked question "pre- or post-segregation?" That is, were you a "protester" or one considered an "undesirable" by the authorities?

FOLLOWING THIS cat-'n-mouse play, my inquisitor is ultimately informed that I was born and grew up in Kent, Washington. Invariably, this answer is followed by "where is that?" I explain that it is located about 15 miles south of Seattle, nestled in a truck farming valley the Issei referred to as "Shirakawa" (White River). Recently, the folks of White River Valley put together a pictorial history titled, appropriately, "Shirakawa." The prose is well written, the soft-cover publication well organized — all in all, a job well done. I gleaned much from the book, including filling in the blanks in my knowledge of the *nikkei-jin-kai*. For example, I did not know that there were numerous Nikkei operating dairy farms. I never saw a Nikkei dairy. Truck farming, growing lettuce, peas, tomatoes, berries and such, yes. But no dairy operators. I then remembered my parents mentioning owning and operating a dairy farm in the early years of Shirakawa. How come I wasn't living on a dairy farm? Well, the barn burned down (no insurance, of course) and kaput. That was all that I was told.

IN THE PAGES of "Shirakawa," with photographs, is outlined the history of Nikkei dairy farmers in White River. The business was rewarding, so much so that barns were being systematically eliminated by arson until all of the Nikkei dairy farmers were eliminated. Including my folks, I now learn. I'd be mad as hell if it happened to me.

But they never discussed the matter, and life, such as it was, continued on. ■

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- May 08** Australia & New Zealand - 17 Days - 30 Meals - \$3995 - Melbourne, Cairns & Sydney, Australia - Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt. Cook, Rotorua & Auckland, New Zealand.
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Fri.-Tues., March 7-11—Asian American Leadership Conference, co-sponsored by the JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans. Info: www.jacl.org/leadership.

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., Jan. 18—Washington D.C. JACL Installation Dinner; 5:30 p.m.; Far East Restaurant, 5505 Nicholson Lane, Rockville. Info: Lily Okura, 301/530-0945.

Fri.-Tues., March 7-11—Asian American Leadership Conference;

Midwest

CHICAGO

Sun., Jan. 19—Chicago JACL 2003 Inaugural Luncheon; 12:30 p.m. cash bar, 1 p.m. lunch; Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon; entertainment by the Na Kupuna Ukulele Club o Chicago. Info: Donna Ogura, 312/943-7801 or 773/728-7171.

CINCINNATI

Sun., Jan. 19—Cincinnati and Dayton JACL Dinner and Installation of Officers; 3 p.m. social hour, 4 p.m. installation, 5 p.m. Japanese buffet dinner; Mei Japanese Restaurant, 8608 Market Place Lane, Montgomery.

Thurs.-Sat., April 10-12—2003 NCSS Great Lakes Regional Conference; the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 W. 5th St.; "In the Land of the Free: The Japanese American Experience in America's Concentration Camps" is scheduled for Saturday Morning, April 12; speakers: Ed Ezaki, Henry Tanaka, Stogie Toki.

WISCONSIN

Sun., Jan. 19—Wisconsin JACL Inaugural Luncheon; 12:30 p.m. cash bar, 1 p.m. lunch; Klemmers Banquet Center, 10401 W. Oklahoma Ave., West Allis. Info: Sandy Van Engle, 262/242-3628.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 1-3—Minidoka Reunion; see details at Seattle.

Pacific Northwest

ANCHORAGE

Tues., Feb. 18—Film showing and discussion, "Day of Remembrance, the Silent Glory"; 7-9 p.m.; Anchorage Museum of History and Art, 121 W. 7th St.; co-sponsored by the Alaska JACL. Free. Info: 907/343-6173, www

.anchagemuseum.org.

SEATTLE

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 1-3—Minidoka Reunion; DoubleTree Hotel, Seattle Airport; all former Minidokans, their families and interested persons are invited; mixer, exhibits, panel discussions, banquet dinner with a short program; Sunday picnic. Reserve directly with the Hotel and mention the Minidoka 2003 Reunion for special rate: 800/222-8733. Info: Minidoka Reunion 2003 Committee, c/o Ronald and Gloria Shigeno, 4442-140th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., Feb. 2—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.

HOLLISTER

Fri. Jan. 24—Watsonville-Santa Cruz/Gilroy/San Benito County Installation/Keiro Kai Dinner; 6:30 p.m.; San Juan Oaks Golf Course, 3825 Union Rd.; seniors 75 and older to be specially honored; bus leaves the Watsonville Buddhist Temple at 5p.m. Info, RSVP and bus reservations: Shig Kizuka, 728-2693.

MONTEREY

Sat., Jan. 25—Monterey Peninsula JACL Banquet and Installation of Officers; 12 noon silent auction, 1 p.m. luncheon; Embassy Suites, 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Seaside; honoring golf champion Mina Harigae; speaker, Andrea Nakano of KION channel 46. Info: Larry Oda, 831/758-7107 work, 375-3314 home, or Jeff Uchida, 831/644-9566 home.

