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AAs Celebrate Defeat of Prop. 54, the Racial Privacy Initiative

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

Asian Americans across California helped deliver a resounding "no" vote on Proposition 54, the controversial measure calling for the end of racial data collection by the government.

The contentious Racial Privacy Initiative that would have banned state and local governments from tracking race in everything from preschools to police work was defeated in the Oct. 7 recall election by a nearly 2-1 margin.

The defeat of the measure is a resounding victory for AAs, said Mike Eng, Monterey Park City Council member. "Proposition 54

is a great victory because it helped to save lives which would have been threatened if medical research could not be conducted under the limits of Proposition 54," he said. "This is also a great victory because so many of our community organizations responded to the call to defeat Proposition 54."

Exit polls showed that an overwhelming majority of AAs voted against the measure. According to a poll conducted by the Korean Resource Center, 94 percent of Korean Americans voted against Proposition 54. In addition, phone banks conducted in the Los Angeles area showed 66 percent

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Voters head to the polls in Monterey Park, Calif., to cast their ballots in the Oct. 7 recall election which included a vote on Proposition 54.

Stephenson Apologizes for Comments in Magazine Article

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

KAHUKU, Hawaii—Golfer Jan Stephenson issued a written apology to the Asian community Oct. 11 for criticizing Asian female players in a recent magazine article.

Stephenson said in a story for the November issue of *Golf Magazine* that top-earning Asian players are "killing" the LPGA Tour by not making themselves more available for promotional purposes. She criticized them for playing tournaments and then

leaving without talking to the media.

"After hearing the statement read back to me prior to the release of it, I requested that the editor reword that portion," said Stephenson, who became the first woman to play on the Champions Tour Oct. 10.

Stephenson said Oct. 10 she helped promote the LPGA when she was younger and is annoyed there are some who don't do the same. She has won 16 tournaments, including three majors,

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JA City Council Candidate Won't Be Deterred by Hate Mail

By CAROLINE AOYAGI Executive Editor

If Peter Suzuki is successful in his campaign for city council in Summit, N.J., he will become the first Asian American ever to hold the seat, so he's not about to let hate mail deter him in his efforts.

Suzuki, a Sansei lawyer from Los Angeles who has lived in New Jersey the past 20 years, said he was "saddened" and "disturbed" by the hate letter he received Sept. 23 in response to his historic campaign for the Summit Common Council seat.

"I am saddened by the letter. I didn't expect to generate such a hateful reaction to my candidacy," said Suzuki in an interview with the *Pacific Citizen*. "The author of the letter made racial slurs against me, against Asian Americans in general and against immigrants to America."

Suzuki immediately passed on the hate letter to the Summit Police Department so they would have a record of the incident. He has chosen not to respond to the hate letter and refuses to make the letter an issue in his campaign.

"The incident reminded me that it is important to have compassion for people who are so filled with

hate and confusion," said Suzuki. If he was given the opportunity to respond to the individual who sent the hate letter he said he would explain "that America is a nation of immigrants and that the true American spirit is to welcome



Summit, N.J., city council candidate Peter Suzuki with his wife Teri and their son Mitch.

immigrants as new members of the American family."

Although the sender included his/her signature and name on the hate letter Suzuki declined to give the individual's name. Part of the letter states: "People like you sneak in to the United States knowing how to speak two words of English — political asylum. Your political agenda is fabricated just like your personal façade. Underneath is an Asian — broken

English among peers. ... Kindly return to 'your' Asian nation to seek leadership. Your people need you."

Suzuki has received a great deal of support from the AA community in response to the hate letter, including the local JACL chapter and the Asian American Political Coalition (AAPC).

"I strongly condemn the ignorant, mean-spirited, anti-Asian, anti-immigrant, and racist sentiments expressed in a letter sent to Mr. Peter Suzuki," said Sumi Koide, JACL New York chapter president. "It is abhorrent that disrespectful, hateful, degrading, stereotypically racist and truly 'un-American' thoughts are felt and expressed in this great democratic nation, which has its origins from immigrants from all nations of the world."

The New York chapter recently made an official statement in support of Suzuki's campaign and denounced the sender of the hate letter.

"It is unfortunate that in this great state of New Jersey, diversity continues to encounter this degree of blatant racial ignorance," said Hemant Wadhwa, AAPC president, who called for an apology from the letter's

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AA Creator of 'Ghettopoly' Board Game Stirs Anger

By CAROLINE AOYAGI Executive Editor

The Asian American creator of "Ghettopoly," a board game modeled on the traditional Monopoly game, is causing outrage among both African Americans and Asian Americans who call the game racist and demeaning.

The board game includes prop-

MORI MEMO A Commitment to Our Future

By FLOYD MORI JACL Nat'l President

It seems that the adage that "it is never too early to start planning" is overtaking us again. We speak a lot of the need to plan for the future, whether it is in our personal lives, our community, our nation, or the organizations with which we affiliate. The future is what we do now and how well we envision the needs and wants of generations not yet here. And yes, we do have an obligation to think of the legacy and the opportunities that we give to our posterity. Too much

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erty pieces such as Westside Liquor, Smitty's XXX Peep Show and Tyron's Gun Shop, and "Hustle" and "Ghetto Stash" cards that tell players: "You are a little short on loot, so you decided to stick up a bank. Collect \$75," and "You got yo whole neighborhood addicted to crack. Collect \$50 from each player."

"Ghettopoly" is the brainchild of David Chang, a 28-year-old Taiwanese American from Pennsylvania, and he's been getting quite a tongue-lashing from both the African American and AA communities who want him to stop making the game.

"These kinds of games promote discrimination and hate crimes. In 2003 we need to move beyond stereotypes," said Karen Narasaki, president and executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

"David Chang, the creator of the game, was reported saying that Ghettopoly is only a game, but in fact, it is a flashpoint for increased racial tensions among communities of color," said Raymond Wong, president of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

"This is beyond making fun, to use the caricature of Dr. King in

this regard," said Rev. Glenn Wilson, referring to the game board figures labeled "Malcolm X" and "Martin Luther King Jr." "There's no way that game could be taken in any way other than that this man had racist intent in marketing it."

The community groups are also outraged with Urban Outfitters, the national store chain that carries the product. Members of the African American community held a side-



walk protest Oct. 8 in front of the company's corporate headquarters in Philadelphia calling for the immediate removal of "Ghettopoly" from all its stores.

"It is outrageous that Urban Outfitters, a large and successful public company, would sell the overtly racist board game 'Ghettopoly,'" said Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose. "By selling this game, the company seems to be condoning these false and damaging stereotypes of African Americans. I urge the company to be responsible and remove these games from their store shelves immediately."

So far, Urban Outfitters has remained silent on the issue.

Chang did not return e-mails

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focus on the matters of "today" with no respect for what we leave those who follow is a guarantee of a rocky and unpleasant future.

In addition to the focus required to meet the financial needs of today, we need a continued effort to mold and shape JACL into an organization that meets the needs of the future. That may mean that we move on and make a reality of the visions of what we NEED TO BE rather than express too much regret of what we are not today. Today will fade quickly into the past; we need to think years into the future.

Let me pose some questions and issues that need to be resolved. Do we need to expand and redefine our mission statement? Is there much more good we can do by expanding our membership beyond what it has been in the past? As a mature ethnic minority, do we need to expand our objectives and programs beyond what is being done

today and in the past? Is there a need to update the structure of our organization? Is now the time to begin revamping the manner in which we finance the programs of JACL? Does there need to be a restructuring of staff and staff functions? May I be so bold as to say that the answer to all of the above is, yes. There are many more issues about the future that we need to resolve now. I hope we will conjure up the courage and industriousness to make something good happen for the future of us all.

I am happy to report that planning for the future is showing great results for our 2004 national convention in Hawaii. Many hours of hard work and enthusiastic minds with a vision for the future are molding the 2004 convention into an event that nobody will want to miss. Not only will you be entertained, educated, and pampered, you will come away from the convention feeling great about yourself and JACL. Months of hard work have already gone into this commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of JACL. I urge all to make plans now to join in

the Aloha of Hawaii. Bring your entire family and encourage your friends to join you.

It was many months ago that John Tateishi, JACL executive director, and I sat down over lunch and agreed that a major event was needed to bring some community focus to JACL. The gala dinner in September was the final result of that luncheon meeting. Many hours of hard work, planning, sweat, and more work were the ingredients that made the gala event in Los Angeles such an

overwhelming success. Many thanks to the PSW planning committee, our honored guests, and the many from throughout the nation who supported the event. There have been many who have spoken to me since the event and expressed that they were truly inspired by the remarks of our four honorees and that we each need to maintain the same commitment to our community that the honorees have shown through their many years of public service. ■

Letters to the Editor

Faith-based Initiatives

For those JACL members who are still interested in civil rights, I would like to report that the White House announced recently four new regulations to allow religious groups to receive federal funds for charitable programs. The idea is to make it easier for religious groups who get grants for homeless shelters, drug rehabilitation centers, senior centers, etc., to discriminate in their hiring based on religion. It's a message that should resonate with Asian Americans, just like it should with any community with a religious minority.

Imagine your reaction if one day your boss called you into his office and said, "Everyone here likes you, and your work has been exemplary. But you are a Buddhist and I have decided to give your job to someone from my church, so you're fired."

My guess is you would be furious and outraged. You would also have good grounds for a lawsuit. After all, this type of discrimination in employment is illegal in the United States, right?

It is — with very few exceptions. But President George W. Bush, backed by extreme right-wing members of Congress like Tom DeLay, wants to give religious groups tax money to run social programs and *guarantee them the ironclad right to discriminate when hiring and firing staff*. This would not apply to other nonprofit groups who are beneficiaries of government grants, only "faith-based" groups.

Please understand I'm not talking about the right of religious groups to restrict hiring *with their own money*. Obviously, houses of worship have this right. What Bush's administration wants to do is something quite different — something radical. Under these new regulations, nonprofit, tax-free religious groups could accept *public funds* for social services supposedly available to everyone,

yet still discriminate.

