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Father of Japanese Sept. 11 Victim Publishes Collection of Poems

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO—In the days and weeks after his son was listed as missing in the attack on the World Trade Center, Kazusada Sumiyama was in agony. He went to New York in hopes of finding some answers, but came back with nothing.

Back in Tokyo, he would ride the commuter train to and from his office each day, anguish consuming him.

But then he began turning the images churning through his head into poems, converting his pain and despair into vignettes that helped him heal.

To mark the passing of two years since the death of his 34-year-old son, Yoichi, Sumiyama this month put his traditional-style short poems together in a collection published as "Odes to the Soul of Ground Zero."

"Feelings inside me started popping up. I began searching for

words in my head," he said in an interview with The Associated Press before leaving for New York to attend the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I want the families of the other victims to read it."

Sumiyama's son was among the 24 Japanese killed in the attacks. He had been working for the New York branch of Fuji Bank, which had 700 employees in the World Trade Center.

Six Americans working for the bank died, along with Yoichi and 11 other Japanese.

Sumiyama, who at 66 recently retired from a patent research firm, said he had not intended to publish his poems at first.

But he decided to self-publish 1,500 copies — at a cost of \$13,000 — because he wanted to share his feelings with other victims' families and to remind his countrymen that the attacks were

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Poll: Support for 'Racial Privacy Initiative' Drops Significantly

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—Support for a contentious ballot initiative to ban state and local governments from classifying Californians by race has slipped enough that proponents may not have time to salvage it before the Oct. 7 recall election, according to a poll released Sept. 11.

California voters are becoming more aware of Proposition 54 — and more and more they don't like what they hear, according to a new poll by the Field Institute.

Likely voters were evenly split — 40 percent said they'd vote "yes," 40 percent said they'd oppose it. As recently as July, 50 percent of respondents to the Field Poll had said they'd support the initiative.

"I think it's ominous for the 'yes' side," said poll director Mark DiCamillo. "Usually, when it gets to this level this early — four

weeks before the election — it rarely passes."

The telephone poll surveyed 505 likely voters over five days. Its margin of error was plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

The initiative's chief sponsor — University of California regent and anti-affirmative action icon Ward Connerly — credited a concerted organizing effort by its opponents, a group that includes teachers, civil rights advocates and much of the medical community.

During an interview Sept. 11, Connerly suggested the anti-54 forces were distorting the initiative's impact, particularly on health care, to scare voters.

"The opposition is using the classic political model when you are behind, which is to say, let's create doubt," he said. "It's like asking 'Do you beat your wife? Have you been beating her?' No

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Reflections on 9/11 as Honorees Gather for JACL Gala Dinner Tribute

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

In an evening filled with tributes, fanfare and congratulations to five stalwarts of the Japanese American community, the honorees took time to reflect on the two-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the eerie similarities between the World War II internment and the far-reaching powers of today's U.S.A. Patriot Act.

In a capacity-filled room of more than 800 people, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda, and the late Rep. Patsy Mink were honored at the JACL's national gala dinner Sept. 13 for their accomplishments, career firsts, and dedication to the Japanese American community.

Held two days following the second anniversary of 9/11, the dinner was an opportunity for the honorees to talk about the changes that have occurred in this country following the terrorist attacks, and warned of the dangers of the Patriot Act.

Since the horrors of 9/11 the question of what is a patriot has been brought up over and over again, said Honda, U.S. Rep. from San Jose, most notably in the government's U.S.A. Patriot Act which gives overwhelming authority to the U.S. government over those it considers to be terrorists.

"The [Patriot Act] has succeeded in reducing privacy and liberty," said Honda, pointing to Section 215 of the act, which increases the search powers of the FBI, as especially dangerous. "It sounds like something some of us

went through in 1942."

Honda, who was honored by the JACL for his lengthy career in education and politics, noted that in 1942, JAs were not considered to be patriots, and thus 120,000 community members were placed in concentration camps during World War II.

"But we all went through our struggles as patriots," said Honda, noting that members of the community chose to demonstrate their patriotism differently, choosing to serve in the armed forces or to resist. "All of us were right, we were all patriots," added Honda, who as a child was sent to the Amache, Colo., concentration camp with his family.

Honda commended JACL for its decision to challenge the Patriot Act in federal court, calling it "jus-

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PHOTO: JASON STOM

(From left): Congressman Mike Honda, John Tateishi, JACL executive director, Floyd Mori, JACL national president, television anchor Wendy Tokuda, Congressman Robert Matsui, Senator Daniel Inouye and Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.

Fox's 'Banzai' Taken Off Air but APA Groups Vow to Remain Vigilant

After weeks of protests from the Asian Pacific American community, FOX network has decided not to pick up a new season of the controversial show "Banzai," which saw low ratings and the loss of key sponsors.

Several organizations, including Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), the Banbanzai internet group Modelminority.com, and the JACL, helped to organize protests, boycotts, and the withdrawal of corporate sponsorships in an effort to take "Banzai" off the air and to raise awareness of negative APA portrayals.

In July, after meetings with MANAA and JACL, FOX made no significant changes to the program before its broadcast. "The fact that FOX decided to air this program, in spite of community requests to FOX not to do so, underscores the need for improved

communications between the networks and the Asian Pacific American communities which would result in programming featuring Asian Pacific Americans in a positive and responsible manner," said Ken Inouye, JACL v.p. of public affairs.

The APA groups note that FOX knew the series would be problematic in May when they screened a preview of "Banzai" at a "Comedy Night" event for Lodestone Theatre. Many Asian American audience members expressed their displeasure with the extreme ethnic images of the clips.

In July, MANAA and JACL held a protest in front of FOX's showcase of their fall lineup at the Television Critics Association press tour. "After exhausting all means of communications with FOX and their executives, protesting was the next step in fighting

"Banzai," said Jennifer Kuo, president of MANAA. "We wanted people to know how the Asian American community felt about 'Banzai' and FOX and that the network should be held accountable for their actions."

The website Modelminority.com started a boycott of all FOX shows until "Banzai" was pulled. "The executives at FOX have consistently made it clear that they have no understanding of the experiences and perspectives of Asian Americans who have been harmed by 'Banzai's' stereotypes," said Andrew Chin, co-founder of Modelminority.com. "The boycott was designed to ensure that no matter what FOX decided to do, it would not profit by airing additional episodes of 'Banzai.'"

Another internet group,

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tified." "Our constitution didn't fail us [during World War II], it was those who were supposed to uphold it," he said, "so the kinds of things that happened to us in '42 doesn't happen again."

He added, "In a time of great national security we must hold onto those beliefs of the Bill of Rights and the understanding of the principles of the constitution that have made this nation great."

Although many Americans believe that another mass evacuation of a group of people could not take place today, Matsui, U.S. representative from Sacramento, warned that "individual evacuation" is already taking place under the Patriot Act. Under this act U.S. citizens can be named "enemy combatants" and taken away to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without any right to see a lawyer or family member.

"Yes, it's not the mass evacuation, it's individual evacuation but it's just as insidious, it's just as mean, it's just as dangerous to a democracy such as ours," said Matsui, who was only six months old when he and his family were sent to the Tule Lake concentration camp during WWII.

A congressman for more than 25 years and the first Asian Pacific American to be appointed to a congressional leadership position as the chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Matsui was honored by the JACL for his years of public service and dedication to the community.

Matsui reflected on the JA community's efforts to pass the 1988 Redress Bill that called for an apology and redress payments. In the post 9/11 environment he stressed the need for JAs to once again speak out against the Patriot Act and the injustices occurring against the Muslim and Arab American community today.

He highlighted the JA community's efforts, lead by Congressman Honda, in voicing their concerns when North Carolina Congressman Howard Coble made pro-internment comments on a radio show. Matsui noted that JAs must speak up when inaccurate statements are made about the JA community that could potentially be recorded as fact.

"Each one of us has an obligation to speak out whenever anything like that happens," said Matsui, referring to Coble's remarks, "because we need to make sure the work that we've done remains a true record of the

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Have the Veterans of WWII Been Recognized?

With reference to the Sept. 5-18, 2003, issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, we see Bill Hosokawa was honored by the Asian American Journalists Association in San Diego. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda were honored, with a special tribute for Congresswoman Patsy Mink, at a gala dinner in Los Angeles. A question was raised as to whether Sen. Hayakawa should have been included. There is also Sparky Matsunaga, a 442nd veteran who served as G Company Commander of the MIS at Fort Snelling and who later became a Congressman and a Senator of Hawaii. Last year, at the JACL convention in Las Vegas, Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido, and George Inagaki were also honored. And then the "Draft Resisters" were honored in a ceremony held in San Francisco in May 2003.

According to a "Letter to the Editor" article in the above-mentioned issue of the P.C., "The JACL chooses to honor those in office mainly because of the good these people have done for the Japanese American and Asian American communities." A question comes to my mind as to whether the veterans of World War II have been likewise "honored," especially the veterans of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The \$20,000 received by the evacuees and the presidential pardon were effected through House Bill 442 and a Senate Bill 100. The performance of these men and the records established by the veterans are the primary reasons, in my opinion, why the reparation bill was expedited through the Congress, and we JAs have had an unusually large contingent of Nisei representing us in Washington, more than, I dare say, any other minority group. Furthermore, as a result of the effort put forth by the veterans of WWII, the civil rights legislation was established to assure the civil rights of all citizens regardless of color, etc., and we JAs today enjoy an unparalleled reputation and respect among our fellow citizens.

Leo Hosoda
Roseville, CA

Letters to the Editor

Ordering Books on Camp Experience

At a recent all-Camp Seminar in San Francisco by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program on Aug. 28-29, I noticed several books written by Jeff Burton and his wife, Mary Farrell. One was "History of Manzanar," another "This is Minidoka" and "Minidoka Archeology at the Gate."

Anyone from these camps is urged to request copies of these books. They are free and paid for by the National Park Service. Write to Western Archeological and Conservation Center, 1415 N. 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705.

When I learned about the book "Confinement and Ethnicity" about the 10 camps, I wrote to the *Pacific Citizen* and told all the 10 camp committees three years ago and urged everyone to send for the book. Jeff told me that usually only 3000 books are requested. After my letter, over 12,750 books were requested, and 275 orders were not able to be filled due to a lack of funds.

Those books are now being printed by Western Publishing House of Seattle and sold for \$29.95 plus postage. The Japanese American National Museum is also selling this book. Don't wait too long, as the same thing might happen.

Hy Shishino
Cerritos, Calif.

Remember Rep. Pat Saiki

Frank Chuman, past president of the JACL, reminds us that we should remember Senators Hayakawa and Matsunaga, as well as present Japanese American elected and appointed officials. May I point out that Pat Saiki of Hawaii served two terms in the U.S. House and we should thank her for her many years of service to her people and to her state.

Rep. Barbara
Marumoto
Hawaii House of
Representatives

Black Box Voting

The overwhelming majority of people don't know about the potential problems associated with touch screen voting machines (nicknamed Black Box voting). These are paperless and non-auditable electronic voting machines that are in widespread use that are made primarily or exclusively by companies with strong Republican ties, most notably Diebold and Accenture, the renamed consulting wing of Arthur Anderson (Enron).

These machines are not tamper-proof. Some of the things that could occur are your vote being counted for the opposite candidate and one person being allowed to vote more than once, and there is no way at present to verify that your vote was counted properly. It is not impossible to say that these machines could be manipulated in such a way as to change the outcome of an election (President Bush stopped these machines from being canvassed in last year's elections). Diebold CEO Walden O'Dell, in a recent trip to Cleveland to promote these machines, openly declared that he wanted to do everything he could to deliver Ohio to Bush next year.

