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2003 JACL Nat'l Youth/Student Conference Draws Large Number of First-time Participants

By TRACY UBA
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

ST. LOUIS—Although turnout was slightly lower than in previous years, the 2003 JACL National Youth/Student Conference (NY/SC) drew about 100 attendees, including a large contingent from the Intermountain District and many first-time participants, to George Washington University June 20-22.

The IDC drew over one-third of the total participants, with many students coming from Utah and Idaho in particular, according to conference co-organizer Josh Mizutani Spry, JACL national youth council representative and a student at George Washington.

"This is the first conference I've been to of this kind," said Nick Ushio, 20, of Salt Lake City.

"My mom was really involved and that's how I heard about it," added Lindsay Mueller, 22, of Bountiful, Utah. "I just think what the whole cause is for, civil rights,

obviously for Japanese Americans but for everyone, is really important."

"The IDC in general is very supportive of their youth," said Maya Yamazaki, JACL national youth

day early, so they all flew out here together to St. Louis and saw the sights. So all the IDC kids know each other," said Yamazaki, who is a student at the University of Washington in Seattle. "They've been slowly building up, and it's really nice to see that, especially for them to come all the way out to St. Louis."

First-time participant Eileen Trang, 21, a member of the Honolulu JACL, traveled the farthest to attend the St. Louis conference and said her trip was funded by her chapter.

"This is my first JACL youth convention, so it's kind of interesting. I wanted to see what it was like

because I'm on a committee working on the national JACL convention in Honolulu next year," she said.

"Being from Hawaii, I get such an isolated viewpoint from Asian Americans and Japanese Americans in particular about their experiences, and I think by com-

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PHOTO: TRACY UBA
Vicky Nam, Joy Bisco, Maya Yamazaki and Josh Mizutani Spry dressed to the nines at the Vision Awards banquet.

council chair. "They throw a lot of money into the program, and so it shows. It shows that if you throw enough money in there and you make the effort to reach out and find the youth, they're there and they're willing to participate."

"They had a big get-together barbecue. They had three pre-conference getting-to-know-each-other [gatherings]. They came here one

Supreme Court Preserves Affirmative Action in Narrow Ruling on College Admissions, JACL Hails Decision

By *Pacific Citizen* Staff
and Associated Press

WASHINGTON—In its most significant statement about race in a generation, a divided Supreme Court on June 23 upheld the University of Michigan Law School's affirmative action program, which considers an applicant's ethnic background as one factor in its admissions process.

But at the same time the Court also struck down the university's more rigid, points-based admissions policy for its undergraduate students.

In the two decisions, the Supreme Court underscored that racial quotas are unconstitutional but left room for the nation's public universities — and by extension other public and private institutions — to seek ways to take race into account.

"Although we were disappointed that the Court did not fully uphold the undergraduate admissions program, this decision does reaffirm that affirmative action programs are a valuable tool, through which educators and employers can build a competent, diverse pool of talent," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "The message is clear: affirmative action programs promote, rather than deny, opportuni-

ties."

"The Court's decision once again reinforces what the military, institutions of higher education and corporate America have been living for decades — that diversity on campuses and in the workplace builds strength and benefits not only the students but also all Americans," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president.

The Supreme Court voted 5-4 in the *Grutter v. Bollinger* law school case and 6-3 in the undergraduate case of *Gratz v. Bollinger*. In their decision the Court upheld the 1978 landmark Bakke ruling that the government has a compelling state interest in promoting diversity in education and the workplace.

The University of Michigan's law school uses an inexact admissions formula that gives extra consideration to blacks, Hispanics, and applicants from other groups the school says have historically suffered from discrimination.

The program has produced minority enrollment of between 12 percent and 20 percent over the past decade.

In the university's handling of its undergraduates a 150-point grading system was used. Minority status

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OBITUARY

Randy Sensaki, Former JACL National Director, Passes Away

Former JACL National Director and community leader Randy Sensaki passed away June 13 at the age of 60. The cause of his death is still being determined.

Sensaki was discovered dead in his Richmond District apartment by the building's owner on the afternoon of June 13. The owner had apparently been trying to contact Sensaki to move his car that had been blocking his vehicle.



"I'm deeply saddened by Randy's passing, as I'm sure anyone who knew him is by this tragic loss," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "He was a good person with such a good soul, and he seemed to reflect so much the goodness of [his mother] Miyo. My prayers are with Miyo and the rest of her family."

Sensaki served the JACL from 1993-95 during a difficult period for the organization that was struggling with the same-sex marriage issue, a budget crisis, and its future direction.

Sensaki enjoyed a distinguished career in higher education. In 1972 he worked as a career placement advisor at Cal State Los

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Clothing Retailer Abercrombie & Fitch Accused of Discriminating Against Minorities

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—Clothing retailer Abercrombie & Fitch hires a disproportionately white sales force, puts minorities in less-visible jobs and cultivates a virtually all-white image in its catalogues and elsewhere, a lawsuit charges.

The federal lawsuit, filed June 9 by nine Hispanic and Asian plaintiffs, alleges that Abercrombie discriminates against blacks, Hispanics and Asians by enforcing a nationwide corporate policy of preferring white employees for sales positions, desirable job assignments and favorable work schedules.

"If you look at the material they put out, they are cultivating an all-white look," said Thomas Saenz, vice president of litigation at the

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs. "It is difficult to understand why, given that their target age demographic is even more heavily minority than the rest of the population."

The New Albany, Ohio-based company, which targets college students with its upscale casual clothing, has about 600 stores and about 22,000 employees nationwide.

Spokesman Tom Lennox said Abercrombie has not received a copy of the lawsuit, and declined comment on its specifics.

"However, as a company that prides itself on diversity we are dismayed by the lawsuit and take this matter very seriously," he said. "Abercrombie & Fitch represents American style. America is diverse and we want diversity in our stores."

Lennox said the company does not discriminate and that "our policy is to have a zero tolerance for discrimination in hiring or employment on the basis of race, national origin, ancestry" and other characteristics protected by state and federal law.

Anthony Ocampo, a Filipino American who recently graduated from Stanford University, said he applied for a job at a store in Glendale where he'd previously worked. After speaking with a manager, a salesperson told him, "We're sorry, but we can't rehire

you because there's already too many Filipinos working here," said Ocampo, 21.

"I was pretty appalled and for a good amount of time I was just real angry," Ocampo said.

Johan Montoya, another plaintiff, alleges a Canoga Park store refused to hire him because he is Hispanic, even though he had retail experience.

"It's one of those things I never thought would happen to me," said Montoya, a student at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The company has been accused of racial insensitivity in the past. Last spring, it removed T-shirts from stores after Asian American groups complained about depictions of two slant-eyed men in conical hats and the slogan "Wong Brothers Laundry Service — Two Wongs Can Make it White."

According to the lawsuit, which is seeking class certification, the company has a policy that requires all sales people to exhibit an all-white "A&F look." Posters and a television program in stores display models who are mostly white, as does the company's catalogue, the lawsuit alleges. The company also encourages recruitment from overwhelmingly white fraternities and sororities, it says.

When it does hire minorities, it channels them to stock-room and overnight shifts and reduces their hours, the suit says. ■

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This campaign will regularly be featured each spring and I hope that you will continue to be generous in your donations.

Although the P.C. is partially funded by national JACL, the newspaper has always been responsible for raising half of its revenue. With the recent financial difficulties of JACL it has become increasingly important for the P.C. to raise even more monies for the continuous operation of the newspaper.

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Caroline Aoyagi
Executive Editor

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Thank You JACL and P.C.

I want to thank JACL National President Floyd Mori for rallying support to help us when we were confronted with bulldozers, a major land developer and retailer. JACL and the *Pacific Citizen* came to our rescue last fall to give us support which helped us get through the muck and mire of fear and litigation.

We were like deer caught in the headlights, paralyzed by having to deal with standing up for our rights. It took this experience for us to realize that the system in our country does not protect us, but rather gives us an opportunity to protect ourselves. We are the generation that survived the injustices of World War II; we tended to accept that which was doled out to us. We felt that we had no rights and that it was dangerous to bring attention to ourselves. It was not part of our nature to stand up for ourselves or to be litigious. Your letters, phone calls, and the strong support of the JACL leadership gave us the strength and courage needed to get through it all.

Our land dispute was amicably settled this spring. The city of American Fork, Utah, stepped in to help resolve some of the issues, one of the results being that the road leading into Target Stores is now a public road and is called — Kawakami Drive.

Do we need JACL? ABSOLUTELY! JACL as an organization was not only responsible for taking care of all of us through reparations but they were there to help us when our individual rights were challenged. My husband, who will be 100 years old this fall, and I say thank you JACL, thank you P.C., and thank you friends and supporters, we never could have survived it without you.

Mary Kawakami
American Fork, Utah

An Intent to Disparage

I found the attempt to justify the use of the word "Jap" by Bill Wetherall in the June 20-July 3 issue to be extremely offensive.

Wetherall, a self-proclaimed writer and editor, says of the word "Jap," "no word is disparaging without an intent to disparage." He also wonders why it is us Japanese Americans and no one else who is mainly offended by the

term.

What he and the trendy "people in France and Japan" do not realize is that during the months when our community faced wartime hysteria and racism at the aftermath of the attack at Pearl Harbor, newspaper headlines screamed "JAPS MUST GO!" in reference to JAs while other stories on the front page read "JAPS ADVANCE IN THE PACIFIC" in reference to the Imperial Japanese Army. While Wetherall may argue that the newspapers may not have intended to disparage, the fact that the newspapers used "Jap" interchangeably to describe both loyal American citizens as well as the sneaky dirty enemy undoubtedly led to the public outcry that resulted in our internment without trial, a violation of the Constitution.

He attempts to justify the use of the word in Japan by the Japanese as not offensive at all and goes further by suggesting that because he has been referred to in Japan as "blue eyes," JAs should at times accept being called "Jap." In justification, he asks us, "So could there be good Japs and bad Japs?"

About 15 years ago, I was shopping for a greeting card. A humorous card intended to cheer up its recipient showed a cartoon of a Harley biker with the caption "It could be worse ..." Inside, it said, "... it could be a Jap bike!" Livid, I contacted the manufacturer. His response was that it was intended as a joke and that I should lighten up and learn to laugh at myself. I contacted the late Mas Hironaka, president of the San Diego JACL chapter, and together, we wrote strong messages to the manufacturer that such use of the word was instrumental in our imprisonment. The card is no longer manufactured.

