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TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE 'Keeping the Flame Alive' — Mountain Plains, Midwest and Eastern Districts Hold Conference

By HIRO NISHIKAWA
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

OMAHA, Neb.—Despite the dying embers of the Mountain Plains District, which will merge in part with the Midwest in 2004, the MP/Midwest/Eastern tri-district conference took place July 17-20. Some 52 delegates from 16 chapters attended the business and workshop sessions to discuss

the JACL's endowment is providing sufficient cash to meet payroll and pay vendors each month. Stock market gains this year have increased the value of JACL's endowments to numbers slightly above the original principal.

During the district council meetings the MDC re-elected Ben Ezaki (Twin Cities chapter) as governor and the EDC selected Paul Uyebara (Philadelphia chap-



PHOTO: HIRO NISHIKAWA

The Tri-district Planning Committee: (l to r) Mike Watanabe, Judy Ueda, Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Akiye Rebarich, and Steve Hasegawa. [not pictured: Rachel Endo]

"Keeping the Flame Alive," the conference's theme. By banquet time, the attendees numbered 89 delegates, boosters and special guests.

During separate district council meetings, national officers Floyd Mori, president, David Kawamoto, vice president of operations, and Art Koga, secretary/treasurer, met individually with each district to provide updates to members. According to Mori, JACL membership increased in July to about 15,400, moving towards the goal of 16,000. He emphasized the need for JACL to critically review how it operates while struggling through a period of crisis.

Koga, after tantalizing members with a pre-review of the 75th anniversary 2004 convention in Honolulu, explained that JACL is still struggling to regain a stable cash flow. A \$200,000 loan from

ter) as governor replacing Clyde Nishimura (Washington, D.C. chapter).

Led by Bob Wolfson (Plains States Anti-Defamation League) and Patrick McNamara (Omaha consultant), the "Hate Crimes" workshop kept with the conference theme. Distinctions between state (Nebraska) and federal hate crime statutes were pointed out. Bill Yoshino, MDC regional director, reminded attendees of the JACL Anti-Hate Program and distributed pamphlets on "Anti-Asian Sentiment on Campus" and "How to Respond to Hate."

The "Sandwich Generation: Caring for Children and Elderly Parents" workshop was led by Maggie Sweigert (Immanuel Health Systems), Paul Maginn and Dottie Brown (both of Alegant Health). They mapped strategies of "engaging the aging" in ongoing growth and activity, while also maintaining balance

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AAs Protest FOX's Decision to Air 'Banzai'

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

HOLLYWOOD—With shouts of "FOX network promotes racism" and "FOX is racist," dozens of Asian American protesters gathered in front of the Renaissance Hotel July 17 to confront FOX executives for airing the game-show parody "Banzai" and demanding the network take the show off the air immediately.

"We don't do black face in this country anymore so why are we doing yellow face?" said Aki Aleong, president of Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), who helped lead the protest where FOX executives were hosting a press tour for the Television Critic's Association. "We are hoping to let FOX know that it is not politically correct to be putting on this stereotypical show with buffoonish-looking characters unless there is balance."

"When will Hollywood stop parodying Asian Americans?" said Guy Aoki of MANAA. "They've done it for decades so this is just more of the same thing."

MORI MEMO Supporting JACL to the Fullest

By FLOYD MORI
JACL Nat'l President

THANKS for your continued support of JACL. We could not function as an organization without good members and effective chapters providing social, cultural, educational, and service



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We're tired of being the people who only appear in the Chinatown episodes, where they have martial artists or gangsters. We want to be seen as regular people."

"Banzai," an import from Britain, uses actors with heavy, stereotypical Japanese accents,

on their network. According to Aoki, "Banzai" has five regular Asian actors but only one other Asian Canadian actor appears in the rest of FOX's programming.

"I challenge people, if there's five negative images of Asian people on 'Banzai' try to find five positive images of Asian or A s i a n Americans not only on FOX but on all networks combined," said Aoki, noting that a lack of AA representation on the networks has been an ongoing issue for several years now. "You will not find them. This is why this is so d a m a g i n g . There's no balance. All we

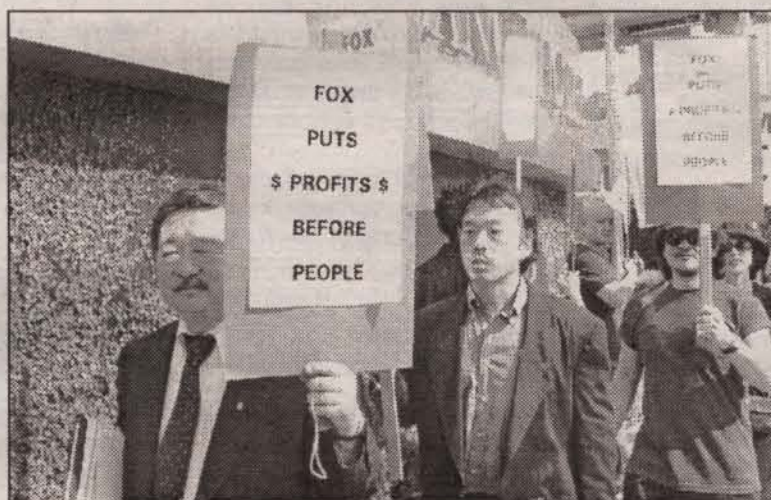


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Ken Inouye (left), JACL v.p of public affairs, and Guy Aoki (center), MANAA, help lead the protest against FOX's "Banzai" in front of the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood.

white actresses in geisha costumes, and actors making exaggerated martial arts poses to attract viewers to bet on their bizarre contests. One game involves two elderly ladies in wheelchairs moving full speed toward each other, and viewers are asked to guess who will veer off first. Another game asks viewers to guess how many helium balloons will need to be attached to a chicken to make it airborne.

"We believe this program depicts Asian Pacific Islanders and Japanese in a very negative way," said Ken Inouye, JACL vice president of public affairs. "We believe it encourages stereotypes and we're very concerned that programming like this does encourage negative behavior towards people of Japanese ancestry."

Groups like MANAA and JACL believe "Banzai" is not only racist, they also note the stereotypical portrayals are even more dangerous since FOX has very few other AA actors or roles for AAs

have are these really racial caricatures."

In 2003 the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) statistics show that AAs account for only 2.1 percent of roles in prime-time television, down from 2002.

About four months ago MANAA got word that FOX was planning to air several episodes of "Banzai," a controversial show that had appeared previously on the USA Network. A viewing was eventually done at Lodestone Theatre's Comedy Night in Los Angeles where members of MANAA and other audience members were given a preview of the imported show.

Although several audience members loudly expressed their disapproval of the show and its racist antics, FOX ignored their views and went ahead and scheduled the show for their summer season, said Aoki.

In a last-minute effort to per-

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President Bush Signs Bill Naming Maui Post Office for Mink

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—President Bush has signed a bill that renames a Maui post office in honor of the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink.

B u s h signed the legislation July 14 renaming the Paia Post Office the Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office, said U.S. Rep. Ed Case, D-Hawaii.

"The Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office is the closest postal facility to Mrs. Mink's birthplace of Mamakapoko, and so it is



most appropriate that this post office now bears her name," said Case, who succeeded Mink.

Case said his office is working with the Postal Service and the Mink family on a formal dedication for the building.

Case and fellow Hawaii Democratic Rep. Neil Abercrombie 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. She also served on the Honolulu City Council for four years. ■

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MORI MEMO

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opportunities as well as a strong national organization that focuses on the larger issues that will always face our community.

Although we may not always agree with all the positions taken by national JACL, we should realize that JACL will always be working for the benefit of Japanese Americans. The larger picture is that JACL is our organization, striving to insure a better life for us.

The membership drive is picking up thanks to everyone who has been helping to increase JACL's membership. Our numbers are moving upward as chapter leaders and individual members encourage friends and relatives to become members of JACL. Contacting former members whose memberships have lapsed (some quite some time ago) has also been effective. Remember, gift memberships are a good way to include and benefit our family members who are not yet members of JACL.

It is important for us to keep trying to increase our membership numbers. As many of our former leaders and strong Nisei members have aged and left us, it is imperative that we attract the younger generations in order to keep JACL vital.

Along the lines of the younger generation, I would like to comment on the recent National Youth/Student Conference that was held in June at the campus of Washington University in St. Louis where our National Youth Representative Josh Spry attends college. Josh and our National Youth Chair Maya Yamazaki, with the help of the National Youth/Student Council and leaders, did a superb job in planning and executing a conference that was exciting and fun for the youth.

It was a privilege and pleasure to spend time with our youth during the conference. The only disappointment for me was that many of our JACL youth missed this great experience. I would urge all

to begin planning to attend the national convention in Hawaii next summer where there will be a youth/student segment of the convention in addition to seeing the workings of the national JACL and the possibility of serving as interns.

There were approximately 100 youth representatives from the various JACL chapters who (with their youth leaders) participated in the St. Louis conference. These are our future leaders. I pay tribute to them for their interest in and dedication to JACL. There is a serious interest in the issues that face the JA community, and these young people want to help make our communities more understanding and accepting of diversity. It is gratifying to see that the young people in JACL are willing to spend time and make the effort to attend a conference to learn more about JACL and to further the goals of the organization.

Lastly, let me give special thanks to George and Beverly Tadehara of the Mount Olympus chapter for being stalwart JACL supporters and bringing in many younger members. George and Beverly have had a couple/family membership in JACL for many years. They have brought in their children and grandchildren over

the years and have recently been giving gift student memberships to their high-school-age grandchildren who were not already members.