So, if a fundamentalist church got \$50,000 from the government to run a job-training program, it could refuse to hire women. Christian groups could be awarded tax money taken from Jews, Muslims and atheists and then refuse to hire qualified Jews, Muslims or atheists. Conservative churches could slam the door on gays, single moms or anyone who failed to measure up to their particular definition of morality — all with our tax dollars.

In my view, the JACL is obligated to defend the First Amendment rights of Buddhists, Muslims, Sikhs, and any other minority religion in our communities — *the right to fair and equal treatment under the law*.

Larry Scheelman
Chicago

Researcher Looking for Information on JAs in Chicago

I am a professor of Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto and a reader of *Pacific Citizen*. I have a favor to ask.

One of my research topics is Japanese American culture in Chicago. I have been collecting books, essays and documents on it, but not successfully. I am now planning to make a 10-day research trip to Chicago at the end of February next year. But I would like to get as much information as possible about Japanese society in Chicago before I leave here.

Will you please introduce me to your chapter in Chicago? I would be pleased if someone were kind enough to provide me with information through e-mail about where I can get materials for my research.

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of AAs were opposed to the measure.

"Asian American students, health professionals, community activists, and elected leaders all pitched in to make this victory possible," said Manjari Chawla of Asian Pacific Americans for an Informed California (APAIC), a group representing a broad coalition of APA groups who mobilized to defeat Proposition 54. "If there is another attempt at erecting this type of divisive initiative, we will defeat it as well."

About three-quarters of blacks and Hispanics voted against Proposition 54, joined by a majority of whites, according to an exit poll conducted for The Associated Press and other news organizations.

Opponents of the measure spent millions of dollars more than supporters, launching a barrage of television ads warning that the proposition represented a life-and-death vote.

Critics blasted Proposition 54 as a brazen blow against anti-discrimination policies. Their strategy was to kill it by attacking its Achilles heel: language they said would prevent doctors from tracking how diseases disparately afflict different populations.

"By seizing on the health issue, the opposition was able to cut

across all lines," said Ward Connerly, the University of California regent who put Proposition 54 on the ballot. His proposition's ban against state and local governments collecting and analyzing racial data would have been the first of its kind in the nation.

Connerly said his message — that public policies which fit people into racial boxes are outdated and destructive — remains popular. He also assured supporters they were witnessing the birth of a new movement to strike race-conscious policies from the government's agenda.

"Ward Connerly has made a habit of introducing divisive initiatives," said Elena Stern, the organizer of the anti-54 campaign, referring to Connerly's Proposition 209, the anti-affirmative action measure passed by Californians. "I think people were fed up with it, and that's why they voted it down."

Opponents had hoped a strong no vote on Proposition 54 would generate votes against the recall. But that was not the case, as Gov. Gray Davis was recalled handily and replaced by actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

With 97.9 percent of precincts reporting Oct. 8, Proposition 54 lost with 4,735,421 votes against — or 64.2 percent — and 2,647,449 in favor, or 35.8 percent. ■



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Justice Dept. Seeks Dismissal of Lawsuit Challenging a Section of the Patriot Act

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Urging dismissal of a court challenge to the USA Patriot Act, the Justice Department said Oct. 3 that it has never used wide-ranging search and seizure powers in the law that are being challenged by civil rights and Muslim groups.

The lawsuit, in which JACL is a supporting organization, against the post-Sept. 11 statute targeting terrorism is premature and conflicts with U.S. Supreme Court rulings, the department said in 40 pages of arguments filed in federal court in Detroit.

Section 215 of the law expands the FBI's authority to secretly obtain records from various organizations, including libraries, churches, mosques, hospitals and other entities. The American Civil Liberties Union has argued that change violates constitutional rights.

The Justice Department said the groups challenging the law "cannot seriously contend that Section 215 fails to meet" constitutional standards. People's "Fourth Amendment rights do not extend to records or personal belongings that they have provided to third parties," the department said.

The government argued that the case should be dismissed because the portion of the law at issue has never been used.

"The Justice Department, including the FBI, recognizing the need for judicious use of its law

enforcement tools, has never sought" an order "with respect to these plaintiffs or anyone else for that matter," said the department.

"While the government may use this provision under appropriate circumstances in the future, the attorney general has not, to date, found that such measures were required in an investigation."

The groups participating in the lawsuit are the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor, Mich.; the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee;

the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services; the Bridge Refugee and Sponsorship Services, based in Knoxville, Tenn.; the Council on American-Islamic Relations; and the Islamic Center of Portland, Ore.

An ACLU spokeswoman called the government's arguments "radical and it's wrong."

"If my right to my personal information ends when I give it to a third party, then that right has no meaning at all," said Emily Whitfield. ■

Groups Call for Examination of Voting Problems in Historic Recall Election

A coalition of more than 15 civil rights, good government and community organizations is calling on the Secretary of State and local election officials to look into voting problems resulting in the disenfranchisement of voters in the recent Oct. 7 recall election.

CalVEC (California Voter Empowerment Circle) organizations argue that the election was implemented on a shortened timeframe due to the special circumstances of the recall and that election officials were under enormous pressure to implement an election with stretched resources, time, and staff.

CalVEC organizations reported receiving calls from the field about election problems through-

out the day. Voters were unable to find their poll sites, did not receive their materials in time, showed up to poll sites that were not open or accessible, could not park, or could not vote because ballots had run out. Some poll sites did not have booths, had malfunctioning equipment or punch-card machines that broke during the day, or insufficient signage.

"There was tremendous voter confusion with this rushed election," said Kathay Feng, Voting Rights program director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "In The Asian Pacific American and other communities, voters could not find their polling places or requested but did not receive absentee ballots or other materials. Rushed special elections are a sure recipe for election errors."

"These voting irregularities are alarming and need to be addressed," said Marcos Barron, acting state director for People for the American Way. "A thorough and public review of these problems must occur immediately and remedial action taken to avoid a Florida-like fiasco in the upcoming March presidential elections." ■

Court Rejects Appeals Over WWII Prisoners of Japan

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court turned aside appeals from former American prisoners of war and others who claim they were forced to work for private Japanese companies as slave laborers during World War II.

The court's action, taken without comment Oct. 6, ends lawsuits in California against Japanese firms or their successors that allegedly forced prisoners to work in mines, dig roads and perform other duties more than 50 years ago.

Japanese conglomerates now known as Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Nippon Steel and others survived the war in part by using slave labor, and then thrived in the post-war industrial boom, lawyers for former prisoners claimed.

A federal appeals court dismissed the claims earlier this year. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said treaties signed by the United States barred prisoners from seeking restitution.

The high court also rejected similar arguments from Filipino, Korean and Chinese nationals forced to work for Japanese companies during WWII. ■

Bush Announces Intention to Nominate Ishimaru to EEOC

President George Bush announced Oct. 7 his intention to nominate Stuart Ishimaru to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, will serve the remainder of a five-year term expiring July 1, 2007. If the Senate confirms him, he will be the only Asian American commissioner.

Ishimaru previously served as counsel to the assistant attorney general and went on to serve as deputy assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. Earlier he served as the acting staff director for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and earned his law degree from the National Law Center at George Washington

University.

"I am very pleased that the Administration has selected Stuart Ishimaru to serve on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission," said Congressman David Wu, D-Ore., and chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. "He brings years of experience as a dedicated and fair-minded public servant who has fought to protect the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans."

The EEOC coordinates all federal equal employment opportunity regulations, practices and policies. The commission interprets employment discrimination laws, monitors the federal sector employment discrimination program, provides funding and support to state and local Fair Employment Practices Agencies, and sponsors outreach and technical assistance programs. ■

Indian American to Face Female Lieut. Gov. in Runoff for Louisiana Governorship

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS—A 32-year-old American of Indian descent will face Louisiana's female lieutenant governor in a November runoff for the governorship in the conservative Deep South state, where white males have dominated politics for generations.

With all but two of the state's 4,143 precincts counted in the Oct. 4 primary, Bobby Jindal, running as a conservative Republican, had 441,951, or 33 percent, and Kathleen Blanco, a Democrat, had 249,152, or 18 percent, officials reported Oct. 5.

Jindal, a son of Indian immigrants who is already a veteran of high-level government posts at the age of 32, confounded political prognosticators who predicted a non-white could never win in Louisiana.

He will run against Blanco, 60, who faced equal skepticism in the state's male-dominated political world.

"This is a new day for Louisiana," Blanco told cheering supporters. "You have a Cajun

woman against an Asian American, and I'm telling you, it speaks to the whole nation."

Jindal's margin was decisive, but the battle for second place was close. Blanco edged out state Attorney General Richard Ieyoub, who had 223,089, or 16 percent. Former Congressman Buddy Leach had 186,733, or 14 percent.

The run-off will be Nov. 15.

Jindal is a protege of Gov. Mike Foster, who could not run for a third consecutive term.

A former assistant secretary in President George W. Bush's Department of Health and Human Services, Jindal was a Rhodes Scholar and was appointed by the governor to head the state Department of Health and Hospitals at the age of 24, and then appointed head of Louisiana's university system.

"I'm not a politician, but I am a problem solver," Jindal told a cheering crowd Oct. 4.

He campaigned as a conservative, extolling the Ten Commandments and deriding liberals and gun control while promising fiscal sobriety. ■

JACL Responds to Rush Limbaugh Comments

The JACL strongly criticized Rush Limbaugh's statement is inexcusable because his intent seems to be only to point out what he views as the inadequacies of McNabb as a black athlete.


"It is one thing for a commentator to say that a player is good or bad based on his skills and talent, but it's quite a different matter when that commentator injects race into the equation of the players' abilities," said John Tateishi, JACL national executive director. "In my view, it's clearly a racist statement made by a racist commentator."