Bill Wetherall, it is irrelevant whether the Japanese people in Japan consider the word racist or not. The Japanese citizenry did not bear the brunt of the result of the use of such a hateful word. Given the ugly history of the internment camps, the word should not be used in the United States. If you disagree, I suggest that you attempt to convince the NAACP that the use of the N-word without an intent to disparage renders the N-word not disparaging. If you are successful, we JAs can then adjust our attitude.

Damon Senaha
Lieutenant Commander
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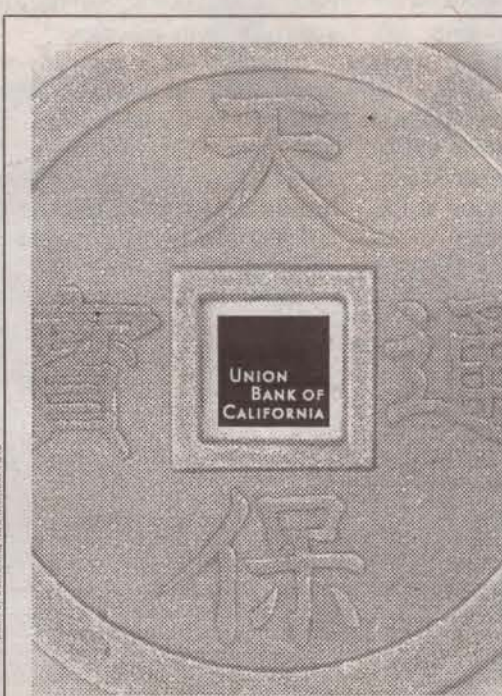
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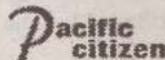
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COMMENTARY

Do We Have to Destroy Freedom to Save It?

By MICHAEL MATSUDA

In George Orwell's classic book "1984" he describes a horrific state called "Oceania" that is perpetually at war with either Eurasia or Eastasia. Although the enemy changes periodically, the war is permanent; its true purpose is to control dissent and sustain oppression by fomenting popular fear and hatred.

Since January, the U.S. Justice Department has been circulating a draft dubbed Patriot Act II which has a disturbing Orwellian spin, in that it will expand federal authority and power to levels mostly seen in totalitarian, communist states, all in the name of "fighting terrorism." Already, under the initial Patriot Act, the government can tap our phones, read our e-mails and seize our credit card records without court order. But all new powers approved by Congress under Patriot Act I will sunset in 2005. Patriot II, if passed, will not only expand governmental powers beyond the first initiative, but also will not have a sunset provision — it will be on the books permanently.

Among the specific measures in Patriot Act II that Americans should be outraged by is the provision that would allow American citizens and legal immigrants to be extradited, searched, and wiretapped at the behest of foreign nations, whether or not treaties allow it. U.S. courts

would no longer have the authority to review extradition requests to see if the foreign nation's legal system provides basic fairness — even from dictatorial or corrupt regimes.

Passage of Patriot II would even allow the government to revoke U.S. citizenship for participating in "or providing material support to a terrorist organization." The problem here is that the act broadens "terrorist" to include donations to nonprofit organizations that have been designated as "terrorist" by the attorney general. This means that for example if Patriot II were in effect in the 1980s, Americans donating to the African National Congress (the outlawed organization headed by future Nobel Peace Prize recipient Nelson Mandela) could have been arrested and deported to South Africa's apartheid regime which was officially recognized by the United States and considered a strong economic ally.

There are many people who would say that this nothing more than chicken little, sky is falling rhetoric, but consider the case of Nabil Ayesh. Ayesh was pulled over by police in 2001 for having a bumper sticker that said in Arabic "God is great." A construction worker, he was placed in solitary confinement for six months unable to see his wife and children. Never charged with a crime, he will be deported later this month. His case is only one of nearly 1,000 people currently detained by our government, nearly all without being charged with a crime. Sounds a lot like Executive Order 9066, doesn't it?

On this 4th of July, the president

Rep. Matsui to be Honored at 2003 JACL Gala Dinner

In 1978, an eager vice mayor of Sacramento promised to bring "a new form of statesmanship" to the U.S. House of Representatives as congressman for the 5th District. Today, more than 25 years later, Rep. Robert Matsui continues to fulfill his promise as a member of Congress.

On Sept. 13 the JACL will recognize Matsui for his accomplishments at a national gala dinner to be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. "An American Testimonial: A Salute to the Japanese American National Leaders," will also recognize the Hon. Norman Mineta, Sen. Daniel Inouye, and Rep. Michael Honda. There will also be a special tribute to the late Rep. Patsy Mink.

Matsui is the first Asian Pacific American appointed to a congressional leadership position as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for the 108th Congress. He is a senior member of the powerful Committee on Ways and Means and is the ranking minority member of the Social Security Subcommittee.

Among his numerous accomplishments during his tenure, Matsui served as the White House's point person in the House of

will undoubtedly remind us that we should be thankful for our freedom and independence. Yes, we should be thankful but we should also take the occasion to remind our leaders that the 50 states of the United States should not be treated as occupied territories, that fighting perpetual war for perpetual peace is not good foreign or domestic policy, and that democracy is not a commodity that can be traded, bartered, or ever put up for sale. ■

Michael Matsuda lives in Yorba Linda, Calif., and is a member of the JACL SELANOCO chapter.

JACL & NJAMF Organize First National Nikkei Golf Tournament for July 14

JACL and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) have teamed together to organize the first National Nikkei Golf Tournament fundraiser to be held on July 14 at Westfields Golf Club, a Fred Couples Signature Course, in Clifton, Va., just outside of Washington, D.C.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit the educational, maintenance and operational needs of the memorial and the programmatic work of the JACL.

"We are very excited about working with the Memorial Foundation on the first of what we hope is many national collaborative efforts," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president and avid golfer. "This tournament is not only about bringing the Nikkei community together for good fun and a good cause, it's also an opportunity to build relationships and network. I am very much looking forward to it."

Fees are \$200 per person or \$1200 per foursome, which includes hole signage. Play begins with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start; arrive early for registration, continental breakfast and gift bags. There will be lunch on the course, an awards buffet at close of play, and contests and prizes along the way.

To be part of the inaugural group playing the National Nikkei Golf Tournament, download the registration form at the JACL website: <http://www.jacl.org/calendar/july.html#golf> or visit the NJAMF's website at: <http://www.njamf.com/>.

To be an inaugural sponsor of this event, please contact the NJAMF at 202/530-0015. For more information about the course, go to: www.westfieldsgolf.com. ■

Representatives to push for passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). He has also played key and instrumental roles in securing congressional approval for the creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO), and establishing permanent normal trade relations with China.

"Representative Matsui has been an outstanding member of Congress since he joined the House in 1978, and it's clear that his voice on the Hill is acutely needed," said

John Tateishi, JACL executive

director. "Throughout the 10 years of the redress campaign, it was clear to me that he was fully committed to ensuring passage of redress legislation, but he has always been generous in offering his help to the JACL in our concerns with matters in the House. He's been an important part of our successes in D.C."

A Sacramento native, Matsui was six months old when he and his family were forcibly removed and incarcerated at the Tule Lake concentration camp. His own personal experiences were integral in his shepherding of the Civil Liberties

Act through Congress. Though he worked diligently to seek reparations for the thousands of surviving Japanese Americans affected by the camps, he did not accept his own \$20,000 check but did accept the president's letter of apology that accompanied the redress payment.

The gala dinner ticket price for chapter members responding early is \$1,250 per table of 10, a special discounted rate being offered until Aug. 1. The non-member price is \$1,500 per table, which will be the regular member price after Aug. 1. Non-members wishing to receive the special rate can become a member of JACL, depending on chapter/location, for as little as \$55 annually. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$150.

Proceeds from the dinner will support JACL's operations and programs. Corporations and businesses seeking sponsorship opportunities should contact national JACL at 415/921-5225.

The Wilshire Grand Hotel, in downtown Los Angeles, is offering rooms at \$85 per night. The Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo is offering a rate of \$79 per night single and \$89 per night double. Contact the Pacific Southwest district office at 213/626-4471 or at psw@jacl.org for more information on the dinner or hotel/trip suggestions. ■

NCWNP District Organizes Buses for JACL Nat'l Gala Dinner

To assist members' participation in the national JACL fundraising dinner in Los Angeles on Sat., Sept. 13, the NCWNP district executive board has arranged for deluxe tour buses to transport members and friends to and from Los Angeles' Wilshire Grand Hotel. The gala buses will leave from three locations in the district and will make a series of stops to pick up those wanting to join the events in Los Angeles.

Gala buses will leave from locations to be determined in Sacramento, Berkeley/Contra Costa and San Francisco at 6 a.m. on the morning of the dinner. The Sacramento bus will make a stop in Stockton before heading down I-5. The Berkeley/Contra Costa bus will make stops in Hayward and Livermore before getting on I-5. The San Francisco bus will make stops in San Mateo, San Jose and Gilroy before heading over the Pacheco Pass to I-5. The gala

buses will stop for lunch along the route.

The gala buses are scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles approximately 3 p.m., giving members a few hours before the 6 p.m. no-host cocktail hour and the 7 p.m. dinner. On Sunday morning after the dinner, buses will load at the Wilshire Grand Hotel and take members to the Japanese American National Museum in downtown Los Angeles for a brief visit before continuing back to the Bay Area and Sacramento for an approximate arrival time of 9 p.m. The roundtrip cost for transportation will be \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

Although some of the details still need to be worked out for the gala buses, JACLers should contact their chapter president if interested in signing up. Non-members may contact the NCWNP regional office at 415/345-1075 to make bus reservations. The deadline is July 15. ■

Japanese Doctors Visit U.S. Survivors of Atomic Bomb Blasts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES—Kaz Suyeishi pointed to her heart and spoke of the wound that she and all other survivors of the atomic bomb that leveled Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, bear to this day.

"We have a scar in here," said Suyeishi, a feisty 76-year-old who lives in suburban Los Angeles. "And this scar will never disappear until we die."

Others among the estimated 300,000 who survived attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, struck by an even fiercer bomb three days later, are less fortunate.

Long-term studies reveal they suffer from elevated rates of leukemia and thyroid, colon and breast cancer, as well as cardiovascular diseases. Included in the group are roughly 1,000 U.S. citizens who survived the two atomic bomb blasts.