On the Mount Olympus roster there are 13 Tadehara names listed, including couples/family, regular/individual, and student members, plus there are several additional family members with different last names who are also members of JACL.

George, a proud World War II veteran, and Beverly put much effort into a display for the recent Utah Day of Remembrance event. They were honored this year by the Mount Olympus chapter with a special community service award for their dedication and service to JACL.

Throughout JACL we have many members who, like George and Beverly, support JACL to the fullest. If more of our longtime Nisei members would get their children and grandchildren involved in JACL, we could help the organization grow and remedy some of our problems. We need to expand the scope of JACL and involve people from outside, but some of our major leaders of the future will continue to come from our strong leaders of the past. ■



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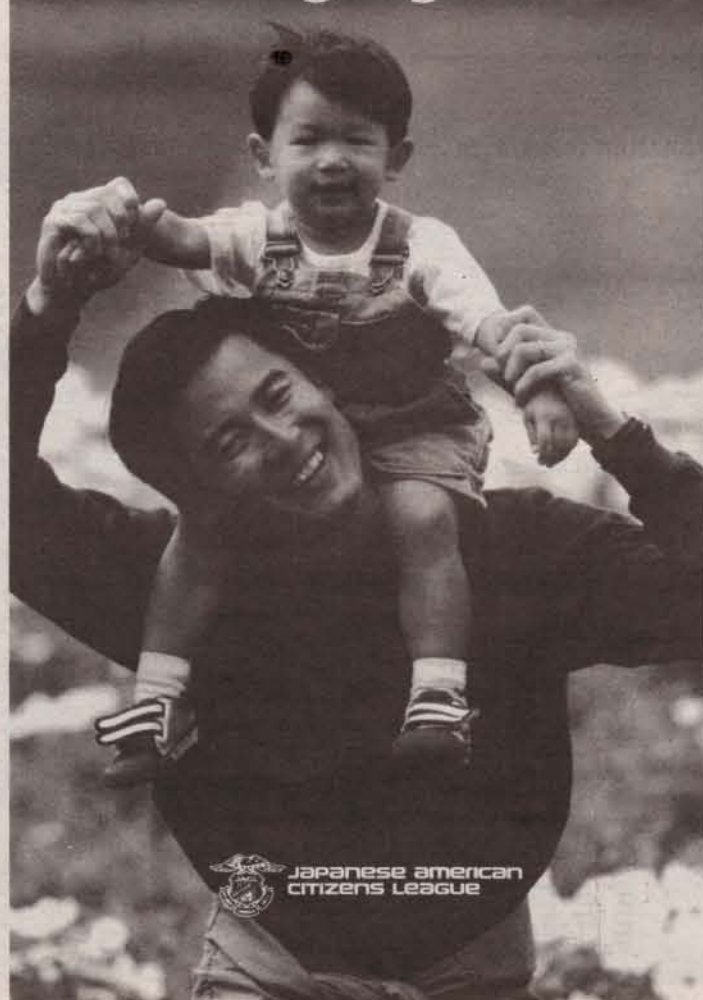
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Letters to the Editor

JACL Gala Dinner

Every JACL chapter should be present and accounted for at the JACL Gala Dinner Sept. 13, for this is just one time we can say thanks for a job well done. The attendance should be bigger than the national convention. Let me assure you that the Mile-Hi Denver chapter of the JACL will be there in full force with placards to show our support.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto
1000 Club Chairman
Englewood, Colo.

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Where Are the Republicans?

I noticed in your latest issue that your organization is honoring Messrs Mineta, Inouye, Matsui and Honda. Not that I have anything personal against them but they are all Democrats.

Over the years it has been difficult for me to understand why the Japanese Americans so strongly support this party. It was a Democratic president and a Democratic attorney general who were so very adamant in putting the JAs into these ungodly concentration camps even though they were U.S. citizens and many had forefathers who were also citizens.

To further my inquiry, why has Hayakawa not been recognized? Is it because he was of another political persuasion? He was outspoken and colorful but to me a man of high principal and character.

Robert E. Cracium
Walnut Creek, Calif.

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'Jap' on eBay

Have you done a search on eBay with the word "Jap"? There are 1,600 items using the word in the ITEM DESCRIPTIONS! I think it's reprehensible that a local international corporation would allow the word to be used. Several years ago the San Jose Mercury News allowed the word to be used in the classified ad section. I brought it to their attention and they no longer allow the word to be used. I think eBay should also be forced to show some corporate responsibility and not allow the word to be used in such an irresponsible way.

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YOUTH FORUM

A Call to All Youth

By Jessica Kawamura, Emily Teruya, and Kyle Morishita

We're three Berkeley chapter JACLers who felt a need to start a column by youth and for youth from all chapters. This article, our first, is just a preview and call to arms for other youth to join us. Our goal is to use *Pacific Citizen* as a forum for accomplishing this goal. The following includes a brief background about each of us and why we are passionate about JACL.

Jessica Kawamura, Orinda, Calif.

I'm a 17-year-old freshman entering Brown University this fall. For the past two and a half years, I've served as the youth representative and board member of my local chapter. My experience in the JACL has helped me gain a better understanding of my heritage and provided the opportunity to be a leader in my community.

I hope this column serves as a forum, a place where we, as youth, can discuss important issues, reflect on our experiences as young Japanese Americans, and share our perspectives with older members of the community. I hope it will inspire youth to get involved, voice their opinions, and share their experiences.

As time passes and the nature of the JA community itself changes, I hope that we'll continue to have strong organizations to serve future generations. It's necessary that the JACL look to the Sansei and Yonsei, and build on a vision and issues rather than numbers of members. Chapters must actively reach out to younger JAs and encourage us to get involved. I challenge youth, in turn, to step up to the opportunities before us, and make the JACL and the JA community what we want them to be.

Emily Teruya, Oakland, Calif.

I'm a 19-year-old, third-year UC Berkeley student who's concerned about JACL's future. I joined the

Berkeley chapter to apply for a scholarship as a high school senior. After receiving a generous scholarship, I was encouraged by then President Valerie Yasukochi to attend board meetings and participate in community service activities. Subsequently, I was nominated as a board member and now serve as vice president of membership.

Though JACL's main objective is to secure and maintain the human and civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and others victimized by injustice, it does much more. As an ethnic studies major, I believe a disease called "ignorance" still pervades American society, especially in dealing with race relations. That's because the term "race" is a trope. It's a theoretical term that has no biological basis yet has very real consequences in everyday life. Still, many people ask if JACL is necessary after the U.S. government gave reparations to interned JAs. The answer is a resounding "yes." When shows like FOX's "Banzai" air, it reminds me why JACL is needed. JACL pounced on FOX for its blatant racism and perpetuation of stereotypes.

As a society, we need to realize that racism is racism. It comes in different forms, making JACL even more necessary today. Everyone, including youth, needs to cure "ignorance." And JACL is a resource for accomplishing that. All we need to do is join JACL and begin our involvement.

Kyle Morishita, Oakland, Calif., 19 years old.

Imprisonment, discrimination, and racism are experiences I wouldn't be able to survive. Farming, dry cleaning and domestic work are jobs I wouldn't be able to bear. Yet, every one of my ancestors accepted these hardships in order to ensure that their children, grandchildren and

Congresswoman Mink to be Honored at 2003 JACL Gala Dinner

Congresswoman Patsy Take-moto Mink, the first Asian American female and the first female of color elected to Congress, will be honored posthumously at the JACL National Gala Dinner Sept. 13 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles.

"An American Testimonial: A Salute to Japanese American National Leaders," will also honor the Hon. Norman Mineta, U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, and U.S. Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda.

"Patsy will be remembered for her 40 years of service as a champion for the equality of women as well as all disenfranchised communities, and especially for Asian Pacific Islanders," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "She was a role model for us all and what she leaves behind is a legacy that has helped to ensure all Americans — especially women — are respected and have equal opportunities for success."

Mink, who passed away Sept. 28 at age 74, forged a reputation as an unabashed feminist and a champion of civil and women's rights. Her uncompromising stances provided national exposure that endeared a democratic liberal base.

Although Mink earned her law great-grandchildren would live better lives than themselves. They sacrificed their own happiness and well-being so one day, none of their descendants would suffer from oppression. I'm not willing to let that dream slip away.

So until that day comes, I, too, will keep fighting; not with swords, guns, or hatred, but with the help of the JACL. I'll continue to fight the tyranny, to spread the love, and to preserve the gains accomplished through the sacrifices of my ancestors, as well as their dreams for a better tomorrow.

Readers: We want to hear your opinions. What do you think of JACL? How can it improve? What do you think of our column? Most of all, we want more youth to become passionate — we want you to become a writer and write about what interests you most about JACL. If you'd like to tell us your opinion or become a regular writer, please email us at: Berkeley@JACL.org. ■

degree from the prestigious University of Chicago, she found it difficult to practice law as an Asian woman. This setback thrust her into politics. With no previous legislative experience, Mink was elected to the Territorial House in 1956 and later to the Territorial



Senate in 1958. When Hawaii became a state in 1959, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress but was elected on her second attempt in 1964. In 1976, Mink left the House to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate, and later for president before returning to Congress in 1990.

Considered her most important legislative achievement, Mink earned her place in history as the author of the historic Women's Educational Equity Act, known as Title IX, that forced schools receiving federal money to open up ath-

letics and academics to women.

