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Thanks to you, our generous readers, the third annual *Pacific Citizen* Spring Campaign was an enormous success. With 83 donors generously contributing to this important campaign, we managed to exceed our campaign goal, bringing in a total of: \$10,285.

As I'm sure you've read in the numerous Spring Campaign articles that have appeared in the P.C. the last few months, this year's campaign monies will go towards the official P.C. Web site, set to launch this fall.

Of course the printed version of the P.C. will continue to be delivered to your doorstep twice a month but be sure to check out our new Web site. In addition to top feature stories, the site will also include sports and entertainment stories, commentary, obituaries and of course our ever-popular calendar section.

So tell your friends, relatives, and co-workers to check out the new Web site — and fill out a subscription to the P.C. The Web site will be an added bonus for our readers, but

only a portion of the P.C.'s printed stories will be available online. The entire P.C. will still only be available in the printed version, so get your copies now.

For three years the P.C. has relied on the generosity of our readers and supporters to help fund the newspaper. And we thank you! As a non-profit newspaper, funding has always been tight and this situation will likely continue. As JACL continues to deal with fiscal issues, we at the P.C. continue to tighten our fiscal belts.

Our generous donors have been recognized with a listing of their names (see right) and our new Web site will feature a Hall of Fame of donors who have helped fund the Web site project. Again, we thank all of you.

Over the years the P.C. has continued to change and innovate and we are glad you have joined us on that journey. Thank you to our readers and thank you to our P.C. editorial board members who have generously supported the campaign.

Sincerely,

Caroline Aoyagi
Executive Editor

COMING THIS FALL

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CAMPAIGN

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effort.

You read in the last issue of the *Pacific Citizen* that we're heading into the second fiscal quarter with a surplus of \$176,000. That was the good news. But I'm afraid the bad news is far graver.

That surplus isn't nearly enough to get us comfortably through the year.

When I first took over as the director, we generally began the second quarter with well over \$200,000 in membership revenue surpluses, and that money is critical to get us through the lean summer months when we see a huge drop in membership renewals, and, consequently, a huge drop in revenues. This is the normal cycle of the organization.

In the six years since I became director, our membership numbers have dropped because of the loss of Nisei members and lapsed members who haven't renewed. And as our revenues have diminished, our costs keep going up. Getting through the lean months to the end of the year has become more and more difficult as we continue to see a dwindling of

membership numbers.

So while there is a surplus, it isn't nearly what it used to be and isn't enough to get us from now to December without once again trimming costs wherever and however we can. In other words, providing you with all the services you expect and meeting all your needs, while at the same time carrying on our programs and responding to those who need our help: but doing so without all the resources we need or would like to have.

What this really means is simple: we count on your generosity and support to carry on the mission of the organization and to meet your needs and expectations.

The P.C. has just completed its Spring Campaign, so coming in on their heels isn't the best idea of timing. But this is just the way it is.

So we're asking you to take out your checkbooks once again and contribute to the national JACL's Mid-year Campaign to help us get through the rest of the year. You'll see our ad on page 2 of the P.C. Think big or think small. Any amount will help.

And thanks in advance for your support and generosity. ■



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Bon odori at the youth conference.

YOUTH

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the number of past conferences, said youth council representatives. More than 125 — almost 70-percent — of the attendees were from the Intermountain District Council, a fact that didn't surprise young JACLers like Caroline Kawaguchi, an IDC member from Boise Valley. Kawaguchi, 24, likened the IDC's dominant participation as deeply embedded in the local communities.

And like in any community, there are many answers to the one question: *What is your identity?*

"I see myself as Asian American and as Japanese American," said National JACL Youth Representative Todd Sato. "We are losing our identities as Asian Americans and also as Japanese Americans because ... the media and other sources are lumping us together saying that we're Asian Americans, which is good, but I also think that we should also have to keep our own identity as Japanese Americans."

Others are more direct. "I'm Japanese American. Stone cold," said Nakajo, who is also the executive director of Kimochi, Inc.

But the presence of World War II veteran Nelson T. Akagi at the conference built a poignant bridge between the generations and emphasized the fact that the issue of identity stretches from the past to the present.

"I'm quite pleased to see so many [participants] out here and they're all youngsters," said Akagi, standing in front of his personal collection of memorabilia including photos of his young self in his 442nd uniform. "I wanted to display my posters about the story of my experience during World War II to influence the young people here." He wants the younger generations to keep history alive.

It is also a lesson that Beverly Tadehara has instilled in her family through the generations. Tadehara had nine grandchildren in attendance at the conference. She said her late husband, decorated WWII veteran Yoshio George Tadehara, took every opportunity to tell his children and grandchildren about their history and culture.

"Everyday before he died, he told them about *gaman* and Go for Broke," she said.

"I can see in these youngsters that they are destined to be leaders," added Akagi, reiterating the conference's unofficial sub-theme of responsibility also brought up by closing keynote speaker Gil Asakawa and Vision Award Recipient Minnesota State Sen. Mee Moua.

Moua was not able to accept the award in person, but Congressman Mike Honda flew in to Salt Lake City on his birthday to accept the award on her behalf. Honda also sent a powerful message to the young participants calling for action and community involvement.

He referred to Moua's story, which she told via video to JACLers, about being elected the state's first Hmong American leader. The tears poured out of her eyes and out of her heart. Some told her crying was not a characteristic of a leader, but her grandmother told her to cry and then speak loudly because the lump that rises in the throat is the voice of the countless who could not speak.

"I was surprised by the level of participation," said JACL National President Ken Inouye. "It's energizing to see that there are people out there who care about the core values of civil liberties and about our culture. There are a lot of young people who are concerned with where our community is going and they would like to be a part of charging the course."

The message has not gone unheard.

"This has brought the perspective that I have great potential and can achieve great things and have all these mentors around me," said Benjamin Tateoka, an incoming freshman this fall at Brigham Young University. "It's kind of an encouragement knowing that I can do this. I'm not alone out there. I have a big support group." ■

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Jun Choi's Primary Win Signals Emerging Diversity in Edison

By ROSA CIRIANNI
Associated Press

EDISON, N.J.—Dozens of Asian-oriented businesses line parts of Route 27 and Oak Tree Road in Edison, signaling an emerging population in one of New Jersey's largest municipalities.

Bridal stores, travel agencies, medical offices and beauty salons, with signposts translated into Chinese, Gujarati or other Asian languages, line the highway and dot the sprawling township.

Come fall, this city of 100,000 may have a mayor who reflects its growing Asian influence.

Jun Choi, a Korean American with a high-powered pedigree, stands to become this city's first mayor with Asian roots. He upset three-term incumbent George Spadaro in the Democratic primary, and is favored to win in November against Republican Carl Perlin and former Democratic councilman-turned-independent William Stephens.

Choi's primary victory was chronicled by several Asian newspapers, magazines and television stations. He's emerged as a role model for young Asians wanting to get into politics and fields invitations to speak at venues throughout

the region, including his alma mater, Columbia University.

Choi, 34, grew up in Edison after his family moved to the U.S. from Seoul, South Korea. He has a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's in public policy and administration from Columbia.

He recognizes his win is cause for celebration in the Asian American community. But Choi says it's more a statement that anyone who works hard can make it, regardless of ethnic background.

He doesn't want to be labeled as an AA candidate, but as a candidate who had widespread support from Edison voters of all backgrounds. The city's population is about 30 percent Asian.

"The politics that I represent is much more inclusive and open in all respects," he said.

He visited churches, temples, synagogues and mosques during his campaign. Choi now plans to kick

off a "listening tour" with a municipal workers picnic, house parties and organized events so he can hear complaints and ideas.

"To be a successful elected official here in Edison, to be a good elected official here in Edison, you can't win with the support of one group. You have to appeal to a wide audience," he said.

After his primary victory over

typical Asian accent to pronounce Choi's name and made comments that offended some Asians.

Carton later apologized, both on the air and in person. Choi called the statements "un-American." He does acknowledge the flap drew a lot of interest to his campaign, but not the kind of attention he said he would have liked.

Choi will be favored to win in November as Democrats outnum-

Congressional Studies. Other mayors with Asian roots representing large cities include Dean Chu of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Mufi Hannemann of Honolulu.

Choi also would become one of the state's top-tier leaders with an Asian background, joining Assemblymen Kevin O'Toole, R-Bergen, Essex and Passaic; Upendra Chivukula, D-Middlesex and Somerset; and West Windsor Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh, Kwok said.

Choi's political success could persuade other Asians to run for office, Chivukula said.

"He's young and he's very bright," Chivukula said. "He's well aware of the Asian American issues and how the Asian Americans have been engaging in the political process ... They've been way behind."

Choi, the son of retired owners of dry cleaner businesses, started out as a management consultant for Ernst & Young. He eventually made his way into public service as a paid staffer for former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley's presidential campaign.

