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## Bolivia Hosts 12th Association of Pan-American Nikkei Convention



COPANI XII—Close to 500 participated at the 12th convention of the Association of Pan-American Nikkei (the revised title of Pan-American Nikkei Association) held July 24-27 at Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Argentinian Nikkei Kazunori Kosaka (left), international president, passes the banner to Keiko Miki of Canada, where the next convention is expected to be held in 2005.



FROM THE UNITED STATES AND PARAGUAY—Dining at the COPANI XII sayonara dinner at the Japanese Cultural Center in Santa Cruz, where most of the Japanese in Bolivia live, are (from left) seated — Kotaro Hoshizaki, Misako Honda, Harry K. Honda, Masako Kobayashi and John Kobayashi, all of Southern California, and standing — Emi Kasamatsu of Paraguay and her brother Felix and wife Yoshiko Kasamatsu from Washington, D.C.

## Nagasaki Marks 58th Anniversary of Atomic Bombing

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO—Nagasaki's mayor urged people to remember the nuclear bombing that turned his city into a "hell on earth," marking the attack's 58th anniversary on Aug. 9.

At a ceremony attended by thousands of people, including survivors of the 1945 blast, Itcho Ito also warned that the world's oldest — and newest — nuclear

powers had dealt dangerous setbacks to arms-control efforts.

"International agreements supporting nuclear disarmament, nuclear nonproliferation and the prohibition of all nuclear weapons testing now appear to be on the verge of collapse," the mayor said, speaking in Nagasaki.

Ito's speech on the Aug. 9 anniversary was broadcast nationwide. In it, he referred to last year's controversial U.S. review of its own nuclear policy, which included a proposal to develop a new

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## APA Coalition Pushes for 'No' Vote on Prop. 54, the Racial Privacy Initiative

By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

A coalition of over 90 Asian Pacific American groups and individuals is loudly protesting against Proposition 54, a California initiative scheduled to be on the October recall ballot that bans state and local governments from collecting racial data.

Also known as the Racial Privacy Initiative, the APA groups say Prop. 54 will make it more difficult to fight discrimination and will be devastating to the state's ability to collect vital data in the areas of health care, public safety, education and employment.

"This is not about privacy, it's about piracy," said John Delloro, president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, who spoke at a Los Angeles

press conference July 31. Simultaneous press conferences were also held in Orange County, San Francisco and San Diego. "This initiative robs us of the

of California's Proposition 209, an anti-affirmative action initiative which voters passed in 1996. Proponents of Prop. 54 say the initiative will help move towards the creation of a color-blind society.

But Warren Furutani, trustee of the Los Angeles Community College Board, believes proponents of Prop. 54 are dealing with a number of flawed assumptions.

"This whole issue is predicated on two faulty assumptions," he said. "It has got nothing to do with privacy. What it

has to do with is data and information that we can use for analysis and to determine many different issues.

"Another faulty assumption is the discussion of having a color-blind society," said Furutani. "We can use information to solve problems, and without that information I think it's clear it doesn't deal with a color-blind society, what it does is blind our society. It blinds our ability to see problems and we also don't see our progress."

Speakers at the L.A. press conference gave various examples of the areas in which Prop. 54 will have its most devastating effects. One area will be the state's ability to fight hate crimes. If the initiative passes, state and local agencies will no longer be able to collect data to ensure racial profiling does not occur.

"Proposition 54 will handcuff the police," said Mike Eng, Monterey Park city council mem-

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PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI

Warren Furutani, trustee of the L.A. Community College Board, speaks against Proposition 54 at the APAIC press conference July 31.

power to deal with issues in our community. It attempts to deal with issues by ignoring them."

Asian Pacific Americans for an Informed California (APAIC), the umbrella name for the APA coalition, has been working for more than a year to ensure Prop. 54 is defeated by the voters. Although their efforts are targeted at the APA community, they note this initiative will have a detrimental effect on all Californians.

"Proposition 54 would be a disaster for the state of California, including the Asian American population," said Stewart Kwoh, executive director, Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC). "Prop. 54 will affect everybody. It removes an important tool for all of us to better the lives of everyone in the state of California."

Prop. 54, officially the "Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin (CREC-NO)" initiative, is the brainchild of University of California Regent Ward Connerly, the main backer

## COMMENTARY Defining 'Membership'

By DORI TAKATA

When I received an invitation to an informal potluck to brainstorm ways of increasing membership among the younger generation, it jogged my interest. The work of JACL is pressingly needed, and yet, issue after issue of the *Pacific Citizen* lamented its falling membership numbers and financial woes. Why?



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## NATIONAL JACL GALA DINNER

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## Gov. Davis Signs Legislation to Grant Diplomas to Japanese Americans Interned During World War II

Gov. Gray Davis July 31 signed AB 781 by Assemblymember Sally Lieber, D-Mountain View, which authorizes a high school district, unified school district, or county office of education to retroactively grant a high school diploma to a person who was interned during World War II.

"The internment of Japanese Americans was a dark moment in our proud American history," Davis said. "Our government ripped apart the lives of Japanese Americans, and any small effort on our part to make up for that mistake is well worth the effort."

The state of California was the home to over two-thirds of the JAs

who were affected by federal Executive Order 9066. This order was the basis for incarcerating innocent residents of California by placing them in 10 desolate internment camps throughout the United States.

Thousands of JAs were attending public high schools when E.O. 9066 was issued. Although many JAs were able to complete some form of high school education in the internment camps, they were never able to return to their own high school to graduate with their class and be recognized and acknowledged as an official student of that institution. ■



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### Changing demographics.

Japanese Americans are the only Asian ethnic group in the United States to have declined by almost 10 percent in the last decade. We are one of the most acculturated of immigrant groups and have the highest intermarriage rates of Asian Americans. Young JAs are likely to be of multiple ethnicities, and those of us who self-identify as JA may feel distanced from our cultural heritage.

### Misperceptions or lack of knowledge about JACL.

Without a visible critical mass of people from our generation, young people may not feel they have a comfortable peer community within the organization. They may assume that the JACL is a "club" for a different generation with different needs, without realizing that JACL is a civil rights group powered by many individuals and many generations.

After the successful push for reparations, some believe that the JACL does not have a clearly defined purpose. Some may even suggest that such organizations have served their primary function and are no longer necessary. In truth, racism and violations of civil rights still exist in either blatant or often more insidious, concealed forms. The JACL is needed now precisely because the real need goes unrecognized within our own community.

### The challenge of effectively communicating the value and ongoing importance of the JACL.

For twenty- and thirty-somethings, competing demands for time, attention, and economic resources make us wary of committing to any organization. At the same time, membership contingent only upon payment of fees does not seem a compelling enough reason to join.

Economic concerns are indeed significant for younger JAs, as many of us are not yet established professionally. We would do well to emphasize that membership comes with benefits, including health insurance, credit union membership, scholarship opportunities, and a P.C. subscription (a much needed alternative news source).

My sense, however, is that people of my generation are seeking benefits in a different form. Young people are looking

for ways to contribute and to experience a sense of community. Categorizing "youth" as a single group may not adequately acknowledge the differing needs or priorities of twenty- and thirty-somethings, many of whom are young professionals perhaps on the lookout for opportunities to develop and invest our skills in a worthwhile way, to learn about and preserve our culture, and to meet other JAs, AAs, and friends of all backgrounds who share similar concerns. Immersed in an American culture that often celebrates and prolongs "youth," we also need the guidance of our elders, an infusion of perspective, and a call to our civic responsibilities.

Rather than pushing for increased "membership" and emphasizing survival of the organization itself, perhaps the JACL should rally support for the crucial battles it fights. Instead of soliciting membership (as in a club), the American Civil Liberties Union, for example, frames its members as contributors towards the protection of civil rights and stresses the urgency of their work in present and historical contexts. The very act of writing a check then becomes a statement of support and a political action — no matter how humble that statement may be.

In contrast, paying "dues" carries the vague suggestion that I personally should receive good value for my membership in return. Emphasis on "membership" may connote a group mentality subconsciously triggering a dynamic of inclusion and exclusion. "Contributions" or "donations" instead position the

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## Letters to the Editor

### Gala Dinner Should Include U.S. Senators Hayakawa and Matsunaga

The JACL organization, both locally and nationally, has been known by the members in all chapters and perceived by the general public and supporting organizations as a non-partisan organization. This knowledge and perception has been the foundation of our organization in all public events.

The testimonial dinner on Sept. 13 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles promises to be possibly the greatest event in the history of our organization in honoring U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, former Congressman Norman Mineta and U.S. Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda, all distinguished persons.

If the testimonial dinner be a non-partisan event as I believe it is, I would have the JACL and its planning committee include the former U.S. Sen. Hayakawa of California. His electrifying victory in California by a vote of the people to be one of its U.S. senators should be recognized in spite of the fact that he was a Republican. This achievement 50 years ago deserves recognition.

Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink is now being recognized posthumously for her achievements to the great state of Hawaii as well as for other accomplishments in the area of women's rights.

I believe U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga should also be recognized posthumously for his achievements over many years as a distinguished leader in the halls of

the U.S. Senate and in his long years of dedicated support for the programs of the JACL.

For the JACL and its planning committee to include the names suggested above at the testimonial dinner on Sept. 13 would not only add to the prestige and support of this event but would also result in a wider support of the event by our JACL membership because of the truly non-partisan character of the political leaders honored.

*Frank F. Chuman*

Nat'l JACL President

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Westlake Village, Calif.

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### Coble and Freedom of Speech

Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., may have been mistaken when he said Japanese Americans were evacuated during World War II "for their own protection" and that some "probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us." But why doesn't the JACL refute him with facts, instead of loudly condemning him and demanding his resignation as head of the Homeland Security Subcommittee?

It is well known that some JAs were attacked and killed after Pearl Harbor. As our casualties mounted in the Philippines and other Southeast Asian war zones, hatred against us was intensifying from anti-Japan propaganda that flooded radio, newsreels, and newspapers. Families suffered as many breadwinners were interned or laid off and bank accounts were frozen.

At some relocation centers, especially Tule Lake, there was anti-American violence, including attacks against patriotic JAs and volunteers for the Army. They do not justify evacuation but indicate that Rep. Coble's remarks may have been true.

He seemed willing to have a reasonable discussion with Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C., representative. But he may not want to waste time listening to denunciations like those offered by John Tateishi, JACL executive director, in the July 16 issue of the Pacific Citizen.

Civil rights also include freedom of speech — to express honest opinions that may be unpopular.

*Mas Odoi*

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## Hon. Mineta to be Honored at 2003 JACL Gala Dinner

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta will be honored for his remarkable political career with many "firsts" at the 2003 National JACL Gala Dinner Sept. 13 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles.

Mineta's long and fascinating political career in many ways embodies the American dream. He began his political career in San Jose in 1967 when he served as a member of the San Jose City Council and as mayor from 1972 to 1974, becoming the first Asian Pacific American mayor of a major U.S. city in 1971 for a four-year term. It was during his term as mayor that the city of San Jose began its remarkable growth and the then-new high technology industry was lured into what became known as the Silicon Valley.

Mineta was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1975, the first APA from the mainland to serve in the U.S. Congress, where he remained until 1995. He chaired the House Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation from 1981 to 1988, chaired the Surface Transportation Subcommittee from 1989 to 1991, and served as chairman of the powerful House Public Works and Transportation Committee from 1992 to 1994.