There is a soon-to-be released book on the subject called "Black Box Voting" by Beverly Harris (you can look it up under Black Box Voting in Google, etc.). In a recent TV interview, she said possible voting irregularities with these machines were recently found in an election in San Luis Obispo, Calif. FreeSpeechTV (Dish 9415) occasionally airs segments on this issue on its "DemocracyNow" news show.

One possible antidote is to vote absentee and have your ballot notarized to create a verifiable paper trail.

Gordon Kobayashi
via e-mail

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Gov. Davis Signs Legislation to Grant Diplomas to JAs Interned during WWII

Gov. Gray Davis signed AB 781 by Assemblymember Sally Lieber, D-Mountain View, in a ceremony Sept. 13 at the Japanese American National Museum. The law authorizes a high school district, unified school district or county office of education to retroactively grant a high school diploma to a person who was interned during World War II.

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

The state of California was

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

"I thank Governor Gray Davis for signing this legislation," said Congressman Mike Honda. "As a child, my family and I were interned during World War II. It is time that Japanese Americans who were denied an education finally have an opportunity to get their high school diplomas."

Thousands of JAs were attending public high schools when Executive Order 9066 was issued.

Although many JAs were able to complete some form of high school education in the internment camps, they were never able to return to their own high school to graduate with their class and be recognized and acknowledged as an official student of that institution.

"This legislation sends a strong message that the policy of internment was wrong," said Lieber. "No opportunity exists today for government to grant a measure of educational justice to these Americans who have suffered an egregious injustice. This measure will help comfort many older Japanese Americans who should have been able to graduate 60 years ago," Lieber added. "It is about time." ■

APA and Latino Voters Urged to Vote Early

Asian Pacific American and Latino leaders see early voting sites as one solution to the mass confusion threatened by the special recall election procedures on Election Day, Oct. 7.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) reminds all Californians to get out to vote, to be better prepared to handle the ballot, to vote early, and to request the help of bilingual community members, all in efforts of minimizing anticipated confusion on Election Day.

"In a tight election, the votes of Asian Pacific Americans and Latinos will make all the difference," said Stewart Kwoh, executive director of APALC. APALC will be organizing an Early-voting Kick-off Day on Sept. 24. ■

New York's Asian Americans Struggling to Recover from Sept. 11

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Asian Americans are still struggling to recover psychologically from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but face a lack of appropriate mental health services, according to a study released Sept. 8.

"We found many people simply suffering in silence," said Cao K.O., executive director of the Asian American Federation of New York. "As the second anniversary of Sept. 11 approaches, Asian Americans still coping with this tragedy lack effective resources to support their psychological recovery."

The study — "Asian American Mental Health: A Post-September 11th Needs Assessment" — details the mental health problems and needs of the city's more than 870,000 Asian Americans. Of that population, 156,710 live in

Manhattan, according to the 2000 Census.

The federation conducted one-on-one interviews with 22 family members of AAs who died in the Trade Center and held focus group discussions with 145 Chinatown community members, specifically children, the elderly and dislocated workers. The participants reported symptoms of depression.

But none of the participants used any mental health services following the attacks. The federation said culturally, AAs avoid seeking help with such problems. It also said that the services made available to them were inadequate.

The study was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J. The foundation is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. ■

Gov. Davis Signs AB 309, Consumer Protection Bill

Gov. Gray Davis signed AB 309 on Sept. 6, a law that provides for consumer protections for Asian American immigrants.

From now on businesses must provide certain contracts in the language in which they are negotiated. Specifically, AB 309 covers Chinese, Tagalog, Korean and Vietnamese — the four most commonly spoken Asian languages in Californian households.

AB 309 was authored by Assembly Member Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, and co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) and Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA).

"We thank the governor, who understood this bill as providing equality under the law, for signing this important bill," said Chu. Joining the governor and Chu at the signing were U.S. Congressman David Wu, D-Ore., Board of Equalization Member John Chiang, Monterey Park Mayor David Lau, and Monterey Park City Council Member Mike Eng.

"This bill will provide significant protection to over two million Californians who speak these Asian languages at home. No longer will unscrupulous businesses be able to get away with bait-and-switch contracting that takes advantage of immigrants," said Ted Wang, policy director for Chinese for Affirmative Action. "This bill was a major victory for Asian Pacific Americans throughout California."

The bill would amend California Civil Code section 1632, which has required translation of con-

tracts into Spanish for almost 30 years. Spanish and the four covered Asian languages are spoken by 83 percent (over 10 million people) of all Californians who speak a language other than English at home.

The types of contracts addressed by the statute include buying or leasing an automobile; renting an apartment; entering into a legal service fee agreement; initiating a retail installment contract (e.g., buying a major appliance or piece of furniture on an installment plan); or getting a basic unsecured consumer loan from a bank.

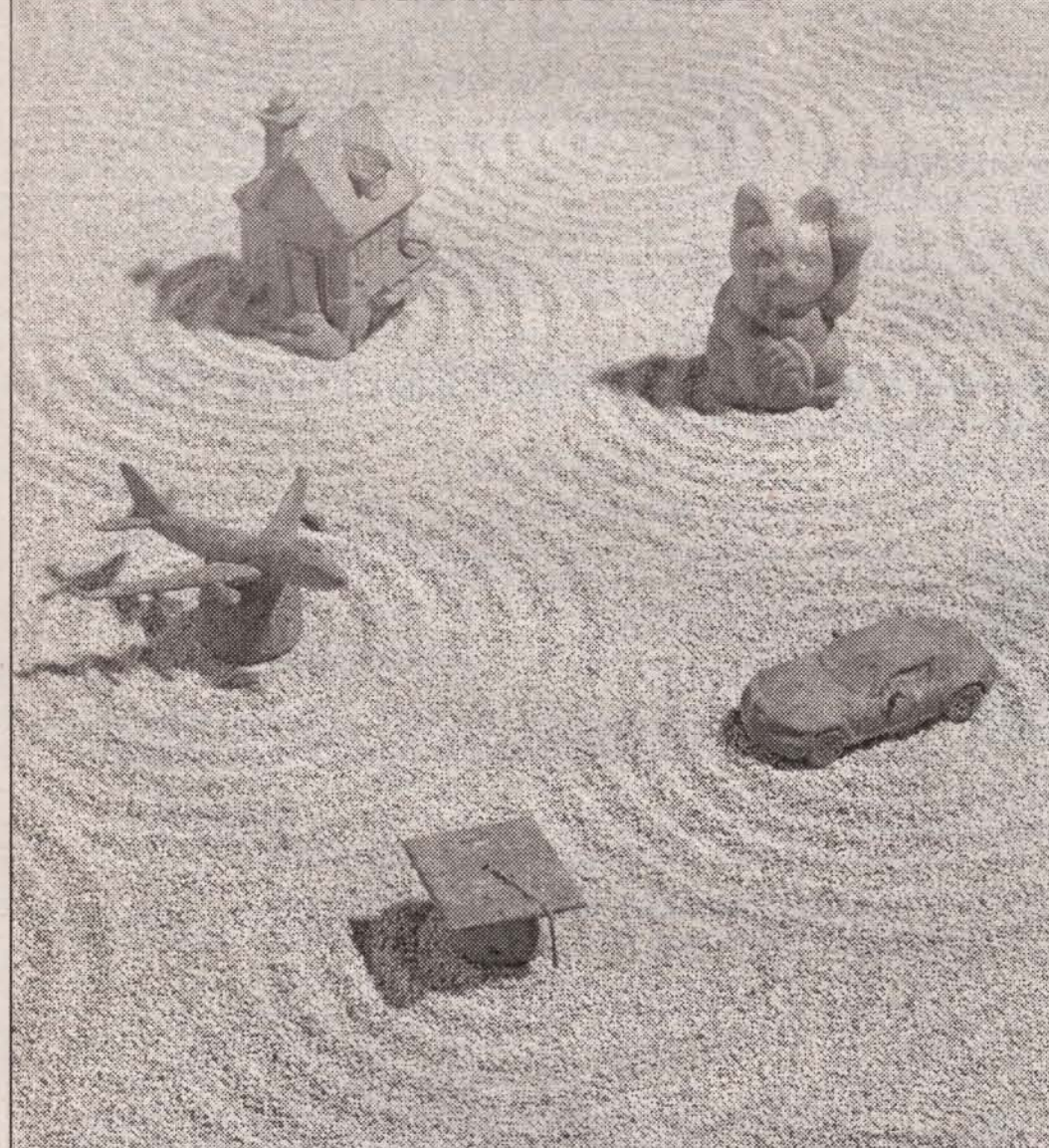
In December 2002, APALC and Public Counsel filed a lawsuit on behalf of five Chinese-speaking plaintiffs against an automobile dealership in Alhambra, Calif., in *Hua Bai v. Bob Wondries Associates, Inc., et al.* In addition to the lawsuit APALC wanted to make sure there were changes in the laws and contacted Chu, who eventually authored AB 309.

"The signing of AB 309 will be an important step in ensuring other consumers will not have to face the same scams that our clients suffered," said Stewart Kwoh, APALC executive director.

Translation of contracts into the four Asian Languages must be implemented, where required, by July 1, 2004.

APALC is now developing translated materials to help consumers know their rights. Consumers with questions may call 213/977-7500 (English); 800/520-2356 (Chinese); 800/867-3126 (Khmer); 800/867-3640 (Korean); and 800/267-7395 (Vietnamese). ■

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National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

□ Prop. 54 Sponsor Now Says Passage Unlikely; Top Recall Candidates Oppose It

LOS ANGELES—The two leading candidates vying to replace Gov. Gray Davis are taking aim at another issue on the Oct. 7 recall ballot: Proposition 54, which seeks to limit what racial data the government can collect.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante announced Sept. 7 that he would pour nearly \$4 million into a campaign to defeat the measure. And republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, who previously refused to take a position on the measure, said Sept. 6 he opposed it.

"There is no way we can match that," Proposition 54's backer, Ward Connerly, said in the *Los Angeles Times*. The University of California regent acknowledged the measure would likely be defeated.

Opponents say the initiative would undermine civil rights enforcement because it would stop the collection of statistics that could show a pattern of discrimination in anything from schooling to law enforcement. Connerly has said statistics can't prove discrimination, and that it's time to stop being so race conscious.

□ Hawaii Ranks 4th in Foreign-born Residents

HONOLULU—More than one-sixth of Hawaii's residents were born outside the country — the fourth-highest ratio of foreign-born people in the nation, new census statistics show.

The U.S. Census Bureau says 17.9 percent of state residents are foreign-born, a percentage exceeded only by California, New York and New Jersey. The overwhelming majority of the islands'

foreign-born population is from Asia.

Nationally, 11.8 percent of the population, or 33 million people, originated outside the country's borders.

Urban Honolulu ranked 15th among 68 surveyed cities, with 25.5 percent of the population born outside the United States.

Hawaii has a long history of immigration from Portugal, China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, among other countries, many of whom provided labor for its plantations.

Officials at the Susannah Wesley Community Center, a private nonprofit contracted by the state to provide immigrant services, estimates 7,000 to 8,000 immigrants come to Hawaii each year.

□ Record 20,000-plus Japanese Over 100 Years Old

TOKYO—The number of Japanese aged at least 100 rose to 20,561 this year, a new record in the world's longest-living nation, the government said Sept. 9.

The figure was up from a record 17,402 centenarians last year. Included are all Japanese who will have celebrated their 100th birthday by the end of September, the Health Ministry said in an annual study released ahead of Respect for the Aged Day in Japan Sept. 15.