A special discount rate for the gala dinner of \$1,250 per table of 10 is being offered for chapter members until Aug. 15. The non-member price is \$1,500 per table, which will be the regular member price after Aug. 15. 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 chairs 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. Please contact the PSWD office at 213/626-4471 or at psw@jacl.org for more information on the dinner or hotel/trip suggestions. ■

JACL Announces Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellows for 2003-2004

The recipients of the Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellowship award for 2003-2004 are: Carly Sumi Hamaguchi of Playa del Rey, Calif., and Evan Naoyoshi Okamura of Hacienda Heights, Calif.

Both fellows will spend approximately three and one half months in the spring of 2004 working in the Capitol Hill office of a member of Congress or senator where they will learn firsthand about policy-making and public service and receive a stipend of \$8,500 and roundtrip air fare.

"We were very pleased to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified and highly motivated applicants," said Dr. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the committee. "Both Ms. Hamaguchi and Mr. Okamura have tremendous leadership experience and involvement in the Asian Pacific American community, and we are quite proud that they will follow in the footsteps of Mike Masaoka and carry on his example of public service through this fellowship."

A 2003 graduate of Smith College in Massachusetts with a

bachelor's degree in government, Hamaguchi has worked in the APA community for years as an intern for Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), through her involvement with the JACL Venice-Culver chapter and as a member of the Asian Students Alliance at Smith College.

Hamaguchi has worked on a number of national policy issues through her experience as a diversity intern for *Meridians*, an interdisciplinary journal on feminism, race and transnationalism at Smith College and as a government relations intern with the National Organization for Woman.

With an avid interest in politics, Hamaguchi plans to pursue an advanced degree in public policy after completing her Masaoka fellowship and eventually run for elected office.

Okamura earned his bachelor's degree in sociology and Asian American studies from UCLA. He has been involved in community activities for a number of years, working at the grassroots level organizing students on issues such as labor rights, affirmative action, hate crimes, community empowerment and academic affairs.

Through his experience working for private law firms, interning at the Little Tokyo Service Center in Los Angeles, and taking active leadership roles in students organizations, Okamura has come to recognize the nexus between community concerns and the legal/political infrastructure and believes advocacy work and empowerment require an understanding of both.

Okamura plans to attend law school and pursue a career of public service so he may be a more effective advocate for community issues.

The JACL established the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity.

Students interested in applying for a 2004-2005 Masaoka Fellowship should contact the Washington, D.C., office of JACL at 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail: dc@jacl.org. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2004. ■

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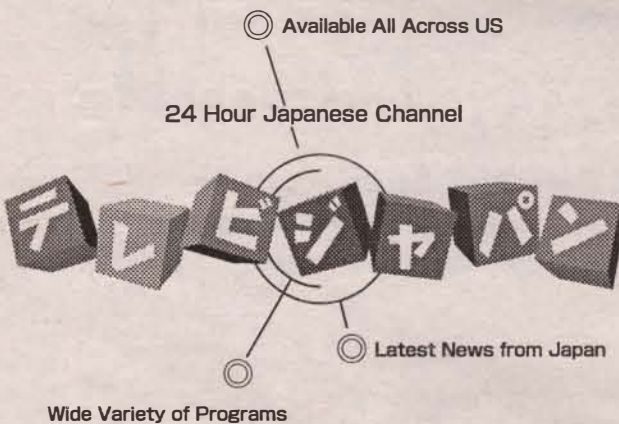


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□ Voters Still Favor Racial Privacy Initiative

SACRAMENTO—Half of California voters continue to favor a proposed constitutional amendment banning state and local government from collecting racial data, though many say they don't know much about it, according to a statewide poll.

Backers say the Racial Privacy Initiative, sponsored by University of California Regent Ward Connerly, is aimed at fostering a "colorblind society."

Critics, including many of the state's leading Democrats, say the measure would hamstring anti-discrimination efforts by limiting the information law enforcement, school officials and public health agencies can gather.

Although the initiative is expected to be on the gubernatorial recall ballot this fall, a Field Poll released July 24 found that just 25 percent of voters said they were familiar with the initiative — a figure essentially unchanged since it was first proposed more than a year ago.

Connerly is known for his support of Proposition 209, a measure approved by California voters in 1996 that prohibits consideration of race in public education, hiring and contracting. His new proposal would prohibit separating, sorting or organizing individuals based on their race. The initiative does not prohibit classification by sex.

□ UW Deans Unite to Press for Changes Reflecting Supreme Court

SEATTLE—Deans at the University of Washington, where consideration of race or gender in admissions has been barred since voters approved Initiative 200 five years ago, hope to press the Legislature to amend the law.

The goal is to bring Washington's approach in line with the recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings on affirmative action at the University of Michigan, said Denise Denton, dean of the UW's College of Engineering.

I-200 barred government preferences for women and minorities in education, hiring and contracting. Enrollment of minorities at the UW dropped initially after I-200 passed. But it's been inching back up since then to near pre-I-200 levels.

According to statistics from the UW's admissions office, Hispanic students have fared the worst, dropping from 4.65 percent of the incoming freshman in 1998 to 3.67 percent last fall. Blacks made up 2.94 percent of the freshman class in '98, dropped to 1.84 percent in 1999 and last fall made up 2.85 percent of the freshman class.

White students made up 54.64 percent of last fall's freshman class — up a hair from 1998's 54.59 percent. The percentage of incoming Asian freshmen at the UW showed the biggest gain — from 24.96 percent in 1998 to 27.03 percent last fall.

Initiatives can be changed by the Legislature — immediately with a supermajority vote and, after two years, with a simple majority.

□ Hate Crimes Drop in 2002 as Post-Sept. 11 Emotion Abates

SACRAMENTO—The number of hate crimes in California fell sharply last year, particularly crimes against Middle Easterners, as emotions abated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the state Department of Justice said July 15.

Hate crimes overall were down 26.6 percent last year after spiking immediately after the attacks, while crimes involving those of Arab or Middle Eastern descent fell 53.5 percent. There were 14 anti-Islamic events last year, down from 73 reports in 2001.

Still, race-based hate crimes accounted for two-thirds of all the hate crime reports last year.

Anti-Arab acts after the Sept. 11 attacks drove hate crimes up 15.5 percent in 2001, reversing an otherwise downward trend. Hate crimes would have dropped 5 percent that year were it not for assaults and threats against Muslims or those who appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent.

But the number of hate crimes fell from 2,261 in 2001 to 1,659 last year, while the number motivated by Arab and Middle Eastern bias dropped from 428 to 199, according to the department's "Hate Crime in California 2002" report.

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Nikkei Golf Tournament Raises Funds

The first National Nikkei Golf Tournament was held July 14 at Westfields Golf Club in the Washington, D.C. area. Sixty-six golfers from around the country participated in a day of golf and camaraderie at the demanding Fred Couples-designed layout in Chantilly, Va.

Jointly sponsored by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF), the JACL, and the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), the event raised thousands of dollars for the three groups, even as it highlighted their diverse missions. More importantly, the event established a precedent for future cooperation among the groups.

"The outcome of the Nikkei Golf Tournament bodes well for the future of our three organizations," said Warren Minami, NJAMF chairman.

Floyd Mori, JACL national president, and Bert Mizusawa, JAVA president, said in a joint statement: "At a time when the Japanese American community struggles to maintain its cultural, historical, and political identity, it is vital that we promote more initiatives that stress community-wide cooperation and involvement. We see this sporting event — the way in which each group stepped up to make the tournament a success — as a model for the future of our community."

The tournament also saw a strong response from corporate and individual donors. Heading

the list were the Aratani Foundation and Walsh Construction, each of which contributed \$5,000 or more as "bronze"-level sponsors.

Offering "hole sponsorships" at \$500 apiece were: the JACL Central California, Pacific Northwest, Intermountain, and Pacific Southwest districts; JACL Credit Union; JACL Washington, D.C. chapter; Justice & Security Strategies; Liberty Mutual; MELE Associates; Quality Connections, Inc.; Pathway Strategies, LLC; Dr. Ray Murakami; Clyde Nishimura; RPost, Inc.; 21st Century Solutions, Inc.; Can Manufacturers Institute; and Yosa-ku/Tono Restaurants.

Individual donors who provided in-kind prizes included: Dr. Ray Murakami; Tomio Moriguchi; Nishimoto Trading Company; SBC Corporation; Clyde Nishimura; Warren Minami; and John and Lori Tagami.

The tournament committee was comprised of: Scott Nishioki, Craig Uchida, Eric Federling, Jane Nishida and John Tagami, with assistance from Cheron Carlson and other NJAMF staff, and JACL volunteers Ellen Horiuchi Williams, Margaret Reed, Maria Uchida and Jennifer Uchida.

Individual and team awards were offered with the winners receiving traditional cast-iron Japanese teapots in lieu of trophies, as well as prizes ranging from gift certificates and golf equipment to television sets and Japanese food items. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Calif. Governor Gray Davis has appointed attorney **Brian Yep** as a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Yep, 44, is a partner in the Lancaster firm of Walsh, Delaney & Yep. He is engaged in a general civil practice with an emphasis on business and real estate litigation and transactional work. He has served as a hearing officer with the Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District and as a judge pro tempore, arbitrator and mediator for the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He is active in the Antelope Valley Bar Association and currently serves as vice president of the organization. Yep earned his bachelor's degree cum laude from the University of Southern California, and a juris doctorate from UC Davis.

