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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 AAJA's Lifetime Achievement Award, along with Los Angeles broadcast pioneer Tritia 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 Shimpō*.

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.

With war 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 (1943-46).

War's end reopened some avenues for the Nisei, 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

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Protesters Oppose Prop. 54 Outside Speech by its Backer, Ward Connerly

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—More than 30 demonstrators protested outside a hotel Aug. 20 where the backer of a ballot initiative to ban the state from collecting racial data spoke.

"Hey, hey, ho, ho, Prop. 54 has got to go," the group chanted before 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 racial 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," 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 know as much as we can about these communities so that we can develop health education materials," said Valencia, 57.

The protesters dispersed before Connerly finished his talk.

Inside, Connerly said that forms asking a person's race "in a state like California are becoming increasingly arcane. They don't fit who we are."

Connerly disputed comments he said Davis made implying that "this initiative is a tool of Republicans."

"I had more trouble from

Republicans and their cowardice about issues like this than I had from Democrats," said Connerly, a University of California regent who successfully pushed the 1996 proposition that banned affirmative action at state institutions.

Connerly also said he disagrees with people who believe that racial discrimination is rampant in California. He said it was the exception, not the rule in public education, public employment, and public contracting.

"As we look across the state, and we look at where California is going, and we look at the way we're changing as a population, the choice it seems to me is very clear," Connerly said.

"We are either going to take note of our physical differences, try to categorize ourselves into different racial groups ... or we're going to say we're one human family, which I believe we are. I do not subscribe to the notion that the good lord created separate races." ■

S.F. Mayor Brown Unveils New Japantown Street Signs



San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown Jr. joined residents and merchant owners of Japantown Aug. 13 for the official unveiling of the Japantown signs that will direct people to San Francisco's Japantown from bridges, highways and major thoroughfares. The Japantown Task Force, Inc., and the City and County of San Francisco have been working together to put up culturally specific directional signs from the major bridges and freeway exits to the major thoroughfares to Japantown. There are currently seven "old" pagoda directional signs in and around Japantown that have six roofs, which is considered bad luck, with some of the arrows pointing in the wrong direction. These will now be replaced with new culturally relevant and accurate signs that depict the Japantown pagoda with the actual five roofs, identifying Japantown in English and Japanese. ■

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 at 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 founda-

tion to preserve the history of two southeast Arkansas camps that once held 16,000 detainees.

More than 120,000 JAs were sent from the West Coast and Hawaii to 10 internment camps at the beginning of the war. Eight camps were in the West; the southeast Arkansas sites at Rohwer and Jerome were the only ones in the South.

Beginning next year, the groups plan a series of exhibits, a symposium and a documentary about the camps. This summer, scholars and teachers are designing curriculum plans for different grade levels that will be distributed to all Arkansas schools and libraries.

Kristin Dutcher Mann, an assistant professor of history and social studies education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, is coordinating the work.

Mann said materials distributed at the elementary, middle and high school levels will focus on different aspects of the history.

"At the high schools, they will be focusing on current events, looking at Arab Americans detained after 9/11 and doing a comparison and contrast project," she said.

At the middle school level, the curriculum will connect the camps with history and geography. The elementary school curriculum will focus in part on the art work done by children 60 years ago in the camps.

Pam Strickland is writing a 32-page illustrated children's book about the camps that will be distributed to schools and libraries. Strickland said the book will tell the story of the camps from the perspective of a child living in the Delta in the early 1940s.

"There were children who crawled under the camp fences and played with the children in the camps," she said.

Strickland plans to have the book in print by September of next year.

Beginning in May, the scholars hope to distribute CD-ROMs with copies of essays written by the detainees, laminated prints of artwork done in the camps, and other historical materials to schools.

In the meantime, the foundation is paying for master teachers to help Arkansas public school teachers learn about the project and understand the curriculum materials. ■

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 our chapter/organization?" The answer is: Give them a good reason to join. It seems quite simple,



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Group Hopes to Rebuild Congresswoman Mink's High School

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAILUKU, Hawaii—A community group is proposing to have the old Maui High School rebuilt and transformed into a career-training center for prison inmates and drug rehabilitation patients.

The high school, now in ruins, is being cleaned for restoration as the Patsy T. Mink Center in honor of the late congresswoman who attended the Hamakuapoko school.

The cleanup effort, coordinated by the county's Community Work Day Program, began last month.

Now, a group called the Friends of Old Maui High is preparing to establish a nonprofit agency and making plans on how the center will be used.

Old Maui High School opened in 1913 and was closed when a new Maui High campus opened in Kahului in 1972. The old campus remains largely abandoned except for a few offices.

The 24-acre site is owned by the state but managed by the county. The property was leased to the University of Hawaii.

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Letters to the Editor

Concentration Camps

As a member of a delegation representing the Pocatello-Blackfoot chapter of JACL, I recently attended a workshop sponsored by the Park Service in Twin Falls, Idaho, concerning the Minidoka Internment National Monument.

The term "internment" bothers me. In this instance, it seems so innocuous, naive, undesigning. 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 scapegoat minorities.

George Shiozawa
Pocatello, Idaho

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Patriot 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 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 repealing 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.

Gordon Kobayashi
Valley Springs, Calif.

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Case-by-case

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

I have been a P.C. subscriber and reader for three decades, beginning in Berkeley during the 1970s and continuing from the early 1980s as a member of the

Japan chapter of JACL. I am very familiar with the history of "Jap" 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 tapestries of words like "Jap" and "nigger" in the United States are not as simple as Lieutenant Senaha seems to believe. Just as his fictive "we JAs" do not own the word "Jap," the final authority on the meaning of "nigger" is not the NAACP but the many people — musicians, comedians, novelists, and others — who continue to use this word with a variety of meanings.

I say "fortunately" because I feel that teaching people to tolerate the varieties of human emotions associated with words that in some contexts may be offensive is ultimately preferable to the rigid thought control that results from censoring words for their own sake. A hard-and-fast "no Jap" policy on the part of JACL would carry the message that JACL's members are not very enlightened. A case-by-case approach would be more honest and effective.

Bill Wetherall
Abiko, Japan

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Congratulations to Dori Takata

As one of JACL's over-the-hill yet still active gang (OTH-YASAG?), I congratulate newcomer Dori Takata for making an excellent case for younger and older generations alike joining JACL and for how JACL can better attract such up-and-comers as she; and kudos to the P.C. staff for carrying her essay, presumably uncut. The cogency of her arguments justified its length.

Right on, Dori!

Hugh Burleson
UC Berkeley '54
Lake Washington Chapter

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Reader Disagrees With Chuman

I take strong exception to Frank Chuman's letter (Aug. 15-Sept. 5 P.C.) on two counts: JACL choos-

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 nullifying affirmative action in California. He is currently behind Proposition 54 which would jeopardize minority communities. If NAACP were planning a banquet honoring worthy African Americans, would Connerly be considered a candidate for the sake of 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. Patsy Mink as well as the late Sen. Sparky Matsunaga should be posthumously honored "in spite" of the fact they were both Democrats.

Phil Shiozumi
Civil Rights Chair
San Fernando Valley Chapter

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Putting JACL's Curriculum Guide to Good Use

I am impressed by the efforts of the Midwest District Council's education program's multi-pronged strategy of supporting the JACL curriculum guide. Bill Yoshino made many excellent points in describing how to promote the curriculum nationally. (Aug. 15-Sept. 4 P.C.) For California JACLers, there are additional "pressure points" that I would like to share.

First of all, community members should let district officials know that they want teachers held accountable through the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP), which can be viewed entirely through www.btsa.ca.gov. The community should focus on the standards that deal with a teacher's knowledge about students' background 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 criteria 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, under new legislation (SB 2042), local districts can grant professional teaching credentials and must comply with diversity requirements in order to meet credentialing expectations. These induction standards are explained in depth at www.ctc.ca.gov. Standard 17 addresses diversity issues and 17.D in particular requires teachers to teach, where appropriate, "the history and traditions of major cultural groups in California society." JACL should therefore be working with districts to ensure compliance with this standard. A complete list of districts that have been approved by the CTC for credentialing can be found at their website as mentioned above.