Japan's life expectancy is the longest in the world for both sexes — 85.23 years for women and 78.32 for men in 2002 — and the growing number of people who have lived more than a century is a source of national pride.

But a falling birth rate has also raised concerns about Japan's ability to support its increasingly gray population.

About 84 percent of Japan's centenarians are women, including the country's oldest living person, Kamato Hongo, who turned 116 on Sept. 16. The second oldest

is a man, 114-year-old Yukichi Chuganji. They are recognized as the world's oldest living man and woman by the Guinness Book of Records.

□ Murder of Japanese Woman Worries New Orleans Tourism Officials

NEW ORLEANS—Tourism officials were concerned that the apparent strangulation of a Japanese woman could hurt international travel to Louisiana, as did the 1992 shooting death of a Japanese exchange student in Baton Rouge.

Police suspect the partially clad corpse found Sept. 4 on the west bank of the Mississippi River is that of Kanako Ohshima, 21, who had been missing since Sept. 1. Ohshima had been staying at a youth hostel in New Orleans; a hostel work had told her how to take the ferry to Algiers, the west bank neighborhood where the body was found.

Coroner Frank Minyard said he couldn't confirm the woman is Ohshima because of discrepancies between tooth filings and Ohshima's four-year-old dental record. More recent dental X-rays are being flown in from Japan. Some of Ohshima's belongings, including her purse, were found near the body.

Tourism officials fear a drop in foreign visitors such as the one seen in 1992 after exchange student Yoshihiro Hattori was killed in Baton Rouge. Heading to a Halloween party, he mistakenly appeared at a stranger's door and, wrongly perceived as a threat, was shot in the chest.

Coverage of the incident hurt international travel to Louisiana, especially the Japanese, although the extent of the damage was hard to measure, said Beverly Gianna, vice president of the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau. Gianna said crimes against visitors are rare.

□ Librarian Learns of Japanese Consul Who Saved Jews' Lives

TUCSON, Ariz.—A Tucson

Health Professionals Protest Proposed Racial Data Collection Ban

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Health care professionals rallied Sept. 3 to protest Proposition 54, an initiative preventing California from collecting ethnic data in the arenas of public education, work contracts and employment.

Most health care providers agree that if Proposition 54 passes, critical data on race and ethnicity, targeted outreach, education and prevention of disease will be severely hampered.

The protestors say that the prohibition of race and ethnicity data under this proposition will have a profound impact on the health of all ethnicities including the Asian Pacific American community that constitutes 12 percent of the California population.

For example, APAs have the highest incidence of liver cancer, roughly four times higher than Caucasians. This incidence is directly correlated to the disproportionately high rate of chronic hepatitis B infection in the APA population. Without breaking down the analysis by race or ethnicity, the incidence of chronic hepatitis B is only 0.3 percent nationally. In contrast, as many as one in 10 APAs (10 percent) has chronic hepatitis B.

"Driven by a vision to provide the best health care for its residents, California distinguishes itself in having the most compre-

hensive health care database in the country. This, in turn, has allowed us to develop strategies to address the health care priorities of each ethnic community and spearhead similar initiatives nationwide," said Stanford medical professor Samuel So. "Our unique cancer database in California clearly shows that there are different cancer risks between white, Latino, black and APIA as well as differences within the APIA community depending on their country of origin. Proposition 54 will turn the clock back."

Health professionals note that although there is an exemption in Proposition 54 for racial data for medical purposes, this exemption is "dangerously misleading."

In a joint statement issued statewide, health care professionals said the exemption only applies to a group classified as medical research patients.

"In reality, a miniscule number of people participating in a small number of studies and surveys," said the statement from groups representing doctors, nurses and other health care workers, including the California Medical Association; California Association of Health Plans; California Physicians Alliance; the American Cancer Society; Kaiser Permanente HMO and numerous others.

Proposition 54 is on the Oct. 7 recall ballot. ■

librarian's desire to know more about a Japanese ambassador who saved Jews during the Holocaust has led to a friendship between a local synagogue and a village in Japan.

Judith Lessee, a librarian at Catalina High School, first learned about Chiune Sugihara during a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., several years ago. She followed her curiosity to Yaotsu, the hometown of Sugihara, to learn more about the man who saved so many.

Sugihara was stationed in Lithuania as the Japanese general consul in 1940 when he was confronted with thousands of Jews desperate for travel visas through Japan as a way to escape Nazi

Germany's concentration camps and mass murder.

Although the Japanese government, not wanting to anger its Nazi ally, told him not to, Sugihara began issuing the visas to Jews. He was able to issue visas for only one month before being transferred to another post in Berlin, but it's estimated that his efforts saved the lives of 6,000 Jews.

Lessee was touched by Sugihara's story and has dedicated many hours of research to learn more about his story and is creating a school curriculum from her research. She even arranged a stay in Sugihara's hometown of Yaotsu and began a book exchange with her synagogue and the libraries in Yaotsu. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Nobuo Renge was honored by the NAACP in the category of "Business" at its 15th Annual Image Awards ceremony recently for his work as a pharmacist in the inner city of Fresno, Calif. Nobuo started Renge Pharmacy in 1956 and the family-owned and operated independent drug store still continues to serve the community in the Chinatown/Downtown area of Fresno. Currently owned and operated by his son Melvin, Nobuo, 83, and his wife Nancy, 79, still work at the pharmacy on weekends. Nobuo was a third-year pharmacy student at UC Berkeley when he was taken to the Jerome, Ark., internment camp during World War II. He ended up graduating from the St. Louis School of Pharmacy in 1944 and was later drafted into the military. The NAACP Image Awards are given to those who help the African American community.

Former La Palma Mayor and current Japanese American Republican Club President Charlene Hatakeyama has been appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the California Republican Party by State Chair Duf Sundheim. Hatakeyama assumed her new position on Sept. 13 at the

California Republican state party convention in Los Angeles. Hatakeyama, a well-known political leader in Southern California, currently serves on Asian American and Pacific Islander advisory boards for Congressman Ed Royce, the Orange County Republican Party, and the Bush-Cheney '04 presidential campaign. Since 1989 she has owned and operated a State Farm Insurance and Financial Planning agency in La Palma.

After two and a half years at the helm, Citizens for Better Community (CBC) President Garrett Yee will hand over the reins to Anna Muh at the group's first regular board meeting this November. Muh, who recently decided not to run for a second term on the Fremont School Board, said, "I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. CBC is a wonderful organization and we will continue to serve our community in the best way that we can." CBC, located in the Tri-Cities, is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992. The organization works to be a model of excellence in community service by facilitating and motivating Americans of Chinese descent to get involved in the community. ■

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2003 JACL Scholarship Winners

The national JACL recently announced its 2003 scholarship winners. The following are recipients from the graduate and law and arts divisions with excerpts from their winning essays. This year, JACL handed out 28 scholarships totalling \$48,500.

GRADUATE

MAGIOCHI & SHIZUKO KATO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lesley Date
San Fernando Valley JACL
Mayo Clinic Medical School
Graduate
Medicine

The two communities that are closest to my heart are the Asian American community and the underserved community, those homeless and poor with decreased access to health care. I am committed to working with these communities in the future. Over the years, my involvement in the Japanese American community has become solidly rooted in the San Fernando Valley Holiness Church. I believe that my current ties with the Asian American churches in the Southern California area and the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center will provide me with a wide base from which to serve both the Asian American and underserved/poor communities. I hope to work for a nonprofit community health organization and to treat patients who would otherwise be unable to receive the care that they need. Becoming a physician will equip me to meet the physical needs of others and will provide me with an additional means of investing in my community in a substantial and lasting way.

I am involved in the Asian Pacific American community and in the Japanese American community in several respects. I regularly attend Asian Pacific American events. Yet perhaps my most important contributions to the Asian Pacific American community now and in the foreseeable future are in the areas of teaching and historical writing. I am presently co-teaching an undergraduate course entitled, "Introduction to the Asian/Pacific American Experience." A section of the course focuses on recent and present issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans such as the racist depictions on Abercrombie and Fitch T-shirts, the Wen Ho Lee espionage case, and the special registration of temporary U.S. residents from South Asian and Muslim countries following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In addition to teaching, I am researching and writing my history doctoral dissertation on identity

and agency among Issei and Nisei residents of New York City. Traditional assimilationist historians have characterized Japanese Americans as accommodationists and passive victims of racial discrimination during the first six decades of the 20th Century. This dissertation project concurs with the revisionist view that challenges this lingering perception.

HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dori Takata
Berkeley JACL
University of California,
Berkeley
Graduate
English

I view a commitment to my own education and that of others to be the primary vehicle for my present and future civic involvement.



Before beginning my graduate studies, I worked in a number of environments and as a contributing writer for the *Hawaii Pacific Press*, a newspaper for the local Japanese and Okinawan communities in Hawaii. In my search for role models, I interviewed and wrote about inspiring community figures such as playwright Lisa Matsumoto, General Eric Shinseki, and clothing designer and entrepreneur Anne Namba. Writing became my way of processing and sharing what I had learned with others — the same approach which drives my present and future endeavors. As a graduate student in English, I find that writing, research, and teaching continue to serve as my tools for entering into public discourse and advocacy. I would like to continue my academic work in Asian American literature and Renaissance theater, working closely with students to foster a sense of social responsibility along with critical analytical skills in their own reading and writing. John Tateishi ranks with the likes of linguist Noam Chomsky, journalist Naomi Klein, and psychologist Robert Coles as public thinkers who are committed to social justice. These are the individuals I hold as my ideal models for my involvement in future years.

RAILROAD & MINE WORKERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Karen Tani
Twin Cities JACL
University of Pennsylvania
Graduate
History/Law

Growing up in Minnesota, the JACL was one of the only links I had to my Japanese heritage. I have wonderful memories of youth arts and crafts classes, sukiyaki dinners, and tours

of the Como Park Japanese Garden. My family has many friends in the JACL, and I have always been cognizant of the important support network that the organization provided my grandparents. It was in college, however, that I came to truly claim my Asian American roots and identify with other Asian Americans, largely as a result of being around a more diverse peer group and studying the Asian American experience in the classroom. Since then, I have devoted much of my time and energy to the community, and I hope to continue to do so in the future.

REVEREND H. JOHN YAMASHITA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Raymond Wunder
Salt Lake City JACL
Brigham Young University
Graduate
Business Administration

I remember a time where I felt that my mixed heritage would never allow me to "fit in" with groups around me, and I let this façade affect me socially. In time



however, I came to appreciate my mixed heritage because it allowed me to connect with more people across different backgrounds. I now feel that I am blessed to have the heritage that I do. With the change in demographics, the JACL will find more people of mixed heritage wanting to be represented by and become involved with a civic group, and I hope to help in any way that I can to continue the mission of the JACL while addressing these new opportunities our organization will be afforded.

CHIYOKO & THOMAS SHIMAZAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lynda Yoshikawa
San Diego JACL
Alliant International University
Graduate
Clinical Psychology

Youth involvement is the key to the future of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). Youth are the next



Japanese American generation who must step forward to maintain the integrity of Japanese American communities, uphold civil rights for all people, and ensure that the legacy of the camps is not forgotten. A great part of my identity remains as a Japanese American whose family had been interned during WWII. Like those uncertain times following 9/11, we must also continue to look towards other minority groups whose civil rights are in jeopardy. The JACL has set the stage for upholding minority civil rights, and youth involvement is crucial to maintain this level of excellence. I have much pride in my Nikkei status. I look forward to my lifelong devotion to Japanese American issues, community involvement, and service in JACL efforts.