OAKLAND

Tues., Jan. 21—Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City Association Meeting; 7 p.m.; Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson St.; volunteers are being sought. Info: Liane Scott, 510/482-5896.

Sun., Feb. 9—JASEB Crab Feed; 4-7 p.m.; Oakland Asian Cultural Center.

SAN MATEO

Sat., Jan. 25—San Mateo JACL Installation Dinner; 6 p.m. no-host bar, 6:45 dinner; South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco; Lewis Kawahara to speak on the history of the Professional Gardeners Foundation of Northern California. Info: Heidi Tanakatsubo, 650/978-3168.

Sun., Jan. 26—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Red Firecracker Green Firecracker"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center,

415 Claremont St.; Chinese with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

SANTA CRUZ

Fri., Jan. 31—Opening program for travelling exhibit, "The Enemy Alien Files: Hidden Stories of World War II"; 6:30-9 p.m.; Santa Cruz Central Library, 224 Church St., Santa Cruz; keynote speaker, Dorothy Ehrlich, executive director of the ACLU Northern California, also Grace Shimizu and Sandy Lydon; co-sponsored by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. Free. Exhibit runs through February. Info: 831/420-5790.

Wed., Feb. 19—Day of Remembrance Program; 7-9 p.m.; Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church, 223 Church St. (across from the Library); speakers Grace Shimizu, Sandy Lydon, John Christgau, Lawrence Distasi. Info: 831/420-5790.

STOCKTON

Sun., Jan. 19—Lodi and Stockton JACL Joint Installation Dinner; 3:30 p.m. no-host cocktails, 4 p.m. program & dinner; Dave Wong's, 2828 W. March Lane, Stockton. Info: May Saiki, 465-8107, or Debbi Hatanaka, 477-6905.

Southern California

BUENA PARK

Sat., Jan. 18—SELANOCO JACL Installation Luncheon; 12 noon; Amada Club, 7025 Firestone Blvd.; guest speaker, Calif. Assemblyman George Nakano. Info: Karen-Liane Shiba, 714/220-1549, or Todd Hasegawa, todd_hasegawa@hotmail.com.

LOS ANGELES

Sat., Jan. 18—Japanese American Korean War Veterans Installation Dinner; 5 p.m.; Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway, 213/626-2039; the public is invited. Info: Victor Muraoka, 818/897-1533, Paul Ono, 310/532-2495, or Bob Wada, 714/992-5461.

Thurs., Jan. 23 & 30, Feb. 6, 13 & 20—Workshops for Nikkei Parents; 10 a.m.-12 noon; Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center, 222 S. Hewitt St., Little Tokyo; sponsored by the Little Tokyo Service Center. Info, registration: Chiharu Kurosawa or Isabelle Miyata, 213/473-1602.

Sat., Sun., & Thurs., Jan. 25-Feb. 2—Performances, "To all Relations: Memories of Boyle Heights"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St.; a Great Leap residency project, featuring stories, music and dance drawn from the lives of the people of Boyle Heights. Times, info and RSVP: Great Leap, 213/250-8800.

Through Feb. 9—Exhibit, "Matsuri! Japanese Festival Arts"; UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History; Westwood entrance off of Sunset, parking in Lot 4. Info: 310/825-4361, bird@isop.ucla.edu/www.isop.ucla.edu/japan.

POMONA

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 25-26—Asian American Expo and Chinese New Year Celebration; L.A. County Fairplex. Info: 909/623-3111, www.fairplex.com.

TORRANCE

Sat., Feb. 8—Torrance-Kashiwa Sister City Association 30th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Show; 8 p.m.; James Armstrong Theater 3330 Civic Center Dr.; *sign, koto, shakuhachi*, dance, ballet. Info: Hazel Taniguchi, 310/328-1238.

Sun., Feb. 9—Torrance-Kashiwa Sister City Association 30th Anniversary Celebration Banquet; 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner; Torrance Marriott Hotel. Info: Hazel Taniguchi, 310/328-1238.

Arizona - Nevada

TEMPE

Sat., Jan. 25—One-day Teachers' workshop on the Japanese American Experience and the WWII Internment Camps; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (9 a.m. registration); Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park, 1300 N. College; for teachers of 4th to 12th grades; using JACL Curriculum Guide, includes speakers with internment camp experience, guided tour of museum's JA exhibits; sponsored by JACL and the museum. RSVP: 480/929-0292 ext 139. ■

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- JAPAN ALPINE ROUTE ONSEN HOLIDAY TOUR** MAY 11-20
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- GRANPARENTS-GRANDCHILDREN JAPAN TOUR** JUNE 21-30
Tokyo, Lake Hamanaka, Hiroshima, Kyoto.
- 12TH PAN AMERICAN NIKKEI ASSOC. (PANA) CONVENTION** JULY 24-27
Santa Cruz (Bolivia). Tours to be arranged.
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- NEW ENGLAND FALL FOLIAGE HOLIDAY TOUR** SEPT 29-OCT 6
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In Memoriam - 2002

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Adachi, Kazuo, 78, Torrance, March 17; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran.