"I'm living the American dream. I feel that my family has been very fortunate in this country," said Choi. "I'm 34 years old, I'm the mayor of Edison, or about to be the mayor of Edison. That's really remarkable." ■



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— Jun Choi

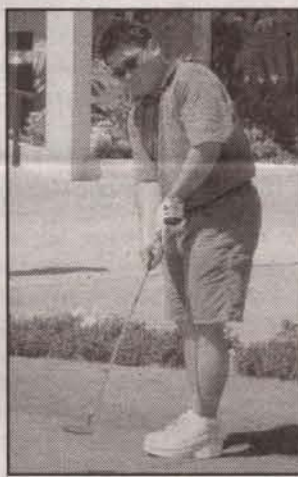
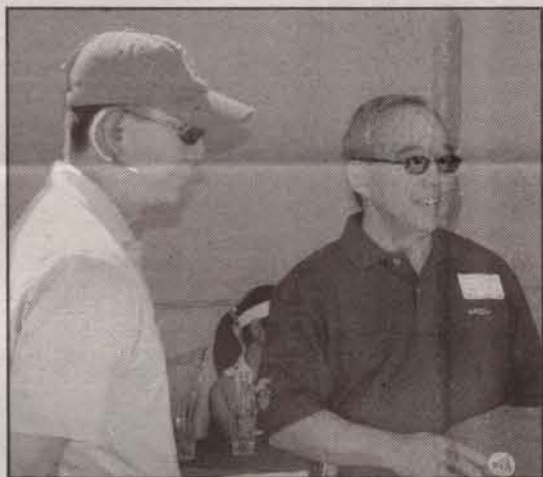
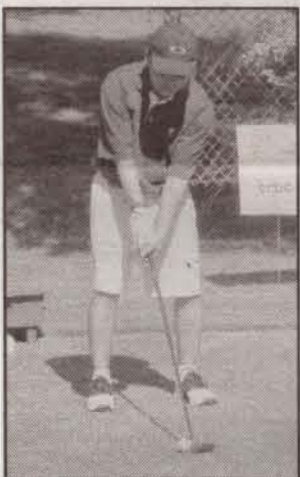
Spadaro, acting Gov. Richard J. Codey and U.S. Sen. Jon S. Corzine, the Democratic nominee for governor, called to congratulate him.

Choi's primary campaign received added attention after he was picked on by the host of a popular afternoon radio show. Craig Carton, co-host of NJ 101.5's "Jersey Guys" show, used a stereo-

ber Republicans in Edison by a wide margin. If elected, Choi said he will quit his job as executive director for a student achievement task force at the state Department of Education.

If elected, Choi will be one of at least 19 mayors with Asian roots in the nation, said Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Asian Pacific American Institute for

JACL Holds 2nd Annual Golf Tournament



The 2nd Annual JACL Golf Tournament was held June 20 at Rolling Hills Country Club in Rolling Hills, Calif. Ninety-seven golfers gave it their best on the short, but challenging course. Perfect drives were keys to success. Results from the three divisions were: Mens Flight: 1st - Teruo Watanabe, 2nd - Benny Yamagata, 3rd - Brian Freeman; Women's Flight: 1st - Keiko Hyuga, 2nd - Chieko Merz; Callaway: 1st - Bill Coleman, 2nd - Jim Gregg, 3rd - George Tanaka. (Left photo) Gerald Kato takes aim at another fairway. (Center) Anheuser Busch's David Kim and JACL Executive Director John Tateishi share a laugh. (Right) Kerry Kaneichi watches his putt sink into the hole on the practice green.

City Honors George Nakano With Naming of New Theatre

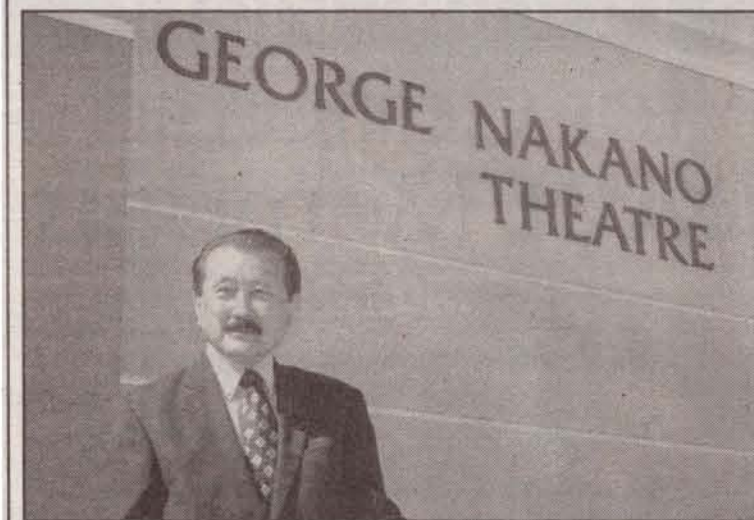


PHOTO: BRIAN TANAKA

Former longtime California State Assemblyman George Nakano was honored with the naming of the "George Nakano Theatre" June 21 in the city of Torrance, an area he represented not only as an assemblyman but as a member of the city council. The mayor and city council recognized Nakano's many contributions to the Torrance community. The theatre is located at 3330 Civic Center Drive.

JAP LANE

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going to put up a fight.

"We just want a peaceful situation," she said. "We see no problem with what we got, but life moves on."

Many of the current residents say the name of their road is not a slur and that it was named to honor Japanese immigrant Kichimatsu Kishi who founded the Kishi Colony in 1908.

"If it offends people, I'm for changing it," said resident Bill Ogg, 65, to the *Enterprise*. "It's no big deal."

Dubose said he led the effort to rename the road because he believes organizations like the JACL and the Anti-Defamation League will file a lawsuit to force a name change in the county.

Last year neighboring Jefferson County renamed their "Jap Road" after a long battle between several civil rights groups and residents that ultimately resulted in a lawsuit that forced the name change. The issue was covered by media across the nation and in August 2004 the county renamed the road Boondocks Road after a former popular catfish restaurant. ■

Civil Rights Groups Respond to Arrest of Hate Mail Perpetrator

Asian Pacific American and Muslim community organizations applauded the arrest of a downtown Los Angeles resident for allegedly sending dozens of threatening letters and hypodermic syringes with needles to members of the Asian, Muslim, and Jewish communities.

Stanley C. Jaroszinski, a 64-year-old Caucasian male, was taken into custody June 13 by law enforcement agents and charged in a 117-count federal indictment including 56 felony counts of mailing threatening communications and 61 misdemeanor counts of mailing injurious articles.

"Someone has been terrorizing innocent communities for years," said Stewart Kwok, executive director and president of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. "We are pleased that authorities believe they have made a breakthrough in this case."

Earlier in the year, Jaroszinski, who often went by the name "Stan Jay," allegedly sent mail to numerous Asian and Muslim residents, businesses and organizations that threatened to "Kill Chinese!" and "Kill Iranian Terrorists!"

The hate mail also contained pages of anti-Chinese, anti-Korean, and anti-Muslim statements and pictures.

After bringing public attention to the threats, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, also a recipient of the hate mail, fielded calls from over fifteen hate mail recipients, including storeowners, private dental and medical offices, non-profit organizations, and a university campus in Alhambra. The mail frightened recipients and prompted the evacuation of a floor at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

The Muslim Public Affairs Council has conducted personal interviews of more than a dozen Iranian store owners, and collected more than 50 pieces of hate mail received by one store alone within the span of three months.

One storeowner received a threatening document with the picture of a neighboring Iranian travel agent, and the words, "Iranian (Persian) Lawyers bring Muslim Terrorists to L.A./U.S.A!" MPAC immediately forwarded the information to local law enforcement and provided the FBI with the documents.

"In this case, law enforcement's attention to hate mail led directly to the prosecution of the alleged perpetrator," said Sireen Sawaf, hate crimes prevention department coordinator of MPAC. "This underscores the importance of reporting all degrees of hate."

After targeting the Asian and Muslim communities in February, Jaroszinski allegedly sent similar mail to dozens of Jewish community members, often accompanied by a hypodermic syringe and needle and the statement, "A good Jew is a dead Jew."

Jaroszinski also allegedly sent hate-filled letters to Rep. Linda T. Sanchez and LAPD Chief William J. Bratton, and several years ago he was arrested for sending schools letters with the word "Anthrax" scrawled on them.

"This case illustrates how when one group is targeted, we are all targeted," said Salam Al-Marayati, executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council. "We are encouraged by the fact that so many different groups in partnership with law enforcement are building a force of solidarity against hate." ■

National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Former Internees Inaugurate Interpretive Trail at Heart Mountain

POWELL, Wyo.—U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta stood out in a hailstorm last weekend to commemorate the Heart Mountain site and inaugurate a new interpretive walking trail that he hopes will teach others about the injustices of the time, and about what people do to endure.

The walking trail, a 1,000-foot paved, handicapped-accessible loop, tells that story. A series of eight kiosks tell about the history of the camp, the social organization inside (Heart Mountain had its own schools and a weekly newspaper, *The Heart Mountain Sentinel*) and the lives of the internees.

U.S., Vietnam Agree to Resume Adoptions

ST. LOUIS—During his weeklong visit to the U.S. — the first by a Vietnamese prime minister since the war's end 30 years ago — Phan Van Khai signed an agreement along with President Bush to resume adoptions between the two nations.

The cooperative agreement is aimed at preventing Vietnamese children from being trafficked and exploited. In the late 1990s, Vietnam began requiring countries to sign adoption agreements after police uncovered criminal rings selling children for foreign adoption.