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LAW & ARTS

SHO SATO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lori Amano
Honolulu JACL
William S. Richardson School
of Law
Graduate
Law

One reason many people may be ignorant on the history of the Japanese American experience is because it is not part of the public, and some private school curriculum in Hawaii. I am 25 years old and it was only two years ago, when I joined JACL, that I learned our history at an annual Day of Remembrance event. Only through self-education have I learned what my ancestors endured. This general ignorance became more apparent when I could not have a discussion about these events with my law school classmates. Education must be reformed to incorporate the Japanese American experience and the mistakes of our government. This is the second year that a bill has reached the legislature asking for this type of education reform. I have submitted written testimony to the Hawaii State Legislature asking for support on the issue of educating Hawaii students of the Japanese American experience during World War II.

Law school has opened my eyes to civil rights issues and the Japanese American experience through the eyes of the U.S. Government. Because of this, I am and will continue to actively pursue Asian American and civil rights issues. Looking to our past leaders for guidance, I will take an active role to help educate and provide awareness within the community. I will continue to advocate education and civil rights issues in the legislature and community. JACL will help be my vehicle to pursue these objectives.

THOMAS T. HAYASHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Darren Nakata
Portland JACL
University of Michigan
Graduate
Law

Perhaps my most significant current involvement in the Japanese American community revolves around my scholarly work with a well-respected Asian Pacific American legal scholar. We are co-



authoring a paper about Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy — a paper we believe will be important to the legal community in general, but perhaps even more important to the Asian Pacific American and Japanese American community. Justice Murphy was one of the few World War II-era dissenters to the Japanese American internment. To date, little work has been done to explore Murphy's motivations for publicly voicing disagreement with the overwhelming chorus of support for internment. This work

is important to me because it allows me to stay connected to the community and to make a contribution that I hope will allow Japanese American legal scholars to have a greater voice on a national level.

HENRY & CHIYO KUWAHARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mariko Nakasone
Twin Cities JACL
Boston University
Undergraduate
Creative & Performing Arts

As a youth advisor for the last two years, I have had the opportunity to plan and partake in many events. Serving has given me life lessons in leadership, responsibility and commitment. Last year, I attended MDC to help the other chapters gain insight on how to encourage their youth to become involved. JACL has become a very important commitment to me. I am confident that I will continue my involvement both in college and after.



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ABE & ESTHER HAGIWARA STUDENT AID AWARD

Kimberly Ishii
Honolulu JACL
University of Denver
Graduate
Business Administration

Aloha. I am 20 years old, independent and a single parent. In June 1999, I became the first person on my mother's side of the family to ever graduate high school. This May 2003, I will also become the first on both sides of my family to graduate from college. I am determined, I am motivated, and I am eager to learn. ■



National JACL would like to thank the San Diego and the San Francisco chapters for their significant assistance with the 2004 national scholarship program. San Francisco chapter volunteers were Gail Tanaka, Yo Hironaka, Gene Ideno, Helen Ideno, Nancy Satoda and Heidi Tanakatsubo; San Diego chapter volunteers were David and Carol Kawamoto, Susan Iguchi, Dr. Yuri Kaneda, Dr. Leland Saito and Judge Gale Kaneshiro. JACL thanks them for their thoughtful time and effort in screening the hundreds of applications.

Particular thanks goes to Gail Tanaka for chairing the freshman scholarship selection committee, and Carol Kawamoto for chairing the undergraduate, graduate, law, creative & performing arts, and financial aids scholarship committee. Additionally, Carol Kawamoto and Greg Marutani provided considerable assistance in processing the applications. With only limited staff assistance, all of the processing of the applications, follow-up communications with applicants and the verification process with recipients was handled by volunteers. Please join JACL in thanking these volunteers.

WWII Internment Exhibit to Open in North Dakota

Sixty years ago it was a Department of Justice internment camp. The government put up a 10-foot-tall chain link fence topped with strands of barbed wire. Armed guards kept certain people locked inside.

Now it's a college campus with stately buildings, American elm trees and paved parking lots.

Then it served, as some people thought, to secure the homeland. Now its purpose is to serve in the education of American Indian students.

Education will remain the central purpose for a major exhibition and public programs at Bismarck's Fort Lincoln; the subject will be the internment experience of German and Japanese nationals, as well as Japanese American citizens deemed "enemy aliens" following the renunciation of their citizenship during World War II. "Snow Country Prison: Interned in North Dakota" will open Oct. 4-5, in Bismarck at the site of the former camp, now United Tribes Technical College (UTTC).

Organized by the North Dakota Museum of Art and UTTC, the exhibition is sponsored by the Otto Bremer Foundation and the North Dakota Humanities Council. Members of the education department of the State Historical Society and Frank Vyzralek, historian and retired North Dakota archivist, consulted on the exhibition.

"There's a pretty low level of awareness these days about what went on here during the war," said UTTC President David M. Gipp.

"Occasionally we get inquiries or visitors who knew someone who was locked up here."

In 1941 the U.S. Justice Department converted Fort Lincoln from a surplus military post into an internment camp to detain people arrested in the United States as enemy aliens. Over its five-year operation as a camp, the Bismarck facility housed about 1,500 men of German nationality and over 1,800 of Japanese ancestry. The first group of Japanese and German men were arrested by the FBI in the days immediately after Pearl Harbor. The arrests were done under the authority of the Alien Enemies Act, and these so-called "enemy aliens" were removed from their homes, primarily on the West and East Coasts, and sent to camps in isolated parts of the country.

"The upcoming exhibit and public programs are an outgrowth of scholarly efforts to examine and teach about the government's use of isolation and imprisonment against certain groups of people," said Gipp. "At the core is an examination of human rights issues."

The exhibition, curated by Laurel Reuter, director of the North Dakota Museum of Art, opens with a gala public celebration on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. in the United Tribes Cultural Arts Center where it will continue for two months. It will subsequently be seen at the North Dakota Museum of Art in Grand Forks from Feb. 28 to April 11, then tour

to the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center, Moorhead, Minn., from April 18 to June 20, and the Taube Art Center in Minot, N.D., (dates to be established).

The exhibition will feature historic photos and murals of the camp, floor-to-ceiling cloth banners imprinted with images of people interred there, and wall text drawn from the haiku poems of one of the Japanese internees, Itaru Ina, the father of Dr. Satsuki Ina, a consultant to the exhibition.

The public programming portion of the exhibition will begin Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. with a screening of films led by Ina, in the lower level of the Jack Barden Center on the UTTC campus.

Ina is the producer of "Children of the Camps," a PBS documentary about the experiences of six children confined to internment camps during WWII. Ina's father was interned at Fort Lincoln while she, her brother and her mother were incarcerated in a War Relocation Authority camp in Tule Lake, Calif.

The public programs will continue at 2 p.m., Oct. 5, when Ina will be joined by other humanities scholars to discuss the enemy alien experience, Fort Lincoln's history as a camp, and the effects of internment on people's lives. Other panelists include: John Christgau, author of "Enemies: World War II Alien Internment," which is based on the stories of Ft. Lincoln internees; attorney Karen Ebel, an activist instrumental in bringing to public attention the story of German alien internment during WWII; and Isao Fujimoto, longtime professor at the University of California, Davis, and founder of its Asian American Studies program.

The Nash Family Foundation, Ecolab, Robert and Virginia Dunnigan, the *Bismarck Tribune*, and the North Dakota Council on the Arts provided additional support for the "Snow Country Prison" exhibit. ■

Poston Restoration Project Plans Workshops

On January 4, 2001, the Colorado River Indian Tribal Council passed a resolution to "Initiate the recognition, restoration & future development of the Japanese Internment Camps." Since then Dennis Patch and Jon Villalobos have shared, along with Ruth Okimoto, their ideas for this project — restoring Poston Camp I auditorium, classrooms and barracks — with former Poston internees in San Diego, Los Angeles, Watsonville and Sacramento. A fire destroyed the Camp I auditorium that was to be the main centerpiece and consequently the project was put on hold for two years.

Now the Colorado River Indian Tribe is ready to "jump-start" the project by bringing together key stakeholders, to form the working relationships and strategic planning framework that will eventually restore not only the physical buildings that remain on the reservation, but also to capture the "living histories" of both the Japanese American internees as well as members of the Colorado River Indian Tribe community.

The Poston Restoration Project has received two grants to develop

the needed organizational infrastructure. One grant is from the National Trust for Historical Preservation and the other grant is from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program.

Workshops will be held in two phases:

Phase I, Oct. 23-25: To bring together the leadership and interested members of the Colorado River Indian Tribe with surviving Poston internees and residents of Parker, Ariz., to develop goals and to launch them.

Phase II-III, after Oct. 2003: To develop an operational plan that would save and recondition existing barracks, internee classrooms and the auditorium.

Plans for the October workshop are complete, with facilitator Tomi Nagai-Rothe leading the discussion. Three representatives from each of four camps will attend the workshop.

If you would like to donate to this project, make the check payable to JAHSSD and mail to: Poston Restoration Project, c/o Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, P.O. Box 620988, San Diego, CA 92162-0988. ■

Monterey Peninsula Chapter Donates 1930s American Flag

Twenty-five members of the Monterey Peninsula chapter traveled by bus to Los Angeles recently to participate in the opening of an exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), which will feature among its highlights the 40 x 70-foot American flag made in the 1930s by the Monterey Peninsula chapter.

According to Chapter President Larry Oda, the huge flag was donated to JANM because it is 65 years old and has reached retirement age. Also, the main street in Monterey has been narrowed for beautification purposes and is no longer wide enough to accommodate the fully displayed flag. Oda and chapter members believe the museum is an excellent repository for artifacts of the Japanese American community and is a place where a piece of JA history can be preserved.

The group was introduced at a members' reception hosted by JANM Executive Director Irene Hirano and Board Chair George Takei, and they participated in an afternoon panel discussion featur-

ing Oda with Masami Higashi and Frank Tanaka, both second-generation Monterey natives and pioneer members of the Monterey chapter.

Masami's and Tanaka's fathers were among the first settlers in Monterey in the early 1900s. Higashi's father opened the first Japanese restaurant in Monterey and also had a hotel and wholesale fish market. Higashi served in the military during World War II and retired in the mid-1980s as business manager for Monterey Peninsula College. He is one of the founders of the Monterey Nisei Bowling League.

Tanaka's father was known as the Potato King of Carmel Valley for the first two decades of the 1900s; he then turned to landscape gardening. Tanaka participated in the family business, then on his own, until he was hired by the City of Monterey to be the parks maintenance foreman; he retired in the late 1980s as parks superintendent. Tanaka was instrumental in the establishment of an ornamental horticulture program at Monterey Peninsula College. ■



(L-r): Monterey Peninsula Chapter President Larry Oda, Masami Higashi and Frank Tanaka participate in a panel discussion at the Japanese American National Museum.

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In Sports

Kariya Settling in With Avalanche

DENVER—Colorado Avalanche wing **Paul Kariya** is settling in on a team where he might end up the fourth- or fifth-best scorer this season.

The 28-year-old star signed a one-year, \$1.2 million free-agent contract with Colorado in July. It was a new beginning for Kariya, who had spent all eight NHL seasons with Anaheim, leading the Ducks in scoring in six of the eight seasons he was fully healthy.

Teemu Selanne edged him out the other two seasons. Now Selanne is joining him as an Avs teammate along with scorers Peter Forsberg, Joe Sakic, Milan Hejduk, Rob Blake and Alex Tanguay.

The opportunity to join those players is why Kariya agreed to take an 88-percent pay cut from the \$10 million he made in his final year with the Mighty Ducks. Kariya said he is sure he made the right decision.