On June 20, a group of Japanese physicians from the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association began a trans-Pacific house call of sorts, checking up on dozens of


survivors living in the United States.

The checkups, equal parts goodwill gesture, epidemiological study and reunion of friends, have taken place every two years since 1977. This year's exams ended June 23 and covered as many as 180 of what the Japanese call *hibakusha*, or survivors of the bomb.


The team will also examine survivors living in Honolulu, San Francisco and Seattle. A smaller program exists to track those living in a handful of South American nations.

"It's more humanitarian, for the purpose of reassuring the survivors," said Dr. George Yamauchi, who helps coordinate the project under the aegis of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

The average age of the survivors now exceeds 70. Those closer to ground zero died immediately or in the weeks and months that followed the bombings. The Japanese estimate more than 200,000 people were killed or injured in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. ■





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National Newsbytes

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Senate Passes Bill to Rename Post Office for Mink

HONOLULU—The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bill to rename a Maui post office in honor of the late Hawaii Democratic Rep. Patsy Mink.

The bill, which had earlier passed the U.S. House, now goes to President Bush for his signature.

Mink was born in Paia in 1927 and graduated from Maui High School. The pending resolution would rename the building at 120 Baldwin Ave. the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building."

Rep. Neil Abercrombie and fellow Hawaii Democratic Rep. Ed Case introduced the measure in the House with 113 of Mink's former colleagues.

The Senate version of the bill was introduced by Hawaii Democratic Sens. Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka.

Mink, who died Sept. 28 at age 74, served in Congress for 24 years over two different stretches.

Honolulu May Pass Anti-Patriot Act Resolution

HONOLULU—The City Council may join the Legislature and other cities across the nation that have passed resolutions against the anti-terrorism powers in the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

The council's Executive Committee passed the resolution June 19 by a 6-1 vote, with Councilman Mike Gabbard opposed.

The full council was scheduled to vote on the resolution July 2. If the council approves the measure, Honolulu will be one of more than 100 cities that have opposed the post-Sept. 11, 2001, legislation that grants the federal government broad authority to investigate citizens.

The resolution requests that Hawaii's congressional delegation work to repeal the act.

The resolution also holds that no city resources can be used for activities deemed unconstitutional

by the state attorney general or by the city corporation counsel, including monitoring political and religious gatherings, eavesdropping on attorney-client conversations and conducting wiretaps without prior approvals or notice.

Gabbard said the council needs more time to deliberate the ramifications of the measure. He also said he fears the city may lose federal funding if it goes against the Patriot Act.

Minority Groups Say New Federal Racial Profiling Policy Doesn't Go Far Enough

National Advocacy groups for minorities are criticizing a new federal policy that bans racial profiling, saying it's not tough enough to end the practice.

The guidelines, issued by the Justice Department recently, prohibit federal law enforcement officers from using race or ethnicity in routine activities such as traffic stops. But they allow officers to consider those factors in preventing threats to national security — an exception attacked by several groups.

According to black, Hispanic, Muslim, Asian American and Arab American advocacy groups the policy's shortcomings include: it doesn't require agencies to monitor their own compliance and fails to provide redress for people who have been profiled; it doesn't call for collecting data on who is being stopped, or why; and it fails to ban religious and national-origin profiling.

Andrew Rice, a spokesman for the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, said "there are plenty of Asians they could very easily say are national security concerns, people from Indonesia, people from the Philippines," places where terrorists are active. Visitors from those countries could be questioned or prevented from entering the United States, he said.

The guidelines underscore how the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have widened the scope of racial profiling, minority advocates say. The experience of being stopped "driving while black or brown" has now grown to include Muslims, Arabs and South Asians who are singled out by government policies, they say. ■

'Honoring Our Heroes' Tribute Draws 500 People to Go For Broke Monument Anniversary

More than 500 World War II Nisei veterans, family and friends gathered together on Flag Day, June 14, in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo to celebrate the Go For Broke Monument's 4th anniversary tribute, "Honoring Our Heroes."

Keynoting the event was civil rights attorney Dale Minami who spoke of the Nisei veterans' uncommon valor and the important role they have played in educating future generations of their heroic American story.

The Go For Broke Awards were presented to individuals who helped to ensure the monument become a reality. This year's recipients were: Los Angeles City Mayor James Hahn, former Los Angeles City administrative officer Keith Comrie, and developer Michael Barker of Barker Pacific Group.

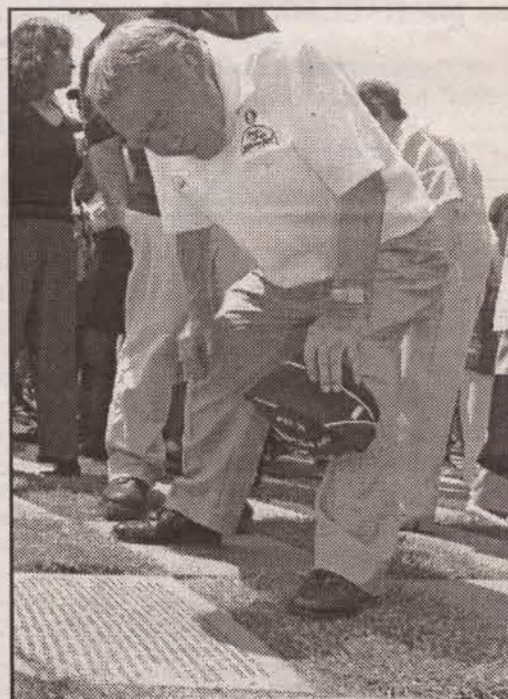
Each year veterans and family members take part in a floral tribute to pay homage to the Nisei units. Representatives this year included: Douglas Tanaka and grandson Craig Tanaka for the 100th Infantry Battalion; Frank Fukuzawa and son Leigh Fukuzawa for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; Steve Yamamoto and son Ronald Yamamoto for the Military Intelligence Service; Manabi Hirasaki and Sachi Murase for the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion; Herb Kimoto and his grandson Ross Yoshida for the 232nd Combat Engineer Company; and Larry

Yamada and Robyn Tofukuji for the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

Rafu Shimpō Editor-in-Chief and daughter of a 442nd RCT veteran Ellen Endo unveiled the first 231 names engraved on footsteps at the base of the monument. The "In Our Heroes Footsteps" name-engraving program enables all direct descendants of Nisei WWII veterans as well as children under 18 to have their names engraved.

The Go For Broke Monument was dedicated in June of 1999 and includes 16,126 names of Nisei veterans, their officers and Nisei women who served in the U.S. military during WWII. It is located at Alameda and Temple streets.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were: Calif. Assemblymembers George Nakano, Carol Liu and Judy Chu; State Board of Equalization member John Chiang; Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca; Los Angeles City Councilmembers Bernard Parks and Jan Perry; and Consul General of



Military Intelligence Service veteran Rusty Kimura looks for his son's name engraved on the footsteps at the base of the Go for Broke Monument. The footstep engravings were unveiled at the monument's 4th anniversary tribute, "Honoring Our Heroes," on June 14.

Japan Masaharu Kohno.

Keiko Agena, co-star of the WB Network series "Gilmore Girls," emceed the anniversary program; Boy Scout Troop 442, established in honor of the 442 RCT, lead the color guard and flag salute; and Harold Payne sang "Quiet Heroes," which he wrote and composed. ■

APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Calif. Governor Gray Davis has appointed Diane M. Ujiye as a member of the Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs. Ujiye of Gardena, Calif., has been the prevention director for the Asian American Drug Abuse Program since 1991. Recently she was appointed to the State Assembly's 49th District Immigration Issues Advisory Council and the Senate's 24th District Asian American Advisory Council. The Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs advises the governor, legislature and state agencies on issues relating to the rights and interests of the APIA communities.

Attorney Linda Toyo Obayashi

was recently selected as one of "Maryland's Top 100 Women," an award given to women who have distinguished themselves through their service, professions and accomplishments in the community. The award is sponsored by *The Daily Record*. Obayashi is an attorney mediator and partner in the law firm of Miller & Obayashi Mediation. Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, she is a graduate of the International Christian University of Tokyo and received her law degree from the Rutgers School of Law. Miller & Obayashi Mediation is a unique firm that is dedicated to mediation, collaboration and conflict management.

Akira Ken Nakano was presented with the Order of the

Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays, from the government of Japan June 5 at the consul general's residence in Seattle. Born in

Portland, Ore., in 1931, he and his family returned to Japan in 1937 and lived in Hiroshima until 1952.

When the American atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima Aug. 6 Nakano suffered burns to his face and hand. Although he did not suffer any long-term effects from the bombing his mother eventually died from the effects of the bomb. Nakano joined the U.S. Army in 1954 and attended the University of Washington. He is a former flight deck design engineer for Boeing Company and is a long-time JACL member. ■



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Fighting Hate Crimes and APAs in Entertainment Among Hot Topics at JACL Youth Confab

By **TRACY UBA**
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

ST. LOUIS—The 2003 JACL National Youth/Student Conference offered participants a chance to hear about and discuss both current and historical topics relevant not only to young Japanese Americans but to Asian Pacific Americans in general.

Among the workshops offered at the conference were: APA

Response to 9/11, Fighting Hate Crimes in the APA Community, APA Bone Marrow Drives, Working for a Non-Profit, Financial Planning, APA Cooking Made Easy, JA Taiko, APAs in Entertainment, Preserving the History of Internment, the History of Redress, and Hapa Issues: Our Changing Community.

Fighting Hate Crimes

JACL Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino, who has been active in monitoring and fighting hate crimes in the Chicago area for the past 20 years, led a workshop dealing with the history of hate crimes against APAs as well as current JACL efforts to combat racial violence, discrimination and scapegoating.

"Over the last 20 years, we've been dealing a lot with Asian American civil rights issues," Yoshino said. "I think a lot of times people get the sense that, well, you're a Japanese American organization so you deal with Japanese American issues. But nowadays, they really affect more of the Asian Pacific American community, and they aren't just issues that affect Japanese Americans."

From Vincent Chin to Joseph Ito, Yoshino highlighted the stories of APA victims of hate violence and discussed the more recent phenomenon of ethnic scapegoating and defamation in the media.

He also pointed out that hate crimes against APAs have taken many different forms since the first waves of Chinese and Japanese immigration.

