Hosokawa Honored at 16th AAJA Convention

A long-overdue recognition was bestowed on Bill Hosokawa on Aug. 15 during the 16th convention of the Asian American Journalists Association held in San Diego. Hosokawa, the dean among Nisei journalists, received A A J A ‘s Lifetime Achievement Award, along with Los Angeles broadcast pioneer Trita Toyota, a cofounder of the organization. Toyota and Bill Sing, then a reporter and now business editor of the Los Angeles Times, started AAJA in 1981. Also honored, with the Dith Pran Service Award, was the Los Angeles daily newspaper Rafu Shimpo.

A young Hosokawa, against the advice of his university of Seattle faculty adviser (who said “no one would hire a Japanese boy”), persevered in his study of journalism, and got his start at the Singapore Herald (1938-40), where he became managing editor. He moved on to the Far Eastern Review, for which he was a writer in 1940-41.

When World War II was looming, Hosokawa caught one of the last boats back to the United States before Pearl Harbor and returned home to Seattle, only to be sent to internment in Wyoming. There, as editor of the Heart Mountain Sentinel, he was an outspoken critic of the War Relocation Authority and of politicians who had maligned the Japanese American population. His work caught the attention of the Des Moines Register, and he was hired out of camp and made a copy editor (1942-46).

War’s end reopened some avenues for the Nigi, and Hosokawa then was hired at The Denver Post. In a 38-year career at the Post he was a war correspondent in Korea and Vietnam, columnist, editor of the Sunday Empire magazine, executive news editor, and editor of the editorial page.

“Hey, hey, ho, ho, Prop. 54 has got to go,” the group chanted, Ward Connerly, who chairs the Proposition 54 campaign, spoke to the Sacramento Press Club.

The ballot item would prevent the state from asking the race or national origin of anyone when collecting data about public education, contracting and employment. It includes an exemption for race data collected for medical purposes.

It is scheduled to appear on the ballot Oct. 7, the same day as the special recall election against Gov. Gray Davis.

“We won’t be able to see if communities of color are being discriminated against in the governmental process, and that all persons — whatever color — have equal access to jobs,” said Jennifer Baker, 28, one of the protesters. Connerly “has his own personal goals and objectives, which aren’t necessarily the goals and objectives of the people of California.”

Research analyst Dave Valencia said he was protesting because he’s concerned about the measure’s impact on health care, a field he’s worked in for more than 30 years.

“We need to talk to people more about our communities so that we can develop health education materials,” said Valencia, 57.

The protesters dispersed before Connerly finished his talk.

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Scholars Help Teachers Tell History of World War II Camps

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Arkansas youngsters will have paintings, drawings and essays of Japanese American children as a guide when they study the relocation of Californians to Arkansas on the onset of World War II.

The project, funded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, is part of an effort by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the Los Angeles-based Japanese American National Museum, and the foundation.

COMMENTARY

How to Attract Young People to JACL

By GAIL TANAKA

The hottest question for many JACL members today is, “How can we attract young people to join?”. Chapter/organization.

The answer is: Give them a good reason to join. It seems quite simple.

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Concentration Camps

As a member of a delegation representing the Pacific Citizen, I recently attended a workshop sponsored by the Park Service at Twin Falls, Idaho, concerning the Minidoka Internment National Monument.

The term “internment” bothers me. In this instance, it seems so innocuous, naive, underestimating. Why not be frank, honest, and open and call the Internment for what it really was — concentration. Just as the Nazis placed Jews in concentration camps, the Americans put Nikkei in concentration camps. Both peoples were scapegoated minorities.

George Ishigaki
Pocatello, Idaho

Patroit Act USA

I am happy to see the JACL and many Japanese Americans helping Arab Americans and others who are being unfairly targeted since the Patriot Act passed. The so-called Patriot Act II, which the Justice Department says is trying to pass now, is even more ominous.

Among the presidential candidates, the only one who voted against the Patriot Act and the only one who is making the Patriot Act a top campaign issue is Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich (www.kucinich.us and www.house.gov/kucinich). He will introduce a bill to repeal the Patriot Act when Congress reconvenes in September.

Jordan Kahakuli
Vallely Springs, Calif.

Case-by-case

If Lieutenant Senatora (P.C., July 4-17) will re-read my letter (P.C., June 20-July 3), he will discover that I did not advocate that "Jap" and "nigger" are a general reference to someone of Japanese ancestry of any race or ethnicity. All I did suggest was that "Jap" has a more complex semantic meaning than some word-hunters seem to understand.