JACL National President Floyd Mori said, "One of the important ideals of athletic competition is to break down racial and social barriers, and for the most part, this has been successfully achieved with the integration of sports at all


levels. Rush Limbaugh's statement is inexcusable because his intent seems to be only to point out what he views as the inadequacies of McNabb as a black athlete."

Tateishi expressed views that echoed Eagles' owner Jeffrey Lurie's criticism of ESPN's hiring of Limbaugh in the first place but did not go so far as to criticize the station for what Lurie felt was "institutional racism" at the sports network channel.

"But you have to wonder why ESPN would hire someone like Limbaugh as an analyst of NFL football when he obviously isn't qualified to be one. His reputation has been as a lightning rod for arch-conservative views, and I'm forced to conclude that Limbaugh was hired for his social and political views," he said. "It certainly wasn't for his expertise in football." ■




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□ Army Charges Ex-Guantanamo Chaplain

WASHINGTON—A former Muslim chaplain at the Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorism suspects has been charged with disobeying orders for improperly handling classified information, the military announced Oct. 10.

Army Capt. James Yee, who also has used the name Yousef Yee, was charged with two counts of failing to obey a lawful order, U.S. Southern Command announced. He is charged with taking classified information home and wrongly transporting classified information.

The charges, as outlined on an Army document released by Southern Command, say Yee was carrying classified information when he was arrested last month and had taken secret materials to a housing unit while serving as chaplain at the base from November 2002 until last month.

Yee is one of the three former workers at the high-security military base to be arrested in a probe of alleged espionage there. The charges against Yee are lesser than those against the others.

Conviction of disobeying orders carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a bad conduct discharge.

□ Man Sentenced to Death for Killing Sikh Immigrant

MESA, Ariz.—A man was sentenced to death for the first-degree murder of a Sikh gas station owner who prosecutors said was targeted days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks because of the way he looked.

The Maricopa County Superior Court jury had convicted Frank Silva Roque Sept. 30 of attempted first-degree murder, drive-by shooting and endangerment.

Roque fatally shot Balbir Singh Sodhi in front of a gas station the Indian immigrant owned on Sept. 15, 2001, four days after the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon in Washington and the World Trade Center in New York.

Prosecutors said Roque targeted the man because he believed Sodhi, who wore a turban and long beard as part of his Sikh faith, was from the Middle East.

Sodhi's brother, Lakhwinder Singh Sodhi, said the jury that sentenced Roque to death on Oct. 9 had done right by the victim's family.

□ Filipino Veterans Benefits Bill Approved by U.S. House

HONOLULU—The U.S. House voted Oct. 8 to increase Department of Veterans Affairs benefits for World War II Filipino veterans and their survivors who live in the United States.

The Veterans Benefits Act, which won unanimous approval, would increase the VA benefits to the same rate paid to U.S. veterans.

Currently, surviving spouses and dependents of Filipino veterans who served in the Philippine Commonwealth Army and the New Philippine Scouts are eligible for half the level of VA dependency and indemnity compensation paid to U.S. veterans and their survivors.

Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, said in a news release that the legislation would also strengthen other programs administered by the VA.

"This legislation is a step closer

to our goal of parity for all Filipino veterans," said Abercrombie. "They fought shoulder to shoulder with their American comrades in arms, suffered the same hardships and sacrificed for the same cause. Simple justice requires that we recognize their contributions with the same veterans benefits."

□ JA Man Charged With Aggravated Murder in Double Homicide

SEATTLE—King County prosecutors have filed charges of aggravated first-degree murder against the man held in the stabbing deaths of a Seattle nightclub owner and his wife at their home in Kent.

John Q. Morimoto, 33, arrested Oct. 4 in the deaths of Loc "Michael" Phan and Phuong Dung "Michelle" Phan, was ordered held without bail at the Regional Justice Center in Kent.

In addition to aggravated murder — a charge that carries just two penalties, execution or life imprisonment — Morimoto was charged with first-degree attempted murder in the stabbing of the couple's 7-year-old daughter, who is recovering from wounds to her neck and abdomen.

Prosecutors will have 30 days after Morimoto's Oct. 21 arraignment to decide whether to seek the death penalty.

The wounded child and the bodies of her parents were discovered Oct. 3 by Michelle Phan's sister. Autopsies showed the parents died as a result of trauma from a sharp object. Police said they have not recovered the weapon.

□ World's Oldest Man Dies in Japan at 114

TOKYO—Yukichi Chuganji, a retired silkworm breeder documented as the world's oldest man, died at his home in Japan at age 114, said his family.

Chuganji was pronounced dead from natural causes Sept. 28, said his 65-year-old nephew, Tadao Haji.

Bedridden in recent years, Chuganji had been living with his 72-year-old daughter Kyoko in the city of Ogori, about 550 miles southwest of Tokyo.

He had just finished drinking some apple juice when his family noticed he wasn't looking well, Haji said.

Chuganji was born March 23, 1889, in the farming town of Chikushino on Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu. He worked as a silkworm breeder and advisor after graduating from technical school in the early 1900s.

He liked to eat beef and pork with his meals of rice and miso soup. He would drink milk every day but didn't consume alcohol.

□ English-class Demand

Reflects Changes in N.H.

DERRY, N.H.—More classes teaching English as a second language are showing up in southern New Hampshire as more immigrants move into the state from Massachusetts, officials say.

During the past decade, the number of Hispanics and Asians has grown dramatically in Rockingham County, tripling and quadrupling in some smaller towns.

The U.S. Census Bureau recorded a 50 percent jump between 1990 and 2000 in the number of Hispanics in the county, and a 40 percent leap in the number of Asians.

They are coming, said Andrew Smith, a University of New Hampshire political science professor, "for the same reasons other people from Massachusetts are moving into New Hampshire — job opportunities, a lower cost of living, and to get out of cities where crime is bad."

To meet the needs of these populations, many local and state agencies are expanding their English as a Second Language (ESL) offerings. Statewide, the number of adults enrolled in ESL courses has more than doubled in the past nine years. In 1993-94, 1,167 adults were enrolled in ESL courses. By 2002-03, that number had jumped to 3,200.

□ Minority Advisory Councils Want Their Offices to Have Authority

SALT LAKE CITY—The state's minority advisory councils want the four minority affairs offices to be not merely advisory but have some authority.

Bill Afeaki, director of Pacific Islander Affairs, said some state agencies do not cooperate or respond to requests from minority office officials, while others ignore the resource the offices provide.

"For us to really go ahead, we need to know where we're at, and a lot of that information is not available," Afeaki said.

The various directors also said they need more staff to deal with increasing minority populations who turn to them for help.

The director's comments were made Oct. 8 to a minority affairs subcommittee, which is looking into whether state agencies are responsive to minority needs.

Some minorities view the governor-appointed offices as token attempts to recognize the state's minorities, legislators were told. Some also view the offices as ineffective because they do not carry policy-making power.

□ Inouye Released From Hospital

HONOLULU—U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye was discharged

from Walter Reed Army Medical Center Oct. 11, less than a week after undergoing surgery to partially replace his left shoulder, the Hawaii Democrat's office said.

Inouye's doctors say they are pleased with how quickly the senator has recovered from the Oct. 6 operation, his office said in a statement. Doctors had initially said Inouye could have been in the hospital for up to two weeks after the surgery.

"I will be back at my desk Tuesday, when the Senate reconvenes after its weeklong recess," Inouye said in the statement. "At this stage, it will be light duty, such as attending committee hearings, and, under special circumstances, presiding over hearings."

"I do not expect to miss any votes during the Senate's consideration of supplemental funding for Iraq and Afghanistan."

Inouye, 79, Hawaii's senior member of Congress, lost his right arm during combat in World War II as a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor.

□ Filipino Veterans Memorial Nearing Completion

HONOLULU—A memorial to Filipinos who fought in World War II will be finished by Veterans Day, the monument's builder said.

Workers will stay on the job 15 hours a day, seven days a week to complete the six-foot-high, 10-foot-wide concrete memorial by Nov. 11, said Lito Alcantra of Group Builders. Alcantra is donating his company's services for the memorial.

The memorial is being built at the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu. It is to include a granite plaque, two pillars symbolizing America and the Philippines, and a rainbow shape connecting the columns, according to Oscar Paez Jr., the architect.

The Filipino Community Center opened last year near the Oahu Sugar Mill and Hans L'Orange Park, touted as the largest such center of its kind outside the Philippines.

According to 2000 Census figures, Hawaii's 170,635 Filipinos make up about 14 percent of the state population. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Jack and Aiko Herzig will be honored at the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) luncheon Nov. 8 as "Japanese American Takara (Treasures)" for their unique contributions to the cause of all Japanese Americans. In their long and tedious research work at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Herzigs uncovered documents which helped prove false U.S. government claims that the World War II evacuation and incarceration of JA citizens from the West Coast was justified due to military necessity. These documents helped vacate wartime Supreme Court decisions, assisted in the 1988 redress bill calling for reparations and an apology, and changed many of the anti-Japanese sentiments expressed by officials during WWII. Jack was a platoon sergeant in the parachute regiment during WWII and served in the Korean War. Aiko was interned in Manzanar.

Nobuko Miyamoto of Great Leap, Inc. in Los Angeles is a 2003 winner of a Leadership for a Changing World award, it was announced Oct. 7 by the Ford Foundation. Miyamoto is one of 17 awardees who will receive \$100,000 to advance their work and an additional \$15,000 for supporting activities over the next two years. In 1978 Miyamoto, a for-

mer Broadway dancer, founded Great Leap as an Asian American arts organization. Twenty-five years later, Great Leap is a thriving multicultural performing arts group that gives voice to the experience of contemporary AAs as well as African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and other groups.