"Sometimes people get the notion that hate crimes just started in the 1980s, and that's simply not the case. The terminology that we use — 'bias crimes' or 'hate crimes' — are more recent terms," Yoshino said. "But the whole notion of anti-Asian sentiment really goes back into history, back to the very first signs of

immigration on the part of Asian Americans."

Early immigrants faced various exclusion laws involving vocation, land and marriage.

"With the Chinese, who first came here during the middle part of the 1800s, it was a situation where not only were they given menial jobs and treated in a very second-class way, but in the state of California for example there were laws that were passed that specifically barred the Chinese from certain aspects of participation," he said.

"When the Japanese came first to Hawaii, and then to California, the situation was pretty much the same for them. They pursued agriculture very strenuously, but there was that racial animosity being directed at them because their community, our community, became very resourceful and successful in agriculture," Yoshino said.

Today, APA youth are particularly vulnerable to school and campus hate crimes involving racial slurs, vandalism or physical assault. In helping students learn to recognize a hate crime, Yoshino explained, "there's a threshold that has to be reached. You've got to make a clear threat, and in some cases it has to occur several times over. It has to be, 'I am going to do this to you because you are what you are.'"

APAs in Entertainment

Perhaps one of the hottest and most controversial topics for our community this year, especially with the success of Justin Lin's sleeper hit "Better Luck Tomorrow" and the mainstream acceptance of such celebrities as

Lucy Liu, is APAs in the entertainment industry.

This workshop led by producer Michael Trang, who created an APA kids' variety show called "K'Pow!," and actress Joy Bisco drew a large number of conference participants who discussed everything from remedying the lack of good roles for APAs in film and television to attracting advertisers and building successful business models.

"Asian Americans have never been able to have a unified marketing push like what happened with the 'Latin explosion,'" Trang said.

Rather than looking for original talent within the APA community, the current trend for Hollywood executives is to look to the East, he said. Whether it's finding the next Jet Li or adapting such films as "The Ring," Asian adaptation has proven to be a lucrative model of late.

"It's all about the green," Bisco added, a bottom line which has proven unfortunate for both APA entertainers and audiences.

For actors, Bisco said, APAs tread a fine line between rejecting roles which require playing a stereotype to accepting such roles to pay the bills or to get your foot in the door.

"It sucks right now, but you have to play the game," Trang said. "You have to figure out the right strategy with the media, and then use the media to get things done. Wait until you have enough leverage to fight what's wrong with the industry. Just seeing more Asians onscreen makes it easier for Asians to be accepted, but you have a choice," Trang said. ■

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San Francisco JACler Greg Marutani leads a workshop on preserving the history of internment.



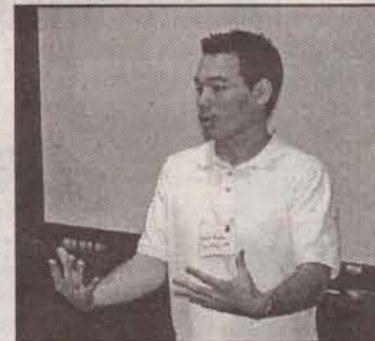
JACL Executive Director John Tateishi discusses the grassroots efforts it took to push the redress movement forward.



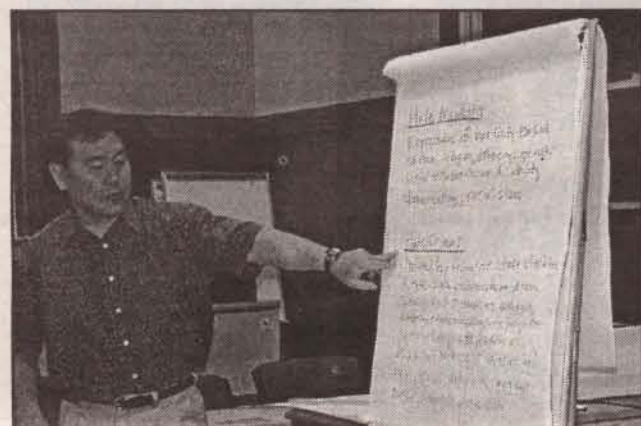
Participants from across the country pose for a group photo as the 2003 JACL National Youth Student Conference winds to a close in St. Louis, Missouri.



Washington, D.C.-based writer and editor Vicky Nam accepts this biennium's Vision Award.



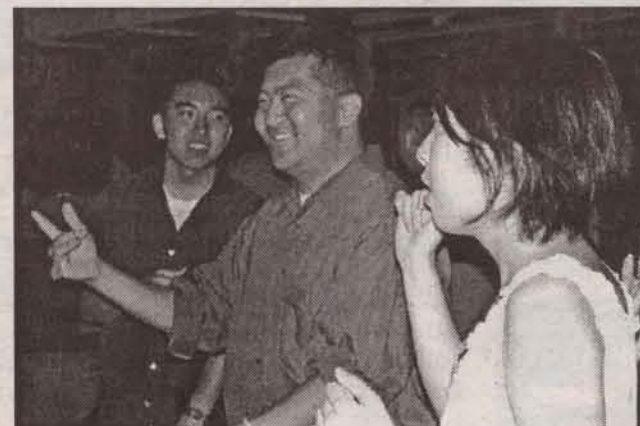
Chris Reece highlights the impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the Asian American community.



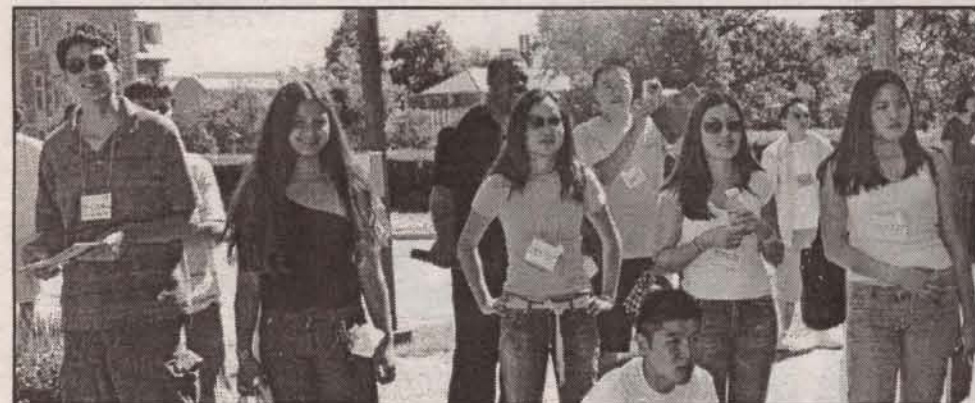
Bill Yoshino, JACL midwest regional director, helps students identify and define a hate crime.



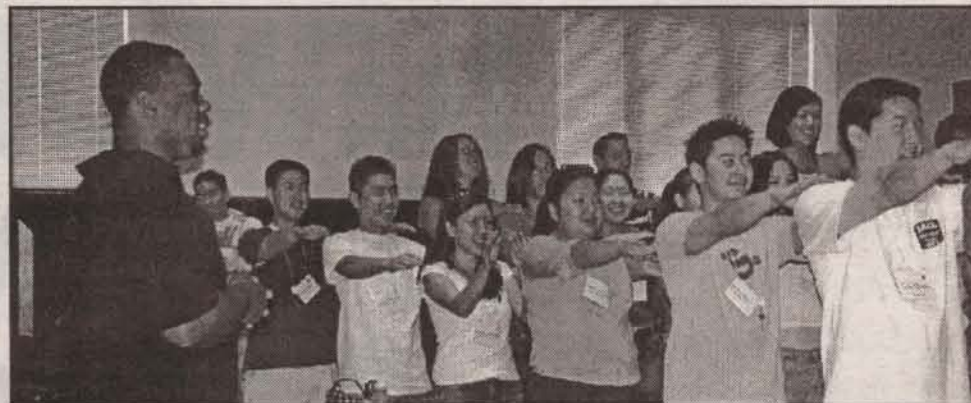
Producer Michael Trang discusses the lack of good roles for APAs in the entertainment industry.



PSW co-youth representatives Grant Hanada and Todd Sato getting their groove on alongside Maya Yamazaki.



Students enjoy the sights on the Washington University campus.



Opening keynote speaker Jeremy Rubin kicks off Saturday morning with an interactive exercise.



Showay Chang teaches students how to prepare a delicious Asian meal on a dime. Bon appetit!



The St. Louis Taiko group warms up the crowd prior to the Vision Awards banquet.



Maya Yamazaki and PSW Youth Coordinator Gerald Kato take a minute to pose for the P.C. between workshops.



JACL NY/SC (l-r): Leilani Sabitt, MDC; Ariana Figueroa, CCDC; Steven Peralta, PNW; Andrea Parker, MPDC; Vicky Nam, Vision Award; Joy Bisco, Vision Award emcee; Todd Sato, PSW; Shelly Doi, IDC; Josh Mizutani Spry, NY/SC rep.; Suzanne Sasaki, NCWNP; Maya Yamazaki, NY/SC chair; Natalie Nakasone, MDC; and Grant Hanada, PSW.



Students hear what it's like to save a life as a donor at the APA bone marrow drive workshop.

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In Sports

BASEBALL

Bonds' 73rd Home Run Ball Sells for \$450,000

NEW YORK—At \$450,000, the sale price June 25 of Barry Bonds' record 73rd home run ball was a relative bargain — and a financial bust for the two men who waged a long, expensive battle for it.

Nearly two years ago, Alex Popov caught the ball and Patrick Hayashi grabbed it off the ground after a scrum. In December, a judge settled the dispute by ordering Popov and Hayashi to sell the ball and split the profits.

Auction house Lelands.com had predicted the ball would sell for \$1 million to \$2 million, but the June 25 bidding never approached seven digits.

"It wasn't about money," said Popov, a Berkeley, Calif., restaurateur. "It was about history. It's not about greed. Patrick and I have become friends. I've got 20

months of joy out of the experience. It was unpredictable. I had no expectations."

Hayashi, a San Diego State University graduate student, had hoped the proceeds from the sale would help pay some student loans. Instead, he'll be using it for lawyers' fees.

"In the end, it's probably going to be a wash," he said.

The winning bid was placed by comic book icon Todd McFarlane, the same man who paid \$3.2 million for Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball in 1999.

"These two guys have two sets of lawyers that they've got to pay court costs," McFarlane said.

"These two guys could actually be in debt when it's all said and done.

"They could actually be worse off for having that ball."

