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Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans Launches Anti-Recall Website

The group Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) has launched a website asking Asian Pacific Americans to vote "no" on the recall of Gov. Gray Davis Oct. 7.

The site (www.AsianAmericansAgainstRecall.org) includes information on why the recall is bad for APAs in California, lists more than 150 APA leaders opposed to the recall, and asks supporters to pledge their "no" vote on the site.

The recall opponents include Rep. Bob Matsui, Rep. Mike Honda, State Board of Equalization member John Chiang, state Assembly majority leader Wilma Chan, Assemblywoman Carol Liu, Assemblywoman Judy Chu, Assemblyman George Nakano, Assemblyman Leland Yee, Appointments Secretary Michael Yamaki, and community leaders such as Stanley M. Toy, Jr., chair of Chinese Americans Against the

Recall, and California Arts Council member Dr. Jerrold Hiura.

"APAs can play a pivotal role in this close election and should not remain silent when their own future is at stake," said Dale Minami, CAPA president and co-founder. "Not only is this election an affront to our democracy and a waste of tens of millions of dollars better spent on education and social services, but APAs need to recognize that Gov. Davis has proven to be an ally and supporter of our issues and for the fair representation of APAs in government and politics."

"Because of the way the recall works, the next governor could be elected by 20 percent of the vote, or even less," said Maeley Tom, a CAPA co-founder. "There is no guarantee that the next governor who would immediately take

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APAIC Vows to Continue Fight Against Prop. 54

Asian Pacific Americans for an Informed California (APAIC) vowed to continue fighting against Proposition 54, an initiative that would ban the government from collecting racial data, in the wake of the Sept. 23 court decision to reinstate the Oct. 7 special recall election.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned an earlier courts' decision to halt the recall, citing the large amount of resources already invested in the election scheduled for Oct. 7, while also noting that some votes would go uncounted because of error-prone punch card ballots.

"We are extremely disappointed that ballots in six California counties may be counted less than other ballots, or not counted at all," said Phil Ting, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus. "Each voter has a right to make their voice heard, and that right should not be hampered by antiquated voting

machines."

Sheila Chung, executive director of Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition, said, "A March election date would have allowed more time for voter education on the measure's harmful effects on the Asian Pacific American community. The more people learn about this initiative, the less they support it."

APAIC, a statewide coalition of AA leaders and organizations in public service, health, education, civil rights and business, expects the proposition to be soundly defeated on Oct. 7.

"Regardless of [the court's] decision, we have been ready and will continue to be ready to defeat Proposition 54," said Manjari Chawla, staff attorney for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "We are confident that Asian American voters will go to the polls on October 7th and will

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JACL to Join ACLU Lawsuit Challenging U.S.A. Patriot Act

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

In a bold move, the JACL announced that it will be joining an ACLU lawsuit challenging the merits of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

"My decision to join the ACLU in the lawsuit is based on one essential fact: It's the right thing to do for us as a civil rights organization. If we stood by and did nothing, it would be a shame on us," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director, who announced the organization's decision at a national board meeting Sept. 12 in Los Angeles.

In the next two months the JACL will file an amicus brief to ACLU's lawsuit, essentially joining several other groups as a supporting organization to the court case.

The ACLU lawsuit challenges Section 215 of the Patriot Act, which expands the power of the FBI to secretly obtain records and personal belongings of U.S. citizens and permanent residents suspected of terrorist activities.

Section 215 of the act essential-

ly allows the government to make personal searches without a warrant and to obtain information about a person's reading habits, Internet usage, or religious affiliations. Also, once served with Section 215 orders, a person is not allowed to tell anyone about it.

The ACLU argues that these increased government powers are a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

"Ordinary Americans should not have to worry that the FBI is rifling through their medical records, seizing their personal papers, or forcing charities and advocacy groups to divulge membership lists," said Ann Beeson, associate legal director of the ACLU and lead attorney in the lawsuit. "Investing the FBI with unchecked authority to monitor the activities of innocent people is an invitation to abuse, a waste of resources, and is certainly not making any of us any safer."

The ACLU lawsuit was filed in federal court July 30 on behalf of six Arab American advocacy and community groups: Muslim Community Association of Ann

Arbor (MCA); American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC); Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services; Bridge Refugee and Sponsorship Services; Council on American-Islamic Relations; and The Islamic Center of Portland, Masjed As-Saber.

The lawsuit names Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller as defendants in the case.

JACL joins the lawsuit knowing that there may be greater scrutiny of the organization by the U.S. government, said Tateishi, such as the possibility that JACL's membership list could be targeted. Still, he believes the JA community has an obligation to challenge the U.S. government when it violates the U.S. Constitution.

"I've said it many times, that Japanese Americans of any segment of this nation's population should understand how dangerous it is to allow any wing of the government to take over the lives of Americans without adhering to the

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JACL to Explore Holding Constitutional Convention in 2005

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Looking to develop a strong foundation for the future of JACL, Floyd Mori, JACL national president, announced his intent to explore the possibility of holding a constitutional convention in 2005.

This convention will help us "focus our attention on the possibility of making changes to the constitution," said Mori, at a national JACL board meeting in Los Angeles Sept. 12. "We

director, agreed that some changes will need to be made if the organization is to thrive financially in the future. "There has to be some changes somewhere downstream or we are always going to struggle," he

Ribbon Committee report was commissioned during the last biennium. Although several recommendations were made, "it didn't go very far," he said.

He noted that part of the reason why certain things, such as the Blue Ribbon Committee report, get left behind is because JACL always seems to run in "crisis mode" since finances are always a struggle for the organization.

After much discussion and debate Mori appointed a committee to explore the possibility of



Floyd Mori (right), JACL national president, speaks at the national board meeting Sept. 12 as Art Koga, national secretary/treasurer looks on.

as leaders have to be leaders. We can't just keep up the status quo."

He noted that over the past few years, several questions have been raised regarding JACL's mission statement, election of officers, and the current structure of the organization and its staff, but many of these issues cannot be dealt with without changes to the organization's current constitution and bylaws.

If JACL continues to operate the way it has been, "[JACL] is going to wilt on the vine," said Mori. "We always talk about changing things" but to make real changes JACL is going to have to look at its current constitution, he added.

John Tateishi, JACL executive

said.

"This is bigger than a constitutional issue, it's an organizational issue," said Gil Asakawa, *Pacific Citizen* board chairperson, who echoed the thoughts of other national board members who wanted to dissect the issues more closely.

David Masuo, PNW governor, noted that the older JACL members are not generally big on change while the younger members want to make changes. "There are divisive challenges we need to overcome," he said. "It is difficult to get the young people involved because [JACL] doesn't pertain to them."

David Hayashi, vice president of planning and development, reminded the board that a Blue

holding a 2005 constitutional convention and to "take the vision to reality," he said. The committee members are: Hayashi (who will head the committee); Mark Kobayashi, NCWNPD governor; Paul Uyehara, EDC governor; Ryan Chin, vice president of membership; Reiko Yoshino, MPDC governor; Ben Ezaki, MDC governor; and Josh Spry, national youth representative. The committee is to submit a report of their findings within three months.