I have been a P.C. subscriber and reader for three decades, beginning in Berkeley during the early 1980s and continuing from the early 1990s as a member of the Japanese chapter of JACL. I am very familiar with the history of the JACL in North America and elsewhere.

As an academic, journalist, and activist, I have written in both English and Japanese on discriminatory terminology and political correctness in Japan and the United States.

Fortunately, the emotional tap- ets of words like "Jap" and "nigger" in the United States are not as simple as Lieutenant Senatora seems to believe. Just as his fictive "we JAs" do not own the word "Jap," the final authority on the meaning of "nigger" is the NAACP but not the many people — musicians, comedians, novel- ists, and others — who continue to use this word with a variety of meanings.

I say "fortunately" because I feel that teaching people to toler- ate the varieties of human emo- tions associated with words that in some contexts may be offensive is ultimately preferable to the rigid thought control that results from some people's desire to make a joke or take a stand. A hard-and-fast "no Jap" policy on the part of the JACL is inconsistent with the principle that JACL's members are not very enlightened. A case-by-case approach would be more positive and effective.

Bill Weideloff
Abiko, Japan

Congratulations to Dori Takata

As one of JACL's over-the-hill yet still active columnists (www.ysagt.net), I congratulate newcomers Dori Takata for making an excellent case for younger and older generations alike joining JACL and for how JACL can bet- ter attract such up-and-comers as she; and kudos to the P.C. staff for carrying her essay, presumably despite Dr. hass's initial arguments justified its length.

Right on, Dori!

Hugh Berelson
UC Berkeley '54
Lake Washington Chapel

Reader Disagrees With Chuman

I take strong exception to Frank Chuman's letter (Aug. 15-Sept. 5 P.C.) on two counts: JACL choose- es to honor those in office mainly because of the good these people have done for the Japanese American and Asian American communities. Sen. Hayakawa did not do anything of note on behalf of our communities — quite the contrary — he testified at the redress hearings opposing redress. UC California Regent Ward Connerly, with strong Republican support, successfully managed to have passed Proposition 209 multi- fied at the ballot proposition in California. He is currently behind Proposition 54 which would prop- ound affirmative opportunities. If NAACP were planning a banquet honoring worthy African Ameri- cans, would Connerly be consid- ered a candidate for "being bi-partisan?"

Also, for Chuman to say Hayakawa should be considered "in spite" of being a Republican displays a surprisingly biased point of view. However, I would concur with Mr. Chuman that the late Rep. Pat G. Mink as well as the late Sen. Spark Matsunaga should be posthumously honored "in spite" of the fact they were both Democrats.

Phil Shishimura
San Fernando Valley Chapter

Putting JACL's Curriculum Guide to Good Use

I am impressed by the efforts of the California OTH education program's multi- pronged strategy of supporting the JACL curriculum. Sen. D. Yoshino made many excellent points in describing how to pro- mote the curriculum nationally. (Aug. 15-Sept. 4 P.C.) For Cali­ fornia JACLers, there are addi- tional "pressur-e points" that I would like to share.

First of all, community mem- bers should let district officials know that they want teachers held accountable through the California Standard Requirements for Teaching Profession (CSTP), which can be viewed entirely through www.csta.ca.gov. The community should focus on the standards that deal with a teacher's ability to design his or her back- ground experiences and interests, understanding of families and communities, i.e. standards 1.1, 6.3 and 6.4. Many districts use these standards as evaluation crite- ria for teachers. JACL should offer to partner with district officials to train teachers so that they can do a better job of developing engaging and relevant lessons for our diverse student population.

Secondly, every California (SB 2042), local districts can grant professional teaching credentials and meet the credit requirements in order to meet cre- ditentials expectations. These induction standards are explained in detail at www.ctc.ca.gov. Standard 17 addresses diversity in courses and requires teachers to teach, where appropriate, "the history and tradi- tion of Arab Americans and others who have benefited from the curricu- lum, I offer a heartfelt thank-you to JACL, SELANOCO for continuing to fight the good fight of integrating the JA story into America's story.

Michael Matsuda
SELANOCO Chapter

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California Measure Taking Attention Away From Proposition 54

LANSING, Mich. — A race initiative on California's recall ballot has taken the focus away from efforts to put a measure banning non-English ballots in Michigan ballots, a state lawmaker said Aug. 27.