Including commissions, the

official purchase price will be recorded as \$517,500.

Bonds, who hit the ball into the Pac Bell Park stands Oct. 7, 2001, watched the auction from a leather easy chair in the San Francisco Giants' clubhouse, struggling to keep his eyes open during the time usually reserved for his pregame nap.

When he saw the final price, he chatted with friends, but when reporters approached for comment, Bonds turned away and held up his hand.

"Don't come over," he said. "I saw it."

McFarlane, creator of the Spawn comic strip, said he would use the Bonds ball much as he did the one from McGwire.

"I'll make a quick call to the Hall of Fame to put it on display," he said. ■

GOLF

Thirteen-year-old Golfing Phenom Captures First National Title

PALM COAST, Fla.—Golfing phenom **Michelle Wie** now has a national championship to go with her unlimited potential.

The 13-year-old Wie outlasted Virada Nirapathpongorn for a 1-up victory June 22 at Ocean Hammock to become the youngest winner in the 27-year history of the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

Wie tapped in her 2-foot par putt on the 18th green and raised her right arm to celebrate the victory.

"I'm happy out of my mind," said Wie, who graduated from eighth grade last month. "I like beating a lot of people. I'm glad I survived all those matches."

Wie is the youngest player to win any adult U.S. Golf Association event. Laura Baugh was 16 when she won the U.S. Women's Amateur in 1971.

The 5-foot-11 Wie has competed against men in her home state of Hawaii, trying unsuccessfully to qualify for the Sony Open on the PGA Tour in January. She played in the final group at the Nabisco Championships in March, the first LPGA Tour major of the year.

She will play against the men on

the Canadian Tour in August, and on the Nationwide Tour in September.

But this was the longest week of her career — 36 holes of qualifying, followed by five 18-hole matches to reach the finals, and 36 holes against an NCAA champion who gave Wie all she could handle on a sticky, sweltering afternoon along the Atlantic Ocean.

Nirapathpongorn grabbed a 4-up lead after eight holes, nearly holing out from the third fairway and sticking her approaches inside 10 feet.

"I was about to give up," said Wie. "She didn't give me a chance to make birdie."

Wie got back in to the match with her awesome length, pounding drives that approached 300 yards and at times pitting her some 80 yards ahead of the 21-year-old Thai. She tied the match with an 8-foot birdie on the 14th, and pulled ahead in the final stretch of the last 18 holes.

"In the afternoon, I just didn't make any putts," Nirapathpongorn said. "Michelle played great. She was one shot better. That's why she deserved to win, why she's holding that big trophy." ■

Suzuki Shows Off Rare Power

Ichiro Suzuki, surprisingly, has become the most prolific power-hitting Japanese player in the majors.

Suzuki had his second career two-homer game June 17, leading the Seattle mariners to an 8-4 home victory over the Anaheim Angels.

A slap-hitting singles hitter his first two years in the majors, Suzuki has seven homers so far this year — one off his career high and one more than the New York Yankees' **Hideki Matsui**, who earned the nickname Godzilla for his prodigious power in Japan.

"These didn't happen by accident," said Suzuki, who was asked if he felt lucky to hit two home

runs. "So using the expression of 'lucky' is not appropriate."

Suzuki hit a career-best 25 homers in 1995 in Japan's Pacific League — half of Matsui's total last year in Japan — but only hit eight in each of his first two seasons in the majors.

Suzuki went 4-for-4 against the Angels to raise his batting average to .347, second in the AL, and extend his hitting streak to 13 games. He homered to lead off the first and added another solo shot in the third.

"Ichiro was unbelievable tonight," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "When he has a game like that, you're amazed watching him." ■

Former Major Leaguer Suzuki Ticketed for Drunk Driving

TOKYO—Orix BlueWave pitcher and former major leaguer **Mac Suzuki** was issued a ticket for drunk driving earlier this month, police said June 26.

Suzuki was pulled over by Kobe police at about 2:40 a.m. on June 8 and was taken to a Hyogo prefecture (state) police station where he was issued a ticket, police officer Juichiro Tanizawa said.

Suzuki apologized and reportedly told police he had met a high school friend for drinks about two hours earlier.

The amount Suzuki will be fined has not been determined but the 28-year-old right-hander was fined \$4,230 by Orix BlueWave, local media reported.

While he played for the Seattle Mariners in 1999, Suzuki was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in a traffic accident.

Suzuki has a 1-3 record this season with the last-place Orix BlueWave. Besides the Mariners, Suzuki also played for the Kansas City Royals, Milwaukee Brewers and Colorado Rockies. ■

BASKETBALL

Long Beach to Get ABA Team

LONG BEACH, Calif.—An American Basketball Association team will begin play at Long Beach State's Pyramid in November, team president Steve Chase announced June 19.

The team will be owned by **Hiromu Ikeda**, a Japanese business executive who also owns Japan's Niigata Albirex basketball team and Albirex Niigata soccer team, Chase said.

A team nickname and coach are expected to be announced soon, Chase said.

The ABA, which organizes bill as a revival of the league of the same name which played

from 1967-76, operated during the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 seasons before taking the 2002-2003 season off to reorganize.

The league has also awarded franchises to Kansas City, Las Vegas, Trenton, N.J., and two Mexican cities, Guadalajara and Juarez, a league statement said. Additional teams may also be added for this season, the statement said.

A lease to use the Pyramid has been agreed to but not signed, Chase said. An agreement is close to being reached, Pyramid general manager Mark Edrington said. ■

SOCCER

15-Year-Old Okuji Joins Women's Premier Soccer League

When 15-year-old **Kelli Okuji** of Salinas, Calif., got the call to play for The Blues team in the Women's Premier Soccer League, she became one of the

youngest players on the team.

Founded in 1998 the league gives women an opportunity to play in a near professional environment and operates teams from San Diego to New York. The league was developed to help fill the gap between college and the professional Women's United Soccer Association.

"I think it's a really good opportunity to see what college play is like," said Okuji in an interview with the *Salinas Californian*. Okuji was selected to The Californian's 2003 All-County Girls Soccer Team in March. "Now people have to pay to get into these games and the referees are pretty good. It's a different experience than any soccer experience I've ever had."


The Blues played their second game of the season June 7. ■



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East Wind

Bill Marutani

Asian Americans in Law Firms

THE STORY is probably pretty much the same in any U.S. metropolitan area: the dramatic evolution of minority lawyers' entry into the practice of law, particularly joining major law firms. When I arrived to Philadelphia from law school, let alone law firms there was not another Asian American lawyer with whom I might commiserate. It was a lonely period.

LOOKING BACK, it almost doesn't seem possible, but many law firms were waspish (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant): no Jewish or African American lawyers or even support staff of color. And no women. Some years passed before our law firm had women lawyers; we learned that we had been "missing the boat" for they were bright and effective. A lesson that many other law firms quickly discovered.

ALL THIS is by way of background to the dramatically changed picture today. Not only in Philadelphia but very much so on the national scene, including the once exclusive and haughty "big" law firms headquartered in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, D.C., and points in-between. The latest (summer) edition of *Minority Law Journal*, a publication of American Lawyer Media, contains a tabulation of a diversity scorecard based upon responses from 215 U.S. law

firms. "Diversity" is broken down into four categories: AA, African American, Hispanic American and Native American. (The survey seeks to focus upon American lawyers and anticipates formulating the next survey — which will be the fourth one — so that native lawyers serving in their native country but for an American law firm will not be counted in measuring diversity. For example, international practice of Baker & Mackenzie involved 83 percent of its lawyers being in non-U.S. offices. Breakdown by gender is passé.)

Well, so then how did the AA lawyers fare in all this?

THERE ARE TWO main levels in a law firm (with variations in each level): "associates" and "partners." Following this formulation, it is reported that AAs at 6.2 percent predominate in the associate ranks (followed by African Americans at 3.9 percent), while in the partner rank the rating readings are African Americans 1.9 percent followed by AAs at 1.2 percent. Hispanic American and Native American partners' scores are 1.3 percent and 0.1 percent; at the associate level, the scoring, respectively, is 2.7 percent and 0.1 percent. Among the law firms reporting, the one with the highest percentage of minority attorneys is the Miami-based law firm of Steel Hector & Davis; of the staff of 195 lawyers 36.9 percent are minority,

33.3 percent thereof, not surprisingly, being Hispanic Americans. At 17.6 percent the 223-person New York law firm of Pennie & Edmonds has the highest percentage of AA lawyers. However, in terms of absolute numbers of AA lawyers, both associates and partners, the five highest are: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom (153 AAs); Morrison & Forster (129); Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (115); Latham & Watkins (115); and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (88). The bases of operations of these five law firms are spread from New York City, San Francisco, Palo Alto and national.

Yes, things have dramatically changed in the last few decades. The road yet ahead promises even greater excitement. ■

Bill Marutani's column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

2003 CASIC Summer Internship Program Kicks Off

The California Asian American Student Internship Coalition (CASIC) and CAUSE (Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment) launched its 2003 internship program June 24.

This year seven CASIC interns were selected and will be placed in various legislative offices for a period of eight weeks. This year's interns are: Christina Chang from Stanford University; Robert Fukumoto from UC Santa Cruz; David Hsu from Duke University; Elizabeth Nakano from UC San Diego; Michael Wu from Harvard University; and Victoria Yang from UC Irvine.