Akiyoshi, Frank Masashi, 79, Seattle, Jan. 10; U.S. Army veteran.

Chikami, Ben Tsutomu, 79, Mountain View, March 21; Swink, Colo.-born; U.S. Army veteran of the 100th/442nd RCT in WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Chin, Lily, 82, Oak Park, Mich., June 9; Hoping, China-born; mother of Vincent Chin, she fought for justice in her son's murder and the trials of his killers.

Ching, Hung Wai, 96, Feb. 29; an honorary member of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans; during WWII, he vouched for the loyalty of Americans of Japanese Ancestry to the Military Governor's Office in Hawaii and helped form the Victor Varsity Volunteers (VVV), who offered their services to the military.

Deguchi, Ben, 77, Seattle, Nov. 1 ('01); U.S. Army Korean War-era veteran.

Dills, Ralph, 92, Sacramento, May 16; Rosston, Texas-born; as a California state assemblyman (1939-49) he was targeted for expulsion for taking a stand against President Roosevelt's internment orders, but the state legislature later honored him for his protest; he also served as state senator (1966-98), and as a Municipal Court judge in Los Angeles County.



Domoto, Kaneji (Kan), 89, New Rochelle, N.Y., Jan. 27; Oakland-born; Amache internnee; award-winning architect and landscape designer; first president of Eden Township JACL (1935-37).

Egashira, George Hiroji, 82, El Cerrito, March 31; San Francisco-born, Tanforan and Topaz internnee; WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Endo, Ken, 70, Northridge, Sept. 29 ('01); Los Angeles-born U.S. Army Veteran.

Fujimoto, Ben, 70, Pacoima, Sept. 8; Yakima, Wash.-born; Korean War veteran.

Fujimoto, Norman Masao, 85, San Jose, Nov. 10 ('01); Isleton-born WWII U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corp veteran.

Fujita, Joseph Isamu, 80, Culver City, April 24; Los Angeles-born; WWII veteran.

Furuichi, George, 80, Palo Alto, July 26; Los Altos-born; Heart Mountain internnee; U.S. Army veteran.

Goto, Fujie, M., 100, Gardena, May 25; Maui, Hawaii-born.

Hada, Juji John, 74, San Francisco, Dec. 16 ('01); San Francisco-born retired Army officer and veteran of WWII, Korean and Vietnam wars.

Hanamura, Kiyo, Jan. 26 service; Upland-born; JACL Riverside chapter president (1984).

Hattori, Henry M., 86, Reno, Nev., April 30; Stockton-born; U.S. Army volunteer (1940); WWII 442nd RCT veteran; Reno JACL chapter president (1956).

Hayakawa, Jun, 78, Seattle, Jan. 16; U.S. Army veteran.

Higa, Fumi, 100, Los Angeles, Jan. 25.

Honma, Richard Satoshi, 84, Orange County, Sept. 19; Santa Fe Springs-born; Rohwer, Ark., internnee; WWII MIS Army veteran, also served as a civilian in the Japan Occupation; pre-WWII sports editor for the *Rafu Shimpō*.

Horikoshi, Rev. Yoshikazu Casper, 91, Richmond, Dec. 3; Kyushu-born Methodist minister who served at the Heart Mountain camp during WWII.

Ichiooka, Yuji, 66, Los Angeles, Sept. 1; San Francisco-born; Topaz internnee; historian and UCLA professor, who coined the phrase "Asian American" in the late 1960s; Ichiooka's testimony at congressional hearings on the injustice of the internment experience helped lead to the official presidential apology and redress of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988; His dedication to the Japanese language yielded such works as "Issei: The World of the First Generation Japanese Immigrants, 1885-1924," which won the 1989 U.S. History Book Award of the National Association for Asian American Studies; he taught the first AA studies course at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1969, was also was a prominent activist and considered the country's leading expert on Japanese American history.



Imahara, James Tetsuo, 77, Sunnyvale, Sept. 7; U.S. Army veteran (interpreter during the Japan Occupation); pioneer strawberry farmer.

Imai, Shiro, 77, Boise, Idaho, April 29; Hood River, Ore.-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Inouye, Kazuo "Mr. K," 79, Los Angeles, June 29; Los Angeles-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT (Co. H) veteran.

Iseri, Nobuo F., 65, Ventura, Dec. 29 ('01); Courtland-born; musician, nurse-practitioner, alternative medicine practitioner and Akido instructor; he was the sole Japanese musician in Perez Prado's Latin mambo orchestra in the late '50s.

Ishibashi, James Katsumi "Kat," 83, Rancho Palos Verdes, Feb. 2; Los Angeles-born; Strathmore, Calif., internnee; WWII U.S. Army volunteer paratrooper; chick sexer and one of the last farmers on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Ishida, Toshio, 101, Riverside, Aug. 8; Hiroshima-born.

Ito, Rev. Kunimaro, 100, Los Angeles, Oct. 1; Shizuoka-ken-born.