The national board also finalized the schedule and budget for the Aug. 10-14, 2004, convention in Hawaii. Some minor

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Freedom Rides Set to Bring Awareness to Plight of Immigrants

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE—Suely Ngouy came to the United States as a refugee from war-ravaged Cambodia 20 years ago. Her family struggled to adjust to a new home, a new language and endure unfair labor conditions.

With that history in mind, Ngouy boarded a bus on Sept. 23, joining some 900 others on a cross-country ride to raise awareness about undocumented immigrants and labor issues in the United States.

"I understand what it's like to be an immigrant struggling with a new culture and new language and learning to assimilate. I want to support the immigrants who struggle, making it easier to live here," said Ngouy, 22, who was born in a refugee camp in Thailand.

Taking a page from the civil rights movement of the 1960s, the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride kicked off Sept. 20 in 10 cities throughout the country, with 18 buses making planned stops in more than 100 communities.

Participants plan to hold rallies calling for improved workplace protections and recognition of immigrants' civil rights, regardless of their legal status. Buses are leaving from Seattle; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Las Vegas; Houston; Minneapolis; Chicago; Miami; and Boston.

Destinations included Washington, D.C., for meetings with members of Congress on Oct. 1, and New York, where organizers hope to draw 100,000 supporters

to an Oct. 4 rally.

"We're trying to bring attention to the whole struggle of having rights, justice on the job. People work hard, there should be justice for everyone," said Bob Gorman, a spokesman for the AFL-CIO labor federation in Seattle.

At a kickoff rally in San Francisco on Sept. 20, about 1,000 people gathered to cheer about 100 freedom riders. Many in the crowd wore orange T-shirts with "Laborers" on the front, chanting "Si, se puede" — Yes, we can.

The idea for the symbolic ride was developed in July 2001 by leaders of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union. After decades of considering new arrivals as adversaries, many unions now seek to organize even illegal immigrants, whose lower pay and lack of worker protections threaten to reduce standards across the board.

The Urban Institute, an economic and social policy research group in Washington, D.C., estimates the number of undocumented immigrants living in the United States totals about 8.5 million, although the number is debated.

Ngouy recalls her father toiling for 11 years in a Los Angeles garment factory she described as a sweat shop, where the ventilation was poor, hours were long and the breaks were few. She sees the freedom ride as a way to help bring about changes for those who continue to struggle.

Protection on the job should be given, she said, but immigrants — even those who have entered the

country legally — may not share those rights. "They're not even treated as human beings, they're treated as animals," said Ngouy, who worked in the garment shop with her father at age 9.

The original Freedom Ride, organized by the Congress of Racial Equality, left Washington on May 4, 1961. Whites and blacks rode together through the South, protesting segregation on buses and trains. They faced angry mobs and mass arrests.

Today's freedom riders — representing 17 countries and including several undocumented immigrants — say they're anticipating more favorable receptions.

"There's always fear when you're raising up an issue that's not on the agenda. But I think their desire for justice gives them courage to overcome the fear," said Kim Bobo, executive director of the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice in Chicago.

The cost of the drive is expected to exceed \$1 million, with contributions from the AFL-CIO, the Service Employees International Union, United Farmworkers of America and the National Council of La Raza, along with several churches and foundations. ■

Census: L.A. County Has Fastest Growing Population of Asians

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles County, California's most populous county, now has the fastest growing population of Asians found anywhere in the United States, according to census figures from 2000 released Sept. 18.

The increase in the two years tracked since the last national census gave Los Angeles County 1.3 million Asians, 47,000 more than reported in 2000, according to the Census Bureau.

Other parts of California also showed steady increases in their Asian populations, according to census officials, although their overall numbers do not match those found in Los Angeles County.

San Diego's Asian population, for example, increased to 274,469 from 245,659 in 2000. Alameda County, in the San Francisco Bay area, saw its numbers rise from 301,225 to 327,017 during the same period. Orange County, with a burgeoning Vietnamese population, saw its number of Asians increase from 393,689 to 422,656.

In other areas of the country,

Asians were the fastest growing minority group in the state of Colorado, reflecting a trend that began a decade ago.

Asians gained 12 percent, followed by Hispanics, 9.6 percent, and Pacific Islanders at 8.5 percent.

The Asian population totaled 107,730, up from 95,000, who identified themselves as Asians during the 2000 census. Koreans were the largest Asian group with about 34,000, but Vietnamese were the fastest growing with 31,000.

In the state of New Mexico, Asians make up only 1 percent of the population but they were the fastest-growing minority group in the state over the past two years.

New Mexico's Asian population grew by more than 9 percent from 18,922 in 2000 to 20,702 in 2002. The number of Asians in Valencia County climbed 32.5 percent to 253, while those in the state's most populous county, Bernalillo, grew by nearly 10 percent to 11,696.

Nationally, the Asian population grew by 8.1 percent during the two-year period. ■

Recent Controversies Highlight Debate About Race's Role in Comedy

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aki Aleong's stomach churned as he watched the Fox comedy game show, the one with the nerdy Asian businessman wearing thick glasses and the karate-chopping martial arts master screaming "Banzai!"

Paul Noble watched the same show but saw something else. To him, it was a fresh, funny program with great stunts, like two men jousting while riding shopping carts. The Asian characters were just part of the backdrop.

Once, minorities like Aleong, a Chinese American, might have silently winced about being the butt of jokes on a network program — in this case, the Fox summer show "Banzai!"

Not anymore.

As minorities' numbers have grown, so has their ability to make their voices heard when they feel humor slips into insult. But that doesn't mean comedians will stop treading the line between the two.

Race in comedy "is just like race in everyday situations," said comedian D.L. Hughley. "It's always a component."

Hughley, who is black, has often joked about the differences between blacks and whites. For instance, he once observed that blacks, unlike whites, don't enjoy bungee jumping because "that's too much like lynching for us."

"There's always the chance that somebody is going to be offended," Hughley said. But "I want people to see what I'm seeing. They don't have to agree with me, or like it, or understand it ... but if they see what I'm seeing, then chances are I'll get a laugh."

"Banzai" was only the latest in a series of recent incidents in which comedians looking for laughs got criticism instead.

In February, some Hispanics were outraged after a satirical "Vanity Fair" advice column counseled against learning Spanish, asking, "Who speaks it that you are really desperate to talk to? The help? Your leaf blower? Study French or German, where

there are at least a few books worth reading, or, if you're American, try English."

Sikh groups demanded Miramax remove a scene in the movie "Dysfunctional Family" in which a man wearing a turban is called Osama bin Laden. And some blacks said a character who poked fun at civil rights icons in the movie "Barbershop" last year was disrespectful.

Aleong, an actor and president of the Media Action Network for Asian Americans, watched "Banzai" with Fox officials before it aired and voiced his complaints to them.

"We can take a joke," Aleong said. But "all I saw were geeky Asian guys, nerdy guys. I'm saying, 'Where is the balance?' You can poke fun at people, you can ridicule them, but please show some balance."