Dado Banatao was inducted into the Asian American Activities Center Alumni Hall of Fame Oct. 17. Banatao is the eighth inductee into the Hall of Fame that honors Stanford's most accomplished minority alumni from the Asian American Activities Center, Black Community Services Center, El Centro Chicano and the Native American Cultural Center. Banatao is the managing partner of Tallwood Venture Capital. As an engineer he is credited with developing several key semiconductor technologies and is regarded as a Silicon Valley visionary. As an investor, he has a keen sense of trends and opportunities involving technology solutions for computing and communications. Prior to forming Tallwood, Banatao was a venture partner at the Mayfield Fund. In 1997 he was honored with the Master Entrepreneur of the Year Award sponsored by *Ernst & Young, Inc. Magazine*, and Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services. ■

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Internment Camp Baseball Memorial Strikes Out

In a season that has seen the Chicago Cubs advance toward their first World Series since 1945, the National Park Service has called off plans to restore the baseball diamond at the Manzanar National Historic Site — home to 11,000 West Coast Japanese Americans during their forced evacuation and internment at the onset of World War II, and during the same era that the Cubbies were making their last successful run for the pennant.

Thanks to a \$5 million appropriation by President Clinton, a permanent memorial to Manzanar has been under construction for the past two years: the former auditorium has been converted to a visitors center, a block of barracks and other original buildings are presently undergoing thorough restoration, and guided tours are already taking place.

After a preliminary show of approval 14 months ago by National Park Service Acting Regional Director Arthur Eck, plans were implemented to conduct a survey of the baseball diamond site and to submit the findings to the federal government for formal approval. In the interim, a group of volunteers — representing fields as diverse as publishing, law, performance art, construction and baseball — raised

the required funding and assembled a full crew to restore Manzanar's baseball diamond themselves as soon as the green light was forthcoming. Many of these volunteers had grandparents who played on the original diamond, behind barbed wire, 60 years ago.

The diamond's inauguration was to have featured a baseball game between a team of 12-year-old JAs from Los Angeles and a comparable roster from the Owens Valley, where Manzanar is located. Ceremonies were intended to honor surviving veterans of the camp — and its baseball field — with a number of celebrities invited to participate. Among them were baseball legend Cal Ripken, Jr., Lenn Sakata — the first JA to play in the major leagues, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, actors Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon, and attorney Dale Minami — one of the key voices responsible for the Civil Rights Bill of 1988.

In early October, however, Manzanar site superintendent Frank Hays stated that the National Park Service had decided against recommending the restoration of the diamond, as any attractions outside the immediate vicinity of the visitors center would "dilut" the park's

overall effect. Manzanar is a full square mile in size, and the baseball diamond is located two blocks from the visitors center.

The importance of baseball to the JAs incarcerated behind barbed wire can never be overstated: It was perhaps one of the only aspects of the lives they'd led prior to the internment that they were allowed to keep with them after everything else had been taken away. Although Manzanar was not fully populated until June 1942, there were already eight baseball teams in fierce competition by early May. The diamond was one of the first things to go up, even before the school had been constructed.

Baseball was also the bond that kept many of these families together during their most difficult moments. It got them through the disappointing Supreme Court decisions upholding the constitutionality of the internment, and — as Americans — it got them through the rage and humiliation engendered by the loyalty questionnaire.

However, though the Manzanar National Historic Site is scheduled to open formally on April 24, 2004, baseball will not find its place in the permanent lineup.

At least the Cubs still have a chance. ■

Local College Student Helps Hawaiians Gain Access to Educational Program

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREELEY, Colo.—The work of one local college student has unlocked educational doors across the country for native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

James Kawika Riley, a 19-year-old native Hawaiian, convinced the U.S. Education Department to consider his race separate from its previous race classification as Asian American.

The University of Northern Colorado student learned that the department grouped all Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders under the Asian race when he applied for the McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program at UNC.

The program is active at more than 150 colleges across the United States and uses federal money to help undergraduate students get into graduate school. To be accepted, students have to be first-generation and low-income or a member of a race that is underrepresented in graduate education.

Riley could have been accepted as a first-generation, low-income student, but when he learned native Hawaiians were considered

Asian, which was not an underrepresented minority, he couldn't believe it.

"Native Hawaiians are underrepresented in all levels of education," he said. "To me, it was about being able to say who you are and not having someone else define you."

A total of 874,414 people claimed to be at least part native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander on the 2000 Census, making it the smallest racial group recognized in the United States. The Census Bureau includes ethnicity in its race categories.

Riley knew the classification put his ethnicity at a disadvantage, so he started researching the subject on the Internet.

"Where I lacked skill, I made up in willingness to sweat," Riley said.

He spent hours researching until he found a document from the federal government that updated the classification of race, separating Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders from the Asian American classification. The document stated that all federal agencies had until Jan. 1, 2003, to come into compliance. Riley contacted the muscle behind the document, Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawaii, and enlisted his help. Akaka opened a formal inquiry with the Education Department.

"I felt it was important to help this young man in his pursuit of educational attainment, which was being hindered by an administrative omission that made no sense," Akaka said in a statement.

A few months later, the department told Riley he could apply to the McNair Program but the policy had not changed. Riley was not content.

"Although my personal needs were satisfied, the needs of my community weren't," he said.

He knew if he kept pushing, he could win, and the senator agreed. Akaka enlisted the help of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and together they urged the department to revise its policy on race classifications.

While Riley awaited an answer, he took an internship in Washington with the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies and got a chance to meet Akaka.

Then one day, Akaka called Riley into his office and gave him a letter from the Education Department, stating that all native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders were eligible to participate in the McNair Program.

As soon as Riley was alone, he reread the document and wept.

"I never let myself think that it wasn't going to happen," Riley said. "But at the same time I was shocked and really happy when it did happen."

Riley became the first native Hawaiian to be accepted to the McNair Program under the new criteria. He plans to spend the next year searching for other scholarship programs that use the old race classification method and deny native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders entrance. He sees the problem as an oversight, rather than an intentional policy.

"I think that James serves as an example to any one who wants to take an active role in determining what our government services look like," said Kim Black, the director of UNC's McNair Program. "He is a model that represents that we don't have to accept what the status quo is." ■

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Mineta to be Honored at Fourth Annual Jefferson Lincoln Awards Dinner

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta will be honored at the fourth annual Jefferson Lincoln Awards Dinner presented by the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy Nov. 8 in Pebble Beach, Calif.



At this gala event, "An Evening to Honor Lives of Public Service," the Jefferson Lincoln Award will be presented to Mineta and William Cohen, former Secretary of Defense, two outstanding public servants "who have demonstrated the highest standards of bipartisan leadership in solving the nation's problems, an independence of judgment and decision-making that symbolizes exemplary leadership, and a commitment to the nation's interest regardless of political party."

As in past years, a special committee consisting of former U.S.

Rep. Lee Hamilton and former U.S. Sens. Howard Baker, Nancy Kassebaum, and Leon Panetta selected this year's honorees.

Mineta became the 14th U.S. Secretary of Transportation on Jan. 25, 2001. Prior to joining President Bush's cabinet, Mineta served as U.S. Secretary of Commerce under President Clinton, becoming the first Asian Pacific American to serve in the Cabinet. From 1975-1995 he served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing the heart of California's Silicon Valley.

Cohen was sworn in as the nation's 20th Secretary of Defense on Jan. 24, 1997. He previously served three terms in the U.S. Senate for the state of Maine (1979-1997) and three terms in the House of Representatives from Maine's 2nd Congressional District (1973-1979).

The gala event will be held in the Ballroom of the Inn at Spanish Bay from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. ■

PNW District Receives Grant From Washington State

The JACL PNW district has received a grant of \$23,235 from the Washington Civil Liberties Public Education Program (WCLPEP).

The PNW will use the grant money to prepare and present two eight-hour workshops for a total of 50 high school students and 50-75 teachers. The course content will include an overview of the forced evacuation and incarceration of nearly 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry into American concentration camps during World War II, and examine the social, community and political issues of that time period as well as a comparison and analysis of the wartime experience of the Nikkei to current issues relative to immigration, discrimination, constitutional rights and diversity.

The workshops will be presented in March 2004 so that participants can plan and execute projects and activities in May, to coincide with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Upon completion of the workshops PNW-JACL will follow up with each participant to request feedback, sample lesson plans, and reports on projects/activities implemented in their classroom or school; they will also encourage teachers and students to plan projects and activities in the future that coincide with the Washington State Civil Liberties Day of Remembrance on Feb. 19.

Participants who complete the course requirements will receive academic credit (for students and teachers), or clock hours (for teachers).

The Washington State Legislature established the WCLPEP to "ensure that the events surrounding the exclusion, forced removal and incarceration of civilians and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood." ■

Speak Out: Community Meetings for API Queer Youth

Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights (APIHR) calls community meetings for Asian and Pacific Islander (API) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexual, queer and questioning (LGBTIQ) youth 24 and under to ensure its Youth Program is addressing the needs of the community. The community meetings give a great opportunity for youth to have their voices heard in helping to expand and define the Youth Program.

APIHR's Youth Program established by API youth aims to further investigate and address the needs of API youth through input from the retreats, Youth Advisory Board, youth interns, and most recently, the community meetings. Offering a safe haven for API youth, the Youth Program provides a space for API youth to meet other youth in the community as well as a way to link together their sexuality and heritage through arts and culture programs. Furthermore, the Leadership Institute, another aspect of the Youth Program, trains and molds youth so they can successfully and actively become involved with and hold leadership roles within their communities. The community meetings are open to API

LGBTIQ youth under age 24 — no prior experience is necessary to become a model for change.

"APIHR is committed to creating a youth program that is ultimately defined by youth," said Sumiko Braun, youth program coordinator of APIHR. "Being a 19-year-old bisexual transgender multiracial Japanese Hawaiian American college student demonstrates who manages the Youth Program. I am able to foster the ideas of activism in the youth."

The young women's Community Meeting will be Oct. 19 from 3-6 p.m., and the young men's Community Meeting will be Oct. 26 from 3-6 p.m. Both will be held at 'Ohana House, 6115 Selma Ave., Ste. 207, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Open only to API LGBTIQ youth 24 and under.

Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights (APIHR) has established 'Ohana House, the nation's first API LGBTIQ center. APIHR works to advance the human rights of the Pan Asian/Pacific Islander lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexual, queer and questioning (LGBTIQ) community. To find out more, call Braun at 323/860-0876 or visit www.apihr.org. ■

Award-winning Website Launched by Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project

The website "In the Shadow of My Country: A Japanese American Artist Remembers," created by Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project, has received the Outstanding Website Award in the 2003 WebAwards competition.

The new bilingual multimedia website captures one Japanese American family's memories of living behind barbed wire during World War II.

Acclaimed artist Roger Shimomura, who was interned at Minidoka, Idaho, as a 3-year-old, found inspiration in the journals of his grandmother, Toku Shimomura, for his painting series "An American Diary." In a virtual exhibition, the website displays 30 of his paintings accompanied by excerpts from his grandmother's diary.

Complementing the images are historical photos of the incarceration camps, thoughts of JAs who were incarcerated as children, an

interview with the artist, and the poignant series "Memories of Childhood" — barbed-wire festooned depictions of the artist's earliest recollections of life. The array of images and voices recalls the harsh conditions, improvised diversions, and years lost in America's prison camps for innocent civilians. Also included are audio clips of South Asian children who suffer discrimination today.

Accompanying the website is a teacher resource guide containing a curriculum suitable for elementary and secondary school students grades 5-12. The guide provides historical context, classroom lessons and additional resources. In multidisciplinary activities, students are asked to think critically about their sources of information and to weigh claims of national security against threats to civil liberties. Both the website and teacher guide are offered in Japanese (see

www.densho.org/kage for the Japanese-language version).

"In the Shadow of My Country" is the latest addition to Densho's principal website (www.densho.org), a digital archive of video oral histories and documents focusing on the unjust incarceration of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry during WWII. The online archive presently showcases more than 100 indexed and transcribed visual life histories and 1,000 captioned documents, with 50 more interviews and 1,000 additional documents currently being processed.

Among those interviewed are U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, WWII veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient; Walt Woodward, editor of *The Bainbridge Review* and model for the main character in the best-seller "Snow Falling on Cedars"; and Gordon Hirabayashi, one of the Supreme Court challengers of the exclusion orders.

While the archive covers JA history from immigration in the 1800s to the present, most visitors use it to research the causes of the WWII incarceration. Video excerpts from the archive enhance a section on the true motivations behind the incarceration as stated in 1982 by a congressional commission.

A curriculum for upper high school students, co-developed with the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) examines civil rights in relation to the JA experience. Students, teachers, and the general public may use the resources free of charge for purposes of research and education.

The word *densho* means "to pass on to the next generation" or leave a legacy. The website was made possible by a grant from the United States-Japan Foundation and is funded in part by grants from the Washington State Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. ■

Asian American Federation of New York Premieres 'Tribute and Remembrance: Asian Americans After 9/11'

The Asian American Federation of New York premiered its documentary, "Tribute and Remembrance: Asian Americans After 9/11" in Washington, D.C., Oct. 15.

Commissioned by the federation, directed and produced by Renata Huang, and narrated by David Henry Hwang, "Tribute and Remembrance" is a 69-minute documentary that examines the multitude of ways the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy impacted the AA community.

Broken down into five major parts, the first segment focuses on the economic devastation of New York City's downtown; the second segment follows a South Asian taxi driver who has watched his weekly earnings fall by 75 percent; part three touches on the selective detention of Islamic and South Asian immigrants; the much stigmatized subject of mental health is

examined in the fourth segment; and the fifth segment shows three families sharing memories of their loved ones lost in the tragedy.

The documentary ends by highlighting the many philanthropic efforts of everyday AAs in the midst of their hardships.

"We wanted to produce 'Tribute and Remembrance: Asian Americans After 9/11' to tell the stories that are seldom told or understood," said Cao K. O, executive director of the federation. "Some of the stories may be painful for some to hear again or even for the first time, but the acknowledgement of the different experiences that people faced throughout the crisis is vital to our healing process and to the rebuilding of American unity." ■

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In Sports

South Korea's Lee Breaks 39-year-old Asian Home Run Record

SEOUL, South Korea—Lee Seung-yeop belted his 56th homer in his final game of the South Korean season Oct. 2 to break the Asian single-season record of Japan's legendary Sadaharu Oh.

Lee blasted a 394-foot solo homer over the left-field fence in the second inning against the Lotte Giants in Daegu, a provincial city in central South Korea that is home to Lee's Samsung Lions.

Oh set the previous single-season record in 1964. Two other players in the Japanese league — Tuffy Rhodes of the Kintetsu Buffaloes and Alex Cabrera of Seibu Lions — had tied Oh's record. Lee joined their ranks when he belted his 55th Sept. 25.

But Lee, a first baseman, had run dry in the following five games. With his opportunities running out, baseball fans across the nation held their breath as Lee vowed to use his last chance to break Oh's record.

"I admit that I was under pressure because of the enormous

expectations of the fans," Lee said. "I thank the pitcher, Mr. Lee Jong-min, who did not avoid facing my challenge."

Despite Lee's homer, Samsung lost the game to Lotte 4-6.

When Lotte intentionally walked Lee during a game Sept. 27, police were dispatched to contain furious fans. The match was delayed for 1 1/2 hours as they threw bottles, newspapers and garbage onto the field.

President Roh Moo-hyun hailed Lee's record as "an inspiring achievement that proves the potential of South Korean baseball and the power of the Korean people."

"Together with all the people, I congratulate you on your new Asian home run record," Roh said in a telegraph message.

Oh told Japanese media Lee's achievement was "wonderful."

"Lee must have felt a lot of pressure with the whole country getting excited (about the record)," the Japanese slugger was quoted as saying by Kyodo News.

"It was wonderful that he made it in the last game of the season. I'd like to congratulate him from the bottom of my heart."

Oh is now manager of the Daiei Hawks, who won the pennant in Japan's Pacific League on Sept. 30.

The 27-year-old South Korean slugger began his baseball career as a highly touted pitcher.

The left-hander signed with Samsung straight out of high school, but surgery on his pitching elbow interrupted his career. He hit so well during his rehabilitation that he was transformed into a full-time hitter.

Lee set the Korean single-season record of 54 home runs in 1999, then became the youngest batter in the world to pass 300 career homers this year. South Koreans and news media call him the "National Hitter."

In the United States, Barry Bonds hit 73 home runs in 2001 to break the seemingly untouchable record of 70 set by Mark McGwire three years earlier. ■

Carolina Signs Free-agent Jamie Storr

RALEIGH, N.C.—Free-agent goalie **Jamie Storr** signed a one-year, \$500,000 deal with the Carolina Hurricanes on Oct. 3 and traveled to Washington for the team's game against the Capitals.

Storr, whose deal also includes incentive clauses, split time with Felix Potvin in Los Angeles last season, going 12-19-2 with a 2.55 goals against average.

Carolina sent backup goalie **Patrick DesRochers** to the minors to make room for Storr, who made \$1.6 million last season.

"This came out [of] the blue that Jamie was still available at this point," Carolina general manager **Jim Rutherford** said.

"This was something we felt we really needed to do. This gives us more security at that position."

Storr gives the Hurricanes a veteran backup to starter **Kevin**

Weekes. Storr has a career record of 85-78-21, while DesRochers had played in just 11 NHL games.

Rutherford said Weekes remains the starter, but Storr could push for substantial playing time.

"Those things always sort themselves out," Rutherford said. "Kevin Weekes has been a very good goalie for us and he is certainly the No. 1 guy. As long as they play the way they're capable, there will be enough playing time for both of them."

The signing of Storr means **Arturs Irbe**, one of the heroes of the team's 2002 run to the Stanley Cup finals, won't be returning to Carolina.

Rutherford sent Irbe to the minors last season after poor play and a "play me or trade me" demand. Carolina owes Irbe \$5.2 million over the next two seasons and has been unable to trade him. ■

It's a Girl for Kristi Yamaguchi, Hockey Player Bret Hedican

LOS ANGELES—It's a girl for Olympic champion figure skater **Kristi Yamaguchi** and her husband **Bret Hedican**, a defenseman for the Carolina Hurricanes.

The couple's first child, **Keara Kiyomi Hedican**, was born early Oct. 1 at a Raleigh, N.C., hospital, Yamaguchi's Los Angeles publicist said. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

"She's doing fantastic," **Michael Sterling** said. "Both the mother and baby are in excellent health."

Yamaguchi, 32, retired from the Stars on Ice tour last year to begin a family with Hedican, 33. The couple met at the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France, where she won a gold medal and he played for the U.S. hockey team. They married three years ago.

Yamaguchi will host and star in an NBC skating special Nov. 30. ■

Agent Expects to Work Out Deal for Suzuki

SEATTLE—**Ichiro Suzuki's** agent expects he will be able to work out a long-term contract with the Seattle Mariners.

Suzuki, 30, completed the final season of a three-year contract that guaranteed him \$14,088,000 and is eligible for arbitration. He can't become a free agent until after the 2006 season.

"I get along exceptionally well with the executives of the club," agent **Tony Attanasio** told The Associated Press on Oct. 1. "Ichiro loves Seattle. He's thrilled to be there. We don't anticipate any problems with the negotiations."

In remarks quoted Oct. 1 by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, Attanasio said that if the Mariners took Suzuki to arbitration, he would never sign another contract with Seattle.

The agent said Oct. 1 that the reaction in Seattle to his comments was overblown. Attanasio indicated an arbitration hearing was only

a remote possibility for the three-time All-Star outfielder, who was the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year in 2001.

"The club should not take Ichiro to arbitration," Attanasio said. "If they do take him to arbitration, he would take it as a sign of disrespect. His attitude would be that he would never sign another contract with Seattle."

"I don't think it will happen because it's a class organization," Attanasio said. "They're good people, they know how to deal with people, with players, me."