William Yu was recently installed as president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicagoland area. He will serve a one-year term. Yu, an associate with the Chicago office of the national law firm Hinshaw & Culbertson, concentrates his practice in the areas of general civil litigation. Yu was recently appointed to the City of Chicago's Commission on Human Relations, Advisory Council on Asian Affairs. He received his bachelor's degree in government from Oberlin College in 1990 and his juris doctorate from The John Marshall Law School in 1996.

Ross M. Harano has been appointed managing director of the Illinois Trade Office within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Harano joins DCEO from the World Trade Center Chicago Association where he served as president. Harano will manage the



Chicago and Springfield, Ill., Trade Offices as well as the eight State of Illinois international offices. In

addition, he will be responsible for working with the business community to increase global awareness. Harano was the first Asian American to be appointed as an Illinois elector for the Electoral College and he was the first AA to be slated to run for statewide office in Illinois in 1994. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Illinois and studied sociology at DePaul University's Graduate School of Sociology. He resides in Chicago with his wife Elizabeth.

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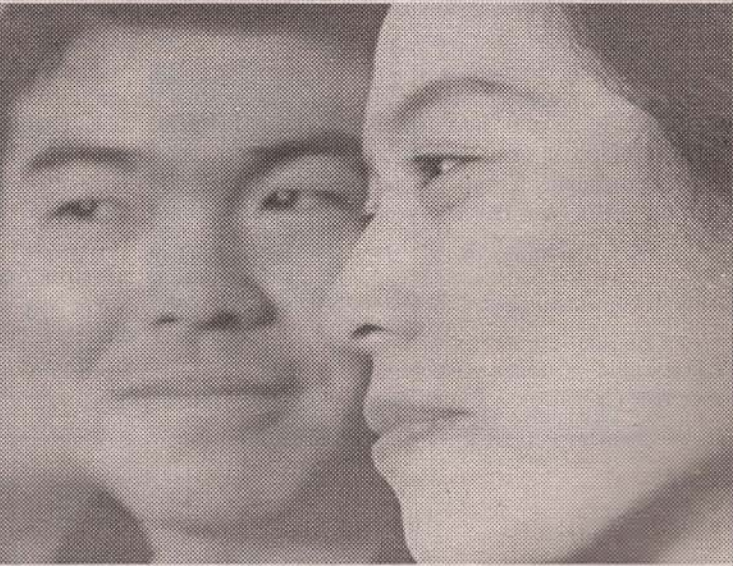
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Public Workshops Scheduled on Minidoka Internment National Monument

Japanese Americans living along the West Coast were forcibly removed to remote internment camps during World War II without being charged of any crime. Bringing that part of our nation's history to light in a meaningful and comprehensive way is the challenge facing the National Park Service at its new National Monument in south-central Idaho: Minidoka Internment National Monument. The site of the Monument is one of 10 internment camps where JAs were incarcerated during World War II.

The National Park Service will hold 11 public workshops in Washington and Oregon to present and discuss development and management proposals for Minidoka Internment National Monument. Workshops in Idaho were already held. The draft proposals encompass a wide range of actions, including the preservation and reconstruction of historic features, development of visitor and interpretive facilities both on-site and off-site, and extensive education and outreach programs. Many of these proposals are based on public comments received during public workshops held last November.

The Minidoka Relocation Center encompassed 33,000 acres and held over 13,000 internees from Washington, Oregon and Alaska during its occupation from 1942 to 1945. On Jan. 17, 2001, by presidential proclamation, 73 acres of the original camp were designated a National Monument to be managed by the National Park Service. The purpose of Minidoka Internment National Monument is to provide opportunities for public

education about the internment and incarceration experience and protect and manage resources related to the Minidoka Relocation Center.

"We have accomplished much, but there is still significant work to be done," said Neil King, Superintendent of Minidoka Internment National Monument. "If we are to craft the best possible plan that will guide the monument into the future, it is very important that you (the general public) continue to participate and to help shape these critical courses of action to ensure that everyone's valuable input and points of view are considered."

The National Park Service will ask the public and former Minidoka internees what actions are best to effectively protect the site and educate the public about this chapter in American history. This is also an opportunity for the public to learn about Minidoka and its history.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

SeaTac, Wash.: SeaTac Doubletree Hotel, 18740 Pacific Hwy. South; "Minidoka Remembered Reunion," Fri., Aug. 1: 3-5 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 2: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bainbridge Island, Wash.: Bainbridge Island Commons, 370 Brian Dr.; 6-8 p.m. workshop; Mon., Aug. 4

Seattle, Wash.: Nisei Veteran's Hall, 1212 S. King St.; 10 a.m.-12 p.m. workshop; Tues., Aug. 5

REI, 222 Yale Ave. North; 6-8 p.m. workshop; Wed., Aug. 6

Seattle Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main St.; 6-8 p.m. workshop;

Thurs., Aug. 7

Portland, Ore.: Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 N.W. 2nd Avenue; 6-8 p.m. workshop; Thurs., Aug. 14

Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave.; 10 a.m.-12 p.m. workshop; Fri., Aug. 15

For more information about the Minidoka Internment National Monument and to submit comments, log on to www.nps.gov/mini or contact:

Neil King, Superintendent, Minidoka Internment National Monument, P.O. Box 570, Hagerman, ID 83332; phone 208/837-4793; e-mail: MIIN_GMP@nps.gov.

Anna Tamura, Landscape Architect, National Park Service, 909 First Ave., Seattle, WA 98104, phone 206/220-4157; e-mail: Anna_Tamura@nps.gov. ■

JAVA to Hold 10th Anniversary Celebration

The Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) will hold its 10th anniversary celebration luncheon Sept. 21 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The observance is part of a three-day fete, from Sept. 21-23, and is being held in conjunction with a special program of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, in association with the Smithsonian Institution.

Following the Sept. 21 luncheon (11:30-2:30 p.m.) a panel will discuss the role of the Japanese Americans in World War II which will cover the internment and military experiences. The panel will convene at the Smithsonian Institution.

On Sept. 22, in cooperation with the Smithsonian's Asian Pacific American Program, there will be several panel discussions including: a WWII panel with MIS, 442nd, 552nd, and Dachau survivors; a post 9/11 panel reflecting on past lessons learned; and a media panel

moderated by Terence Smith of NewsHour with Jim Lehrer (PBS) scrutinizing the role of media in 1942 and its influence on internment versus current society. In addition to the panels there will also be a Stradivarius concert and private tours of the Smithsonian's "More Perfect Union" exhibit and other special collections.

On Sept. 23 there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial to Patriotism honoring soldiers and camp internees. A special gala dinner will be held in the evening to honor distinguished Americans for their contributions to military service, constitutional rights, and the JA community. Along with confirmed award recipient Hon. Norman Mineta, the invited recipients include Sen. Robert Dole and Gen. Eric Shinseki.

For more information, contact: NJAMF, 1000 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 304, Washington, DC 20036, 202/530-0015, fax: 202/530-0016. ■

JA Korean War Veterans Seeking Names for Book

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) is seeking the names of Japanese Americans who served during the Korean War for a booklet to be published next year.

The booklet will list the names of JAs who served during the Korean War era, from June 1950 to January 1955. The booklet is for historical and educational purposes in order to preserve the history and role of JAs in the often-called "Forgotten War."

Unlike those in the 100th/442nd or the MIS who served in World War II, there is no listing of JAs who served during the Korean War

era. Thus, the JAKWV is seeking information from fellow Korean War veterans, relatives and friends to report the names. The list will be used to try to get the best numbers of JAs who served in the armed forces during this period. Whether veterans served in Korea, stateside, Alaska, Europe, Japan or elsewhere, veterans are asked to register their names with JAKWV.

In addition to listing the names of all the JA Korean War veterans who served from 1950-55, the booklet will also have a memorial section honoring the 247 JAs killed in action and the JA Korean War veterans who died after the war or in

non-combat situations. The booklet will be dedicated in honor of the 247 JAs killed in action.

Names should be submitted to Frank Takeyama, 16923 Haas Ave., Torrance, CA 90504-2206. Those submitting names are asked to specify whether the veteran is living or deceased.

For further information contact: Takeyama (co-chair), 310/329-9469; Paul Ono (co-chair), 310/532-2495; Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113; Tom Sugamura, 323/293-4832; Robert Wada, 714/992-5461; Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688; or Tohru Isobe, 310/827-5507. ■

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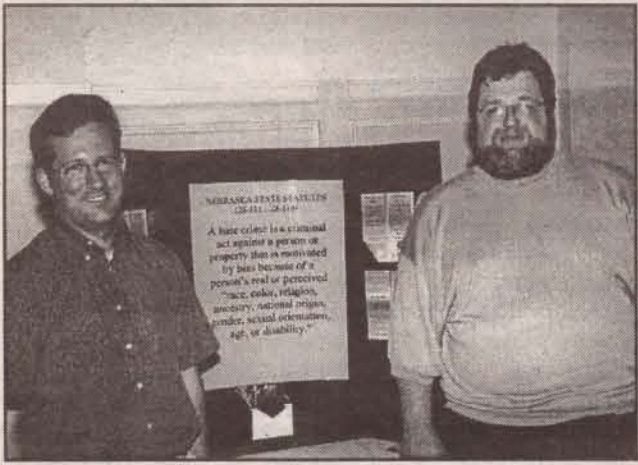


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Patrick McNamara (left) hate crimes consultant and Bob Wolfson, Anti-Defamation League, Plains Region, led the Hate Crimes Workshop.



(l-r): Art Koga (nat'l secty-treas.) listens aptly to Kirsten Pearson (United Way Midlands) along with Lily Okura (Wash, D.C.) about how to get more youth into JACL.



