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**JACL Nat’l Board Projects Budget Deficit**

By LYNDIA LIN
Assistant Editor

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.—A push for successful fundraising drives and an increase in membership is needed to make up for a projected fourth quarter deficit, said the national board at the Oct. 23-24 quarterly meeting. But even if all revenue goals are reached, JACL will still see a $50,000 shortfall in 2004.

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Membership numbers are at their lowest point in nearly FORTY years.

“Today, all that remains of this J-Town with roots dating back to 1907 are two churches — the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and the Salt Lake Japanese Church of Christ — and JAs here are doing all they can to ensure its survival. “This location is sacred to many JAs and they feel that taking it away is taking a part of them away,” said Floyd Mori, a longtime resident of Sandy, Utah. “The city and county have already taken most of J-Town and now we feel that we must fight to preserve what is left.”

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Utah JAs Fight to Preserve J-Town

As the neighboring Salt Lake Convention Center prepares for a planned expansion, JAs worry about the survival of their already diminished J-town.

By CAROLINE AYOAGI
Executive Editor

In a David vs. Goliath-esque battle, the J-A community in Utah is fighting for their beloved Japantown as a proposed expansion of the bohemian Salt Lake Convention Center threatens the community. And this is Goliath’s second appearance.

In 1969 two blocks of this once bustling J-town — a town filled with restaurants, barbershops, markets, and churches — was relocated to make room for the newly built convention center.

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“If this continues, we will lose the identity of what makes us who we are today,” said JACL National President Ken Inouye at the PSWD governor’s annual dinner held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Oct. 23.

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PSW District Honors the Generations at Annual Dinner

By CAROLINE AYOAGI
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COMMERCIAL, Calif.—As JACL celebrates 75 years as a national community and civil rights organization, the PSW district commemorated the anniversary with a tribute to the generations.

From the pioneering spirit of the Issei and the Nisei whose wartime experiences continue to define the community, to the Same’ri who struggled to define their own identity and the Yonsei and Gosei who are paving their own unique paths, the Japanese American community has a long and accomplished history.

“It’s an honor to be celebrating the generations of Japanese Americans who have helped make who we are today,” said JACL National President Ken Inouye at the PSWD governor’s annual dinner held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Oct. 23.

In conversation, she pieces together the details of her father’s life — from his professional peak of designing the logo for Tab Cola to the personal tragedies of losing his first wife and mother in World War II to the stories of other — stories which are unit ed by the common theme of resilience. It seems Kenji Yoshizumi just never gave up on life before it was taken from him.

Jana Yoshizumi was re-establishing her relationship with her father, Kenji, when his life was recently cut short in a hit-and-run accident. Now, she says she will not rest until justice is served.

In Search of Her Father’s Killer

By LYNDIA LIN
Assistant Editor

“I’m falling asleep at night, I picture what happened to my dad,” said Jana, 28. “It’s hard for me to accept that my dad’s killer will never get caught.”

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JAPANTOWN
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center will add to the already con-
gested traffic in the area and further
limit street parking for those attend-
ing functions at the two Japanese
cathedrals such as the annual Obon
festival, food vendors, and Aki
Matsuri. They also fear that the
overwhelming size of the conven-
tion center will overshadow the two
cathedrals and that additional ex-
ceptions of the center would also be
likely.
"I consider First South 'sacred
ground to the Japanese," said former
judge Raymond Uno. "We have been
here for almost 100 years, way
before the Salt Palace. Why should we
have to move or be in a position where
we are unable to practice the free
exercise of our religions like the
Moron Church to the North East."
"It boils down to money," he said.
"The expansion will bring in a pro-
gressive income of $30 million plus
annually for five years from the
Outdoor Retailers Association."
"The opponents are being heard, the
Japanese community recently formed the
Japanese Community
Preservation Committee, Inc. (JPCC)
and representatives have met with county and
city officials and those involved with the
centered around the Salt Lake City
business of the council to extend the Salt Lake J-
town to prosper.
"When the Japanese community spoke
about a couple of weeks ago, the politi-
cians finally realized that they had
made a grave error by not consulting
with the JA community," said Mori,
who is the chairman of JCPCI. "This
opposition has become a great
opportunity for the JA community to
preserve what is left of J-Town and
enhance what is now there."
J-Town holds special meaning for
many of the longtime JA residents of
Utah. Silvana Watanabe, a member of
the Buddhist Church, is a frequent
visitor attending not only church
events but helping to deliver meals to
the neighboring senior citizen’s
center and taking her two kids to
Japanese cultural classes.
She worries about the future of the
J-Town. "One can ask what is the city
teaching our children? Are they
teaching them and us that money has
more value than our community?"
said Watanabe. "Those exsp will
come and go but it’s the community
that has been here. It is the
community that is the foundation of the
city, not vendors that may come one
year and not the other."
Mori still remembers his father
taking him to J-town as a child prior
to World War II. Whether for a bowl
of noodles, a haircut at the local bar-
er, or to see some fish at Mark
et, J-town was integral to the lives of
the JA here.
"The Salt Lake Community would like
to see other members of the community,"
said Mori. But after the Salt Lake
Convention and Visitors Commission
shifted their time, there was really no
game to place for Japanese culture
except for the church events.