"I'm just real excited to get going," he said Sept. 3. "I viewed this whole thing as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when Anaheim made me an unrestricted free agent, and I still feel that way. This could be a very exciting team."

It remains to be seen how a team with so many offensive stars

plays together.

"We're going to have to get used to each other," Kariya said, "but I think we'll do that. I think we'll work well together, whoever we play with."

Kariya, one of the NHL's biggest fitness fanatics, was tired after his first day of serious exercise at an altitude of 5,280 feet.

"The air is definitely thinner up here," said Kariya, breathing heavily after the informal workout with his new teammates. "I'm going to need another day or two to adjust, I think."

Sakic, who probably will center a line between Kariya and Selanne, said he plans to spend time with Kariya in the coming days to ease the transition to Denver. Both grew up in British Columbia and played together on Canadian national teams.

"It's going to be an exciting team," Sakic said. "Having Paul and Teemu join the team, I mean, you can't ask for much better than that."

Kariya said he is already enjoying Denver.

"I was struck by what a great sports town this is," Kariya said. "I mean, the fans really like their sports here, I could tell. To me, that's great. That's the kind of atmosphere I want to be a part of. I'm glad that I am now." ■

NCAA Strips Hawaii Volleyball Team of National Title

HONOLULU—The NCAA has stripped the University of Hawaii men's volleyball team of its 2002 national championship and fined the school \$5,000 for using an ineligible player, officials said Sept. 5.

Athletic director Herman Frazier held a news conference Friday to announce the action, which the NCAA also announced in a news release on its website.

"Obviously, we are disappointed with the news," Frazier said. "But we intend to exercise our right to an appeal and pursue this until the end."

The team's trophy and any individual awards received by the ineligible player must be returned to the NCAA, the association said. The money from the fine will be used to fund student-athlete welfare programs, the NCAA said.

In its statement, the NCAA said it has vacated both the team's championship win and its place in the final standings of the 2002 Division Men's Volleyball Championship. The record of the team's performance in the championship must also be deleted, the NCAA said.

The action means there will be no national champion recorded for 2002. Pepperdine, which lost to Hawaii in the title game, will remain the runner-up, said Laronica Conway, a spokeswoman at the NCAA's Indianapolis headquarters.

"In vacating, you're not affect-

ing the bracket, you're only looking at that team's performance," she said. "The rest of the teams are not affected."

"When you're listing the team champions for each year their name would not be listed, it would just say 'title vacated,'" Conway said.

Conway said many secondary infractions are typically not made public, but because this involved the sport's national championship, "part of the penalty is that this would be publicly announced."

University athletic officials said in July that an internal investigation into the eligibility of a player revealed that NCAA rules had been violated. Frazier had said the school was contacted May 7 by the NCAA regarding the player's eligibility.

University officials said that the player was eligible when he enrolled in 1999 but became ineligible after the NCAA amended its rules in August 2002. The school won its first NCAA men's team title in May 2002. Frazier said the rule should have grandfathered student-athletes who already had started playing.

Athletic officials would not identify the player or the season in which he played. The *Honolulu Advertiser* and the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* both reported that Costas Theocharidis was the player targeted in the investigation.

Theocharidis was accused of being a member of a professional

team in Greece before enrolling at Hawaii in 1999.

According to NCAA rules, the university has 30 days to appeal the actions to the full NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions.

Frazier said school officials are working with general counsel on an appeal.

"It should be made clear that the NCAA classified this as a secondary, which means they acknowledged the fact that no one involved, including our coaches and staff, could have known about this ahead of time," he said.

Frazier said the player in question didn't accept money and didn't sign a contract, but did play on a professional team in Greece.

"While we understand there was no question (there was a violation), we will appeal the stripping of the title," Frazier said.

Head coach Mike Wilton said he was disappointed with the decision.

"I feel very strongly that the players and coaches on this team deserve reconsideration by the NCAA," Wilton said. "We certainly hope the appeal process will result in our favor but understand the decisions made by the NCAA are fair and final."

Hawaii is a member of the Western Athletic Conference, but since the WAC does not sponsor men's volleyball, the team competes in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. ■

Candie Kung — LPGA's Hottest Player Right Now

The hottest LPGA player out there at the moment is **Candie Kung**, a 22-year-old from Rowland Heights, Calif., who in her second year on the LPGA tour has already won three tournaments. Only Anna Sorenstam has more wins than Kung with four victories.

Kung currently sits in sixth place on the money list with earnings of \$862,936. She's also played in every tournament this year so far (23 compared to Sorenstam's 13) and plans on only missing one tournament all year.

As a rookie last year she made 19 cuts in 22 events and earned \$261,044 placing her in 38th position on the money list. She's also

worked hard to place 13th in average driving distance at 264.8 yards. Kung's also averaging a score of 70.87 this year.

Born in Taiwan, Kung didn't start playing golf until she was 13. She quickly mastered the game though becoming the three-time American Junior Golf Association

All American and the AJGA player of the year in 1999. She was also a two-time All American at USC.

Kung turned pro in August 2001, played the Futures Tour and won the last event of the year. She tied for 15th in qualifying and earned her LPGA card in 2002. ■

Hawaii No Match for No. 4 Trojans

LOS ANGELES—Southern California coach Pete Carroll was eager to get the Trojans' running game going.

The fourth-ranked Trojans (3-0) got virtually everything going against Hawaii on Sept. 13, rolling to a 61-32 victory for their 11th consecutive win.

Freshmen Reggie Bush and LenDale White each ran for a pair of touchdowns, and Matt Leinart threw for two scores.

The defense held Warriors quarterback **Timmy Chang** in check most of the game, and even chipped in with a pair of touchdowns and a safety as USC built a 52-6 lead in the third quarter.

"I thought this was a particularly good game for the offense," Carroll said. "We wanted to establish some consistency in the running game, and to take a look at some of our young running backs. Matt Leinart had an excellent game."

"We played so well coming out of the half, it gave us a chance to get a lot of guys playing time. Those guys work so hard on the practice field, so it was a gift from the first two units of offense and defense to the rest of the guys."

Leinart completed 15 of 21 passes for 200 yards and didn't play after the third quarter. White had 58 yards on 10 carries, and

Bush had 54 on nine carries as the Trojans netted 164 yards on the ground.

The Trojans took control against the Warriors (1-1) with four touchdowns in the second quarter — three in the final 4:29 before half-time — for a 31-6 lead.

Although Carroll was pleased to be able to substitute freely in the second half, he still cringed a bit as Hawaii began moving the ball late in the third quarter and again in the fourth.


"We suffered a little bit with every yard they picked up," he said.

Chang, who threw for 4,474 yards last year as a sophomore, went 32-of-54 for 306 yards, with two touchdowns. He threw two interceptions in what was his season debut; he sat out Hawaii's 40-17 opening win over Appalachian State because of an academic problem.


Chang said the Trojans lived up to their billing.

"They're as good as people say they are," he said. "They play hard in all phases."

The win was the Trojans' fifth in five games against Hawaii. They've outscored the Warriors 234-50 in the series that dates to their 52-0 win in 1930, the last time before Sept. 13 that Hawaii had played in the Coliseum. ■





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The Wonders of Bolivia and Its Nikkei

I CAN'T remember walking as much outdoors in a week, touring inside Bolivia after COPANI XII the last week in July. And we were often reminded to walk slowly as the beautiful cities we visited (Sucre, Cochabamba and La Paz) ranged in elevations from 7,000 feet to 11,000 feet above sea level.

The successes of the Nikkei in Bolivia within the past 50 years are now prominent and enterprising, being recognized nationally as leaders in this land of opportunities. In fact, Minister to the Office of the President Jose Guillermo Justiniano, after extending the greetings of President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, was counting on the Nikkei by pinpointing where their skills can be tested and placed — "the northern regions of Bolivia [which are] in desperate need of development and where lots of opportunities exist." Travel brochures describe the Bolivian Amazon Basin, sometimes, as the "Green Hell."

"What a challenge!" the gentleman sitting next to me whispered. "Maybe the government can start by offering land tax-free."

This northern region in the departments of Pando and Beni is populated by 9,800 Nikkei (60 percent) of the total Japanese Bolivian population of 14,500. And many are fifth-generation Gosei, whose predecessors were the pioneer Issei sent by the Japanese immigration company to Riberalta's rubber and horse-chestnut groves 100 years ago.

The convention keynote speaker, Profesora Iyo Kunimoto, specialist in Japanese in Bolivia, touched a perennial issue: "The Future of the Nikkei."

She intends next to research the Hapa community in Riberalta where the greatest number of Bolivian Nikkei (around 7,000) live. (Accidentally, I overlooked them when I earlier reported most of the Japanese live around Santa Cruz. Most of the Japanese Japanese live around Santa Cruz. The 7,000 Nikkei in northeastern Bolivia are of mixed blood.)

PANA has a new look with young officers, a new banner with the flags of 12 PANA member nations and sporting "APN" — Asociación Panamericana Nikkei — as its official name. Kazunori Kosaka (re-elected APN president) announced El Testimonio is being retired and to be placed with a museum in Yokohama featuring the overseas Japanese immigration history. He mentioned how Chuck Kubokawa (Sequoia JACL) had the late Astronaut Onizuka take the flags into space, how Chuck designed the eye-catching plaque and originated the custom to pass it on to the next PANA country. Now Carlos Kasuga, PANA's first president, will probably hand-carry it to Yokohama.

The singular impression of this PANA convention was the full-day visit of the two Japanese farming communities established 50 years ago when the Bolivian government invited Japanese immigrants.

The first group from Okinawa started in 1954 to grow rice and soon supplied a national market. Colonia Okinawa mechanized its farm with assistance from Japan in 1970, introducing a small revolution in agriculture. Despite drought and flood, the mechanization saved them from

bankruptcy, so we learned. From 1989, soybeans became their "golden grain," attracting foreign investors; their crop of wheat was so substantial that the colony was called the Wheat Capital of Bolivia by the agricultural ministry. (Incidentally, Colonia Okinawa is celebrating its 50th anniversary next year, July 16-18, Aug. 14-16. For information, e-mail: abjok@cotas.com.bo.)

The second group, Colonia San Juan (a majority from Nagasaki), with better luck than Colonia Okinawa as to land, began in 1955, growing rice (and to this day) and with technology is introducing new varieties. With diversification came the soybeans, citrus, macadamia nuts and cattle. Their chicken farm produces 600,000 eggs daily, representing one-third of the national level. They had samples at the convention of the macadamia nuts, plain and chocolate-covered, now being exported to the United States.

In passing: The young Bolivian Nikkei we met at the convention, in their 20s and 30s with skills in English as well as Nihongo, really made it easier for us Americanos with communication problems.

