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Renunciant Bill Nishimura Recalls Trying War Years

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

For close to two decades after the end of World War II, American-born Toru Bill Nishimura could not vote, purchase a home in his name, or even travel overseas since the United States would not issue him a passport.

The 82-year-old Nisei is one of an estimated 5,589 Nisei and Kibei renunciants, who renounced their American citizenships from within United States concentration camps during WWII.

Nishimura's activities kept him in camp until 1947 — 2 1/2 years longer than the average internee — but Nishimura said he'd still take the same path.



NISHIMURA

"I would certainly make the same decisions," said Nishimura. "I'm not going to let the government step all over me."

To those who accuse him of being a disloyal American, Nishimura said: "If certain people want to say I'm disloyal, that's fine. I had my principles. I was not going to help in the United States' war effort until my rights were restored."

Nishimura's anger towards the American government began in 1942. About a month after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the FBI arrested Nishimura's father, Tomio, at their home in Lawndale, Calif. Nishimura believes his father was targeted because he was a volunteer liaison between the Gardena Valley Japanese Association and the 14 or so Japanese families farming on the Kurata Ranch.

Nishimura was not home at the time of his father's arrest but he recounted what his mother, Sada

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Florida Legislature Considers Bills Calling for Removal of Decades-old Alien Land Laws, Last State to Take Up Issue

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

The states of Florida and New Mexico have one interesting commonality: they are the only two states to have racist, decades-old Alien Land Laws still on their books.

The people of New Mexico voted down a proposed amendment to remove the anti-Asian law from their constitution during the recent November elections. Now two Florida legislators are fighting an uphill battle to remove the archaic law from the Sunshine State's books.

"Whenever you have offensive language in the state constitution it taints us all," said Rep. Phillip Brutus, D-District 108, who called Florida's Alien Land Law "racially discriminatory" and a "stain in our constitution."

Brutus recently filed a House Joint Resolution to eliminate the archaic law designed in the 1910s and 1920s to prevent Asians, mainly Japanese Americans, from legally owning property and land. Only citizens were allowed to own land and property at the time, and unlike other minority groups, Asian Americans were not allowed to become naturalized citizens.

This effort will be Brutus' second attempt; in 2001 he filed a similar bill but was forced to withdraw it after seeing very little support from his fellow legislators.



BRUTUS



GELLER

currently being reviewed by various committees.

Although the Alien Land Law is not enforced today and is in fact illegal under federal law, Geller believes the language needs to be taken out of the state's constitution.

"It's inappropriate," he said. "I'm offended by the language and we need to fix it even though it's not being enforced."

Both bills are looking to amend Section 2 of Article 1 of the state

constitution dealing with the declaration of rights. They want to eliminate the portion that states, "... ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law."

Geller's bill recently passed unanimously out of the Judiciary Committee and is now headed to several other committees. Even though the state is in Republican control, he's confident his bill will pass in the Senate since the body is quite moderate right now.

"Nobody thinks it's important" since the Alien Land Law isn't being enforced, "but they also think we don't need it," said Geller of his fellow legislators. He's more concerned about the challenges the House bill will face.

But so far Brutus has been pleased with the discussions he has had with his fellow representatives. Most have indicated they were not aware of the law and agreed that it should be eliminated from the books, he said.

However, even if both bills are passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, who has already indicated he would likely

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Columbia Stirs Memories of Challenger



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Flowers, candles and incense were left at the Ellison Onizuka memorial in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo in memory of the seven astronauts who died in the Columbia space shuttle tragedy on Feb. 1. Onizuka died when the Challenger exploded after take-off on Jan. 28, 1986.

California Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, adjourned Feb. 3's Assembly floor session with a moment of silence in memory of the seven astronauts who lost their lives on Feb. 1.

"My thoughts and sympathies are with the families and friends of all seven astronauts. They represented the spirit of adventure and the diversity of our nation, and were the very best among space explorers," said Nakano, chair of the Select Committee on Aerospace.

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Minnesota's APA Community Rallies for Apology From Restaurant

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

After mobilizing a protest against local Minneapolis restaurant Chino Latino for its ongoing series of racially offensive billboard ads, Minnesota's Asian Pacific American community got at least part of what they wanted: removal of the ads and an apology in the press.

The Twin Cities JACL, along with other Minnesota activists and students, were appalled by a recent billboard sign above the uptown restaurant that read: "Happy Hour: Cheaper than a Bangkok Brothel."

"The most important outcome for our APA community is that we mobilized quickly thanks to our e-mail network and developed a coordinated response to speak out and take action," said Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, president of the Twin Cities JACL chapter. "This

resulted in the removal of the offensive billboard ad and an apology from the restaurant owners."

"I hope that this protest campaign sent a message that our community will not tolerate demeaning, derogatory, distasteful or offensive advertising that is disguised as 'good, clean fun' and

Holdings, Inc., and sent a letter to Phil Roberts, CEO of Parasole Restaurants, on behalf of the Twin Cities JACL chapter explaining that the 'no harm intended' attitude does indeed cause harm to the community," Dulas said.

Parasole also owns Figlio Restaurant and Bar, Manny's Steakhouse, The Good Earth, Muffuletta Café and affiliated restaurants Buca di Beppo and Oceanaire.

Other local APA activists initiated a petition campaign urging a boycott of the restaurant. Currently, the petition boasts over 1,000 signatures.

"These are large billboards placed all over the city. Any one living here who walks down the street, takes a bus or drives a car is going to have to deal with these racist billboards whether they want to or not," said Bao Phi, co-author of the petition and a mem-



PHOTO: BAO PHI

The billboard above the Chino Latino restaurant in the 44 and France neighborhood of Minneapolis caused an uproar and mobilized a protest effort among Minnesota's APA community.

justified because it was 'not meant to injure or offend,'" Dulas said.

Concerned APAs and others made hundreds of phone calls and sent e-mails to the company protesting the billboard's racist and exploitative message.

"We made phone calls to Chino Latino and Parasole Restaurant

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Letters to the Editor

'Under God'

In the *Pacific Citizen* (Jan. 17-
Feb. 6, 2003), a letter to the editor
questioned the intentions of the
PSW district council when it
voted to not support efforts to
remove the words "under God"
from the pledge of allegiance.

In the letter, the writer disdain-
fully refers to the "young man"
who said that we had to be mind-
ful of "public sentiment." He then
intimated that the "under God"
phrase was equivalent to Jim
Crow laws and public lynchings.
From the recollections of others
that day, I am that "young man."
He also said that I was "selling
out" my Issei and Nisei ancestors.
I have discussed this issue at
length with my Nisei father, a
longtime and enthusiastic JACL
member. He agrees with me that
we need to pick our battles and
that this is not one we should
choose at this time. Whether or
not to take a stance on this issue is
a matter of timing and resources.
As I said that day, I believe in
principle that it is inappropriate to
require people to say "under
God."

To demonstrate why this
should not be an issue we pursue,
allow me to point out two exam-
ples from two diverse communi-
ties. During the discussion I
raised the question "If this is such
a concern for Japanese
Americans, then would someone
please explain to me why there
are Buddhist-sponsored Boy
Scout troops?" Buddhists have
been in the Boy Scouts since
1920 when Troop 4 was formed
by the Fresno Buddhist Church.
There is no mention of God in
Buddhism and yet the Boy Scout
Oath includes the phrase, "To do
my duty to God." The writer's
contention that any use of "God"
is inclusive of only "Christian
children" is at best erroneous and
at worst arrogant.

Please note that JAs are a
diverse group. At a Tri-District
discussion I once asked who is
Buddhist and who is Christian? I
also asked who is Democratic and
who is Republican? Each
response came out about 50/50.
By taking this case on, it would
serve to further divide our organi-
zation along religious lines. We
have more important issues to
tackle now. To take on something
that has little impact on us at a
time when our resources have
been depleted is an error in our
judgment.

Let's focus on the illegal deten-
tion of resident aliens, the treat-
ment of Japanese Americans in
the media, or even Shaq's insensi-
tive comments about Yao Ming.

Just these issues could stretch our
resources near the breaking point.
To take on the "under God" issue
now would be organizational sui-
cide.

Douglas Urata
Riverside chapter

Pledge of Allegiance

Regarding the recent letter by
George Shiozawa, it is amazing
that someone who has seen so
much racial and ethnic prejudice
would in turn feel no shame in
espousing the same level of reli-
gious intolerance. With so many
Buddhist brothers and sisters in
the Japanese American communi-
ty one would hope for just a little
understanding and tolerance.

The pledge is unique in that it
requires a declaration of religious
adherence to the Judeo-Christian
religious system. As this was
added in the 1950s, I feel it can be
removed without destroying the
religious foundation of biblical
adherents.

After years of working with the
Society of Friends (Quakers), I am
sure they were more interested in
bringing light to a great injustice
without concern for the religious
beliefs of the victims. Even reli-
gious bigots would have received
help.

James Holland
Littleton, Colo.

JACL Passed Over for Donation

The issue of JACL has become
a point of controversy in our com-
munity. It has to do with the trans-
fer of two valuable buildings that
belong to a private Japanese
organization. The members decid-
ed to disband and turn over the
buildings to a group of local peo-
ple. It appears some of the mem-
bers of the organization hold a
longtime grudge against national
JACL. They voted not to give the
buildings to JACL. This transfer is
under legal process at this time.

Many of us feel a certain
amount of disbelief and betrayal.
JACL seemed to be the logical
recipient, as it is the largest
Japanese organization in the com-
munity and well recognized. It
appears there has been poor com-
munication and a lack of under-
standing. The local JACL officers
were not aware of the impact this
news would have on the older,

longstanding members. It left a
sense of confusion and disappoint-
ment for these JACLers. I guess
appeasement and acceptance will
come eventually. A sincere, con-
certed effort by the local chapter
will be needed to meet with the
recipients and offer support and
direction in order to reach a satis-
factory solution.

Suzu Kunitani
San Mateo, Calif.

'Baka-ne'

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers
won the Super Bowl Jan. 26, and
it brought to mind a story I've
longed to tell:

When we moved to Orange
County from midtown Los
Angeles, it was quite an adjust-
ment coming from such an ethni-
cally diverse community. So I was
totally surprised one evening
when I attended a program being
presented at the Los Angeles-
Rossmore Library nearby. There, I
came upon an old UCLA campus
friend with whom I had not had
contact since her Manzanar camp
years, over 40 years ago.

Subsequently, we have visited
each other frequently. One week-
end, Toshiko had her granddaugh-
ter staying over. When the toddler
of 3 years returned home, her
mother was puzzled by a new
word that the little one kept repeat-
ing: "Buccaneer, buccaneer, buc-
caneer...." She sounded so cute,
but this was all so puzzling. The
solution? It seems that Toshiko
had a favorite expression that the
child was entranced with: "*Baka-
ne.*"

Tak Fujimura
Los Alamitos, Calif.

Togasaki Family

We (the Nishimura children)
were raised in Berkeley, Calif.,
which is where the Togasaki fam-
ily lived. The father came to the
United States about the same time
as our grandfather, and as a result
the families knew each other well.
We were several years younger
than all of the Togasaki children
except Shinobu, who indeed was
about the same age as my brothers
Jonathan and Joseph.

I got to know Kiyoshi (George)
fairly well late in his life because I
knew his second wife, Dorothy
Chizu Yamashita Kitow very well,
and from time to time I saw them
in Tokyo. An important fact that
was omitted in the article by
Fusako Yamamoto was George's
presidency of Rotary Inter-
national. The international con-
vention of Rotary was held in
Houston in 1972, and George was
president that year. His first wife
was living at the time, and they
were a very popular First Couple.

Aside from those Nisei that
have been elected to Con-
gressional offices, I can't think of
any more important honor that has
been conferred on a Nisei as a
leader of people.

Dwight Ken Nishimura
Houston

Resistance Vs. Conscription

I thought the following might
help in the debate between
wartime draft resisters and con-
scripts. Let us assume I turned 18
in 1944 after the government rein-
stated the draft for Japanese
American male citizens and was
living in Manzanar. Since I was
physically fit, I would probably
have been classified I-A. But I
should have been classified IV-F.
Let me explain.

Let's take a look at the Selective
Service Act of 1940. In its section
of classification, paragraph 346
states: "Class of IV-F; Physically,
mentally or morally unfit. *a. In
Class IV-F shall be placed any reg-
istrant who: 5. Is being retained in
the custody of any court of criminal
jurisdiction or other civil
authority.*" (Emphasis in original)

Given this, I would have to ask:
was I "being retained in the cus-
tody of ... other civil authority?"
Let's take a look at page 2 of a very
authoritative source, "The
Evacuated People: A Quantitative
Description," U.S. Department of
the Interior, 1946:

"Some 120,313 persons of
Japanese descent come under the
custody of the War Relocation
Authority between May 8, 1942
(the date the Colorado River
Relocation Center opened) and
March 20, 1946 (the date Tule
Lake closed)."