Readers Appreciate
P.C.’s Broad Coverage

My wife and I attended the "Life
Interrupted" conference in Little
Rock, Arkansas in September and
want to thank and congratulate
the Japanese American National
Museum, the University of
Arkansas at Little Rock, and the
Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
for putting on this wonderful experi-
ence.

The conference was purposely
more than a reunion of camp resi-
dents and that’s what attracted me
to it (a toddler at Rotter). I appreciated
the linking of the American
Japanese American war experience with the
experiences of Arabs, the civil rights movement with some current
experiences of Muslims in America
society. I also appreciated the inclu-
sion of teachers and students who were
involved and taught a curriculum about
these events in Arkansas schools, and the visits to Rotter
and locations.

I am very glad that the conference
sponsors chose to link the experi-
ences of JA with the experiences of
other groups and major public poli-
ty issues. It appears that the Pacific
Citizen and the JACL are conscious-
ly making broader issues a major part
of their agenda. In a recent issue of the
P.C., I noticed with pleasure the broad range of ethnicities and
interests expressed by the recipients

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Remembering a Friend
Peter K. Okada of Kirkland, Washington passed away Oct. 13. Although we not only 15 years ago, it seems a lot longer ago. There is a way of
getting to know a sensitive, generous, dependable trusted friend. There undoubtedly are many others out there who were similarly touched by this man.

The focus of our relationship was the then-imaginable impossible dream of establishing in Wash., D.C., our nation’s capital, a memo-
rial dedicated to the unwavering commitment of a handful of Washingtonians to the cause of America during World War II, despite the unjust treatment heaped upon them. The Memorial was to be named the "Last Hurrah," as Peter phrased it — our "Last Hurrah," cel-
ebraing the spirit of these Nikkei and the loss of liberty.

Especially in the early days of the Memorial’s activities, funds were
scarce. On more than one occasion, without a few dollars in the pocket, the needed funds. He devoted ener-
gy to honoring contacts of Nisei resid-
ing in post-war Japan; he also
was a member of the board of
citizenship. Public policy issues. Keep it up!

Vald Eade
Arlington, VA

Peter was a unique person, one of
the "originals." His "Last Hurrah" will
resound for eternity from that
Nikkei Memorial in Wash., D.C.

Bill Murata
Lumberton, NJ

LEITERS
Italian Town Honors 100th Infantry Battalion

Sant’Angelo d’Alife, a grateful Italian town of 3,000, located 300 miles south of Leghorn, dedicated a monument in the town square on Oct. 24 to honor the 34th (Red Ball) Division’s 113th Regiment and the 100th Infantry Battalion that helped liberate the town 60 years ago.

“The erection of monuments is a demonstration of respect for those who fought for freedom,” said Mayor Salvatore Bucci. “In thanking the Allied Forces for the liberation of Sant’Angelo d’Alife, Bucci said “this small gesture signifies the strong friendship that ties us to the United States and we would like to give special thanks for the help that was given to our community in that time of great need.”

This gesture also serves to remind the future generations that freedom is a precious gift and that friendships are sacred and must never be forgotten,” he said.

The program included the reading of the names of 59 131st Regiment and 21 100th Battalion soldiers who were killed in fierce battle during Oct. 20-25, 1944.

Brigadier General Jason Kamiya, Commanding General, Southern European Task Force (Airborne) (SETAF) and George Joji Watanabe, a longtime resident of Italy and unofficial “ambassador” of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and wives, participated in the event.

Honolulu-born Kamiya is the son of Larry Kamiya (Company C, 100th Battalion), who participated in the Sant’Angelo d’Alife liberation and was wounded shortly before the battle of Monte Cassino.