Greg Marutani (left) and Sharon Ishii-Jordan: have we a 'dynamite' history lesson 4U!



(l-r): Consulate General Takao Shibata, Clyde Nishimura (outgoing EDC gov.), Reiko Yoshino (former MPDC gov.).



National President Floyd Mori pushing for members — we need more members!



The audience does a group exercise at the Hate Crimes Workshop.

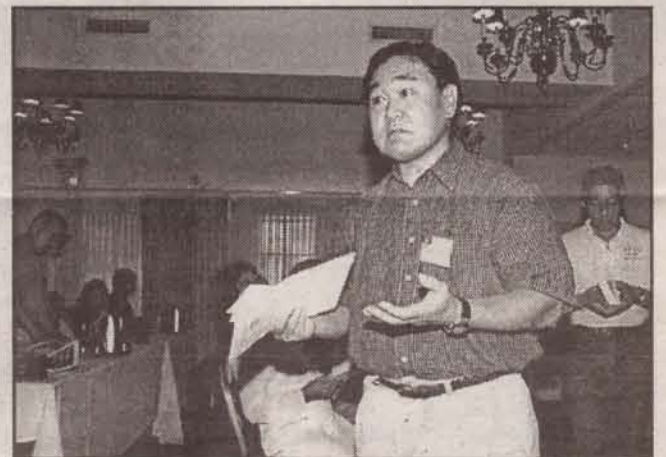


Bob Wolfson kindling enough light from small fires.

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(l-r): Maggie Seigart (Immanuel Health Sys.), Paul Maginn (dir., Alegent Health), Dottie Brown (admin., Alegent Health) discussing the 'sandwich generation.'



Bill Yoshino explaining the JACL brochures on hate crimes.



Edward Osugi and Milana Jordan pledge their allegiance to the flag.



Consulate General Takao Shibata greets the attendees.



(l-r): Bill Yoshino (Midwest regional director), Ben Ezaki III (MDC gov.), Rev. Patrick McCaslin (St. John Vianney, Omaha)



Installation of MDC and EDC officers (l to r): Rick Ishiyama (Cleveland), 1st vice gov. MDC; Leilani Savitt (Twin Cities) youth co-rep. MDC; Sherri Fujihara (Wisconsin) secty. MDC; Steve Mitori (St. Louis) 2nd vice-gov. MDC; Floyd Mori (nat'l pres.) officiating; Paul Ueyehara (Philadelphia) gov. EDC; Ben Izaki (Twin Cities) gov. MDC; Lily Okura (Wash, D.C.) vice-gov. EDC; Lillian Kimura (New York) vice-gov. EDC.



Graduation honorees (l to r): Edward Osugi, won an Omaha Chapter Scholarship of \$1000, Mike Watanabe, (Omaha, v.p.) presenter, Allison Parker and Thomas Osugi. Not pictured: Alexander Mathew Engler, who won the May Y. Smith Scholarship of \$1000, Rachel Endo and Ryan Furukawa.

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In Sports

Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation to Host Its 4th Annual Jr. Golf Tournament

The Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF) is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Jr. Golf Tournament Aug. 24 at William Land Golf Course. Tee times start at 10 a.m. The annual, non-competitive tournament will be played using the "scramble/best ball" format to help promote good sportsmanship and team play.

Registration is open to the first 84 boys and girls, ages 8 to 18 years old. The cost is \$25 per golfer and includes green fees, T-shirt, and a chance to win prizes. A barbecue lunch and awards ceremony will follow the tournament. Parents, siblings, and friends can

attend for a fee of \$5.

Registration forms are available on the SASF website: www.sasfquest.org. Teams of four, twosomes, or a single applicant are all welcome to compete. For additional information contact: Missy Matsuura Kuyama, tournament chair, at 916/464-3707 or e-mail: MNMKuyama@aol.com.

The Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of building a community/recreational facility dedicated to the enrichment and education of Asian and Asian Pacific Islanders' tradition and culture. ■

Florin Athletic Club to Host 51st Annual Baseball Tournament

The Florin Athletic Club, a Sacramento-based baseball team, will host the 51st Annual AA Nisei Athletic Union baseball tournament at the Dan McAuliffe Memorial Ballpark over the Labor Day weekend.

Eight teams from across the state will compete in a single elimination competition with a winner and loser bracket over the three-day weekend. Teams representing Northern California are: the Florin Athletic Club, Lodi JACL and San Francisco Hawks. The top five teams from the southern Nisei Athletic Union league will represent Southern California.

Games are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Aug. 30 and 31 with the championship game at 10 a.m. on Sept. 1. The Dan McAuliffe Memorial Ballpark is located at 7300 College Town

Drive, adjacent to the CSU, Sacramento campus.

"We look forward to hosting an outstanding tournament," said Walt Menda, tournament chairman. "It's a wonderful opportunity for teams from across the state to come together and to play in a highly competitive tournament such as this one."

Since 1952, the Nisei Athletic Union has coordinated a statewide tournament in both Northern and Southern California. Founded in 1932, the Florin Athletic Club is one of the oldest Japanese American semi-professional clubs in the nation. The club originated as a baseball team with Nisei players from the rural Florin area where the Issei settled to grow grapes and strawberries.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Walter Menda at 916/392-1896. ■

BASEBALL

All-Star Game Celebrates Diversity in Dugout

CHICAGO—Baseball is America's pastime more than ever — as multicultural as the country and filled with a rainbow of stars from around the world.

The All-Star game July 15 celebrated diversity in the dugout in a big way.

There in the American League's starting outfield were perhaps the most popular baseball players on the planet, **Ichiro Suzuki**, and his Japanese compatriot, **Hideki Matsui**. They flanked Los Angeles-born Garret Anderson, subbing for injured Manny Ramirez of the Dominican Republic.

They all had a hand in the American League's 7-6 victory — Suzuki by scoring the first run and making a great catch in right, Matsui with a single and solid play in center, and Anderson as the MVP with a single, double, and two-run homer.

In the AL's starting infield were Carlos Delgado and Jorge Posada, both from Puerto Rico, Alfonso Soriano from the Dominican Republic, along with Alex Rodriguez and Troy Glaus. On the mound was Esteban Loaiza of Mexico.

The National League was only slightly less international with Javy Lopez and Jose Vidro from Puerto Rico, Edgar Renteria from Colombia, and Albert Pujols from the Dominican Republic among the starters.

"I love to see the Latin players showing that we have the material to be at the best level," Posada

said.

"The more, the better," added Lopez.

"We've been putting ourselves on the map little by little," Delgado said. "We're dancing in their own backyard."

Suzuki surveyed the scene and beamed about the distance he and the game have traveled.

"When I was a boy in school and there was an All-Star game," he said, "to me it was just something happening way, way out there somewhere."

Loaiza paid tribute the Latin players who paved the way for him to come here.

"Fernando Valenzuela was the first Mexican pitcher to start in an All-Star game, so if I'm here its because of people like him," Loaiza said.

Seattle pitcher **Shigetoshi Hasegawa** spoke of the impact the diversity of All-Stars will have on future players.

"Not only Japanese, but Asian — like Korean and Chinese," he said. "There are a lot of Asian players in the big leagues. We are going to have someday, a lot of players like (the) Latin (players). We are going to make a lot of All-Star teams now. You wouldn't think about it 10 years ago, three Japanese players making the All-Star team, it never happened like this."

AL manager Mike Scioscia said players such as Suzuki, Matsui and Hasegawa have made a statement about the baseball talent in Japan.

"If you have any more like Matsui and Suzuki, bring them over," he told one of the many Japanese journalists covering the All-Star game. "I had personal experience with Shigetoshi Hasegawa and you're not going to find a pitcher that has a better spirit anywhere or a better competitive nature than him."

Pujols said Latin players have worked hard to get where they are, honing their skills on dirt lots with shoddy equipment in the poorest places.

"I'm not surprised at all," he said of the number of foreign-born players. "We're hungry. Whatever opportunity we can take, we're going to take it."

Eric Gagne, born in Montreal, also welcomed the globalization of the game.

"I think it's good. You want the game to grow," said Gagne, the losing pitcher in the All-Star game. "You don't want the game to just stay in the U.S. You want the best players to play the game. That's why the fans pay. They don't pay to see average players, they pay to see the best in the world, not just the best in the U.S."

"It's good for the fans, good for everybody." ■

SWIMMING

Japanese Kosuke Kitajima Sets Another World Record

BARCELONA, Spain—**Kosuke Kitajima** of Japan won the gold medal with a world record-time in the 200-meter breaststroke at the World Swimming Championships July 24.

Kitajima's time of 2 minutes, 9.42 seconds was .10 seconds faster than the old world record set by Russia's Dmitri Komornikov in June.

It was the Japanese swimmer's second world record of the championships. On July 21, Kitajima set a new mark in the 100 meter breaststroke. His time was 59.78 seconds. The old record was 59.94 set by Roman Sloudnov of Russia in Fukuoka, Japan, on July 23, 2001. ■

GOLF

Ikeda, Jun Win Junior World Titles

SAN DIEGO — **Yuta Ikeda** of Japan shot a 1-over-par 289 over four days at Torrey Pines South to win the boys 15-17 division of the Junior World Championship by one stroke over Seann Harlinton of Rancho Mirage.

Ikeda carded a 2-over-par 74 in the final round July 18 while Harlinton shot a 72.

Hannah Jun of San Diego won the girls 15-17 division with a 7-under 283, winning by seven strokes over Amanda Wilson of Hawaii and **Sakura Yokomine** of Japan.