The answer is yes. We were in
"the custody of the War Relocation
Authority." Therefore, those of us
who were subject to the Selective
Service Act of 1940 should have
been classified IV-F. Being IV-F,
we would not have been drafted.
We could only have been drafted
by being released from the custody
of the War Relocation Authority.

The point to be made with
respect to wartime resistance in the
camps is this: the inmate-resisters
did not break the law; our govern-
ment did. It violated the Selective
Service Act of 1940 when it failed
to classify us inmates, who were
being held in the custody of the
War Relocation Authority, as IV-F.
If the government really wanted us
to serve in the war, all it had to do
was to release us from its custody.

Thus, if we had all been classi-
fied IV-F, there would be neither
former conscript nor former
resister. And probably no conflict
on the topic of resistance versus
conscription.

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Bush Refuses to Take Stand on Racial Preferences

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—President Bush declined Jan. 21 to say whether racial preference could be used as a factor in college admissions, leaving it to the Supreme Court to settle a question that could overturn a 25-year-old affirmative action ruling.

In sidestepping the issue, Bush said it is up to the high court to "define the outer limits of the Constitution" without his input.

The Supreme Court announced that it will hear oral arguments on the University of Michigan policies on April 1. The court will hear two cases back to back that day, one challenging the school's undergraduate admissions program and another challenging a slightly different program at the university's law school.

Bush declared recently that Michigan admissions policies are unconstitutional because of their use of what he said were racial quotas. But he skirted the larger question of whether race may ever be considered a factor in government decisions.

Asked for his opinion on that critical issue, Bush told reporters, "There are clearly unconstitutional means to achieve diversity.

There are race-neutral ways to achieve diversity, which I have put in place as the governor of Texas, and that will lead the courts to define the outer limits of the Constitution."

The Michigan case marks the court's first statement on racial preference programs in public university admissions since the 1978 Allan Bakke case, when the court outlawed racial quotas in university admissions, but left room for race to be a "plus factor."

After Bush intervened in the Michigan case, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said race could be a factor. Secretary of State Colin Powell said race should be a factor. Both Rice and Powell are black.

Bush was asked twice for his opinion, saying both times it was up to the court to decide. Republican strategists close to the White House have said Bush's position is a result of trying to please anti-affirmative action conservatives without appearing to be against racial diversity.

Michigan and many other public universities have used the Bakke ruling to design programs that can help minorities who might be rejected if only test scores and grades are considered. ■

AA Groups Press Shaq for Sincere Apology Over Yao Remarks

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

HOUSTON—Several Asian American groups and individuals are continuing to press Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal for a sincere apology over disparaging remarks he made about Houston Rockets rookie sensation Yao Ming.

At a Jan. 17 game between Houston and the Lakers where O'Neal and Yao faced off for the first time, several demonstrators, including representatives from the Organization of Chinese Americans, protested outside the Compaq Center.

O'Neal has defended his remarks by insisting that his comments were a joke and that he has already apologized.

"We didn't take it as a joke," said Raymond Wong of Houston and president of OCA. "It was more of an excuse because other people do it and it's okay. Well, it's not okay. He doesn't just represent himself. He represents the NBA and he represents his community."

Following the game, O'Neal reiterated that he'd said he was sorry.

"I've already apologized," O'Neal said. "Yao Ming is my brother. The Asian people are my brothers. It was unfortunate that one idiot writer tried to start a racial war over that."

"I grew up an Army kid. I grew up around Asians, around whites, around browns. It was a bad joke. Don't try to make a racial war out of it," he said. "Because of what I said, 500 million people saw this game. You ought to thank me for my marketing skills."

Yao has not joined the protest, choosing instead to accept O'Neal's comments as a joke. The Rockets eventually won the

game 108-104 in overtime, although O'Neal outplayed his young, 7-foot-6 rival.

Yao was recently named as the starting center for the Western Conference in the upcoming NBA All-Star game Feb. 9. Yao garnered almost 250,000 more votes than O'Neal for the starting position.

The controversy began with a recent column in *AsianWeek* that strongly criticized O'Neal's derogatory comments about Yao, with the Lakers' center saying in a mock Chinese accent on national radio, "Tell Yao Ming, 'ching-chong-yang-wah-ah-soh.'" In a separate television interview, O'Neal used the same mock accent while making kung fu movements just prior to his first meeting with Yao.

When first confronted with the issue, O'Neal responded in part by saying, "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."

That apology hasn't satisfied many in the AA community and Wong said his group had sent a letter to NBA commissioner David Stern asking the league to encourage O'Neal to issue a sincere, unqualified apology to Yao and to all Americans for his rhetoric.

OCA also wants the NBA to issue a statement denouncing race-based taunts by all NBA personnel and to require diversity awareness seminars for all NBA personnel, including players and coaching staffs.

JACL recently sent a letter to O'Neal criticizing his remarks. "As a person of color, your statement is appalling. What you did was inexcusable and the height of insensitivity," wrote John Tateishi, JACL executive direc-

tor. "... That you, a person of color, found humor in such mockery of Yao is inexcusable."

"... the JACL will always criticize those who defame Asian Americans and bring harm to our communities. I hope that in the future, you will think twice in how you consider and speak about people of Asian descent," Tateishi continued. "You are a model to thousands of young kids in this country, and it would be sad if they grew up thinking that mocking someone because of his or her race is okay because of what you and others do."

In addition, the AA community has started a petition drive demanding a sincere apology from O'Neal (www.PetitionOnline.com/Shaq/). As of Jan. 24 there were more than 8,000 signatures from across the country.

Tim Andree, NBA senior vice president of communications, issued a statement on Jan. 17 regarding O'Neal's comments.

"The NBA has reviewed Shaquille O'Neal's comments and has found them to be insensitive, although not intentionally mean spirited," Andree said.

"Immediately upon learning of the remarks, the NBA contacted the Lakers and O'Neal has issued an apology to Yao, which Yao has accepted."

"Sports, once again, has reminded us how remarks or ill-fated attempts at humor can be hurtful, harmful and ultimately divisive. The NBA does not condone remarks that are insensitive to any nationality, race or religion."

As of press time, O'Neal has yet to issue a sincere apology to the AA groups. If O'Neal doesn't offer an acceptable apology, Wong said, the OCA plans to take further action. ■

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Despite Fears, No Mass Arrests as Thousands Register With INS

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Fears of a repeat of massive arrests did not materialize during the second phase of a post-Sept. 11 crackdown requiring thousands of men from mostly Arab or Muslim countries to register with U.S. immigration authorities.

Few problems were reported Jan. 10, a marked change from December 16, when some 400 people were arrested or detained after the first registration deadline, mostly because of expired visas. The arrests prompted angry demonstrations by several groups, including JACL, and a lawsuit against the federal government.

Preliminary numbers showed more than 124 foreigners with suspected visa violations were arrested across the country during the second registration period.

"This special registration program has been of considerable concern to immigrant communities, especially those from predominantly Muslim and Arab nations," said Stewart Kwok, executive director of the Asian

Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California. "But everyone should be concerned about what's happening."

"Attorney General John Ashcroft has publicly stated that eventually non-immigrants from all nations will be subject to special registration," he continued. "Unfortunately, the program reveals nothing about terrorism but creates panic and suspicion in communities which have contributed so much to America's strength and prosperity."

Immigration authorities are now giving male visitors age 16 and older from 18 mostly Muslim countries another chance to register without fear of penalties.

The decision to provide a grace period, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 7, comes as the Immigration and Naturalization Service expanded the registration program to add men and boys from Indonesia, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and Bangladesh.

The grace period will apply to long-term male visitors from five countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria — who missed the first, Dec. 16, deadline, Ashcroft said in a statement.

The extra time also will apply to those from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Eritrea, Lebanon, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Qatar, Somalia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen who missed the Jan. 10 deadline.

Fear of arrest or deportation, lack of knowledge about the program and large crowds at local offices might have prevented many of the affected people from registering earlier. The extension was sought by several Arab-American and Muslim advocacy groups.

"It is a step in the right direction," said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "The original deadlines were so rushed and chaotic that a lot of people who wanted to abide by the policy weren't able to."

Men and boys from Indonesia, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and Bangladesh who plan to stay in the United States through late March will have between Feb. 24 until March 28 to register at their local INS office. Affected people are photographed, fingerprinted and required to show certain documents. ■

JACL Corner

Florin Chapter

The 2000-2002 Co-JACler of the Biennium Andy Noguchi was honored at the Florin JACL's annual installation dinner in Sacramento, which was attended by State Assemblyman Darryl Steinberg; Sacramento County Supervisor Illa Collin; Rashid Ahmad of the Council of Islamic Organizations; Sonney Chong of CAPITAL, a coalition of 90 Sacramento API organizations; and Mits Koshiyama, representing nearly two dozen resisters of conscience, who thanked Noguchi for leading the historic reconciliation between the resisters of World War II and the JACL.

For his staunch civil rights advocacy, Noguchi was presented with a hand-painted, silk wall-hanging of a *karajishi* guardian lion created by fabric artist John Marshall.

New chapter officers were installed by Jerry Enomoto, former national JACL president, while the chapter thanked outgoing treasurer Sam Kashiwagi for his 20 years of service to the Florin chapter.

Monterey Chapter

The Monterey JACL held its annual installation and awards banquet, during which it installed its new 2003 officers and honored two-time California Women's Amateur Golf Champion Mina Harigae, 13.

Officers installed were: Larry Oda, president; Jeff Uchida, vice president for activities; Yuri Wong, vice president for membership; Aiko Matsuyama, treasurer; and Kaz Matsuyama, secretary. Also installed were board members: Jeanne Nakagawa, Suzan Nishiguchi, Anne Oda, Lyle Quock, Frank Tanaka, George

Tanaka, Walt Uwate, George Uyeda, Stephanie Yamamoto and Pam Yoshida. Seaside Mayor Jerry Smith conducted the installation.

Harigae, who attends Colton Middle School in Monterey, was given a special chapter recognition award. As a sixth grader, she was the youngest winner of the California Women's Amateur Golf Championship.

Guest speaker Andrea Nakano, a TV broadcaster for CBS affiliate KION Channel 46 in Salinas, spoke about being born Hapa in Hawaii, growing up in Japan and working as a minority in broadcast journalism.

PSW District

The Pacific Southwest District JACL sponsored a one-day intensive workshop for membership recruitment entitled "Recruit! Renew! Revitalize! The New Three R's in JACL."

The district's membership committee organized the workshop with over eight different sessions covering topics from "Why Join JACL?" to "Youth/Student

Focus."

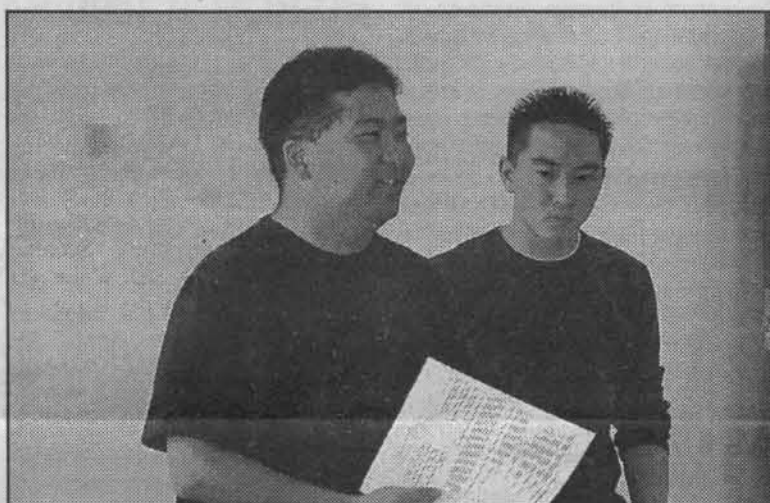
Of particular interest was a session led by Dan Ichinose of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, who spoke about his Hapa experience and the changing demographics of biracial and multiracial APA communities.

Alayne Yamamoto covered "Formula for a Successful Event," in which she described the basics of putting on a great event, from meeting the needs of the audience to asking friends and loved ones for assistance to acquiring necessary funding sources.

The district is also sponsoring a membership competition among PSW chapters. The chapter that increases its membership by the greatest percentage and the chapter that increases its membership by the greatest number will be awarded two all-expenses paid registration packages for the JACL National Convention in Hawaii in 2004.

SELANOCO Chapter

Todd Hasegawa was re-elected president of the SELANOCO JACL and sworn in with a 17-



PSW—PSW Youth Co-chairs Todd Sato and Grant Hanada lead a session on how to attract and retain the interest of Youth/Student members.

member cabinet at the 37th installation luncheon in Buena Park, Calif. PWS Governor Hiromi Ueha served as the installing officer.