As a teacher in the Anaheim school district, I have personally seen the influence of a JACL curriculum training on teachers. Our district has had over 60 teachers trained on the curriculum who are implementing it in social science, English, and other content areas in grades 7-12. On behalf of those teachers and all the students who have benefited from the curriculum, I offer a heartfelt thank-you to JACL and SELANOCO for continuing to fight the good fight of integrating the JA story into America's story.

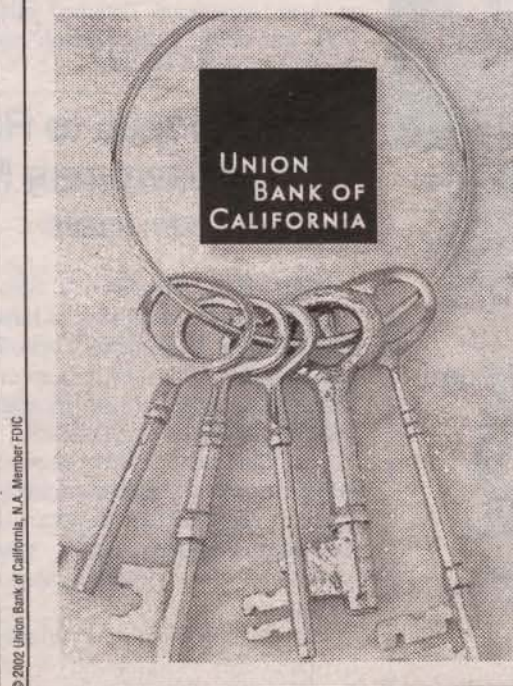
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SDCBA, NAPABA Rebuke Congressman Coble

The San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) has adopted a resolution condemning statements made by North Carolina Congressman Howard Coble that justified the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The resolution adopted at the bar's recent board of directors' meeting states that the SDCBA "objects and condemns the statements uttered and disseminated by U.S. Congressman Howard Coble which insulted and patronized Japanese Americans who suffered unjust internment during World War II."

Coble, during a Feb. 4 radio show, said that the internment was

for the JAs own protection. "We were at war," Coble said. "For many of these Japanese Americans, it wasn't safe for them to be on the street."

He also said that some JA's "probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us."

Coble made these statements even though a presidential commission had found that the internment of JAs "was not justified," and the 1988 Civil Liberties Act signed by President Reagan included an apology to Americans of Japanese ancestry for their wrongful incarceration.

Also condemning Coble are

members of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). In a letter to the president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) July 31, NAPABA asks that ATLA stop contributing monies to Rep. Coble. NAPABA noted that ATLA is Coble's largest single contributor, having donated \$38,000 to his campaign the last four elections cycles.

Coble currently heads the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. The California legislature has also condemned Coble's statements and approved a resolution urging him to resign as chairman of the congressional subcommittee. ■

Final Reminder: Few Tickets Still Available for 2003 JACL Gala Dinner

A few tickets are still available for the 2003 JACL national gala dinner, "An American Testimonial: A Salute to Japanese American National Leaders," to be held Sept. 13 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles.

The dinner will bring together, for the first time at one event, four of the current-term Japanese American leaders: Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Rep. Robert Matsui and Rep. Michael Honda. There will also be a special tribute to the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink from Hawaii.

Also, to encourage youth members' or potential youth members' attendance, several tables have been sponsored. Youth members will be free and non-member youth pay \$30. Youth membership is for young adults 25 or younger.

The last time a dinner of this caliber was held by JACL was in 1980 to raise funds for its redress efforts. The funds raised at this year's dinner will go towards the JACL's operations and programs. With the goal of bringing together 1,000 members and families, friends, and corporate and community supporters of JACL, the dinner committee is well on its way to meeting this goal.

"There has been a tremendous buzz in the air for this gala dinner, and the national staff, board and PSW district are extremely pleased at the positive responses we've received," said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi. "The efforts to coordinate this dinner are evident in the hype surrounding it — demonstrating the strength and tal-

ents of the JACL to bring our four national leaders together to the same event and the resounding ticket sales and corporate sponsorships."

"Though dinner ticket sales have been very good, we could do better," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president. "We want to sell out of dinner tickets, therefore I encourage all JACLers and friends to join us on September 13 to demonstrate our support and appreciation to our dinner honorees."

Corporate and community sponsors for the dinner include: Anheuser Busch, State Farm Insurance, Farmers Insurance Group, Lowe's, Union Bank, Semptra Energy, Hewlett-Packard, Macy's, Port of Los Angeles, Southern California Edison, Coca Cola, Pacific Commerce Bank, and JACL Health Benefits Trust.

Additionally, Joey Ikemoto Photography has graciously donated his services to preserve the memories from this dinner. For only \$25, attendees will receive a 5x7 portrait from an award-winning, internationally recognized photographer.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Contact the PSW JACL district office at 213/626-4471 or at psw@jacl.org to purchase tickets, reserve a photo session time slot, or for more information. The Wilshire Grand Hotel, in downtown Los Angeles, is offering rooms at \$85 per night. Reservations can be made directly to the Wilshire Grand by calling 888/773-2888. The Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo is offering a rate of \$79 per night single and \$89 per night double. ■

JaAmPAC Seeks Nat'l JA Heritage Legislation

The National Japanese American Political Action Committee (JaAmPAC) plans to ask the federal government to create a national public-private partnership together with a financial assistance program that will preserve and recognize the historic significance of the 10 relocation camps and other related sites used to forcibly detain Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

JaAmPAC will seek to have management of all of the sites that are federally owned put under the National Park Service's jurisdiction. JaAmPAC also wants the legislation to promote ways to disseminate to the American public the lessons learned from the unconstitutional treatment of Japanese Americans by the federal government during a time of war. Bipartisan support will be

sought for this legislative initiative.

JaAmPAC is asking for community support for this legislative initiative as a first step. As this legislative initiative goes forward, JaAmPAC will form the National Japanese American Heritage Alliance (NJAHA) as its legislative liaison to the federal government and as the focal point to disseminate information to organizations, groups and persons who support this legislative initiative.

If you have views or comments on this legislative initiative, please send them to JaAmPAC, P.O. Box 65175, Washington, D.C. 20035 or e-mail njaha@jaampac.org.

JaAmPAC is a non-partisan and non-connected political action committee and will use donations to make campaign contributions to JAs running for

Congress and to members of Congress who support issues that are uniquely important to the JA community.

JaAmPAC organizers include Dr. Harry Abe, George Aratani, Ernie Doizaki, Dr. Frank L. Ellsworth, Leslie Furukawa, Manabi Hirasaki, Thomas Iino, Ray Inouye, Sunao Ishio, Mieko Kosobayashi, Warren Maruyama, Etsu Mineta Masaoka, Dr. Warren Minami, Bert Mizusawa, Floyd Mori, Tomio Moriguichi, Dr. Ray Murakami, Bill Ouchi, John Tagami, George Takei, Yosh Uchida, Grant Ujifusa, Gerald Yamada, Nancy Mizokami Yamada and Warren Yamakoshi.

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National Newsbytes

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California Measure Taking Attention Away From Michigan Ballot

LANSING, Mich.—A race initiative on California's recall ballot has taken some attention away from efforts to put a measure banning racial preferences on the Michigan ballot, 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 will appear on California's Oct. 7 recall ballot that would ban the state from collecting most racial data.

Ward Connerly, chairman of the Sacramento, Calif.-based American Civil Rights Coalition who helped kick off the Michigan campaign to ban racial preferences, is the leader of the Proposition 54 campaign in California.

Drolet said the California effort has taken up the time of Connerly and other opponents of racial preferences, but it hasn't hurt the overall effort in Michigan.

It will take almost 320,000 signatures for the Michigan initiative to appear on the November ballot.

Calif. Senate OKs Bill Requiring Contracts in Asian Languages

SACRAMENTO—Sales contracts negotiated in Chinese and certain other Asian languages would have to be written in those languages under a bill approved Aug. 19 by the state Senate.

Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, said her legislation is intended to protect immigrants who speak little or no English from unscrupulous businesses.

Current law requires that when certain types of consumer contracts and agreements are negotiated in Spanish the customer must be given a written copy of the deal in Spanish.

Chu's bill would extend the requirement to contracts and agreements negotiated in Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Tagalog, the dominant language of the Philippines.

She said she introduced the bill in response to a "bait-and-switch" case in which a Chinese-speaking customer who negotiated to buy a new Toyota van at an Alhambra dealership ended up with a contract in English for a six-month lease of

a used Chevrolet.

The Senate's 26-11 vote returned the bill to the Assembly, which passed it in a slightly different form in May. Assembly approval of the Senate changes would send the bill to Gov. Gray Davis, who supports it.

12-year-old Begins Medical School at the University of Chicago

CHICAGO—Sho Yano isn't your typical first-year medical school student at the University of Chicago. He's only 12 years old and is the youngest person to ever attend one of the university's professional schools.

If he weren't also getting his Ph.D. along with his medical degree — thus pushing his age at graduation to 19 or 20 — he'd also be on course to become the youngest person to graduate from any medical school. According to Guinness World Records, a 17-year-old graduated from medical school in New York in 1995.

But Sho is utterly uninterested in setting records. He also shuns the labels often used to describe him — "prodigy" and "little genius" among them.

He has an IQ over 200 and he graduated in three years from Chicago's Loyola University summa cum laude. But for him, going to school is about learning as much as he can.

While many kids his age have been spending their summers at camp or the beach, Sho has been dissecting a human cadaver and learning the intricacies of the 12 cranial nerves. And so far, having scored A's on his first few quizzes, he's handling the course work better than some who are a decade or more older than him.

Born in Portland, Ore., Sho spent most of his early years in California, where his father, Katsura, now runs the American subsidiary of a Japanese shipping company. Sho lives in the university's family housing with his mother and 7-year-old sister.

Judge Rules 'Occupation' of Chinatown Park Plaza Must End

MANHATTAN—A state judge ruled Aug. 4 that police have illegally taken over a public plaza in Chinatown and ordered the police to vacate the area by the end of the year. The city has also been

ordered to conduct a study into the environmental effects of the police closure of Park Row by the end of the year.

Judge Walter Tolub was displeased with the police's approach to the handling of Chinatown residents and was skeptical about the necessity of closing the large area around One Police Plaza in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Tolub has ordered the removal of police vehicles from the James Madison Plaza by year-end and the city must complete its environmental impact study of Park Row in 90 days. The purpose of the study is to determine whether a more rigorous environmental impact statement is needed to continue the closure. But he ordered that the street barriers, put up after the 9/11 attacks, remain up as a precautionary measure.

Kamehameha Schools Ordered to Admit Possible Non-Hawaiian Student

HONOLULU—A federal judge on Aug. 20 ordered the exclusive Kamehameha Schools to admit a 12-year-old student pending a decision in the boy's civil rights challenge to the school's Hawaiians-only admissions policy.

U.S. District Judge David Ezra stressed in issuing the preliminary injunction that his order does not indicate whether he feels the private school's admissions policies are legal or not.

The injunction orders the school to admit seventh-grader Brayden Kekoa Mohica-Cummings of Kauai when classes start.

Mohica-Cummings and his mother had filed suit Aug. 18, saying the school had admitted him but reversed the decision after determining he had not proved he had Hawaiian ancestry. No hearing date on the boy's lawsuit has been set and school officials said they would not appeal Ezra's granting of the preliminary injunction.

Admissions at Kamehameha Schools are highly prized, both for the quality of education and the low cost compared to other private schools. About 4,000 Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian students from kindergarten through 12th grade attend the schools. Non-Hawaiians are admitted if there are openings, after Hawaiians who meet the criteria have been offered admission, school officials say. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Calif. Gov. Gray Davis on Aug. 19 announced the reappointment of **Bernadette Lee** and the appointment of **Dr. Kaylynn Kim**, **Arun Bhumitra** and **John Lee** as members of the Lanterman Developmental Center Advisory Board. The California State Developmental Center advisory boards provide counsel to the Department of Developmental Services, the Legislature and the state developmental centers. Board members have the power of visitation, and advise with respect to the conduct of the developmental centers and coordination with community mental health programs or regional programs for persons with developmental disabilities. Members do not receive a salary and these positions do not require Senate confirmation.

Davis also announced Aug. 20 the appointment of **Thomas Iino** as a member of the State Board of Accountancy. Iino, 61, of Pacific Palisades, has been an accountant with Southern California Deloitte & Touche LLP since 1983 and is



partner-in-charge of the international practice and the Japanese practice. He is a member of the board of governors for the Japanese

American National Museum and the Little Tokyo Service Center, and is chair of the board of directors of the Japanese American Community Cultural Center and the International Asian Advisory Committee of Los Angeles for Supervisor Don Knabe. The mission of the Board of Accountancy is to protect the public welfare by ensuring that only qualified persons are licensed and that appropriate standards of competency and practice are established and enforced. Members do not receive a salary and this position does not require Senate confirmation.

Herbert Kawahara has been named president-elect of the UCLA Foundation, a nonprofit corporation that receives and invests private gifts to the university. He currently serves on the foundation's board of directors as well

as its Diversity, Investment and Venture Capital Funds committees. Kawahara, whose membership with the foundation began as a trustee in 1988, has close ties to UCLA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business economics in 1951, graduating summa cum laude. Kawahara is a founder of the James West Alumni Center and recently served on the UCLA Medical Center Advisory Board as chairman of its Managed Care Committee. The UCLA Foundation, comprised of volunteer leadership from across the campus, supports the university with philanthropy, counsel and advocacy.

Hiroshi Uchida, co-owner of Pacific Grove Cleaners and a member of the JACL Monterey chapter, has been honored by the city of Pacific Grove with a proclamation on his 77th birthday. Mayor Morris Fisher declared Aug. 26 as "Hiroshi Uchida Day in the City of Pacific Grove." Uchida was born on the Monterey Peninsula, grew up in Pacific Grove and continued his father's dry cleaning business, founded in 1939. Interned in Poston, Ariz., with his family during World War II, Uchida returned to Pacific Grove upon his release and continued his family's dry cleaning business.

Former JACL national director and community leader **Randy Senzaki** was recently honored posthumously by the California State Assembly for his professional and civic accomplishments. The resolution was submitted by state Assemblymember Leland Yee and states in part that "the exemplary life and illustrious record of professional and civic accomplishments



of **Randall Kiyomi Senzaki** be memorialized henceforth and hereafter, and that his bereaved family and friends be extended heartfelt sympathy." Senzaki was 60 when he passed away suddenly June 13. He is survived by his two children, Miles and Marissa, their mother Sharon, his mother Miyo, and his siblings Allen and Nan. ■

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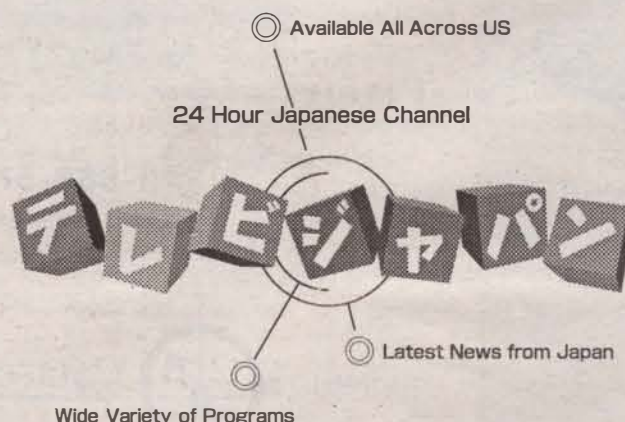
The Pacific Citizen Newspaper, a national publication of the JACL, is currently seeking an assistant editor for its office in Monterey Park, CA.

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2003 JACL Scholarship Winners

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.

FRESHMEN

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 lives and packed onto a bus to be evacuated. Our production mirrored the actual event that occurred exactly 60 years before on April 27, 1942. I retold 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 ITANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew T. Nishimoto
Southeast Chapter
Pomona College
Freshman
Molecular 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 and associated 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 a model to find ways to encourage participation in youth activities.