After almost three decades of public service, Mineta retired from politics and the Congress in 1995 to take a position as vice president for special business initiatives at Lockheed Martin Corporation. During his tenure at Lockheed Martin, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve on the president's

Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. He also served as the first chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, which he co-founded while in the Congress, and brought the Caucus into prominence.



He returned to public service in 2000, when he was appointed by Clinton to the president's Cabinet as the Secretary of Commerce, the first APA to be appointed to a Cabinet post. He currently serves as the Secretary of Transportation, marking another milestone in his career as one of only a few individuals to serve in two presidential Cabinets. As a member of the Cabinet, Mineta will probably best be remembered for his role after the Sept. 11 tragedy, when he oversaw a massive security overhaul of the nation's airports.

While he is recognized for his many achievements in Congress and his ground-breaking appointments, he will be best remembered by the Japanese American community for the critical role he played in the passage of H.R. 442, the JACL-sponsored redress legislation which rectified the injustices of the World War II internment. Mineta clearly understood the significance and importance of redress legislation for the JA community, for he was 11 years old when he and his family were forced from their home in San Jose and placed in the Heart Mountain concentration camp in

Wyoming.

"Norm Mineta is a role model for all Asian Americans and especially those who aspire to a career in politics," said JACL executive director John Tateishi. "As the first Asian American appointed to the president's Cabinet, and on top of that having now served in two presidential Cabinet positions, his accomplishments are remarkable for anyone in elected office, and especially significant for Asian Americans. Though he has risen to the nation's highest levels of government, he has never forgotten the Japanese American and API communities and the issues that affect us."

For his lifetime of public service and outstanding leadership, the JACL and the PSW district will recognize Mineta at its gala dinner Sept. 13. The dinner, "An American Testimonial: A Salute to Japanese American National Leaders," will also recognize U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui, U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, and there will be a special tribute to the late U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Proceeds from the dinner will support JACL's operations and programs. Contact the PSW district office at 213/626-4471 or at psw@jacl.org to purchase tickets or for more information.

The Wilshire Grand Hotel, in downtown Los Angeles, is offering rooms at \$85 per night. Reservations can be made by calling the Wilshire Grand directly at 888/773-2888. The Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo is offering a rate of \$79 per night single and \$89 per night double. ■

## Sacramento City Council Passes Resolution Condemning Coble

In a unanimous vote, the Sacramento City Council passed a resolution July 22 condemning Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., for remarks he made condoning the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

With a vote of 9-0 the council members passed the resolution asking Coble to publicly apologize for his remarks and to resign from his position as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.

Dave Jones, vice mayor and council member of District 6 introduced the resolution while vice mayor, office staff member Dave Gonzalves put the resolution together.

Several Asian Pacific American groups spoke during the council session in support of the resolution including Walter Kawamoto, JACL Florin chapter, and Diane Tomoda of the JACL Sacramento chapter.

It was in February during a radio call-in show that Coble made his remarks endorsing the WWII internment.

"We were at war," he said. "They (Japanese Americans) were an endangered species. For many of these Japanese Americans, it wasn't safe for them to be on the street."

Coble went on to add, "Some (Japanese Americans) probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us."

So far Coble has yet to make a public apology for his Feb. 4 remarks and continues to serve as subcommittee chair.

Both the California Assembly and Senate passed resolutions earlier this year condemning Coble's internment remarks. Currently the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is working on a similar resolution. ■

## L.A. Abandons Plans for Little Tokyo Jail

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES—Activists convinced the City of Los Angeles to abandon plans for a 512-bed jailhouse in downtown's Little Tokyo neighborhood.

More than 13,000 signatures were gathered protesting a jail near the 98-year-old Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, and City Hall backed away from the proposal.

"Because of the united front we're showing, they backed off," said Howard Nishimura, past chairman of the Little Tokyo Community Council. "We usually don't say much of anything. There are so few issues we can get united

behind."

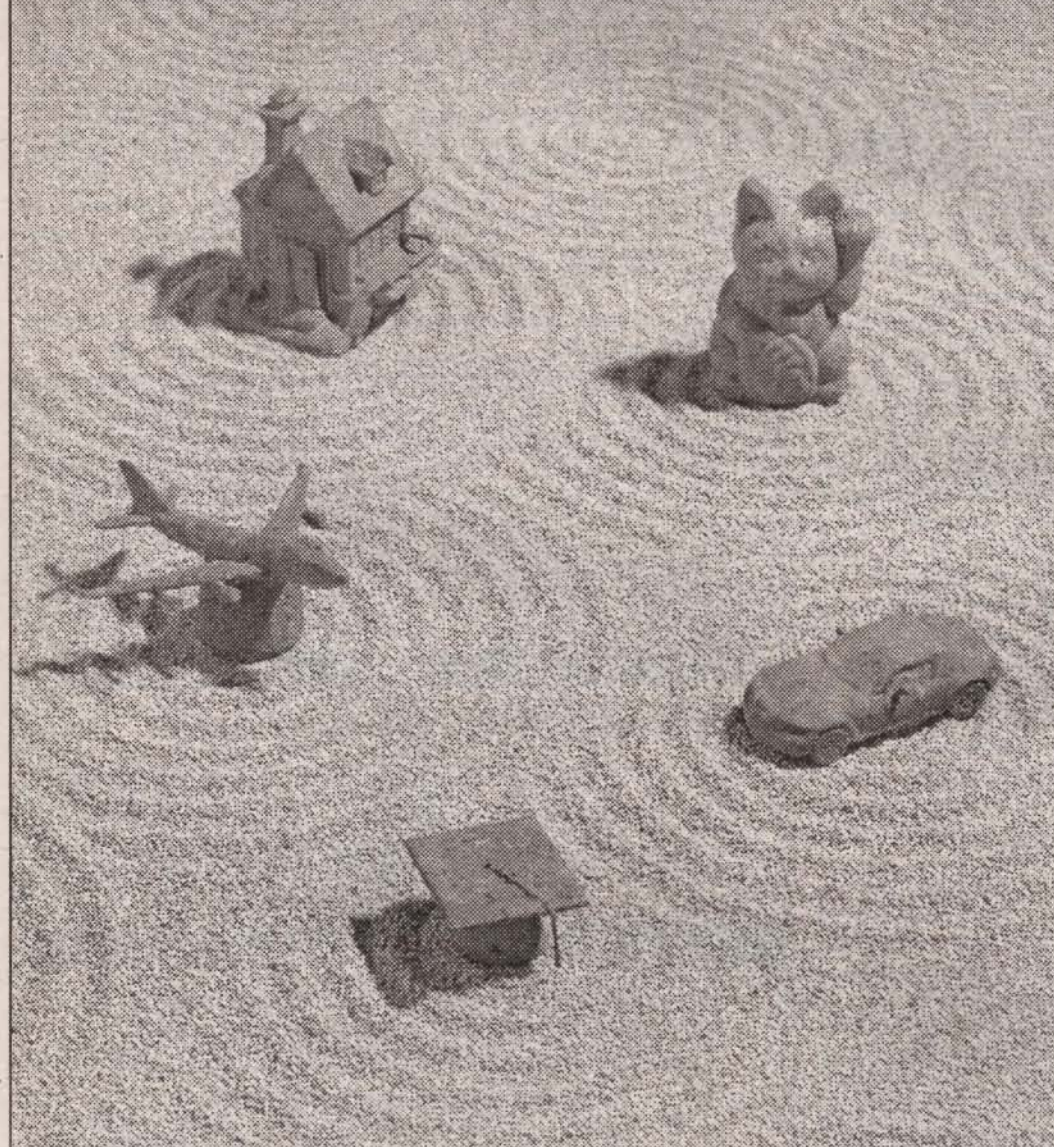
"Nobody wanted a jail," said community council member Evelyn Yoshimura.

The city initially proposed building a public safety complex with a jail and new police headquarters on an 11-acre site between the temple and the Japanese American National Museum along 1st Street.

Because of community opposition, city officials decided to scrub the jail.

"There was a very strong reaction, so we took it into account and looked for some other alternatives," Chief legislative Analyst Ron Deaton said. ■

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By Pacific Citizen Staff  
and Associated Press

## □ ACLU, Arab Groups Challenge Patriot Act Surveillance

**DETROIT**—The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit in federal court July 30 against parts of the USA Patriot Act that let authorities monitor books people read and conduct secret searches.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court declined without comment to consider an earlier ACLU challenge to the government's expanded surveillance powers under the act, which Congress passed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The group asked the justices to consider when the government should be allowed to monitor telephone conversations and e-mail, then use the information to prosecute the monitored person.

The lawsuit was jointly announced by the ACLU in Michigan and Portland, Ore. Participating in the lawsuit are the Washington, D.C.-based Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor, Bridge Refugee and Sponsorship Services in Knoxville, Tenn., and the Islamic Center of Portland.

The Justice Department defends the act as a crucial weapon in the war on terrorism. Spokeswoman Barbara Comstock said the section targeted by the lawsuit is narrow in scope, goes to great lengths to protect First Amendment rights and requires court approval to obtain records.

## □ Partnership Aims to Increase Minorities in

## Broadcast Newsrooms

**DALLAS**—In just two years, the percentage of minorities in television newsrooms nationwide has dropped from 25 percent to 18 percent, according to an annual survey.

Leaders of three groups of journalists, speaking Aug. 8 at the National Association of Black Journalists' national convention in Dallas, called the decline highly alarming and pledged to work together to increase minority participation in television and radio newsrooms.

The 2003 annual survey conducted by the radio-television news directors association and Ball State University found that the minority work force in television news dropped to 18 percent, down from 21 percent last year and 25 percent the year before. That compares with minorities' roughly 30 percent share of the U.S. population.

The survey also found that minority television news directors fell to 6.6 percent from 9.2 percent a year ago. The number of minorities in television news actually increased, but not as quickly as overall staff rose.

In radio, the minority work force represented 6.5 percent in 2003, down from 8 percent in 2002. The proportion of minority radio news directors inched down to 5 percent from 5.1 percent.

To that end, the radio-television news directors and Unity: Journalists of Color — which includes black, Hispanic, Asian American and Native American

journalists — plan a diversity summit to develop measurable goals and explore research needs, officials said. A timetable for the summit has not been set.

## □ Minority Groups Call on Governor to Support Affirmative Action

**DENVER**—Groups representing blacks, Asians, Hispanics and other minorities chided Gov. Bill Owens and lawmakers July 31 for criticizing a recent Supreme Court decision upholding affirmative action.

Members of Colorado Unity backing affirmative action include the American Civil Liberties Union, the Asian Chamber of Commerce, the American Indian Movement, the League of Women Voters, and the Hispanic Bar Association.

Polly Baca, executive director of the Latin American Research and Service Agency, said affirmative action does not call for quotas. She said race should be used as a factor in making decisions for college admissions and not considered a guarantee.

Owens spokesman Dan Hopkins said the Republican governor supports diversity on college campuses. He said the best way to achieve it is through race-neutral methods, such as opportunity scholarships.

The Supreme Court ruled in June to uphold an affirmative action program at the University of Michigan law school. In a separate decision, the court struck down a system used by the university that awarded minority undergraduate

applicants one-fifth the points needed to get in, giving them an edge over other students.