Guest speaker Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, starting his third and final term, spoke of the highlights of the past legislative session: the development of the Asian American Caucus in Sacramento, his bill supporting the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program and California Gov. Gray Davis' budget crisis.

Jason Osajima, winner of the 2002 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans scholarship,

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told of his experiences in Washington, D.C.

Those installed at the luncheon include: Frank Kawase and J. George Tanaka, vice presidents; Karen-Liane Shiba, recording secretary/historian; Ken Inouye and Xuan Vu, civil rights; Hiroshi Kamei, 1000 Club/scholarships & awards; Jun Fukushima, treasurer/Legacy Fund; Evelyn Hanki, membership; Hiromi Ueha, corresponding secretary; and Kristine Louie, Tomono-kai.

Twin Cities Chapter

The Twin Cities JACL held its 56th annual Chrysanthemum banquet and silent auction in St. Louis

bers made over 400 tamales, chili verde and Spanish rice.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter

Over 200 members attended Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL's annual installation in Hollister, Calif., where Tony Boch of San Benito County, Mark Tamura of Gilroy and Lester Aoki of Watsonville-Santa Cruz were installed as JACL chapter presidents. The installation was conducted by Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Joseph F. Biafore, Jr.

Guest speaker Sandy Lydon, historian emeritus of Cabrillo



TWIN CITIES—Banquet emcee Maya Nishikawa and keynote speaker Daniel Tani (center, holding presentation board), with board members (from left) Joyce Miyamoto, Jan Kiriha Monson, Carolyn Masami Sandberg, Gloria Kumagai, Natalie Nakasone, Allison Fenimore, John Nakasone, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Cary Yamanaka and Pam Ohno Dagoberg.

Park, Minn., with Daniel Tani, the second Japanese American astronaut, serving as keynote speaker and Maya Nishikawa, reporter for local CBS affiliate WCCO-TV, serving as emcee.

Before 150 attendees, Tani described the space shuttle Endeavour mission to the International Space Station in December 2001. He showed a videotape that included actual footage taken from a camera mounted on his helmet during his four-hour space walk and scenes of him and fellow astronauts performing amusing experiments with food in zero gravity.

During a question-and-answer session, Tani appeared in his blue NASA space suit for a "Meet the Astronaut" program, in which he talked to children about how astronauts eat, sleep, shower and exercise in space.

He also presented the chapter with a display board exhibiting an American flag that flew 4.8 million miles on the Endeavour, photos of the mission crew and mission patch.

Wasatch Front North Chapter

The Wasatch Front North JACL recently held a Mexican dinner event to raise funds for its scholarship and youth programs. It was attended by JACL National President Floyd Mori and his wife Irene, who took part in a lesson in salsa dancing, while chapter mem-

College and a JACL member, spoke of the historical significance of the Japanese Castroville School and the progress regarding its redevelopment. The school was built in 1935 by the Issei for their Nisei children, and its current redevelopment is intended to serve second and third-generation Hispanics.

San Benito County JACL officers installed included: Kurt Kurasaki, Phyllis Teshima, Ruby Yamaoka, Craig Yamaoka, Jean Shingai, Kazuko Kuasaki and Kenneth Teshima.

Gilroy JACL officers and board members for 2003 included: Lisa Sheedy, June Muraoka, Teri Iwanaga, Mike Hoshida, June Otaguro, Ken Kamei, Takako Moton, Sheri Gunderson, Atsuko Obata, Lily Kawafuchi, Nancy Kawamoto, Allan Kawafuchi and Ray Yamagishi.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL officers and board members installed were: Paul Kaneko, April Goral, Jeanette Osborn, Stuart Yamamoto, Alan Uyematsu, Glenn Nagamine, David Kadotani, Carmel Kamigawachi, Iwao Yamashita, Shig Kizuka, Katie Arao, Kenji Mitani, Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, Willie Yahiro, Rodney Misaki, Rosie Terasaki, Jerry Arao, Victor Kimura, Dr. Gerald Kondo, Joe Bowes, David Derpich, Shizue Shikuma, Jennifer Ura Gavin and Rev. Shousei Hanayama. ■



TAMALE MAKING—(from left) Jason Suekawa, Michi Mano, Blake Peterson, Irene Mori, National President Floyd Mori, Garrett Atkinson and Greg Oda.

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MINNESOTA

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ber of the Asian American Renaissance, a pan-Asian organization in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

"To use the exploitation of Asian women as a 'humorous' gimmick to sell their drinks and appetizers is beyond insult," added Juliana Pegues, the other co-author of the petition and a member of Asian American Creative Alliance at the University of Minnesota. "Chino Latino management tells us we don't have to eat at their restaurant if we don't like their billboards. This misses the point entirely and avoids any accountability on the racist environment they are supporting and encouraging."

Like the Twin Cities JACL, Phi and Pegues sent a letter to Chino Latino in which they demanded a public apology to be printed in local media, a written assurance that the ad will not be displayed in the future and cessation of the current advertising strategy making stereotypical references to APA and Latino cultures and people.

The letter stated in part: "As local and community members, we are angered and appalled by Chino Latino's blatant use of racism in advertising. These public displays of racism and race stereotypes are an embarrassment to the Twin Cities landscape, a slap in the face to those of us who have had to encounter and endure taunts, verbal abuse, and violence based on racist stereotypes. These billboards help create an atmosphere where racial abuse is not only tolerated, but encouraged. ..."

Three years ago, Chino Latino faced another angry community response when it put up similarly offensive billboards that read: "As exotic as food gets without using dog," "All the flavor with-

out all the vaccines" and "Third World brunch, Sally Struthers' portions."

At the time, the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* quoted Roberts as saying, "We've had all kinds of calls on these things. I'd say that 90 percent are supportive. This is all just good-natured stuff, it's not meant to injure or offend."

In the wake of this latest barrage of complaints, however, the Parasole CEO apologized in the Jan. 23, issue, food section, of the *Star Tribune*: "We made a mistake," Roberts was quoted as saying. "We are not insensitive; we have taken the billboards down, and we apologize."

APA activists say they doubt the sincerity of Roberts' remarks and will continue to monitor the situation.

"While the removal of the original billboard was a community victory, they have been extremely smug in their response, declaring that they don't recognize the billboard as racist and have every intention of continuing with their 'edgy' advertising," Pegues said. "Parasole CEO Phil Roberts apologized to a restaurant critic, but to date no one who originally called to complain received an apology."

She added that Chino Latino restaurant manager Michael Larson maintains that Roberts' apology does not reflect an official statement.

"Given the advertising history of Chino Latino, we have no assurances that they will not use racist and demeaning portrayals of Asians or Latino/as in the future," Pegues said. "That is why we have launched a national boycott and petition. Because Chino Latino seems unable to comprehend their actions as racist, we are putting it in terms this company can understand: the dollar. Our goal is to make racism an economic liability."

For more information about the Boycott Chino Latino petition, visit: www.petitiononline.com/CLban/petition.html. ■

FLORIDA

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sign the legislation, the people of Florida will have the final say when they vote on the amendment in November of 2004.

Both Brutus and Geller are looking to the Asian American community for help in supporting the bills and getting the word out to fellow Floridians.

Winnie Tang, Organization of Chinese Americans South Florida chapter president, has spoken to Brutus several times and is already working in coalition with various AA groups, and plans to build coalitions with the larger African American and Hispanic groups.

She's also starting a letter-writing campaign to encourage the various legislators and the governor to support the bills. Tang plans to lobby the legislators and is requesting meetings with several of them.

"We cannot just let this kind of language sit in our constitution," she said. "It's discriminatory language and in the 21st century we need to strike it from the record."

So far she's happy with the positive responses she has received but acknowledged that there's a lot more work to do, especially in educating the larger Florida community. "We need to educate the community so we get intelligent voting," she said.

Kee Juen Eng, Asian American Federation of Florida president, is working closely with Tang in efforts to educate fellow Floridians. He realizes one huge hurdle will be to make sure that people don't confuse their efforts with the current fear of terrorist threats by foreigners.

"We have to make it clear that this is a human rights and civil rights issue," said Eng.

Florida's AA population is small, comprising only about 1.2 percent of the population, so the current efforts of the various AA groups to build coalitions with other minority groups is particularly important, said John Tateishi, JACL executive director.

"If there isn't a broad coalition built around this effort with other groups, like the Cuban and Latino groups and the African American groups, I'm not sure there would be any groundswell of support for the legislation," he said.

"It's important to act quickly," Tateishi added, "because if such laws are allowed to stand, they are a state-

ment by those states that Asians today are still not welcomed and are barriers, symbolic or otherwise, to full participation by Asian Americans who reside where such laws exist."

The efforts to repeal the nation's existing Alien Land Laws began with Prof. Jack Chin and his students at the University of Cincinnati, College of Law. After much research they began lobbying the various states and were successful in Wyoming and Kansas, with both states repealing their Alien Land Laws statutes promptly. Now they are hoping that the same will happen in Florida.

"I'm hoping the Trent Lott experience has changed the landscape a bit," said Chin, referring to the senator's recent scandal over his pro-segregation statement. "It made it clear that we agree the old Jim Crow legacy should be put behind us."

Chin believes the key to success in Florida will be to get the people to focus on the issue and points out that the recent increase in press coverage will help to get the word out. He's confident that most Floridians will agree that the Alien Land Law needs to be stricken from the constitution.

"This is an issue for everybody ... certainly for all people of color," he said. "How does it help the people of Florida to have a law that makes them look like racists? They need to get rid of this."

AJA WWII Memorial Alliance to Introduce CD-ROM at 100th/442nd Reunion

After three years of arduous research and often painful recall, an educational CD-ROM by the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance (AJAWWIIMA) telling the stories of the young lives lost during WWII is nearing completion.

Under the guidance of Dr. Roy Machida, AJAWWIIMA president, and project coordinator Jim Yamashita, the CD-ROM's aim and goal are to remind everyone that the names etched on the AJA WWII memorial unveiled in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo three years ago are of young men who sacrificed their lives for their country.

"Of the 811 KIAs remembered on the wall, which includes 30 white officers, 506 were from Hawaii and 275 from the mainland," said Machida. "Maybe insignificant in terms of numbers when compared to the overall total of 291,557

The efforts to educate and lobby support around the issue will be critical if a repeat of what happened in New Mexico is to be avoided. During the November elections, the proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 46 to 54 percent.

Prof. Christine Zuni Cruz, who was instrumental in getting New Mexico's amendment on the ballot, believes the voters turned it down because "they didn't know what they were voting on." There was very little educational outreach prior to the election, she said. Also, the wording of the ballot was confusing and an explanation of the amendment was not provided during the voting.

Zuni Cruz believes that if Florida is to pass a similar amendment there will have to be a great deal of educational outreach, and the wording of the ballot itself will be key. Although there are no current efforts to revisit the issue in New Mexico she believes the community will continue to fight for the removal of the Alien Land Law.

Brutus is optimistic that voters in Florida will see the importance of getting rid of the Alien Land Law from Florida's constitution.

"I don't think it will be defeated in Florida. The voters in Florida are progressive," he said. "In 2003 we should not have this in our constitution." ■

American forces losses, but a penetrating story in terms of circumstances and environment."

Entitled "Echoes of Silence," the CD-ROM is still a work in progress. Information garnered from historical documents, personal interviews and family responses will make it possible to introduce an advanced, working copy at the upcoming 60th anniversary reunion of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team slated to be held in Hawaii April 3-6.

"An informative, educational workshop is being planned during the gathering to introduce the transcriptions," said Yamashita, "which in turn will give us the time and opportunity to answer questions and get important feedback from attendees."

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NISHIMURA

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Ito Nishimura, and his then-pregnant sister, Toshiko Terao, told him.

"The FBI turned the place upside down," said Nishimura. "They took the drawers out and tossed everything out to find anything that might be valuable to them. Then they handcuffed my dad and told them (mother and sister) he'd be coming home in a few hours."

The Nishimuras didn't hear from the FBI for a week or so. "We didn't know where to call to find out where he was," said Nishimura. "Finally after a couple of weeks, they sent us a notice that my father was at the Tujung Canyon CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp.) camp."

The family visited the elder Nishimura about two or three times a week for several weeks. Then just as suddenly, the entire jailed Nikkei group disappeared.

"We went to visit my father one day and the place was empty," said Nishimura. "The officials didn't give us any notification, and that day, we had to go home. I can't remember how long it took but the government finally sent us a letter telling us that my father was in Lordsburg, New Mexico."

As talks of excluding the Nikkei from the West Coast grew, Nishimura moved with his mother to a relative's farm in Ivanhoe, near Visalia in Central California. Nishimura's move was during what the government referred to as the "voluntary" resettlement period. But Nishimura said there was nothing "voluntary" about this.

"Government policies caused us to move so I hesitate to use the term 'voluntary,'" said Nishimura. "I always say it was the 'free movement' period."