MASAO & SUMAKO ITANO 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 for my great-aunt Hana who came over from Oshima to live in Seattle 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 serve as my role model and I view sharing her name as an obligation to live up to her.

KENJI KASAI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Timothy H. Shapiro
Philadelphia Chapter
Amherst College
Freshman
Economics or History

During high school, I developed an awareness and took an avid interest in history and the social sciences, learning about the leaders of the past and the great events that altered the world forever. While most of my scholastic courses dealt with Western society, I learned much about the Japanese American history conversing with my parents and relatives. They told of the internment of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II, an injustice which seemed fueled 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 what it is to be a Takasugi and a Japanese American. I plan to contribute to the Asian Pacific Community in ways that will match my future expertise, just as my parents dedicate themselves now. I have noticed that despite the large size of the Japanese American popula-



tion, 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 become a voice, written or spoken, for the Japanese American citizens. I also aim to serve as a coach for the affiliated basketball leagues, so that I may impart 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 on 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 Japanese 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 SCHOLARSHIP

Michael K. Fujinaka
Lodi Chapter
Claremont McKenna College
Freshman
Economics and Bio-Chemistry

Growing up in a Japanese American family, I have always been taught that caring for others is a top priority. Even simple things, like never taking the last piece of food and waiting for everyone to be served before eating, helped teach me this philosophy. In light 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 general problems 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 her-



itage, and has helped me develop my store and my passion for life. Understanding where I come from has led 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 who were never treated with as much respect as 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 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 rewrote the speech where I would say that the Japanese flag was the flag of my heritage, but point to the American flag and claim it as my country of alliance. I didn't realize how strong of a statement we made at the time.

MAS & MAJIU 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 president of my elementary and middle schools, I led my peers to become involved in our community. From shoe, clothing, 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. ■

UNDERGRADS

SABURO KIDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Shelley Doi
Salt Lake City Chapter
University of Utah
Undergraduate
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 and increase membership, 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 monthly basis and plan activities, coordinate fundraising, 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 Student Council meetings, I can begin to network with JACL members and leaders. With the guidance of those of the National Board and leaders in my local chapters, I hope to eventually take on a leadership position on the national level. I am excited and willing to push Japanese American youth to support this organization 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, Utah, was named after my grandfather, Shigeki Ushio. Although he passed away in November, we were able to take him to see the building last summer. Despite his declining health at the time, I was able to sense his pleasure that day. My grandfather lived a great life of service. Much of this service was toward fellow Japanese Americans through his activity in the JACL. Years after World War II, he com-



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posed the inscription on the monument in Topaz, Utah, remembering the hardships of the Japanese Americans who lived in that relocation camp. Through his example, I have come to see how the JACL is a great vehicle for serving others. In the future, I hope to follow my grandfather's example and utilize the JACL to help other people. I plan a lifetime membership in JACL.

ALICE YURIKO ENDO SCHOLARSHIP

Eric Nakano
Washington, D.C., Chapter
George Washington University
Undergraduate
Political Science

I have a rich family history of advocacy in the Japanese American community. My great-uncle, Mike Masaoka, 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 attended a Japanese 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 take advantage of my surroundings and see how government firsthand affects people's lives. As a former intern for Senator Barbara Boxer, I have come to realize how government is often the only institution that can enact real and lasting social change. Recent events such as Representative Coble's statement of support for President



American community. My great-uncle, Mike Masaoka, was the first executive secretary of the Japanese American

Roosevelt's decision to intern Japanese Americans during World War II, four of which are my grandparents, and the release of T-shirts last year by Abercrombie and Fitch perpetuating racist Asian stereotypes has awakened the sense of identity that I have as a Japanese American and forced me to reevaluate my priorities. I want to continue the legacy of other leaders that have emerged from the Japanese American community and work on the same civil rights issues that have come to define this rich and vibrant community.

MARI & JAMES MICHENER SCHOLARSHIP

Marie Nishimoto
San Fernando Valley Chapter
University of California, Irvine
Undergraduate
Mechanical Engineering

This is my second year being a member of the Japanese American Citizens League. Using the abundant opportunities given to me by JACL, Hapa Issues Forum, and the San Fernando Japanese Community Center, I will continue my involvement in the Japanese/Asian Pacific community in the future. I plan to become more involved in the Japanese community as soon as I am settled in at college and join more clubs, such as Tomo No Kai. I am aware of the importance of youth involvement in JACL and the Asian Pacific community, so I will do all that I can with my resources to remain involved and to encourage others to be involved, also.

SAM S. KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Trisha Okubo
San Jose Chapter

offspring of an interracial marriage — JACL must find new ways to reach out to the Yonsei and Gosei. Simply focusing on civil rights issues will not attract the younger generations to JACL. I find it interesting that out of the 10 freshman scholarship recipients this year, none of them selected business or political science as their major (two did state economics). Instead, most selected an interest in science.

In addition, many young people today live in areas where there is no Japantown. Growing up in Chicago, I know what it is like to live in an area where there is limited exposure to JA culture. In high school, I became involved with the JAYs, which was somewhat a part of JACL. There were no structured activities for young JACLers, and in 20 years since, not much has changed. Essentially, JACL has not attracted the young people for a whole generation, which has been validated by the low JACL membership numbers today.

So, what can JACL do? First, JACL must develop a vision of the organization that will appeal to the younger generations and unite all members. What brought together new members into JACL 60 years ago is not the same reason for the Yonsei and Gosei. What appeals most to young people today is learning more about their JA culture.

For the younger generations, internment is not a personal experience but a part of history — it's a part of JA culture that they are eager to learn. Bear in mind, this visionary issue is not something that just affects our youth programs. This is an important issue affecting every facet of our organization — and the

Stanford University Undergraduate Management Science and Engineering

Along with being a JACL member, I have been a part of two of Stanford's official Asian American organizations: Stanford University Nikkei (SUN) and the Asian American Students Association (AASA) since entering college. With regard to leadership activities, I organized a workshop for high school students at the SPECTRUM Conference in 2001. The high school workshop explored the ways in which high school-aged youth were involved in the Japanese American community and identified issues that were specific to this age group. During the workshop, participants determined ways in which they could increase their involvement and have a greater overall impact on the community.



HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Teruya
Berkeley Chapter
University of California,
Berkeley
Undergraduate
Native American Studies &
Ethnic Studies

It's been made loud and clear: JACL is in trouble because of declining membership. Though the JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, it still relies on



its membership for its strength and political power. That is why I consider my current role as Vice President and Membership Chair of the Berkeley Chapter of the JACL so important.

The Japanese have a catch-all word, "shikatanai," that means "it can't be helped" or implies an attitude of resigned acceptance. I refuse to take an "it can't be helped" attitude about membership. Though I am taking 21 units at UC Berkeley and working 10 hours a week in its Ethnic Studies Library, I am determined to reverse the decline in JACL membership. Therefore, I have opened lines of communication with National and District membership contacts, promoted the NCWNP district's "All-We-Ask-For-Is-One" campaign, encouraged members to upgrade their membership, and reviewed old JACL scholarship essays for new ideas to increase youth involvement. Since last October (when I began my "career" in membership), Berkeley has increased its membership by a whopping 29 members!

KENJI KAJIWARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Blake Van Noy
West Los Angeles Chapter
Amherst College
Undergraduate
Philosophy

As a Yonsei and as the president of the Asian Students Association and the Asian Culture House at Amherst College, I find myself using the JACL as a model to establish a campus presence for the Asian Pacific community and to create a focal point for



campus activism. I look to the JACL and I am hopeful that to the extent that a college campus is a microcosm of American society at large, I can take my experience of participation at Amherst into the larger world when the time comes for me to become an active and contributing member of the JA and APC business community. Additionally, I intend to actively encourage membership and participation in organizations like the JACL. By doing so, I feel that JAs like myself can make a difference.