The new agreement calls for stricter guidelines and controls, and requires that children come from orphanages, rather than an independent broker in Vietnam working on an agency's behalf.

Research: Forced Assimilation Spurs Cultural Trauma

HONOLULU—A Big Island researcher says the stress of being forcibly assimilated into Western Culture has spurred smoking and unhealthy eating habits or "suicide by lifestyle" among some Native Hawaiians.

Bud Pomaika'i Cook, education director for Ka Maluhia Learning Center, said the tobacco habit and ignoring advice to eat healthier foods are common manifestation of the difficulties of assimilation to a newly arrived culture.

Research estimated that 20.8 percent of Native Hawaiians smoke. This compared with 17.6 percent of Filipinos, 11.6 percent of Caucasians and 7.7 percent of Japanese surveyed. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen staff

Student Launches Campaign for City Council

Eugene Kang, 21, a university undergraduate, is running for Michigan's Ann Arbor City Council against former Republican, Stephen Rapundalo.

Kang, a Democrat, decided to run at the end of the winter term, but he had considered running since last fall. It is a chance to give back to the community he grew up in, he said.

Kang said one of his major concerns for the city is the five-year running budget deficit that could be fixed by either cutting city services or implementing an income tax.

Matsumoto Receives Honorary Green Beret for Heroism



Master Sergeant Roy Matsumoto, U.S. Army Ret., 91, was presented with a Green Beret bearing the Special Forces Command Flash and Regimental Crest, naming him an Honorary Green Beret.

He was one of the 14 Nisei selected to serve with 3,000 strong 5307th Composite Unit or the Merrill's Marauders in Burma.

Matsumoto was interned at Jerome where he volunteered for the Army in 1942.

Masunaga Becomes First County Superior Court

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed Laura Masunaga to Superior Court judge to Siskiyou County. She is the first woman in the county to hold this position. Laura is the daughter of John Masunaga, a Colorado JACL president in the 1950s and niece of George Masunaga, a Denver JACL chapter president in the 1940s. ■

49ers: Mea Culpa

San Francisco 49ers officials recently promised Chinese-American leaders they would overhaul the team's diversity policies to address anger over offensive training videos, including one that featured racial slurs about the Chinese community.

At a packed meeting in a Chinatown community hall June 14, 49ers owner John York apologized on behalf of the team and

vowed to strengthen the franchise's ties to the Asian American community.

York told the audience he is working with city officials to develop new diversity awareness programs before players start training camp this month.

As former 49ers lineman Jesse Sapolu shook hands with young fans, leading AA city officials praised the team's efforts to work

Camp Scrapbook Acquired by U. of Idaho

The University of Idaho Library, with financial assistance from the Library Associates, has acquired a unique photographic resource related to Idaho's World War II history. It is a hand-made scrapbook of 148 original photographs (and two drawings) of activities and buildings related to the Kooskia Internment Camp on the Lochsa River.

In 1943 the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, closed its remote work camps, one of which was a road-building site in a former CCC camp on the Lochsa River in Idaho. The inmates were extending the Lewis and Clark Highway (now US 12) up the river toward Montana.

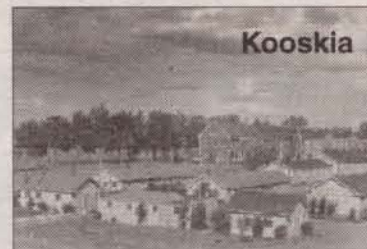
Completion of the road was declared a wartime necessity and so it continued under the authority of

the INS using paid Japanese alien volunteers from the larger internment camps. Although called the Kooskia Internment Camp, it was actually some seven miles upstream from Lowell, Idaho.

The photographs in the scrapbook, taken about 1944, are the work of either one of the Japanese inmates or one of the federal guards.

The signed sketches are by one of the inmates. The son of a deceased guard discovered the scrapbook among family memorabilia and offered it to the University of Idaho.

The photographs are an extensive record of life in the camp, with multiple views of the mess hall, the canteen, and the recreation facilities, as well as scenes of the heavy equipment and the construction work on the highway where the



Kooskia

Japanese worked closely with the Bureau of Public Roads personnel.

The scrapbook pages and the photographs have been scanned and added to the Historical Photographs Collection database, now approaching 100,000 entries.

The scrapbook and the database are available for viewing in Special Collections at the University of Idaho Library during regular hours. See <http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/special-collections/> for more information. ■

Maryland Nat'l Guard, Commission Honor APA Veterans

The Maryland National Guard, in conjunction with the Maryland Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, held an event at Warfield Air National Guard Base recently to honor APA veterans and service personnel.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of a gubernatorial proclamation acknowledging the contributions of Asian Americans and expressing the appreciation of the citizens of Maryland.

Acting on behalf of Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Dr. Warren Minami, Maria Hrabinski, and Joan Lok, members of the Maryland Commission on APA Affairs, presented the proclamation to Brig.

Gen. Charles A. Morgan III, Maryland assistant adjutant general for air, and Robert Finn, Maryland assistant secretary of veterans affairs for outreach and advocacy.

In addition, two Japanese American veterans spoke of their experiences. Joseph Ichijui, a veteran of the 442 Regimental Combat Team during WWII, gave a stirring recount of his experiences. Retired Col. Henry Wakabayashi focused

on the fact that today the AA community has achieved a large step toward equality.

Minami and Ichijui are board members of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation that built the National Memorial to Japanese American Patriotism During World War II in Washington, D.C. This National Memorial is now under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. ■

White House Initiative on AAPIs to End Health Care Disparities

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has been incorporated as a member of the American Medical Association's Commission to End Health Care Disparities. Dr. Akshay Desai of St. Petersburg, Florida, will be the Initiative's representative to the AMA Commission.

The AMA's Commission to End Health Care Disparities was established in response to the Institute of Medicine's report, "Unequal Treatment," which acknowledged health disparities as resulting from multiple factors, including race and ethnicity.

The President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs began addressing the issue of eliminating health disparities within the AAPI community as part of the recommendations made by its report, "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Addressing Health Disparities - Opportunities for Building a Healthier America," presented to President George W. Bush in 2003.


The report found, among other things, that some subpopulations of AAPIs are disproportionately at risk from cancer and cardiovascular disease. ■

with San Francisco's Human Rights Commission to improve its anti-harassment training.


"You get an A-plus for confession," the Rev. Norman Wong of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown told York.

"But the second step is harder: repentance." ■

Associated Press contributed to this article.



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Members of the Japanese American Veterans Memorial Committee stand behind the memorial following the dedication. Left to right: Roy Muraoka, George Furuya, Jr., Ben Segawa, Jeanne Elyea, Naomi Himaka, Rev. Jim Yanagihara, Nancy Cowser, James Yamate, Min Sakamoto, JAHSSD President Michio Himaka, and Bob Batchelder.

Historic Memorial for JA Vets Dedicated in San Diego

By JOYCE NABETA TEAGUE
Special to the Pacific Citizen

As Japanese American World War II vets and their families and friends looked on, an historic Japanese American Veterans Memorial was dedicated in honor of all JA veterans at San Diego's Mount Hope Cemetery recently.

The memorial, etched with the insignias of all branches of military service, is believed to be the only memorial in the United States dedicated to all American veterans of Japanese descent who served their country in both war and peacetime.

The stately rectangle of black

granite faces north and a simple engraved inscription states: "Dedicated to all Americans of Japanese ancestry who defended their country for the right to be called Americans."

"This monument will be a lasting testament to our Japanese American Veterans of San Diego," said George Furuya, Jr., co-chair of the event who first came up with the idea for the memorial.

"Sadly, many of our veterans are not with us today, but their memories and spirit have inspired our community to create this beautiful memorial, and with this memorial we shall not forget them," he said.

The two-year planning of a

committee of 12 men and women, and the generous donations of over 300 individuals and organizations, made the historic dedication possible.

The event was hosted by the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD) which spearheaded the memorial project. The dedication was held in conjunction with the annual inter-faith service conducted jointly by the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, the Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ, and the San Diego Japanese Christian Church. All three churches were founded by Japanese immigrants during the 1920s and 30s. ■

SFV Chapter Announces Scholarship Winners



Photo courtesy of Sumiko K. Yamaguchi

The San Fernando Valley JACL and the Japanese American Community Center jointly presented scholarships to six outstanding seniors from San Fernando Valley high schools. The recipients are (back row, l-r): Jun Kelly of Reseda High School; Ryan Sadakane from Cleveland Humanities High School (front row, l-r) Eden Yamaguchi of Chaminade Preparatory; Kendall Koza from Brentwood High School and Traci Kuratomi from Cresenta Valley High School. Not pictured: Lara Takasugi from North Hollywood High School Highly Gifted Magnet.