At the time of Nishimura's move, the central eastern portion of California was not a military zone under the March 1942 Public Proclamation 1, which had designated restricted zones in parts of Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona.

But a few months later, Nishimura's area became a military zone and evacuation notices went up. Since the announcements indicated no evacuation date or month, Nishimura recalled nervous Nikkei farmers selling their farm with

ready-to-harvest crops for pennies on the dollar and then working for the new owners until an evacuation date was announced. This turned out to be August, after the crops had been harvested.

"I suspect these people knew right along that we'd be evacuated in August," said Nishimura. "I thought to myself what a dirty way to do things. These (Nikkei) farmers lost a huge amount of money."

Residents from that area were evacuated straight to Poston, and Nishimura and his mother ended up in Poston Camp III.

In late 1942, Camp III started a Japanese language class, and Nishimura enrolled, hoping to make productive use of his time. But the class lasted only about three weeks.

"It was strange," said Nishimura. "One day the teacher didn't show up. Right after that, the Army came and interviewed me. They brought a Japanese newspaper and asked if I can read it. They asked if I wanted to volunteer for the MIS (Military Intelligence Service). I told them I had no intentions of helping the United States at this point because my rights were taken away."

In 1943, the government issued the controversial loyalty questionnaire, with question 27 — "Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever order?" — and question 28 — "Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any and all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance to the Japanese Emperor, or any other foreign government, power, or organization?"

Nishimura answered "no" to question 27 and left 28 blank. "I read questions 27 and 28 over and over, and finally concluded I was going to leave 28 open with an 'if' clause, saying I would answer the question if the government gave me my rights back," said Nishimura.

The government responded by reuniting Nishimura's father with the family. "They sent my dad to Poston, and right after that, the administration called me in," said Nishimura. "They asked me what is your answer now that your dad is back. I still refused to answer. I told them as long as you deprive me of my constitutional rights, I'm not answering that question. So the official said,

'Well, I guess that means no, right?' I said, 'I guess so.' Right after that, they sent me to Tule Lake."

In 1943, Tule Lake was converted into a segregation center, housing the so-called "disloyals," but Nishimura said the label was deceiving. He said larger families had opted to remain in Tule Lake after segregation because they did not want to go through the hassles of moving. Others remained because they did not want to move eastward. These original Tuleans numbered about 6,000. Still others ended up in Tule Lake by answering "no no" on the loyalty questionnaire because they did not want their families to be split up.

"To call Tule Lake a segregation center is a misnomer," said Nishimura.

A few months after Nishimura's arrival in January 1944, he heard about the Hokoku Hoshidan.

The Hoshidan came to prominence as the Tule Lake administration took a hard stance against the allegedly "disloyal" internees. Administrators refused all resettlement requests regardless of the internees' "loyalty" status. Mutual mistrust and Project Director Raymond Best's failure to negotiate with camp groups escalated the situation until the government brought in Army tanks in November 1944, and martial law was declared.

At the same time, Congress passed Public Law 405, aimed at Japanese Americans. This unprecedented law allowed Americans to renounce their citizenship in time of war.

As hostilities between the internees and the WRA increased, the Hoshidan advocated for Nisei to renounce their citizenship from a country which did not accept them and to expatriate to Japan.

Although the Hoshidan later became associated with intimidation, beatings, and is associated with one camp murder, Nishimura said this was not the case when he joined in early 1944.

"Each block had a leader and this person asked block residents to join. When my block person asked me to join, I asked him what they were planning to do. He said they were going to hold oratorical contests and have morning ritual exercises. There was nothing bad in doing that so I joined," said Nishimura.

What Nishimura remembered the

most were the daily 5 a.m. bugle calls, where members lined up outside and exercised regardless of high winds, rain or snow.

Later, three other groups formed. The Hokoku Seinen Dan for young men; the Hokoku Joshi Seinen Dan for young women; and the Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan for older men.

To break up the Hoshidan, the government confiscated Hoshidan records and shipped 75 members deemed key agitators to the Santa Fe Department of Justice camp in New Mexico. But Nishimura said the Hoshidan, expecting such a move, packed the list with wrong names.

"If the leaders were taken away, we knew the Hoshidan would diminish so we put in decoys," said Nishimura.

As a result, the government made two more rounds of removals. Nishimura was part of the second sweep, which included 125 men sent to Santa Fe in January 1945. A third group was sent to the Bismark DOJ camp in North Dakota.

Then the government made a surprising announcement. "The government told us we were not being deported," said Nishimura. "The official said if you wish to stay you may do so but we're also not stopping you from going to Japan."

"When I heard that, my heart changed 180 degrees because it felt like the United States still had a warm heart. I received another chance to stay here and that gave me a great deal of respect towards the United States."

It was the lawsuit filed by Wayne Collins that had stopped deportation proceedings. Collins was convinced that the internees had been coerced into renouncing their citizenships. Despite opposition from the Department of Justice, Collins persisted for the next 22 years until the last of the renunciation cases was resolved.

With Nishimura's decision to remain in America, he was transferred to the Crystal City DOJ camp in Texas. He was not released until June 1947. ■

High Schools Search for Former JA Students

The Santa Clara County, Calif., Office of Education is looking for veterans and Japanese American citizens who were unable to finish high school due to military service or internment during World War II, or military service during the Korean War. Qualifying individuals will receive belated diplomas and additional recognition for their service to their country.

A senior history research class at Bakersfield High School is also trying to locate all JA WWII internees who attended Bakersfield High — then known as Kern County High School — in 1942, and veterans of WWII who left the school prior to graduation to join the military. They plan to award honorary diplomas to them (or their family members) at the school's spring graduation ceremonies.

Santa Clara County will award diplomas to any individual who left high school to serve in the U.S. military during the periods of Sept. 16, 1940, through Dec. 31, 1946, or June 25, 1950, through 1955. Proof of military service and discharge must

be provided.

For JA citizens who were prevented from completing high school due to internment, eligibility for receiving a diploma requires proof of having been interned in a relocation camp during the period of Sept. 16, 1940, through Dec. 31, 1946.

Applicants must have attended a high school during 1937 to 1940 or 1946 to 1950. Diplomas may be awarded posthumously to honorees' next of kin.

For the former students of the Santa Clara County high schools, applications and additional information can be obtained from the Office of Education's Communication Services Department, 1290 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose; call 408/453-6514; or visit www.sccoe.org.

Bakersfield High School is still trying to locate five former students: Jim Hara/Horiye; Tom Hara/Horiye; Jim Yamashita; Marjorie Kato; and Tak Nagao. Anyone who knows of their whereabouts or their survivors is encouraged to call Principal David Reese at 661/324-9841. ■

February 19

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Day of Remembrance: The First National Ceremony captures the emotion of the first national commemoration in 1998. **Day of Remembrance** symbolizes President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066 in 1942, resulting in the forced removal and incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast during World War II. Running time 1:40:48 \$29.95

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Candid answers appear in "The First 80 Years," a memoir by Wat Takeshita. The book is available at: (1) Kinokuniya Bookstore, San Francisco Japan Town; (2) Vision Books Intl., 775 E. Blithedale Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941; (3) authors e-mail: watmichi@aol.com.

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East Wind

Bill Marutani

From Round Eye Country

A FEATURE of this newspaper that I'd always looked forward to and have sorely missed since it ceased appearing is Pete Hironaka's cartoon commentaries. His deft knack in consistently capturing a pertinent and current theme amazed me. With all due respect to the metropolis of Dayton, Ohio (Pete's home city), it isn't exactly in the core pulse of goings-on in the Nikkei community. Nonetheless, his cartoon commentaries consistently reflected awareness of and sensitivity to issues touching upon the Nikkei community.

I've missed all this 'lo these many months, as undoubtedly many of you have.

AND SO IT was a pleasant surprise ("Hisashi-burini," as they say) to see in these pages Pete's rendering of a cartoon tribute on the occasion of marking Harry K. Honda's half century dedicated service to JACL, primarily as faithful editor and writer for the *Pacific Citizen*. Those of us who missed attending the recent JACL national convention in Las Vegas were able to get a glimpse of the H.K.H. recognition ceremonies through the pages of this publica-

tion — with a photograph of Harry, Pete, the cartoon tribute and the commendation plaque to Harry from the JACL national board. But Pete's rendering was confined to a group photograph. Well, that's being rectified with such rendering being printed herein — just like the good ole days.

looking; there's more.

TO BE FRANK about this, there's an ulterior motive on my part: I'm seeking to entice Pete to re-up (so to speak) so that we can once again open the newspaper issues with anticipation, a revelation as seen through Pete's perceptive vision. In this venture, I crept up on Pete by posing some innocuous questions: when did he start drawing cartoons for the *P.C.*? (First one, March 24, 1957, issue.) That's almost 46 years ago. And until his contributions came to a halt, he hadn't missed a single issue! That's unbelievable. Keep in mind the newspaper was a weekly during much of that period. (I try to keep up with a much more relaxed bi-monthly schedule, and I still miss deadlines. Not so Bill Hosokawa, who was another consistent contributor with his contemporaneous observations of the Nikkei scene — a perspective that reaches wide and far back.)

But for now, back to Pete.

A FEW YEARS BACK, a compilation of Pete's cartoons that appeared in this newspaper was published under the title "Report from Round Eye Country." Of course, I ordered a copy for my collection on U.S. Nikkei history.

Those who wish to fill some of the gap of back issues may be able to get a copy by contacting Graphic Concept Center, P.O. Box 20385, Dayton, OH 45420. It is \$12 including shipping and handling. In an easily digested medium, the compilation provides perspectives on the Nikkei scene.

I hope Pete will have re-upped so we can relish his contributions a bit longer. ■



LOOK CLOSELY and you'll see indicia to various phases of the subject's life: Harry's high school and college; newspaper affiliations; Army service; family; favorite sports teams (Dodgers and Lakers); favorite confection (See's candy); and, tellingly, postage stamps in a safe, reflecting Harry's frugal stewardship of funds entrusted to him. Keep

Gila River Reunion Set for June 6-7

Registration packets are now being received for the 2003 Gila River Reunion to be held in Las Vegas June 6-7.

The reunion will bring together Japanese Americans who were incarcerated by the United States government at two Gila River relocation centers near Phoenix during World War II.

Special recognition will be given to veterans from the camps who served in WWII. Some 1,150 men from Gila River were drafted or volunteered from behind barbed wire to serve in the military. Participating in the ceremony will be the Ira Hayes American Legion Post 84 from Sacaton, Ariz., made up of Native American WWII veterans.

The two-day event will be held at Jackie Gaughan's Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. It will kick off at a mixer on Friday night. The main event of the reunion will be the banquet on Saturday evening, during which the veterans will be honored. Arrangements for a speaker representing the military are currently being made.

Golfers are invited to play in a tournament on Saturday at Desert Pines golf course. The deadline to sign up is March 31. A super-sen-

ior flight is planned for golfers 80 or older. Contact Hank Sato for reservations at 5021 Vallecito, Westminster, CA 92683. Entry forms for the golf tournament are included with reunion registration forms.

More than 13,300 persons of Japanese ancestry, most of them American citizens, were held at Gila River's camp, which was divided into two sites, Butte and Canal.

Planners say this may be the last reunion they will plan, since six decades have passed since the camp experience.

Buses have been reserved for the reunion. A bus package reservation will include roundtrip transportation from Little Tokyo in downtown Los Angeles, two nights at the hotel, a breakfast and a complimentary pleasure package from the hotel. A bus tour is also being set up in the Fresno area.

For more information or for registration forms, contact Hy Shishino, reunion committee chairman, at 562/926-8159, or e-mail: hshishino@hotmail.com. Or contact Kim Taira at 310/534-0231; 2001 W. 245th St., Lomita, CA 90717. ■



By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

Defining 75 Years

One picture can say a thousand words. Photos help bring forth memories of times of yesteryear and remind us of how things used to be — both good and bad. Furthermore, viewing photos of the past helps us learn about history along with the related feats, defeats and people. These priceless pictures are necessary for illustrating things that could never fully be captured with words. Quite simply they communicate a vision that words cannot.

As many people know, the JACL will be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year — truly an accomplishment. In light of this commemorative event, festivities will commence, including a grand convention in Honolulu. One aspect of the celebration that I would like to draw your attention to is our effort to assemble a picture book documenting the organization and its membership. To tell the story of such a dynamic organization over such a large time period is a monumental task, but not doing it seems a much larger risk than doing it.

Aside from the ability to communicate a message beyond words, a picture book will allow us greater coverage of the JACL. Not only can we show the history of the national organization but we can also tell of the more regional items, such as chapter activities, notable members, localized programs (e.g. sports leagues/tournaments, dances, obon, mochi-making, picnics, etc.) and historical events. From the civil rights to the cultural, from the businesslike actions to the leisurely, from the national to the chapter events — the object is to tell the whole story. There are no particular types of photos that we seek, as we realize that there is an infinite amount of ways to define the JACL.