NOBUKO R. KODAMA FONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Maya Yamazaki
Seattle Chapter
University of Washington
Undergraduate
Biology and International
Studies

Though I plan to attend medical school, I also hope to serve on the local board of my JACL chapter to improve youth involvement. Afterwards, I would also like to serve on the national board again as either a governor or a vice president. I feel that continued support of the JACL is imperative to keep this organization alive. Programs continually need restructuring to follow the evolution of the ever-changing Japanese American population. My experience at the chapter, district, and now national level have proven to me the integral part of volunteers in preserving the legacy of the JACL. Without the support of dedicated individuals, this organization would lose its fire that drives it. ■



TANAKA

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really. However, times have changed — the Yonsei and Gosei have very different needs for joining JACL than the Nisei and Sansei. In order to attract younger people, JACL needs to rethink the focus and direction of the organization in the 21st century.

As chair of the 2003 National JACL Freshman Scholarship Committee this year, I was amazed at the level of high school students who will be attending college this fall. There were over 100 applicants for the freshman scholarships, and it was difficult to narrow it down to 10 scholarship recipients. The list of schools the scholarship recipients will be attending this fall is impressive: two students will be at Yale University, and the others will be at Amherst College, Claremont McKenna College, New York University, Pomona College, Princeton University, Stanford University, UC Berkeley and UCLA.

In reviewing the applications, I noticed one theme overall: these young students are interested in their Japanese American culture. Over and over again, they expressed a desire to learn more about their culture. They weren't civil rights activists or political wonks. They were normal kids who have great enthusiasm and interest in learning, as well as a sense of pride in their heritage.

As the younger generations become further removed from the internment experience — and as more generations are likely to be the

future of JACL. Without new members to sustain our organization, the membership numbers will continue to decrease at a rapid rate.

Secondly, JACL needs to develop programs and activities that are directly related to the vision of JACL. I believe that these activities need to be more closely tied to our JA culture. The young people today are smart, dedicated and full of energy. They could add a lot of value to our organization, if we provide them the opportunity.

The greatest advantage that JACL has is its national network of people. No other JA organization (not even the Japanese American National Museum, which is physically located in Los Angeles) has the national, district and chapter level network that JACL has. We should be leveraging our network of relationships, which the older generations have built over many decades. In addition, with the Internet — Web, e-mail and mobile devices — we are poised to be the leading organization for the JA community nationally.

The young people today are greatly interested in learning more about their JA culture, yet JACL is currently not addressing their needs. We need to change that — before it's too late. ■

Gail Tanaka is the chair of the 2003 National JACL Freshman Scholarship Committee, and has been a board member of the San Francisco JACL chapter for the past 10 years. She is currently the director of Client Services at Yates Advertising in San Francisco. Send your comments or questions to: gtanaka@yatesadvertising.com.

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In Sports

Chang Says Goodbye to Tennis After Four-set Loss

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 15th-seeded Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 Aug. 26 in the first round of the U.S. Open, then walked back onto the court and waved goodbye to a standing ovation in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Am I 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 17 straight times in my career."

"I started my career here as a 15-year-old, and New York welcomed me. No doubt in part because I was born in Hoboken, New Jersey."

World No. 1 and top-seeded Andre Agassi easily defeated Alex Corretja 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in 1 hour, 26 minutes on center court. The 33-year-old Agassi blew kisses and bowed for the fans as he walked off the court.

"It doesn't matter what you're ranked, you've got to come out here and beat these guys every day and prove yourself every day," Agassi said.

In women's play, second-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne defeated Aniko Kapros 7-5, 6-3 in the second meeting between the aggressive baseliners who kept pounding away in long rallies until someone hit a winner or committed an error.

Chang was able to stay in his match with behind-the-back trickery, booming first serves and the emotion from an adoring crowd.

Gonzalez overpowered the for-

mer French Open champion with 15 aces and 62 winners. Chang, who received a wild-card entry into the tournament, won the French in 1989 at 17 and had a top ranking of No. 2.

Chang announced in January the Open would be his last event. He said his inability to maintain a high level on the court led to his decision. Plus, playing 15 years on the pro tour has taken its toll.

"He's one of the gutsiest players who's ever played," John McEnroe said.

Chang said it was important to have fun in his final season regardless of his results. He won only two matches in 2003.

"I think it was emotional for me," Chang said. "I think I try to keep my mind on other things in order to be able to keep my composure out there. I really think if you walk away from the tour feeling like 'I should have done that and should have done that' and you have regrets and don't walk away with a smile, something's not right." ■

Nat'l JACL Credit Union Hosts 2nd Annual Volleyball Invitational

The National JACL 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 JACL Mt. Olympus chapter team, and Reiko Smith's team won the competitive division. ■

Japanese Team Wins Little League World Series

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.—The East Boynton Beach players joined their Japanese opponent's victory celebration.

That was as close as the Florida boys got to Tokyo Musashi-Fuchu in the Little League World Series title game.

Musashi-Fuchu routed East Boynton Beach 10-1 on Aug. 24, with Yuutaro 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. Lamade, a tradition that began with Tokyo Kitasuna in 2001.

This time, Boynton Beach's players, rather than hanging their heads, ran out to join them. The victory lap, which both teams ran together, turned into a footrace.

"They're kids," manager Ken Emerson said. "Before the game, the Japanese team and our team were in the cafeteria. They were just hanging out — having an East Boynton Beach time."

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

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.

Eito Ono was hit by a pitch with two outs and the bases loaded and Kazumasa Sakamoto drew a walk from Michael Broad (2-1). 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 out," Nakahara said through a translator. "When I

saw it was a home run, I was relieved."

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

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

"He had the same release on his change up, his curve or his fastball," Emerson said. "They knew our power hitters were more apt to go for a high pitch. They're just a great-coached team."

Devon Travis, who came in hitting .667 in the series, went 1-for-2 with two walks. Michael DeJesus, 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.

Boynton Beach (4-2) barely avoided a "mercy rule" loss when DeJesus' RBI single scored Travis in the bottom of the fifth. If Japan had been leading by 10 runs at the end of the inning, the game would have been stopped.

Travis singled in the sixth, but was tagged trying to reach second base for the final out before Benny Townend could get home.

Tokyo completely dominated its opposition during the series, outscoring opponents 59-9. Its 15 home runs tied a record for the most in a series since pool play began — Kao-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 Ono. ■

Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation to Hold 5th Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 13

The Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF) will hold its 5th Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 13 at The Reserve in Spanos Park in Stockton. Shotgun start begins at 1 p.m.

Participating in this year's tournament are Vince Mastracco, host of the "Golf Talk Show," "Good Day Sacramento" host Gary Gelfand, and Jim Crandall, sports director for KTXL-TV News. Also in attendance will be City Council member Jimmie Yee, *Sacramento Magazine* staffers, and representatives from the Sacramento Kings.

SASF will be honoring the late

Derrek Dickey by dedicating a Memorial Hole in his name. Dickey, a former Golden State Warriors NBA champion, was a television color analyst for the Sacramento Kings and co-host of "Kings Talk." Dickey was a volunteer of the golf tournament the past two years and a supporter of SASF.

Chevrolet has donated a 2003 Hummer H2 as the grand prize for the hole-in-one contest. Registration for the golf tournament is \$125 and includes green fees, golf cart, golf shirt, bento lunch, and dinner. For information contact Don Lee at 916/591-1922. ■



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Military Intelligence Service Launches Website

With financial support from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) the Military Intelligence Service of Northern California (MISNorCal) has created a website, www.njahs.org/misnorcal, that will document the MIS.

The purpose of the website is to raise public awareness of the MIS through firsthand information about the little-known experiences and heroic exploits of some 6,000 Nisei soldiers who fought in the Pacific Theater during World War II and served in the postwar occupation of Japan.

The archives of MISNorCal are established within the collection facilities of the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) in San Francisco and contain hundreds of oral histories, biographies and research material collected over the past 15 years that shed light on this little-known chapter in American history. The goal of MISNorCal is to make these one-of-a-kind documents accessible not only to Californians but to a wider audience.

The website provides the following sections: Profiles of MIS Veterans; Time Line of Events; Campaigns and Key Maps; Honors and Information of the MISNorCal.