Fox says the show, which originally aired in Britain, was a parody of Japanese game shows. It "shouldn't be viewed as anything more than what it is — a very different kind of game show," Fox said in a statement, adding that it has been a leader in promoting Asian American talent.

"I like the challenges, the innovation of it all," said Noble, a white man who lives in Ashburn, Va. "I certainly don't base my opinion on Asia down to this one show. I'm obviously open-minded enough to realize it's not like that. It's just a funny show."

Racial scrutiny can also extend to what comedians say about their own ethnic groups.

Mexican American cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz, whose nationally syndicated "La Cucaracha" strip provides a biting view of the world through the eyes of its Hispanic characters, said that in humor, "anything goes."

But some Hispanics have told him they don't like the title of the strip, or the way the characters dress in flannel shirts and baggy pants, Alcaraz said.

Alcaraz said his goal is to puncture stereotypes. "It's either we have thick accents or we're Jimmy

Smits, detective," he said, "and there's no in-between." But Alcaraz says his characters are regular people "in their mid 20s, and they're just working and doing their thing."

Vietnamese American comedian Dat Phan has turned painful experiences into comic material with a racial undercurrent. He's joked about introducing himself to a Vietnamese veteran as "Charlie" and used his own name as fodder, quipping "it's pretty hot in here. Can you turn on dat fan over there?"

Phan figures that, by poking fun at himself, he turns the table on people like the classmates who picked on him in school. "I got to the punch line before they could," he said.

Phil Yu, author of a Weblog titled Angry Asian Man, said he supports Phan's work because Phan is Asian, "in a profession where there are very few Asians." But some also fear Phan may be seen as "just this funny guy who does this accent," he said.


In the end, every group seems to take its lumps from some comedian. But these days an almost universal target seems to be white people.

"It's almost OK to say something about our own race and whites, but you can't cross over to a different race," said Pam Gerioanni, a "Banzai" fan who is Hispanic. "White seems to be a free for all."

Political satirist Bill Maher agrees there is a double standard when it comes to race and comedy — but he says it's easy to see why.


"Obviously black people can get away with saying things about white people that white people couldn't be saying about black people," Maher said. "Black people should be able to do things we don't get to do, because of all the things we did to them that they didn't do to us."

Whites are "the majority. We're the culture that has run the show," he said. So of course whites "are going to be a big target." ■




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National Newsbytes

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Albuquerque City Council Opposes Portions of Patriot Act

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—The City Council here has joined other cities and counties across the country in passing a resolution opposing parts of the USA Patriot Act.

The council unanimously voted Sept. 15 to adopt a bill affirming civil rights and declaring parts of the federal law a threat to civil liberties.

The Patriot Act, signed into law following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, contains sweeping provisions expanding the government's authority to plant wiretaps, enter homes, search computers and carry out other covert surveillance. It toughens criminal penalties for terrorists and removed a legal barrier that for years prevented intelligence agencies and criminal investigators and prosecutors from sharing information.

About 30 people spoke in favor of the council's measure before its passage.

The resolution asks the local library director to post signs notifying customers that their library records may be obtained by the

federal government under the Patriot Act. It directs city employees to abstain from assisting with investigations that violate people's civil rights. It also calls on the state's congressional delegation to monitor implementation of the law.

Inouye Scheduled to Undergo Shoulder Surgery Next Month

HONOLULU—U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye will have shoulder surgery this month but he is not expected to miss any Senate business, his office announced Sept. 22.

Inouye, D-Hawaii, is scheduled to undergo a partial left shoulder replacement, a procedure known as shoulder hemiarthroplasty, on Oct. 6 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The Senate has scheduled Oct. 3 as its target adjournment date.

"I expect that after a few days, I will be able to carry on some of my official duties from my hospital bed, and soon afterward be able to get back to my office," Inouye, 79, said in a news release.

The operation is to be performed by Dr. John S. Xenos, director of adult reconstruction in the medical center's Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation.

Inouye's hospital stay is expected to last one to two weeks, Xenos said. While full recovery takes about three months, Xenos said Inouye likely would be able to resume some of his usual duties within three to four weeks.

Inouye, Hawaii's senior member of Congress, lost his right arm during combat in World War II as a member of the mostly Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor.

Slim Majority Favor Ban on Affirmative Action

DETROIT—A slim majority of Michigan voters favor amending the state's constitution to ban affirmative action, according to a recent poll.

Fifty-two percent of those polled support a state constitutional amendment outlawing the use of race as a determining factor in college admissions, government hiring and contracts, *The Detroit News* reported Sept. 22.

The results of the poll may be good news for people seeking to collect more than 317,000 signatures on a petition to put the ban on the November 2004 ballot. But others caution the survey's findings are far from conclusive.

Thirty-nine percent of those polled oppose such an amendment and 9 percent were undecided.

The poll is the first on the issue in Michigan since the U.S. Supreme Court in June issued twin decisions concerning the policy at the University of Michigan. It upheld the use of race as a consideration at the university's law school but ruled the undergraduate school must revise its admissions policy.

California activist Ward Connerly has launched a \$1 million campaign to put the issue to the state's voters. He will be traveling to Michigan this month to muster support for the petition. Connerly's group, the American Civil Rights Initiative, spearheaded a similar, and ultimately successful, effort in California and Washington.

Judge Finds Laguna Hills Man Insane at Time of Racial Slaying

SANTA ANA, Calif.—A deaf man convicted of murder was legally insane when he killed an

Asian teenage neighbor out of racial hatred, a judge ruled Sept. 25.

Superior Court Judge Kazuharu Makino found that Christopher Hearn, 22, of Laguna Hills, lived in a "distorted world" and could not appreciate the wrongness of his actions under the "legal standard that we use."

Hearn was found guilty last month in a non-jury trial of murdering Kenneth Chiu, 17, along with the special enhancements of lying in wait and targeting the victim because of his ethnicity.

Testimony showed that Hearn had "mild" racist beliefs in junior high school that worsened as he developed schizophrenia until he reached a point where he felt he was being ordered by the government to kill dangerous people, Makino said. A recommendation on where Hearn should be sent for treatment should be received in 15 days, he said.

Hearn stabbed Chiu about midnight July 30, 2001, as Chiu returned from a date. Chiu identified Hearn as the attacker before he died. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Dr. Yung Duk Kim, a prominent figure in Asian American business and community affairs for nearly 30 years, has been elected chairperson of the board of the Asian American Federation of New York, a nonprofit community leadership organization. Kim begins a two-year term as board chairperson after serving as vice chairperson for four years. Kim, who was born in Korea and moved to the United States in 1974, has held numerous business and nonprofit leadership positions in this country, including president and CEO of the Hyundai Corporation (USA) and chairperson of the board of the Korean American Association of Greater New York.