We desperately seek your help in providing the photos to tell the story of the JACL. The best photos lie within the photo albums of the general membership. We need members to lend these pictures to us for use in this project. We are looking for items across the entire life of JACL — all 75 years.

We ask you to submit photos to national headquarters. Please mail your photos to National Headquarters at: 1765 Sutter St., Attn: 75th Anniversary Picture Book, San Francisco, CA 94115. Along with your photos, please include the following details for each photo: the name of the owner of the photo, owner's mailing address, contact info (phone or e-mail), approximate year of the photo, brief description of the photo and the names of any known individuals. All photos will be returned after we are done making copies/scans of them. The deadline that we have set for photo submission is March 30, 2003. Obviously, we will not be able to accommodate every single photo that we receive, but we will make every effort to utilize each one.

As the years have passed, one of the worst fears that members of the organization bear is the thought that we may lose some of the valuable relics of the JACL, along with the memories. Sadly, this thought is not unfounded, as the organization has lost a countless number of pictures with the passing of far too many members in recent times.

Don't let the memories captured in your photo albums be lost. Honor the people and times that you have enjoyed as a member of this organization. If we do not receive enough photos, we will be forced to forego this project. This is a one-time opportunity; let's make it happen. ■

Council Urges Congress to Rename Building to Honor Mink

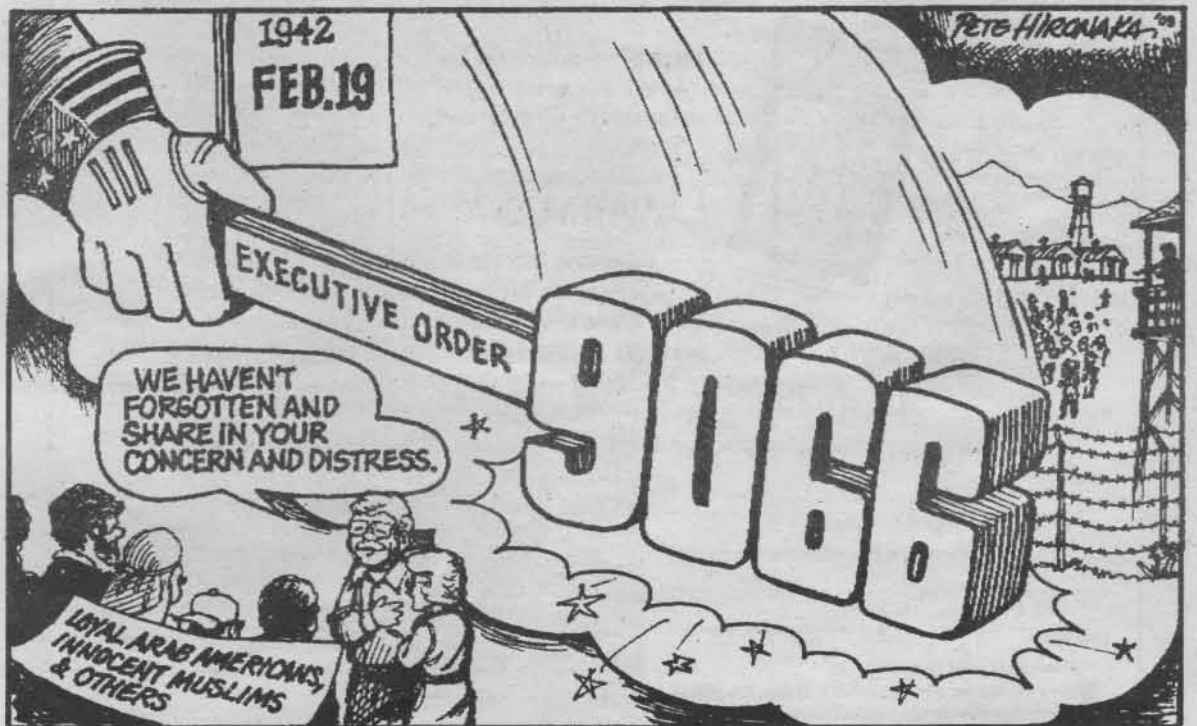
By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAIKUKU, Hawaii—The Maui County Council wants the Post Office building in Paia renamed after the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink.

The council voted unanimously Jan. 24 to urge Congress to designate the building in honor of the veteran Democrat who died Sept. 28 at the age of 74.

Mink was born in Paia in 1927. She graduated from Maui High School before earning degrees at the University of Hawaii and the University of Chicago.

Mink was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for a total of 24 years after serving in the territorial and state legislatures. She also served on the Honolulu City Council for four years. ■



Calif. State Assembly Accepting Applications for Fellowship

Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, announced Jan. 6 the availability of applications for the 2003-2004 Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program. The 11-month fellowship program gives college graduates a unique opportunity to work as full-time Assembly staff members while earning a stipend and 12 units of graduate course credit from California State University, Sacramento.

Fellows are assigned to work in an assemblymember's Capitol office or committee office and engage in weekly academic seminars with legislators, senior staffers, journalists, lobbyists, and other state government officials. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$1,882 as well as health, dental and vision

benefits.

"The Assembly Fellowship Program is a rare opportunity for college graduates to participate in the legislative process," said Nakano. "The hands-on experience provides a foundation for a successful career in the public sector."

All applicants must have earned their undergraduate degree by September 2003. No specific major is required, and individuals with advanced degrees as well as those in mid-career are encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained by contacting David Fein at Nakano's district office, at 310/782-1553.

Applications to the Assembly Fellowship Program must be postmarked by Feb. 26. Final selections will be made in May. ■

JA Korean War Veterans Install New Officers

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) recently held an installation dinner to recognize their new officers for 2003-2004 and to celebrate the nuptials of Victor Muraoka, JAKWV vice president, and Lois Ritchie Fukuzawa.

Among those installed were Sam Shimoguchi, president; Victor Muraoka, John Iwamoto, Dorothy McDowell, Paul T. Ono and Tohoru Isobe, vice presidents; and 36 members of the board of directors. JAKWV legal counsel and U.S. Marine Vietnam War veteran David Miyoshi performed the task of installing the new officers.

Speakers included Bob Hayamizu, Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance vice president; Vincent Okamoto, JA Vietnam Veterans charter president and Superior Court judge; Gloria M. Young, Department of Veterans Affairs representative; and Frank Takeyama, JAKWV exhibit chair.

A group of Korean War vets and Dorothy Shimabuku sang a special rendition of the "Hawaiian Wedding

Song" to the newly wed Muraokas, while cash raffle prizes were handed out. Gerald Shue, commander of VFW Post 9902, was the evening's grand raffle prize winner of \$2,600.

Plans are currently being made for the 53rd Annual California Nisei VFW Reunion in San Jose, according to VFW State Senior Vice Commander Henry Wadahara.

JAKWV also announced it will sponsor an upcoming nine-day American Heritage Tour to Washington, D.C., from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4. Being a Korean War veteran is not a requirement for participating in the tour. Those interested in attending should call Sea Gate Travel Centre representative Elaine Ishida at 310/329-9105.

For more information about JAKWV or its activities, call Sam Shimoguchi at 310/822-6688 or Victor Muraoka at 818/368-4113. For membership information, call Robert Wada at 714/992-5461 or e-mail: bob_wada@earthlink.net. Annual dues for the organization are \$20 and lifetime dues are \$100. ■

Compiled by Tracy Uba
Stories by *Pacific Citizen* and
Associated Press

Yamasaki a Finalist for Oregon Sports Award

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon Sports Awards, honoring the state's top professional, amateur and high school athletes, were handed out Jan. 19 at Nike headquarters.

The awards, sponsored by Nike and *The Portland Tribune*, were once known as the Hayward Awards, a tradition in Oregon for 49 years until they were discontinued in 1997.

Some 70 finalists for 15 awards were selected by a statewide panel. Finalists for the Bill Hayward Amateur Athlete of the Year include: Mike Dunleavy, Duke, basketball; Steven Jackson, Oregon State, football; Freddie Jones, Oregon, basketball; Troy Polomalu, Southern California, football; and Luke Ridnour, Oregon, basketball.

Female finalists for the Hayward award include: Kailin Downs, golf; Lauren Orlandos, Portland, soccer; Felicia Ragland, Oregon State, basketball; Christine Sinclair, Portland, soccer; **Lindsay Yamasaki**, Stanford, basketball.

Finalists for the Harry Glickman Pro Athlete of the Year include: Greg Biffle, auto racing; Bob Gilder, golf; Chris Klug, snowboarding; Jermaine O'Neal, basketball; Gary Payton, basketball.

Female finalists for the Glickman award include: Shannon MacMillan, soccer; Tiffeny Milbrett, soccer; Marla Runyan, running; DeMya Walker, basketball.

In Sports & Entertainment

FIGURE SKATING

Ina's Suspension Reduced to Two Years

DALLAS—Pairs figure skater **Kyoko Ina's** four-year suspension from Olympic-eligible competition has been reduced to a two-year ban by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) said Jan. 16 that Ina, of Greenwich, Conn., agreed to the two-year sanction. Ina, who already has turned professional, originally was punished for not taking a mandatory drug test in July, but now is being banned for not properly notifying authorities she was becoming a pro.

Ina, now performing in the Stars on Ice tour, can't participate in the Olympics or any qualifying events; be a member of an Olympic team; or have access to the training facilities of an Olympic Training Center or other programs and activities of the USOC.

None of those sanctions will have any real effect though because she gave up her eligibility in November. And she can skate in pro-am events.

"I'm glad to have this matter finally behind me," she said, admitting she was confused about the procedures for retiring from Olympic competition. "I now understand and hope that all athletes will learn from this, that there is an obligation to undergo testing when contacted by a USADA doping control officer."

A three-time Olympian and five-time U.S. champion, Ina stated her intention to turn pro long before the USADA-ordered test. But she had not formally applied to become a professional July 18, 2002, when the test was scheduled.

Ina could have received a lifetime suspension from the sport and a \$1 million fine for refusing to take the urine test she says she merely asked to have delayed a few hours.

On July 18, a representative of the USADA came to Ina's home unannounced at 10:30 p.m. Ina said she was about to go to bed and was unable to provide a urine sample for the test at that time.

Instead, she asked the USADA representative if she could perform the test the next morning at the Ice House in Hackensack, N.J., where Ina and her partner John Zimmerman train. When Ina and the representative could not get in contact with the organization's hotline, Ina said she was told she must sign a form saying she refused the test.

Ina wrote a note on the USADA forms asking for the delay, but she also signed them. The USADA, according to Ina's lawyer Edward Williams, took that signature as a refusal to be tested.

USADA is the independent, anti-doping agency for Olympic sports in the United States.

BASEBALL

Mets Sign Shinjo to One-year Deal

NEW YORK—**Tsuyoshi Shinjo** will return to the New York Mets next season after recently agreeing to a one-year contract worth \$600,000.

Shinjo played one season for the Mets before being traded to San Francisco in December 2001. He hit .238 with nine homers and 37 RBIs for the NL champion Giants and was placed on waivers after the season.

Shinjo batted .268 with 10 homers and 56 RBIs in 2001 for the Mets in his first season in the

major after coming over from Japan. He is an excellent defender and is expected to provide the Mets some depth in the outfield.

"We welcome back Tsuyoshi with open arms," said Mets assistant general manager Jim Duquette. "He's a guy who plays all three outfield positions superbly. There is no doubt in our mind he can return to where he was offensively two years ago and help us at the plate as well."

Shinjo can earn an additional \$400,000 in performance bonuses based on plate appearances.

TV

ABC and Director's Guild Offering Fellowship to Minority Directors

ABC and the Directors Guild of America (DGA) announced the second rotation of the ABC/DGA Television Directing Fellowship Program to tentatively begin this September.

They are searching for creative talent, particularly minority and women directors, for three fellowships covering a period of 39 weeks of the TV season. Fellows will be employees of ABC, be paid a flat weekly salary of \$1,282.05 (\$50,000 annualized) and receive benefits based on eligibility.

Fellows will also observe and be mentored by select DGA directors.

Appropriate applicants include theater directors, associate directors, assistant directors, stage managers, independent film directors and participants in the DGA Mentoring Program. Applicants are not required to be DGA members.

Applications for this program will be accepted between Feb. 3-28.

For an application or more information, visit: www.asiancinevision.org/abcdgafellow.html.

NAATA Announces Media Fun Deadlines for Public TV Projects


The National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA) announced its two application deadlines for the 2003 Media Fund: Feb. 28 and Aug. 29 by 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

This round of funding is for applicants with public television projects in the final post-production phase. A full-length rough cut must

be submitted. Projects in research and development or script development phases are not eligible to apply.

Awards will average \$20,000 to \$50,000, although exceptions may be made.

For more information, call Toni Tabora at 415/863-0814 ext. 122 or e-mail: mediafund@naatanet.org.