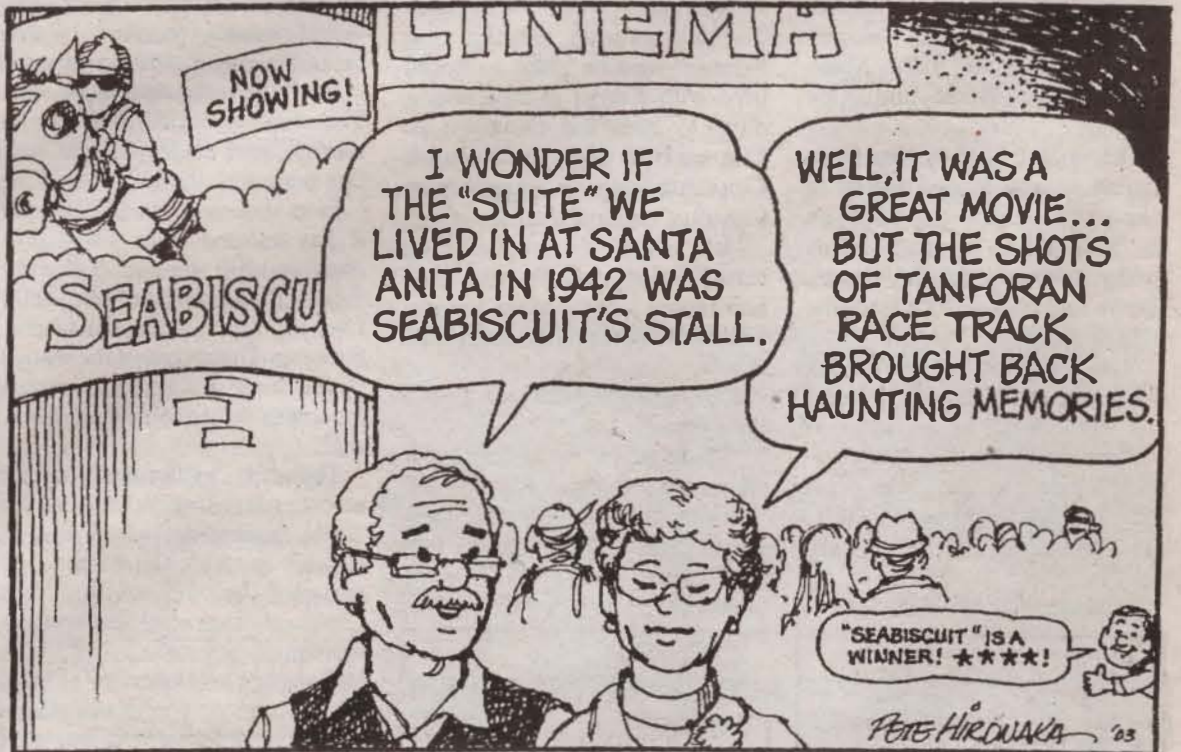
A PANA advocate in JACL in the late 1970s, Luis Yamakawa, now retired in Los Angeles, showed up from Lima, where he was on vacation. Luis Sakoda and Enrique Shibayama didn't attend COPANI XII, where they were called to receive recognition awards at the closing ceremony. I was saddened to hear Armando Yoshida, retired Bolivian Air Force general and Bolivian ambassador to Japan in the 1970s, had passed away earlier this year. He represented Bolivia at the second PANA Convention in Peru.

Other JACLers attending included Peter Uyehara (Santa Maria JACL president years ago) who came to meet a first cousin in Colonia Okinawa; Lillian Kimura and Stanley Kanzaki (New York JACL), who

must have enjoyed this one after staging and sweating out the last PANA convention two years ago in the Big Apple. Ron Harada, Sansei who grew up in Rocky Ford, Colo., and his wife were part of the New York crowd. He's one guy who's seen and bounced around South America after graduating college, Bolivia included.

Incidentally, the extensive tour didn't hamper nonagenarian Clarence Nishizu of the SELANOCO chapter one bit, relying on a wheelchair at the airports, off the minibuses, and with his cane and arm of fellow tourists to negotiate the stairs. Where the trails were forbidding, he quietly sat in the bus either reading or napping. A world traveler, Bolivia was a "new" country stamped into his passport.

One may read travel books about a country, but sensing it physically, spiritually and gustatorily lasts as well as being able to swap experiences about Bolivia, a potentially rich country well on its way in this new millennium. ■



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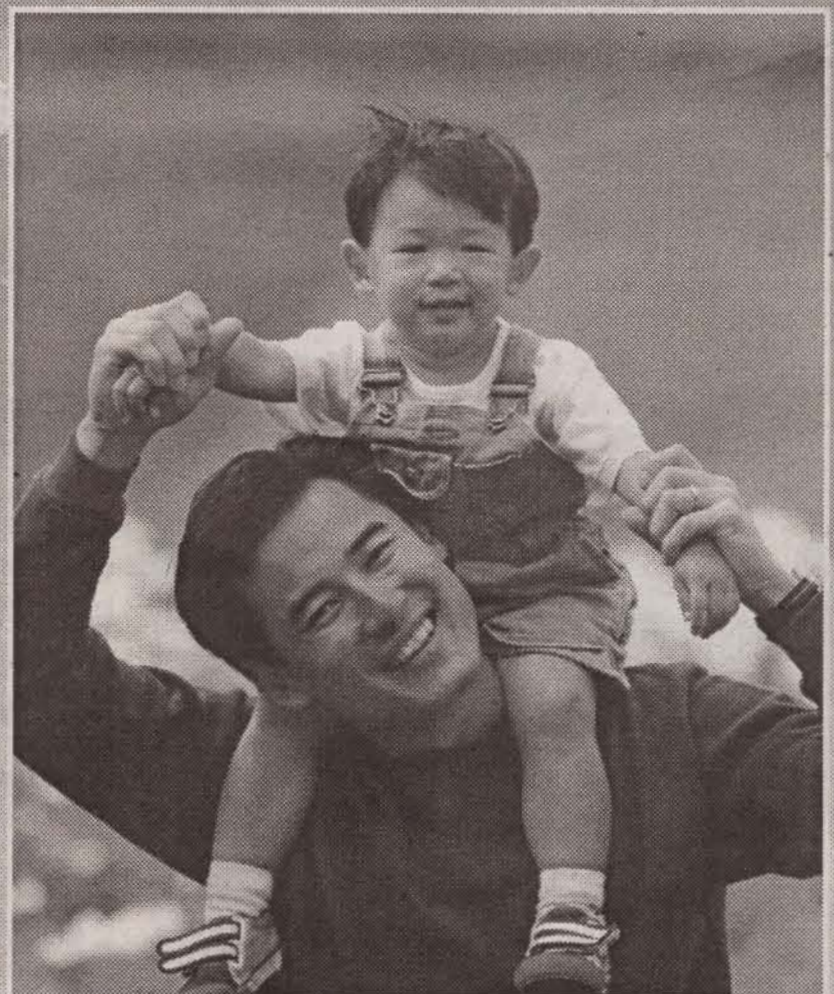
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POEMS
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not merely something that hap-
pened far away across the ocean.
“I wanted the Japanese to see
this not in the third person,” he
said.
Sumiyama’s 68 poems are
painfully personal.
In one, he deals with the surre-
al feeling of watching the live, tel-
evised images of the twin towers
on fire and then, four days later,
being there, visiting New York
hospitals in search of his son.

“Trees lit up with sunshine,
Flags now at half-mast and
The seasonal wind blows ten-
der.
Why is the City of Sorrow
So beautiful today?”

He said the attacks have shat-
tered his faith in peace. In the
opening chapter he wrote:

“My son was lost
Forever at the Twin Towers,
Although fervent has been
My wish for a serene world
Without war and without
weapons.”

Even so, another poem relates
that, in the aftermath of the
attacks, there has also been joy.
Yoichi’s wife, Harumi, was
three months pregnant with their
third child at the time of the
attacks. She gave birth to a baby
boy March 11 last year — the first
day of a month-long tribute in
which twin columns of light were

beamed into the night sky from a
spot near ground zero.
“A new life was born
So quietly this evening
To succeed a life in a link.
Now the Towers of Light!
Keep growing taller eternally.”
Half of the book is in Japanese,
the other is an English translation,
part of which Sumiyama did him-
self. The poems are mainly a mix-
ture of haiku and the longer tanka
style of Japanese poetry.
Sumiyama and his wife, Mari,
hope to meet with other families
of the victims in New York and
give them copies of the collec-
tion. They also intend to give
copies to local libraries.
Sumiyama hopes someday he
and others can put together a
book in different languages, rep-
resenting the many nationalities
affected by the attack. ■

BANZAI
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Banbanzai, which was started in
response to the airing of “Banzai,”
was able to organize people to get
corporate sponsors to pull their
advertising dollars from the series.
Nick Sakai, Banbanzai New York
City representative said, “What
we learned from this is that we do
have the power to make a differ-
ence and get those big corpora-
tions to see what we see. I would
love to believe that they did it not
only for economical reasons, since
we have the strongest buying
power per capita, but also for
moral reasons as well. We may not

RACIAL PRIVACY
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matter what you say, it still creates
doubt.”
On Sept. 11, Connerly launched
a counteroffensive with radio spots
that began airing in Sacramento
and Los Angeles. He also gained
the endorsement of former guber-
natorial candidate Bill Simon.
Connerly has cast the initiative
as a move toward a colorblind
society. Opponents say its restric-
tions on the use of racial data in
public contracting, employment
and education are a reckless assault
on everything from civil rights to
public health.
“I think everyone wants a color-
blind society,” said Elena Stern,
spokeswoman for the opponents’
campaign. “I think people don’t
want to be blindfolded, and that’s
what this initiative would do.” ■

be able to erase racism entirely,
but we can limit the outlet for
racists.”
The nine corporations that
pulled out of sponsoring “Banzai”
are: General Motors, Ikea, Pepsi,
SBC, Sony, Sprint, United
Airlines, Wendy’s, and Yum!
Brands, Inc.
The organizations that support-
ed the protest against Banzai
include: American Indians in Film
and Television, Korean American
Coalition, Midwest Asian
American Student Union,
National Association of Asian
American Professionals, and
Search to Involve Pilipino
Americans. ■

Park Service Asks for Donations
Back to Minidoka Internment Camp

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
TWIN FALLS, Idaho—
Portions of the local World War II
internment camp for Japanese
Americans may be found in
homes across the Magic Valley.
The National Park Service asks
that residents donate those articles
to the Minidoka Internment
National Monument taking shape
on the old site near Eden.
All around the valley are former
barracks, potbelly stoves and
belongings from Hunt Camp.
Government property was auc-
tioned off or given to returning
veterans when the Hunt Camp
closed in 1945. At its peak, it held
about 13,000 JAs from Wash-
ington, Oregon and Alaska. Today,
73 acres of the site make up the
monument.

The homes of some residents
were built from the former camp’s
tar-papered barracks. A local farm
shop was once the camp firehouse.
One local family reported having
a portion of the camp’s former
guard tower.
“We’re basically looking for
anything that tells the story,” said
Phil Gensler, a paleontologist with
the National Park Service in
Hagerman.
The Park Service is receiving
more inquiries from people inter-
ested in making donations.
Among the contributions received
is a “Camp Harmony” newsletter.
The newsletter was written in
Puyallup, Wash. Internees were

sent to an “assembly center” at the
fairgrounds there before they were
shipped to the Minidoka
Relocation Center, which locally
became known as the Hunt Camp.
Child internee Jeff Itami, today
a Salt Lake City resident, donated
the steamer trunk that once held all
the belongings his family was
allowed to take to Hunt.
The Itamis were sent to the
internment camp at Heart
Mountain, Wyo. But when Itami’s
grandfather died there, the family
transferred to Minidoka.
For more than 32 years after the
war, Itami’s mother, Fujiye Itami,
kept her steamer trunk packed,
updating clothing as the family
grew.
“To my mother’s mind, the pos-
sibility remained that they could
put us back in the camp,” Itami
said. “I said, ‘We’re not going
back to any camps.’”
The experience spurred his
involvement in lobbying for rec-
ompense. Ten years later, he
attended the signing ceremony at
the White House when President
Ronald Reagan gave a formal
apology to JAs and authorized
restitution payments. ■

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Sat., Oct. 4—Film screening and discussion, "Two Bells, Two Worlds"; 6-8 p.m.; Cantor Film Center; 36th E. 8th St., Theater 200. RSVP by Oct. 1: 212/992-9653; aparsvp@nyu.edu.