“The battle to liberate Sant’Angelo d’Alife must have been horrendous as the town is dominated by hill masses on three sides,” said General Kamiya. “While the fallen are no longer with us, you could feel in spirit their courage and sacrifice as is the names of those killed in action — civilian, Italian military, and U.S. military — were read.”

The 100th Battalion soldiers who were killed in the liberation of Sant’Angelo d’Alife area are:

Ara kawa, Harold J FPC Co A; Ajitoms, Minoru Pvt Co C; Fukuyama, Kaoru Pvt Co C; Dr. Hasegawa, Fred Y Pvt Co C; Hiyoshii FPC Co C; C; Hirayama, Yutaka Pvt Co C; Koyama, Sanosiu Pvt Co C; Kiyabu, Ronald S Sgt Co A; Morihara, Arthur A PFC Co A; Murakami, Sakae Pvt Co C; Murashige, Richard K S/Sgt Co A; Nagamata, Man Mat Pfc Co C; Nakashima, George Y Sgt Co A; Ruyu, Masatsugata Pvt Co C; Sakamoto, Louis K S/Sgt Co C; Suzuki, Ted T Pvt Co A; Tenta, Yoshinobu Pvt Co A; Toyama, Richard K Cpl Co A; and Noguma, Thomas FPC Co F.

‘This tribute to the 100th by the residents of Sant’Angelo d’Alife expresses the warm feelings of a grateful community and will serve to further cement the friendship between the peoples of Italy and the United States,” said Mayor Mizusawa, president of JAVAMEA (Japanese American Veterans Association). “This monument is a testament to the supreme price that must be paid to preserve freedom.”

UCLA Celebrates Creation of AA Studies Dept.

UCLA celebrated the creation of the department of Asian American Studies and the 50th anniversary of the Asian American Studies Center with a community reception in Chinatown Oct. 21 that drew an audience of over 400.

“The creation of a department of Asian American studies marks a significant step forward in the development of an academic discipline devoted to understanding an important segment of American society and culture,” said Scott Weng, dean of social sciences for the UCLA College.

UCLA has produced more scholars for the field of AA studies than any other university in the nation. It also has developed the largest AA studies teaching program in the nation, which annually offers more than 70 courses and enrolls more than 3,000 students.

The AA studies interdepartmental degree program was established in the UCLA College in fall 1976, although the center began offering classes in 1969. It is one of UCLA’s four ethnic studies programs to become a department.

The 50th-anniversary celebration of the Asian American Studies Center and the establishment of the department of Asian American studies at UCLA are both watershed events,” said Tetsu Toyama, a journalist and doctoral candidate at UCLA.

Since 1971, the center has produced numerous journals, including the multidisciplinary scholarly journal in AA studies. The journal has published more than 30,000 pages of scholarly and creative writing by notable AA studies scholars.

National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Asian American Arts Group Folds

ST. PAUL—Asian American Renaissance (AAR), an non-profit founded in 1992 to support Asian Pacific Americans in the arts, closed its doors last month because of financial problems.

AAR was the brainchild of scores of friends who gathered at potlucks to plan a pan-Asian arts festival in the early 1990s. In its heyday, the organization, which was headquartered in Saint Paul, brought APA artists to the Twin Cities, provided a network for artists and created a sense of solidarity.

Local APA artists said AAR’s absence will lead to a void when the state’s Asian population is at its highest. But in its closure, they hope a new movement can be reborn.

Wife of Hawaii Senator Undergoes Surgery

HONOLULU—U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye was by his wife’s side Nov. 4 when she underwent surgery to remove a cancerous growth in her large intestine.

Maggy Inouye said the growth was discovered a week ago during routine physical examination.

Fireworks at Washington Monument Rejected as Art Project

WASHINGTON—It was too expensive for the Smithsonian Institution to light the Washington Monument with an explosion of fireworks designed by Cai Guo-Qiang.

The fireworks display would have involved a series of explosions starting above the Hirshhorn, traveling two-thirds of a mile to the Washington Monument and ending it. The path would have been shaped like a human foot. The work’s title was “Big Foot Footprint and Project for Unrealized Projects 2003-2004,” said the fireworks did not fit into the show’s budget.

Kamehameha Vows to Defend its Admission Policy

HONOLULU—Kamehameha Schools vowed it will vigorously defend its Hawaiian-preferred admission policy at a hearing before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals next month in Phoenix.