2005 High School Graduates Honored by Twin Cities JACL



The Twin Cities JACL's 42nd Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held recently at the St. Anthony Event Centre in Minneapolis, MN. Scholarship awards exceeded \$8,000. Recipients are (l-r): Jessica Wakasugi, Nick Reiter, Dan Maruyama, Selena Moon, Jaime Tsurusaki, Matthew Farrells, Amy Kirihaara, Tom Kirihaara, and Grant Tsuchiya. Not pictured: Jamie Judkins, Benjamin Kimitch, Matthew Girard, Anthony Morimoto, Keiko Osada, Christopher Rank, Nick Reiter, Ryan Yoshida, and Eric Yasukawa. ■

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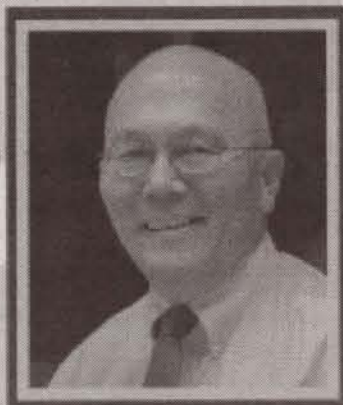
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PHOTOS BY LYNDA LIN



TRANSLATION: Marc Stillman, 20, from Salt Lake City, watches as his name is translated into kanji ...



... Caroline Kawaguchi, 24, of Boise Valley masters the beat of the taiko drum ...



... and a young JACler proudly takes a picture of her work with her camera phone.

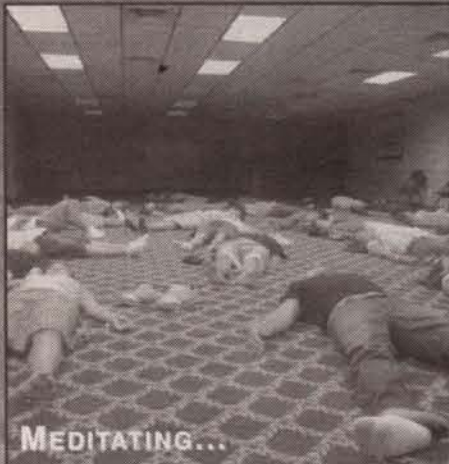
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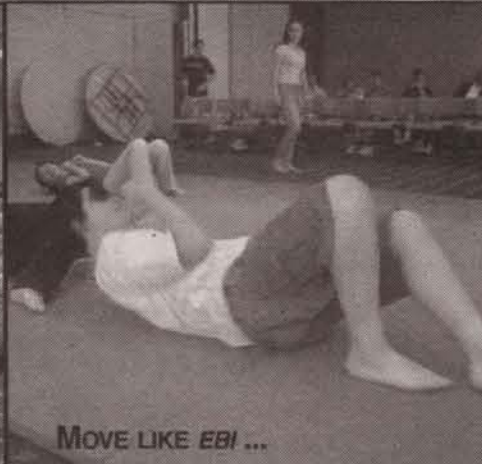
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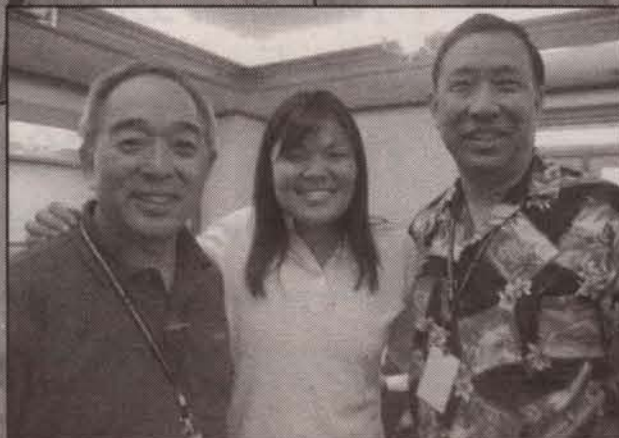
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FACES: (top) WWII Veteran Nelson T. Akagi then and now. (right, l-r) John Tateishi, Emily Mitarai and David Kawamoto.



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'My parents always taught me to embrace my heritage and that's what I'm doing here. I'm really glad to be here and learn. And it beats working on the farm.' — **Benjamin Tateoka**, entering freshman, BYU



'I wanted to get out of Caldwell. I think it will be fun.' — **Caroline Kawaguchi**, 24, Boise Valley

'I came here to see what other people are doing in the community.' — **Karin Hayashida**, 19, Boise Valley



GOLF

Kim Takes U.S. Women's Open With Miracle Shot

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo.—She changed her name to Birdie so everyone would know who she was, and even that wasn't enough at a U.S. Women's Open where historical moments belonged to everyone else.

It started with Annika Sorenstam and her quest for the Grand Slam.

Then came 17-year-old Morgan Pressel playing the lead role in a parade of teenage contenders, poised to become the youngest major champion in golf history.

Ultimately, the most compelling moment of a riveting week at Cherry Hills belonged to **Birdie Kim**.

With a spectacular shot that allowed her to live up to her nickname, the 23-year-old from South Korea holed a 30-yard bunker shot for the only birdie on the 18th hole June 26 to win the U.S. Women's Open.

"I never think about to win," she

said. "I was never a good bunker player. Finally, I make it."

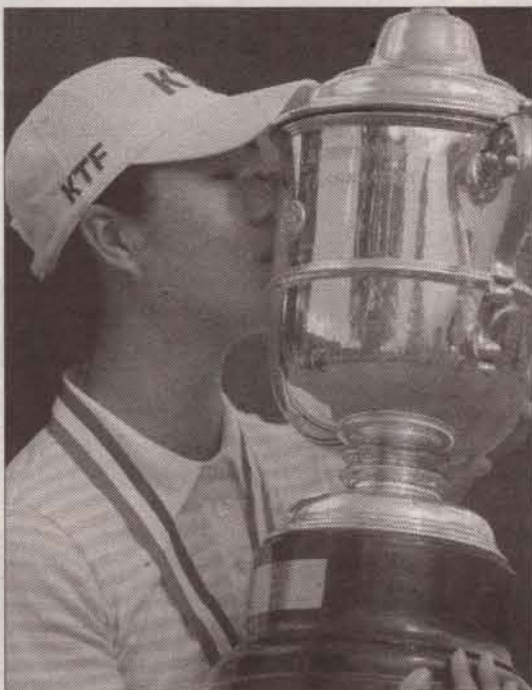
In two years on the LPGA Tour, Kim had made only 10 cuts in 34 starts and only once had finished in the top 10. Her career earnings were a meager \$79,832.

One shot that ranks among the most dramatic finishes in a major changed everything. Kim, who closed with a 1-over 72, finished at 287 and earned \$560,000, the biggest payoff in women's golf.

It was reminiscent of Bob Tway sinking a bunker shot on the 72nd hole to win the 1986 PGA Championship.

"I heard about the name," Kim said. "He's an old guy, right?"

Michelle Wie, the 15-year-old from Hawaii coming off a runner-up finish in the last major, double



South Korean Birdie Kim kisses the championship trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open in Cherry Hills Village, Colo. on June 26. (AP Photo/Jack Dempsey)

bogeyed the first hole on her way to an 82.

Wie hit into the bunker on the final hole, and her shot gave Kim a good idea what to expect. She needed all the help she could get, coming into the tournament ranked 141st in sand saves on the LPGA Tour.

"I saw her landing and her roll, so the green is not that fast, not that hard," Kim said. "I have confidence to make close to the pin. Maybe get close, maybe really close. It goes in!"

The U.S. Women's Open champion went by her given name, Ju-Yun Kim, as a rookie last year, but decided to use "Birdie" this season to stand out from the other five players with Kim as a surname on the LPGA Tour.

It was a major bummer for Wie, who was coming off a runner-up finish in the LPGA

Championship and was tied for the lead going into the final round. The gallery lined both sides of the first fairway, eager to see if the 15-year-old could make headlines around the world.

What they saw was someone who played every bit her age.

She took double bogey on the opening hole, hitting into the rough and laying up in more rough. She missed putts inside 3 feet on consecutive holes. And trying to hammer a shot out of the thick grass, the ball dribbled only 25 feet. Wie went out in 42 and was never a factor the rest of the day.

"I have to give my ball a GPS because it was lost," she said.

The victory gives Kim a five-year exemption on the LPGA Tour and three of the majors; she gets to return to the U.S. Women's Open for the next 10 years.

Kim let out a "Whoop!" when told of her prize money, but all she cared about was a big silver trophy she never thought she could win. ■

MEMORIAL

(Continued from page 1)

soldiers to the Eagledale Ferry Dock and sent to internment camps. The eight-acre memorial, which would include interpretive trails and a story wall, would allow visitors to literally walk in the footsteps of history, said Moriawaki.

The memorial's purpose of both looking into the past and the future is encapsulated in its name: "*Nidoto Nai Yoni* — Let it Not Happen Again."

"[The Issei and Nisei] took in all the pain and suffering and laid the foundation for my generation, the Sansei, to speak out and be critical," said Moriawaki. "I owe it to them, we owe it to them for the life we enjoy."

The idea to memorialize the event started seven years ago just as a plaque or a marker, but they started to dream big. To date, the memorial committee has raised nearly \$1.5 million to fund the \$3.5 million project. The land has been purchased and committee members are hopeful

they can start building the road and leveling the land this summer.

They are also hoping for financial and staffing support from the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), which preserves and cares for national parks and historical sites including the JA internment camps. The NPS is conducting a study of the Eagledale Ferry Dock memorial as mandated by the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial Study Act (Public Law 107-363) that Congress unanimously passed in 2002.