Many of the top names in golf have won this event, including Tiger Woods, Craig Stadler, Corey Pavin, Phil Mickelson, Emie Els and Amy Alcott. ■



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The Three Eras of Music

MY TASTE in music is quite pedestrian, if that good. I never acquired an appreciation for the classics; the closest might be Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique" and only because that was repackaged as "Story of a Starry Night." Perhaps not unlike many of you out there of the Nisei generation, I was introduced to "Pathetique" at one of the camp dances (Tule Lake in my case). For many of us, these wartime tunes, particularly Glenn Miller renditions — starting with his smooth theme song "Moonlight Serenade" and moving on to "Serenade in Blue," "String of Pearls," etc. — evoke memories as few things can. They were the days.

THERE WERE ALSO a few nonsensical "ditties" which briefly saw popularity including one about "mares eat oats" and another that starts out with "tisket a-tasket" and something about a "brown and yellow basket." And, of course, Spike Jones and his rendition of "Cocktails for Two," complete with taxi horns, cow bells, gargling singing and gunshots. Zany.

AND THEN there were the vocalists. Jo Stafford ("Long Ago and Far Away" and "I'll Be Seeing You," the latter also by Frank Sinatra with the Tommy Dorsey orchestra); Dinah Shore ("You'd Be So Nice to Come Home to"); Helen O'Connell ("Amapola," "Green Eyes"); Lena Horne

("Stormy Weather"); Rosemary Clooney ("Slow Boat to China"); singing groups such as Ray Coniff's group ("It's Been a Long, Long Time," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas") and the Ink Spots ("Paper Doll"). Yes, the Lennon sisters, too; but they came along a bit later via Lawrence Welk. While I was in college, I saw and heard the Welk orchestra; the maestro played the accordion. He hadn't yet been replaced by Myron. The Welk music and format were straightforward and clean cut, but I must admit that I would not have predicted it would be as enduring as it has turned out to be. Even with his light and smooth ballroom dancing.

I CANNOT SAY that my taste in music has matured or graduated since those early years. More recently while listening to the easy-on-the-ears music on NPR (National Public Radio) I picked up what I consider gems. One afternoon, on the car radio there was a male vocalist who sang "A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening" as I'd never heard it sung before. After much checking I discovered it was Mel Torme, a master artist of the vocal chords aptly tagged "The Velvet Fog." Also on NPR I heard this female vocalist who flawlessly and "with feeling" gave renditions of songs composed by Henry Mancini ("Days of Wine and Roses"). Perhaps it was no wonder the vocalist's artistry was so

enveloping. It was Henry's daughter, Monica Mancini. I understand her husband is a stickler for artistic perfection; it shows in wife Monica's flawless performance. Friends, if you've not heard Monica sing Dad's compositions, you've been missing a classic production.

THAT TOUCHES upon the three eras of music in this Nisei's life: pre-war (very little; no time for sitting around absorbing jazz when there was work to do); wartime (nostalgia with much uncertainty fomented by the uprooting and confinement); post-war (picking up the pieces and seeking to get things back on track). Popular music marks each segment of the way.

By the way, Henry Mancini passed away a while ago. And Mel Torme has also crossed that Great Divide. ■

JACL Corner

Twin Cities Chapter

The Twin Cities JACL's 40th annual scholarship awards program was held recently at the St. Anthony Event Centre in Minneapolis.

Scholarships totaling more than \$8,000 were awarded, and the following high school graduates were honored:

Leanne Aoki, Eden Prairie High (Frank Yanari Memorial Scholarship); Anne Arakawa, Burnsville High (Martha Oye Memorial Scholarship); Mariko Austin, Lakeville High (Phyllis Kimitch Memorial Scholarship); Steven Bastin, Lakeville High (Earl Tanbara Memorial Scholarship); Allison Eagle, St. Cloud Tech. High; Ben Kurata, Burnsville High; Alyssa Lubet, St.

Paul Central High (Betty Hirabayashi Memorial Scholarship); Danielle Miyazaki, Buffalo High (Tom Ohno Memorial Scholarship); Elizabeth Rui Motoyoshi, Lakeville High (Kimi Hara Scholarship); Ashley Takekawa, Eden Prairie High (Ethel Umeda Memorial Scholarship); Laura Taketa, Eden Prairie High (Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship); and Jarrod Yamanaka, Apple Valley High (George Yamane Memorial Scholarship).

Chapter President Cheryl Hirata-Dulas introduced the graduates. Fred Tsuchiya was master of ceremonies, and Mariko Austin entertained with a musical interlude. The banquet was catered by member Kelvin Lee's Mintahoe. ■



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PANEL DISCUSSION 1:30 - 2:30 pm
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JACL Corner

Ventura County Chapter

The Ventura County JACL distributed a total of \$4,200 in scholarship awards this year.

Lisa Okuda, Simi Valley High, received the Dr. Tom Taketa Scholarship of \$750. Dana Fukugawa, Thousand Oaks High, Mariko Anne Chilcott, Newbury Park Adventist Academy, and Lisa Asari, Westlake High, won the chapter's Scholar Awards of \$500 each.

Kristen Gozawa, Royal High, and

Kelly Cornett, Oak Park High, each won Outstanding Scholarship Awards of \$350.

The \$250 Scholar Awards went to Yuko Takagi, Newbury Park High, Jennifer Ortey, La Reina High, Terri Galleria, Thousand Oaks High, Kathryn Ino, Rio Mesa High, and Kelley McCormick, Nordhoff High.

The awards were presented by Jennifer Kuo, chapter scholarship chair, Harry Kajihara, Marcia Miyasaka, Joanne Nakano and George Wakiji. ■

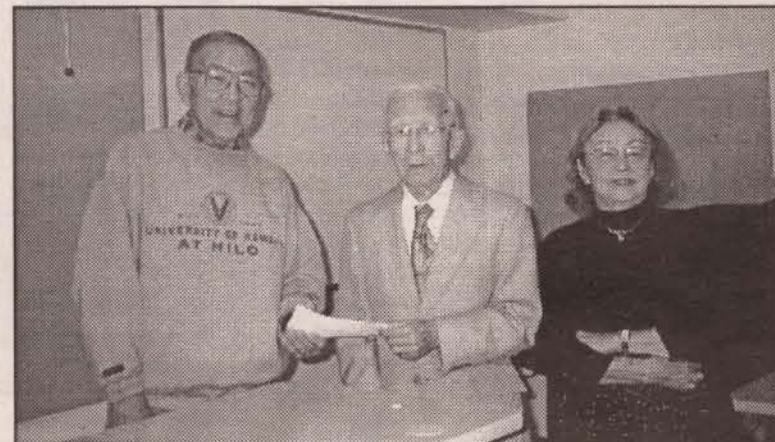


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Dr. Tom Taketa (center) of Oxnard presents a scholarship check to George Wakiji, Ventura County JACL president, while Marilyn Taketa looks on. In the past two years Dr. Taketa has contributed \$24,000 to the chapter's scholarship awards program.

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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

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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@jacl.org; <http://www.jaclpsw.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

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.

Sat., Aug. 9—Bon Festival; Morikami Museum and Gardens; 4000 Morikami Park Rd.; including a special memorial for the Columbia crewmembers. Info: 561-495-0233 ext. 210.

PHILADELPHIA

Sat., Sept. 27—Philadelphia JACL "Meet and Greet Social"; 6 p.m.; hosts: Martha Fujimoto/Russ Hirai, 724 Harvard Ave., Swarthmore. RSVP: 610/544-5449 or fujiruss@aol.com.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun.-Tues., Sept. 21-23—A Celebration of Patriotism and Constitutional Rights, "Honoring the Legacy, Preserving the Future"; a collaboration of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, JAVA's 10th Anniversary Celebration and the Smithsonian Institution; Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W.; Sunday luncheon; joint panels on the JA interment 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: NJAMP, 202/530-0015.

Midwest

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 (ladies' chorus, taiko, bon odori); Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.

ST. LOUIS

Sat., Aug. 30-Mon., Sept. 1—Japanese Festival 2000—Year of the Persimmon; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday; Hinode Taiko from Winnipeg,

Japanese doll exhibit, cooking demos, kimono fashion show, bonsai and ikebana, candlelight tours of *Seiwa-en*, children's activities, candyman, more. Info: 314/577-9400 or 800/642-8842.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., Sept. 14—Annual Twin Cities JACL Golf Tournament; 12 noon tee time; Francis A. Gross Golf Course, Minneapolis; Info: Jay Yamashiro, 651/ 686-7283; yamashiro@earthlink.net.

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: shane7imada@yahoo.com.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., Aug. 9—Mount Olympus JACL August Outing; 6 p.m., Evergreen Park, 2200 E. Evergreen Ave. (3435 S.); children's games, bingo, food and fun.

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 15-16—National JACL Credit Union Annual Co-ed Volleyball Tournament. Contact: Silvana Watanabe, 800/544-8828.

Sat., Sept. 27—8th Annual JACL Autumn Golf Classic; 7 a.m. check-in, 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, lunch following play; Old Mill Golf Course. **Register by Sept. 10.** Info: Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287.

Pacific Northwest

OLYMPIA, Wash.

Sat., Aug. 9—Olympia Obon Odori; 6-9 p.m.; Capitol Lake at Water Street; hosted by Olympia JACL and Olympia-Yashiro Sister City Association. Info: Susan Ozaki Walsh, 360/455-5029, or Bob Nakamura, 360/556-3132; e-mail: sgtmilehibob@att.net.