The website will complement the existing materials available on the websites created by the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) of Washington, D.C. (www.java.dc.org) and the Go For Broke Educational Foundation (www.goforbroke.org) that feature the exploits of Nisei veterans in the U.S. Armed Forces.

In addition to the showing of the MISNorCal video documentary, "Uncommon Courage, Patriotism and Civil Liberties," the website is intended to make the American public aware of how the Nisei won their hard-earned pride, and to educate the nation in the importance of protecting and preserving civil liberties amidst the uncertainties of war.

MISNorCal representatives for this project are: Sukeo "Skeets" Oji, Harry Fukuhara, Fred Kitajima and Walter Tanaka. The website development team (all of California) consists of site architect and programmer Gary Otake of San Bruno; designer and programmer Mindee Kashiwagi of San Francisco; and researchers and writers Amy Cheng of Sunnyvale and Scott Hoshida of Berkeley. Administrative and archival assistance will be provided by Mami Yamamoto and Susie Takeda. ■

Alameda County Looking for JA WWII Internees Who May Be Eligible for High School Diploma

The Alameda County, Calif., Office of Education is seeking to locate Japanese Americans who were unable to complete high school due to internment during World War II and all veterans of WWII and the Korean War who were unable to complete high school due to their military service.

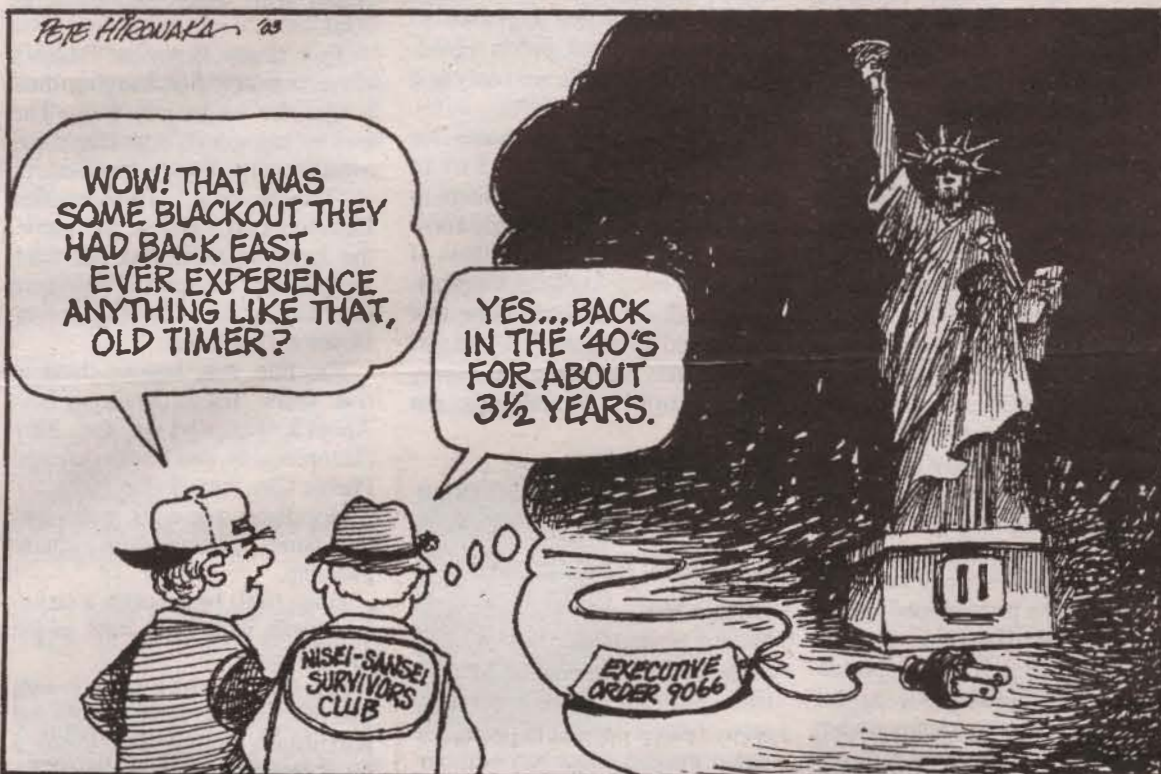
"We want to offer former internees an honorary high school diploma in order to recognize that their unjust internment prevented them from graduating with their classmates. And for veterans, we want to recognize that their military service also interrupted their high school education," said County Schools 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. Internees 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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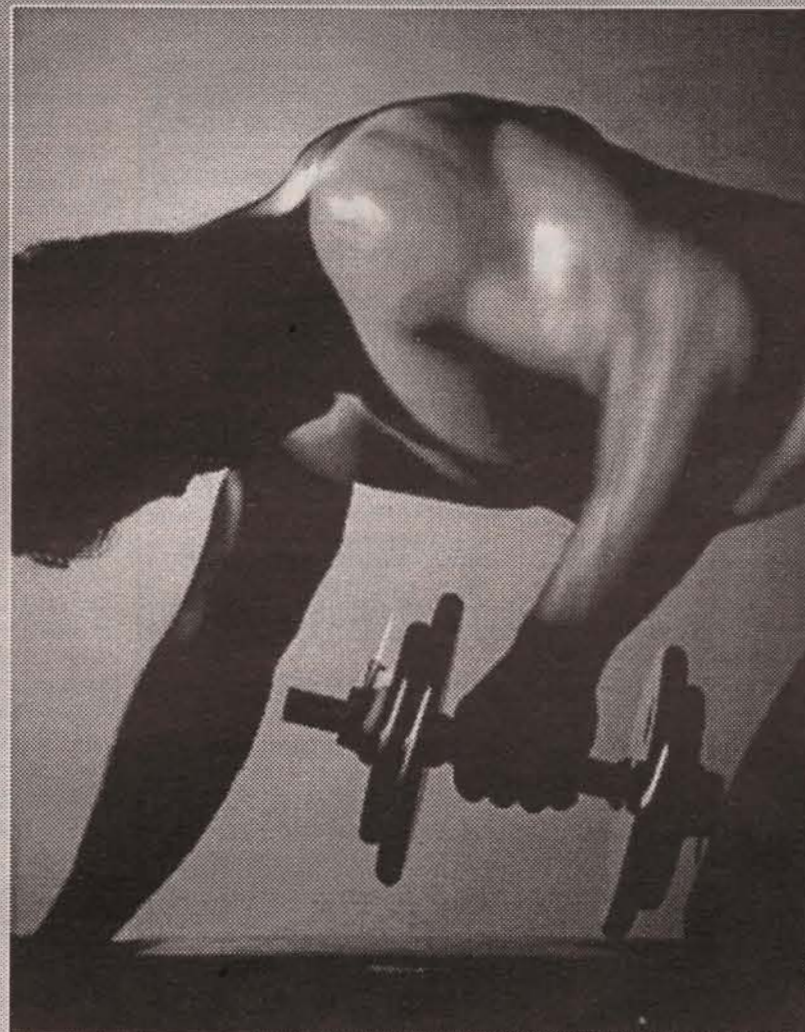
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Sun., Sept. 7—"The Sacred Balance," An Afternoon With Dr. David Suzuki; 2 p.m.; UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science, Harvey White Auditorium; exploring humanity's place in nature; book signing will follow. **RSVP:** Linda

Schneider, 510/643-8980.

Thurs., Sept. 18—East Bay Living History Project, Session 4: "The Genesis of the Asian American Movement: Activism Then and Now," with activists Dale Minami, Ken Kawaichi, Richard Aoki, Sherry Hirota and Diane Yamashiro-Omi; 7-9 p.m.; 155 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley; Berkeley JACL, co-sponsors. Info: Thomas Wei, 510/233-7006, or Jim Duff, 510/384-3712.

EAST BAY

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

OAKLAND

Fri., Sept. 19—Oakland A's Asian Heritage Night; 7:05 p.m.; Oakland Coliseum. **Sept. 8 deadline.** Tickets: 510/638-4900; pchapman@oaklandathletics.com.