Having the Government Help Tell the Story

The NPS study, which is slated to be completed this fall, is the first step in determining the level of federal involvement in the Bainbridge JA memorial.

A recently released draft study outlines three possible levels of federal involvement:

Alternative A - Recommends no federal involvement

Alternative B - Recommends the

memorial be designated as an affiliated area of the NPS

Alternative C - NPS would provide as much as \$400,000 in development and \$200,000 per year in staff. The Bainbridge Island memorial site would also become a satellite site of the Minidoka Internment National Monument in southwest Idaho.

To get the NPS' full support would require an approval from the U.S. Department of the Interior and Congress. A daunting feat, which Moriawaki said should happen.

"Since the government created the story, it would be appropriate for them to help tell the story," he said.

The Bainbridge Island City Council even passed a resolution in support of making the island memorial a satellite of the Minidoka Internment National Museum.

But dissension has already surfaced.

War of Words

In the public comment phase of the draft report, individuals were allowed to tell the NPS which alternative they preferred. With that phase recently closed, Dr. Stephanie Toothman, NPS chief of Cultural Resources Pacific West Region, said most were in favor of Alternative C.

But there are also those who do not want the NPS to get involved in

the memorial. Toothman said the reasons run the gamut from objection to the spending of additional federal funds to influence from author Michelle Malkin's book on the internment. The comments will be packaged in the report which will also be available to the public.

But many say those opposed to federal funding for the JA memorial are in the extreme minority. The results are: a war of words with both sides accusing the other of revisionist history.

Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community (BIJAC) President Dr. Frank Kitamoto said the opponents are the same people who protested a local school's JA internment curriculum as being one-sided.

"It's a couple of people who think anything about the internment is criticism of the government," he said. "We're talking about civil liberties and they're saying that we're making the government look bad."

Capt. James Olsen, retired senior officer of the U.S. Military and Bainbridge Island resident since the 1970s, has been pushing the NPS to adopt the "no involvement" option.

"Any organization which desires to build a private memorial on private land with private funds can have a memorial as opinionated and agenda-driven as they desire," said

Olsen. "Conceivably a private memorial could argue an entirely different set of circumstances about World War II, Executive Order 9066, and the fallout. However this would only be true for a private memorial."

WWII Veteran Jack Klammer said he is not opposed to a JA war memorial, but he questions the historical accuracy.

"A number of us are very much opposed to the context in which [the memorial] is being presented to the public, particularly the manner in which a greatly distorted version of World War II history concerning this event is being taught to our children and grandchildren in the public schools, reiterated by the Bainbridge Island City Council and planned for incorporation in the [JA] war memorial," he said.

"I don't think we'll ever see eye-to-eye," said Kitamoto. "We're talking about racism and being sent to internment camps and they are talking about the necessity [to do so] because of war."

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi said the memorial isn't just about the contributions of JAs, but also about the significance to the nation.

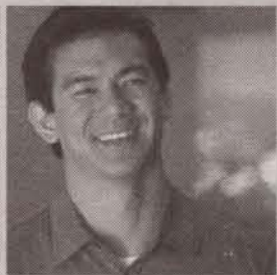
"There's a real lesson to learn about the events on Bainbridge in the spring of 1942, one that can only be remembered if we have enough courage and foresight as a nation to continue to remind ourselves of past errors," he said.

In the meantime, the memorial will continue to be built in phases. Toothman emphasized that it is completely community-based. With or without NPS, the memorial will be built by the committee and the community, she said.

Even before the cement foundation is laid, the memorial's impact has already been felt.

"This memorial will not only address the courage and loyalty of Japanese Americans but will honor those non-Nikkei who supported and befriended us. They asked only this of us — not to lose faith in America," said Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACLer Mas Hashimoto, who points out that one of their chapter's scholarships is named after Kee Kitayama, a Bainbridge Island evacuee.

"All who love America and who believe in America's greatness will want this memorial built and preserved," he said. ■



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COMMENTARY Shikata Ga Nai?

By BARBARA TAKEI

Based on the lies of a "confidential informant," in January 1942, the FBI invaded the home of my husband's grandfather, a prosperous businessman in Seattle's International District. The FBI ransacked the house and took his address books, Japanese language books and magazines, and even raffle tickets. He was arrested and held with no charges, without being sentenced, and without the representation of a lawyer.



He was incarcerated in a Department of Justice prison in Bismarck, North Dakota as a dangerous alien enemy despite his innocence and the lack of any evidence. He was eventually paroled, financially drained, stripped of his dignity, his health destroyed, and his good name ruined. He died of a massive heart attack before the war ended.

Earlier this month in the small farming community of Lodi, California a disturbingly familiar scenario was unfolding. Ice cream truck driver Umer Hayat and his son Hamid were arrested as alleged "terrorists" who planned to attack shopping centers and hospitals. The allegations appeared in an FBI agent's affidavit that was widely distributed and the source of hundreds of newspaper and television news stories that fanned fears of terrorist bombings in the Sacramento valley.

Once the media was saturated with the threat of terrorist attacks, the FBI affidavit was withdrawn and described as a "mistake." A different affidavit was filed in court, reported the *New York Times* on June 11, one that deleted any mention of terrorist attacks on shopping centers and hospitals.

Within days of the arrests, amidst growing clamor of terrorism in Lodi, half a dozen members of the Florin chapter of the JACL organized under the leadership of Florin chapter civil rights chair, Andy Noguchi, attended an emergency forum at a Stockton mosque. The mosque was filled with fathers and sons and wives and children — all of whom feared for their safety and

protection, not from the supposed Islamic "terrorists" among them, but from Federal law enforcement officials.

The scene at the mosque was a vivid and haunting reminder of the mistreatment of our Japanese immigrant forebears during World War II, something many of us thought could not happen again after the success of the Japanese American redress movement and the Presidential apology in 1988. How wrong we were.

The Muslim community in Stockton and Lodi reported the threatening and intimidating presence of the FBI, feeling themselves the target of aggressive FBI surveillance and interviews.

"Planes and helicopters are flying over and around our neighborhoods. The government agents question innocent people at work and at their homes; they follow innocent people around the block as though they are guilty of something," said Hamza El-Nakhal, describing the constant surveillance. Nakhal is president of the Sacramento Valley chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a nationwide Islamic civil rights and advocacy group that has monitored the FBI's activities in the Pakistani community in Lodi.

"They force people to take lie detector tests by threatening to put them in jail if they do not take the test. At one home agents wanted to search, they kicked the door open and pointed weapons at the heads of women."

"Instead of feeling that these law enforcement agents are here to protect us, it seems more like the community is under siege, invaded by over 100 FBI agents," said El-Nakhal.

"We are not supporting terrorism. America is our country. If anyone harbored terrorists, we would be the first to report it. We are innocent but we feel that we are being treated as criminals in the same way that

Japanese Americans were treated as the enemy after Pearl Harbor was bombed," said El-Nakhal. "People in our community are filled with fear and worry that the same things that happened during World War II will happen once again."

As our group from Florin JACL drove home from Lodi, we pondered the events taking place and wondered what to believe.

I couldn't stop thinking about the way my husband's grandfather was treated as a dangerous criminal even though he was innocent. I also

The Re-education of a J-School Dropout

Public speaking, although not exactly my strongest point, isn't that big of a deal for me.

Still, I would rather be bound and gagged than speak Japanese in any public setting.

I was reminded of this particular neurosis my first day of Japanese language class at UCLA. In a small class that contained about 15 people, we all had to briefly introduce ourselves in Japanese and much to my horror, my instructor chose me to go first.

My cheeks were burning red as I meekly talked about my hobbies and my extracurricular activities. All my repressed memories of Japanese language school resurfaced with vicious dexterity. Like a bad flashback sequence, I could hear the cruel taunts of J-school elementary school kids ringing in my ears, making fun of me for my horribly Americanized accent.

My repulsion from using Japanese is a deeply rooted insecurity that stems from the fact that nine militaristic years of Japanese language school on Saturdays has, well, done me no good. There has always been a gaping dichotomy between my English-speaking persona and its much dimmer Japanese-speaking counterpart, who is probably holed up in an attic somewhere trembling at the prospect of picking up the phone and having to hear a Japanese person on the other end.

It must have been confounding for my parents, who had to deal with this paradox for many years. I know I'm not the only JA youth who lived this double life. On weekdays, I was the eager model minority who took home straight A's and wrote wonderfully written essays that my

remembered that very few people stood up to speak out and challenge the way JAs were being stripped of their rights and their freedom during WWII.

What lessons have we learned from our own terrible experiences, treated as the enemy because we looked like them? Do we truly believe the guiding principle of justice in America, "innocent until proven guilty?"

We can remain silent and console ourselves with "shikata ga nai." Personally, I am grateful that the Florin chapter, in which I am proud to claim membership, has risen to the occasion and extended support to a community that is sorely in need of friends. ■

MEMOIRS OF A NON-GEISHA



Yumi Sakugawa

teachers fawned over. On Saturdays, I became the class idiot who was called up to parent-teacher conferences because I didn't do any of my homework and failed all my kanji tests.

Not surprisingly, over the years I associated using the Japanese language with a glaring inferiority complex that, truth be told, is mostly my own fault for being so lazy.