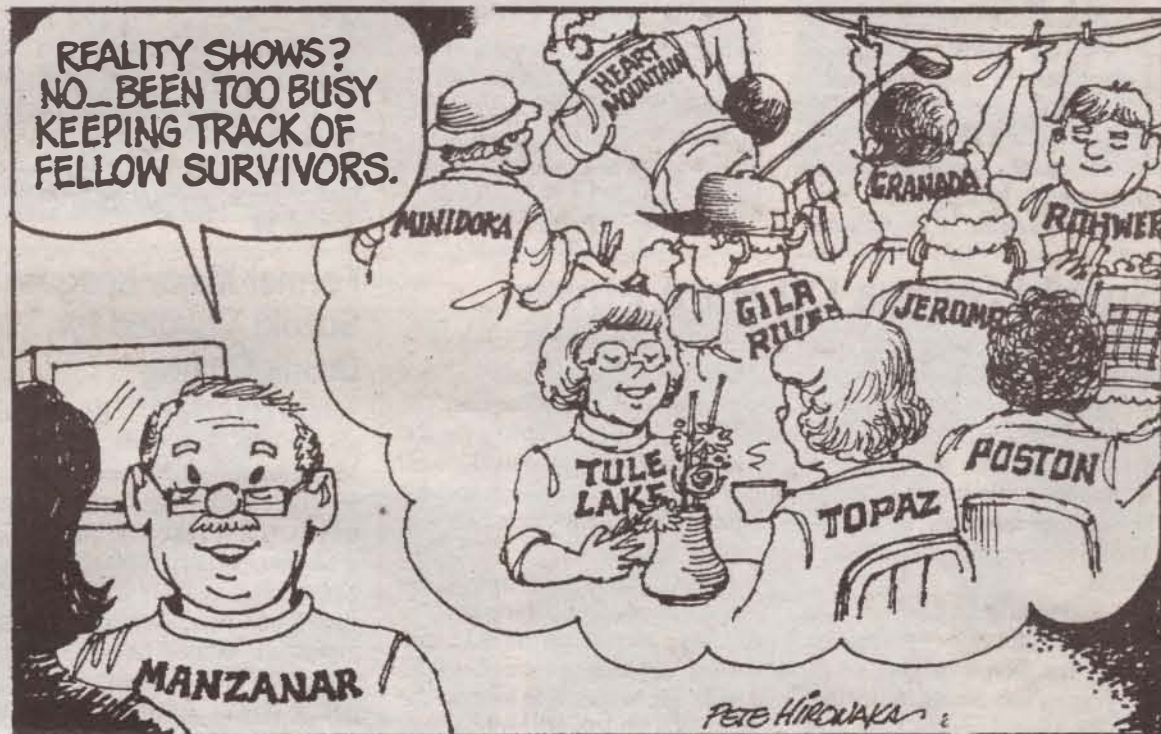
This summer's participating offices include: Congressmembers Jane Harman, Ed Royce and Adam Schiff, Assemblymembers Lou Correa and George Nakano, Board of Equalization member John Chiang,

and Los Angeles City Mayor James Hahn.

The CASIC program is an intensive eight-week program that places selected Asian Pacific American students in the offices of elected officials. This internship affords them a unique experience of the legislative process, constituent outreach, and other administrative tasks. The participants will also work collectively on a group research project, attend leadership workshops and seminars, and participate in local APA community events.

Led by CAUSE, this program is organized and supervised by the CASIC Coalition, including sponsoring organizations JACL, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and State Farm Insurance.

For more information contact Wendy Chien at 626/356-9838 or e-mail: wendy@causeusa.org. ■



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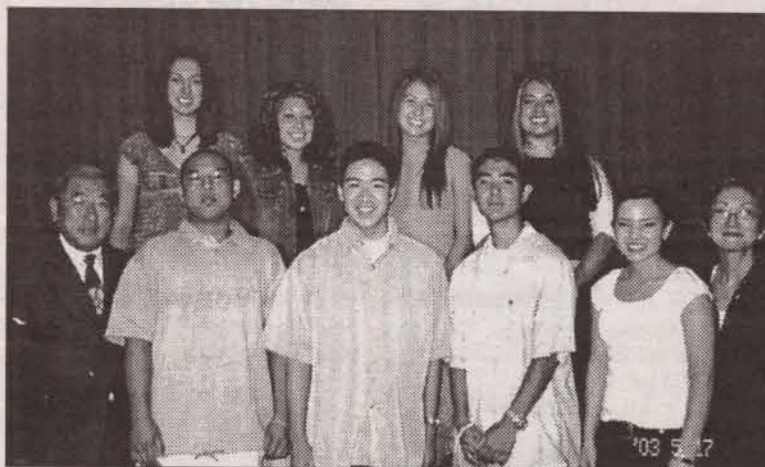
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Floyd Mori, national JACL president, pictured with some of the Wasatch Front North chapter scholarship recipients.

Wasatch Front North Chapter

The Wasatch Front North chapter in Ogden, Utah, awarded \$500 scholarships to 10 outstanding students heading for universities. They are Robyn Chiyoko Fujikawa, Joshua Kent Nagao, Brooke Garcia, Qui Huy Lu, Cory L. Chinen, Harmony M. Hesley, Daniel Minoru Miya, Darcee Kiyomi Kawaguchi, Bret George Shimizu and Jessica Katherine Dailey.

Floyd Mori, national JACL president, was keynote speaker at the presentation, after which the chapter participated in a miso cooking class, prepared a complete menu using miso, and shared it with scholarship recipients and their families. Chapter President Linda Kunie Oda, organized the occasion. ■

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Tues., July 15—Telecast, "Of Civil Wrongs & Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story"; 10 p.m. on PBS channels (check local listings).

Sat., Sept. 13—National JACL Dinner, "An American Testimonial: Salute to Japanese American National Leaders"; Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles; honoring Hon. Norman Mineta (invited), Hon. Daniel Inouye, Hon. Robert Matsui and Hon. Mike Honda. RSVP, info: 213/626-4471; psw@jaclo.org; http://www.jaclo.org. **2004: Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14**—National JACL 75th Anniversary Convention: Waikiki, Hawaii; Honolulu chapter hosts say, "Come early and enjoy an extra day."

East Coast

Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20—JACL Tri-District Conference; see Omaha, Neb. **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Sun.-Tues., Sept. 21-23—JAVA 10th Anniversary Celebration, in conjunction with the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution program, "Honoring the Legacy, Preserving the Future"; Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W.; Sunday luncheon; joint panels on the JA internment and military history on Sunday and Monday; Stradivarius concert Monday afternoon; wreath-laying at the JA Memorial, Nisei baseball film, reception and awards dinner gala on Tuesday. Registration, info: NJAMF, 202/530-0015.

Midwest

Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20—JACL Tri-District Conference; see Omaha, Neb. **CINCINNATI**

Sun., Aug. 17—Cincinnati JACL's Annual Potluck Dinner; (1:30 p.m. board meeting), 4 p.m. social hour, silent auction, 5 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. entertainment; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.

CLEVELAND

Sat., July 19—Obon Festival; 8 p.m.;

Cleveland Buddhist Temple.

Sun., July 27—Cleveland JACL and CIAF Scholarship Luncheon; 1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.); Shinano Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd., Richmond Hts.; **RSVP by July 16:** Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416, or Joyce Theus, 440/582-5443.

Thurs., Aug. 7—Japanese American Night at the Ballpark; 7:05 p.m.; Jacobs Field; Cleveland Indians vs. Seattle Mariners (with Ichiro Suzuki); pregame buffet available; Info: Jim DiLella, 216/420-4156; jdilella@cleindians.com.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., July 13—Twin Cities JACL's Summer Picnic; 12 noon to about 4 p.m.; Rosland Park, 4300 W. 66th St., Edina. **RSVP by July 8:** Connie Fukuda, 952-927-9126; connie.beanies@mindspring.com.

Sat.-Sun., July 19-20—Dragon Festival and Boat Race; Lake Phalen, St. Paul.

Mountain Plains

BOULDER, Colo.

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 22-23—Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance Festival; Pearl Street Mall; Mile-Hi JACL will participate. Info: Steven Comerford, 720/309-5885, Frank Sakamoto, 303/694-4790, or Sam Mayeda, 303/989-2256.

DENVER

Sun., Aug. 17—Dragon Boat Festival; Sloan Lake Park; Mile-Hi JACL will have a booth and also compete in the race. Info: Shane Imada: shaneimada@yahoo.com.

OMAHA, Neb.

Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20—JACL Tri-District Conference (Eastern, Midwest, Mountain-Plains), "Unity: Keeping the Flame Alive"; Sheraton Omaha Hotel; Thursday welcome mixer at the Western Heritage Museum; Friday separate district meetings; Saturday workshops on hate crimes, youth leadership, the "sandwich" generation, connecting past and present; complimentary shuttle to Henry Doorly Zoo, Old Market, Gene Leahy Mall, Heartland of America Park; Omaha Botanical Gardens with Japanese doll exhibit; Western Heritage Science Museum; Joslyn Art Museum, Iowa casinos; Sunday meeting of all three districts. Info: Jacqui Vidourek, 513/861-4860.

Intermountain

DELTA, Utah

Sat., Aug. 2—Topaz Pilgrimage, "Ties that Bind"; Delta City Park; 7 a.m. bike ride to camp; tour of the camp site, displays, videos, food all day; programs from noon; 7 p.m. big band dancing; come on Friday for golf. Info: Susan Stefanoff, 435/864-2279, or Jane Beckwith, 435/864-1098.

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri., July 11—The band Hiroshima performs at the Salt Lake City Jazz Festival; 8-10 p.m.; Washington Square, 400 S. State St.

Thurs., July 24—JACL Tri-Chapter Picnic; 12 noon; Jordan Park.

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Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Mon., July 7—Nikkei Concerns 23rd Annual South China Dinner; 4-9 p.m.; Perry Ko's South China Restaurant, 2714 Beacon Ave. South; to benefit Seattle Keiro, Nikkei Manor, Kokoro Kai, Nikkei Horizons, KIDcare. Tickets: 206/726-6523.

Northern California

Sun., Aug. 3—NCWNP district board meeting; Sequoia chapter hosting.

BAY AREA

Sun., July 13—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

Fri.-Mon., Aug. 1-4—Bus Tour to Delta, Utah, for the Topaz Pilgrimage; leaves from Berkeley Friday a.m.; Friday stopover at Ely, Nev.; Sunday return stopover in Reno; arrives in Berkeley Monday noon. Info: Toru Saito, 510/526-3284.

EAST BAY

Wed., July 9—East Bay Nikkei Singles' Scholarship Awards Dinner; Solano Bar and Grill, Albany. RSVP, info: Eleanor Toi, 510/656-5440.

OAKLAND

Sat., Aug. 2—Contra Costa JACL's "Day With the Oakland A's"; 1:05 p.m.; Network Associates Coliseum: A's vs. Yankees, with Hideki Matsui. **RSVP ASAP:** Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258.

RICHMOND

Sun., Sept. 14—JASEB 2nd Annual Walk-a-thon; Marina Bay Park; as a sponsor, Contra Costa JACL can receive 40 percent of the pledges. Info: Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258, or JASEB, 510/848-3560.

SAN JOSE

Sat., Aug. 16—Japanese American Cultural Festival (26th Annual Daruma Festival); 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (food from 10 a.m.); food, crafts, performing arts, San Jose Taiko, games for the children; hosted by West Valley JACL/ Next Generation. Info: 408/ 293-4432; www.darumafestival.org.