Eric K. Noji was recently honored with the Woodrow Wilson Award recognizing distinguished public service, it was announced in the *Johns Hopkins Magazine's* September issue. Noji helped develop the national biodefense system soon after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks when he was appointed senior medical advisor to the White House Office of Homeland Security in the Executive Office of the President. A former faculty member at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, he is currently the special assistant to the U.S. Surgeon General for Homeland Security and Disaster Medicine in Washington, D.C. ■

Shinseki, Dole and Mineta Honored by NJAMF

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) honored recently retired Army chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, World War II veteran and retired Senate Majority leader Robert J. Dole, and the Hon. Norman Y. Mineta at the foundation's inaugural gala on Sept. 23 in Washington, D.C.

Shinseki received the Award for Patriotism,

given to a person whose military or other contributions to the nation's peace, security and welfare exemplify the spirit of patriotism in the face of prejudice, as embodied in President Harry S. Truman's statement to returning Nisei veterans of WWII: "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice — and you won."

Mineta was given the Award for Constitutional Rights, for contributions to constitutional rights that have materially improved the treatment of, and opportunities made available to, all Americans regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or gender, and therefore

advanced the complementary principles of diversity and unity upon which our nation is founded.

The Chairman's Award was presented to Dole, whose leadership has significantly raised the nation's awareness of the JA community's contributions to the history and life of the nation, and whose actions have led to the increased recognition of the community's intrinsic and vital role

in the nation's continuing legacy and future. Master of ceremonies for the evening was former ABC News correspondent Ken Kashiwara. The inaugural gala was held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, across the street from the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism during WWII. The memorial, dedicated in 2000, captures the patriotic spirit and sacrifice of Japanese Americans who remained loyal to the United States on and off the fields of battle during the war despite discrimination, wholesale incarceration, and the loss of civil and constitutional rights.



MINETA



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"The memorial was designed to be an everlasting message to future generations of Americans. Its story is the patriotism of one community as it survived injustice without losing faith in the promise of the United States. It is a message of hope, and a prayer that our experience never happens to any American community ever again," said Foundation Chairman Warren Minami.

The mission of the NJAMF (www.njamf.com) is to educate the American public about the memorial's historical significance and to help ensure the physical maintenance of the memorial itself. ■

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JACL Announces the 2004 National JACL Scholarship Program

March 1, 2004, will be the post-mark deadline for submission of JACL freshman scholarship applications. Again, the submission of freshman applications will be to the applicant's local chapter. The applications for all other national JACL scholarships (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative & performing arts, and financial aid) must be post-marked by April 1, 2004, and sent to the National JACL Scholarship Program, c/o San Diego JACL, 1031 25th Street, San Diego, CA 92102.

The chapters are asked to screen the applicants and forward the "outstanding" applications to National JACL Scholarship Program, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

The deadline for forwarding of the applications by the chapters is April 1, 2004. No exceptions will be made for late submissions.

One of the changes to this year's process is the inclusion of a "JACL Involvement" section to the application. This separate section will provide more specific information on the applicant's JACL role and activities. This information was often not available in the previous applications. The scholarship selection committee will need the "JACL Involvement" information in the application verified by the chapters

during their screening of the application. With the submission of the applications, the chapter may include a cover letter to note the order of their selections and the justification for those selections.

Applications are available on the JACL website (www.jacl.org). Any applicant unable to obtain an application in this manner may contact

National JACL at 415/921-5225.

National JACL truly appreciates the assistance of the chapters with the scholarship program. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please feel free to contact JACL National Vice President (General Operations) David Kawamoto (dhkawamoto@aol.com). ■

Bruce Yamashita to Appear at Book Launch

Capt. Bruce Yamashita, whose five-year legal battle with the U.S. Marine Corps changed the way the U.S. Armed Forces deal with issues of race and discrimination, will appear at a Honolulu event to help launch a book and documentary film that tell his story. The event will be held on Oct. 5 at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa.

Yamashita will be reading from his newly published autobiography, "Fighting Tradition: A Marine's Journey to Justice." In addition, a new 60-minute documentary film centered on his story titled "A Most Unlikely Hero" will also be premiered at the event. He will be available to sign books and will be joined for a question-and-answer session by filmmaker Steve Okino and attorneys Clayton Ikei, Ernie Kimoto and Bill Kaneko. The event is sponsored by the Hawaii chapter of the JACL, the University of

Hawai'i Press, and the University of Hawai'i Office of Multicultural Student Services. The event is free and open to the public.

Determined to be a U.S. Marine Corps officer, Hawai'i native Yamashita enrolled in Officer Candidate School, where he was the target of persistent racial harassment by officers and staff. After enduring nine weeks of emotional and physical abuse, Yamashita was "disenrolled" in April 1989 — kicked out of the Marine Corps because of the color of his skin. With the support of a broad coalition of community and civil rights organizations, the Georgetown law school graduate fought a five-year-long legal, political and media battle against the military establishment that ended in his commissioning as captain and the revision of Marine Corps policies and procedures. ■

San Jose JACL Awards Scholarships Totalling \$12,350



(L to r) San Jose JACL scholarship recipients Monica Okubo, Yukari Takeuchi, Kristen Kurimoto, Keiko Imazumi, Lisa Iijima, Scott Ohara, and Michelle Wall. Not pictured: Naoya Kanai and Stuart Jones.

Nine recipients received scholarships at a luncheon held recently at the Wesley United Methodist Church. Sharon Uyeda, v.p. scholarships, announced the following recipients:

Kristen Kurimoto, Leland High, daughter of Glenn and Caroline Kurimoto, received the \$2,000 Phil Matsumura Community Scholarship and a \$1,500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award.

Naoya Kanai, Palo Alto High, son of Kenichi and Mariko Kanai, received the \$2,500 George Masunaga Endowment Scholar-

ship. Lisa Iijima, Castro Valley High, daughter of Ted and Joyce Iijima, received a \$1,000 Kenji Sakauye Scholarship and a \$500 Ninja Youth Club Scholarship.

Michelle Wall, Fremont High, daughter of Robert and Isabel Wall, received the \$1,000 Masuo B. Nakamura Memorial Scholarship and the \$500 William K. Yamamoto Memorial Scholarship.

Monica Okubo, Lynbrook High, daughter of Dave and Audrey Okubo, received a \$1,500 Kenji Sakauye Scholarship.

Stuart Jones, Monta Vista High, son of Michael and Elaine Jones, received a \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award.

Scott Ohara, Pioneer High, son of Stan and Robin Ohara received the \$500 YJA Scholarship.

Yukari Takeuchi, Milpitas High, daughter of Akinari and Michiko Takeuchi, received the \$500 Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship.

Keiko Imazumi, Oak Grove High, daughter of Michael and Sharon Imazumi, received the \$350 Lanette Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial Scholarship.

Members of the selection committee were Gary Jio, Joanne Kubo, Mitsu Kumagai, Claire Omura, and Kathy Takeda. ■

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modifications are to be made to the schedule of events but there was much heated debate about the convention's large budget.

The Hawaii chapter hopes to raise \$1,176,250 in revenue, largely from registration (\$221,750) and fundraising monies (\$700,000). They are hoping to get approximately 800 regular registrants, 200 youth, and 50 tomodachi registrants to the conference. The Hawaii chapter is committed to raising \$200,000 in fundraising and is looking to national JACL to raise \$300,000, with the remaining \$200,000 to be raised from corporate sponsors.