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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

National

Fri.-Tues., March 7-11—Asian American Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.; co-sponsored by JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans. Info: www.jacl.org/leadership.html.

East Coast

NEW YORK CITY

Tues., Feb. 25—Gallery Artist Talk, "War Retold: Photographs from Vietnam" with Serene Ford Northington; 6-8 p.m.; A/P/A Studies Gallery, NYU, 269 Mercer St., Suite 609. **RSVP by Feb. 21:** 212/992-9653; apa.rsvp@nyu.edu. Exhibit runs through May 30.

Thurs., Feb. 27—Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Re-visioning the City: A/P/A Studies and NYC," with author John Kuo Wei Tchen; 12 noon-2 p.m.; A/P/A Studies, NYU, 269 Mercer St., Suite 609; re post-9/11 and its impact on APA and global communities. **RSVP by Feb. 24:** 212/992-9653; apa.rsvp@nyu.edu. **Fri., March 14**—Tenth Annual Asian/Pacific American Forum on Youth Culture; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Silver Center, NYU, 100 Washington Square East; leadership and educational training from A/P/A Studies for high school students. **RSVP by March 1:** 212/992-9653; www.apa.nyu.edu/youthforum/. **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Fri.-Tues., March 7-11—Asian American Leadership Conference; an intense four-day look at our government and how it works; seminars with AAs at the highest levels in our government. Info: www.jacl.org/leadership, or Clyde Nishimura, 703/719-6720; clyde@qur.nrl.navy.mil.

Sat., March 29—Fifth Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk; from the National Japanese American Memorial at D Street & New Jersey Avenue, following the National Mall towards the Sylvan Theatre for martial arts demonstrations, Japanese performances and music; proceeds to benefit the NJAMF education fund. Info: Beth Fumishige, 703/548-1566, or Ben Watada, 703/978-5365.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Through Feb. 23—Exhibit, "Bamboo Mastertworks"; The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Dr.; Japanese baskets from the Lloyd Cotsen Collection, organized by New York's Asian Society. Info: 312/922-9410.

CINCINNATI

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.

TWIN CITIES

Thurs., Feb. 13—Community briefing on the book "Asian American Women: Issues, Concerns and Responsive Human and Civil Rights Advocacy" by Lora Jo Foo; 5:30-8 p.m. (dinner will be served); International Institute, 1694 Como Ave. (2 blocks west of Snelling Ave.), St. Paul; co-sponsored by the Twin Cities JACL. **RSVP:** Jovita Bjoraker, 651/296-0538; jovita.bjoraker@state.mn.us; info: Jamie Cork, 651/450-9459; to request free copy: aapip@aapip.org.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

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

Pacific Northwest

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

OAKLAND

Sun., Feb. 9—JASEB Crab Feed; 4-7

p.m.; Oakland Asian Cultural Center. Info: 650/343-2793.

SACRAMENTO

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19—Placer County Nikkei Reunion; Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard St.; Nikkei who attended Placer County schools before or after WWII, or who attended schools in internment camps during the war, or who moved before graduating from high school, are welcome; Friday and Saturday mixers, cocktail hour, banquet, Saturday dance, Sunday breakfast, plus tours, golf, optional activities. Info: <http://www.placemikkeireunion.com>; or Aiko Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace Miyamoto, 916/421-2788.

SANTA CRUZ

Through February—Exhibit, "The Enemy Alien Files: Hidden Stories of World War II"; Santa Cruz Central Library, 224 Church St. Free. Info: 831/420-5790.

Central California

FRESNO

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

Fri.-Sun. April 25-27—JACL Tri-District Conference; Holiday Inn, Visalia; hosted by Central California district.

Southern California

ALTADENA

Wed., Feb. 12—Seventh Annual Gathering of retired Nisei Christian pastors, spouses and widows from Southern California; 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church in Altadena. Info: Rev. Paul Nakamura of the Lutheran Oriental Church in Torrance, 310/329-9345; Ted Tajima, 626/797-6382; or Sam Tonomura, 213/613-0022.

GARDENA

Sun., Feb. 23—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California Installation Dinner; 3-7 p.m.; Sea Empress Restaurant in Pacific Square; Judge Fred J. Fujioka will administer the oath of office; "Words, Weavings and Songs," a documentary about the lives of teenagers Wakako Yamauchi, Momo Nagano and Mary Kageyama Nomura during WWII, will be shown. **RSVP by Feb. 15:** Iku Kiriyaama, 310/324-2875.

LOS ANGELES

Sat., Feb. 8—Free oral history training session; 9 a.m.-12 noon; Japanese American National Museum Educational Center #1, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; includes continental breakfast, professional Beta SP camera operation and set lighting/design, interview techniques; no experience required; a tour of the Go For Broke Monument and lunch with the Nisei veteran docents will follow. **RSVP:** Michelle Dojiri, 310/222-5705. Info: www.GoForBroke.org

Thurs., Feb. 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.

Sun., Feb. 16—Video Screening, "Comforting the Afflicted" about four Nisei religious leaders who affected the lives of Japanese Americans during and after WWII; 3-5 p.m.; Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave. **RSVP by Feb. 9:** JEMS, 213/613-0022. Info: Phil Shigekuni, 818/893-1581 or pshig@ktb.net.

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

Sun., March 2—Velina Hasu Houston will speak on mixed race identity in the Japanese American community; 1:30-3:30 p.m. Doheny Memorial Library, Intellectual Commons, USC; parking in Structure X, Gate 3 on Figueroa Street. Free. Info: Iku Kiriyaama, 310/324-2875 evenings, or Jeff Murakami, 213/740-4999.

Through March 2—East West

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Tues., Feb. 18—7 p.m.; Film showing and discussion, "Day of Remembrance: The Silent Glory"; Anchorage Museum of History and Art, 121 W. 7th Ave.; co-sponsored by Alaska JACL. Free. Info: 907/343-6151; www.anchoragemuseum.org.

BOISE, Idaho, Wed., Feb. 19—10-11 a.m.; Day of Remembrance Proclamation signing ceremony hosted by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne; Idaho Statehouse.

CHICAGO, Sun., Feb. 16—2-4 p.m.; Panel discussion, "Civil Rights in Times of Crisis"; DePaul University Center, 2250 N. Sheffield; public parking is available; panelists include Calvin Manshio, Fred Tsao, Kiyo Fujii, Anna Mustafa; audience participation to follow; sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Chicago JACL, the Japanese American Service Committee and the Japanese American Historical Society. Info: Bill Yosino, 773/728-7170; or Sharon Harada, 773/275-0097 ext 29.

CLEVELAND, Sun., Feb. 16—12:15 p.m., hot buffet luncheon 1 p.m., program 2 p.m.; Clarion Hotel, 17000 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Hts.; memorabilia and photographs of the camps; 9th-grader Katie Marburger will share her exhibit that was displayed at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History; sponsored by Cleveland JACL. **RSVP by Feb. 10:** Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416, wsodini@aol.com; or Hazel Asamoto, 216/921-2976, hazasa@msn.com.

DENVER, Sat., Feb. 22—1-5 p.m.; Film screening and workshop, "Children of the Camps" with Dr. Satsuki Ina; Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple, 1947 Lawrence; co-sponsored by Mile Hi JACL. Free. Info: Erin Yoshimura, coordinator, 303/200-0031.

FRESNO, Calif., Wed., Feb. 19—12 noon-5 p.m.; Crane-A-Thon and dedication ceremony; Legion of Valor Museum, 2425 Fresno St.; all are invited to fold cranes, to be presented to the Legion of Valor Museum and Sierra Post 8499; hosted by the JAYs of Fresno JACL. Info: Nikiko Masumoto, 559/834-3648.

HONOLULU, Mon., Feb. 17—2 p.m.; "From Military Necessity to National Interest—From EO 9066 to the Patriot Act"; Harris United Methodist Church, 20 S. Vineyard Blvd., across Foster Gardens; panel discussion with representatives from the Muslim Association of Hawaii and UH law professor Chris Iijima, plus film, "The Art Shibayama Story," of a Peruvian Japanese family forcibly brought to the United States during WWII.

LOS ANGELES, Sat., Feb. 15—2-4 p.m.; "Race Prejudice, War Hysteria, and a Failure of Political Leadership—Then & Now"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; invited speaker, U.S. Rep. Mike Honda; includes highlights of the film project, "Stand Up For Justice! The Ralph Lazo Story"; co-sponsored by the JACL PSW district council, Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress, and JANM. Free, but **RSVP:** JANM, 213/625-0414 ext. 2230. Info: NCRR, 213/680-3484, or JACL/PSWDC, 213/626-4471, or JANM, 213/625-0414.

MONTEREY BAY AREA, Calif., Sun., Feb. 23—1 p.m., Salinas Community Center; guest speaker Dr. Edward Blight, author of "A Time to Choose"; sponsored by Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapters. Info: Larry Oda, 831/758-7107 work, 831/375-3314 home, tsuneol@msn.com, or Jeff Uchida, 831/644-9566 home, juchida872@aol.com.

PHILADELPHIA, Sat., Feb. 22—2-4 p.m.; "Loyalty and Resistance in Times of Crisis: Then and Now" with Dr. Paul Watanabe, Dept. of Political Science, Univ. of Massachusetts at Boston; Haddonfield Friends Meetinghouse, Friends and Lake Streets, Haddonfield, N.J. Free admission, refreshments. Info: Joyce Horikawa, 856/427-9431.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sat., Feb. 22—1:30-5 p.m.; First Annual Northern California JACL Time of Remembrance (Florin, Marysville, Placer, Sacramento and Stockton chapters); educational presentation, community panel, historical exhibit, Peruvian-Japanese American exhibit; book signings; one-man dramatic performances by Lane Nishikawa at 1:30 and 3 p.m.: "The Japanese American Experience: Stories of a People"; Secretary of State Building Complex, 1500 11th St.; free parking at 10th & O. Discount on tickets before Feb. 1, students under 18 free. Info: 916/395-7944, fjiritani@aol.com. **Through March 3**—Exhibit, "Time of Remembrance: The Jaapanese American Experience in California History"; Golden State Museum, 1020 "O" St.; school presentations at the museum through Feb. 28, Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations for teachers: 916/653-3476. Info: 916/653-5864; www.goldenstatemuseum.org.

SALT LAKE CITY, Thurs., Feb. 20—6:30 p.m.; Cottonwood High School, 5715 South 1300 East; honoring Medal of Honor recipient George T. Sakato. produced by the Mount Olympus, Salt Lake and Wasatch Front North JACL. Free, but donations will be accepted. Info: Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287.

SAN FRANCISCO/SAN MATEO, Sun., Feb. 23—2 p.m.; AMC Kabuki Theatre, San Francisco Japantown; commemoration and benefit event, "Carrying the Light for Justice—Defending the Constitution: Then & Now," followed by a reception and other activities at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California; includes the world premiere of film "Hidden Internment, The Art Shibayama Story" by Casey Peeke; keynote speaker, Rev. Lloyd Wake. Tickets, info: Judy Hamaguchi, National Japanese American Historical Society, 415/921-5007, or Julie Hatta, 415/370-1477.

SAN JOSE, Calif., Sun., Feb. 16—5:30 p.m.; San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. First St.; "Race Prejudice, War Hysteria, and a Failure of Political Leadership—Then & Now"; featuring U.S. Rep. Mike Honda and speakers from the Arab American community, Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, and the Campaign for Justice for Japanese Latin Americans; candlelight procession through San Jose Japantown, San Jose Taiko, koto group Mari Mo Kai, and a Palestinian dance group. Info: Fran Ellis, 408/730-9974.

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Wed., Feb. 19—7-9 p.m.; Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church, 223 Church St.; featured speaker, historian Sandy Lydon; also Grace Shimizu and authors John Christgau and Lawrence Distasi; newly edited film "Farewell to Manzanar" to be shown. Info: 831/420-5790.

TEMPE, Ariz., Sun., Feb. 16, and 23—10:30 p.m.; broadcasts of documentaries, "Words, Weavings and Songs" about the lives of teenagers Wakako Yamauchi, Momo Nagano and Mary Kageyama Nomura during WWII, and "Toyo Miyatake: Infinite Shades of Gray," including images of Manzanar; KAET-TV Channel 8. ■

Players presents the musical play, "Little Shop of Horrors"; David Henry Hwang Theatre, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Schedules, tickets, 213/625-7000. Info: www.eastwest-players.org.

Sat., March 29—Japanese American National Museum's 2003 Annual Dinner, "Honoring the Family Business: Building the American Dream"; Century Plaza Hotel, Century City; spotlighting three-generation Japanese American family businesses that have supported their communities. Info: JANM: 213/625-0414.