Mon., Aug. 25—Yu-Ai Kai's 20th Annual Golf Tournament; 11 a.m. shotgun start; San Juan Oaks Golf Club; entry includes green fee, cart, tee prize, one dinner; dinner only is also available. Registraton: Yu-Ai Kai, 408/294-2505.

UNION CITY

Sat.-Sun., July 12-13—Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church 41st Annual Bazaar; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, to 8 p.m. Sunday; games, food, crafts, baked goods, bingo, entertainment, raffle, more; 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Info: 510/471-2581; www.geocities.com/sacbenet.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun., Sept. 21—Shinzen Run and Walk; 6 a.m. registration; Woodward Park; to benefit the Nikkei Service Center, the Shinzen Friendship Garden and the Fresno JACL Scholarship Endowment Fund. Info: Bobbi Hanada, Fresno JACL, 559/434-1662.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Fri., July 4—Exhibit Opening: "California Pottery: From Missions to Modernism"; Autry Museum, 4700 Heritage Way; exhibit runs through January 25. Info: 323/667-2000; www.autry-museum.org

Sat.-Sun., July 12-13—Zenshuji Soto Temple Obon Carnival; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; 123 S. Hewitt St., Little Tokyo; food, flower and doll displays, taiko, karate, Japanese and Okinawa dance, Zendeiko, Bon-Odori, steel drum band, games, contests, more. Info: 213/624-8658.

Sun., July 13—Third Annual Community Law Day; 1-3 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; topics: privacy, identity theft, consumer fraud, internet security, durable powers of attorney; light refreshments; sponsored by the Venice Culver JACL. RSVP by July 7 (requested but not required): Diana Nishiura, 310/838-9862, or Florence Ochi, 323/291-1450.

Sat., July 19—Japanese American Community Day at Dodger Stadium; 1:10 p.m.; Dodgers vs. St. Louis Cardinals; see Hideo Nomo, Kazuhisa Ishii, So Taguchi. Group discounts. Info: Asian Operations Dept., 323/224-4271, or Group Sales, 323/224-4121.

Sat., July 19—The band Hiroshima will perform at the LA Tofu Festival; 8:30 p.m.; 240 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/473-1602; www.tofufest.org.

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www.tofufest.org.

Thurs.-Sun., July 31-Aug. 3—Play, "Reds, Whites, and Blues"; 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Terasaki Garden Café, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; captioned and wheelchair accessible. **RSVP ASAP:** John Guzman, 213/830-5625.

Sundays, Aug. 3, 10, 17—Nisei Week Aikido and Iaido Demonstrations; 12 noon-1:30 p.m.; Aikido Center of Los Angeles, 940 E. 2nd St. #7, Little Tokyo. Info: www.aikidocenterla.com.

Sat., Oct. 11—10th National JACL Singles Conference; Hacienda Hotel, LAX; all-day conference and dinner dance, for singles to explore, experience, enjoy; hosted by Greater L.A. Singles and Orange County Sansei Singles. Info: asiansinglesconf.org; Miyako1@earthlink.net; 310/559-4024.

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Fridays-Sundays, July 11-Aug. 24—"The Teahouse of the August Moon"; 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays; Secret Rose Theatre, 11246 Magnolia Blvd.; handicapped accessible. Reservations daily: 818/623-4291. Info: 818/766-3691.

TORRANCE

Sat., July 12—South Bay JACL Garage Sale; 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; 2047 W. 169th Place. Info: 310/329-3465.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sun.-Wed., Aug. 17-20—Heart Mountain Class of '48 "Last Hurrah?" Reunion; California Hotel and Casino. Info: Raymond Uno, rsuno1@yahoo.com

Tues.-Thurs., Oct. 28-30—Rohwer Jr. High School Reunion; California Hotel & Casino; including students who attended Rohwer Jr. High from 1943-45 (*graduating classes of 1948, '49, '50*). Registration forms, info: Sets (Izumi) Asano; 310/515-0889; Toshi Kusumoto, 213/382-5712; or Pat Toshiko (Tamura) Muraoka, 310/532-1666.

RENO

Sun., July 20—Reno JACL Fish n' Pitch Potluck; 7:30 registration; Sparks Marina; 12 noon lunch; one-day fishing licence required for 13 years and older. Info: Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 775/853-8850. ■

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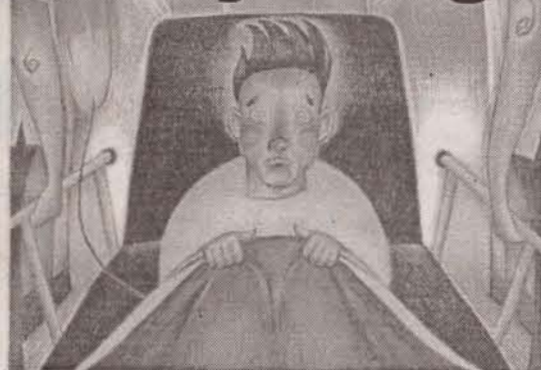
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Ariza, Yasumi, 75, Phoenix, June 22; Montebello-born; Korean War U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Miyoko; sons Tetsushi Kenneth, Koji L.; daughters Akemi Diane Uyema, Emiko J. South; 3 gc.; brothers Tom, Sam, Takashi, Noboru of Japan; predeceased by sister Hatsuye Shiota.

Chin, Alyssa Masami, 2, Camarillo, June 5; Ventura-born; survived by parents David and Cindy; grandparents Tse-Yee Chin, and Tom and Yoshimi Kita; uncles Alan (Bonnie), Philip (Ruby), Steven (Margie) and Peter Chin and Alan (Dawn) Kita.

Fukushima, Sayako Miki, 88, San Juan Island, Wash., June 8; Redlands-born; longtime resident of the Los Angeles area; survived by sister Sachiko Fukushima of Los Angeles; 2 gc., 3 ggc.; brothers- and sisters-in law Ruth Takahashi, David Fukushima, Samusel Fukushima, Esther Oka, Irene Kataoka; predeceased by husband John.

Hachiya, Yasushi "Ted," 97, Torrance, June 7; San Francisco-born; Japan-educated; Amache, Colo., internee; singer, radio and stage personality under the name "Yukito Itano," pre-war in Japan and postwar in the United States; survived by daughters Takako Okubo, Fumiko Hachiya Wasserman; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Seiichi Itano; predeceased by wife Shizuko "Cecil."

Higashihara, Fumio, 84, San Francisco, June 16; survived by wife Lorraine; daughters Lynne (Larry) Allen; Shielah (Gordon) Ishizaki, Jan E. (Jim) Yamaguchi.

Horito, Mary, 74, North Hollywood, June 12; survived by sons Bruce, Raymond, Dan (Nam); daughters Sandra (Fred) Tom, Debbie (Gary) Kurmi, Kris (Abner) Nicolas; 4 gc.; sisters May Torizawa, Ruth Hashimoto, Bette (Bill) Kobayashi and Dorothy (Roy) Uno.

Kimura, Michiko, 83, Long Beach, June 15; Hollywood-born; survived by son Glenn; daughter Joyce; daughter-in-law Michie; 1

gc., 1 ggc.; brother Shigeo (Sumi) Dohara; sister Mutsuko Oshita; predeceased by husband Kay, son Wayne and grandson Jeffery.

Kitamura, Ichiro, 86, San Gabriel, June 17; Los Angeles-born; survived by son George (Jean Yoshiko); 1 gc.

Miyoshi, Jean Michie, 85, Gardena, June 11; El Monte-born; survived by sons David Masao (Teruko), Victor Don, Robert Joe (Joyce); 4 gc.; brother Tak (June) Horikiri; sisters Maise Kato, Betty Oka, Helen (Tish) Honjo, Shirley Horikiri.

Murakami, George Akio, 82, Los Angeles, June 14; Orange County-born; survived by sons Rodney, John; daughters Helen (Joe) Martinez, Karri Murakami; 4 gc.; 6 brothers, 2 sisters.

Nakagawa, Fujie, 87, Cardiff-

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by-the-Sea, June 6; survived by son Wayne; daughters Janice Morel, Valerie Thurston; 4 gc.; brother Henry Kodama; sisters Faye Sugita, Masaye Ninomiya.

Nakamura, Spc. Paul T., 21, Santa Fe Springs, June 19; he joined the U.S. Army Reserves out of patriotism and was killed in Al Iskandariya, Iraq, when the ambulance he was in was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade; survived by parents, Paul and Yoko; sister Pearl.

Nagata, Reiko Gladys, 68, Denver, May 27; survived by 4 gc., 4 ggc.

Nako, Debbie Yukiye, 48, Huntington Beach, June 16; survived by mother Sarah; sister Eileen (Frank) Fetters.

Nawa, Rose Takako, 85, Bellflower, June 17; survived by daughter Eileen Nawa; sister Lillian (Jiro) Nawa.

Nishida, Aiko, 73, Manteca, June 13; Stockton-born; survived by husband Roy; sisters-in-law

May Yoshikawa, Mollie Shimo-bayashi, Betty Nishimori; brothers-in-law Fumio and Jimmie Nishida.

Saito, Pattie Deroeux, 45, Los Angeles, May 28; survived by son Julien Deroeux; mother Mihoko Saito; brothers Dan (Christine) and Wayne (Cyra) Saito; sister Tina (Ramiro) Saito Santoyo; predeceased by brother Ron Saito.

Sato, Sanaye H., 94, Los Angeles, June 14; Fresno-born; survived by son Rev. Dr. Aron (Ruta) Sato; daughter-in-law Carol Sato; 8 gc.; 1 step-gc.; 9 ggc.

Sone, Edward Tamotsu, 82, Los Angeles, June 11; Louisiana-born; survived by wife Marienne Haruye; son Eddy (Kim); daughter Margie Sone-Doehner; 4 gc.; brothers Katsumi and George (Yoshiko) of Sacramento; sister Shizu Itonaga of Riverside.

Tanaka, Raymond Shunso, 80, Watsonville, June 9; Loomis-born; Tule Lake internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by sons Steven, Richard, Forrest; 1 gc.; brother Fred; sister Sally Fujii; predeceased by wife Amy and twin brother Toshiyuki.