Officials at Colorado's two largest universities, the University of Colorado and Colorado State University, say they rely on a combination of high school grades and standardized test scores. But the schools also use race and other factors for students who do not score high enough on the tests.

## □ Minority Women Making Gains in U.S. Workplace, Still Face Challenges

**WASHINGTON**—Minority women are getting more private-sector jobs in America than they were 10 years ago but still face significant workplace challenges, a government report said.

Minority women made up nearly 15 percent of the U.S. private-sector work force in 2001, up about a third from 11 percent in 1990, said the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission study, "Women of Color: Their Employment in the Private Sector," released July 31.

But many were still concentrated in lower-wage industries and jobs, the report found.

Asian women, who make up more than 2 percent of the private-sector work force, were generally in better positions. They were most represented in the computer and electronics manufacturing industry, where they comprise nearly 5 percent of the work force.

The number of Asian female managers and officials more than doubled in the last 10 years.

Data were drawn from annual surveys that are mandatory for all private-sector businesses with more than 100 employees. In 2001, more than 39,000 such businesses responded, representing about 52 million employees.

## □ Census Sees Progress Among Minnesota's Newest Immigrants

**MINNEAPOLIS**—The latest figures from the 2000 census show that Minnesota's newest immigrants are becoming more like other Minnesotans — their poverty rates are down and education levels are up.

The longer people in each immigrant group stayed, the more successful they became, the figures, released July 23, said.

There was striking progress among the Hmong. Among the discoveries:

- More than 40 percent of Hmong adults still report they've had absolutely no schooling whatsoever. But today's high school-aged kids are staying in school at a higher rate than most minorities.

- The Hmong population grew by 143 percent from 1990 to 2000, a rate roughly 12 times faster than the general population. There were more than 43,000 Hmong in the state by 2000.

- By 2000, 54 percent of Hmong households were occupied by owners, up from 12 percent in 1990.

Still, the Hmong lagged behind the general population in a number of economic measures. In 1999, Hmong per capita income was only \$7,210, more than double the level 10 years earlier but still a third of the general population and lowest of any census group. ■

## NCRR to Hold Meeting to Discuss Continuing Anti-Coble Campaign

Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCRR) will host a community meeting to discuss possible strategies to continue the campaign to remove Congressman Howard Coble, R-N.C., from his position as chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.

Six months have passed since Coble, a staunch opponent of redress in 1988, made statements supporting the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. Despite numerous calls for his resignation, Coble has refused to step down. In addition, President Bush, Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, House Judiciary Committee Chair James Sensenbrenner, and Attorney General John Ashcroft have all refused to repudiate Coble's statements.

NCRR has expressed outrage at Coble's statements, which attempt to revise the truth about the camps and undermine the conclusions of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians as well as the Civil

Liberties Act. It is also concerned that the administration's lack of response is part of a broader dangerous trend whereby civil rights and liberties are being sacrificed in the name of the "fight against terrorism."

Kay Ochi, co-chair of NCRR, noted, "Coble's statements must continue to be challenged by our community and others. If this revisionist history is allowed to prevail, not only will the younger generations of Japanese Americans be robbed of the truth about the camps, but other groups, such as Muslim Americans, can more easily be singled out as 'the enemy' and stripped of their rights during times of crisis."

Those interested in discussing ways to continue the campaign to force Coble to resign are encouraged to attend the meeting and share ideas: Sat., Aug. 23, 1-3 p.m., Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

For more information, contact NCRR at: 213/680-3484. ■

## Professor Conducting Survey on Assimilation of JAs

Haruo Higashimoto, professor of sociology at Kyoto Women's University, is conducting an academic survey on Japanese Americans and the degree to which they have integrated into mainstream American society.

The survey is a continuation of a survey Higashimoto conducted in 1993 when he was a graduate student at Brigham Young University in Utah. He hopes to compare the current survey with the one he did 10 years ago.

Higashimoto is sending more than 1,300 questionnaires to Japanese and JA households in the Los Angeles County area and

hopes to get as many responses as possible.

The questionnaire takes about 10 to 15 minutes and contains 68 questions including: generation, occupation, income, education, identity, use of Japanese language, frequency of eating Japanese food, membership in Japanese organizations, ethnic background of spouse, and experiences of discrimination.

The survey is anonymous and does not ask for a person's name. The questionnaire, in both English and Japanese, can be viewed at: [www.c.s.kyoto-wu.ac.jp/%7EHaruo/jasurvey](http://www.c.s.kyoto-wu.ac.jp/%7EHaruo/jasurvey). ■

## AIUSA to Sponsor Nationwide Racial Profiling Hearings

Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) announced July 31 that it will convene a national series of public hearings on all forms of racial profiling this fall.

AIUSA field offices are inviting community members, law enforcement, and experts to testify as part of a public awareness campaign aimed to generate support for state and federal legislation that would stop racial profiling, a human rights violation. Former U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Timothy K. Lewis will chair the hearings.

AIUSA's national hearings on racial profiling will be held in: San Francisco/Oakland, Sept. 9; Chicago, Sept. 23; Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 30; and New York City, Oct. 2.

Racial profiling by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and its effect on a wide range of ethnic groups in the United States will be the focus. Discriminatory practices committed as part of the "war on drugs" and "war on terror" will be highlighted.

"Since September 11, 2001, all the people of the United States have lost significant ground in the struggle to end racial profiling," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, director of AIUSA's Domestic Human Rights Program. "AIUSA is providing a space for victims, experts, and law enforcement to share their experiences and discuss how we can make America safer for everyone without civil liberties setbacks."

AIUSA is asking victims of racial profiling from across the United States to submit written testimony via a confidential form on its website: [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org). These incidents will be included in a summary report to be released in November.

For a full schedule of the hearings in a particular city, contact [jcorlew@aiusa.org](mailto:jcorlew@aiusa.org). ■

## APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements

**Bob Nakamura** has been appointed to the Thurston Council on Cultural Diversity and Human Rights in Thurston County, Wash. He will serve from July 2003 until July 2006. A native of Denver, Nakamura enjoyed a long career in the U.S. Army, finally retiring in 1994. He currently works for Alaska Airlines in Seattle. He has been active in the JACL Olympia chapter and has also served as the PNW district's treasurer. Nakamura has also been active with the Olympia-Yashiro Sister City in Olympia, Wash.

**Dr. Jonathan Chang**, 44, of South Pasadena has been appointed as a member of the Industrial Medical Council, Calif. Gov. Gray Davis announced Aug. 4. Chang has been an associate at Pacific Orthopedic Medical Group, Inc., since 1990. He is clinical assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Southern California and clinical assistant professor of surgery at Western University of Health Sciences. He earned a medical doctorate degree from Duke University School of Medicine and received the Cardiology Research Training Program Award. The Industrial Medical Council is the medical unit within the State's workers' compensation system. ■



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# JACL Corner

## Diablo Valley Chapter

The JACL Diablo Valley chapter held their annual scholarship luncheon recently at Tony Roma's Restaurant in Danville.

This year's chapter scholarship went to Erik Lue of Acalanes High in Lafayette, a senior class treasurer as well as counselor to freshmen, member of the Acalanes football, basketball, cross-country and golf teams, and Eagle Scout. He plans to attend UC Davis and major in business.

The 2003 George S. Fujioka Memorial Scholarship recipient is Anh Lam. She came to America in February 1999 without financial assistance or English language skills. While working as a bagger at a local grocery store she started attending classes at Contra Costa College in Fall 2000. She also volunteered as a mathematics tutor for middle school students in Pinole. With an overall 3.67 grade point average she has completed sufficient units to transfer to UC Berkeley this fall and major in electrical engineering.

A 2003 Special Award was given to Jane Huynh. In 1975 Huynh's father was jailed in Vietnam and her family was forced to relocate to the countryside. While working for Vietnam Airlines she took evening computer and business classes. She arrived in America in 1998 and took classes at Santa Ana College while she worked for the school district as a database programmer. She transferred to Contra Costa College in Fall 2001. With a 3.51 grade point average, she will attend either UC Davis or UC

Riverside and major in electrical engineering and computer science.

The 2003 Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki \$1,000 Scholarship was given to Mariko Ishiyama, who emigrated from Japan. Although she did not speak English on arrival, she soon became fluent and was able to obtain her nursing degree at St. Louis Community College with a GPA of 3.537 in May 2001. Ishiyama is married and has one child 15 months old. She has attended Contra Costa College for the past two years and earned a 4.0 GPA while tutoring in math, biology and nursing. She will attend UC Berkeley in Fall 2003; her goal is to become a medical doctor.

The 2003 Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Special \$500 Award was given to Mohammad T. Khan, who came to the United States from Pakistan with his mother and younger brother in November 2000 to join his father, a naturalized American citizen. He graduated with honors from high school and earned a 4.0 GPA at Contra Costa College. He is vice president of the International Students Club, has volunteered at Doctor's Medical Center and also demonstrated chemistry experiments in local middle and high schools. He is seeking a career in medicine and will attend UC Berkeley in Fall 2003.

Julie Wong, a past chapter scholarship recipient and presently the director of communications for Los Angeles' Mayor Jim Hahn, served as guest speaker at the scholarship luncheon.

## Florin Chapter

The Florin JACL recognized three outstanding students at its annual Scholarship Awards and New Members Welcome Dinner recently at Fuji Restaurant.

The 2003 scholarship recipients



Recognizing student achievement at the Florin JACL scholarship dinner (from left): Dr. Judy Sakaki, UC Davis vice chancellor; Walter Kawamoto, chapter president; scholarship winners Masato Taniguchi, Lisa Yuki and Tara Tsukamoto; Ruth Seo, scholarship chair; Bob Uyeyama, fund-raising co-chair.

honored at the dinner were Masato Taniguchi, nephew of Steve and Marie Murata; Tara Tsukamoto, daughter of Lon and Ann Tsukamoto; and Lisa Misato Yuki, daughter of Phillip and Lois Yuki. They were selected on the basis of their academic achievements, community involvement and personal leadership.

Taniguchi left his home in Nara, Japan, to pursue opportunities beyond the Japanese educational system. At J.F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento he earned a GPA of 3.54 and participated in the Asian Basketball League. He is presently attending Sacramento

City College and working towards an engineering degree. Tara Tsukamoto earned a 4.34 GPA at Laguna Creek High and ranked eighth in her graduating class of over 700. She participated in the Science Olympiad, the marching and symphonic bands and swim and water polo teams, and is currently serving as president of the Florin YBA.

Lisa Yuki attended C.K.

Spaghetti Dinner and generous donations from chapter members. The chapter's scholarship funds were matched by the Ronald McDonald House Charities to create a \$5,000 scholarship pool for the three recipients. In addition, each scholarship recipient was honored at the Ronald McDonald House Charities/Asia Recognition and Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 27 at the Radisson Hotel.

The scholarship selection committee members included Ruth Seo, chair, Aileen Nishio, Andy Noguchi and Stan Umeda. Current Florin JACL president is Walter Kawamoto.

## Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter

Nicole Tomiko Okita, winner of the Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarship, was presented a check for \$1,000 by Chapter President Janet Okubo at the chapter's recent scholarship and fundraiser dance, held at the Nakaoka Center in Gardena.

Okita, a graduate of University High, will attend UCLA in the fall and intends to major in education and communication while continuing to play basketball.