PHILADELPHIA

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Tues., Sept. 23—The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation's Inaugural Gala honoring Gen. Eric Shinseki, retired Sen. Robert J. Dole and Hon. Norman Y. Mineta; 6 p.m.; Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. NW; Ken Kashiwabara, emcee; in collaboration with the JAVA's 10th Anniversary Celebration and the Smithsonian Institution. Registration, info: NJAMF, 202/530-0015; www.njamf.org.

Midwest

DAYTON, Ohio

Fri., Oct. 10—Kabuki Demonstration and Performance by Onoe Umenosuke; 7:30 p.m.; Wright State University Concert Hall; co-sponsored by Dayton JACL; free to JACL members, \$10 to non-members. Tickets: After Sept. 17: Ron Katsuyama, 937/294-8815.

Mountain Plains

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

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

DENVER

Sat., Oct. 25—Violinist Midori will perform with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra; 7:30 p.m.; Boettcher Center; 14th & Curtis; reception will follow in the Bistro; co-sponsored by Mile-Hi JACL and the Consulate General of Japan, proceeds to benefit the Mile-Hi scholarship program. Tickets: Sumi Takeno, 303/355-5040, or www.milehijacl.org.

LAKEWOOD, Colo.

Tues., Sept. 30—"An Evening of Colorful Dances and Songs for Liberty, Democracy, and Peace"; 6:30 p.m.; Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Pkwy.; presented by the Global Alliance for Democracy and Peace. Free, but ticket is required. Info: Charlie Wu, 303/771-0422, or Lou Choi, 303/937-8000 or 720/560-9000.

FORT. LUPTON, Colo.

Sat., Oct. 4—Ft. Lupton JACL trip to Central City; meet 10 a.m. in the Brighton Kmart parking lot, return 4 p.m., or drive direct; special casino deal to JACL members. Info: 303/581-5228; datn@lexmark.com.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

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

Northern California

LODI

Wed.-Sun. through Oct. 5—"Objects d'Art: Weapons of the Samurai" display of samurai swords; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; San Joaquin County Historical Mu-

seum, Micke's Grove Park; the display is funded by the Stockton JACL.

OAKLAND

Sun., Oct. 5—Moon Viewing Party; 5:30 p.m. open house and bento dinner, 6:30 p.m. entertainment, 7:30 p.m. moon viewing; Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. RSVP by Sept. 29: Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association, 510/482-5896 or 925/934-4100 ext. 101.

SACRAMENTO

Sat., Oct. 11—Florin JACL Annual Scholarship Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo; 5:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. free bingo; Florin YBA Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd. Info: Bob Uyeyama, 916/689-9610, or Amos Freeman, 916/456-7383.

SACRAMENTO

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19—Placer County Nikkei Reunion; Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard St. Info: Aiko Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace Miyamoto, 916/421-2788; Frank Hirota, 916/395-9726; tadhirota@cal.net; or nikkeireunion@atbi.com.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Thurs., Sept. 25—Town Hall Forum: "Public's Truth," concerning the changing realities of our post 9/11 lives; 6:30-9 p.m.; Muslim Community Association, 3003 Scott Blvd., Santa Clara; South Bay residents will share personal testimonies; co-sponsored by the San Jose JACL. Info: Kenzo Kimura, 408/476-2166; sanjose-jacl@netzero.net.

Sun., Oct. 5—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

Thurs., Sept. 25—Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation Annual Dinner, "Mapping the Future"; 6-8 p.m.; Empress of China, 838 Grant Ave.; auction, raffle, Facing East Dance & Music, etc. RSVP: 415/561-2160; info@aiisf.org.

Fri., Oct. 3—"Luau in the City" with master chef Sam Choy; 5:30 p.m. auction, 6:30 p.m. banquet, program, entertainment; St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St.; Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach's 25th anniversary; emcee Sue Kwon of KPIX.

SAN JOSE

Sat., Oct. 11—Symposium, "In America," comparing Chinese and Japanese American experiences of immigration, detention and internment; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St.; in conjunction with exhibit, "1942: Luggage From Home to Camp." Free. Info: 408/271-6840.

Through June 30—Exhibit, "1942: Luggage From Home to Camp" by Flo Oy Wong; Japanese American Museum of San Jose; 535 N. Fifth St. Info: 408/294-3138; www.jamsj.org.

Through September 2004—Exhibit, "Beyond Manzanar"; San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St.; 3-D interactive technology casts viewer in the role of an internee inside the camp. Free. Info: 408/294-2787, www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org.

SAN MATEO

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 20-21—San Mateo Bonsai Club's 40th Annual Bonsai Exhibit; 12 noon-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, demonstrations at 2 p.m. both days; Central Park Recreation Center, 50 E. 5th Ave.

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

Sun., Sept. 28—Sunday Movie Matinee, "New Tale of Zatoichi"; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Japanese with English subtitles; starring Shintaro Katsu. Free. Info: 650/343-2793.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ

Sun.-Thurs., Oct. 12-16—JACL Senior Center tour to Laughlin and Poston Internment Camp; RSVP: Shig Kizuka, 831/728-2693; Carmel Kamigawachi, 831/722-1930.

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.

CLAREMONT

Wed., Sept. 24—The Art of Rice Traveling Theater's Southern California premiere; 8 p.m.; Bridges Hall of Music, 150 E. 4th St.; includes dance, multimedia, taiko, Chinese opera, shadow puppetry, more; sponsored by the Pomona College departments of music, physical education, religious studies and the Pacific Basin Institute. Free. Info: 909/621-8155.

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

Tues., Sept. 23—Los Angeles premiere of documentary, "Wet Sand: Voices from LA Ten Years Later" (after the 1992 L.A. riots); 6 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. screening; Aratani/Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets: 213/680-3700.

Sat., Sept. 27—Free Symposium, "Entertainment Goes 'Pop': The Future of Manga and Anime Entertainment"; 2-5 p.m.; Room 147 Dodd Hall, UCLA campus; in collaboration with the Tokyo Foundation. Info: 310/825-9064.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 26-28—World Premiere screening of "Day of Independence; 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday; Vista Theater, 4473 Sunset Dr. at Hollywood Blvd. and Virgil in Los Feliz; set in a WWII internment camp; Q&A session follows first screening of each day. Info: www.cedargroveproductions.com.

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.

Sun., Sept. 28—Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame Dinner Dance; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Quiet Cannon, 901 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello; honoring Edward Roybal, Judge Pergersen, Art Aragon, Paul Bannai, Lou Adler, Col. B. Webber; dance to "The Music Makers" Big Band orchestra; non-alumni also welcome. Tickets, info: 213/385-4502; <http://rhsalumnifoundation.org>.

Tues., Sept. 30—Reception for retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and his wife; 6-9 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; hosted by the Japanese American Bar Association of Greater Los Angeles. Info: Mark T. Uyeda, Esq., 213/430-6509.

Sat., Oct. 4—Film Screening: "Better Luck Tomorrow"; 2-4 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; discussion with the director and actors follows. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Thursdays-Sundays, through Oct. 5—West Coast premiere of "Masha No Home" by Korean playwright Lloyd Suh; David Henry Huang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; presented by East West Players. Tickets, info: 213/625-7000.

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 Kado-gawa, 310/839-1194; miyako1@earthlink.net.

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

VENICE

Sun., Oct. 19—Asian American Book Fair; 1-5 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; readings, discussion, reception, book signings; with authors Wakako Yamauchi, Kerry Yo Nakagawa, Perry Miyake, Janet Misui-Brown, Stanley Todd Terasaki and Saachiko and Dom

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SANTA BARBARA

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

WEST COVINA

Sat., Oct. 4—2003 Akimatsuri; 1-8 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; food, entertainment, games bingo, raffle, Japanese cultural exhibits and demonstrations, tea ceremony, crafters. Free admission. Info: 626/960-2566.

Arizona - Nevada

Sat., Oct. 11—Las Vegas JACL's 17th Annual Hawaiian Luau; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Spring Meadows Presbyterian Church, 1600 E. Oakley.

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." ■

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis. Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

Announcement

The Japanese American Veterans Association, located in Washington, D.C., is compiling a list of all organizations that have conducted, or are planning to conduct, oral history interviews of Nikkei, especially military veterans of all wars and those who were evacuated and interned during World War II. The purpose of this exercise is to facilitate access to current and future qualified historians and researchers to these oral histories. If you know of such organization(s), other than the Go for Broke Foundation, Japanese American National Museum, and Densho Foundation, please send your information to: Terry T. Shima, Coordinator, JAVA Oral History Project, 8909 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, MD 20854; e-mail: tshima@worldnet.att.net. ■

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Anraku, Teru, Cleveland, July 1; survived by husband Tatsuo; daughter Joyce (Tim) Culek; son John Anraku; 1 gc.; brothers Frank and James Hosaki; sisters Midge Furuta and Helen Mattick.

Gondo, Mitsuno, 93, Stockton, Aug. 23; Maui, Hawaii-born; survived by daughter Taeko Jane Tahara; sons Kiyotaka Harry, Taketo Tom and Toshro William; 2 gc., 4 ggc., 1 gggc.

Guinto, Adam Edmund, 22, Brunswick, Ohio, Aug. 10; survived by mother Brenda and stepfather Dave Maslowski; sister Sarah; brother Aaron; grandparents Dr. Pedro M. and Kachiku Yasunaga Guinto and Betty Maslowski; predeceased by father Edmund Jay.

Hashimoto, Hideo, 92, Portland, Ore. June 22; pastor at the Jerome, Ark., internment camp; survived by wife Rayko; daughters Laury Hennings, Janice Chambers and Nancy Hashimoto; 4 gc.

Hiramoto, Thomas Takumi, 67, Torrance, Aug. 14; Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by wife Ho-tze; son Douglas (Theresa); and daughters Jade and Carolyn Hiramoto.

Ichishita, Mitsu, 90, Santa Clara County, Aug. 26; Gold Bar, Wash.-born; survived by sons Frank (Nobuko), Michio (Kazuko) and Makoto Ichishita; daughters Takako (Ben) Horiuchi, Grace Morikawa, Meiko Nemnich and Sachiko Anderson; 7 gc., 9 ggc. sisters Yoneko Kanemoto and Akiya Kuranaga; predeceased by husband Kozaburo.

Kaneko, Lester Dunn, DDS, 61, Monterey Park, Aug. 16; Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Sharon; daughters Leslie, DDS (Richard, DDS) Furuichi and Lori Kaneko; son Michael; mother Alice Kaneko; mother-in-law Florence Nishiguchi; brother-in-law Leonard (Lesley) Nishiguchi; sister-in-law Cheryl (Kenneth) Armstrong.

Kawashima, Hatsune, 100, Fullerton, Sept. 4; Kochi ken-born; survived by sons Frank Hiromi of Oregon and Fred H. (Sandra) Kawashima of Marysville; 7 gc., 5 ggc.; sister Hatsumi Sawada of Japan.

Kobayashi, Woodrow Y., 80, Monterey Park, Aug. 17; Boring, Ore.-born Nisei; survived by wife Rose; son Keith; daughter Wendy (Scott) Kohno; 4 gc.; sister Asae Otsuji; brother-in-law Mori Takahashi; sisters-in-law Kiyoko Kobayashi, Suma Kobayashi and Gayle (Mike) Izuno.

Koga, May C., 94, Long Beach, Aug. 12; Gardena-born Nisei; survived by sisters Fumi Minamiji, Shizuko Yanaga and Harriett Kitano.