Itow, Joe, 84, Gardena, July 21; Torrance-born; WWII 442nd RCT U.S. Army veteran (3rd Battalion, Co. D); accomplished race car builder, considered a major figure in the history of Hot Rodding; recipient of the California Hot Rod Reunion Speed Award (1996).

Iwamoto, Douglas Jun, 79, Livermore, May 11; Fowler-born; WWII veteran (522nd Field Artillery Battalion).

Iwasaki, Minoru, 79, Pasadena, Nov. 10 ('01); Salt Lake City-born WWII veteran.

Izumi, Akira, 83, Westlake Village, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born WWII Army veteran.

Jordan, Philip Andrew Jr., (AKA "Joe Dahn"), Benicia, Dec. 21 ('01); longtime Sacramento resident; U.S. Air force veteran; newspaperman in Tokyo for the *Asahi Evening News*; war correspondent and Associated Press stringer in South Vietnam (1966-68); bureau chief for the *Overseas Weekly*; under the byline "Joe Dahn," he wrote the column "Butadofu and all That Jazz" for the San Francisco *Hokubei Mainichi* and the Los Angeles *Kashu Mainichi*.

Kadonaga, Roland Satoshi, 83, Oakland June 9; WWII U.S. Army veteran (2nd Lieutenant).

Kakurai, Joe, 77, Gardena, Nov. 4 ('01); Milpitas-born; WWII veteran.

Kanazawa, Tooru Joe, 95; author, journalist, WWII 442nd RCT U.S. Army veteran; his novel "Sushi and Sourdough" was based on his boyhood in Alaska interacting with

itinerant Issei workers in the salmon canneries; covered the 1932 Olympic Games for the *Rafu Shimpō*, freelanced for the *Christian Science Monitor* and *Thrilling Sports*; moved to New York in 1940, but his family were interned at Poston and his elder brother died in the Lordsburg, N.M., detention camp; in 1942 he worked with Mike Masaoka and the JACL, then volunteered for the 442nd RCT; his book, "Close Support," was based on his WWII experiences in the 442nd RCT, Cannon Company.

Kaneko, Theodore "Ted," 85, Garden Grove, Dec. 2 ('01); Riverside-born WWII 442nd (H Co.) veteran.

Karatsu, George Y., 81, Los Angeles, June 30; Auburn, Wash.-born; WWII RCT 442 (Co. G) U.S. Army veteran.

Kasai, Seiko M., 81, Salt Lake City, March 20; Idaho Falls, Idaho-born; veteran.

Katayama, Tadashi, "Tad," 86, Bellevue, Wash., Sept. 6; Enumclaw, Wash.-born; U.S. Army Air Corp veteran.

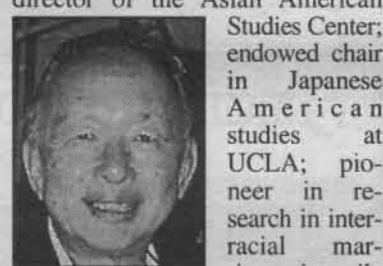
Kawamura, Jun, 72, Lodi, March 5; Sacramento-born veteran.

Kawano, Frances Iritani, 80, Northglenn, Colo., May 20; Sullivan, Colo.-born; WWII Woman's Army Corp (WAC) veteran; she was the first Nisei WAC volunteer; she helped to influence Colorado's governor to welcome the JAs during the war.

Kawata, Dr. Nobuyuki, 81, Los Angeles, March 27; California-born; WWII internnee; U.S. Army Medical Corp veteran (1952-53); cardiologist and clinical professor of medicine; helped develop the heart transplant program at UCLA.

Kitade, Eli, 85, Sacramento, Sept. 22; veteran.

Kitano, Harry, 76, Los Angeles, Oct. 19; San Francisco-born; Topaz internnee; UCLA professor and renowned expert on race relations; co-director of UCLA's Alcohol Research Center and twice acting director of the Asian American Studies Center; endowed chair in Japanese American studies at UCLA; pioneer in research in interracial marriage, juvenile delinquency, mental health and alcohol abuse in the APA community; author of "Japanese Americans: The Emergence of a Subculture" and co-author of "Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Achieved Redress."



Kobayashi, Suye, 100, Medford, N.J., November ('01); Shimane-ken born.

Kokawa, Minoru, 78, Culver City, Nov. 9 ('01); Torrance-born WWII veteran.

Komoto, Kaori "Cory," 72, Fresno, Sept. 3; Fresno-born; Jerome, Ark., internnee; U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

Konishi, Tom, 73, Seattle, April 6; Auburn, Wash.-born; U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

Kosa, Robert Akio, 79, Sept. 26 ('01); Waipahu-born Nisei; WWII veteran.

Kubo, Yoshio, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Hollywood-born; U.S. Army 442nd/100th RCT WWII veteran.

Kumagai, Tsutomu Ben, 93, Gardena, March 25; Arroyo Grande-born; recipient of the Order of Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays.

Kumekawa, Kiyochika "Ki," 77, Vancouver, B.C., July 31; San Francisco-born, formerly of Darien, Conn.; Topaz internnee; U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, served in the

Japan Occupation; organized an exchange to compare U.S. and Canadian internnee experiences.