State Rep. Leon Drolet said the Michigan effort is "a little bit on hold" because of Proposition 54 that limits what California's 7 recall ballot that would ban the state from collecting most racial data.

Drolet, chairman of the Sacramento, Calif.-based American Civil Liberties Project, who helped kick off the Michigan campaign to ban racial preferences, is the leader of the Proposition 54 campaign in California.

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The national JACL recently announced its 2003 scholarship winners. The following are recipients from the freshman and undergraduate divisions with excerpts from their winning essays. Winners from the graduate division will appear in the next issue.

The JACL National Scholarship Program began in 1946 and continues to be one of the largest scholarship programs in the Asian Pacific American community. This year, JACL handed out 28 scholarships totaling $48,500.

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**PATRICIA & GAIL ISHIMOTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Nicole T. D'Arcy
Watsonville/Santa Cruz Chapter
Stanford University
Freshman
Pre-med

For the past year, I have volunteered for the JACL to produce a re-enactment of the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. I designed a website for the JACL event that included firsthand camp and war stories. We re-enacted the registration process: 1,160 humiliated and bereft people ousted from their homes and placed on a bus to be evacuated. Our production mirrored the actual event that occurred on April 27, 1942. I relived heart-wrenching stories at a public auditorium for hundreds of people, from veterans and their grandchildren to those who had never even heard of the internment.

**MASAO & SUMAKO ITATANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Andrew T. Nishimoto
Southeast Chapter
Pomona College
Freshman
Medical Biology

I live in Germantown, Tennessee, a suburb of Memphis. Germantown was a quiet city, it was ideally a slice of paradise, where people lived in association with one another happily. It was here that I spent most of my childhood, and I realize now that it was an environment that provided great opportunities to me as a youth. Parents and other adults joked about pampered and coddled Germantown families that had organized sports, recreation, and other activities that they did not have as children. My experience in Germantown would be needed to find a way to encourage participation in youth activities.

**MASAO & SUMAKO ITATANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Hannah Takahashi
Oakland Washington, D.C. Chapter
Yale University
Freshman
Pre-med

I would not change who I am for the world. My parents named me after my great-aunt Hana who moved from Oshima to live in Seattle and marry when she was 18. She learned to sew and worked all of her children through college, an accomplishment which few immigrants can brag about. Even the simple name which my heritage has given me is something I can be proud of. Hana will always be a part of my role model and I view sharing her name as an obligation to live up to.

**KENJI KASAI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Timothy H. Shapiro
Philippines Chapter
Amherst College
Freshman
Economics or History

During high school, I developed an awareness and took an avid interest in history and the sciences, learning about the leaders of the past and the great events that shaped the world forever. While most of my scholastic courses dealt with Western society, I learned much about the Japanese American history through conversations with my parents and relatives. They told me of the internment of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II, an event that seemed framed by the same paranoia and xenophobia which I had read about so many times in history books. I truly believe in the adage that those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it.

**HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Ryan N. Takasugi
San Fernando Valley Chapter
Yale University
Freshman
Social Sciences

I will continue to explore the rich traditions to develop my understanding of the Japanese American experience so that I can plan to contribute to the Asian Pacific Community in ways that will match my future expertise, just as my parents dedicated themselves now. I have noticed that despite the large size of the Japanese American population, especially in Southern California, it has very few representatives in local, state and national politics. As I am inclined to study the humanities, I wonder if I could be a voice for the Japanese American citizens. I also aim to some day join a professional basketball league, so that I may import many of the important lessons that I have learned to the next generation.

**SAM S. KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Kiyomi L. Hayashida
Contra Costa Chapter
New York University
Freshman
Undecided

In August of this year, I am going to college, and there, I look forward to taking leadership positions in Asian American student and community organizations. I also look forward to learning about Asian American history through courses offered in college. And though it has yet to happen to me, I know that Asians still face discrimination in this country, and I want to be aware of the issues that surround and affect the Asian American community. Furthermore, I not only want to learn about the Asian American history in college, I want to learn about Japanese history. I hope to find a balance between my involvement in the Japanese community and the other interests in my life.