A three-judge appeals court panel will hear oral arguments in the case at the University of Hawaii on Nov. 4 when the court makes its scheduled visit to the Islands.

Previously, U.S. District Judge Alan Kay ruled that the school’s admission policy does not violate federal anti-discrimination law because it seeks to remedy socio-economic and educational disadvantages suffered by Hawaiians as a result of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy.

Opponents say the admission policy would be different than allowing an all-white school to bar admission of nonwhite students.

Buddhist Monks to Build Waukesha Temple

WAUKESHA, Wis. — The town board has approved a zoning change that will let a set of Buddhist monks from Southeast Asia build a $1.5 million temple grounds.

The plan calls for a two-story dormitory for eight monks, a sacred chapel and a two-story addition to the existing temple that will serve a growing membership and allow the ordination of monks.

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Furosha Elected AAWD President

In October, Dr. Cissy Furosha was inaugurated as president of the Asian American Women's Development (AAWD) for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Furosha has served as president of the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2005. She has also been a member of the AAWD board of directors.

The AAWD is dedicated to educating and nurturing lives of women dentists. Furosha hopes that her presidency will mentor and influence students to eventually seek officers’ posts in various dental organizations.

Arizona Chapter Board Member Honored with Caring Spirit Award

Mary M. Jaronko was selected as this year’s outstanding volunteer for her vision and leadership. For her exemplary work in coordinating the Japanese Senior Center and its various events, she was honored at an Oct. 1 luncheon hosted by the Women’s Center at the University of Arizona.

This marked the 23rd anniversary of the Dr. R. Alice Drought Caring Spirit Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding volunteerism.

JAR Board Member and Former Long Beach Mayor to Receive Leadership Award

Current Japanese American Club Board Member and former Long Beach Mayor Violetta Sato received an Excellence in Leadership Award at an Oct. 1 dinner hosted by the Long Beach Civic Center.

Founded in 1969, Leadership Long Beach’s mission is to develop principled leaders for the enrichment of diverse communities.
Newly Merged Midwest District Meets in Milwaukee

BY ANDREA PARKER Special to the Pacific Citizen

MILWAUKEE—It came down to a coin toss.

As the newly enlarged Midwest District met for their first council meeting recently, the new interim governor was decided by a toss of the coin after two tied votes forced it to a coin toss.

Scott Furakawa, election chair, flipped a quarter and Sharon Ishii-Jordan became the governor-elect of the Midwest district—which now includes all chapters from the dissolved Mountain Plains District—after she called “heads” in the air and the coin landed Washington-side up.

“We did it that way because that was what we had to do [at that point],” Furakawa said.

“I am very pleased to serve as the interim governor with the newly elected board. Please know that I welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you may have regarding JACL,” Ishii-Jordan said in an email to the district shortly after the meeting. “I will do my best to represent the district.”

Other officers elected—by normal ballot were: Tom Yamamoto, 1st vice governor; Andy Uchida, 2nd vice governor, Andrea Parker, secretary; Leilani Savitt, district youth chair; and Natalie Nakasone, district youth representative.

All new officers will serve from the time of the election until the biennial district conference in the summer of 2005. This is an interim period of service to compensate for the differing time periods the separate districts had before the merge. After the 2005 elections, officers will return to serving two-year terms.

Appointing certain non-elected positions within the district was one of Ishii-Jordan’s first official duties as governor. With the approval of those present, Furakawa was named membership chair, Laura Paige was named education committee chair and Casey Chen was named the MDC representative on the Pacific Citizen editorial board.

In other business, the district unanimously voted to support a project to build a memorial to Min Yasui in Denver. MDC donated $1,000 to the fund and is going to encourage its chapters to donate as well.

Discussion also went on for the merging of treasurers and a new budget for 2005-2006. The Mile-High chapter and Chicago were selected as tentative hosts for the spring district meeting and the summer Bi-District conference, respectively.

First-ever Nat’l APA Student Conference to be Held in L.A.

Asian American Student Conference (NAASCON) Nov. 5-7 at the University of Southern California.

This event is the first-step in the creation of a nationwide APA student network that can be mobilized to effect positive change at all levels and within all the diverse communities.

Building upon the theme: "The Past, Present, and Future of the Asian Pacific American Community," students will learn the historical roots of APA student activism and educate one another on current issues and campaigns.

“The conference is content-rich and has been meticulously planned,” said NAASCON co-chair Clarence Tong. “We are extremely excited about the strong support and positive feedback we have received since the earliest development stages of our conference.”