It's okay for me to speak Japanese at home, where my immigrant parents have no choice but to accept me and love me even though they had to endure nearly two decades of my convoluted Japlish, where every other Japanese word beyond a sixth-grade reading level is replaced with its English equivalent.

Everywhere else, however, I am irrationally paranoid that if I utter a single word of Japanese, my elementary grammar and Americanized pronunciations would be so grotesquely obvious that people would immediately ostracize me for the Japanese-

speaking poseur that I really am. Not surprisingly, in any Japanese-speaking environment, I come off as a very shy and withdrawn person.

But I want to change all of that. I want to be the smooth cosmopolite who, if by unexpected circumstances found herself stranded in the middle of Tokyo, could effortlessly glide through all the obscure idioms and formalistic language rules that characterizes a culture built on hierarchies of respect and authority.

I want to be able to converse freely with all my relatives back in Japan, most of who do not speak a single word of English.

Most of all, I want to be able to effectively argue with my parents because good grief, it's hard to argue and defend yourself over adult matters such as apartments and choice of major if you're stuck with a language capacity that hasn't really improved much since sixth grade. If there is any time for me to become really fluent in Japanese, the time is NOW!

So I've been taking little baby steps to nurture my Japanese-speaking side. I decided to minor in Japanese, so I'll be forced to write reports and make presentations in Japanese on a regular basis. When I watch Japanese movies, I try to avoid looking at the English subtitles as much as possible. Herein begins my redemption as a J-school failure.

At the very least, it gives me a good excuse to buy more manga every time I go to Little Tokyo. ■

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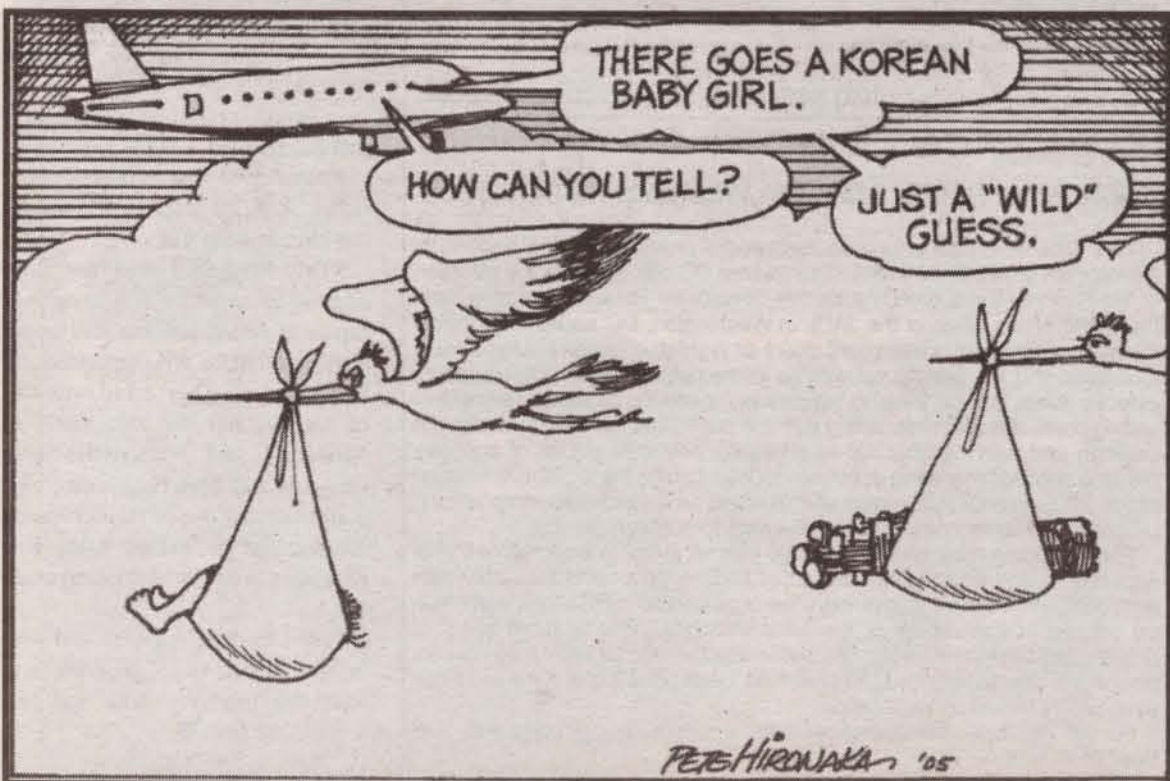


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Q&A

JAKEshimabukuro

Can you think of the ukulele without smiling? Unlikely. With his infectious energy, Jake thinks 'music is the best medicine.'

By LYNDALIN

The word "virtuoso" gets thrown around a lot in the music industry where having two octaves is considered a phenomenon, but Jake Shimabukuro inhabits every inch of that title with just a few plucks of his instrument of choice — the ukulele.

Forget what you know about the little three-strand instrument traditionally played in the same strolling pace as the setting sun — Jake can make it yowl with his lightning fast hands. No, he has never actually timed the speed of his hands, but in DVD footage of a recent performance, his strumming becomes a blurry mirage against the ukulele tucked against his stomach.

On his left hand, he sports a fashionable studded leather cuff.

"It's a strange thing, but it looks like it's my right hand that works hardest, but it's actually my left hand that's so tight. The right is very relaxed, no tension," said the 28-year-old Hawaiian native.

"A lot of times, I go get a massage and the massage therapist says, 'Your right side is so loose, but your left side is rock hard!'"

Jake's hands have landed his new album "Dragon" (forthcoming in the U.S. this August) in the number-one spot in Japan's otherwise pop culture obsessed society, and also in Margaritaville alongside Jimmy Buffett. Together, they have created tropical paradise islets in cold East Coast states playing alongside each other.

Talking exclusively to the *Pacific Citizen* from Boston where he's currently touring with Buffett, Jake reports a little cloud coverage, but it's nothing his ukulele (pronounced "oo-koo-LEH-leh") and a little aloha spirit can't clear up.

Pacific Citizen: Does your musical style jive well with Jimmy Buffett's?

Jake Shimabukuro: Jimmy is an all around great guy. His energy and vibe are so relaxing and comfortable. I still can't say that I'm comfortable standing in front of so many people! In Pittsburgh, there were 50,000 and I was like 'What? That's a lot of people! Are you insane?' (Laughs) Jimmy Buffett fans are so loving though and they embrace all the musicians.

PC: Were you a Buffett fan before you toured with him?

JS: Yes! My parents were so excited when they heard I was going to tour with the Jimmy Buffett band. My parents have always been very supportive of me as long as I'm happy.

PC: Your mother was the first one to give you ukulele lessons. Did she teach you everything you know?



JS: I definitely credit her with getting me started with the ukulele. But while I was growing up, I had a lot of instructors, so I learned in the traditional way. In high school, I listened to a lot of different music — Jimi Hendrix, Van Halen — so that opened up my eyes and ears to different kinds of sounds and I would try to mimic all the different instruments and sounds with my own ukulele. I guess you can say that led to my own contemporary style.

PC: Did you always want to become a musician?

JS: No! I never thought I would be a professional musician. I just thought it was a hobby ... I was always really low key playing at family parties. I never thought I would be standing in front of 50,000 people!

PC: How did you feel when you heard your new album was No. 1 in Japan?

JS: I was so blown away. It's such a big thing because ['Dragon'] is self-produced ... I've always worked with producers in the past and it was such a different experience this time because I was involved in each step. So when I got the news, I felt so proud, not for me but for the album like a parent would feel for his child (laughs).

PC: 'Dragon' sounds a lot different from your previous work.

JS: Going from my first to my third album, each one got a little better. Listening to my own music ... it's so weird! It's like looking at myself in the mirror (laughs) the only thing I hear are the flaws that I wish I had more time to change or I wish I could have played it better. But with ['Dragon'] it's like looking through a photo album. Everything I hear triggers a fun memory ... I appreciate the album and the teamwork of everyone involved.

PC: And you play the electric guitar!

JS: It was very, very different. It was fun but I kind of wish I brought in a real guitar player (laughs). I just like the [ukulele's] nylon string and acoustic element. The electric guitar if it's in the right hands, can produce beautiful music, but in mine it just makes noise!

PC: When you say 'ukulele' a lot of people think about Don Ho and the slow ballads. Do you come up against those stereotypes?

JS: All the time and I think it's great. I like that because when I'm performing, especially in the Mainland, I get really surprised looks. People expect to hear traditional

Hawaiian music. I think it's positive in the sense that I've had people come up to me after shows and say that they didn't know that a ukulele could sound like that! It feels good that I help people look at the ukulele differently.

PC: Do your Japanese fans treat you differently than your American fans?

JS: [The Japanese fans] are so supportive. I guess it's because I don't live there. I only tour there twice a year ... and I guess it's because they don't see me all the time that they come show their support. When I play Hawaii, they see me all the time, so they are more like, 'Oh. There's Jake.'

PC: One day, will Jimmy Buffett be playing Jake Shimabukuro's songs?

JS: Nah! (laughs) One of the greatest things for me about being part of Jimmy Buffett's tour is that it reminds me how many great songs he's made. It tickles me each time to hear all the great songs I grew up listening to, and thinking 'Oh yeah I remember this one!' I love 'Come Monday.' Whenever he plays it, I have to stop and listen.