**MR. & MRS. TAKASHI MORIUCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Michael K. Fujinaka
Lodi Chapter
Claremont McKenna College
Freshman
Economics and Bio-Chemistry

Growing up in a Japanese American family, my parents have always been taught that caring for others is a top priority. Even simple things, like never taking the last piece of food or waiting for everyone to be served before eating, helped teach me this philosophy of my desire to serve my community. A year ago I set up a conference centered on youth development. Attending were youth leaders from area high schools and community leaders from service organizations and schools. This was an interesting experience for me since I was able to learn about the affidavit forms faced by youth within the city and focus on youth involvement to help solve them.

**YUTAKA NAKAZAWA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Nikiko R. Masumoto
Fresno Chapter
UC Berkeley
Freshman
History

Growing up on a family farm has given me a sense of my heritage, and has helped me develop a strong work ethic. I understand the role of youth in the JACL, as I have had an understanding and passion for this organization that I come from. This has lead me to understand who I am. As I work with the dirt on our family farm, I can understand my grandparents' and their parents' struggle better. They are Japanese Americans. I have learned to appreciate what we owe to them as much as respect I receive today. I am proud to be a Japanese American and know that it is my responsibility to pass on the stories of generations and keep our traditions alive.

**SOUTH PARK JAPANESE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Brigham C. Walker
Portland Chapter
Princeton University
Freshman
Molecular Biology

My family endured times of great duress during the Second World War. This experience set the stage for my family's 'embrace' for our Japanese heritage, and also our patriotism to America. My first encounter where I applied this family ideal was in second grade when I was asked to speak on behalf of diversity in front of 500 of my peers. The principal had a pre-written speech, during which I was to point to the Japanese flag and state that it was my country's flag— a strong contradiction for me. My family taught me that never to use the word 'Japan' or Japanese American flag and claim it as my country of alliance. I didn't realize how strong of a statement I made at the time.

**MAS & MAUJU UYESUGI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Kelly E. Iwanabe
Orange County Chapter
UCLA
Freshman
Biochemistry

Through my involvement in leadership and community service, I aspire to be a role model for my peers and for Asian Americans. From a young age I have been involved in student government and community service. As a member of a four-year elementary and middle schools, I led my peers to become involved in our community. From being a member of the film club, and school equipment drives to fundraisers for our school and community, every student felt he/she made a contribution. I believe there is no greater reward than that of helping others.

By being the person I can be, my strength of character makes the best possible impact on those around me.

**SAUBO KIDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Shelley Dai
Salt Lake City Chapter
University of Utah
Social Work/Sociology

As the Intermountain District Youth Representative and a member of the National Student Council, I experience both the local and national side of the spectrum. As the JACL, as a whole struggles to maintain itself financially, our leadership must continue and the role of youth becomes even more imperative. Throughout the next years, I hope to increase youth membership in my local chapter and encourage current members to become more involved. I would like to establish a youth council composed of youth representatives and members from each of the three Utah chapters. This council could meet on a regular basis to plan activities, coordinate fundrasing, and brainstorm ideas for youth involvement. I believe that a youth council would give youth members a sense of responsibility and leadership experience that will encourage them to become more involved in the JACL. On a national level, I would like to learn as much about the organization as possible. By attending national conventions and National Youth and Student Council meetings, I can begin to network with JACL members and leaders. With the guidance of the National Board and leaders in my local chapter, I hope to eventually become a representative on the national level. I am excited and willing to push Japanese American themes and the important issues it advocates.

**DR. THOMAS T. YATABE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Nicholas Frandsen
Mt. Olympus Chapter
Brigham Young University
Undergraduate
Finance

Last year, the National JACL Credit Union building in Salt Lake City was named after my grandfather, Shigei Kushi. Although my grandfather passed away in November, we were able to take a trip to see the building last summer. Despite his declining health at the time, I was able to speak with him and learn about the history of the facility. My grandfather lived a great life of service. Much of this service was towards fellow Japanese Americans through his activity in the JACL. Years after World War II, he continued...
posed the inscription on the monument in Topaz, Utah, remembering the hardships of the Japanese Americans who lived there during World War II. I have also learned that political power is a great vehicle for serving others. In the future, I hope to follow my grandfather’s footsteps and become a JACL member, to help other people. I plan a lifetime membership in JACL.