With several events planned, including a special veterans tribute luncheon and Hawaiian luau along with the customary welcome mixer, sayonara banquet and awards lunch, the chapter's total expenses add up to \$690,515. This leaves the potential income for this convention at \$485,735, a record amount for any past JACL convention.

Mori expressed his concern that the Hawaii chapter's convention budget was much too large and that the organization would have difficulty raising the expected revenues. He warned that once the expense side is spent, the organization could suffer if the revenues are not raised.

Larry Oda, an advisor to the Hawaii convention and to the Las Vegas convention in 2002, noted that the revenue targets are unprecedented for a JACL convention. In the past, national JACL has raised on average about \$100,000 in fundraising for its biennial conventions, he said, and there are usually about 400 attendees.

Michelle Yoshida, JACL legal counsel, also warned the national board to be wary of the possibility of liability to JACL if the budget revenues are not raised once the expenditures have been spent.

Hayashi agreed with Mori and Yoshida that the liability for JACL would be great if the revenue targets are not met and suggested developing a contingency budget for the convention.

But Art Koga, JACL national treasurer/secretary and co-chair of the Hawaii convention, felt

that it was inappropriate to have a secondary budget and the national board needs to show its commitment to the original budget that was submitted.

Susan Kitsu, co-chair of the Hawaii convention, noted that she is confident they will be able to meet their revenue goals. Unlike past conventions, they will be sending invitations to every single JACL member and they have developed a detailed fundraising plan that will solicit the help of the various districts and chapters.

Ken Inouye, vice president of public affairs, agreed that the budget may be large but he is confident the Hawaii chapter will make adjustments to the budget if they see that the revenue goals are not being met.

After much debate the national board voted 12 to 1 in favor of the proposed motion, made by Koga and seconded by Masuo, to approve the convention budget as presented by the convention committee with the amendment (Inouye, second: Hayashi) "subject to revision in expenses based on changes in revenue realized subsequent to the date of this action."

Uyehara's was the only dissenting vote, with Mori noting for the record that he was opposed to the Hawaii convention budget.

Over the past few months the national board has implemented several measures to boost JACL's financial situation, including a concerted effort to raise membership and the September gala dinner in Los Angeles.

At the recent national board meeting Clyde Izumi, JACL business manager, reported that if everything comes in according to budget the organization will have a surplus of \$92,677 this year.

Izumi noted that so far JACL has met its revenue targets for this year and things seem to have "stabilized," thus the organization has not had to implement certain actions such as reducing the current staff to an 80:20 work schedule.

Izumi also noted that the largest savings in the budget come from the reduction in the number of JACL staff members who have voluntarily left over the past several months. This expense item alone has saved the

organization between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Terry Nagata of the JACL Investment Committee reported that as of July 31, 2003, JACL's total investments sit at \$6,890,053. As of Aug. 31, 2003, there was a slight increase in JACL's Legacy Fund, which is now at \$5,156,369.

Koga noted that until the Legacy Fund hits \$5.5 million the JACL still cannot touch the monies from this fund.

The national board also unanimously approved the members of JACL's audit committee which include: John Handa, Alan Nishi, Mark Kobayashi and Lily Kawafuchi. The purpose of this committee is to hire an auditor for the organization.

As of Aug. 31, 2003, Chin reported that JACL's paid memberships are at 15,271 while its membership is at 20,156 members. Almost all of the JACL districts saw increases in their membership numbers except for slight decreases in MPDC and PNWD.

"This shows what we can do when we try," said Chin, who praised the recent efforts of

JACL members and the national board to increase the organization's membership numbers. "Let's keep it up. This shows we can make an impact."

In the next few weeks national JACL plans to send out a targeted mailing of JACL's new membership brochures, which were paid for by the National JACL Credit Union.

In addition, Hayashi reported that JACL's Mid-Year Campaign raised \$37,900, an amount that exceeded the organization's initial goal to raise \$35,000.

The recent National JACL Youth conference held at Washington University in St. Louis raised approximately \$34,000 in corporate sponsorship, said Spry, including monies from DaimlerChrysler, Ford, State Farm, and the National JACL Credit Union. The nation-

al board also passed a resolution to thank the local members of the St. Louis chapter for helping with the youth conference.

Currently, the national youth council members are getting ready for the 2004 national convention in Hawaii where they will hold a "mini youth conference." This year's question for the Min Yasui Oratorical Competition to be held during the Hawaii convention will be: "With the increasing number of reported hate crimes in the APA community, what is the role of JACL youth in fighting these vicious crimes?"

The youth council retreat will be held at the end of January next year during the Seattle chapter's installation banquet.

The next national board meeting will be held in San Francisco Nov. 22-23. ■

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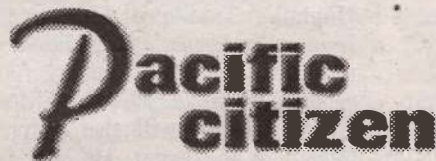


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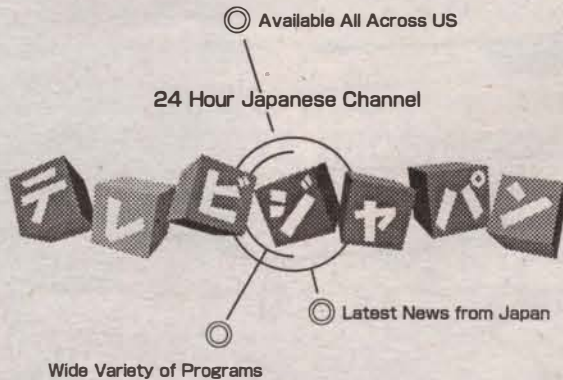
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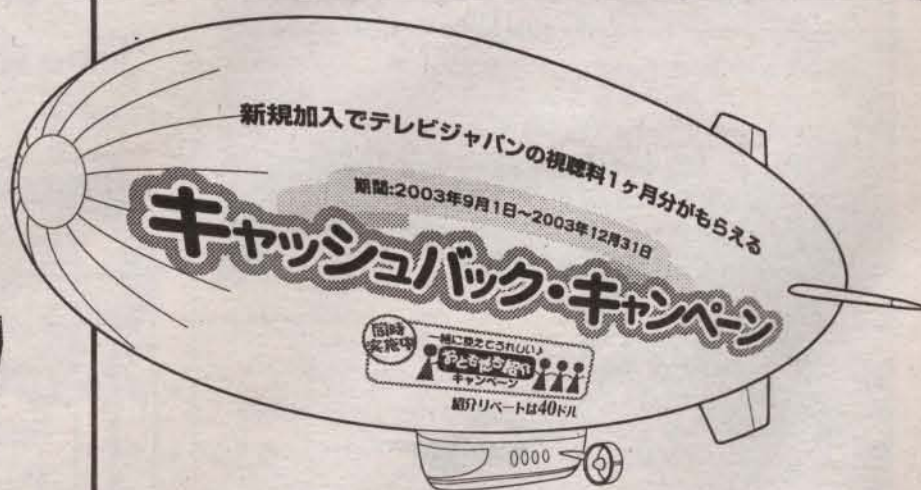
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COMMENTARY

A Very Special Evening

By ALAYNE YONEMOTO
Dinner Committee Chair

In one very special evening on Sept. 13, 2003, the JACL hosted a dinner to honor five individuals who have served as examples of the diversity, patriotism, and leadership of America. Joined by over 800 people, we recognized these pillars in an evening of celebration and remembrance. "An American Testimonial: A Salute to Our Japanese American National Leaders" was an event that can never be duplicated. Secretary Norman Mineta, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Congressman Robert Matsui, and Congressman Mike Honda gathered with us as we recognized their achievements as friends and role models.