SEATTLE

Sun., Aug. 24—Nisei Veterans Committee Annual Golf Tournament; 10 a.m. tee time; Jefferson Park Golf Course; awards dinner at the NVC Clubhouse following rounds; fee includes rib steak dinner. **Reserve by August 16:** Terry Takeuchi, 425/228-8937 home, 206/684-4278 work; Bob Kiga, 206/655-6641; Warren Higa, 425/237-9052.

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., Aug. 3—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men

and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

EAST BAY

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

SACRAMENTO

Sat.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 1—51st AA Nisei Athletic Union baseball tournament; 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday, championship game 10 a.m. Monday; Dan McAuliffe Memorial Ballpark, 7300 College Town Dr. (adjacent to CSU campus); hosted by the Florin Athletic Club. Info: Walt Menda, 916/392-1896.

SAN FRANCISCO

Tues., Aug. 12—Film Screening, "Tribute and Remembrance: Asian Americans After 9/11"; 5-7:30 p.m.; San Francisco Public Library Auditorium; examines many of the ways the Sept. 11 tragedy impacted the AA community. **RSVP:** Vicki Shu, AAFNY, 212/344-5878 ext. 52.

Sat., Sept. 6—Book signing reception for "Blossoms in the Desert" by the Topaz High School Class of 1945; 3 p.m.; JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St.; readings by class members, entertainment. Info: JCCNC, 415/567-5505.

SAN JOSE

Sat., Aug. 16—Japanese American Cultural Festival (26th Annual Daruma Festival); 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (food from 10 a.m.); Saratoga Lanes Bowling Center, 1585 Saratoga Ave. across from Westgate Mall; 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.

UNION CITY

Sat., Aug. 9—Obon Festival; 7:30 p.m. (food sale, 5:30 p.m.); Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd.; O Nami Taiko, Chidori Band. Info: 510/471-2581; www.geocities.com/sacbenet.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ

Sun., Aug. 10—Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Annual Community Picnic; from 11 a.m.; Aptos Village park; races, senior bingo, BBQ, Taiko, raffle, prizes.

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

GARDENA

Sat., Aug. 2—Akebono, the first foreign-born Sumo Grand Champion, will appear at Pacific Square; he will answer sumo questions and "wrestle" with the kids. Info: Yuko Ito, 310/540-3120 ext. 103.

Fri., Aug. 8—Greater L.A. Singles meeting/program; 8 p.m.; Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd.; research director Kathy Martelli will speak on the current research project of Alzheimer's in Japanese American families. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

LOS ANGELES

Sat., Oct. 11—10th National JACL Singles Conference; Hacienda Hotel, LAX, El Segundo; all-day conference and dinner dance, for singles to explore, experience, enjoy; workshops on "Taking Time Out For Life Evaluations", "Building Self Confidence", "Taking New Steps That Make Changes Happen"; plus relationship topics, online dating service, multimedia presentation of the JA Baseball History Project, panel discussions, more; hosted by Greater L.A. Singles and Orange County Sansei Singles. **Early bird discount before Sept. 1.** Info: www.asiansinglesconf.org; Miyako Kadogawa, 310/839-1194; Miyako1@earthlink.net.

Fri., Aug. 15—Go for Broke Educational Foundation Program, "Unexpected Heroes: The Story of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion"; 10 a.m.; Museum of Tolerance, 9786 W. Pico Blvd.; includes video footage from the Hanashi Oral History Program; a reception will follow. **RSVP by Aug. 11:** Helen Ota, 310/222-5712.

Sat., Aug. 16—L.A. Taiko Festival; 6 p.m.; George & Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St.; Tickets, info: 213/628-2725; www.taikola.com; www.koshintaiko.org.

Sat., Sept. 13—Panel discussion, "Witnessing History: A Conversation With (photojournalist) Stan Honda"; 2-4 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum; 369 N. First St., Little Tokyo; examines the experiences of Arab Americans following 9/11. Info: 213/625-0414; www.janm.org.

Sun., Sept. 28—West L.A. JACL's Aki Matsuri Boutique; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; designer clothing, sportswear, patchwork and quilted jackets, original jewelry, decorated towels, handmade stationery and paper goods, food, artwork, ceramics, children's wear, books, much more. Info: Jean, 310/390-6914, or Eiko 310/820-1875.

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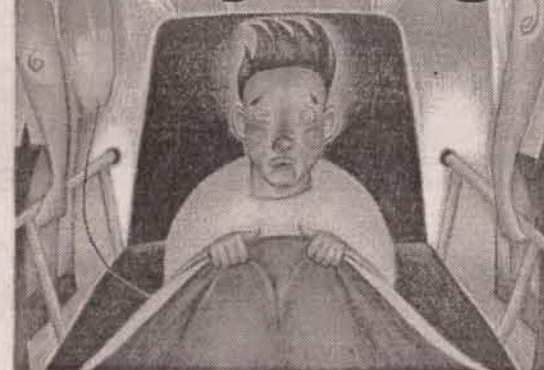
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All the towns are in California except as noted.

Chinen, Manuel Mitsumori, 62, Rosemead, July 14; Lima, Peru-born; survived by wife Adriana E.; son John (Tamara); daughters Monica (Mauricio) Hernandez and Ada Chinen; 3 gc.; one brother in Peru and one sister in Japan.

Fujikado, Kei, 77, Seattle, May 21; Seattle-born; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Toshi; daughters Pattie Emery, Betti (Derek) Soo, Julie (Steve) Ikeda and Joan (Obong) Akpan; 9 gc.; sister Katsuko (William) Lee; brother Lane (Claudia) and sister-in-law Sue Fujikado; predeceased by brother Yutaka.

Fujioka, Victor S., 75, Seattle, April 14; Minidoka internee; WWII U.S. Army veteran (radio operator); survived by wife Sonya Bolima; sons Gary, Jason and Jon (Carol); stepson Darrell DeDios; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Ted; predeceased by sisters Lillian Same-shima and Martha Kato.

Fujiwara, Yosh, 82, Bellingham, Wash., 82; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Betty; sons Joel (Donna) and Jeff; sister Hideko Yamamoto; brother Roy (Sei).

Imamura, Suya, 103, Oxnard; July 4; Kumamoto-born; survived by son Hideo "Froggie"; daughter-in-law Kyoko Imamura; 3 gc., 6

ggc.; predeceased by husband Masao and son Masatoshi.

Inouye, Ronald Shigeru, 55, Gardena, July 18; Honolulu-born; survived by mother Alice M. Inouye.

Kato, Arthur, 80, San Jose, July 7; survived by wife Ann Toshie; sister Chie (Seiikichi) Furukawa of Japan; brother, Fred (Masako) of Lomita and Edward (Yoshi) of Los Angeles; sister Fusako (Noboru) Takasaki of Parlier.

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$15 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.

Mera, James Hideo, 86, Culver City, July 12; Irvine-born; survived by son Richard; daughters Jean (Leonard) Gima and Arlene (John) Wada; 4 gc.

Mochizuki, Matsuye, 83, Gardena, July 10; survived by husband Hisashi "Ray"; son Hisashi Alan (Janet); daughter Eimee (Gary) Miura; 3 gc.; brother Hiroshi (Yuri) Sugiyama.

Murai, Iwao (Ibo) 84, San Francisco, July 19; San Francisco-born; Heart Mountain internee; survived by wife Masae; son Jeffrey (Sandra); daughter Naomi (Andrew), sister-in-law Yuki; 2

gc., 1 ggc.

Mabe, May (Mabel Hashimoto), 80, Denver, July 4; Lafayette, Colo.-born; survived by husband George; daughters Deanie (Jim) Allen and Allyson (Gene) Yamagata; 2 gc.

Mizukami, Mutsu, 69, Denver, June 10; survived by husband Satoru; daughter Susan Sachiko McNamara and Diane (Herb) Guerrero; 5 gc.; siblings: Dr. Sachio Takata, Tosh (Vi) and Isao (Sayoko) Takata, Bobby (Ruby) Takazumi, Setsu Takata, Kazu Villareal and Suzie Takata.

Okazaki, Tom Tamotsu, 82, Seattle, June 30; Seattle-born; Minidoka internee; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Masako; daughters Karen (Terry) Wong and Cheryl (Daniel) Fukumae; son Gary; 5 gc.; brother Raizo; sisters Kimi Mine and Hide Kikuchi; predeceased by brother Isao and sister Chizu Kawata.

Oshiro, Tomi, 97, San Gabriel, July 21; survived by children Aiko Hamaguchi, Kimi (Steve) Okayama, Yeiki (Shizuko) Oshiro and Gary (Cheryl) Oshiro; 5 gc. 3 ggc.

Ota, Sydney Shidsuo, 91, Los Angeles, July 18; Wyoming-born; survived by daughter Joanne Michiko Ota; son James Masao Ota; 3 gc., 2 ggc.

Shibukawa, Fred Hisashi, 89, Monterey Park, May 19; U.S. Army MIS veteran; survived by wife Toshiko.; daughters Dawn (Norman) Inouye and Renee (Peter) Kent; brothers George (Yoshiko) and Tadashi (Chiya); sisters-in-law Yoshiko Watamura

and Sally Shibukawa.

Shiomichi, Tokio, 86, Santa Ana, July 23 service; Los Angeles-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT (Co. E) veteran; survived by wife Carol; son Gary (Sally); 2 gc.; sister Edna Yoshida; sister-in-law Yoshiko Kagitara.