ALICE YURIKO ENDO SCHOLARSHIP
Eric Nakano
Washington University, LC, Chapter, George Washington University

Undergraduate Political Science

I have a rich family history of advocacy in the American community. My uncle, Mike Masuoka, was the first executive secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League, and his brother-in-law, Norman Mineta, became the first Asian American to be appointed to a presidential Cabinet-level position. I myself have been involved with the American church for the past 21 years, and the Japanese Community Center in West Covina, California, has been a staple of my family’s social activities for as long as I can remember. Now a student at the George Washington University, I have had the opportunity to make a difference in my surroundings and see how government firsthand affects people’s lives.

Blake Van Noy
West Los Angeles College

Amherst College

Undergraduate

Native American Studies & Ethnic Studies

It’s been made loud and clear: JACL is in trouble because of declining membership numbers today.

SAM S. KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Trisha Okubo
San Jose Chapter

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As a Yonsei and as the president of the Asian Students Association at UC Berkeley, I work on the same civil rights issues that have defined the Asian American community and work on the same civil rights issues that have defined the Asian American community.

SUMMER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

I know what it is like to live in an area where there is no Japanese community. Growing up in Chicago, I was the only Japanese American in my school. I have learned to be a part of this community. I know what is it like to live in an area where there is no Japanese community. Growing up in Chicago, I was the only Japanese American in my school. I have learned to be a part of this community. I know what is it like to live in an area where there is no Japanese community. Growing up in Chicago, I was the only Japanese American in my school. I have learned to be a part of this community. I know what is it like to live in an area where there is no Japanese community. Growing up in Chicago, I was the only Japanese American in my school. I have learned to be a part of this community. I know what is it like to live in an area where there is no Japanese community. Growing up in Chicago, I was the only Japanese American in my school. I have learned to be a part of this community.
New York—Michael Chang played his final match before retirement with the same flair and energy he's shown for years, his feet just didn't move as quickly at age 31 as they used to.

Chang, feisty as ever, lost to 15-seeded Fernando Gonzalez of Spain, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the U.S. Open, then walked back onto the court and waved goodbye to an adoring ovation in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I am supposed to be able to explain my emotions," Chang said. "New York has been such a special place to me. This is the only tournament I was able to play as a 17-year-old, and New York welcomed me and proved yourself every day," Emerson said. "Before the game, the Japanese team and our team were in the cafeteria. They were just hanging out — having an East Beach time."

The title was Japan's third in five years. Tokyo Kitasuna beat Apeka, Fla., 2-1 in the 2001 championships, and Osaka defeated Phoenix City, Ala., 5-0 in 1999.

This year's winner in the recreational division was the JALC Credit Union hosted its 2nd Annual Volleyball Invitational in Murray, Utah, Aug. 15-16. The event drew more than 60 players from the Asian Pacific American community spread out over eight teams. This year's winner in the recreational division was the JALC Mt. Olympus chapter team, and Reiko Smith's team won the competitive division.

South Williamsport, Pa.—The East Boysont Beach players joined their Japanese opponent's victory celebration. That was as close to the Florida boys got to Tokyo Musashi-Fuchu in the Little League World Series title game.

Musashi-Fuchu routed East Boysont Beach 10-1 on Aug. 24, with Yutaro Tanaka striking out 14 and homering and Hokuto Nakahara hitting a grand slam. The Japanese players raced into center field after the game, bowing to the bust of stadium namesake Howard J. Larnade, a tradition that began with Tokyo Kitasuna in 2001. This time, Boynton Beach's players stood rather than hanging their heads, ran out to join them. The victory lap, which both teams ran together, turned into a footrace.

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Florida has put eight teams into title games but never won a championship.

Japan (6-0) broke open a scoreless game with eight runs in the fourth inning. Florida was hit by a pitch with two outs and the bases loaded and Karamasa Sakamoto drove in the run with a single. Nakahara sent the next pitch over the wall in center field for a 6-0 lead and his first home run of the series.

"When I hit it, I was hoping it was going to go, and Nakahara said through a translator. "When I saw it was a home run, I was relieved."

After Takeru Ohmura's single, Tanaka hit a two-run Homer to make it 8-0.

Tanaka (2-0), who allowed four hits, beautifully mixed fastballs and curveballs to keep the Boynton Beach batters off guard.

"He had the same release on his changeup, his curve or his fastball," Emerson said. "They knew our power hitters were more up for a high pitch. They were just a great-Coach team."

Devon Travis, who came in hitting .667 in the series, went 1-for-2 with two walks. Michael Deceus, who was 6-for-6 in his last two games, went 1-for-3.