For additional information, visit: http://usc2004.naascon.org.

J-Town Task Force Releases Draft Report

By Pacific Citizen Staff

The Japantown Task Force has released a preliminary draft report identifying potential targets in San Francisco’s Japantown for historical preservation to ensure the continuation of the Japanese American culture and history.

San Francisco’s Japantown is one of the only three remaining Japantowns in the United States. The task force, created in 2001 after the state Legislature called for studies of the remaining Japantowns, has been working for years to identify what needs to be preserved through government and community efforts in the near future.

Eventually, the report will be used to point out the areas that should be targeted for redevelopment and preservation and what the priorities will be.

“At the community-based level it was about what we thought should be transmitted culturally from one generation to the next and what should be preserved,” said Linda Jofuku, executive director of the task force, in an interview with the San Francisco Examiner.

“Not just tangible resources, like buildings, but the day-to-day life of everyday Japantown people. It’s not from historians, but from people who lived here for a long time and are engaged in the community.”

In addition to the Hakko Nochi Bei Kai, a non-profit teaching Japanese language and history, and the Annual Day of Remembrance, the task force also looked at the more recent JA trends of anime and street racing cars.

“We are not just Japanese from Japan anymore — there are generations of Japanese Americans who have created their own culture and history in San Francisco and the United States,” said Jofuku.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter Celebrates 70th Anniversary

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL recently celebrated its 70th anniversary in conjunction with the JACL Senior Center’s 33rd anniversary at the Senior Center in Aptos.

The event honored four outstanding JACL Senior Center leaders: Ray Sako, Carmel Kamigawachi, Iwao Yamashita and Shig Kizuka.

Chapters and members were also recognized for receiving distinguished awards at the community, district and national levels in 2004. President Paul Kaneko was acknowledged for his commitment in pursuing these awards.

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A as one of my attempts to become a serious Asian American artist, I am writing and directing this year's Cultural Night Show for our school's Nikkei Student Union. Cultural Night, as most college students know, is every major ethnic student organization's opportunity to put together an elaborate show where students have a chance to do acting, traditional dance and other forms of creative expression for the rest of the student body and their respective communities.

In our case, we usually have a three-hour long drama integrated with taiko drumming, traditional odori and modern dance. The tourment is usually quite impressive.

Maybe there is something slightly masochistic about taking on the grandiose responsibility of writing and directing an entire show that is masochistic about taking on the cultural identity is the only storyline anyway. We want to quit this terrible addiction. We need to break the chain of repeated cultural nights, I lay no claim on adding anything groundbreaking to the cultural script.

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JACL Nat’l Board Launches Annual Giving Campaign

EL SEGUNDO, Calif.—The JACL national board launched the Annual Giving Campaign at the recent national board meeting Oct. 24. In total, board members contributed a total of $35,500. Carol Kawamoto (holding book), national vice president of planning and development, encouraged JACL members to support the campaign which goes towards the general operations of the organization.

JACL BUDGET

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Club memberships have increased in all and revenue goals are met, the deficit should come down to approximately $50,000 which was already budgeted, said Kobayashi.

He added that outstanding grant monies will also help alleviate the shortfall. JACL is currently working on three major grants this year: a curriculum guide. Once these grants are approved, the board unanimously passed a four-tier insurance payment plan:

- $200 per chapter with less than 40 members;
- $300 per chapter with 41-151 members;
- $50 per chapter with 151-300 members; and
- $425 per chapter with more than 300 members.

The calculations were based on June 2004 chapter numbers. This payment plan will take effect in the next biennium. For 2004 insurance expenses, the total amount due is $11,270.

"The national board recognized that it would be difficult to devise a plan that will satisfy all parties, however, we selected a plan that strikes the greatest balance between our diverse chapters," said Kobayashi.

IPC and the Legacy Fund

Based on the recommendations of the former investment policy committee (IPC) chair, Ted Tskakura, JACL President Kenneth Inouye made recommendations to invite current IPC members to resign. JACL’s Constitution and Bylaws states that the IPC is to be composed of seven members appointed by the president, subject to approval by the national board, for three full years term.

"I hold high regard and respect for which currently sit at $356,729, and I look forward to former members being appointed to the new committee," said Inouye.

Inouye instructed district governors to make recommendations for new appointments by Nov. 12.