Shirakawa, Tom Masaru, 84, Fresno, July 4; U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran; as a councilman in Fowler, he was the first Nisei to win a place on a municipal governing body in the continental United States; survived by wife Fumiye; son Roger; daughter Pam (Bob) Handley 3 gc.; brother Ernie; sisters Hiroko Tanaka and Harriett Ishibashi.

Shiroyama, Kiyoshi, 88, Los Gatos, June 30; Los Angeles-born; Japan-raised; formerly of Terminal Island; Manzanar internee; survived by wife Jane; children Chikako and Brian (Jane); 2 gc.

Tadakawa, Ellen Matsue, 78, Los Angeles, July 23; Big Island, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Chester I. (Meryl), Cary and Ray; daughters Leatrice (James) Sasaki and Jean (Frank) Hernandez; 5 gc.; 1 ggc.; brothers Isamu (Amelia), Tadashi and Goro Horie; sisters Yoshimi Uyeda, Fusami Yano and Itomi (Richard) Kishi; sisters-in-law Shizue and Tsuneko Horie.

Tatsukawa, Frank Jiro, 85, Gardena, July 15; San Jose-born; survived by wife Hiroko; son Edward of Colorado; daughter Shirley (Barry) Pulliam; 2 gc.

Tenma, Shoki, 74, Lincoln, July 9; Auburn-born; survived by wife Sumiko; son Brian; sisters Ruth Norie (Mitsu) Ikeda, Sakae (Yutaka) Nishikawa and Kazue (Shoichi) Yoshida; mother-in-law Shizuko Yoshimura; brothers-in-

law Kenji (Jeannette), Osamu, Tadashi (Josie) and Joji Yoshimura; sister-in-law Kinuko (Tomio) Iwamoto; predeceased by sister Yoshiye Iwamoto and husband Noboru.

Tsurutani, Henry J., 94, Santa Monica, July 9; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Aya L.; son Bruce T.; daughter Laurie T. (Ralph) Rennie; 2 gc.

Uyeda, Eddie, 74, Rosemead, July 18; Idaho-born; survived by wife Toki; sons Kurt and Todd; daughter Wendy (Dennis) Mochizuki; 2 gc.; brother Tom (Linda); sisters Mary (Frank) Maruyama, Lois Kimura, Haruko Uyeda, Tomeko (Susumu) Kitani and Lucy Yamauchi.

Yonemura, Sueko, 99, Rancho Palos Verdes, July 19; Maui, Hawaii-born; survived by sons George (Jeanne) of New York, Tom (Yuko) and Harry (Judy) Yonemura; daughter Susan (Jim) Ohara; 10 gc.; 12 ggc.; 2 gggc.

Yoshida, Toshiko Sagimori, 82, Los Angeles, May 20; Berkeley-born; Tanforan detainee; she became a political activist at a time when few women raised their voices in the political arena. ■

DEATH NOTICE

TOSHIKO SAGIMORI YOSHIDA

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Toshiko Sagimori Yoshida, 82 passed away May 20. Born May 19, 1921, in Berkeley. Upon graduating from UC Berkeley, she started her 32-year career with Public Health in Los Angeles. She was active in community affairs including JACL, Community Relations Conference of So. Calif., and United Way Urban Coalition. Following her appointment to the Human Relations Commission, she served as President and later as Los Angeles Representative to Statewide Commission on Status of Women. She was a member of Calif. Democratic Central Committee and a National Delegate to the Democratic convention that nominated Jimmy Carter. After retirement, she pursued her interests by joining the LA Mycological and Bead Societies; LA Symphony, Opera and LACMA as well as East West Players; and traveled extensively. Preceded in death by her husband, Akira George, in April, she is survived by her daughter Patricia Orr of Corte Madera, grandchildren Deanna and Andy Orr; brother Minoru Sagimori, and sister Haruye Ng. Memorial contributions preferred to East West Players, JACL (National) or Whirlwind Wheelchair International.

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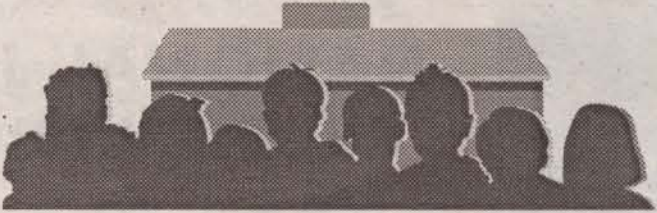
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and providing respite to the caregiving family member.

Kirsten Pearson (United Way of Midlands) led the workshop on "Youth Leadership: Moving Young People from Participants to Decision Makers." To keep the flame alive, JACL has to constantly renew its core membership with younger people. This has become increasingly difficult with high rates of out-marriage and changing family lifestyles. Volunteer work activities were noted as a practical mechanism for engaging younger people into JACL chapters.

JACL National Education Committee veterans Greg Marutani and Sharon Ishii-Jordan led a workshop on "Lessons in History." Using an effective Q&A interactive format with the audience, they compared and contrasted events surrounding Dec. 7, 1941, with Sept. 11, 2001, to focus on racial discrimination and the meaning of loyalty and patriotism. They also illustrated other historical examples of when the constitutional rights of citizens had been severely infringed in times of war.

As the banquet keynote speaker, Bob Wolfson posed a rhetorical question: "Can We Get Enough Light from Small Fires?" Using stories from the "Five Books of Moses," he emphasized the importance of "being in the present," and that individuals "can and do make a difference" in this world. He urged listeners to peacefully change policies for the greater good.

During the final joint meeting of all three districts the following

resolution was submitted by the MDC and approved: Recommending that the national JACL president appoint a chair to the National Education Committee no later than the September 2003 meeting of the national board.

During discussion of the motion, Mori explained that he has been awaiting recommendations from members of the committee and the governors, but has not received any.

EDC pledged \$1,000 in support of MDC's participation in the national conference of the social studies teachers association to promote the JACL curriculum guide. In addition, EDC pledged \$150 to support Yoshino for attending the tri-district. Lily Okura (Washington, D.C. chapter) requested help to defray the costs of the annual wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery, which national has recently dropped. The New York chapter immediately donated funds for this purpose. EDC also pledged to purchase a table at the JACL Gala Dinner in Los Angeles, with the seats to be used by the *Pacific Citizen* staff, by national staff and youth, in that priority.

Finally, the Philadelphia chapter reminded attendees of the \$2,000 given to P.C. by EDC and challenged the other districts and chapters to step up and make similar donations. It was noted that P.C. was unable for budgetary reasons to send a reporter/photographer to the tri-district meeting. ■

Hiro Nishikawa is the president of the JACL Philadelphia chapter. Paul Uyehara and Rick Ishiyama also contributed to this story.

'BANZAI'

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suaude FOX to cancel the airing of "Banzai," representatives from MANAA and JACL met with FOX executives July 10 to once again air their concerns. Although FOX agreed to consult with the two groups if the show is renewed and to include a disclaimer making it clear that the show was produced in England and is not meant to portray AAs, "Banzai" will continue to air this summer as scheduled. The show premiered July 13.

FOX's actions thus far are not good enough, said Aoki. "They're still running it, so they can't distance themselves by saying, 'Don't blame us. We didn't produce this, we're only airing it,'" he said. "No one's forcing them to air this show."

Scott Grogin, FOX vice president of corporate communications, disagrees with the protestors. He believes "Banzai" is not racist nor offensive to AAs but rather is a fun, humorous game-show parody. He also noted that the show performed well among the targeted audience of young male viewers.

"We simply don't agree with some of the claims they are making," said Grogin, who spoke briefly with Aoki during the protest but did not hold an official meeting with the various groups. "We feel like 'Banzai' is a very funny, very edgy game show. It is an equal opportunity offender and it is simply a parody."

"We're getting a variety of opinion on 'Banzai,'" added Grogin. "Younger Asian Americans — we are not getting negative comments from them. We are getting negative comments from the older Asian Americans and certainly from the media advocacy groups. Younger

people do not find the show offensive and they tell us they think it's funny."

Although FOX does not know yet whether it will renew "Banzai" for a second season, said Grogin, the network plans to monitor how well the show performs in its scheduled summer Sunday-night slot.

But in addition to MANAA and JACL, groups like The Korean American Coalition (KAC), The Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA), East Coast Asian American Student Union, and American Indians in Film and Television plan to continue protesting and voicing their concerns until FOX drops "Banzai" from its programming schedule.

Alice Kasai to Be Honored by JACL and Utah Community

Alice Kasai will be honored for a lifetime of community service on the occasion of her 88th birthday, at a dinner on Sept. 10 at the Little America Hotel and Tower in Salt Lake City.

Kasai was born in Seattle and grew up in Utah. Her husband, Henry, was detained and interned without notice at the start of World War II. She and Henry had six children.

Among projects that have benefited from Kasai's dedicated volunteer assistance are: the compiling of the history of the JACL Intermountain district; the 1984 Sister Cities Convention; service to the Asian Association of Utah; Mt. Olympus/Salt Lake JACL; the Utah Department of Social Services; the YWCA; the Oral History Institute; and the U.S. Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Among many awards Kasai has received over the years: recognition for outstanding service to the

"We're looking for a long-term campaign to keep this off the air and we're going to keep the pressure on FOX to take this off the air," said Aoki.

The protestors encouraged members of the AA community to express their unhappiness with "Banzai" by contacting FOX and FOX affiliates who are currently airing the show. (A listing is provided on MANAA's website: manaa@manaa.org).

"Banzai is so racist. It's shocking that FOX would even put it on the air," said Kay Ochi, co-chair of NCRR (Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress). "It's really perpetrating and fostering racism. It has to end. They have to take it off the air." ■

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