"My plan was to throw different types of pitches against them, and then finish with my fastball," Tanaka said through a translator.

Tokyo went up 10-0 in the fifth on Hirofumi Yamazaki's solo homer and Sakamoto's RBI double.

Tokyo completely dominated its opposition during the series, outstanding opponents 59-9. Its 15 home runs tied a record for the most in a series since pool play began — Kuo-Hsuing, Taiwan's 1996 team also hit 15 homers, but did it in just five games.

Before Tokyo's fourth-inning outburst, it looked as if the game would be a pitchers' duel. Tokyo stranded runners in each of the first three innings, and Broad was one strike away from ending the side in the fourth when his fastball hit Osho.

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"We want to offer former internees an honorary high school diploma in order to recognize that their unjust internment prevented them from graduating with their classmates. And for veterans, we want to recognize that their military service also interrupted their high school education," said County Schools Superintendent Sheila Jordan.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which called for the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. More than 120,000 mostly American citizens of Japanese ancestry were forcibly uprooted from their homes and ordered into internment camps. Internes could only take what they could carry and many people lost their homes, jobs, land and other personal belongings. Upon their release about six years later, a majority went on to lead productive lives and contribute greatly to the American way of life even though many of them were "unable" to complete high school.

The effort to honor people who sacrificed so much for this country during those war years began in 1999 when Massachusetts's Department of Veterans' Services started the diploma program. Intended as an honor for WWII veterans, the program has since expanded to include Korean War veterans, and the county offices of education in Alameda and Santa Clara in California also recognize JA citizens who were interned in WWII relocation camps.

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**Atlantic City**

**Day of the Dead**

Fri., Oct. 10—Kabuki Demonstration and Performance: 7:30 p.m., Wright State University Morial Club. Co-sponsored by Dayton JACL. First to JACL members, $10 to non-members. Tickets: Before Sept. 17: Setsuko Naganuma, 970-2333/2685; after Sept. 17: Ron Kasyama, 970-289-815.

**TWIN CITIES**

Sun., Sept. 14—Annual Twin Cities JACL Golf Tournament; 12 noon tee-off; Bellvue Community College, 1700 Coyote Point Dr. Deadline to register: Sept. 6.

**Sun., Sept. 21—133rd Anniversary Celebration and the Heritage Night; 7:05 p.m., Oakland Alameda County Coliseum.**

**Sun., Sept. 28—An Afternoon With Dr. David Suzuki:** A Discussion of the Future of the Planet; Sacramento City College, 36 East 8th St., Theater 102; to benefit the Nikkei Service Center, the Shizen Friends Garden and the Fresno JACL Scholarship Endowment Fund. Info: Bobbie Hanada, Fresno JACL, 559-434-1662.

**San Francisco Bay Area**

**Northern California**

Sun., Sept. 7—"The Sacred Balance." An Afternoon With Dr. David Suzuki; 2 p.m., UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science, Harvey White Auditorium, examining humanity’s place in nature. Book signing will follow. RSVP: Linda Schneider, 510-643-8980.

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

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Hama, Dena S., Aug. 16; survived by wife Mary C.; daughter Noriko Nakanishi; brother Hideto (Shigekazu) Myzake; 3 gc.; 3 ggc.; sister Lisa (Ken) Hikida; Mori Hama and Pat (George) Masumoto.

Harada, Harold Shigetaka, DDS, 80, Culver City, Aug. 17; Riverside-born; veteran of WWII, 1004-442nd RCT; survived by wife Chiye; daughters Harada and Kathleen (Don) Harada; sons Ken (Jane) and Paul (Judy); 6 gc.; brother Roy (Judy) Harada; DDS; 3 ggc.; sisters Lani (Ken) Kawaguchi and Atsuko Nishi.

Hama, Don, S., Wildomar, Sept. 5-18, 2003; Obituaries from your newspaper are welcomed as needed.

Higaki, Ronald Takashi, Wildomar, Aug. 8; Vista-born; survived by wife Teruko; sons George and Glenn; daughter Cathy (Fred) Nishi, Hiroko, Nishi, Yoko, and Karen.; 6 gc.; parents Naomi and Mac; brothers Steve Higaki; and mother Teruko. Fond uncle of Hirokawa, and Gengo Miyahara. Also loved by Uchiyama, Betty, and Hiroko.