In addition to keeping a high GPA, she was the sports editor for the school newspaper; has been active in the Girl Scouts at West Los Angeles Buddhist Church; coached little girls' basketball team; and volunteered at the Upward Bound homeless shelter, Amnesty International and the *Daily Planet*.

Flo Sumire Griffen chaired the scholarship committee.

The GLAS chapter of JACL presents a scholarship annually to a deserving high school graduate from a single-parent home. ■

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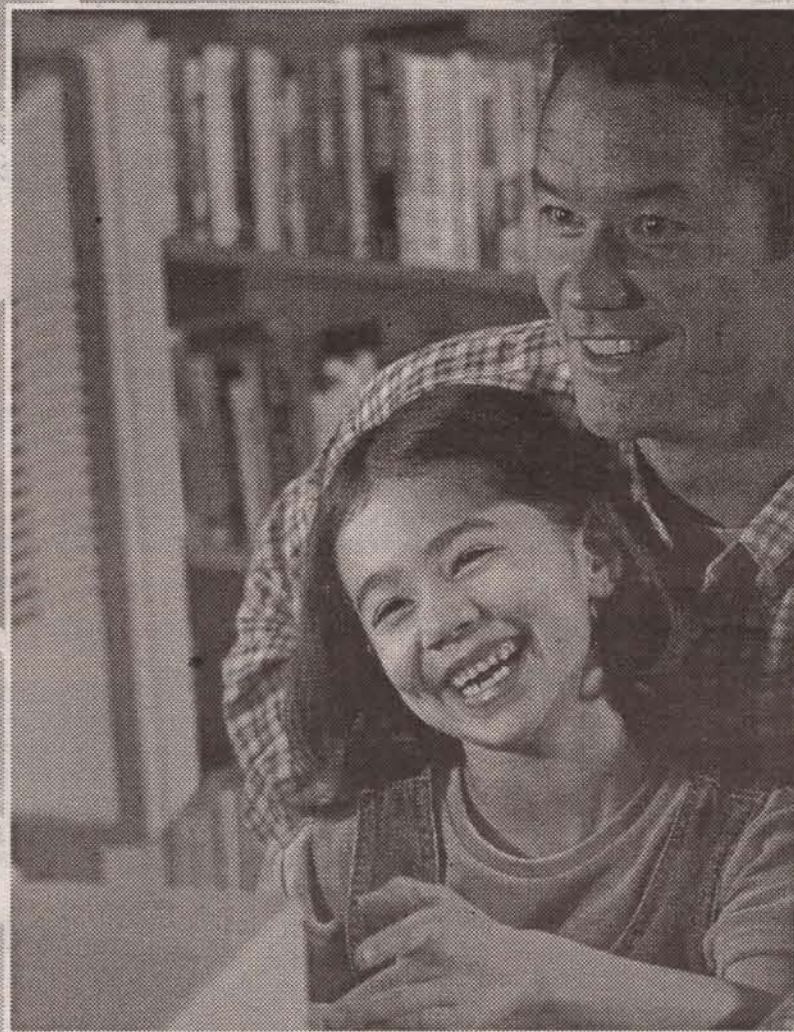
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## 'Only the Brave,' Feature-length Motion Picture About 100th/442nd, Still Needs to Raise \$300,000 in Funding

The producers of "Only the Brave," a dramatic feature-length motion picture about the famed Japanese American World War II soldiers of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, hope to raise \$300,000 by Sept. 1 to complete the picture.

The film, produced in collaboration with Lane Nishikawa and the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS), is the first dramatic feature of its kind since "Go For Broke" was released in 1951. So far they have received two grants from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program to go towards the film's production and distribution.

But to complete the ambitious project, Nishikawa and NJAHS will still need to raise additional funds.

"We are appealing directly to the Japanese American community — to the JACL chapters and the veterans organizations throughout our nation to help us get this done," said Nishikawa, writer/director of two previous short films about Nisei war veterans, "When We Were Warriors" and "Forgotten Valor."

The film follows a platoon of the 100th/442nd RCT, their lives and loved ones left behind, as they undertake one of their bloodiest missions — the rescue of the 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment of

Texans, known as "The Lost Battalion," cut off by the Germans. At the end of four days of fierce combat, the 100th/442nd RCT reached the trapped Texans, saving 211. During the final two weeks of the French campaign, the Nisei regiment suffered more than 800 casualties.

The film is especially important to Nishikawa, who had four uncles who served in WWII. "We are losing our Nisei veterans day by day. I want to give those veterans who are still with us a chance to walk into theaters and see their story on the screen," he said. "If it were not for them, we Asian Americans wouldn't enjoy the same opportunities we have today. Too many Americans don't know that the 100th/442nd RCT remains the highest decorated military unit in U.S. history. 'Only the Brave'



A scene from the upcoming motion picture, "Only the Brave."

will bring a part of their experience to life."

Mission From Buddha Productions negotiated with Universal Studios for the film's production services, which includes use of their production and post-production facilities and back-lot stages. Nishikawa believes this is a tremendous opportunity which will enhance the picture's production value and enable it to reach a global audience.

Donors to the film project will be highlighted in a special tribute at the end of the film. This "Valor Roll" will be dedicated to family members, veterans, and all who contribute to the project.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donations should be mailed to: National Japanese American Historical Society, Attention: Rosalyn Tonai, 1684 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94115-3604. For more information call 415/921-5007. ■

## Tenth National JACL Singles Conference to be Held Oct. 11

The theme for the 10th National JACL Singles Conference to be held Oct. 11 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo, Calif., is: "Explore!, Experience! Enjoy!"

Workshops, a panel discussion, luncheon mixers and a gala dinner dance, with various guest speakers and workshop presenters, have been planned for the biennial conference by the all-volunteer planning committee from Greater L.A. Singles JACL and Orange County Sansei Singles.

The conference will open with J.D. Hokoyama of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) speaking on "The 21st Century Leader: Thriving and Surviving in the 3rd Millennium."

A panel discussion, "Singleness and Relationships," moderated by Harvey Hanemoto, MSW, LCSW, is planned with Alan Oda, Ph.D., of the Asian American Christian Counseling Service, Clara Young, a columnist with *Audrey* magazine, and Lianne Urada, MSW, LCSW, UCLA faculty member.

Morning workshops will include "Risk Taking: Making Changes Happen" with Hokoyama; "Not a Contradiction: Dating and the Single Asian Male" with Oda; and relationship workshops with Hanemoto and Young.

The luncheon will feature a speaker from Click2Asia, a new online dating service "where Asian singles click!" to find Asian partners for everything from pen pals to casual dating or serious relationships.

Afternoon workshops will feature a multimedia presentation, "Following Your Passion," by Kerry Yo Nakagawa of the JA Baseball History Project; "Zen Relationships" with Michiko

Rolek, Zen coach; "A Richer Life by Giving Away Your Time and Expertise" with Bill Watanabe of the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC); a beginning jitterbug dance workshop taught by Toru Nagao; "Using the Mind as Medicine, Modern Medical Chi-Kung" by Dr. Tatsuo Hirano,

D.O.M., L.Ac.; and "Identity Theft/Internet Safety" by agents of the U.S. Secret Service.

Dressy attire is recommended for the "Moon and Stars" dinner dance where singles and couples, too, can dance to the music of DJ Steve Kikuchi of the High Resolution. Master of ceremonies will be Rodney Kageyama, film, stage and TV actor, and Lauren Kinkade, the 2001 Nisei Week Queen, will sing and entertain. Line dances will be lead by Nagao.

Costs are: workshops with continental breakfast, \$40; luncheon with guest speaker & mixer, \$20; dinner dance \$45 by Sept. 20, \$50 thereafter. There is an early-bird discount of \$95 for those who sign up for the entire package by Sept. 1; thereafter the package costs \$100. The registration deadline is Oct. 4.

Register by sending a check for the package or individual event(s), payable to JACL Singles Conference, to: P.O. Box 5452, Culver City, CA 90231.

The newly remodeled Hacienda Hotel offers a special JACL conference rate of \$57/room; reserve by calling the hotel directly at 310/615-9915. There is a complimentary hotel shuttle from LAX every 10 minutes.

For more information and a registration form, visit [www.asiansinglesconf.org](http://www.asiansinglesconf.org) or call Miyako Kadogawa at 310/839-1194. ■



## Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center to Open in Late 2003

The grand opening of the Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center has now been delayed, announced Superintendent Frank Hays Aug. 5. The exact date to commemorate the completion of this project will be announced four to six weeks prior to the event. It will also be posted on the parks' website at [www.nps.gov/manz](http://www.nps.gov/manz).

The project of adaptively restoring the historic Manzanar High School Auditorium for use as the park's interpretive center and headquarters is in its final stages. The extensive upgrade to the historic auditorium's architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems is nearly complete. Concrete walkways, site lighting, and a parking lot are currently being completed. A 20-minute introductory film and 8,000 square feet of exhibits are also in their final stages of production. They

will be installed once the restoration is complete.

Manzanar National Historic Site was established in 1992 to tell the stories of the relocation of nearly 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Manzanar War Relocation Center was the first of 10 relocation centers built for Japanese Americans excluded from the West Coast.

In operation from April 1942 through November 1945, Manzanar was the largest wartime "city" between Los Angeles and Reno. After the war, all but three of the camp's 800 buildings were razed or relocated. The Inyo County Road Department used the auditorium as a maintenance facility for more than 40 years; the National Park Service purchased the building in 1996 and also restored the two stone sentry posts at the site entrance in 2001. ■

## Go For Broke Foundation Unveils 'Unexpected Heroes'

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation unveiled "Unexpected Heroes: The Story of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion" at the Museum of Tolerance on Aug. 15.

This joint project with the Museum of Tolerance, funded in part by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, will educate the public, teachers and students about the contributions made by the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion (FAB) as liberators of Jewish survivors of the Landsberg-Kaufing Dachau Death March and Dachau sub-camps.

In attendance at the unveiling were veterans from the 522nd FAB along with other Japanese American World War II veterans, families and relatives of survivors from Dachau, and other elected officials and dignitaries. Additionally, a special presentation was made to explain the

"Unexpected Heroes" project.

The interactive, educational project consists of:

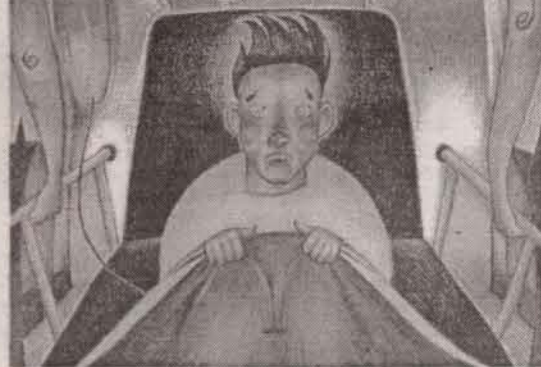
- An interactive video section about the 522nd FAB accessible at the Museum of Tolerance's new Teachers' Guide website. Background information on the 522nd FAB including text, photos and video interview clips will be available.

- Video footage compiled from 10-15 personal interviews of the 522nd FAB veterans selected from the Hanashi Oral History Program archives. The interviews will be made available to the public.

- A short 2-3 minute video presentation depicting the story of the 522nd FAB and its role in the liberation of Dachau will be shown continually in the Multimedia Learning Center of the museum.