Mon., April 28—East West Players' 37th Anniversary Visionary Awards Dinner; Westin Bonaventure Hotel; performances, silent auction. **RSVP by Feb. 14 to be listed in program, by Feb. 28 for discounted prices.** Info: Lissa Lee, ilee@eastwestplayers.org.

Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—Gila Reunion; see Las Vegas re bus transportation from Little Tokyo.

NEWBERRY SPRINGS

Sat., Feb. 8—Ken Koshio of the Thousand Cranes Tour; 1 p.m. brunch, 4 p.m. performance; woodcarving demonstration by Yo Takimoto from 1 p.m.; Baghdad Cafe, 46548 National Trails Hwy. (Route 66); Info: 760/257-3101.

TORRANCE

Sat., Feb. 8—Torrance-Kashiwa Sister City Association 30th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Show; 8 p.m.; James Armstrong Theater 3330 Civic Center Dr.; *signin, 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.

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LAS VEGAS

Mon.-Wed., March 24-26—Poston III Camp Reunion; Golden Nugget, downtown. Info: Sammy Nakagawa, co-chair, 559/638-9510; Franklin Abe, co-chair, 559/626-7275; Ada Yamamoto, registration, 559/834-2468; fax 559/897-0733; mdjost@lightspeed.net.

Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—Gila Reunion; Plaza Hotel; the event will pay tribute to all the veterans who entered the service from Gila in WWII, with a special salute to the 22 KIAs by the honor guard from the Pima Indian Post in Phoenix; busses from Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, will leave from Fourth & Boyd on June 6 at 8 a.m. **Registration closes April 1.** Info: Hy Shishino, 562/926-8159; hshishino@hotmail.com.

PHOENIX

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 22-23—Matsuri Festival at Heritage Square
Sun., March 2—Arizona JACL Picnic; Desert Breeze Park.

RENO

Sun., March 2—Reno JACL Annual Scholarship Benefit Teriyaki dinner.

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HONOLULU

Fri.-Sun., March 14-16—9th Annual Honolulu Festival; various locations; featuring the *Uozu Tatemon Matsuri* float; *Akita Kantou Matsuri*, *Aizu Bange Machi Otawara Biki*, *Omuta Daijyama Matsuri*; *Iimori Shrine Yabusame* procession, more; all events are free. Info: 808/926-2424, www.honolulufestival.com. ■

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Announcement

Information is being sought for a book on author and former costume designer **Michi Nishiura Weglyn**, who lived at International House of New York in 1947-48 and met her husband, Walter Weglyn, there.

If you have memories of Michi, Walter or their Dutch friend, Louis (Loet) deHeer, who also lived in the House, please contact Nancy Kapitanoff or Sharon Yamato at nancykap@sbcglobal.net; phone 323/658-6948.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Arakawa, Martha Makiko, 81, Milliken, Colo.; Scottsbluff, Neb.-born; survived by sons Robert of Milliken, Larry of Boulder, Colo., Alan of Mountain View; 1 gc., 2 ggc.; sisters Sue Migaki of Denver, Caroline Fong of Honolulu, Irene Kokawa of Los Angeles; predeceased by husband Fumio.

Arita, Seizo, 87, San Francisco, Jan. 7; Marysville-born; survived by wife Hideko; sons Mike (Madelaine), Richard (Faith); daughters Judy Satow, Nelly (Genji) Handa; gc.; brother Toyoharu Don Arita; sisters Tokiko Yakenji and Katsuko Arita, both of Japan.

Doi, Frank Shohei, 83, Reedley, Oct. 31; survived by wife Yoshiko; sons Harvey Masaharu, Bob Masaji (Patsy); daughters Keiko Grace (Larry) McNabb, Tomoko (Steven) Yost; 4 gc.

Dunkle, Jonathan Earl, 76, Bonito, Dec. 10 service; WWII and Korean War U.S. Navy veteran; commander of VFW Japanese American Memorial Post #4851 (1989-90, 1997-98); survived by wife Kay; sons Jonathan, Raymond; daughter Virginia Cushman; 3 gc.

Endo, Yasuko Hirabayashi, 72, Seattle, Dec. 23; survived by relatives in Japan.

Enomoto, Grace Yoshiko, 83, Ontario, Ore., Jan. 22; Seattle-born; Minidoka internee; survived by daughter Frances (Tim) Schaffer of Ontario; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; sisters Chieko Yasutomi of Yokohama, Sachiko Fujimoto of Yamaguchi-ken, Ruth Takatsuki of Chicago, Marianne Umemoto of Wapato, Wash.

Foundation, Toyoko, 82, Stockton, Oct. 31; Stockton-born; survived by siblings Sam Itaya of Stockton, Mildred Hamamoto of San Jose, Pat Ota of San Mateo.

Fujishima, Shige, 101, San Francisco, Jan. 4; Fukuoka, Japan-born; survived by son Soichi (Yoshiko) of Oakland; daughter Hatsue (Kazuo) Kato; 4 gc., 4 ggc.

Fujisaki, Charles "Chili," MD, 87, Denver, Nov. 12; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Rose; daughter Patrice Sauter of Aurora, Colo.; sons Craig Fujisaki, MD, of Redmond, Wash., Keith Fujisaki, MD, of Denver; 4 gc.; sister Mabel Yamada, of Holmdel, N.J.

Fujita, Asako Jean, 77, San Mateo, Nov. 8; founding member and past president of JACL Tomodachi Community Center; survived by husband Nagatoshi Roy; daughters Cathy Fujita-Lam of Alameda, Elen Heinrich of Chapel Hill, N.C.; son Michael of Tracy; daughter-in-law Cara Uyen; sons-in-law Gene Lam, Larry Heinrich; 4 gc.; sister Terry Goto of San Jose; brother Frank Iyama of San Francisco.

Genishi, Mary Hisako Nakamura, 81, Toms River, N.J., Nov. 16; Toppenish, Wash.-born, formerly of Arroyo Grande and briefly at Seabrook Farms; Gila River and Tule Lake internee; survived by husband Richard Hiroshi; daughters Elayne (Roland) of Montclair, N.J., Celia (Edwin) of New York and Lavallette, N.J.; 4 gc.; brothers James I. and George I. Nakamura; sisters Machi Morihisa, Yoshiye Noji.

Hirano, Harry Umeo, 77, Ontario, Ore., Dec. 3; Seattle-born; Heart Mountain internee; WWII 442nd RCT U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Ruth; daughters

Diann (Kip) Furukawa and Terri (Mike) Moore of Clackamas; son Randy (Karen) Hirano of Hermiston; 7 gc., 3 ggc.; sister Joan (Yosh) Suyematsu of Ontario; brother Rin Koyama of San Leandro; sisters-in-law Inga Koyama of Ontario, Rita Koyama Wada of Santa Cruz.

Hiroshige, Shizuno, 91, Monterey Park, Oct. 14; Pepeekeo, Hawaii-born; survived by daughter Carol (Ray) Tanaka; 3 gc., 2 ggc.; brother Katsumi (Sakako) Okata of Hawaii; sisters Satsuyo (Saburo) Hasegawa and Edith (Clarence) White of Hawaii, Sumiko (Donald) Dahlquist.

Honda, Herbert, 75, Wailuku, Hawaii, Dec. 14; former Hawaii state representative and member of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

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Honda, Noboru, 91, Lincolnwood, Ill., Dec. 22; Florin-born; Tule Lake internee; Chicago JACL president ('46) and Midwest District governor (1948-50); survived by wife Matsue Pat; daughter JoAnn Kawanaga; 3 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Ben; sister Hatsue Nakamura.

Ishitani, Fusaye, 103, Spokane, Nov. 25; Osaka, Japan-born; Minidoka internee; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by 9 gc., 10 ggc., 8 gggc.; predeceased by husband Yosuke.

Iwasa, Diane C., 57, Berkeley, Oct. 17; longtime El Cerrito resident; survived by husband Ralph; daughters Karen Iwasa of Berkeley, Joy Iwasa of Richmond; parents John and Yaeko Wada of Berkeley; sisters Kathryn Jan of El Cerrito, Lynn Matsumoto of Moraga.

Kano, Masuko Ruth, 87, Seattle, Dec. 1; survived by sons Eugene (Joyce), Arthur (Joyce); daughters Julie Kubota (Katashi Yamamoto), Pearl (Satoshi) Yamamoto; 7 gc.; predeceased by husband Terumitsu.

Kato, Kay Sadao, 93, West Los Angeles, Feb. 1; Gifu-ken-born; naturalized citizen who spent three years at the Rohwer camp and registered for the draft in 1940, 1941 and 1954, but was denied redress on the technicality that he was not a citizen at the time of incarceration; Kato, Japanese Latin Americans and others denied redress on technicalities filed a class action lawsuit in 2000 and the case is still pending; survived by wife Jessie Tomiko; son Douglas T. (Hiroko) Kato; 3 gc.

Kihara, Junior Tsuneaki, 77, Pocatello, Idaho, Nov. 30; Pocatello-born; dentist in the U.S. Army Air Corps and in private practice; survived by wife Millicent; sons Ken (Cathy) of Havre, Mont., Keith of Jemez Springs, N.M.; John of Pocatello; daughter Kathy (Mike) Lavarich-Kihara of Bend, Ore.; daughter-in-law Allison Kihara of Boise; 4 gc.; sisters Marianne (Bob) Endo of Pocatello, Joanne (William) Kawamura of Hailey, Idaho; predeceased by son Jeff.

Komoto, Kazmo "Kob," 83, Ontario, Ore. Dec. 13; Los Angeles-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Dorothy; sister-in-law Midori Komoto; nieces and nephews; predeceased by parents Giichiro and Umeno and brother Joe.

Kubose, Minnie Somi, 87, Chicago, Nov. 11; she and her late husband, the Rev. Gyomay M. Kubose, established the Buddhist Temple of Chicago in 1944; survived by sons Don (Joyce), Rev. Koyo (Adrienne); daughter Joyce (Robert) Prosize; 5 gc., 4 ggc.

Kumamoto, Motoko Mona, 89, Carson City, Nev., Dec. 21; Seattle-born; formerly of San Francisco; survived by son Lawrence Kumamoto; daughter Emyko Sakakura; sons-in-law David Sakakura, Steve Kingswood; predeceased by husband Yukio and daughter Arlene Tsuru.

Maeda, James Shunso, 89, Indianapolis, Jan. 5; Alameda-born; survived by wife Doris; daughter Joyce Hayes; son Bruce; 2 gc., 2 ggc.; brother Rutaro of Oakland; predeceased by brother Fuatomi and sister Shigeno Ichikawa.

Matsuda, Minoru, 88, Sebastopol, Jan. 18; Amache internee; survived by son Leland of Dublin; Gary of Phoenix, Dr. Kent of Santa Rosa; brother to Tamie Matsuda of Sebastopol; predeceased by wife Yukiko.

Matsumoto, Ayao, 82, Los Angeles, Oct. 19; Japan-born U.S. citizen; survived by daughters Kim (Herman) Aranda, Aya Matsumoto; brothers Katsuo (Yoko), Koshi; sisters Katsuko Watanabe, Eiko (Tadashi) Okura.

Miho, Shuichi, 92, Hermosa Beach, Dec. 15; Berkeley-born; early Nisei amateur-ranking tennis star; tennis coach-instructor at pre-WWII San Francisco Japanese YMCA, he continued playing and instructing in tennis at Hermosa Beach into his late 80s; survived by wife Hisako Ruth; daughter Jane; sister Toki (Fred) Morioka; sisters-in-law Tomi Maeno, Lily Fukunaga.

Miwa, Edna Tojo, 86, Midway Ark., Sept. 21 service; Modesto-born, Hollywood-reared; she and husband Ted were in Japan when WWII broke out but managed to return to the United States; survived by sister Phebe Tojo and brother James Tojo, both of Cincinnati; predeceased by husband Ted, sisters Anna Pirman and Lilly Allen, and brother Rufus Tojo.

Montgomery, Linda (Wada), 41, Torrance, Oct. 31; survived by husband Peter Montgomery, Jr.; parents Shioji and Chiye Wada; sister Sheila Leahey; brothers Bryce (Pamela), Steven (Debi) and Dean (Ginny) Wada; sister Kim (Doug) Muise.

Naka, Sam, 80, Commerce City, Colo.; survived by daughter Deborah Nettles; 2 gc.; sister Hitomi Kawato; predeceased by wife Lillian.

Nakamura, Chieko, 79, Denver, survived by husband Akira and children.

Nozawa, Kim Miuki, 33, Las Vegas, Oct. 18; Los Angeles-born, Arcadia-raised; survived by husband Kevin Kei; parents Beebe and Yukiko Kataoka; brother Cain (Denise Okimoto) Kataoka; grandmothers Toki Kataoka and Fumiyo Omori; parents-in-law Eddie and Barbara Nozawa; brother-in-law Lyle Nozawa; sister-in-law Kileen (Jon) Watase.