Kawaguchi, Kamekichi, Burlingame, Calif., Aug. 16; survived by wife Tomoe Okada.

Tomiko (Rikio) Nakatani and Mineko (Alfred) Uchizono; 6 gc.; predeceased by wife Shizue; daughters Michi (Steve) Marumoto-Coons of Hawai'i, and Anne (Wilbur). Loving grandmother to U.S. Army WWII veteran and Joe (Yoshiko) of Forest Hills, N.Y; predeceased by wife Yoshiko. Service has been held.


Takemori, Bob, Mitsu, 87, Burlingame, Calif., Aug. 16; survived by wife Yone Nakainura; brother Hideo (Mieko) Nakainura; predeceased by wife Kay Tsuchiya Nagai; brother Kenge Hagino; and mother-in-law Tomo Nakaiura.

Kawaguchi, Kenji Ito, the first Japanese American admitted to the California state bar after World War II, has died at age 94.

Ito, who had Alzheimer's disease, died Aug. 10 at his home in Long Beach, Aug. 7. San Pedro-born; survived by wife Keiko; daughter Emmy (Dennis) Nozawa; 2 gc.; brothers John, daughter-in-law Margaret; sister Grace Iwamoto; predeceased by husband Hideo (Mieko) Nakainura.

Takamatsu, Tsugie, 89, Portland, Ore., June 6; Oakland-born, lifelong San Francisco resident; predeceased by son John, daughter-in-law Margaret; sister Grace Iwamoto; predeceased by husband Hideo (Mieko) Nakainura.

Okamoto, Takeo, 94, San Francisco, Aug. 16 service; survived by son Norman; daughter Carolyn (Rick) Vignell of Cleveland; predeceased by wife Alice and sister Helen Yamashita.

Okamoto, Teruko, 63, Sunnyvale, Calif., Aug. 13; survived by son George (Morris) Kawamoto of Lincoln, Neb.; 100; parents Naomi and Mac; brothers Steve Higaki; and mother Mary Nee Suzuki. Service has been held.

Okamoto, Hiroko, 78, Sacramento, May 30; WWII internee; survived by son George and daughter-in-law Marge; siblings Elizabeth and Randall. Fond uncle of Fumiko, Tom, and John; daughter-in-law Marjorie; predeceased by wife Mary Nee Suzuki. Service has been held.

Okamoto, Kenji Ito, 94, San Francisco, Aug. 16 service; survived by son Norman; daughter Carolyn (Rick) Vignell of Cleveland; predeceased by wife Alice and sister Helen Yamashita.

Okayama, Takeo, 76, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; survived by wife Kazuyo; sons Marc and Michael; parents Naomi and Mac; brothers Steve Higaki; and mother-in-law Tomo Nakaiura.

Tomiko (Rikio) Nakatani and Mineko (Alfred) Uchizono; 6 gc.; predeceased by wife Shizue; daughters Michi (Steve) Marumoto-Coons of Hawai'i, and Anne (Wilbur). Loving grandmother to U.S. Army WWII veteran and Joe (Yoshiko) of Forest Hills, N.Y; predeceased by wife Yoshiko. Service has been held.


Takemori, Bob, Mitsu, 87, Burlingame, Calif., Aug. 16; survived by wife Yone Nakainura; brother Hideo (Mieko) Nakainura; predeceased by wife Kay Tsuchiya Nagai; brother Kenge Hagino; and mother-in-law Tomo Nakaiura.

Kawaguchi, Kenji Ito, the first Japanese American admitted to the California state bar after World War II, has died at age 94.

Ito, who had Alzheimer’s disease, died Aug. 10 at his home in Long Beach, Aug. 7. San Pedro-born; survived by wife Keiko; daughter Emmy (Dennis) Nozawa; 2 gc.; brothers John, daughter-in-law Margaret; sister Grace Iwamoto; predeceased by husband Hideo (Mieko) Nakainura.

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SACHIKO MIYAHARA TAKAHASHI, 90, died Aug. 18. A native of San Francisco, Sachiko was born Oct. 10, 1923. Like many of the Japanese Americans, she was interned in various camps like Topaz and Tule Lake during World War II. In November 1950 she married Kengo Takahashi, owner of Takahashi Market in San Mateo. She began helping at the market and worked for over 40 years alongside her loving husband before retiring in 1990. Sachiko was born Oct. 10, 1923. Her parents were Nagasaburo and Emily (Brady) Lin, both original owners of the Takahashi Market in San Mateo.