Kunimatsu, Shiro H., 84, Bellingham, Wash., April 4; Anacortes, Wash.-born, longtime Chicago resident; directed construction of the Sears Tower, John Hancock Building and Water Tower Place shopping mall in Chicago.

Kunitake, George Mamoru, 81, Yorba Linda, July 27; Fresno-born; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran.

Kurata, James H., 83, Lodi, March 16; WWII U.S. Army veteran, lieutenant in the 522nd Artillery Unit.

Kurihara, Gilbert, 100, Detroit, March 19.

Kusunose, Tadao, 81, Seattle, Sept. 24 ('01) service; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran.

Maruya, Junko, 86, Los Angeles, May 14; Brawley-born; longtime writer for the *Kashu Mainichi*.

Masuda, Hiroshi Frank, 79, San Francisco, Dec. 29; Manzanar internnee; U.S. Army veteran.

Matsuda, Nelson Tatsuo, 70, Dec. 11; U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran.

McCarthy, Nobu, 67, April 6, Londrina, Brazil; Ottawa, Canada-



born, Japan educated; former Miss Tokyo; Hollywood and stage actress, former artistic director of East West Players; theater teacher at the Asian American Studies Center Program at UCLA.

Mink, U.S. Rep. Patsy, D-Hawaii, 74, Honolulu, Sept. 28; Paia, Maui, Hawaii-born; the first woman of an ethnic minority to serve in Congress — as a member of the House for 24 years over two different stretches — she won re-election in 2000 by a nearly two-to-one margin; she had a "peerless reputation as a champion for equal opportunity, civil rights and education"; as an early opponent of the Vietnam War, she traveled to Paris to talk to participants in the peace talks; in 1972 she helped author Title IX of the Education Act, which bans gender discrimination in schools that receive federal funding; after losing a Senate bid in 1976 she served for two years as an assistant secretary of state in the Carter administration; she also served for four years on the Honolulu City Council.



Miyasaki, Mary, 78, Sugar City, Idaho, Jan. 18; eastern Idaho-born; pioneer JACLer and widow of Tom Miyasaki, chapter president of the Rexburg/Yellowstone JACL (which was deactivated in 1970 and merged with Idaho Falls JACL).

Miyata, George Mitsuo, 80, Rosemead, May 9; Fresno-born; WWII veteran.

Mizokami, Clifton Hideki, 51, Los Angeles, April 2; Los Angeles-born; Vietnam War veteran.

Moriguchi, Sadako Tsutakawa, 94, Seattle July 25; Seattle-born, Japan-educated; Tule Lake internnee; co-founder, with her late husband Fujimatsu, of Uwajimaya.

Morioka, Matsui, 104, San Francisco, June 12; Japan-born; formerly of Washington state.

Morishita, Sadao "Sud," Idaho Falls, Idaho, Feb. 6; eastern Idaho-born; charter member of the Idaho Falls JACL founded in 1940, life member of the JACL 1000 Club; Idaho Falls chapter president (1947, 1968) and delegate at the March 1942 national emergency session in San Francisco; inducted into the Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1994.

Murakami, Shigeo "Sig," 86, Ontario, Ore., Aug. 17; Seattle-born; pioneer Japanese farmer in the Ontario area; inducted into the Ontario Hall of Fame by the Idaho-Oregon Onion Committee.

Muramoto, Betty Shizue, 53, Riverside, Feb. 1; actress and director in theatre and on national TV; she was active in building the East West Players theatrical company in Los Angeles.

Nagal, Dr. Willie T., 82, Westminster, Colo., Dec. 25 ('01); Seattle-born, resident; Fulbright-Hays fellow at the University of Tokyo; consultant-interpreter for American Educational Mission and Institute for Education Leadership at the International Training Center, U.S. Operations Mission to Japan, American Embassy in Tokyo (1954-58); former president of Teikyo Loretto Heights University in Denver and established its Center for Japan Studies; recipient of the Order of the Kun Yonto Zuihosho from the Japanese government in 1989.

Nagata, Robert Isamu, San Francisco, Jan. 3; Berkeley-born; WWII veteran.

Nakagawa, August, New York; formerly of Chicago and Cleveland; senior associate of planning for I.M. Pei Associates.

Nakagawa, Bill Izumi, 79, Torrance, Aug. 6; Portland-born; retired architect, WWII 442nd RCT (I Co.) and Korean War (K Co.) U.S. Army veteran.

Nakamura, Henry, 81, WWII U.S. Army veteran; ceramic engineer who contributed to the design and development of the space shuttle.

Nakanishi, Col. Toshio "Lefty," 80, Monterey, May 16; Honomu, Hawaii-born; U.S. Army veteran of WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars, including the MIS and the 82nd Airborne.

Nakano, Calvin Yutaka, 77, Los Angeles, Feb. 2; Honolulu-born WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran.

Nakatsuka, Keiji T., 83, Lakewood, Ohio, June 8; Kent, Wash.-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT sergeant.