The Museum of Tolerance is located at 9786 West Pico Blvd. in Los Angeles. ■

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# In Sports

## BASEBALL Taiwan's Tsao Wins in Major League Debut

**Chin-hui Tsao** took the mound for the Colorado Rockies eager to throw his first major league pitch. The Milwaukee Brewers quickly gave the Taiwanese right-hander a rude welcome to the bigs.

After Tsao threw a slider for a ball on his first pitch, Eric Young hit a fastball over the wall to give Milwaukee a 1-0 lead.

"When he gave up the home run, he said he was very nervous," interpreter Justin Yeh said. "That was like a reality check for him."

But Tsao, who became the majors' first Taiwanese pitcher, overcame his nerves and a shaky start to win as the Rockies beat the Brewers 7-3 on July 25.

"He said he has played baseball since he was in grade school, and he had never been so nervous in his whole life before," Yeh said.

In the second, Tsao gave up an RBI single to pitcher Wes Obermueller as the Brewers went up 2-0.

"I figured to get about a 'C', and so far I think that is what I did," the 22-year-old Tsao said. "Hopefully, it will get better next time."

Things got a lot better after the second for Tsao, the second player from Taiwan to reach the majors. He allowed three runs on eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

"I was very pleased with his effort, especially since the second

bullet he fired up there ended up in the left-field bleachers," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.

Tsao's debut created quite a buzz around Coors Field. Fans cheered as he walked from the bullpen to the dugout and several waived Taiwanese flags. The Rockies issued 40 extra media credentials for the game, which was televised in Taiwan.

Tsao, the Rockies' top pitching prospect since joining the organization in 1999, also received a standing ovation as he left the field.

"He said he wasn't expecting so many cheers from the crowd," Yeh said. ■

## 'Royal Ys' Nisei Basketball Team Gather for Reunion

Members of the Royal Ys Nisei basketball team gathered for a reunion in Los Angeles on July 8, 65 years after they were first organized in West Los Angeles through the Japanese Athletic Union.

In 1938, their very first season, the team surprised everyone by

winning the championship basketball banner; they were directed by Mas Satow and Harry Honda.

The reunion luncheon was hosted by George Hattori and organized by Mits Kawagoe, and the former players, all of whom are World War II veterans, enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscing. ■



Attending the Royal Ys' reunion in Los Angeles (from left): Kay Zeneye of Hawaii, Mits Kawagoe of Torrance, Tom Ichien of Los Angeles, George Izumi of West L.A., Koshi Ando of Santa Monica, George Hattori of Los Angeles, and Jack Hirose of Chevy Chase, Md.

## BASKETBALL Yao Ming says Chinese Players Need to Step up Intensity to Play in NBA

**HONG KONG**—Basketball star **Yao Ming** said Aug. 4 he expects more Chinese players to follow his footsteps to the NBA, but warned they will need to be more aggressive.

"You have to get used to the atmosphere of competition," Yao told reporters in Hong Kong. "I don't think Chinese players are as competitive."

But the door to the NBA will keep opening, Yao said, citing fellow Chinese national team player **Xue Xuyang** as an example.

Xue, a 2.12-meter (7-foot) center, was the No. 57 pick in this year's NBA draft. Chosen by the Dallas Mavericks, Xue was later dealt to the Denver Nuggets.

Yao, last year's the No. 1 draft pick of the Houston Rockets, said it

took his entire rookie year to get used to life in the United States and the NBA. He doesn't expect to make concrete strides until the next season.

"The first year was an adjustment ... the second year and years to come are the learning stage," said Yao, in Hong Kong with the Chinese national team for an exhibition game against the Melbourne Tigers, a pro team from Australia.

The 2.24-meter (7-foot-6) Yao uses a translator to communicate with his American coach and teammates, but he showed reporters he has picked up a bit of colloquial English.

"What's up, buddy?" Yao asked.

Sporting a bandage above his left eyebrow for a cut he suffered during practice, Yao said the injury

required eight stitches but the wound has since fused and doesn't pose any major problems. ■

## TENNIS Philippoussis Sends Chang Closer to Retirement

Mark Philippoussis sent **Michael Chang** closer to his impending retirement, beating the local favorite 6-2, 6-4 July 31 in the second round of the Mercedes-Benz Cup.

Chang plans to end his 16-year pro career after the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 25. He hasn't won an ATP Tour title since 2000, and last year he fell out of the top 100 for the first time since gaining national attention in 1987.

"I don't know if it'll hit me until I get to the Open and play my last match," he said. "The timing is right. I'm not really able to sustain the level I'm used to playing. The tour is becoming more and more demanding. You can't really walk through the first- and second-round matches like you could in the early 90s."

Certainly not against the fifth-seeded Philippoussis, who boomed several serves well over 100 mph in the heat and humidity, conditions that usually favor Chang. The

Australian, who lost to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final, has beaten Chang five straight times.

"He's 31, he's run a lot of miles on the court," Philippoussis said. "He wins from guys' mistakes and grinds people out. That has to take a toll on a guy's body."

Although Philippoussis drove up from his San Diego home, Chang was clearly the crowd favorite for sentimental and nostalgic reasons. He was a regular on the Southern California junior tennis circuit and as a pro he's made Los Angeles one of his yearly tournament stops.

"I've had more people come up to me this year and said they appreciate my tennis," he said. "What I didn't want to do was play one last tournament and say, 'That's it.' I wanted to give it one last push and hopefully finish my career on a high note."

Chang's only Grand Slam title was the 1989 French Open, where he became the youngest winner in Paris at 17 years, three months.

## Hamamoto, 9, Takes Silver and Bronze at 23rd Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championships



**Derek Hamamoto** (far left), 9, won a silver and bronze at the U.S. Taekwondo Union's 23rd Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championships held in Orlando, Fla. recently. Hamamoto took a silver in the black belt, age 8-9 division and a bronze in the 1st dan belt, age 8-9 division. He was among 16 competitors from the Tae Kwon Do school, World Taekwondo Academy who competed from Twin Cities, Minn., this year. A junior black belt first dan since June 22, this was Hamamoto's second Junior Olympics. He began Taekwondo at the age of 5. ■

He recalled how things have changed since he and his older brother Carl were in the juniors.

"It's great to see more Asian names playing tennis, he said. "When Carl and I started there were two — him and me. Hopefully in another 10 years, there will be another great Asian player."

When he finally unpacks his bags for good, Chang plans to devote time to his Christian-oriented Chang Family Foundation and support grassroots tennis in Asia.

"I'll still be involved in tennis, just not out here dealing with 104 mph serves," he said. ■

## COLLEGE Derrick Low Commits to Washington State

**HONOLULU**—Iolani School star **Derrick Low**, one of the most sought after prep basketball players in Hawaii history, has verbally committed to Washington State, the high school announced Aug. 5.

The 6-foot-1 point guard led Iolani to the state title the past two seasons and is entering his senior year.

Low selected Washington State after receiving scholarship offers from Hawaii, Utah and Gonzaga. He also received interest from Connecticut, Pittsburgh and Oklahoma State.

Low said Cougars coach Dick Bennett was a major factor in the decision.

"From the first time I talked to them, all the coaches were so sincere," Low said. "After getting a lot of phone calls and talking to a lot of coaches, you kind of get a feel for who is sincere."

Low is a three-time Inter-scholastic League of Honolulu player of the year. He was twice named the state player of the year by both Honolulu newspapers.

Last season, Low led Iolani to a 17-0 record and its second straight state championship. He averaged 12.9 points in the regular season and 16.7 points in the state tournament. ■

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### 'If Suitcases (of Internees) Could Talk,' Some Have in San Jose

**W**HEN I FIRST read the account for the Japanese American Museum of San Jose's new exhibit, "1942: Luggage from Home to Camp," in the *San Jose Mercury News* that opened July 1 and runs through June 2004, I knew it was to be seen. This exhibit of six suitcases rests in the re-created single apartment of a Tule Lake interment camp, trimmed by master builder Jimi Yamaichi, at 535 N. 5th St.

As creator of this exhibit, Flo Oy Wong, a nationally known artist, interviewed six Nisei who still had the suitcases they carried to camp and related their experiences. She was deeply moved by their stories. As they talked and remembered, she realized that it was "their dignity and their human spirit (that had)

triumphed above all."

Museum president Joseph Y. Yasutake pays tribute to these six articulate Nisei, who come from various backgrounds and help provide another facet of the Evacuation.

The Army had ordered 110,000 Japanese (alien and citizen) on the West Coast in the spring of 1942 to pack only what they could carry — bedding and linens (no mattress), toiletries, extra clothing, essential personal effects (no pets of any kind) — to be securely packed, tied and numbered at the Civil Control Station, the embodiment of E.O. 9066.

The suitcase, thus, becomes a unique part of the Japanese American internment experience.

It was incredible that Eiichi Sakauye, 91, venerable voice of San Jose, had packed along current issues (February and March, 1942) of *Popular Mechanics* to keep up with the latest information on things mechanical in his suitcase now on exhibit.

Sakauye was 30 years old when he left for Santa Anita Assembly Center on May 30, 1942. He also packed a little pocketknife because he liked to whittle. At Heart Mountain, he was able to purchase a camera and photo equipment. "Taking camp photos became my passion," he told Wong. "I snapped images of camp life .... I wish I could have taken more before I returned home on January 2, 1945."

Lola Tanaka Abe, 78, now of

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## From the Midwest

Bill Yoshino, Midwest Regional Director

### In the Midwest, the Priority is Education

**D**uring the past three years, the JACL Midwest District Council has made great strides in establishing a district-wide education program to promote teaching of the Japanese American historical experience in classrooms. This effort has also resulted in the promotion and sale of the JACL curriculum guide.

The MDC education program began in 2000 when the district council made a decision to designate education as its first priority by allocating operating funds for its Education Committee to meet in Chicago to plan an agenda for the year.

The discussion at this initial meeting resulted in plans for several projects. First, the MDC Education Committee decided to organize a "train the trainers" workshop session at its Tri-District meeting in Cincinnati in 2001, utilizing JACL Education Committee members as the presenters. The committee also planned a teacher workshop at the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Council for the Social Studies set for Minneapolis in 2001. Next, the committee undertook construction of a tabletop panel display depicting the internment for use at an exhibition booth where JACL cur-

riculum guides and other resources could be displayed and sold. Much of the success of this initial effort was due to the local planning and coordination by the Twin Cities chapter.

In 2002 and 2003, the MDC Education Committee continued its focus on presenting teacher workshops and hosting JACL curriculum guide display/sales booths at the annual conferences of the Great Lakes Council for the Social Studies held in Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

The MDC Education Committee is currently venturing into new areas. Under the leadership of Laura Paige, the committee undertook the task of aligning the lesson plans in the JACL curriculum guide with the standards of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). The underlying intent of this effort is to convince teachers that by using the lessons in the guide, they will fulfill instructional criteria in their state's learning standards for their students. A current goal for the committee is to align the curriculum guide lesson plans with the learning standards in each of the seven states that comprise the MDC.