In light of the deficit, the board revisited discussion on the Legacy Fund and unanimously passed the decision to ask the new IPC to investigate the benefits and detriments of developing an annual investment strategy that creates a $50,000-120,000 revenue stream for general operations.

We wanted the IPC to explore the feasibility of adopting an investment plan that would create a revenue stream, certainly with respect to the original provisions," said Inouye. "We rely on their expertise for guidance."

The new IPC members will take up this issue at their January 2005 meeting.

The intent of the Legacy Fund — to realize $500,000 by 2010 — was to create an endowment that ensures that JACL continues to exist in the future.

"Spirit of ’76 Fundraising Campaign"

In response to the looming deficit, the board unanimously approved investing $2,000 in seed money to develop a logo and fundraising material for "The Spirit of ’76 Campaign, the brainchild of Kobayashi and Vice President of Public Affairs Heidi Tanakatsubo. The campaign’s intent is to raise money for 2005 by highlighting JACL’s 76 years of service as the oldest and largest APA civil rights organization and linking all fundraising events under an umbrella theme.

"Tanakatsubo and Kobayushi thought it was a great way to bring everyone together with a unifying theme."

As of Sept. 30, revenue line item actuals include $426,566, actuals include $115,000, and the reserve fund at $74,426.

"recipes for worry free travel"
Golf Teen Star Michelle Wie Leads a Double Life

By Ken PETERS

AP Sports Writer

PALM DESERT, Calif.—On a golf course, she's a celebrity in the spotlight of international fame. But when she's not playing video games and facing the usual teen who hangs out at the mall, plays phone within the allotted 100 month­-long season, she hangs out at the mall, plays phone within the allotted 100 month­-long season, she hangs out.

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Wie, who tied for 13th in the LPGA's seven appearances this year, skillfully balances a double life.

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In happier times: Kenji Yoshizumi (center) with a celebrated graphic designer of Tab Cola and VOS hair products.

YOSHIZUMI
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Kenji was struck by a new dark color Dodge Ram pick-up truck while crossing the intersection of San Fe Avenue and Burnnet Street in the city of Long Beach, Calif. The driver — who ran a red light — sped away from the accident scene and left few clues for police to work with. Kenji, 84, later died from his injuries.

Long Beach Police Detective Brian Watt recently told the Pacific Citizen that he has not received any additional leads to bring him closer to identifying the hit-and-run driver, but added that Kenji was crossing the lighted intersection using a cane.

Unless citizens, witnesses or family members pitch in and call in tips, Watt said he has never seen in his many years of police service.

“[Jana’s campaign] is a little unusual,” he said, adding, “I encourage it if it will help bring the person to justice. If all possible, the victim’s family can go the extra mile, we would appreciate it.”

But even with the outpouring of support, relevant information has been, at best, trickling in. A tipster recently informed Jana that a black truck was involved in another accident in Long Beach the same day her father was killed. She also found a police officer that was at the accident scene, but all these clues do not come together in a cohesive thread of facts.

The numbers are sobering. Watt said that the LBPD handles roughly 98,000 hit-and-run cases per year. Almost 20 percent of pedestrian fatalities were a result of hit-and-run crashes.

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However, no stranger to tragedy, Kenji also suffered many losses within his lifetime. In 1942, he was interned in Utah and then in the early 1970s, his daughter and his wife died of brain aneurisms. Both were events that Jana says her father recovered from but never really talked about.

And when Kenji’s second marriage with Jana’s mother dissipated, Jana lost contact with her father for 16 years. They only recently reconciled three years ago and were beginning to rekindle each other. Still, those years without her father continue to haunt Jana.

“I wish I made an effort earlier. The past three years, I visited him every other month and we would have dinner or go shopping. We developed more of a friendship towards the end.”

The Hit-and-Run Investigation

“Anyone with a conscience would have called us now,” said Det. Watt. But Jana refuses to lose hope. She says her father would not have wanted her to give up. She wants to set up a reward fund and says she will continue to fight until she looks her father’s killer in the eyes and is able to subdue his pain.

“I just want justice to be served and yell at [the perpetratOr] for taking my father away from me,” she said.

“Someone when leaves the scene of the accident, for the family, that’s really unfair. On behalf of the police department, we’d really like to find a resolution for this family,” said Watt.

Any information regarding the incident should be reported to the Long Beach Police Department Accident Investigation Detective Brian Watt at 562/570-5520.

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Ken Oak's music is the window into his soul. In the popular single, "End Credits," he laments about ex-girlfriend's dogged attempts to sustain the relationship, which is dead on arrival by the last strain of his guitar. However, the 29-year-old Korean American is his first love was track soccer, which he learned to play in the third grade.