Nishiguchi, Roy, 86, Reno, Aug. 13; Provo, Utah-born; formerly of Gerlach, Nev.; WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Nishimoto, Joe T., 82, Auburn, Wash., Sept. 29 ('01); Thomas, Wash.-born; White River Valley JACL president, (1982-83).

Nishimoto, Mac Masaki, Seattle, Feb. 14; WWII U.S. Army veteran (442nd RCT, 522nd Field Artillery, Battery C).

Nishimura, Haruo Mike, 74, Seattle, Aug. 2; Seattle-born; Minidoka internnee; U.S. Army veteran.

Nosoka, William Masuo, 88, San Mateo; U.S. Army veteran.

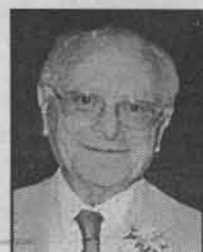
Ohno, Tom Tomeo, 74, Edina, Minn., Oct. 11; Seattle-born; Minidoka internnee; U.S. Army Korean War veteran; Twin Cities JACL president (1958).

Okabe, Frances Sue, 74, Gardena, Nov. 28; Tacoma-born, Seattle-raised; retired vocal coach who was responsible for the careers of many performances artists; she starred in "A Flower Drum Song" for the Long Beach Civic Light Opera in 1963; as a child in Minidoka she "sang her heart out" for her fellow internnees.

Okamoto, Kazumi, 82, Oakland, Aug. 14; career military serviceman, graduate of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence School.

Okano, Tom K., 83, Madera, April 28; Fresno-born; official War Relocation Authority photographer at the Jerome, Ark., relocation camp.

Okrand, Fred, 84, Woodland Hills, March 18; East Los Angeles-born;



WWII veteran; as a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California he battled for the rights of Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans.

Okubo, Henry "Hank," 73, Denver, Feb. 3; Los Angeles-born resident of Centennial; Amache internee and WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Orite, Riyo, 106, Sacramento, Aug. 1; Hiroshima-born.

Oshima, Namiye Joan, 75, Minneapolis, Jan. 5; Topaz internee; producer/program director for 20 years on WCCO-TV; she was the first Nisei woman to have her own TV show.

Osmer, Frank, 81, Monterey, May 26; decorated WWII and Korean War U.S. Army veteran; Watsonville city police chief and councilman; sports editor for the *Register-Pajaronian* and the *Sun*; he aided the WWII JA internees, was recognized by the JACL as a loyal friend, and was once named commander of the Watsonville chapter of Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Osuga, Yasuhara, 108, Chatsworth, Aug. 22; longtime resident and Methodist minister in Simi Valley, also in San Jose, Palo Alto and Portland, Ore.

Ota, Kikuyo, 101, Santa Monica, Nov. 18; Hiroshima-born.

Quo (Kwong), Beulah, 79, La Mesa, Oct. 23; Stockton-born; pioneering stage and TV actress,



founder of East West Players; helped organize the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists (AAPAA); the first Asian American woman to produce and moderate TV public affairs programs about the AA community, she won a Hollywood area Emmy for producing "James Wong Howe — the Man and His Movies."

Sakamoto, Janice, 50, Oakland, June 1; Gilroy-born; labor activist; working for Redress, she helped in organizing the New York hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981; as a media advocate working through the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), she convinced the PBS to begin broadcasting film material about the Pacific Asian community, including award-winning documentaries; she was also a founding member of Soh Daiko.

Sasaki, Shosuke, 90, Seattle, Nov. 1; Japan-born, Seattle-raised; Minidoka internee; a tireless campaigner against the use of the word "Jap," he succeeded in convincing the media to stop using the term.

Sasamoto, Fred Yogo, 74, Denver, April 23; U.S.-born, Japan-educated; Korean War veteran.

Sawada, Fred H., 85, Schenectady, N.Y., Jan. 24; Honolulu-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; recipient of 14 engineering patents.

Sera, Takeo, 91, Altadena, Nov. 26 ('01); Covina-born; WWII veteran.

Shindo, Shie Handa, 105, Berkeley, Aug. 23; Gumma-ken-born; formerly of Terminal Island.

Shindo, Tak, 79, San Dimas, April 17; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran at Fort Snelling, Minn.; recording artist for Mercury Records, Capitol Records and Nippon Victor, with extensive music credits including film, radio and TV scores in the United States and Japan.

Shiota, Jackson M., 73, Seattle, Sept. 10 ('01); Seattle-born WWII veteran.

Shiozawa, George, 83, Eastsound, Wash., Sept. 18 ('01); Portland, Ore.-born WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran.

Suo, Dr. Mikio "Mike," 67, Montgomery, Ohio, May 5; Fresno-

born; Jerome and Gila River internee; innovative mechanical engineer whose research led to improvements in cooling systems for jet engines.

Suyeda, Nobukazu, 104, Los Angeles, May 24; Honolulu-born.