Yoshida-Sato, Rosie (Ross), Torrance, June 3; survived by husband Wilbur; daughter Naomi (Albert) Noda; son Emerson (Berta); sisters Nallie (Hiyoshi) Imoto of Lindsay, Frances (Joe) Wiley of Chicago, Beti Downs of Santa Monica, Cathy (Mas) Kakiba of Monterey Park; brother Bert (Sadako) Yoshida of Gardena.

Yukihiro, Mitsuko (Mickie), 76, Norwalk, June 16; Yamagata ken-born; survived by husband George T.; son Calvin (Julie) Tanda, daughter Karen (Stanley) Ishii; 5 gc. ■

Correction

May Fumiko Fukuda, 96, of Cypress who passed away on May 7, was mistakenly listed as James Y. Fukuda in the June 30-July 3 Obituary column. She was born in Fallon, Nev., and was interned at Poston, Ariz.; survived by sons James Hamai (Dorothy), Kei Fukuda (Tomoko), Kiyoshi Fukuda (Sandii); 6 gc., 3 ggc.

SENZAKI

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Angeles and as a career counselor at UCLA. After moving to San Francisco he served as a counselor for the Asian American Communities for Education (AACE) and later was the director of San Francisco State's EOP program. He was also a co-founder of Asians and Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE), an organization dedicated to promoting Asian American issues in higher education.

After leaving the JACL, Senzaki served as Dean of Student Affairs at De Anza Community College and worked at City College of San Francisco's Civil Liberties Public Education Project using grant funds from the U.S. government to help educate students about the Japanese American World War II internment.

In his most recent years Senzaki taught in the Asian American Studies Departments at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State and San Mateo Community College.

"Randy was an optimist. He

faced every life challenge believing that things would always improve and appreciating the good and positive things happening in his life," said Carole Hayashino, former JACL associate director, who had worked alongside Senzaki. "Randy had tremendous respect and love for his mother, Miyo Senzaki. He was inspired by her dedication to the community and service to others. He was a devoted father to his two children."

Senzaki is survived by his two children, Miles and Marissa, his mother Miyo, his brother Allen, his sister Nan, and ex-wife Sharon.

Friends of Randy Senzaki have established the Randy Senzaki Family Fund at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC). All contributions will be given to Senzaki's children and family. To make a contribution, make a check payable to JCCCNC/Senzaki Family Fund and mail to: JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. For information contact Dale Shimasaki, 916/441-3909, Carole Hayashino, 415/515-9899 or Carol Saito, 213/626-4471. ■

OBITUARY

Kenneth Meyers, Helped WWII Internees Get Insurance, Dead at 94

SEATTLE—Kenneth Gordon Myers, who helped get insurance for Japanese Americans returning from World War II internment camps and was state campaign treasurer for two presidents, is dead at 94.

Myers, a business and Presbyterian church leader for decades in Seattle and Bainbridge Island, died June 13 at Bayview Manor after a long illness.

Myers grew up in Seattle, attended the University of Washington and followed his father in the insurance business at Alexander Myers & Co. in Seattle and Bainbridge Island.

After WWII, moved by the patriotism of JAs in the U.S. military, he persuaded insurance companies to reverse course and provide home and automobile coverage for JAs returning from internment camps.

Myers was treasurer for the Washington state presidential primary campaigns of Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon in 1952 and 1968, respectively; headed the Seattle Transit Commission during an expansion

period in the early 1960s; was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Whitworth College of Spokane for three years, and was president of the King County Insurance Association and the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include sons Richard A. Myers, of Seattle, David G. Myers of Holland, Mich., and James K. Myers of Newport, Ore., daughter Nancy Dings of Bellevue, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. ■

Whereabouts

Whereabouts is free of charge and run on a space-available basis.

MINORU IMAMURA

Masako Ito-Yanaga is searching for Minoru Imamura. Before World War II, the Imamura family farmed in Inglewood, Calif. He is thought to have received military training at Fort Blanding and Fort Leavenworth. He married a Mary in Chicago. The last time Ito-Yanaga saw Imamura was in Kansas City, Mo. anyone with information is asked to contact Ito-Yanaga at 81600 Fred Waring Dr., Stage 180, Indio CA 92201; or tel: 760/342-6682. ■



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YOUTH

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ing here and meeting all these Japanese Americans from all over the United States, especially the ones from Utah, it's been interesting opening my eyes towards other Japanese Americans. I went to the Hapa Issues workshop and a lot of them were talking about how they're from predominantly white communities, and to me that's such an isolated experience," Trang said.

This biennium's Vision Awards recipient, Korean American author, editor and journalist Vicky Nam, spoke firsthand about growing up in a small, mostly white, conservative suburb in upstate New York, struggling to fit in and find her identity.

"Through junior high and high school, I didn't know what it meant to be 'Asian.' It existed in my imagination as an abstraction. In my desperate search for acceptance, I sought to downplay anything that distinguished me from my Euro-American peers," she said.

Nam, editor of the highly acclaimed anthology "YELL-Oh! Girls: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity, and Growing Up Asian American," which collected writings from over 70 APA adolescent girls representing different ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, said it wasn't until she attended Wellesley as an undergraduate student and went on to work for such magazines as *Time Inc.* and *Teen People* that she began to see the absence of young APA voices in the media and beyond.

"This last couple of years has been a complete learning experience," Nam told the *Pacific Citizen*. "I feel like I've learned a lot from adolescents and I credit the girls who collaborated with me on this amazing experience. These are just like the crowning moments. I feel like this is my Academy Award!"

"JACL has such a legacy and so many wonderful leaders, including up-and-coming ones," she said. "For me, it's truly an honor because I felt like this community was embracing me and I really value that interethnic cross-pollination. Whoever expects anything like this! And I'm thinking I totally don't deserve this."

In accepting her award, Nam's one nugget of advice to JACL youth was to "encourage each other to practice various modes of self-expression, whether it's writing, painting, public speaking, performing or acting, so that someday we'll be accustomed to seeing Asian American youth in highly visible, powerful roles."

Contrary to what one might expect, Nam told the *P.C.*, one of the enormous challenges she faced in compiling the "YELL-Oh! Girls" anthology was gathering submissions from JA youth, and how that outreach and networking was unusually difficult.

"There wasn't as strong a voice in the book as I would have hoped for Japanese American girls," she said, "not because I wasn't hitting or tapping into the right resources but maybe because the channels of communication weren't there to readily distribute the information. It wasn't reluctance, I think the structures really just weren't in place for them to hear about it. But I think this is an example of how the organization is making a concerted effort to involve youth, and this (conference) is a channel that they're building steadily."

Issues such as assimilation and dispersal amongst those in the JA community were addressed by several students during the conference, who lamented the difficulty of attracting and retaining youth in organizations such as JACL.

"It's hard to get youth out. Especially as younger generations grow up, you start to lose your culture. Everyone starts dispersing, like

if you look at the J-towns," said Scott Iseri, 20, a student at the University of California, Irvine.

Michelle Komatsu, 22, explained the phenomenon as one of the only young JAs active in the Arizona JACL: "We don't have too many in Arizona that are active. A lot of them, if they are active, they're around for a little while, then they have to go to their careers or take off to college. Like me, I've been in school for the past five years."

One of the few repeat participants, Komatsu last attended the 1999 JACL NY/SC in Irvine, Calif., when she was still a high school student, but she said her interest in the organization was piqued again only after attending last biennium's national convention in Monterey, Calif.

First-time conference attendee Michelle Sugi, 22, who said she's always been somewhat involved in the JACL through her father, described a similar experience: going on hiatus while attending college at Johns Hopkins University in Chicago. She recently moved back to Riverside, Calif., to start graduate school at UCLA and has since renewed her interest in the organization.

"Since my chapter doesn't have that many young people, they decided you can be the new youth rep, so I was just kind of thrown in, which I don't mind," Sugi said. "I'm really excited about it, but I'm just kind of lost. So that's why they sent me to this conference to meet new people and get an idea of what the JACL youth organization is all about."

Another factor in declining participation among JA youth is the rift between a diminishing monoracial population and a growing Hapa population which doesn't necessarily identify with the traditional Nikkei experience, said Leilani Sabitt, 19, a member of the Twin Cities JACL and the Midwest District co-youth representative.

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

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was worth more than some measures of academic excellence, writing ability or leadership skills. Outstanding athletes also got 20 points, as did impoverished applicants.

In addition to JACL, several other Asian Pacific American groups hailed the Supreme Court's affirmative action ruling. Earlier this year the JACL joined 27 APA organizations in submitting an *amicus curiae* "friend of the court" brief supporting the University of Michigan's affirmative action programs.

"The Supreme Court's decision means that the government will be able to effectively address barriers to equal opportunity," said Raymond Wong, Organization of Chinese Americans national president. "OCA has long supported promoting diversity to give qualified minorities and women the chance to level the playing field."

Gloria Caoile, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) executive director, said, "The Court's decision clearly paves the way for institutions of

higher education to continue implementing affirmative action policies that ensure a racially diverse and integrated campus, which in the long run will benefit all Americans."

"Affirmative action not only benefits Asian Americans and other communities of color that have faced past discrimination — it benefits all Americans," said Margaret Fung, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) executive director. "The Court has reaffirmed our nation's commitment to securing diversity in higher education."

Opponents of affirmative action had hoped the Supreme Court would use this opportunity to ban most consideration of race in any government decisions. The Court is far more conservative than in 1978, when it last ruled on affirmative action in higher education admissions, and the justices have put heavy conditions on government affirmative action in other arenas over the past decade.

In her ruling, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote that affirmative action programs should not go on forever. "We expect that 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary."

has really kind of struggled with trying to get youth involved in the Midwest, and I think a lot of that is because a lot of the youth are Hapa, so that's always been an issue in making sure they can identify and that's always been really hard," she said.

Tammy Nguyen, 19, a new Lake Washington JACL member and a student at UW in Seattle, said despite the fact that she is not JA, she has felt nothing but acceptance.

"I'm not even Japanese, but I feel welcome here," she said. "It's unifying, everyone's really friendly and open. It's a really good opportunity

for youth — to empower us early on. It makes you motivated to be more involved with the community."

Born in Vietnam, Nguyen said her family moved to New York when she was young and then to Bellevue, Wash., where she's lived for the past 12 years. As a child in elementary school, she recalled being subject to discrimination and ridicule by her American peers.

"It was very difficult," she said. "I was thinking, I hope nobody I know ever has to face that. This kind of thing, this conference, empowers you to live a future where you don't have to fear." ■

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