PC: What do you hope your fans will take away from your music?

JS: My main thing is that music should be fun. When I perform I'm having a blast and I always want people to walk away smiling and feeling good. If they had a bad week, I want them to forget about their bad week. I think music is the best medicine. ■

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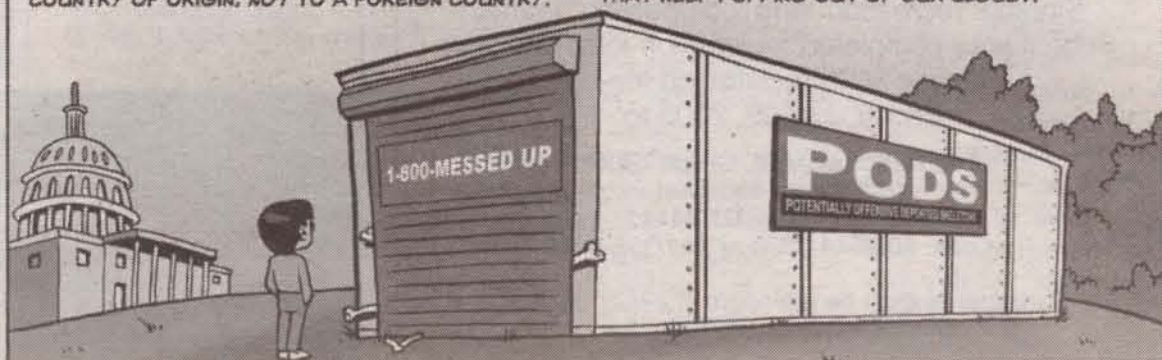
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East Coast

FAIRFAX STATION, Virginia
Sat., July 9—24th Annual Ekoji Buddhist Temple Obon Festival; 5:30-9 p.m.; 6500 Lake Haven Ln.; music, bon-odori dancing, games, crafts, silent auction and food; special obon service at the temple on Sun. at 11 a.m.; Info: www.ekoji.org.

Midwest

CHICAGO
Thurs.-Sun., July 21-24—Bi-District Conference of the MDC and EDC JACL; Radisson Hotel, 160 East Huron; room rate: \$129/night for single, \$139 for two doubles and \$154 for corner suite; room deadline is June 21; a welcome reception is scheduled for Thursday and a dinner on Saturday. Further details to follow.

CINCINNATI

Sun., Aug. 14—Cincinnati JACL Annual Potluck Dinner; 4 p.m.; Hyde Park Bethlehem Church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.

CLEVELAND

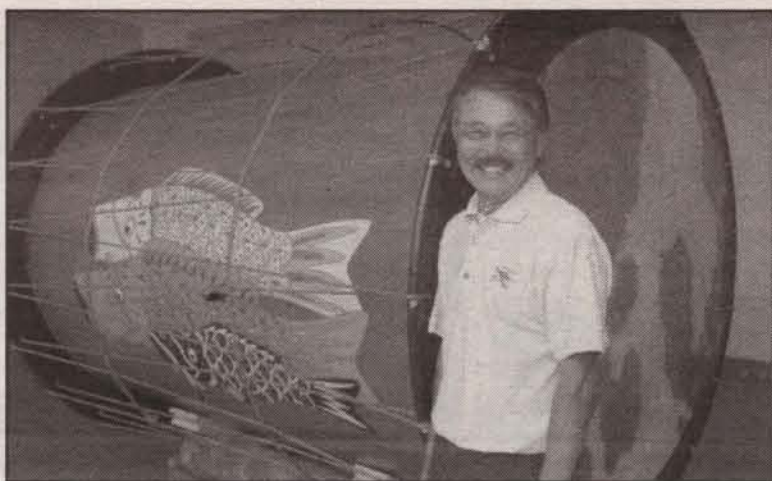
Sat., July 16—Obon Festival; 6 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, corner of Euclid Ave. and East 214th St.; food sale at 5 p.m.; taiko performance by JACL Icho Daiko; free parking. Info: 216/692-1509.

Sun., July 24—JACL/CJAF Scholarship Luncheon; 12:30 p.m.; Shinano Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd.; \$18/person, \$15/student; R.S.V.P. by July 20. Reservations: Keith Asamoto, 216/921-2976, kasamoto_jacl@yahoo.com or Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416, wsodini@aol.com.

Sun., Aug. 14—2005 Community Picnic; 10-6 p.m.; Brushwood Shelter, Furnace Run, Summit County Metro Park; Cost: donation on site to CJAF Scholarship and Community Service Activities or send to: John Ochi, 868 Lander Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143; performance by JACL Icho Daiko Taiko Drumming Group, games, relays, prizes for children of all ages, hiking, volleyball and fishing; sponsored by the Cleveland Japanese American Foundation.

ST. LOUIS

Sat.-Mon., Sept. 3-5—2005 Japanese



As part of the Japanese American National Museum's upcoming exhibition, "Big Drum: Taiko in the United States" which opens July 14, a six-foot in diameter, 600-pound okedo drum will be on display. The drum was built by Victor Fukuhara [above], who runs a lawnmower repair shop in Long Beach. The drum took over a year to construct and required a special trailer for travel.

Festival; Sat. and Sun. 10-8 p.m., Mon. 10-5 p.m.; Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.; \$10 adults, \$7 seniors; \$3 Garden members, \$3 children ages 3 to 12; featuring sumo wrestling; sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Japanese Activities Committee. Info: www.mobot.org, 314/577-9400 or 800/642-8842 (24-hour recording).

Northwest

PORTLAND

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 18-21—JACL Intermountain and Pacific Northwest Bi-District Conference; Embassy Suites Hotel, Downtown, 319 SW Pine St.; for brochure and info: www.pdxjacl.org or 877/843-6914.

Northern California

SAN MATEO

Sun., July 24—Movie matinee, "Twilight Samurai"; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St.; Info: 650/343-2793.

Southern California

GARDENA

Sat., July 9—"A Morning Conversation with Naomi Hirahara and the Writing Craft"; 10-1 p.m.; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, Room C, on 162nd Street between Normandie and Western Avenues; sponsored by the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California and Midori Books. Info: Hazel Taniguchi, 310/328-1238 or Dale Sato, 310/539-3491.

LOS ANGELES

Thurs., July 7—"First & Central Summer Concerts" presented by JANM in association with the National Center

for the Preservation of Democracy and sponsored in part by the city of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department; 7:30; in the institution's plaza at First and Central Ave.; July 7: O-Maya, July 28: Kinnara Taiko, Aug. 4: dj Cheb i Sabbah and Friends, Aug. 25: East L.A. Taiko featuring Maceo Hernandez, Sept. 1: Marta Gomez, Sept. 29: "Of Melodies Old: New Music from the APPEX Ensemble". Info: JANM, 213/625-0414. Sat.-Sun., July 9-10—Obon Festival; 11-8 p.m.; Zenshuji Soto Mission, 123 S. Hewitt St.; free. Info: www.zenshuji.org.

Arizona-Nevada

RENO

Sun., July 10—Reno JACL Summer Picnic; 11:30-3:30 p.m.; Bowers Mansion Park, North Picnic Pavilion, 4005 U.S. Hwy 395 North; hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, please bring side dishes, salads and dessert. RSVP: Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 775/853-8850 or strick111@charter.net.

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OKURA

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vice-presidency of the national board. And trust me, Lily wasn't there to serve tea and cookies to the Nisei men who served with her!" said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "It was during the redress days, and she was among the strong supporters of the campaign. She was an exceptional woman, very much ahead of her times and always a wonderful companion to Pat. We're all deeply saddened by her passing."

Lily and her husband Patrick, who also passed away earlier this year, founded the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation with redress monies they received during the late 80s. The foundation provides annual scholarships to Asian Pacific

American students who wish to study the field of mental health.

The Okuras were also active in the annual JACL/OCA Washington, DC Leadership Conference that brought promising young APA leaders to the capital for an intense week of seminars and activities. Each year they would open up their house to the participants, passing on their knowledge of the JACL.

"We in EDC were shocked to learn of Lily's sudden passing, especially so soon after the loss of her husband Pat," said Paul Uyehara, EDC governor. "Lily deserves credit as a pathbreaker for women in the national leadership, having been the first to serve as a national officer. She has been a key member of the DC chapter, has served with distinction for many years, and brought ele-

gance and grace to all of her work."

Lily was the longtime editor of the "DC News Notes" (DC chapter newspaper) and served on the D.C. chapter board up to the time of her death. For her work as editor of the "DC News Notes," she received a special recognition award (JACL certificate). Lily was also the recipient of JACL's Silver, Sapphire, and Ruby Pin.

A memorial service was held at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church on June 30.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, c/o Frances Okura, 2112 Via Madonna, Lomita, CA 90717 or to Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. ■

Influential Philippine Church Leader Cardinal Jaime Sin Dies at 76

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines—Roman Catholic Cardinal Jaime Sin, an outspoken advocate of democracy who played a key role in the "people power" revolts that ousted two Philippine presidents, died June 21. He was 76.