Swartz, Isaac "Ike" Gonzales, 71, El Cerrito, Nov. 21 ('01); Deming, N.M.-born; U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

Takagi, Harry I., 87, Leesburg, Fla., Jan. 14; Wapato, Wash.-born; a lawyer in private practice pre-WWII, staff sergeant with the 442nd RCT in WWII; practiced law with the Veterans Administration in Seattle, Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C.; appointed to the Board of Veterans Appeals by President Kennedy in 1962; first commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee in Seattle; president of Seattle JACL (1951-52), Washington, D.C., JACL (1962), and chair of the Pacific Northwest (1952-53) and Midwest (1952-54) district councils.

Takehara, Ted T., 80, Seattle, Jan. 4; Harrah, Wash.-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Takahashi, Henri Hiroyuki, 87, San Francisco, April 16; Tokyo-born; Topaz internee and editor of the *Topaz Times*; designer of the popular Genji Screen, Kabuki Lamp and Moku Moku Salad Bowl; founder of the Henri & Tomoye Takashi Charitable Foundation to support local service, cultural and education institutions.

Takahashi, Richard Tadashi, 84, Phoenix, April 25; Orting, Wash.-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran (Ft. Snelling, Minn.).

Takemoto, Francis S., 89, Honolulu, May 26; retired U.S. National Guard general and educator; WWII U.S. Army 100th/442nd RCT veteran; he was the first American of Japanese ancestry to achieve the rank of general.

Tanaka, Thomas, 69, San Juan Capistrano, July 23; San Juan Capistrano-born; Korean War veteran; agronomist who developed a new hybrid tomato.

Tien, Chang-Lin, 67, Berkeley, Oct. 29; Wuhan, China-born; chancellor of UC Berkeley (1990-97); outspoken supporter of social causes including affirmative action; an internationally known expert on heat transfer, he helped develop insulating tiles for the space shuttle.



Tominaga, Mitsuo Melvin, 85, Kensington, Nov. 6 ('01); Edenvale-born WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT (Co. L) veteran.

Toyomura, John Hatsuo, 66, Harbor City, July 1; Hilo, Hawaii-born; U.S. Army veteran.

Tsuchii, Asako, 103, Los Angeles, Sept. 10; Shimane-ken-born.

Tsukahara, Dr. Paul Yoshihiro, 75, Santa Barbara, Jan. 30; Santa Barbara-born; Gila River internee; WWII Military Intelligence Service veteran; dentist, former Gardena city councilman, one of the founders of the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (JCI); assisted in the building of the first shopping center in Gardena.

Umekubo, Ken, 36, Miami, May 18; Torrance-born; U.S. Navy veteran of the Gulf War and Somalia and anti-drug activist.

Umezui, Bill Shiro, 84, Waipahu, Hawaii, Feb. 6; Broderick-born WWII U.S. Army Infantry veteran in Australia and Philippines, MIS translator in Japan for 43 years.

Ushijima, Jerry S., 76, Las Vegas, May 20; Santa Monica-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Uyeda, Mineyo, 100, Gardena, Sept. 26; Japan-born.

Uyeno, Ben T., 83, Seattle, Oct. 7; one of the first physicians in the Northwest to learn kidney dialysis; helped establish Seattle's first hos-

pice and founded the Keiro nursing home for elderly Japanese.

Wada, Tane, 102, Pleasant Hill, Aug. 27 ('01).

Watanabe, David Juko, 81, Sonoma, April 5; Denver-born, WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran; as a research chemist he developed a process called "Unibeads" that improved oil well production.

Watanabe, Ernest, 91, Aiea, Hawaii, July 27; Maui-born; flower wholesaler and rose grower, known as the "Rose King of Hawaii."

Wright, Eugene "Gene" Allen, 89, Seattle, Sept. 3; World War II U.S. Army intelligence officer, Japanese interpreter, interrogator of prisoners and commander of Japanese American soldiers; a federal appeals judge with an interest in First Amendment issues, Wright served on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals from 1969 until he died.

Yamada, Minoru, 103, Los Angeles, June 13.

Yamamoto, Kiyoshi, 76, Turlock, March 27; Cortez-born; Amache internee; WWII U.S. Army Air Force MIS veteran.

Yamamoto, William Kasuro, 80, Garden Grove, July 20; Seattle-born; U.S. Army veteran.

Yamamoto, Noboru, 102, Chula Vista, May 31; Okayama-ken-born.

Yamamoto, Robert Masayuki, 75, Seattle, March 27; Kent, Wash.-born; Tule Lake and Heart Mountain internee; U.S. Army veteran.

Yano, Ted, 79, Los Angeles, Sept. 13; Talbert-born; WWII veteran.

Yasunaka, Shizuka, 104, Burlingame, March 21.

Yasutake, Rev. Seichi Michael, 81, Chicago, Dec. 29 ('01); Minidoka internee; civil rights activist, pacifist and Episcopal priest; he founded the Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project; he also founded the Episcopal Asia-America Ministries to involve more Asians and Asian Americans in global human rights issues and served as head of Chicago JACL's human rights committee.