The Mariners said Oct. 1 that they did not want to comment on the Suzuki contract situation.

"We're not looking for anything. We're waiting to hear from the club," Attanasio said. "One year, two years, three years, 10 years, we're not going to ask them for anything."

"Ichiro is never going to be in the position where he takes so

much money it inhibits or restricts the club from doing something it has to do," he said. "He also doesn't want to be known as someone who is taken advantage of. There's a happy medium there I'm sure the club will be able to find."

After hitting .350 as a rookie, Suzuki's average fell to .321 in 2002 and to .312 this season. The Mariners have missed the playoffs for two straight seasons after advancing to the AL championship series in 2000 and 2001.

Attanasio said Suzuki doesn't want so much money that the Mariners can't afford to surround him with good players.

"Simultaneously, if the club tries to take advantage of that by coming in too low, that would be a problem," the agent said.

Attanasio and Suzuki will have to deal with a new Mariners general manager. **Pat Gillick** said Sept. 30 he's resigning after four seasons. ■

Yao Ming Makes First Appearance at Rockets Training Camp

GALVESTON, Texas—**Yao Ming** missed the first 10 workouts of training camp but Houston Rockets coach **Jeff Van Gundy** welcomed his 7-foot-6 center to the team Oct. 6 for a final one before exhibition play begins.

"It's only his first day," Van Gundy said. "Obviously he's very good. You don't believe the size of him until you actually see him."

"I've been around (former New York Knicks center **Patrick Ewing**) for a long time and he dwarfed him, so that's pretty big."

Yao arrived in Houston Oct. 5 and went immediately for physical examinations. He was then taken to the Texas A&M-Galveston campus 60 miles away to catch the final Rockets preseason workout before beginning exhibition play Oct. 7 at Portland.

The Oct. 6 workout was a long drill as Van Gundy tried to force-feed Yao the Rockets' new philosophy.

Asked how he felt after leading China's national team in the Asian Games and then rushing to Houston to join his Rockets team-

mates, Yao said, "I feel about 50 to 60 percent right now."

"First of all, I'm already a bit tired. I've been practicing the whole summer and we've had a lot of competition. These weren't just normal competitions. There's a lot of pressure involved. We had to win the championship."

The Chinese team's showing in the Asian Games earned them a spot in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Ewing, now a Rockets assistant coach, was impressed by Yao, despite just one workout with his new protegee.

"Some people are late bloomers, some are early bloomers," Ewing said. "Who's to say when Yao or anybody else will kick their game to the next level. All we can do is teach him the things he needs to get to the next level."

Ewing said he couldn't offer much of a critique of Yao after just one practice.

"He just basically needs to work on his overall game, positioning on the floor, posting up deeper

defensively," Ewing said. "Sometimes today a guy would cut off the way he positioned his body. I can show him the right techniques to keep him out of foul trouble. He's a very good player. He's 7-foot-6 and he has great touch."

Yao arrived two weeks earlier than a year ago, when he was the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft. Yao said it appeared Van Gundy would stress defense and that he looked forward to working with Ewing.

"I think I have to learn slowly," Yao said. Ewing has "got a lot to teach me and it will take quite awhile." ■

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Nuggets Rookie Hoping to Become NBA's First Japanese Player

DENVER—No one was surprised to see **Yuta Tabuse** running the fast break Sept. 30 as the Denver Nuggets opened training camp. His role models are **Magic Johnson** and **Isaiah Thomas**, after all.

But coach **Jeff Bzdelik** doesn't mince words about Tabuse's chance of becoming the first Japanese-born player to make an NBA roster.

"It will be tough," Bzdelik said. The 5-foot-9 Tabuse was full of no-look passes and at one point set up an uncontested layup with a blind pass to **Francisco Elson**. He drew defenders in to set up several open jump shots.

"That's exactly why we brought Yuta to do, help us get the running game going," Bzdelik said. "A guy like him who is going to push the basketball, will give it up. And when you have someone pushing it and giving it up, you are going to force other guys to run."

Still, the former **Brigham Young-Hawaii** player appeared much smaller when he was guard-

ing 6-4 **Jeff Trepagnier**. Bzdelik said he wasn't discouraged with Tabuse's lack of size.

"He is an up and down player," Bzdelik said. "He is going to make other guys run and he's going to create the tempo that we want, especially here in training camp."

It isn't the first taste of NBA competition for Tabuse. He appeared in six games this past summer for the Dallas Mavericks at the Reebok Rocky Mountain Revue in Salt Lake City, a venue for draft players and undrafted free agents.

"That was a good experience for me," Tabuse said. "It prepared me for training camp and showed me the things I needed to do."

And even though the Nuggets' roster is full of guards, including free agent signees **Earl Boykins** and **Andre Miller**, Tabuse doesn't mind his uphill battle to make the team. He said he relishes the pioneer role for his country.

"I want to be the first," Tabuse said. "Hopefully I will be the first for the Japanese people." ■

Kodama Wins Nevada State Amateur Golf Championship

Matt Kodama, a Yonsei from Las Vegas currently attending the University of Hawaii, is the winner of the 2003 Nevada State Amateur Golf Championship.

Kodama finished regulation play at 10-under 206, then won a three-hole sudden-death playoff with last year's winner **Cullen Brasfield**, **Ben Bryson**, and **Ian Hagen**. Kodama led throughout the tournament held recently at the Genoa

Lakes Golf Club.

"I played exactly how I wanted to play," said Kodama in the *Las Vegas Review Journal*. "I'm real excited right now, because everyone else was really gunning for me."

This was Kodama's first time playing in the tournament after having moved to Las Vegas about a year and a half ago. ■

Very Truly Yours

Harry K. Honda

Our Second Look at Santa Anita



OUR FIRST LOOK at Santa Anita, the 1942 Japanese Assembly Center that housed nearly 20,000 internees, sighted Lily Okura standing beside the bronze statue of a racing horse (Seabiscuit?) on page 370 of "Confinement and Ethnicity," a book published by the National Park Service. The caption fails to identify the young lady or the famed horse.

But a "second look," in a bookish way, provides a wider view and perspective that's ignored or overlooked (like the Evacuation story in current history books) in Nikkei accounts.

The City of Arcadia and home for Santa Anita was chartered in April 1903, north of the Southern Pacific Railroad that runs by Mission San Gabriel. (City Clerk Helen Kawagoe in Carson and one-time City Treasurer Bruce Kaji in Gardena might be interested to learn that the elected city clerk 100 years ago in Arcadia earned \$15 a month, the city treasurer \$1 per year.)

Arcadia's first mayor, E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin, a turfman, hurriedly built a racetrack for his stable of horses and jockeys, relying on support of sportsmen from Los Angeles. In December 1907, Santa Anita Park (now Arcadia County Park, east of the current racetrack) opened with a grandstand that seated several thousand spectators.

Baldwin, in his 80s, had just died in 1909 when that April the state banned horse racing. The elaborate, unused grandstand burned down in 1912, though the horse stables were untouched.

With no racetrack, closing of saloons and extension of Huntington Drive through town, the city grew with paved streets, power, water and telephone lines.

The 1915 *Shin Sekai* Japanese directory lists seven Japanese, probably gardeners, in Arcadia-Santa Anita, one getting his mail c/o Baldwin Ranch. In the uplands (Monrovia) was a colony of Japanese raising truck crops and berries.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Los Angeles County secured the racetrack for the War Department. The empty stables were converted to barracks. Open space became training ground for observation battalions that directed field artillery fire from balloons. The place was called Ross Field and dubbed "The Balloon School."

"Arcadia: the City of the Santa Anita," by Gordon Eberly (1953), describes the scene: the balloons were housed in a huge hangar by the southwest corner of the field. The entire camp was surrounded by a high wire fence.

Shortly after armistice was declared, fury of the influenza epidemic from Europe struck Southern California. Eberly adds a few Japanese camped in the old Army shacks at Ross Field and farmed the open fields in Arcadia.

After "Route 66" came through town in 1929, the Southern Pacific closed its train station. Even the bus line between Pasadena and Pomona wanted to quit for lack of patronage. The town was going to be conservative. Then California legalized

horse racing again in 1932.

Because San Francisco dentist Charles Strub had a permit to operate a race track but found no place in his area, he was persuaded by Hollywood and Los Angeles interests to build in the L.A. area, reviving the colorful past of Santa Anita Park. A new Santa Anita Park in the southeast corner of Rancho Santa Anita opened on Christmas Day 1934.

The old eyesore, Ross Field, became green, thanks to WPA (Works Progress Administration), one-third now being Arcadia County Park and the other two-thirds the Santa Anita Golf Course.

We're back to our first Look now. Pearl Harbor has been attacked. Racing was shut down for the duration across America. The 35th Division's Field Artillery troops from Fort Sill, Okla., were pitching their tents at Arcadia Park in early March. (How many Nisei remember them?)

The track was empty, the horses shipped home, and the War Department secured the entire property. By March 27, some 400 barracks were hastily constructed, stables converted to apartments.

Here was a city within a city as up to 19,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were crammed into Santa Anita from March 27 to Oct. 27. "Around it all was the high wire fence usual to a concentration camp, barbed and electrically protected. Spaced at intervals were lookout towers where armed guards stood continuous watch. Floodlights brightly lit the fenced area at night and, as added measure of safety, Huntington Drive was closed and traffic diverted to Lower Huntington," Eberly writes.

The discontinued assembly center became Camp Santa Anita, an ordnance training ground similar to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, where recruits became technicians to provide and repair munitions.

The watchtowers were removed; huge steel buildings were erected; Huntington Drive was reopened to traffic. By July 8 (1943), locals were invited to view the greatest array of army tanks, tank destroyers, half-tracks, artillery of all types, shops with huge machinery, quarters for enlisted men and officers, and the mess halls. It became a frequent sight to see caravans of troops and military equipment ramble west to Los Angeles Harbor.