His music, self-described as poprock, from his "End Credits" EP has been featured on reality television shows like the WB's "High School Reunion." He still plays at local open-mike nights and continues to document his thoughts in a Xanga.com online diary. But now, on the cusp of releasing his first full-length album "Half Step Down," next year, Oak finds himself in high demand.

"I wouldn't say I hate it. I never thought of it that way actually because we're all classically trained, but I'm more pop/rock and the Ahn Trio, they're classical or neo classical. I think it's cool. I think because of my background, I have more options, but I don't consider myself a classical musician, but I would love to collaborate with [the Ahn Trio]."

"Which mainstream musical artist would you say is most comparable to your sound?"

"I would say Jason Mraz. Jack Johnson is a little more laid back. Jason Mraz has so much heart and soul. It's about staying at someone's place because I didn't have a place to stay at the time. The house was very different than I was used to.

"What other music has hit you hard recently?"

"It'd probably be country or something [laughs]. What makes me kind of unique is that I grew up all over this country - we moved a lot - and it was always in heavily white areas. I'm definitely caught between somewhere. Especially when I'm hanging out in Koreatown because I don't speak Korean all that well... so country music because it's the whitest of music.

"I found this Grove Asia poll where you come in #3 on their top Asian American weekly list. You're behind Hikaru Utada and barely egging out William Hung who is #5."

"That's an accomplishment! I'm out of his shadow, it's kind of ridiculous. I'm a big fan of his attitude, but it's obvious that the media made a fool out of him. He's some kind of puppet, but he's probably the most popular Asian American singer there is in the United States right now."
IN MEMORIAM

Alfred Song, First AA in Calif. Legislature, Dies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVINE, Calif. — Alfred H. Song, a veteran politician who was born in Hawaii and became the first Asian American elected to the state Legislature in California, has died. He was 85.

Song died of natural causes Oct. 11 at an assisted living center in Irvine, said his daughter, Leslie Song Winzer.

Song, who was an attorney before entering politics, earned the reputation as a top legal expert in the Legislature.

Song entered politics as a member of the Irvine Republican party in 1969 and went on to represent a broader area of the San Gabriel Valley in the state Assembly in 1961. He was elected to the state Senate in 1966.

Peter Okada, Credited With Introducing U.S. Football to Japan, Passes

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Peter Kazunori Okada, the man who is credited with introducing U.S. football to Japan shortly after World War II, passed away Oct. 13, 2004. He was 85.

Okada was interned after the war and the JACL has been active in the Japanese American community, he was a founding director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, which built the monument in D.C. honoring those who were interned during the war and the JAs veterans.

Okada was active in the JACL, the Nisei Veterans Organization and was a board member of the Keiro Nursing Home in Seattle.

Okada married his wife Mutsuko in 1945 and they have five children: sons, Robert (Janet) Wolfe, Rick Wolfe, Scott Wolfe, Craig Mizoguchi, George G., 82, Spokane, Wash., Oct. 12, survived by his wife, Dorothy (Hedwig); sons, George (Mary), Yaye Florence Yoshimine of El Cerrito, Yuki Kishimoto, 57, Watsonville, Calif., Aug. 22; WWII Veteran; survived by wife, Masa; sons, Robert (Jeanne) Wolfe, Rick Wolfe, Scott Wolfe, Craig Wolfe.

Whereabouts

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TAKESHI ARYOSHII

YUKI KISHIMOTO

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and Connie Benton, Assistant Superintendent, Santa Cruz County Office of Education are looking for these two members of Santa Cruz Veterans High Class of 1942. With information about those two former students or other Niseis in the class of 1942; contact Mas Hashimoto, 578 Watson Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076 or bees2730@earthlink.net.

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OBITUARIES

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Albino, George, 87, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 7; WWII Veteran, 442nd RCT; survived by daughters, Linda Albino-Blackston, Vicki, and Marianne (Doug); sons, Lawrence and David (Deborah); 9 gc.; and brothers-in-law, Bob (Fusako) Akimoto and James Nishimoto.

Camacho, Yuji, 89, Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 25; survived by daughter, Grace (Mark) Callagary; sons, Eddie and Alan; 2 gc.; brothers, Minoru, Shuichi, Michiko and Takeshi; and sister, Fusako Uryu.