Despite their very busy schedules, our honorees were able to spend the evening with us. They were spontaneous and treated us all to speeches that will not be forgotten; their words were nothing less than inspirational. The ballroom was filled to capacity with good friends, good food, and historic speeches from our honorees. A special tribute to the late Congresswoman Patsy Mink rounded out the evening. The presentation was a generous donation from our friends at the Organization of Chinese Americans.

By the end of the evening I had the pleasure to be greeted with many well wishes from the attendees of the event. This event is something that I will never forget. As I replay moments from the night and moments from the planning process, I am overwhelmed at the magnitude of what JACL has accomplished. Not only have I learned about these honorees, but I have also learned about the diversity in JACL members, and most importantly, I have learned about the role that JACL has played in the United States these 75 years.

Planning the National JACL Gala Dinner was a wonderful opportunity for me. When JACL set out to plan the dinner, we knew that there was a lot of work ahead of us. I have been fortunate to be surrounded by many people who have helped me throughout this year. I received tremendous support from the gala dinner commit-

tee, PSW district board, and PSW district council. But, the event was successful because of the daily support from PSW staff. Gerald Kato and Carol Saito have given numerous hours of selfless work to the dinner in addition to their normal duties. They supported me beyond what I could have thought was possible. I consider them to be good friends and outstanding examples of the types of JACL members that I aspire towards. A breath of fresh air came during the summer when Eric Nakano helped the committee during his internship.

The leadership of our PSW District Governor Hiromi Ueha helped to rally support for the dinner through the PSW district council and JACL governors. We received support from our local chapters, other JACL districts, and JACL chapters nationwide. JACL was able to put the best of itself towards this event.

During the course of planning the dinner, I was also able to witness and absorb the leadership of national JACL staff. I had the opportunity to work closely with National Executive Director John Tateishi for the first time. I appreciate the things that I have been able to learn from him. National Membership Coordinator Lucy Kishiue has also invested hours of her time into the planning of the dinner. She was a valuable asset to the gala dinner committee.

Thank you, gala dinner committee. As individuals you have given hours of your time towards the planning of the event. As a group, you helped me to learn and develop leadership skills that I hope to carry forward to other projects. Thank you for your help. I also want to thank the Pacific Citizen staff and especially Executive Editor Caroline Aoyagi for the assistance with press releases and articles.

Many thanks also need to be extended to the corporate sponsors of the evening's event. JACL could not produce educational and service programs without their support. We were also very fortunate to have many of our community group friends join us for this historic evening. The APA community was able to come together for this event, and the renewal of relationships can only strengthen our ties to each other.

The collective efforts of people helped to make this event a success. I want to extend thankful sentiments to those who gave time towards the dinner. I am not able



East Wind

Bill Marutani

Protective Custody

public officials would be duty-bound to protect the innocent, not to order from their homes for months or years under the rubric of a military measure designed to maintain public peace." (CWRIC Report, p. 89, footnotes omitted, emphases added.)

THERE IS YET another compelling fact which exposes the Stimson-McCloy-DeWitt professed solicitude for the "safety" of our Nisei-Issei as a cynical afterthought, a "cover," to put it bluntly. Our officials launched a sweep for Japanese Latin Americans residing in Latin America countries including Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Cuba, El Salvador and Guatemala. Thousands were forcibly taken into custody and shipped to the United States, many ending up in the very same barbed-wire camps in which our Nisei-Issei were confined. (CWRIC Report, p. 305 et seq.)

Was this purported concern for the safety of Nikkei residents, wherever they may be, such that the same "beneficent" protective custody was extended to Japanese Latin Americans? Hardly.

Or was the mass roundup, of "Japanese," — American citizens not exempted, and extending into

Latin America — all part of an overall plan to accumulate a pool of human pawns to be used in bartering with the Japanese enemy? Michi Weglyn, in her monumental book, "Years of Infamy," (1976, Wm. Morrow & Co., 105 Madison Ave., NYC 10016) points to a (chilling) proposition:

The use of the Nisei as part and parcel of this human barter was not totally ruled out in the realm of official thinking. By curious circumstances, such intent on the part of U.S. authorities became starkly evident in the latter part of 1942 and early 1943, when numerous Nisei, to their shocked indignation, were informed by Colonel Karl Bendetsen in a form letter: "Certain Japanese persons are currently being considered for repatriation [expatriation] to Japan. You and those members of your family listed above, are being so considered." "Years of Infamy," p.56. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

THE GROSSLY ILLEGAL 1942 action of our government of rounding up and incarcerating some 115,000 Nisei and their Issei parents is sought to be justified by some in various guises, including the "protective custody" contention. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and his Under Secretary of War John J. McCloy were proponents of such contention, the latter reiterating this contention in his 1981 testimony before the federal Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, ("CWRIC"). The 1982 CWRIC Report to the president and Congress unanimously concluded: "This explanation sounds lame indeed today. It was not publicly advanced at the time to justify the exclusion and, had protection been on official minds, a much different post-evacuation program would have been required. McCloy himself supplied the most telling rebuttal of the contention in a 1943 letter to [Lt.] Gen. John L. DeWitt [of the Western Defense Command]:

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"That is the simple, straightforward answer to the argument of protection against vigilantes — keeping the peace is a civil matter that would involve the military only in extreme situations. Even then,

to thank everyone individually, but please know that I am grateful for your support. Some people were not able to attend the dinner, but still gave assistance and support. Others flew thousands of miles to be with us on that very special evening. And still others volunteered hours of time to help support the event. Together as JACL, we were able to fill the room with friends, laughter, and recognition for our honorees.

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APAIC

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vote no on the initiative." APIs CAN (Asian and Pacific Islander California Action Network) also joined with APAIC in urging a no vote on Proposition 54.

"Racial disparities still exist when it comes to job and educational opportunities, healthcare access, and respect for civil rights," said Mary Anne Foo, co-chair of APIs CAN. "We still need to collect information based on race to understand and address discrimination. Voting no on Prop. 54 will ensure our police, doctors and teachers have the tools to save lives, make our communities safer, improve education, and protect our civil rights." ■

CAPA also notes that Davis has signed numerous bills empowering the APA community including: the creation of an Asian Pacific Islander Anti-Hate Crimes Program within the Department of Justice; establishing the first California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs; and authorizing high school districts, unified school districts, or county offices of education, to retroactively grant high school diplomas to persons who were interned during World War II.