As the pendulum of war in 1944 swung toward Allied victory, the War Department sent 2,000 German war prisoners who volunteered and were used as laborers with guards at all times. They replaced the KPs, the garbage detail, and did heavy work at warehousing.

By June, the War Department was winding down Camp Santa Anita. Buildings were torn down, the more substantial ones shipped to Kaiser Steel at Fontana. Some wooden barracks were auctioned off for school use and to cities to meet their housing shortage. By August, the GIs and prisoners were gone.

Today, this city of 53,000 is known for its high property values and peacocks that roam and nest in the northern neighborhood. Arcadia is among the communities in San Gabriel Valley where half of its population is Asian American and Chinese immigrants. This "second look" should fill out the wrinkles of the Assembly Center past.

What the late Mike Masaoka would say, when invoking his own identity, was: "But for the grace of God, had not my father come to America, I would not be a Nisei — a Japanese American." This thought reverberated while listening to Sen. Dan Inouye at the recent PSWDC-national JACL gala fund-raising banquet at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in

downtown Los Angeles, for he often intoned, "*o-kagesama de*" — thanks to (my grandfather) during his eloquent 10-minute remarks. "You never succeed by yourself," Dan said. How true.

This Japanese expression is often used when expressing one's indebtedness or recognizing the assistance of the support or favor from another.

O-kagesama de tasukarimasu. — Thanks to you for your kind assistance; you've been a great service to me.

In accepting the JACL award, Sen. Dan explained, *o-kagesama de* (from my grandparents) for what he accomplished in America.

He went on to say: "In this room, we have hundreds here who have heard this call, *o-kagesama de*. He must have been referring to the seniors who heard that from their parents and at *Nihongo-gakko* Japanese school.

It was an extraordinary evening for me to hear Dan repeatedly utter the Japanese expression seldom heard at a JACL gathering, *o-kagesama de*.

Fewer Dying From Cancer in Hawaii

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

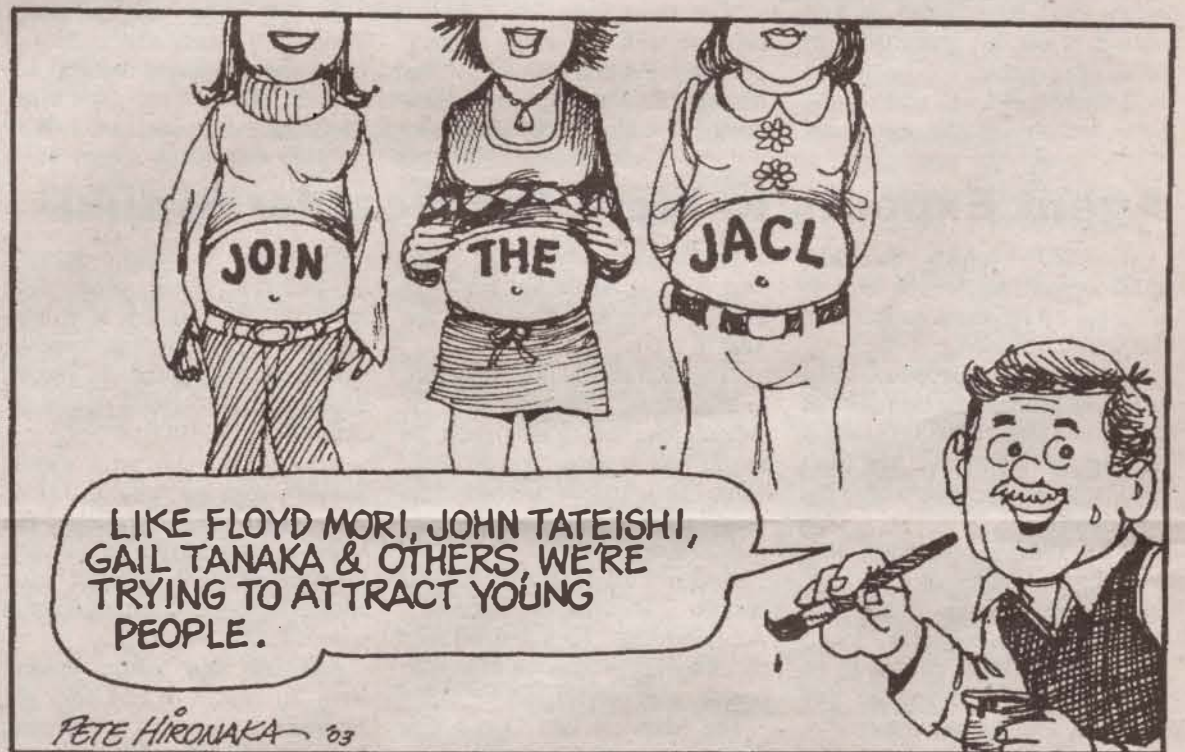
HONOLULU—Fewer people in Hawaii are dying from cancer today than 20 years ago, according to a report released Oct. 10, but researchers say more still needs to be done to prevent cancer deaths.

The Hawaii Cancer Facts and Figures report says cancer death rates among men in Hawaii fell 17 percent, from 216 a year per 100,000 population from 1975-1979 to 179 per 100,000 population from 1995-2000.

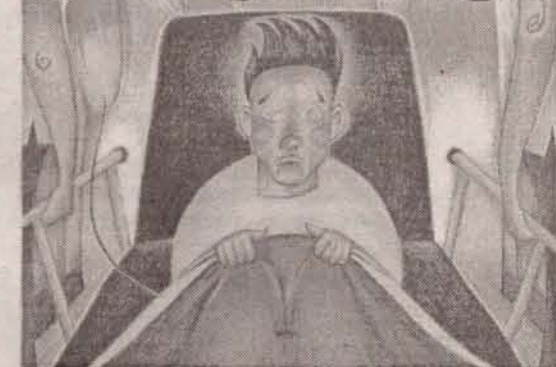
The report found that death rates for women dropped 19 percent in the same period, from 145 per 100,000 population from 1975-1979 to 117 in 1995-2000.

Cancer remains the leading cause of all Hawaii deaths after heart disease and costs an estimated \$500 million a year, the report said.

More than 6,000 people in Hawaii are diagnosed with cancer each year, and 1,800 of those will die of the disease. Death rates from lung cancer are highest among Hawaiian men and Japanese woman. ■



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OBITUARIES

Bert Nakano, Advocate for Reparations to WWII Japanese Americans

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORRANCE, Calif.—Bert Nakano, a Hawaii native who helped lead a campaign to win reparations for Japanese Americans forced into internment camps during World War II, has died. He was 75.

Nakano died Sept. 27 at a nursing home in this suburb south of Los Angeles, said his son, Erich. The cause was respiratory failure related to Parkinson's disease.

Retiring as an airline worker and travel agent, Nakano helped found and was the top spokesman for the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations. In 1988 JAs were rewarded with an apolo-

gy and \$1.5 billion in payments from the federal government.

Nakano referenced his hard-working family when calling for restitution.

"To people who would oppose reparations, I'd say, 'Give me back my three years, my mother's health, my father's business, my brother's ambition to become a doctor and they can keep their money,'" he said in 1985. "Can anyone return those things to us?"

Nakano also pushed aging internment camp survivors to testify before Congress.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lillian; two grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters. ■

Charles Seabrook, Frozen Foods Pioneer Who Helped JAs During WWII, Dead at 94

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOODSTOWN, N.J.—Charles Courtney Seabrook, 94, who with his family developed a technique for freezing produce that revolutionized the food industry, died at the Friends Home in Woodstown on Oct. 4.

Seabrook's family ran Seabrook Farms, a 55,000-acre property in Cumberland County that was at one time the largest irrigated vegetable farm in the world.

In 1930, Seabrook, along with his father, Charles F. Seabrook, and his two brothers, experimented with freezing vegetables by packing them in wooden boxes with dry ice. The concept worked and led to a partnership with Clarence Birdseye in marketing a line of frozen vegetables.

After graduating from Lehigh

University with a degree in civil engineering, Seabrook worked for a nursery in Deerfield, N.J., then for his family's Seabrook Engineering Co.

During World War II Seabrook and his family invited Japanese Americans held in concentration camps to work at his plant, laying the foundation for the JA community in New Jersey.

After WWII, he became head of sales at Seabrook Farms, which flourished until the mid-1950s when a dispute over control of the company divided the family and the business was sold to Seaman Bros. Inc., a New York wholesale grocery business.

Seabrook then went to work for Standard Packaging Co., where he retired in 1974. Seabrook continued to operate a wholesale nursery after he left Standard. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Cottom, Yuriko M., 75, Renton, Wash., Sept. 20; Kokurashi, Japan-born; poet, author, and freelance writer for the *North American Post*; survived by 2 sisters in Japan; 3 brothers-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law.

Funai, Hisako, 83, Bothell, Wash., Sept. 6; she was the widow of Medal of Honor recipient Pfc. William Nakamura; survived by daughter Eileen Spong; sons Gordon and Colin; 6 gc.; sisters Mitsuko Hamakami of Auburn, Wash., Yoshiko Tanabe of Federal Way, Wash.; brother Tommy Deguchi of Seattle; predeceased by second husband Aubrey Funai and brothers Seiichi and Ben Deguchi.

Fuwa, Tane (Nishi), 85, Selma, Sept. 4; San Francisco-born; survived by husband Riichi; daughters Carolyn (Winton) Kim Sing, Janice (Juan) Santiago and Judy Nishi; 4 gc., 5 step-gc.; sister Masako MacFarlane; sister-in-law Grace Amemiya; stepdaughter Wanda (Bryon) Nakashima; stepdaughter-in-law Derdra Fuwa; predeceased by first husband Charles Nishi, brother Minoru Amemiya and stepson Warren Fuwa.

Hashimoto, Henry Tatsuo, 77, West Los Angeles, Oct. 3; Honolulu-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Miwako; son Craig; daughters Lisa (Tony) Hashimoto-Elardo of Valencia and Cheryl Hashimoto; brother Clarence (Betsy) and sister Edna Hashimoto, both of Hawaii.