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Her husband had served as a member of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He helped found the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo. He passed away by his wife of 63 years, Fumiko Betty, three children and a brother.

Takeo Okamoto, San Francisco, is a community pioneer, passes at 95.

Takeo Okamoto, a pioneer of the Japanese American community in San Francisco, passed away on Aug. 19 at the age of 95 at his home in San Francisco.

The first son of Jiro and Tama Okamoto from Chuba Prefecture, Japan, Okamoto was born March 8, 1908, in San Francisco. He was educated in Japan from age 3-14, graduated from Morgantown High School, then helped at the family's leather-good stores while he earned a degree in commerce at UC Berkeley; while at Berkeley, he helped form the first Young Japanese Student’s Men’s Club, now called Euclid Hall.

Okamoto married Kay Tachiyama of Alameda in June 1938 and they had two children, Barbara and Steve. While the family was interned at Tanforan Race Track in South San Francisco he was selected to teach the Japanese language at U.S. Naval personnel at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where their third child, Allen, was born.

Upon returning to California, Okamoto became a life insurance agent and later formed T. Okamoto & Company, now run by Allen. In the early 1950’s Okamoto became the first Japanese member of the San Francisco Board of Realtors. Soon thereafter, Okamoto helped create the JACL, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, the Kokusai Kai Shing Group and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

Okamoto is survived by his three children — Barbara, Muramoto-Coons of Hawai’i, Steve Okamoto of Foster City and Allen Okamoto of San Francisco nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife passed away in 1987.

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Nikkei Traditions is a Sansen-owned retail store, established in 1999 to showcase Nikkei artists and businesses, and to perpetuate the long tradition of Japanese American cultural enterprises in two of the last remaining Japantowns in the United States.
2003 JACL scholarship recipients (l-r): Lauren Kawabata, Lisa Iijima, Stefani Wakamatsu and Brandon Lee. (Not pictured: Derek Valero and Julia Fukuzumii.) He will enter Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo in the fall.

Lauren Kawabata, San Lorenzo High, San Lorenzo, daughter of Gary and Nancy Kawabata, received the California Bank & Trust-Hayward award from Richard Hong, branch manager, and a Shigemobu "Sam" Kuramoto award; she will attend Dominican College in Marin County.

Josephine Phinney, Castro Valley High, daughter of Ted and Joyce Phinney, was awarded the Tom Castro Valley JACL recently presented its 2003 scholarship awards at its annual potluck awards night.

Lina Iijima, Castro Valley High, Castro Valley, daughter of Ted and Joyce Iijima, was awarded the Tom Kitayama, Jr., Memorial Award presented by Heidi Kitayama; she also received the Union Bank-San Leandro award presented by chapter Scholarship Chair Bob Sakai in the fall.

Stefani Wakamatsu, Castro Valley High, Castro Valley, daughter of Stephen and Kristi Wakamatsu, was presented the Eden Community Center’s award by its president, Yo Kawabata; she will attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Brandon Lee, San Leandro High, son of Lincoln and Tamnie Lee, received the Eden Community Center’s extra curricula award as well as the Eden Athletic Club award, which were also presented by Kawabata.

All scholarship recipients maintained excellent grade point averages and high honors throughout their entire school years and also participated in JACL and community activities.

The guest speaker for the evening was Diane Matsuda, director of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP).

San Gabriel Valley Chapter The San Gabriel Valley JACL presented its annual scholarship awards for graduating high school seniors recently.

Allison Haraguchi of Arcadia High, daughter of Richard and Claudia Haraguchi, received the Hide & Fumi Kiyon Scholarship and the David Ito scholarship, totaling $1,000; she will study environmental science and political science at UC San Diego.

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al page. When he retired from the Post in 1984, the rival Rocky Mountain News un-retired him, making him their ombudsman columnist for another eight years.

Veteran Pacific Citizen readers remember Hosokawa’s longstanding personal column, “From the Frying Pan.” At 88, Hosokawa continues to live in Lakewood, Colo., a Denver suburb.

Fred Katayama, CNN news anchor who nominated Hosokawa for the AAJA award, recalls trying to interview former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm about an Asian American issue. Lamm’s response was, “Have you talked to Bill Hosokawa?” Such is the reputation of one of the most celebrated journalists of our time.