For more information, contact CAPA at info@AsianAmericansAgainstRecall.org, or by phone at 415/379-3893.

Minami and Tom formed CAPA as a registered political action committee in 1989 to fight for better APA representation in California issues, politics and government. ■

PATRIOT ACT

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checks and balances established by the Constitution and by centuries of precedents that have protected our freedoms," said Tateishi.

"I don't think Japanese Americans specifically should feel any more concerned or alarmed by the Patriot Act, any more than any other American," he added. "But we've experienced the abuse of government and know what it's like when any one branch of government is allowed to run amuck without close scrutiny and the application of the safeguards of government. That's not how American democracy works or should work."

The provisions of Section 215 sunset in 2005, noted Michelle Yoshida, JACL legal counsel, but with the current efforts of the U.S. government to introduce a second Patriot Act, the increased government powers could be extended indefinitely.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Drzycki, Takeko Suzuki, 79, Los Angeles, Sept. 11; Oxnard-born Nisei; survived by husband Joseph; daughter Diane Reagan; and son Brian.

Endo, Kazuko, 76, Cypress, Sept. 7; Santa Monica-born Nisei; survived by husband Tsugu; sons Thomas and Edward; daughter Barbara; brother Tsugio (Sakae) Tanji; and sister Shizuno (Shigekuni) Kono.

Fujita, John J., 93, Torrance, Sept. 11; Stockton-born; survived by son Dennis; 2 gc.; sisters Mary Shimidzu and Nettie Muramoto; and sister-in-law Mirry Fujita.

Hasegawa, Martin T., 67; Ontario, Ore., Sept. 19; Portland, Ore.-born; Tule Lake and Minidoka internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Lorinda; daughters Lorinda Anne Shiraishi of Vale., Ore., Jolene Shiraishi of Alexandria, Va., and Jennifer (Don) Livingston of Sherwood, Ore.; mother Kusue Hasegawa of Ontario; sisters Eleanor Hasegawa of Petaluma and Doris Hasegawa of Concord; predeceased by father Ben.

Hasuike, Robert Yutaka, 62, Manhattan Beach, Sept. 14; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by brothers James (Mizue) of Japan and David Hasuike.

Higashi, Tsugio, 97, Gardena, Aug. 28; survived by 3 nephews and 5 nieces.

Hirata, George, 74, Salem, Ore., Sept. 18; Parkdale, Ore.-born; Tule Lake internee; Korean War veteran; survived by wife Ayako Terada; son Gregg of Woodinville, Wash.; daughters Gayle Lytle of Alameda and Amy Hirata of San Diego; 6 gc.; sisters Mary Nakashimada and Haruko Murphy of Portland, Ore., and Michiko Kubo of Sacramento.

Hirata, Tomoharu Henry, 77, Los Angeles, Sept. 8; survived by wife Jean; son Lyle and sister Kimiko Yanaura of Hawaii.

Hiyama, Midori Frances, 87, Sacramento, Aug. 24; survived by husband Frank; daughters Barbara Zweig of Sacramento, Joyce Glatt of Berkeley and Elizabeth Hiyama of Mountain View; 2 gc.; sisters Martha Saito of Oakland, Alice Kakehashi of Evanston and Janice Muto of Concord; brothers James and George Makimoto of Loomis.

Hayashi, Utaka, 77, Cerritos, Sept. 6; Chico-born Nisei; survived by wife Tazue; son Stuart; daughter Wendy; and sister Kiyoko Hirabayashi.

Imai, Hiro, 92, Lakeview Terrace, Sept. 21; Los Angeles-born, longtime San Fernando Valley resident; Manzanar internee; survived by son Willard (Sharleen); 3 gc.; brother Tom

(Michi); sisters Ida (Rits) Takeuchi and Hana Mochizuki; predeceased by wife Hilda and daughter Teru.

Inami, Setsuko "Sue," 79, Livermore, Sept. 12; Hanford-born; formerly of San Francisco; Jerome, Ark., internee; survived by husband Frank; daughter Cynthia Inami; sisters Kay (Bob) Sugimoto and Sherrie Matsubara; brothers Yoshito (Ellen) and William (Becky) Matsubara; predeceased by sister Wilma Hayashi.

Ishioka, Masako, 87, Los Angeles, Sept. 12; Tacoma, Wash.-born Nisei; survived by son Tom (Masako); daughter Toshiye Soga; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Koyama, Yuji, 82, Chewelah, Wash., Sept. 2; Chewelah-born; survived by brother Karl Koyama of San Diego.

Kuwahara, Yoshitaka, 76, Los Angeles, Sept. 13; survived by

wife Ruth; son Douglas; and sisters Emiko (Yuke) Iguchi and Yuri Ezaki.

Mashiko, James Shinobu, 100, Los Angeles, Sept. 16; Fukushima, Japan-born; survived by sons Yukio (Hisako) of San Jose, and Shigenobu (Julie) of San Diego; daughter Eiko Ishibashi; 3 gc.; and 1 ggc.

Miyake, Kikuyo, 83, Los Angeles, Sept. 2; San Fernando-born Nisei; survived by sons Kenneth and Robert Miyake; daughter Nancy (Martin) Ehrlich; 2 gc.; brother George (Miki) Akiyama; sister Tsukimi (Masao) Okamoto; brother-in-law Shigemi Naito; and sister-in-law Misao Miyake.

Morimoto, Katsumi "Kei," 77, Oxnard, Sept. 6; survived by wife Hisako; sons Michael, Sr. and John; daughter-in-law Maria; 5 gc. and 8 ggc.

Nagahiro, John Kazuo, 70, Glendora, Sept. 5; survived by wife Kimiko; sons John (Helen) and James; 3 gc.; sisters Haruko (Ted) Tsuboi and Chiyo (Tamio) Fujimoto.

Nomura, Rod, 63, Montebello, Sept. 7; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Mac of Beverly Hills and Scott of Whittier; mother Masae of Montebello; brothers Duke (Karen) of Hacienda Heights, Jay (Dorothy) of Montebello; and sister Ann (Paul) Morishita of La Habra.

Okada, George, 85, Monterey Park, Sept. 13; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by wife Masako; daughter Yuki; brother-in-law Hiroshi (Yayoi) Sakai; and sisters-in-law Etsuko Kiyomi and Helen (Tsuyoshi) Fujii.

Omokawa, Noriyoshi, 85, Pasadena, Sept. 16; Montebello-born Nisei; survived by wife Toyoko; son Wayne (Susan); 2 gc.; brother Kanji (Toyoko); sisters Suzuye Shoda and Itsuko (John) Ota; and brother-in-law Frank Ota.

Onishi, Alice Sakiko, 87, Gardena, Sept. 11; Elk Grove-born Nisei; survived by daughters

Norma Yoshida and Marianne (Henry) Leong; 5 gc.; 6 ggc.; sisters Rose Shimazu, Emi Doi and June (Masakazu) Imamoto; brothers Jack (Taeko) Hoshino and Ben (Seiko) Hoshino.