Yonemitsu, Robert T., 81, Sedro Woolley, Wash., May 24; Los Angeles-born; Manzanar internee; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran (Co. I).

Yoshii, Thelma Yamashiro, 88, Cerritos, March 2; Volcano, Hawaii-born; beloved teacher and counselor at Roosevelt High School in East Los Angeles in the 1960's and '70s and much-honored administrator.

Yoshimori, Melvin Akira, 78, Northridge, April 17; Seattle-born; WWII veteran.

Yoshioka, Masaru, 84, Oakland, Aug. 28; Hayward-born; WWII MIS veteran.

Yoshiwara, Terumi "Ted," 80, Las Vegas, Aug. 26; North Hollywood-born; WWII U.S. Army 100th/442nd RCT Army veteran. ■

DEATH NOTICE

EDNA SAKODA ISHIKAWA

CARMEL, Calif. — Edna Sakoda Ishikawa, 82, passed away November 12, 2002. Born in Soledad, Calif., she was married to Roy Ishikawa for 62 years. Edna is also survived by her daughters, Susan and Rona; sons, James, Curtis and Troy; sister, Fumiye Kodani; brother, Isamu Sakoda; and a granddaughter.

OBITUARIES

Former Nat'l JACL President Denny Yasuhara Passes at 76

Denny Yasuhara, a former national JACL president and leader in the effort to win reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II, died Nov. 13 at his home. He suffered from cancer of the pancreas and liver. He was 76.



Yasuhara, a JACLer since 1958, served the organization on numerous levels, from chapter president to district governor to his tenure as national president from 1994-1996.

At JACL's 2000 biennial national convention in Monterey, Calif., Yasuhara was recognized with JACL's Ruby Pin, the organization's highest service honor.

During his two years as national president, Yasuhara vowed to straighten out JACL's financial problems and passed the helm over to Helen Kawagoe, who succeeded him as national president, with JACL's financial base in good order.

"Denny was passionate about JACL and very committed," said Kawagoe. "He never minced any words when it came to finances and performance. He has left a lasting

legacy for all of us."

Born in Seattle, Yasuhara and his family moved when he was young to Bonners Ferry, Idaho. During WWII, the family moved to Spokane, located outside the prescribed military zone, allowing the family to avoid incarceration in a War Relocation Authority camp.

Yasuhara had a pharmaceutical degree from Washington State University. He taught elementary and middle school math and science for more than two decades before his retirement in 1989.

When an official from the Spokane County Democratic Party used a racial slur to describe Asians in 1993, Yasuhara filed a civil rights lawsuit and demanded a public apology.

In June 1995, county Democrats apologized for the slur and settled the federal lawsuit by Yasuhara and the JACL.

"He really felt strongly about Japanese Americans, about civil rights, about human dignity for everyone," said Thelma Yasuhara, his wife of 38 years "He really cared about people."

A scholarship fund has been set up in Yasuhara's name. Please make contributions to the Denny T. Yasuhara Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 30604, Spokane, WA 99223. ■

Founder of JACL Credit Union Shigeki 'Shake' Ushio Passes at 88

Shigeki "Shake" Ushio, 88, passed away Nov. 18 at his home surrounded by members of his loving family.

He was born Jan. 14, 1914, in Salt Lake City to Matajiu and Sono Ushio. He lived in Utah his entire life and, together with his father and brother, designed and built three homes in the Cottonwood area where he resided until the time of his death.



He married Momoko "Momo" Tateoka March 6, 1943, and together they had four children.

Ushio worked as a farmer, professional photographer and insurance agent. His family truck-farmed 100 acres east of Murray from 1930-1950. His artistic work, as a professional photographer between 1951 and 1972, earned him many awards including Best of Show at the Utah State Fair.

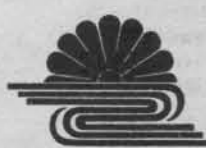
As a Utah Farm Bureau Insurance agent, for more than 38 years, Ushio

became a trusted friend and advisor to all his clients. One of his most significant contributions came at a time during World War II when the bank accounts of Japanese Americans were either frozen or restricted. In order to alleviate the plight of these JAs, Ushio helped found the National JACL Credit Union where he served continuously on the board since 1943 — serving 30 years as chairman of the board.

Ushio was a member of the Topaz Commemorative Committee. He delivered the dedicatory tribute at the original Topaz site and was commissioned to pen the inscription on the Topaz markers.

Ushio, along with his wife, Momo, was active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many callings which included Mission President of the Japan Osaka Mission from 1980-1983.

He is survived by his wife, Momoko; four children: Linda (Ron) Inouye; David (Judi) Ushio; Shauna (Ron) Frandsen and Ginny (Douglas) Smith; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jim. ■



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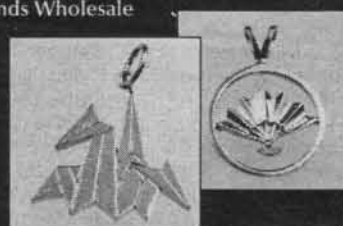
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