Chida, George, 79, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6; WWII Veteran, 1972 Judo Olympic coach; survived by wife, Irene; sons, Dale; daughters, Machiko and Miyuki Peterson; stepdaughter, Chimeko Brown; 2 gc.; brothers, Yosh and Henry; and sister, Kazuko Mashara.

H. Suzuki, R. Hayamizu, H. Wolffe, Scott Wolffe, Craig Wolfe.

John Uchida, George, 79, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19; WWII Veteran; 442nd RCT; survived by wife, Sally; children, Kay (Paul) Ilman of Lun; son, Mark of Flore; grandchildren, Nicole, Jeffrey, Lindsay and Seth; sister, Nobuya Zaran of Wyndotte; and special nephews, Frank and David. Minoru was preceded in death by parents, Kumatoru and Asako (Begarni). The family asks that memorial requests be sent to Savio Ponda Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Rd., Dryden, MI 48436; or Detroit Chapter JACL, 4700 West Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48215; or Detroit Chapter JACL, 7165 Setter St., San Francisco, CA 94135. A memorial service will be held Oct. 30 at the Mure Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, Mich.

MINORU G. SUYAMA

LUM, Michigan—Minoru Suyama, 76, passed away Oct. 21. Born Oct. 16, 1928 in Tacoma, Wash., Minoru lived in Lutz for 31 years and was previously of Wuma, Mich. Mr. Suyama served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a program analyst for the Federal Government Task Force before retiring in 1983. He enjoyed gardening, playing cards and drawing/doodling. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sally; daughter, Kay (Paul) Ilman of Lun; son, Mark of Flore; grandchildren, Nicole, Jeffrey, Lindsay and Seth; sister, Nobuya Zaran of Wyndotte; and special nephews, Frank and David. Minoru was preceded in death by parents, Kumatoru and Asako (Begarni). The family asks that memorial requests be sent to Savio Ponda Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Rd., Dryden, MI 48436; or Detroit Chapter JACL, 4700 West Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48215; or Detroit Chapter JACL, 7165 Setter St., San Francisco, CA 94135. A memorial service will be held Oct. 30 at the Mure Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, Mich.

TAMIYE TANI TANABE

Tamiye was born in Downey, Calif. on July 28, 1922 and passed away one day shy of her 90th birthday, July 27, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom. She is survived by sisters, Yare Florence Yonehara, Ed Cerletti, Mie Hidaka of Lincoln and Toshie Matsuoka of Roseville; daughters, Candace Cinner of Davis and Emily Berg of Princeton; grandchildren, San Diego, CA 92108. A memorial service was held Oct. 30 at the Mure Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, Mich.

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The Legend of Fire Horse Woman
Kenngton Books
Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
pp. 330

Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, who wrote her critically acclaimed memoir "Farewell to Manzanar," has written her first novel that interweaves the story of three generations of Japanese women. The story follows the life of Sayo, born under the Fire Horse sign in 1902 — which in Japanese tradition is considered to be a auspicious birth date. Married into a wealthy Matsumura family, Sayo is later sent to a Japanese internment camp with her daughter and granddaughter. The story of these three women is that of survival, hope and redemption in a world of racism and hate.

The Anguish of Surrender: The Story of the Japanese American Draft Registers in World War II
By Ulrich Strauss
University of Washington Press
pp. 272; $27.50, cloth

In this book, Strauss vividly describes the experiences of Japanese prisoners of war in allied hands, which offers a unique historical perspective for better understanding U.S.-Japanese relations in a postwar context. Filled with author's interviews with dozens of former Japanese POWs, along with recent memories that have emerged, "The Anguish of Surrender" provides deeply human stories of the Japanese POW experience — from entering camp to returning to postwar society.

Free to Die for Their Country
By Eric Muller
foreword by Senator Daniel K.
Inouye
University of Chicago Press

pp. 250; $15.00

"Free to Die for Their Country" tells the story of Japanese-American men who resisted the draft while they were held at internment camps. Muller aptly combines personal interviews with surviving resisters, historical background and judicial proceedings to create an engaging historical perspective that has not been explored enough.

Sweet Cakes, Long Journey: The Chinatowns of Portland, Oregon
By Marie Rose Wong
pp. 330

Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston chronicles the history of Portland's Chinatowns from the 1850s until the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act in the 1940s. This book also shows the effects of Oregon's leaders and laws on the early development stages of this Chinese American community, and how the immigrants gained illegal entry into the country.

SECRET ASIAN MAN
By Tak

Your Life

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