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Kono, Kazuko Beatrice, 85, Berkeley, Sept. 1; survived by sons Gordon (Judy), George and Gary (Myrna); 6 gc.; sisters-in-law Kimiko Miyamoto of Elk Grove, Yemiko Nobusada of Monterey, Chiyeko Umeda of Mountain View and Tomiko Komoto (Tech) of Selma; predeceased by husband Kenneth "Osby."

Lin, Chaote, 72, San Jose, Aug. 19; Taiwan-born former branch manager for the *Nichi Bei Times*; survived by wife Ginny; son Kenneth of Chicago; daughter Anna Lin Elsalin of San Jose; 2 gc.; brothers Dr. Hong-Te Lin of Taiwan, Dr. Cheng-Te Lin of Lima, Ohio, Thung-Te Lin of San Diego, Richard Lin of Eugene, Ore.; sister Suei-Ching of Taiwan.

Maeda, Sumihiko, 94, Sacramento, Aug. 25; Oguchi City, Kagoshima ken-born; survived by daughters Keiko (Mac) Takeda and Reiko Maeda; son Ken; 8 gc.; sister-in law Toku Nagano.

Minami, Yoshio "Yo," 78, Gardena, Aug. 23; Gardena-born; WWII veteran; survived by sister Masako Minami; sister-in-law Ruth Minami.

Muñoz, Evelyn Ritsuko, Costa Mesa, Aug. 23; survived by husband Gregory; sons Keith (Ellen) and Kevin (Irine) Komatsu; stepchildren Matthew Muñoz, Laura (Mark) Bottini, Patrick Muñoz, Molly (Dylan) Rigdon and Marcelita (Gregory) Graber; mother Chiyoko Nagamatsu; brother Ernest Nagamatsu; 1 gc. and 6 step-gc.

Nakahara, Nao "Rocky," 52, Torrance, Aug. 14; Fukuoka-ken, Japan-born; survived by wife Keiko; daughters Aya and Madoka Nakahara; mother Tomoko Nakahara; sister Sumiko (Hideaki) Kozuma; and brother Naohiro Nakahara.

Negi, Tora, 100, Guadalupe, July 11; longtime resident of the East Bay; survived by son Yoshio (Sanaye) Negi; daughter Michiko (James) Nishino; 8 gc., 10 ggc.

Ono, Guy, 54, San Francisco, Aug. 27; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Linda; daughters Kristee and Colette; son Grant; brothers Stanley (Junko), Gary (Caroll) and Victor (Judy); sister Teresa Ono.

Sekino, Isamu, 86, San Francisco, Aug. 23; San Francisco-born; survived by daughters Linda Sekino (Steve) Omori and Nancy Sekino (Frank) Fong; 2 gc.

Sugawara, Hy, 81, Lihu'e, Hawaii, June 15; Parker, Idaho-born; longtime Cincinnati resident; Amache, Colo., internee; military veteran.

Takahashi, Sachiko Miyahara, 77, Burlingame, Aug. 18; San Francisco-born; Topaz internee; survived by husband Kenge; sons Gene (Phylis) and Jack (Karrie); daughters Norma (Charles) and Anne (Wilbur); 3 gc.; sibling Gengo Miyahara; predeceased by sibling Yuriko Hirokawa.

Takeshita, Kenji, San Francisco, Aug. 25; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Sumako Helen; sons Tomio (Elizabeth) and

OBITUARY

Medal of Honor Recipient Okutsu Dies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—Yukio "Yuki" Okutsu, a World War II veteran whose Distinguished Service Cross award later was upgraded to a Medal of Honor, has died. He was 81.

Okutsu died Aug. 24 at the Hilo Medical Center, about one month after he was diagnosed with stomach cancer, said his son, Wayne Okutsu.

Born and raised in Koloa, Kauai, Okutsu was a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Wayne Okutsu said. He spent 18 months in combat in Italy, where he used grenades and his submachine gun to neutralize three

German machine gun positions on Mount Belvedere on April 7, 1945.

Okutsu was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and returned to Kauai in December 1945. He donated the medal to the Kauai Museum.

In 2000, Okutsu's Distinguished Service Cross was upgraded to a Medal of Honor after Congress ordered the Army to review its records to see if anti-Japanese sentiment during the war prevented the soldiers from getting full recognition.

President Clinton presented the nation's highest recognition for valor in combat to Okutsu at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. ■

OBITUARY

Katherine Cheung, First Licensed AA Woman Pilot, Dead

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.—Katherine Cheung, whose chance visit to a Southern California airfield inspired her to become the nation's first licensed Asian-American female pilot, has died of cancer. She was 98.

The aviation pioneer, whose contemporaries included Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindberg, died at home Sept. 2 of natural causes, the Los Angeles Times reported Sept. 1.

The native of Canton, China, immigrated to the United States in 1921, where she studied music at several schools, including the University of Southern California

and the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music, earning a degree from the latter.

Cheung earned her pilot's license in 1932, a time when only 1 percent of all licensed U.S. pilots were women. Among AA women, she was the first, according to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

She also became an accomplished racer and stunt flier, and the Beijing Air Force Aviation Museum proclaimed her China's Amelia Earhart.

Cheung is survived by daughters Doris Wong of Thousand Oaks and Dorothy Leschenko of Los Angeles, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. ■

son Lester (Diana) of Union City; 2 gc.; sister Shimako Koga of Japan; predeceased by husband Albert.

Yata, Tomoko Marge, 81, Cypress, Aug. 24; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Dennis, Kenneth, Alan and Steven; 8 gc., 1 ggc.; predeceased by husband Charles M. ■

Whereabouts

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

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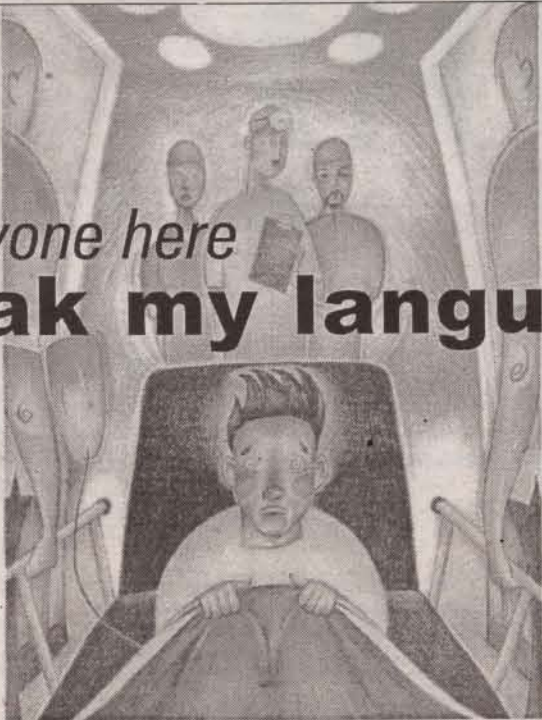
Frances Mason Church is looking for Chiye Nagamine, who was in her father's class when he taught grammar school at 9th Street and Towne Avenue in Los Angeles. Chiye stayed at the Mason house many weekends prior to evacuation. With information please write to Chiye, c/o Rev. Arthur Tsuncishi, 1521 Walnut St., San Gabriel, CA 91776.

DEATH NOTICE

HARUKO NISHIYAMA WONG

HUDSON, Ohio — Puente, Calif.-born Haruko Nishiyama Wong, 89, passed away Aug. 9. Wife of the late George (Wing Art) Wong, former owner of San Kwo Low. Survived by sons Drs. Kee and Larry Wong of Hawaii; several grandchildren; brother John Nishiyama of Montebello, Calif.; sisters Kiyo Finucane of Maryland and Sally Schurr of New York. A memorial service was held Sept. 13.

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GALA DINNER

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United States."

But he also noted that more work needs to be done. Matsui pointed to the injustices suffered by Wen Ho Lee, a former Los Alamos Chinese American scientist who was unjustly imprisoned in 1999 for nine months. Lee was never charged with espionage and later plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

"I raise this issue because there's more work to be done," he said. "The constitution is still being violated."

Transportation Secretary Mineta was honored for his lengthy career filled with a number of firsts. He was the first APA mayor of a major U.S. city, and the first APA from the mainland to serve in the U.S. Congress where he enjoyed a 20-year career. President Clinton appointed him as his Secretary of Commerce in 2000, another first

for an APA, and he currently serves in President Bush's Cabinet.

Mineta noted that many who had experienced Pearl Harbor and the WWII concentration camps were asking themselves if the events of 1942 would repeat themselves after the Sept. 11 attacks. All of the same elements seemed to be present: a surprise attack, an ethnic group under a cloud of suspicion, and a public demanding a quick and immediate response.

But in the year 2001 there was one fundamental difference, said Mineta. "There was a fundamental awareness in the conscience of the nation about the Japanese American experience during World War II and an understanding on the part of the political and opinion leaders in this country that our evacuation and incarceration and internment were indeed and in fact wrong."

As the point person in charge of making sure the airports, roads, and waterways were safe after the 9/11

attacks, Mineta noted that politicians, especially those with large Arab and Muslim constituencies, were standing up for those being targeted after the terrorist attacks — unlike the politicians who abandoned the JAs during WWII. "They knew that it was the right thing to do. They knew that what was done to [Japanese Americans] was wrong," he said.

"The internment and the injustices we suffered became the lens through which this nation's leadership saw the Arab American community," said Mineta, who credited the JACL with largely helping to educate the country about the internment and the redress story.

All of the honorees spoke highly of their fellow recipients and expressed their gratitude for the tribute. Sen. Inouye dedicated his award to his grandparents and parents.

"I'd like to accept this award on behalf of my grandparents and parents because what we are today is what the environment produced, what our grandparents and parents produced," said Inouye, who noted that his grandparents and parents passed on to him the Japanese values of gratefulness, loyalty, duty, love of country, and respect for one's elders.

Inouye is currently serving his seventh consecutive term in the U.S. Senate and is the third most senior member today. A decorated World War II veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat



PHOTO JASON STOM

(L-r): Carol Tateishi, JACL Executive Director John Tateishi, Sen. Daniel Inouye, and JACL Washington, D.C., Representative Kristine Minami.

Team, Inouye was recognized with the Medal of Honor in 2000 for his heroics.

In a moving tribute, Mink, the first APA female elected to Congress, was honored posthumously for her lengthy career in the U.S. House of Representatives where she consistently fought for civil rights and the rights of women. She is best known for her historic Women's Educational Equity Act, better known as Title IX, that forced schools receiving federal money to open up athletics and academics to women.

"Her life and her work literally transformed American society, opening doors of opportunity for everyone but most especially for the women of this country," said Mineta, who along with the other honorees praised Mink for her accomplishments and career firsts. "Patsy sparked a revolution in equal opportunity."

"[Mink's] entire career was based upon challenging the estab-

lishment when the establishment was wrong," said Matsui. Mink passed away on Sept. 28 at the age of 74.

"These gentlemen are people we are very proud of, who have done so much for our communities," said JACL president Floyd Mori, who thanked the honorees for their commitment to the community. Mori credited them for inspiring his own political career as a former California state assemblyman. These individuals "are people who have somehow in your lives touched you personally, given you pride as you've read about them in newspapers."

"We're in the presence of some very, very exceptional people — these are our leaders, these are our heroes," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director, who praised the honorees' impressive accomplishments. "These are people we've looked up to and people who have given us so much hope. These are special people to all of us." ■



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(L-r): Renee Koga, Susan Kitsu of the Hawaii chapter, U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, and Art Koga, JACL secretary/treasurer, at the VIP reception.

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