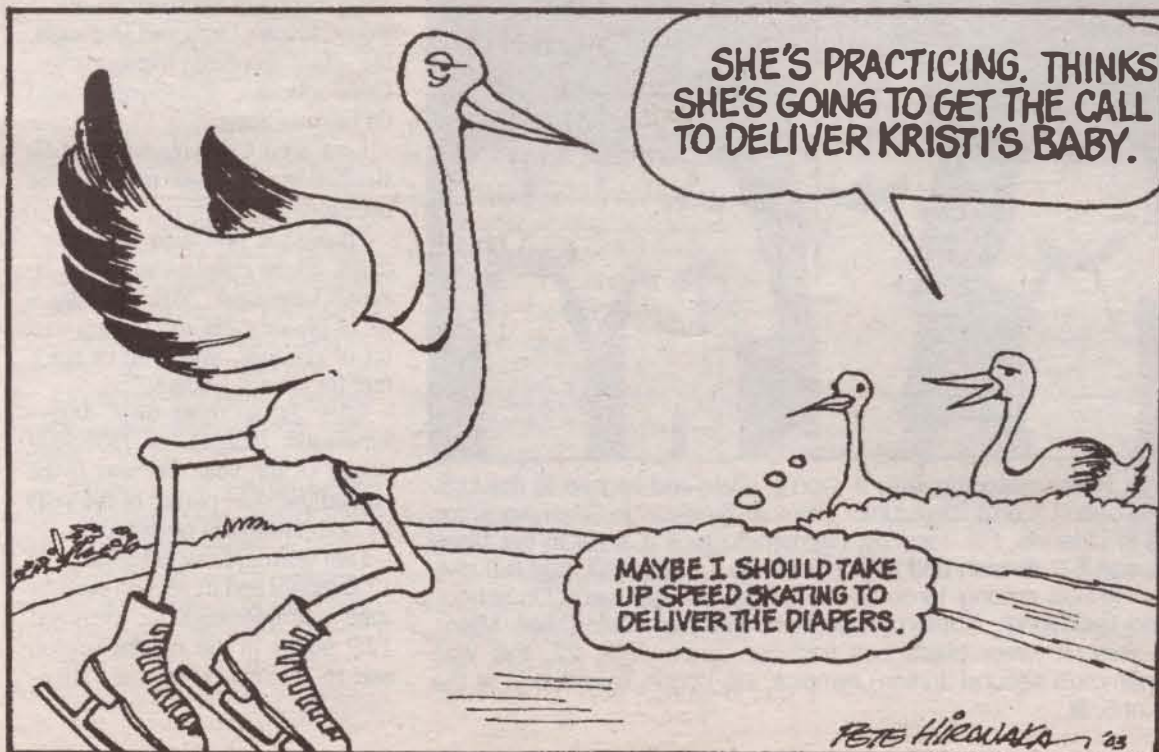
Later this year, the committee will present a teacher workshop

and set up a display booth at the national convention of the NCSS in Chicago in November, where several thousand teachers are expected to attend. At this convention, the MDC will distribute a list of JACL chapter speakers bureaus to teachers in the hope that providing access to a speaker may motivate them to teach a unit on the internment.

Also, Allison Fenimore (Twin Cities) is in the process of completing a presentation package to market the curriculum guide to teachers at conventions, workshops or in-service sessions. Finally, in November, the Detroit chapter will assist national JACL in presenting a teacher training workshop at the University of Michigan at Dearborn.

The programs sponsored by the MDC Education Committee have encouraged chapters to implement local education programs. In the last three years, teacher workshops were presented in Chicago, Cleveland and Twin Cities. In addition, in Illinois, the JACL initiated and is working with other Asian Pacific Islander organizations to amend the state School

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Los Gatos, packed her violin (on display in her suitcase) when she left San Luis Obispo. She found comfort with music, "often accompanied by the drone of the cooler" at Poston III. Her family had initially moved inland to Cutler (Tulare County), hoping to avoid going to an internment camp. That August, the government ordered them to relocate to Arizona. "Music — like the photos — took my mind off of being in camp."

David M. Sakai, 85, a native son of San Juan Bautista, was a senior at San Jose State and assisted Issei during the Evacuation registration process at the men's gym. With six days to get ready for Santa Anita, he took two suitcases — a leather one he bought in Salinas and the other one woven in Japan. The diaries, playing cards, letters, pens and photo albums were packed into the Japanese carry-on.

Esau Shimizu, 87, had packed some Zane Grey novels and a little radio with his clothing in canvas bags that met the needs of his younger brothers, Carl, Roy and Grant. Shimizu had just married his wife, Kay, in March 1942. Before being evacuated from San Jose to Santa Anita, he and his brothers, who were in the berry basket business, stored the heavy machinery in the back and packed their household goods at company headquarters. Shimizu assisted Bill Freedman, an industrial designer from New York who was sent to Heart Mountain to use Japanese labor to design and build modern furniture out of wood veneer. "I was right for the job" because he also used wood veneer to make berry baskets.

Misao Yamano Shiotsuka, 84, of

Gilroy had purchased two suitcases, one for her wedding outfit — for she was going to marry her future husband, Sam, then training at Camp Shelby. Both families, now at Poston, were against her trip alone to Mississippi. Instead they sent him a message: "Your mother is ill." When Sam arrived, he was relieved his mother wasn't sick and they were married at the Poston Buddhist Temple in March 1943. The blue wool suit she ordered from the May Company in Los Angeles and the bouquet of paper flowers that were packed in the suitcase for many years were eventually disposed of; the suit was moth-eaten, the bouquet smothered with dust.

Elsie Mayeda Honda, then 17, was living 10 miles away from the highly sensitive Standard Oil refinery and the Richmond shipyards. Her parents were "pre-evacuated" to Berkeley, where they began to pack for camp. What looked like a GI-issue Army footlocker to me, the cheap cardboard suitcase included the New Testament and a blue cotton dress that her sister, Maria, had designed and sewed. "At the time, I didn't realize that I would wear this very same blue dress to church in Tanforan where I would meet my future husband, Henry."

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Sixty-one years ago, the cry was "only what we could carry" in suitcases. Since 9/11, everyone who travels by air with a suitcase is flabbergasted (pardon my slang) by the current edict: "Only carry what we say you can" or words to that effect. ■

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individual as an empowered contributor supporting a larger action for a greater collective good — without the taint of exclusivity.

For those suspicious of in-groups and anything remotely suggestive of exclusion or entrenched structures, solicitations for “membership” may prompt hesitation and a string of questions: What exactly is meant by “membership”? Does it mean I need to devote a significant amount of time to the organization? My partner is Jewish Mexican — Is he welcome too? Why is the JACL relevant today? By these questions, potential supporters are probing for answers, and perhaps by being included in the dialogue about redefining “membership,” we become active in the process of definition.

Embracing diversity within our community is key to increasing our base of support, and attention to our language, actions, and subtle messages go hand-in-hand with thinking critically about how to be inclusive and open to change while holding on to our cultural identity. We need to make a conscious effort to make allies and supporters feel welcome, to solicit input and various points of view, and to represent JACL through our language and actions in ways which reflect its highest aims.

Local chapters may also consider ways to open avenues for young professionals to participate in activities of their own. Whether people are gathering for ikebana workshops, tea tasting, a tour of a sake brewery, performing arts events, or web design classes (to name a few ideas), it is through facilitating interaction among younger JAs that the JACL encourages these individuals to get involved and self-organize. If younger members are inspired by their potential impact, they are more likely to contribute through donations or volunteering of time.

Since our generation is accustomed to information-sharing by internet and e-mail, perhaps we

need to think strategically about our use of technology to build community and to amplify our collective voice. One idea may be setting up an interactive website or community weblog to exchange information about events, news, resources, recommended readings, and helpful links. Perhaps the website could also facilitate communication with scholarship recipients and conference participants.

Of course, it is easy to generate ideas. Far more difficult is implementation of ideas when economic and human resources are strained as it is. Perhaps the most effective way to build support for JACL is the person-to-person approach

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Code to include Asian American history as part of the school curriculum.

The credit for the success of all these efforts goes to the members of the committee: Allison Fenimore (Twin Cities), Al Hida (Wisconsin), Elinor Hanasono (Hoosier), Cheryl Hirata-Dulas (Twin Cities), Ron Katsuyama (Dayton), Marie Matsunami (Cincinnati), Laura Paige (St. Louis), Betsy Sato (Cincinnati), Lary Schectman (Chicago), Hank Tanaka (Cleveland) and Tom Yamamoto (Hoosier).

The issue of education is important to the national JACL. Our work in civil rights must include an educational component that creates understanding and pursues tolerance. This effort should consist of developing educational products and getting our story into the schools. Part of our immediate strategy should be to encourage all district councils and chapters to emulate educational efforts that have been successfully tested by other chapters and districts.

These programs may include: 1) Conduct teacher training programs in key areas of the country; 2) Identify and establish speakers bureaus at the chapter level; 3) Align the lesson plans in the JACL curriculum guide with the learning standards of the states; 4) Identify and participate in regional conferences of the National Council for the Social Studies; 5) Develop and publish an Asian Pacific American curriculum guide; 6) Change state edu-

adopted by the Berkeley chapter. Each member is encouraged to extend membership to one new member. Actively soliciting input from potential members also demonstrates that the organization is open to discussion and new initiatives.

It is in the spirit of a newcomer that I share some of the perspectives expressed by my generation. And now, as someone who has simply participated in the conversations about the JACL, I have that much more of an interest in its future endeavors. ■

*Dori Takata is a member of the JACL Berkeley chapter.*

**Florida Muslims Say Discrimination is Rising Statewide**

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The MDC's Education Committee has done fine work and their effort and accomplishment should be applauded. ■

**DAVIE, Fla.**—Discrimination and harassment against Muslims has steadily risen statewide since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, a national Islamic advocacy group said July 18.

The Florida chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations said reports of anti-Muslim incidents in Florida nearly doubled in 2002 and have continued to climb this year.

CAIR's national office in Washington, D.C., released a report July 15 saying the government's terrorism crackdown unfairly focuses on Muslims and Arabs, which the organization believes prompted a rise in attacks by citizens.

The Justice Department quickly dismissed the report, saying it was “unfair criticism based on a lot of misinformation and propaganda.”

Florida had the second-highest rate of anti-Muslim incidents of any state in 2002, according to CAIR. They note that there were 78 anti-Muslim incidents in Florida last year, up from 42 in 2001. More than 50 have already been reported in 2003, according to the group. ■

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**Tues., Sept. 2**—Exhibit Opening, "Mountain Dreams: Contemporary Ceramics by Yoon Kwang-cho"; Philadelphia Museum of Art, Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. at 26th St.; Exhibit runs through Dec. 31. Info: 215/763-8100; [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org).  
**NEW YORK CITY**

**Sun., Sept. 7**—New York JACL's Annual Summer Picnic; 12-6 p.m.; Koide's, Dobbs Ferry.

### 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, JACL'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 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. **Group discount at Hyatt Regency until Aug. 19** (800/233-1234). Registration, info: NJAMF, 202/530-0015.

## Midwest

### 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](mailto:yamashiro@earthlink.net).

## Mountain Plains

### ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

**Sun., Sept. 28**—Akimatsuri 2003; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Japanese Kitchen Restaurant Courtyard, Louisiana Blvd. NE & Indian School Rd. (S.E. corner); live entertainment, food booths, arts crafts, martial arts demos, silent auction, Asian items for sale. Info: Esther Churchwell, 505/883-5320 evenings, 505/346-7832 ext. 3113 days.