SACRAMENTO

Sat., Sept. 20—11th Annual Women's Day Forum, "Speaking Out About the Truth"; 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Kaiser Permanente Point West, 1650 Response Rd.; workshops, speakers, continental breakfast, bento lunch, bone density screening, cholesterol testing; sponsored by Florin JACL; men are invited. **RSVP:** Walter Kawamoto, 916/925-4217, or Kazuyo Morishita, 916/505-8556.

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

Sat., Sept. 13—Community Healing Garden Festival; 12 noon-4 p.m.; Yerba Buena Gardens; dance, performance, life stories, resources for healing, workshops, bodywork, etc. Info: JCCCNC, 415/552-1105; www.purplemoondance.org.

SAN MATEO

Thurs., Sept. 18—A Day at Pac Bell Park; 12:35 p.m.; Giants vs. Padres; sponsored by San Mateo JA Community Center; travel on Cal Train from San Mateo. Tickets: Kimi Watanabe or Kitty Hongo, 650/343-2793.

Sun., Sept. 21—2003 San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament; first tee-off 10 a.m.; Poplar Creek Golf Course, 1700 Coyote Point Dr. **Entry fee due by Sept. 5.** Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590.

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

CAMARILLO

Sun., Oct. 12—"Celebrating Our Heritage," a festival of Japanese cultural arts; 2-5 p.m.; Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley St.; presented by the Ventura County JACL; cultural exhibits, continuous entertainment, dance, martial arts, music, fine arts, crafts, storytelling and Japanese crafts for children, free food tasting. Info: www.vcjacl.org.

FULLERTON

Sat., Sept. 20—Orange County Sansei Singles Fun Night; 6 p.m.; Chomp Japanese Teppan Grill; dinner, ballroom dancing at the Imperial Ballroom. Info: Vic, 949/589-4534; vicwaki@waki@aol.com.

LOS ANGELES

Sat., Sept. 6—Conference, "Dynamic Leadership in Challenging Times: California Conference of Asian Pacific American Elected and Appointed Officials"; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave.; special nonprofit and student rates. **RSVP:** Kathy Hassan, CAUSE program director, 626/356-9838; kathy@casseusa.org.

Tues., Sept. 9—Seminar, "The Changing Roles of Japanese Women"; 6:30-8 p.m.; Omni Hotels, 251 S. Olive St.; speaker, Naoko Imasato of Dentsu Inc. **RSVP:** Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 202.

Sat., Sept. 13—Conference: "Embraceable 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.

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; hosted by Greater L.A. Singles and Orange County Sansei Singles. Info: www.asiansinglesconf.org; Miyako Kadogawa, 310/839-1194; miyakol@earthlink.net.

SANTA BARBARA

Sun., Oct. 26—Santa Barbara JACL's First Annual Golf Tournament; 12 noon. Reservations/price/info: Wade Nomura, 805/448-9912.

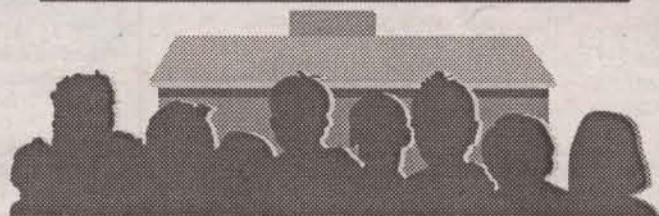
Hawaii

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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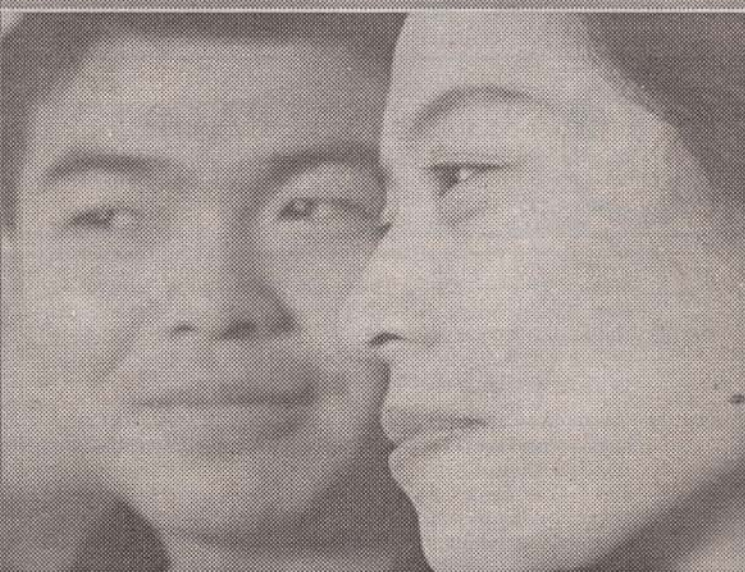


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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Hama, Don. S. 76, Wildomar, Aug. 16; survived by wife Mary C.; daughter Noriko Nakanishi; daughter-in-law Sueko Mayeda; 3 gc., 3 ggc.; sisters Lani (Ken) Hikida, Mori Hama and Pat (George) Masamori.

Harada, Harold Shigetaka, DDS, 80, Culver City, Aug. 17; Riverside-born; veteran of WWII, 100th/442nd RCT; survived by wife Chiye; daughters Naomi Harada and Kathleen (Don) Harada; sons Dr. Ken (Jane) and Paul (Judy); 6 gc.; brother Roy Hashimura; sister-in-law Miye (Ron) Yoshida.

Hattori, Nobuyuki, 75, West Los Angeles, Aug. 24; Tacoma, Wash.-born; survived by sons Frank and Glenn; daughter Cathy (Dave) Ostrom; 2 gc.; brothers Masaki (Ruth) and Toshiyuki (Kimiko); sisters Michiko (Tadahisa) Kawaguchi and Atsuko Onishi.

Higaki, Ronald Takashi, 49, Tahoe City, Aug. 5; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Kim; daughter Katie; sons Marc and Michael; parents Naomi and Mac; brother Steve Higaki; and mother-in-law Tomoe Okada.

Kasuga, Kasumi, MD, 93, Sierra Vista, Ariz., July 31; San Francisco-born; formerly of Washington State, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and New Mexico; U.S. Army WWII veteran and retired rear admiral of the Commissioned Officers Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service; survived by daughter Joyce T.K. (Edwin) Irie of Sierra Vista; son Dr. Sidney K. (Debbie L.) of Cheney, Wash.; 2 gc.; brothers Bill (Sadaye) of Rancho Palos Verdes and Joe (Yoshiko) of Forest Hills, N.Y.; predeceased by wife Yoshiko.

Kawaguchi, Kamekichi, 105, Gardena, Aug. 11; Miho-shi, Shizuoka-ken, Japan-born; survived by daughter Jeri (Felipe) Perez; sons George (Midori) Yamamoto and Hisashi (Ayako) Yamamoto; and 4 gc.

Mathews, Hisako Helen Watanabe, 78, San Diego, Aug. 13; survived by husband Dan H.; brothers William (Chyoko) Watanabe of San Diego and Jack (Ruby) Watanabe of Culver City; sister-in-law Louise Yoshiko Ogawa Watanabe of San Diego.

Nakata, Tsutomu, 76, Chula Vista, Aug. 8; Vista-born; Poston internee and San Diego JACler; survived by daughters Alex, Florence, Christine and Frances; sons Tom and Steve; daughter-in-law Lisa; 6 gc.

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Nishi, Hiroko, 93, Lincolnwood, Ill., July 21; Seattle-born; Hiroshima-educated; Minidoka internee; survived by son George (Jean) of Seattle; daughter Amy (Morris) Kawamoto of Lincolnwood, 4 gc., 5 ggc.; predeceased by husband Eizo and daughter Mary (Kizio) Haruta.

Sabusawa, Harry M., 86, Chicago, Aug. 16 service; survived by children Deborah, Riki Lin, Elizabeth and Randall; predeceased by wife Mary Nee Suzuki.