Sarno, Staff Sgt. (U.S. Army) Cameron, 43, Kuwait City, Sept. 1; a member of the U.S. Army Reserves from Hawaii, he died while on military assignment.

Sato, Umeko Meg, 81, Monterey Park, Sept. 12; Clovis-born Nisei; survived by sons Glenn and David; daughter Arleen Nomura; 2 gc.; 4 ggc.; brother Masato (Miyo) Kunishige; and sister Takeko Kodama.

Shishino, Toshi, 101, Culver City, Sept. 20; Kagoshima, Japan-born Issei; survived by sons Hayao (Misuko) and Takao (Fumiko); 7 gc.; and 9 ggc.

Sonoda, Mitsui, 86, Monterey, July 22; Salinas-born, interned at Poston, Ariz., JACLER; survived by daughters Cathleen (Martin) Cohen of Sedona, Ariz., and Margaret Sonoda (Michael Reddell) of Cambria; sister Uta Martin of Apple Valley; brother Noboru Shimotsuka of Los Angeles; 1 gc.; 5 step-gc.; and 2 step-ggc.

Takahashi, Hitomi Roy, 91, Los Angeles, Sept. 8; Riverside-born; survived by wife Shizuye; daughters Tomoye (Dennis) Tokumaru and Chiye (Bruce) Horiguchi; 2 gc.; and sister Toshiko Kabayashi of Japan.

Takahashi, Shigeo "John," 86, Garden Grove, Sept. 9; Monterey-born, interned at Poston, Ariz., survived by wife Taeko; daughters Janis (Bennett) Reddin and Shelley; 1 gc.; brother Yoneguma; and sister Sueko (Mitsuo) Hashikaki.

Takaki, Seigo, 74, North Hollywood, Sept. 16; San Francisco-born Nisei; survived by wife Emiko; son Jerry; daughters Vicki (Joe) Lizarraga and Sandy (Gary) Kawashima; 1 gc.; brothers Ken (Eiko) of Illinois, Jim (Ketty) of Illinois and Mike Takaki; sisters Mary Kambara of Illinois and Fran Fujii of Las Vegas; brothers-in-law John Sakaue of Chicago and Bob (Yoshi) Sakaue; and sister-in-law Miyako Sakaue.

Togawa, Tsuyako Ada, 87, Monterey Park, Sept. 13; Suisun-born Nisei; survived by sons Fred (Kazuko) and David Togawa; daughters Chiyoko (Gerald) Niimi and Edna Nagami; 4 gc.; 1 ggc.; brother Buichi (Martha) Kajiwara of Livingston; and sister-in-law Kimi Togawa.

Torrence, Michi Kuwahara, 79, Oxnard, Sept. 24; Seoul, Korea-born; survived by husband Charley; sons Roy (Nancy) and William (Katie); 2 gc.; brother Hei Kuwahara of Japan and sister Mie Hisioka of Japan.

Uchima, Grace Fumiyo, 76, Carson, Sept. 10; Honolulu-born Nisei; survived by daughter Sheryl (Grant) Hayashi; 1 gc.; brothers Hiroshi (Kikuye) and Albert (Nancy) Okuhara; and sisters Mildred (Noboru) Nakama, Alice (Joseph) Jichaku, Lillian (Bertram) Nakama and Ruth

Fukunaga.

Yamada, Thomas Tadashi, 90, Boise, Idaho, Sept. 19; Kyushu Island, Japan-born; pre-WWII reporter/ writer for San Francisco's *The New World Daily News*; Tule Lake internee; formerly of Brighton, Colo., and many locations in California; survived by brother Charlie Takeshi; daughters Joyce Yamada, Susan Miye Hoaglund and Melinda Yamada Stave; son Tom; 6 gc.; predeceased by brothers Yatsuo, Mike Matsuo, Walter Torao and Wilbert Suyeo, and sister Fumiko.

Yamanaka, Riuchi "Roy," 85, Harbor City, Sept. 16; Seattle, Wash.-born; predeceased by wife Fumiye; sons Dennis (Sharon) and Edwin (Janice); daughters Aimee (Glen) Yamada and Suzanne (John) Kitchens; 12 gc.; 4 ggc; brother Teruo; and sisters Keiko Ogata and Kiyono Nagashima.

Yamashina, Kikui, 100, Pasadena, Sept. 11; Ishikawa-ken-born; survived by daughters Ruri (Glen) Kumasaka and Toyoko Yamashina; 3 gc.; 7 ggc.; brothers Kazuo Kawamura and Hideo Fukuda; and sister Yuriko Nishi. ■

DEATH NOTICE

MASAYE URIU YAMADA

DALLAS, Tex. — Masaye Uriu Yamada, 88, passed away peacefully Sept. 15, attended by her children and



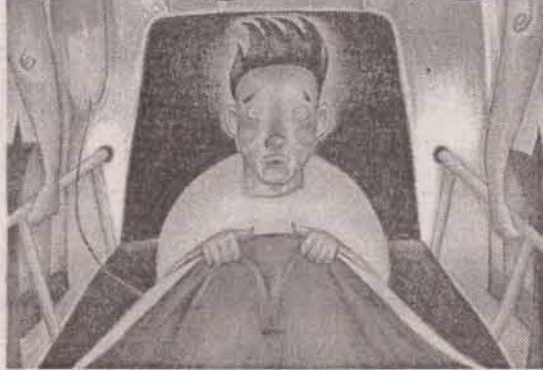
her long-time caregivers, following a series of strokes. She was born in Berryessa, Calif. and graduated from Fremont High School. In 1942 Masaye's family voluntarily evacuated from Sunnyvale to Woodlake. In Colorado, Masaye found a job in Denver as a receptionist for the YWCA, and she met her future husband who was an Army photographer at Camp Carson, Colo. She married Paul Yamada in 1943 and subsequently accompanied him from Colorado to Minnesota, then Oregon, and finally to California as he completed his U.S. Army service, graduate school, medical school, internship, and residency training. She had two children, Kenneth and Joyce, and finally settled in Los Altos, Calif. where she was a resident for more than 30 years. In 1995, she moved to Dallas, Tex. to live with her daughter and son-in-law.

She loved music and for many years was the lead soprano in her church choir. Masaye was a skilled student of Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging). Following her husband's death in 1975, Masaye became an enthusiastic amateur photographer, went back to college, and in her late 60's graduated from San Francisco State with a B.A. degree in Japanese language and culture. She studied brush painting, tea ceremony, koto, and Ikebana. She also enjoyed gardening and attending the opera. She will be remembered not only for her accomplishments but also for her love of family and friends, and for her vivacious, warm, and generous personality.

Masaye was preceded in death by her husband Paul, brother Isamu, and sister Tomiko. She is survived by her son Kenneth, daughter Joyce, brothers Kiyoto, Masashi, Dale, Stanley, Clarence, sisters Mitsuko, Fumiko, Haruye, and by numerous nephews and nieces, of whom she was very fond.

A Memorial Service will be at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4243 Manuela Avenue, Palo Alto on Sat. Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Visiting Nurse Association, 1440 Mockingbird Lane, Suite #500, Dallas, TX 75247.

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