### 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.

### HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo.

**Monthly**—Tours of Heart Mountain camp site; offered by the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Info: Pat Wolfe, 307/754-2689 or e-mail [pwolfe@wavecom.net](mailto:pwolfe@wavecom.net).

## Intermountain

### SALT LAKE CITY

**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 follow-

ing play; Old Mill Golf Course. **Register by Sept. 10.** Info: Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287.

**Wed., Sept. 10**—Tribute dinner for Alice Kasai; 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner; Little America Hotel and Tower. \$40 per person payable to: "Tribute to Alice Kasai". **RSVP by Aug. 20:** Tribute to Alice Kasai, c/o National JACL Credit Union, P.O. Box 1721, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

## Pacific Northwest

### 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

### EAST BAY

**Sat., Aug. 3**—East Bay Singles' 16th Anniversary Luncheon; Grand Oaks Bar and Grill, 736 Washington St., Oakland. Former members who have not received an invitation should contact Marion Lee at 510/452-3854.

**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.

**Thurs., Sept. 18**—East Bay Living History Project, Session 4: "Community Activists"; 7-9 p.m.; 145 Dwinell Hall, UC Berkeley (tentative). Info: Thomas Wei: 925/287-1358; [Thomas\\_w99@yahoo.com](mailto:Thomas_w99@yahoo.com).

### SACRAMENTO

**Fri., Aug. 22**—"A Work Day at a Manju Shop"; 7-9 p.m.; Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr.; learn to make *azui an*, *mochi*, *mikasa*, *yokan*, etc. a Jan Ken Po presentation. RSVP, info: 916/417-2841.

**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.

**Through Aug. 31**—Exhibit, "Through My Father's Eyes: The Filipino American Photographs of Ricardo Ocreto Alvarado (1914-1976)"; Golden State Museum, 1020 "O" St. Free reception on Sat., Aug. 16. Info: 916/653-5864.

**Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19**—**Change notice:** Registration is still open for the Placer County Nikkei Reunion; Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard St. **Register for golf tournament by September 1.** Info: Aiko Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace Miyamoto, 916/421-2788; Frank Hirota, 916/395-9726; [tadhirota@cal.net](mailto:tadhirota@cal.net); or [nikkeireunion@attbi.com](mailto:nikkeireunion@attbi.com).

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

**Sun., Sept. 7**—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.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Through Aug. 24**—Exhibit, "Gorgeous Textiles of Japan"; interactive demonstrations; Asian Art Museum, 2000 Larkin St. between Fulton and McAllister. Info: 415/581-3500; [www.asianart.org](http://www.asianart.org). For accessibility: 415/581-3598.

**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](http://www.darumafestival.org).

**Mon., Aug. 25**—Yu-Ai Kai 20th Annual Golf Tournament; 11 a.m.

shotgun start; San Juan Oaks Golf Club; men and women, foursomes, individuals; entry fee includes dinner (dinner-only also available). RSVP: 408/294-2505.

### SAN MATEO

**Sun., Aug. 24**—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Spirited Away" (*Sen to Chihiro no Kamikakushi*); 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Academy Award-winning animated film. Info: 650/343-2793.

## 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

**Sat., Aug. 16**—Nisei Week Car Show; Joe's Parking, Second and San Pedro, Little Tokyo. Tickets, info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193; [www.nisei-week.org](http://www.nisei-week.org).

**Sat., Aug. 16**—Shakuhachi community concert with Master Shuichi Maruyama; 6 p.m.; Garden Room, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

**Sun., Aug. 17**—Taiko Gathering; 1-4 p.m.; JACCC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; free outdoor concert showcases local Southern California taiko groups. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/87-7193; [www.niseiweek.org](http://www.niseiweek.org).

**Sun., Aug. 17**—Street Ondo Dancing and Closing Nisei Week Ceremony; 6 p.m.; Little Tokyo at First Street. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193; [www.niseiweek.org](http://www.niseiweek.org).

**Sat., Aug. 23**—Community meeting to discuss campaign to remove Congressman Howard Coble (R-N.C.) from his position as chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security; 1-3 p.m.; JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St.; hosted by Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR). Info: 213/680-3484.

**Thurs., Sept. 11**—Exhibit Opening, "Eyewitness: Photojournalist Stan Honda, September 11, and the Japanese American Experience"; Japanese American National Museum; 369 N. First St., Little Tokyo; exhibit runs through Oct. 12. Info: 213/625-0414; [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org).

**Sat., Sept. 13**—Conference: "Em-

braceable You,"; 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Union Church of Los Angeles, 4001 E. Third St., Little Tokyo; sponsored by the Asian Pacific American AIDS Intervention Team to build alliances between the straight and gay Asian and Pacific Islander communities; keynote speaker, Assemblywoman Judy Chu. Free. Registration, info: 213/553-1847; [noela@apaitonline.org](mailto:noela@apaitonline.org).

**Sat., Sept. 13**—Panel discussion, "Witnessing History: A Conversation With (photojournalist) Stan Honda" and Sharon Yamato, author of "Moving Walls: Preserving The Barracks of America's Concentration Camps"; 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](http://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.

**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 services, 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](http://www.asiansinglesconf.org); Miyako Kadogawa, 310/839-1194; [miyakol@earthlink.net](mailto:miyakol@earthlink.net).

**Fri.-Sat., Oct. 24-25**—National Conference, "Confluence of Culture and Science: Cancer in America's Asian Communities"; Omni Hotel; 45h annual AANCART Academy; co-sponsor, UCLA Asian American Studies Center. Free online registration and special hotel rates: <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/aasc/aancart>. Info: 310/794-9003.

**Tues.-Thurs., Oct. 28-30**—Rohwer Jr. High School Reunion; see details at Las Vegas.

### PASADENA

**Through Oct. 5**—Exhibit, "Drawing

the Line: Contemporary Artists Reassess Traditional East Asian Calligraphy"; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19; [www.pacificasiamuseum.org](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org).

### IRVINE

**Sat., Aug. 30**—Orange County Singles' Fun Day; 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; "Boomers," 3405 Michelson Dr.; miniature golf, bumper boats, go-kart racing, laser tag, rock climbing. Admission includes lunch. **RSVP by Aug. 27:** Larry, 310/649-5293.

### SAN DIEGO

**Thurs., Sept. 4**—The Band Hiroshima will perform at Humphrey's by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Dr. Info: 619/226-4033.

### VENTURA

**Sat., Aug. 23**—Ventura County JACL and San Fernando Valley JACL joint picnic; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Marina Park. Info: Betty Wakiji, 805/383-2703; [wakiji@aol.com](mailto:wakiji@aol.com).

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sat., Aug. 23**—Bill Endow Scholarship Golf Tournament; 6:30 a.m. shotgun start; Stallion Mountain Golf Course, 5500 E. Flamingo.

**Sat. Aug. 30**—Las Vegas JACL summer friendship picnic; setup begins at 10 a.m.; Kyle Canyon; friends are welcome, but please call 382-4443 or 598-2362.

**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.

## Hawaii

**2004: Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14**—National JACL 75th Anniversary Convention: Waikiki, Hawaii; Honolulu chapter hosts say, "Come early and enjoy an extra day." ■

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# Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Adachi, Alice Kazuko, 82,** Mountain View, July 17; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Wayne (Shizuko) of Fremont; 1 gc.; brother Milton (Helen) Hamasaki of Sunnyvale; brother-in-law Kenji (Mimeko) Honbo of Carson; predeceased by husband Ryuji.

**Adachi, Otomi, 98,** Los Angeles, July 23; Yonago-shi, Tottori-ken-born; survived by daughter Emiko (Koichi) Adachi; 3 gc., 5 ggc.

**Ajime, Herbert Yoshinori, 68,** Honolulu, July 31; Honolulu-born; survived by son Stanford; brother Charles; sisters Carol Kiyabu and Rachel Goo.

**Akazawa, Minoru, 83,** Harbor City, July 27; survived by wife Yoneko; son Melvin (Joyce); daughter Gayle (Robert) Hirano; 5 gc.

**Akutagawa, Dorothy Masae, 89,** Palo Alto, July 24; survived by daughter Katherine Thies; son Melvyn; 3 gc.; predeceased by husband Manabu.

**Akamine, James, "Jimmy" Sadao, 74,** Honolulu, July 28; Honolulu-born; survived by wife Jean; son Shane; daughters Marshelle Pagan and Chanelle; 2 gc.; brother George.

**Fujiki, Irene Masako, 82,** Honolulu, Aug. 2; Honolulu-born; survived by husband Masaru "Masa"; daughters Irene Nagao, May Kambara, Jenny Tellyer, June DeBusk, Carol Long and Suzanne Miller; 18 gc., 12 ggc.; brothers Richard and Thomas Takeuchi; sisters Katherine Price, Mabel Kekina and Betty Takeuchi.

**Fukushima, Sei, 85,** Santa Monica, July 23; survived by wife Shigeko; daughter Mutsuko Yokoyama; 2 gc., 1 ggc; brother Hisashi (Misako); sister-in-law Mabel Fukushima.

**Fukui, Mary M.,** Chicago, Aug. 8 service; survived by sons Larry M. and Martin C.

(Michelle); 1 gc., 1 ggc.; brother George (Atsumi) Ozawa.

**Hamano, Jeanne S., 55,** North Hollywood, July 30; survived by mother Mitsuru; brother Dennis; predeceased by father Garrett.

**Hatago, Ken, 35,** Salem, Ore.; Los Angeles-born; survived by parents Paul and Tomiyo; sister Jennifer (Kevin) Fong.

**Higaki, Hatsuye Yamane, 98,** Kanéohé, Hawaii, Aug. 1; Honolulu-born; survived by son Kenji; 2 gc.; brothers Kazuo and Kosei Yamane; sisters Shizuko Omoto, Yukino Hirota, Chieno Sugihara and Kimiyo Iwai.

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**Ikejiri, Matsuo, 86,** Gardena, Aug. 6; Fillmore-born; survived by wife Yoshie; sons Ronald Kunio (Barbara) and Kris Hayato; daughter Pamela Teruko (Dr. Russ) Shimizu; 3 gc.; brother Ryuchi (Fumiko) of Brazil and Tadanobu (Suzuyo) and Takanobu (Junko) of Japan; sisters Fukuko Shiotsuka and Fukuyo Shikasho of Japan; sons-in-law Kenji and James Mitsuo Mashiko; daughters-in-law Karen Izumi and Jane Fusae Mashiko; brothers-in-law Haruo (Yoshiko) Kouno and Yasumasa (Alice Kiyoko) Furuya; sister-in-law Nobuko Ikejiri.

**Kawasaki, Joseph Masazumi, 87,** Gardena, Aug. 6; Sacramento-born; survived by wife Takae; daughter Susan (Roy) Tanaka; son Gary; 2 gc.; sisters Toshiko Tamura and Sumiko (Frank) Tofukuji.

**Kishinami, Lawrence "Larry" Masami, 89,** Mililani, Hawaii, July 28; Waialua-born; survived by wife Mitsuko; sons Wayne, Vernon and Ross; 3 gc., 2 ggc.; brothers Wilbert, Edward and Robert; sister

Gladys Takehara.