Hiroshima, Tokuji "Tom," 100, Torrance, Sept. 26; Kochi-born; survived by daughter Janett Akiko Komatsu; 1 gc., 1 ggc.

Hirota, Jyun "Curly," 81, Kalili, Hawaii, Sept. 10; Ewa Beach, Hawaii-born; JA baseball star; he helped pave the way for Hawaii's JAs to play professional baseball in Japan in the 1950s; survived by wife Ruth; sons Dean Nakano, and Wayne, Glen and Tobin; 6 gc.; sister Helen Kikawa.

Imamura, Nobuko, 88, Chapel Hill, N.C., Sept. 26; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Terry (Mary); daughter Vicki (Wilfred) Saito; 1 gc., 1 ggc.

Imanishi, Ted Takeo, 79, Seattle; Seattle-born; Minidoka, Idaho, internee; U.S. Army WWII 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Toshiko; daughters Arleen (Steve) Smith, Kathleen (Robert Smulling) and Teresa (Dick Anderson); sons Doug (Chika) and Daryl (Rico); sister Hatsuye Hats (Nob) Kawada; sister-in-law Edith Imanishi; 6 gc.; predeceased by brothers Yosh and Roy.

Iseri, Richard, 88, San Jose, Sept. 26; survived by wife Aiko; daughter Marilyn White; 2 gc.

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Ishi, Tomoji, 56, San Francisco, Aug. 26; Shige-ken-born; scholar, activist, co-founder of the Japan Pacific Resource Network; survived by wife Virginia, daughter Emi; son Ken; and mother Kiyoko.

Kawakami, Mark David, 39, Glendale, Oct. 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Hoi; son Kyle; baby Kawakami (due on Nov. 15); parents Paul Kaz and Virginia; brothers Kent (Kristina) and Dan.

Kiyonaga, Dr. Jack Ichiro, 84, Gardena, Sept. 25; California-born; survived by daughter Colette Olson; 1 gc.; sister Mary Murata.

Kozu, Dr. Shinji, 86, Seattle; interned in Idaho; U.S. Army WWII MIS veteran (New Guinea and Pacific Theater); survived by sons Allan (Dawn) and Mark (Pam); 4 gc.; brothers Yeichi (Alda) and George (Mary); sister Tatsuko Watanabe; longtime companion Evelyn Schmidt; predeceased by wife Mary and sisters Kimi, Haruko Watanabe and Yoshiko Omoto.

Kishiyama, Yayeko, 69, Henderson, Nev.; formerly of Aurora, Colo.; survived by husband Thomas; sons Jeff (Jeanie) and Greg (Susan); 2 gc.; siblings Kenzo (Aiko), Takenobu (Shirley), Eigorō (Kumi) and Hisa Horiuchi and Mitsu Stokley; sisters-in-law Amy and Kay Horiuchi; predeceased by brothers Seiji, Shogo and Hideharu Horiuchi.

Kusumi, Sakae, 71, Denver, July 18; survived by daughters Tamiko (Art) Koyano and Kathy Yamada of Northglenn, Colo., and Marilyn (Gary) Ishida of Aurora, Colo.; son Henry (Melanie) of Denver; 6 gc., 3 ggc.; brother Isamu Kambara of Los Angeles; sister Mary Ueki of Kanazawa, Japan; predeceased by husband Keiji.

Motowaki, Tai, 80, Redondo Beach, Oct. 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughter Linda (Ted) Gohata; son Gary (Noreen); sisters Judy (Takeshi) Nakane and

Margie (Stan) Wong.

Nakamura, Suminori "Sam," 81, Anaheim, Oct. 5; Kagoshima-born; survived by wife Himi; sons Steve (Emyko) and Akira; daughter Minako Nishi; 3 gc.; brother Teruo (Kiyoko) Nakamura of Japan; sisters Taya (Tatsuo) Uyemura, Tane Nakamura and Yoshiko (Mitsuru) Shinbara of Japan.

Nozawa, Masao, 89, Gardena, Oct. 3; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Tsuye Susie; son Michael Masanobu; daughter Irene (Yoshihiro) Watanabe; 3 gc., 3 ggc.; brother Shuji Nozawa and wife; sisters Miyeko Tanabe, Mary (Shiz) Kobayashi and Asako Hayashida.

Okumura, Shioji "Shorty," 78, Los Angeles, Sept. 14; Monterey-born; survived by wife Barbara; son Glen (Frances); 1 gc.; brothers Blu, Minoru and Mark; sister Mitsuko Kamimori.

Sakata, Masao, 79, Alhambra, Oct. 4; Stockton-born; survived by wife Yasuyo; daughters Lucy Tomoko (Steve) Ishida and Yumiko (Ron Grobeck) Sakata of New York; 4 gc.; sisters Masako (Ei) Yano and Aiko Sakata, both of Japan; sister-in-law Kazuko Sakata of Japan.

Sanwo, Toshiko, 83, Monterey Park, Sept. 28; Reedley-born; survived by husband Frank Tetsugo; son Mark Kenji; sister Miyako (George) Yamaguchi; brothers-in-law George (Dories) and Mack Sanwo; sister-in-law Kazumi (Rev. Arthur) Takemoto.

Seto, Selma Fay, 86, Santa Fe, N.M., Sept. 23; Kansas-born; formerly of Texas; survived by husband Paul; 5 children; 11 gc.; 2 brothers.

Shimamoto, Alice O., 75, El Cerrito, Aug. 17; survived by husband Bill; son Don of Swarthmore, Penn.; son Peter and daughter-in-law Jane Murphy of Los Angeles; 1 gc. (expected in December); sister Emiko Oshita of Salt Lake City.

Shigetomi, Masuo "Beau," 70, Orange County, Oct. 2 service; survived by wife Chieko; children Diane, Sandy and Jon, Michael Gary and Norma; 7 gc.; sisters Yuki and Kako; great-aunt Mary.

Tango, Florence Akemi, 69, Glendale, Oct. 1; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by brother Robert (Chiyo) Tango of Honolulu; sisters Motoko Tango, Doris (Alfred) Kauihou of Honolulu and Miriam (Thomas) Cooney; sisters-in-law Jane and Candace Tango, both of Hilo.

Tazawa, Harry M., 84, Arvada, Colo., Sept. 24; survived by wife Rose; daughters Karen Schwartz of Littleton, Colo., and Kathy (Mike) Namura of Arvada; 4 gc.; brothers Frank (Charline) of Farmington, N.M., George (Mayme) and Henry (Helen) of Denver; sister Betty Iwanaga of San Jose and Eleanor (Jim) Shibata of Arvada.

Treacle, Dorothy Takahashi, 77, Hacienda Heights, Sept. 25; Dinuba-born; Poston, Ariz., internee; survived by daughters Lauri Parks of Concord and Adelle Treacle of Alameda; son Robert Treacle of Kaneohe, Hawaii; 5 gc. ■



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THANK YOU FOR GIVING US 60 GREAT YEARS

We at the National JACL Credit Union want to personally "THANK YOU" for having us in your lives. This year, together with you, we are celebrating the credit union's "60th Anniversary". We feel it shows our strength, endurance, and commitment to you as members of the credit union and the community in general.

For today and tomorrow, all things are possible... With your continuous trust, support, and loyalty, we will continue to serve you with dedication & integrity, knowing "We can make a difference in your life"®.

SHARE (Savings) RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2003

Type of Account	RATE	APY*
Share Savings	1.10%	1.10%
Checking	.75%	.75%

The minimum deposit to open a savings account is \$50.00 & \$100 for a checking account.

TERM SHARE CERTIFICATES RATES AND TERMS EFFECTIVE - FEBRUARY 1, 2003

TYPE	TERM	INTEREST	
		RATE	APY*
A	6Month	1.99%	2.00%
B	12Month	2.25%	2.25%
C	18Month	2.52%	2.50%
D	24Month	2.79%	2.75%
E	36Month	3.36%	3.25%
F	48Month	3.97%	3.75%

The minimum deposit is \$1,000.00 and in \$100.00 increments. Penalty applies for early withdrawal.

MONEY MARKET RATES EFFECTIVE - MARCH 1, 2003

Balances at least	Balances at least but not more than	Interest Rate	APY*
\$0	\$4,999.99	1.00%	1.00%
\$5,000.00	\$19,999.99	1.50%	1.51%
\$20,000.00	\$49,999.99	1.75%	1.76%
\$50,000.00+		2.00%	2.02%

The minimum deposit is \$5,000.00.

Note - All rates subject to change without notice.

*Annual Percentage Yield

LOAN RATES

NEW VEHICLES - 100% OF PURCHASE PRICE
NOT INCLUDING TAX & LICENSING
4.60% APR... UP TO 5 YEARS
4.60% APR... \$30,000+ UP TO 7 YEARS

USED VEHICLES - 100% OF HIGH KELLY BLUE BOOK VALUE • 1998 MODEL YEAR AND NEWER
4.60% APR... UP TO 4 YEARS
4.60% APR... \$30,000+ UP TO 5 YEARS

PERSONAL LOANS - PERSONAL LOAN
10.90% APR... 3 YEARS SIMPLE INTEREST
MAXIMUM OF \$4,000.00

SHARE SECURED LOANS - DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR ON DEPOSIT FINANCING
3.50% APR... 5 YEARS SIMPLE INTEREST

ALL OTHER SECURED LOANS
12.50% APR... 3 YEARS SIMPLE INTEREST

OVERDRAFT PROTECTION LOAN
18.00% APR... 10% OF MONTHLY INCOME
MAXIMUM

VISA CHARGE CARD
10.90% APR... NO ANNUAL FEE - 25-DAY
GRACE PERIOD

\$50,000.00 PLUS SHARE DEPOSITS
MAXIMUM LOAN LIMIT PER MEMBER



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