Takahashi, Frank Yasutaro, 100, Westminster, Aug. 11; Fukushima-ken, Japan-born; survived by wife Shizue; daughters Tomiko (Rikio) Nakatani and Mineko (Alfred) Uchizono; 6 gc.; 4 ggc.; brothers-in-law Hisami (Tamae) Nogaki, Yoshito Nogaki, Katsunari (Chiyo) Nogaki and Kazuyuki (Nobuko) Nogaki.

Takemori, Bob Mitsuru, 87,

DEATH NOTICE

HARRY MAKOTO SABUSAWA

CHICAGO, Ill. — Harry Makoto Sabusawa, 86, has passed away. Beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Suzuki). Loving father of Deborah, Riki Lin, Elizabeth and Randall. Fond uncle of Ko Miyamoto and Den Kusaka. A funeral service has been held.

San Mateo, Aug. 7; survived by wife Teruko; sons George and Frank; daughter-in-law Amy; 3 gc.

Toma, Tsutomu, 76, Long Beach, Aug. 7; San Pedro-born; survived by wife Keiko; daughter Emmy (Dennis) Nozawa; 2 gc.; sisters Meriko Toma and Kimiyo Nakamura; brother Hideo (Mieko) Toma.

Tsukamoto, Tsugie, 89, Portland, Ore., June 16; Oakland-born, lifelong San Francisco resident; Topaz internee; survived by son John; daughter-in-law Marge; sister Grace Iwamoto; predeceased by husband Tamotsu.

Uchiyama, Betty, 82, Chesterfield, Mo., Aug. 8; Ogden, Utah-born; longtime resident of St. Louis; survived by son Dr. Robert (Jayne) Uchiyama; daughters Linda (Steve) Kelley and Elaine (Bill) Brunjes; 7 gc.

Umemoto, Koji, 54, Parker, Colo., Aug. 17 service; survived by wife Kathleen Sheehan; children Kyla, Cory and Megan; mother Hatsumi; brother John; sister Karen.

Yamahiro, Satoru "Benny," 83, Sacramento, May 30; WWII internee; survived by son Norman; daughter Carolyn (Rick) Vigneulle of Cleveland; predeceased by wife Grace, son Lawrence "Larry" and sister Helen Yamashiro. ■

DEATH NOTICE

SACHIKO MIYAHARA TAKAHASHI

BURLINGAME, Calif.—Sachiko Miyahara Takahashi, 77, passed away Aug. 18. A native of San Francisco, Sachiko was born Oct. 10, 1925. Like other Japanese Americans, she was interned in various camps like Topaz and Tule Lake during World War II. In November 1950 she married Kenge Takahashi, owner of Takahashi Market in San Mateo. She began helping at the market and worked for over 30 years alongside her loving husband before retiring. Her friendly, humorous manner and generous spirit helped to build the business and to make many lasting friendships. Dearly beloved wife of Kenge Takahashi. Devoted mother of Gene (Phyllis), Norma (Charles), Jack (Karrie) and Anne (Wilbur). Loving grandmother of Stacy, Bobby, and Samantha Takahashi. Dear sister of the late Yuriko Hirokawa, and Gengo Miyahara. Also survived by her loving niece Teruko Takahashi. A memorial service was held Aug. 23.

OBITUARIES

Kenji Ito, L.A. Civic Leader Who Fought Spy Charges, Dies at 94

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALHAMBRA, Calif.—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.

The civic leader in 1942 was found innocent of charges that he was spying for Japan after a dramatic trial in which he declared his loyalty to America was so strong he would "rather live in this country behind prison bars" than in a nation under dictatorship.

Born in Seattle, Ito earned his law degree at the University of Washington, provided legal assistance to other JAs while in a West Coast detention camp, and was admitted to the California bar in 1945. He practiced law in Los Angeles for more than 50 years.

Ito long served as president of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He helped found the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo.

Ito is survived by his wife of 63 years, Fumiye Betty, three children and a brother. ■

Takeo Okamoto, San Francisco JA 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.

The first son of Jiro and Tama Okamoto from Chiba Prefecture, Japan, Okamoto was born March 8, 1908, in San Francisco. He was educated in Japan from age 3-14, graduated from Lowell High School, then helped at the family leather-goods store 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 Tsuchiya 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 to 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.

Among the many organizations Okamoto helped create were the JACL, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, the Kokusei Kai Shigin Group and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

Okamoto is survived by his three children — Barbara Marumoto-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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JACL Corner

Southeast Chapter

The Southeast chapter of JACL has awarded its inaugural Education Scholarship to Whitney Wakasugi. The \$500 scholarship was established through the fundraising efforts of the chapter and will become an annual award with the hopes of growing to two scholarships annually.



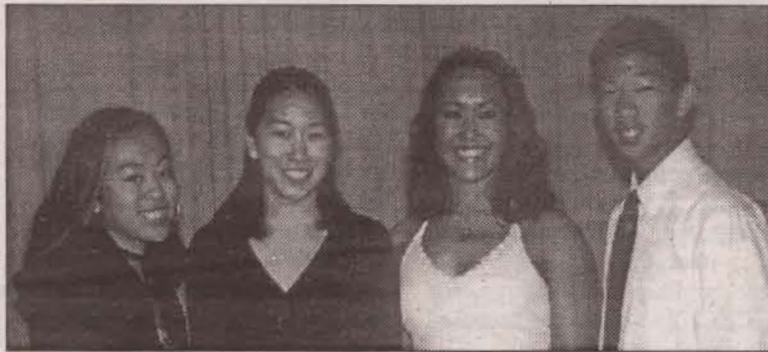
Wakasugi will be attending Brenau University in the fall, declaring mass communications as her major. She graduated from North Gwinnett High School with a GPA of 3.0. She will be attending Brenau on the Georgia Hope Scholarship, Brenau Trustees Scholarship and the JACL scholarship.

Eden Township

Eden Township JACL recently presented its 2003 scholarship awards at their annual potluck awards night.

Lisa 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 place of Branch Manager Josephine Phinney.

Derek Valerio, James Logan High, Union City, son of Mike and Karen Valerio, received the Eden JACL award presented by chapter President Ron Sakaue, and a Shigenobu "Sam" Kuramoto award presented by Ken Kuramoto.



2003 Eden JACL scholarship recipients (l-r): Lauren Kawabata, Lisa Iijima, Stefani Wakamatsu and Brandon Lee. (Not pictured: Derek Valerio and Julia Fukuizumi.)

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 Shigenobu "Sam" Kuramoto award; she will attend Dominican College in Marin County.

Julia Fukuizumi, Mt. Eden High, Hayward, daughter of Masa and Hiromi Fukuizumi, received an Eden JACL award and will attend UCLA in the fall.

Stefani Wakamatsu, Castro Valley High, Castro Valley, daughter of Stephan 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 Tammie 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 main-

tained 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 Kiyari Scholarship and the David Ito scholarship, totaling \$1,000; she will study environmental science and political science at UC San Diego.

Minoru Robert Nishida of Covina High, son of Tamotsu and Mitsuyo Nishida, was awarded the \$1,000 Higa Scholarship, donated by Edith Higa in memory of her husband; Nishida plans to study alternate energy and Japanese at UCLA. ■



(From left): Former San Gabriel Valley scholarship winner Chrystal Hipari presents scholarship awards to Mitsuyo and Tamotsu Nishida, parents of Minoru Nishida, and Allison Haraguchi, with parents Claudia and Richard Haraguchi.

HIGH SCHOOL

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Mink, who was born in nearby Paia, was a 1944 Maui High graduate.

"She was the president of the student body, valedictorian of her class, and a person who fought her entire life for people who most need this kind of help," said Jan Dapitan, executive director of Community Work Day.

Dapitan said renovation costs prevented previous efforts by an assortment of groups to use the old campus.

According to preliminary estimates, it will cost \$5 million to \$8 million to develop the Patsy T. Mink Center. That does not include the cost of running the training programs.

On a visit to Maui this week, U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said he was determined to find financing for the center in honor of his colleague.

Mink, who died Sept. 28, 2002,

at age 74, served in Congress for 24 years over two different stretches. She also served on the Honolulu City Council for four years. ■

HOSOKAWA

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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. ■

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