**Kumano, Masami, 79,** Gardena, Aug. 2; survived by wife Mitsuko; sons Danny and Kenneth; sister Jeanne Kondo.

**Makita, Dr. Victor Katsuo, 97,** Rolling Hills, July 29; Shizuoka-ken-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by wife Dr. Sue Magara; daughters Dr. Jane (Dr. Michael) Karatsu and Vicky Makita; 2 gc.

**Masui, Clifford Noboru, 71,** Baldwin Park, July 27; Hawaii-born; survived by wife Amy K.; daughter Holly Masui; son Tucker (Alexandra); 3 gc.

**Mochizuki, Matsuye, 83,** Los Angeles, July 29 service; survived by husband "Ray" Hisashi; son Hisashi Alan (Janet); daughter Eimee (Gary) Miura; 3 gc.; brother Hiroshi (Yuri) Sugiyama.

**Muraoka, James Susumu, 82,** Oxnard, Aug. 3; survived by wife Grace Masae; daughter Cindy (Joe) Bottini; son Mark (Nicole); 3 gc.

**Morishita, Teruko, 85,** Los Angeles, Aug. 3; Sacramento-born; survived by sons Donald Akira, Dick Kiyoshi (Marie), Paul Masaru (Ann) and Phillip Hikaru (Heidi); 8 gc.

**Nakagawa, Katsuko "Katie," 89,** Seattle, July 15; Sunnydale, Wash.-born, formerly of Spokane, Wash.; survived by sons Jim of Japan, Dean of Mukilteo, Wash., and Russell of Blackfoot, Idaho; daughters Louise Uyeda of Mukilteo, Carolyn Takemoto of Tacoma, Wash., Marie Kanegae of Spokane, Nancy Hayatsu and Marjorie Nakagawa, both of Seattle, and Pam Newton of Santa Rosa; 9 gc., 2 ggc.; predeceased by husband Yuzo.

**Nakamatsu, Tsuruko Aragaki, 88,** Honolulu, July 27; Honolulu-born; survived by sons Kenneth and William; daughters Doris Higa, Lois Higa, Betty Ono, Emmie Otake, Nancy Uramoto and Alice Sasaki; 20 gc.; 20 ggc.; brother Alfred Aragaki; sisters Gladys Higa. Alice Tamanaha, Barbara Soken, Laura Yanamura and Helen Aragaki.

**Niida, Kosue, 76,** Culver City, July 24; Hiroshima-born; survived by sons Bob (Mitsuko) and Ted (Cindy); 4 gc.

**Sakamoto, Kiyoshi Richard, 83,** Mar Vista, Aug. 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Margaret; sons Richard and Douglas.

**Sakata, Mike Matsuo, 74,** Gardena, Aug. 1; Kersey, Colo.-born; survived by wife Charlotte; sons David (Terry), Douglas (Lisa) Sakata and Aaron Kitagawa; daughters Karen McCafferty, Kelly (Brian) Sakata-Moon, Karen (Derek) Ashimine and Sharon Munesato; many gc., 3 ggc.; sisters Ethel (Richard) Segawa and Kinue Nakamura.

**Shigeta, Miyoko, 88,** Waipahu, Hawaii, July 23; Waikapu, Maui-born; survived by husband Sutama; son Raymond; 2 gc.; sisters Ethel Kitaoka and Elsie Yamamoto.

**Shimasaki, Robert, 49,** Los Angeles, July 23; formerly of Monterey Park; survived by wife Debbie; children Leslie and Kimberly; brothers Ed (Della) and Mark (Elaine); sister Jean (Scott) Ross; sister-in-law Musumi Iwanaga.

**Tadakawa, Ellen Matsue, 78,** Los Angeles, July 23; 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.

**Takahashi, Toshio, 87,** Gardena, July 23; Montebello-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Testsuko Alice; survived by sons Gene Y. (Ann) and Bruce S. (Sylvia); 5 gc.; sister Chizuko Arikawa of San Francisco; sisters-in-law Teruko Takahashi and Shirley Murakami; predeceased by son Robert.

**Takayama, Kenneth Kenji, 53,** Castro Valley, July 19; formerly of

San Mateo and Moraga; survived by son Gregory Kenji; sisters Sharron Gallant, Suanne Higashidani, and Patty Johnson; brothers Dennis and Jeff.

**Toki, Masato Ty, 79,** San Francisco, June 20; survived by wife Mary; son Dean; daughter Gail (Raymond) Woo; 2 gc.; brother Masaji Stogie (Tae); sisters Merry (George) Takeuchi and Ayako (Bill) Johnson; sister-in-law Mary Toki; predeceased by brother Masami Jim.

**Yamagiwa, Paul O., 57,** Spokane, Wash., July 28; survived by mother Haruye Yamagiwa of Spokane; sister Harumi Yee of Denver; brothers Andrew of Kent, Wash., and Robert of Bothell, Wash.

**Yasuhara, Yayeko, 83,** Los Angeles, July 22; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Takashi; daughters Kimiko Uyehara and Kazuko (Dennis) Casas; 3 gc.; sister-in-law Sachiko Yasuhara; brother-in-law Masao (Chizuko) Mura of Denver. ■

## Whereabouts

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

### GEORGE J. NAKAMURA

Dr. Ron West is searching for George Jobo Nakamura for a scholarly project related to his work on the *Tulean Dispatch*. With information contact Ron at [rwest33449@aol.com](mailto:rwest33449@aol.com)

### KUMATARO TAKAHASHI

Katy Takahashi is searching for the descendants of either Kumataro Takahashi or his children Shizuka, Muneko, Yoshiko, Chieko, Masako, or Masami. Last known residing in San Francisco. Katy is the granddaughter of Kumataro's brother Ryuzo. Please contact Katy Takahashi at 2550 N. 5th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 or 269/375-8465. ■

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## NAGASAKI

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kind of nuclear bomb to destroy underground targets.

He also blamed India and Pakistan, which held nuclear tests in 1998, and North Korea, which allegedly told U.S. officials in April that it had nuclear weapons.

The disclosure "has heightened international tensions," he said.

Ito's plea for a world free of nuclear weapons was less critical of Japan's main ally than the speech earlier this week by his Hiroshima counterpart. That city's mayor accused Washington of worshipping nuclear weapons "as God."

Participants in the ceremony observed a minute of silence while a bell tolled at 11:02 a.m. — the moment the B-29 bomber Bock's Car dropped the bomb dubbed "Fat Man" on Nagasaki. About 70,000 people were killed in the explosion.

"In an instant, the resulting heat, blast and radiation descended upon Nagasaki and transformed the city into a hell on earth," Ito said.

Thousands of people suffering from related long-term illnesses keep the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan's public eye.

Nagasaki this year added 2,692 people to a list of those who have died from aftereffects, bringing the city's count of the total number of bomb victims to 131,885.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Aug. 9 vowed to uphold Japan's long-standing policy stating that it won't produce, possess or allow nuclear weapons on its soil.

"As the world's only nation to have experienced a nuclear attack,

we are determined that the tragedies at Hiroshima and Nagasaki will never be repeated," Koizumi said at the ceremony.

World War II ended when Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945, six days after the Nagasaki bombing.

The Nagasaki and Hiroshima ceremonies are among memorials held every year for Japanese killed in the war.

Meanwhile, Japan continues to face many who remember very different aspects of its militaristic past.

Courts hear dozens of cases filed against Japan's government by Chinese, Koreans and other Asians who were conscripted as laborers, were victims of Japanese germ warfare or were forced to work as prostitutes in front-line brothels.

The government has denied any liability, saying postwar treaties settled the compensation issue. ■

## PROP. 54

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ber. "Proposition 54 will make the community less safe and not just in the Asian American community but in all communities because crime knows no borders."

Eng pointed to his city's world-renowned Asian Crime Task Force data base that tracks information not only on Asian gangs but on Asian crime victims. Police departments across the country including the NYPD and police in Taiwan and Hong Kong currently use the data base to help fight crime in their communities. But if Prop. 54 passes, the Monterey Park Police Department would no longer be able to track this information.

"Let there be no mistake, if Proposition 54 passes our Asian Crime Task Force would not be

able to gather the critical racial and demographic data that protects our communities," said Eng. "To fight crime we need more data on crime victims, not less. Proposition 54 will give us less data to fight crime."

Prop. 54 would also affect the collection of ethnic-specific data on a community's healthcare needs. Kazue Shibata, executive director of Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, notes that currently available data shows us the APA community has unique health needs. We know that certain diseases occur at higher rates among Asian Americans, such as Hepatitis B and diabetes, and that the leading cause of death among Asian Pacific Islanders is cancer. If Prop. 54 passes, this information would no longer be available.

"Asian Pacific Islanders have fought so hard to disaggregate 'Asian Pacific Islanders' from this group called 'Other.' We make sure to have separate identification for different groups ... to have really good health information and medical services," said Shibata, who has been working in the field of health services for 15 years.

"The longer I stay in this field the more I am convinced that ethnic-specific and racial specific data and information is evermore critical in prioritizing, designing and implementing very cost-effective health education and other medical services," she said.

Prop. 54 would also impact California's education system. Furutani noted that if the initiative passes, the various schools in the University of California system would no longer be able to collect admissions data.

"If we don't have the data we will not know where the problems are and then we will not be able to

find solutions," said Furutani, who noted that UC Berkeley showed a significant drop in the number of black freshman students in 2002 compared to 2001.

Prop. 54 was originally scheduled to appear on the March ballot next year but was moved up to Oct. 7 to appear on the same ballot as Gov. Gray Davis' recall election. So now APAIC is pushing up their campaign to educate APAs and all Californians that this initiative needs to be defeated.

In a statewide poll released July 24, only 25 percent of those polled said they were familiar with the initiative but once they were informed about the measure, half of those polled said they favor the initiative. But Furutani is still confident that Californians will vote down the measure.

"They're not starting with a high level of support," he said of the Prop. 54 proponents. "I think it will make common sense to people that the ability to collect data in this fashion makes sense relative to

public policy, and those public policies affect their daily lives."

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 July 29 to oppose Prop. 54 and Davis has already proclaimed his opposition to the measure. A number of mainstream groups are also opposed to the initiative including: ACLU, Anti-Defamation League, California Teachers Association, University of California Regents, California Association of Public Hospitals and Kaiser Permanente.

Some of the APAIC groups include: JACL, Organization of Chinese Americans, Hapa Issues Forum, Asian Law Caucus, Korean Resource Center and the South Asian Network.

"This initiative will most definitely have a devastating effect on people of color," said state Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-49th District. "I can't think of a more important initiative to defeat. This has to be our top priority and I urge the Asian American community to vote no on Prop. 54." ■

## Assemblywoman Chu to Speak at 'Embraceable You'

The Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team is sponsoring "Embraceable You," a conference dedicated to building alliances between the straight and gay Asian and Pacific Islander Communities. "Embraceable You" will take place on Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Union Church of Los Angeles, 402 East Third St., in Little Tokyo.

Assemblywoman Judy Chu, representing the areas of Alhambra, El Monte, South El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel and San Marino, will provide the keynote

speech.

Several organizations are planning this event including the Asian Pacific Islander chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team, Gay Asian Pacific Support Network, TriKone, O-moi, and the Chinese Rainbow Association.

For information, call 213/553-1847. Or register by e-mailing noela@apaitonline.org. In your e-mail, please provide our name and how many guests you will be bringing. There is limited seating, and the event is free. ■

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