Oda, Yoshio "Ping," 89, Sacramento, Dec. 14; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Rose; daughters Joanne (Robert) Ichimura, Susan Oda-Omori (Henry); 4 gc.; sister Hanako Oda of Japan.

Okuda, Shizue, 87, Los Angeles, Oct. 31; Hawaii-born; survived by daughter Lois Suenaka-Thelen; son-in-law Ron Thelen; 2 gc.

Ozawa, Iwao Joe, 101, San Francisco, Dec. 17; Hiroshima-born; Tanforan and Topaz internee; survived by wife Ayako; son Koji (Betty); daughter Sumi (Frank) Sugihara; 4 gc., 10 ggc.

Rostow, Eugene V., 89, San Diego, Nov. 25; Brooklyn, N.Y.-born; law school dean who also served as undersecretary of state for President Lyndon Johnson and head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during President Ronald Reagan's administration; he was one of the first in government to speak out strongly during WWII against the Supreme Court's approval of internment for JAs.

Shibuya, Henry "Hank" Takao, 72, Seattle, Dec. 22; retired U.S. Army LTC; veteran of Korea, Vietnam and Germany; survived by wife Clara; son Larry (Teresa); daughter Cheryl Shibuya; 3 gc.; brothers Mas (Masako), Tad; sister Chieko Shinogawa.

Shijo, Louisa Imakire, 83, Palo Alto, Dec. 9; Palo Alto-born; survived by husband Mitsuru; sons Wayne, Dale, Kenny; daughter Linda Tsukamoto; 5 gc.

Shinozaki, Richard Kaname, 69, San Rafael, Dec. 26; Sacramento-born; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Masako (Akiko); son Rick; daughters Karen, Diane; sister Lily Sakaki; brothers James, Harvey, Frank; predeceased by parents Hitoshi and Emiko and brother Eugene.

Sugai, Masako Niguma, 90, Payette, Idaho, Dec. 29; Portland, Ore.-born; WWII internee; survived by daughter Gail Sugai Bland of Dallas; son Kent Sugai of Fort Worth, Texas; 1 gc., 2 ggc.; sisters Sakae Nishimura and Yoneko Dozano of Portland; predeceased by parents Chotaro and Toyono Niguma, husband George, sisters Misuye Kayama and Shigelo Yokota, and brother Tsugio Niguma.

Takahashi, Florence Teru, 92, San Francisco, Jan. 7; Loomis-born; survived by daughters Nancy (Clifford) Nakajima, Martha Kitajima, Naomi (Leo) Goto; 10 gc., 6 ggc.; predeceased by husband Benji and daughter Hannah Mizuno.

Tanimura, Kikuko, 91, Los Angeles, Oct. 31; Seattle-born; survived by sons Katsumi (Itsumi), Mitsuru (Michi) and Shiro (Kimiko) Tanimura; 12 gc., 1 ggc.

Todo, Jiro, 78, Seattle, Nov. 9; Tacoma, Wash.-born; Minidoka internee; U.S. Army WWII MIS veteran; survived by wife Takeko "Tak"; sons Jerry (Sindy), Alan; daughters Janice Russell, Patricia (Bradley) Andrews, Judy (Scott) Anderson; 4 gc.

Tomiya, Yoshiye, 89, Los Angeles, Nov. 26; Los Angeles-born; survived by children Tom, Jiro, Kiyo, Tim.

Toriumi, Den, 83, Chicago, Dec. 1; Sacramento-born; Tule Lake internee; WWII (European Theater) U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Heidi K.; many nieces and nephews; predeceased by brothers Rev. Donald, Rev. Howard, John (Kay).

Tsuchida, Michiko, 79, Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17; survived by husband Frank; sons Raymond (Debbie), of Salt Lake City, Russell (Missy) of Spokane; 2 gc.; sister Masako Ryujin of Ogden, Utah.

Wada, Kennie Kenzaburo, 81, Seattle, Nov. 15; Salt Lake City-born; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran; survived by daughter Phyllis (Jerry) Sera; son George (Gayle); 5 gc.; brother Frank (Mari).

Yabe, Fumi, 87, Denver, Dec. 11; survived by sons Kenji,

Norman; daughter Arlene Wayland; 8 gc., 8 ggc.; predeceased by husband Kenshiro.

Yagi, Keith Eizo, 63, Fremont, Oct. 4; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Phyllis; daughter Cynthia of Oceanside; son Curtis of San Francisco; brother Jan (Vi) of San Francisco; predeceased by parents Sakaye and Yasuko Jessie.

Yamamoto, Momoyo, 94, Spokane, Wash., Dec. 8; Kau, Hawaii-born; survived by son Richard; 3 gc., 8 ggc., 1 gggc.; predeceased by husbands Saichi and daughter Irene.

Yamamoto, Richard "Sus," Bethesda, Md., Dec. 13 service.

Yamasaki, Sally Akiko, 76, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Dec. 20; Idaho Falls-born; survived by sons Gerald, Richard A., Ted F.; daughter Susan M. (Steve) Gihring; 2 gc.; brother Ted Shoda; sisters Yo Kusaka, Mickey Morioka, Cathy Miyahata, Pat Takeda, June Kitamura; predeceased by brothers Kazuo and Lefty Shoda.

Yokota, Ai, 78, Sacramento, Jan. 11; survived by brother Art Yokota; sisters Mitsuko (Walter) Slater, Akiko (Edward) Ito.

Yorozu, Henry Keigo "Popo," 81, Seattle, Sept. 4; Sunnydale, Wash.-born; Minidoka internee; U.S. Army Japanese language instructor at Yale University; survived by wife Jean; daughters Susan (Joseph) Tripp of Charleston, S.C., Joanne Yorozu (Tim Button) of Yakima, Wash., Patty (Gary) Schultz and Judy Yorozu (Karen Barnes) of Seattle; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; brothers William and Art, both of Seattle; sisters Stella Takahashi of San Francisco, Helen Erlandson of East Lansing, Mich.; predeceased by sisters Lily Fujii, and Alice and Mary Yorozu.

Yoshida, Bobbie Jean, Denver; survived by sons Ronnie R. Smith, Douglas W. Hokpkins, Terence C. Smith, Sidney L. Smith, Leon Smith and Kevin J. Williams, all of Denver; 22 gc., 2 ggc.; brother Leon Thompson of Las Vegas; sisters Jone Hooper and Sue Nez Alberts, both of Amarillo, Texas.

Yoshida, Shizuyo, 97, San Francisco, Dec. 30; Iwakuni City, Yamaguchi-ken-born; survived by sons Yoshitaka (Carol), Toshiyuki (Juanita), Akira (June), Nagayuki, Fumio (Tsugiko), Shigeru; daughter Emiko (Robert) Mitsumori; 13 gc., 11 ggc., 2 gggc;

Yoshino, Molly Machiko, 75, Los Angeles, Jan. 18 service; survived by husband Elmer; son Frank (Peggy); daughters Dr. Susan Yoshino, Cyndi Yoshino, Lisa Yoshino (Mike) Major, Pam Yoshino; 2 gc.; brother John Nishiyama; sisters Haruko Wong, Sally Schurr, Kay (James) Finucane. ■

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Ft. Lauderdale, Half Moon Bay, Curacao, Aruba, Cartagena, Panama Canal, Costa Rica. HOLLAND AMERICA LINE	
JAPAN SPRING HOLIDAY TOUR	MAR 27-APR 7
Fukuoka, Hagi, Iwakuni, Hiroshima, Matsuyama, Kochi, Takamatsu, Shodo Island, Kurashiki, Himeji, Kyoto.	
NEW ORLEANS / BILOXI HOLIDAY TOUR	APR 12-18
JAPAN ALPINE ROUTE ONSEN HOLIDAY TOUR	MAY 11-20
Tokyo, Lake Kawaguchi, Matsumoto, Kurobe Dam, Tateyama, Kanazawa, Wajima, Yamanashi Onsen, Kyoto.	
GERMANY-AUSTRIA HOLIDAY TOUR	MAY 30-JUNE 14
Frankfurt, Rhine River Cruise, Cologne, Hamburg, Berlin, Wurzburg, Romantic Road, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Innsbruck, Freiburg.	
GRANDPARENTS-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.	
ALASKA HOLIDAY CRUISE	JULY 27-AUG 3
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SCANDINAVIA-RUSSIA HOLIDAY CRUISE	AUG 25-SEPT 8
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OKINAWA-KYUSHU HOLIDAY TOUR	SEPT 28-OCT 10
Naha/Okinawa, Ibusuki, Kagoshima, Miyazaki, Beppu, Kumamoto, Nagasaki, Fukuoka	
NEW ENGLAND FALL FOLIAGE HOLIDAY TOUR	SEPT 29-OCT 6
Boston, Sturbridge/Mass., Killington/Vermont, North Conway, New Hampshire.	
HOKKAIDO HOLIDAY TOUR	OCT 12-23
Chitose, Takachigawa Onsen, Lakes Akan/Mashu/Kussharo, Shiratoko, Abashiri, Onneyu Onsen, Soukiyo, Sapporo, Otaru, Noboribetsu Onsen, Hakodate.	
SAN FRANCISCO GETAWAY HOLIDAY TOUR	OCT 24-28
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Apr 6	Great Trains & Grand Canyon Tour: (Golfer's Choice) 6-days,	\$1,199
Apr 16	Sentimental Journey to Japan: 11 days,	\$2,945
May 12	Discovery of Seattle, Bainbridge & San Juan Islands: 6-days,	\$1,195
May 17	New Orleans & Biloxi Tour: 7-days,	\$1,499
May 23	Heritage of America: 11-days,	\$2,064
May 24	Japan Uranihon tour: 11-days,	\$2,995
May 24	European Discovery Tour: 14-days,	\$2,495
June 23	Japan Summer Basic Tour: 10-days,	\$2,915
July 19	Montana Rail Explorer: 8-days,	\$1,999
July 22	Canadian Rockies Tour: 6-days,	\$1,599
Sept 7	Alaska's Inside Passage Cruise: 8-days,	\$1,549 (I) \$1,869 (O)
Sept 15	Branson Musical Getaway: 5-days,	\$1,099
Sept 16	Hokkaido & Tohoku Tour: 10-days,	\$3,095
Oct 7	New England Back Roads: 8-days,	\$1,699
Oct 13	Japan Fall Foliage Tour: 10-days,	\$3,095
Nov 3	Country Roads of Italy: 9-days,	\$1,799
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Mar 31	Japan Spring Classic "Cherry Blossoms" - 11 Days - 24 Meals - \$3195 Tokyo, Takayama, Nara, Kobe, Okayama, Takahashi, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Shodo Island & Kyoto.
Apr 13	China Deluxe - 14 Days - 31 Meals - \$3695 - Beijing, Xian, Yangtze Cruise & Shanghai.
May 8	Australia & New Zealand - 17 Days - 30 Meals - \$3995 - Melbourne, Cairns, Sydney, Australia - Christ Church, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt. Cook, Rotorua & Auckland.
May 31	NEW DATE - America Bus Tour #4 - Southwest - 12 Days - 22 Meals - \$1995 - From LA to Mesquite, North Rim Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Arches, Vail, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, Sedona & back to LA.
Jun 16	America Bus Tour #3 - Pacific States - 12 Days, 23 Meals - \$2295 - From LA to San Francisco, Redwoods, Oregon Coast, Portland, Seattle, San Juan Islands Cruise, Bend, Crater Lake, Tulelake Camp, Lake Tahoe & Monterey back to LA.
Jun 30	NEW DATE - America Bus Tour #1 - Northcentral - 12 Days 22 Meals - \$1995 - From LA to Yosemite, Reno, Minidoka Camp, Yellowstone, HEART MT MONUMENT DEDICATION, Cody, Sheridan, Mt. Rushmore, Rawlins, Salt Lake, Topaz Camp, Zion & Bryce National Parks, Las Vegas & back to LA.
Aug 4	Eastern Canada & Nova Scotia - 10 Days - 22 Meals - \$2795 - Halifax, Cape Breton Island, Cabot Trail, Prince Edward Island, Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto & Niagara Falls.
Aug 28	Egypt Deluxe - 10 Days - 21 Meals - \$3795 - Cairo & Nile Cruise.
Sep 10	European Classic - 14 Days - 24 Meals - \$3895 - 2 days each in Rome, Florence, Venice, Lucerne, Paris & London.
Sep 27	Music Cities - 10 Days - 18 Meals - \$2195 - 2 Days each in - New Orleans, Memphis, 3 days in Branson & Nashville.
Oct 13	Hokkaido & Tohoku - 11 Days - 24 Meals - \$3695.
Oct 20	Uranihon - Otherside of Japan - 11 Days - 25 Meals - \$3595.
Nov 3	Fall Japan Classic - 11 Days - 24 Meals - \$3195.
Nov 13	Okinawa, Kyushu & Shikoku - 12 Days - 28 Meals - \$3695.
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