Sin had been ill with kidney problems and diabetes for years and was unable to attend the Vatican con-



clave that chose a new pope in April, although colleagues said he desperately wanted to go, even if he needed a wheelchair.

Known for his dedication, engaging personality and sense of humor—he often referred to his residence as "the house of Sin"—the cardinal was one of Asia's most prominent religious leaders. When he spoke, presidents listened.

Sin served as the moral compass in the overwhelmingly Catholic Philippines, where he took vocal, sometimes controversial stances on everything from birth control to poverty, politics and the U.S.-led war in Iraq. He once apologized for

church neglect of the poor.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who continued to seek his counsel even after he retired in November 2003, called him "a blessed man who never failed to unite Filipinos during the most crucial battles against tyranny and evil."

"Cardinal Sin leaves a legacy of freedom and justice forged in deep personal courage," Arroyo said in a statement.

Church leaders were consulting with Sin's family on funeral arrangements. His body was to be buried in the crypt beneath Manila Cathedral. ■

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Adachi, Ronald Nobuo, D.D.S., 59, Rolling Hills Estates, May 28; survived by wife, Linda; daughters, Kristina and Alison; father, Benjamin; mother, Rose (Ben) Goto; brother, Jerry (Rona) Adachi; and sisters, Pam (Michael) Hayashida and Judie (Benson) Aricayos.

Akagi, Lillian, 73, Ulysses, Kan., Jan. 24; survived by husband Genzo; sons, Mark, Donald; Brett and Greg; brothers, Mike Kido, Joe, Harry and Hank Wyeno; sisters, Tee Kora, Mary Hiraga, Dottie Adams and May Clermont and 5 gc.

Arashiro, Aiko, 82, Pasadena, May 22; survived by daughters, Yuriko (Yoneo) Inouye, Ivy (Danny Yano) and Wendy (David) Prestholt; sons, Akio (Mary) Yatomi and Steve (Dianne) Arashiro; 7 gc.; and 1 ggc.

Kanemura, Sam Isamu, 92, West Los Angeles, May 26; survived by wife, Aya; daughters, Sherry (Bruce) Watanabe and Terrie (Kenny) Itomura; 4 gc.; and brother, Takao "Bob" (Aki) Nishimura.

Kasai, Fumiko, 81, June 3; survived by husband, Kiyoshi; sons, Kelvin and Karl; and 9 gc.

Katow, Mary Miyoko Sugi, 91, Boyle Heights, May 26; survived by son, Richard (Ann) Sugi; 6 gc.; 7 ggc.; and sister, Aiko Kawamura.

Kurimoto, Ayako, 81, Monterey Park, May 21; survived by son, Alan (Evelyn); and 2 gc.

Kuroishi, Edward Yoshio, 93, Gardena, May 15; survived by wife, Setsu; son, Irving (Martha); 4 gc.; 8 ggc.; and sister, Ruth Kuroishi.

Kuwahara, Frank, 92, Palos Verdes Estates, May 30; survived by wife, Sumiko; sons, Howard (Phyllis) and Ray (Jeanne); daughter, Jean (Scott) Devenport; 3 gc.; 2 ggc.; and brother, Tats (June).

Sato, Mary, 84, Washington, D.C., June 6; Utah-born, Gila River internee; helped found Indianapolis JACL; survived by a sister, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Suzuki, Hideo, 76, Huntington Beach, May 18; survived by son,

Martin (Susan) Suzuki; daughter, Florence (Gerry) Sueda; and 5 gc.

Suzuki, Paul, 77, Los Angeles, June 22; was a volunteer official for U.S. Track and Field Championships. He died after being struck in the head by a shot put during practice for the U.S. track and field championships at Home Depot Center in Carson. The accident occurred about 4:15 p.m. Suzuki was a former landscape maintenance worker who had officiated at local track meets for decades.

Yamate, Kiku, 78, Saratoga, June 15; Los Gatos-born; preschool director, Heart Mountain internee; survived by husband Henry; daughter, Carol Poetry-Yamate; son Gordon; brother Mitsuru Yasuhara; and 2 gc. ■

DEATH NOTICE

MARY S. SUENAGA

Funeral service for Mary S. Suenaga, 89, a San Francisco-born Nisei and resident of Camarillo who passed away June 23 at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital, were held July 1 at Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, with Rev. Ron Matsuda of Gardena Valley Baptist Church officiating. She is survived by her son, Richard K.; daughter, Lani (Bob) Miyamoto; grandsons, Jason, Ryan, RJ and TC; brother, Kayo (Esther) Kuratani; brother-in-law, Walter Moriya; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE S. KOBAYASHI

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — George S. Kobayashi passed away April 19. He was a longtime professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and a member of the St. Louis JACL. Dr. Kobayashi is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mari Tomita Kobayashi; loving father of Patricia (Corrado Costanzo) of Milan, Italy, Dale (Laura), Kimi and Scott Kobayashi of Moscow, ID; dear grandfather of Giulia, Chiara, Kenji, Kayla and Sachiko; brother of Eizo (Mary) Kobayashi of Concord, Calif. and the late Kazuo (Amy) Kobayashi of Seattle, Wash.; brother-in-law of Kenji (Mary) Tomita of San Rafael, Calif. and the late Shigeya (Toshi) Tomita of Berkeley, Calif.; uncle, great-uncle and friend to many. A memorial service was held Apr. 26 with private interment.

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his best to ensure his students would continue to be taken care of, becoming an active member of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council.

Bird also had the foresight to recognize the significance of the events taking place in the early 1940s and instructed then College Librarian Elizabeth McCloy to chronicle the events, collecting not only letters to and from the students, but also newspaper clippings, government documents, camp papers, and anything else regarding the WWII internment.

Now, close to 60 years later, Bird's vision is coming to fruition with Occidental College's Japanese American Relocation Collection. The Special Collection housed at the college library contains more than 400 items and 20,000 pages. The digital archive, which contains a large portion of the special collection, is set to be formally launched this fall but individuals can already access the site at <http://departments.oxy.edu/digitalarch/web/index.htm>.

"It is for us a collection that reflects the college's history. It shows how individuals in this college interacted during a significant time of history in this country," said Shirley Hallblade, Occidental College library director. "The human interest is the passion with which certain individuals committed themselves to this effort. It tells us so much of our personal response when justice is challenged."

"It's so important that this group of people saved this material and we wanted to share the depth of the stories," said Dale Stieber, Occidental's digital archivist and project manager, who noted that the letters between the JA students and Bird are the highlight of the relocation collection. "We're learning history through these individual stories. We can feel the people talking."

Occidental's JA digital archive covers the period from 1941 to 1946 and was made possible through a Haynes Foundation archival grant. In total, six JA students attending Occidental at the time, two alumni, and two prospective students are featured including: Sinpachi Kanow, Mary Kariya, Russell Nakata, John Nishiyama, Ted Tajima, and Iko Tanzawa; alumni: Shizona Tanaka ('26) and Sophie Tajima Toriumi ('38); and prospective students: Helen Matsunaga and Akira Shiraishi.

Although many of the former students have passed on, Stieber was able to locate some of them, including Tajima who was surprised to learn about the digital archive. He had long forgotten about the letters he had written to President Bird and was amazed to learn that Bird had written letters of recommendation on his behalf to several schools.

"I was kind of surprised," said Tajima about the archives. "It was a time of things being so unsettled."

Although Tajima was able to relocate to Utah, his parents and siblings would end up in the Heart Mountain and Gila River camps.

He visited them often, recalling how difficult it was to see them behind barbed wire. "That was hard ... very hard," he said.

Tajima can still recall the bitter taste of discrimination growing up in Pasadena, California in the early 1940s but with World War II, things would only get worse for JAs.

"Some places were closed to us. We knew where to stand, when to move back," he said.

Tajima was eventually accepted to several colleges, including Wooster College in Ohio, but decided to work instead and wait for his draft papers. He was ultimately drafted after the end of WWII, serving a year in Counter Intelligence.

Tajima would make his way back to Occidental, earning a degree in English in 1946 and later his teaching credential. (Four members of his family, including his sister Sophie Tajima Toriumi, are Occidental alumni.) Tajima would go on to have a lengthy career as a high school journalism and English teacher at Altadena High School, earning a lifetime achievement in teaching award.

Through Tajima's story, along with the other JA students featured in the digital archive, the history and lessons of the JA internment come to life.

"It makes more permanent what happened. It helps to preserve the effort, keep alive what kinds of things were done," said Tajima, who sees many parallels between the JA internment and what is happening today with the Muslim and Arab American communities.

"It really hit me when I saw the

photographs, what they had gone through.

The efforts of the educators and the strong desire of the students to continue their education," said Kathy Lo, assistant digital archivist for the project.

"It has relevance to what's happening today."

Many involved with the JA digital archive are hopeful that the students today at Occidental College will gain insight and an understand-

ing of what took place more than a half century ago.

"I hope they are able to gain an understanding, a point of view regarding people of different ethnic groups," said Tajima.

"We hope the students here learn more about individuals of the same age group," said Stieber.

"What individuals do in times of crisis; what they can do and advocate for ... that they can build on the past." ■

The Occidental College Library is seeking information on the following correspondents included in the papers of the Japanese American Relocation Collection. Please contact Dale Stieber, digital archivist, by telephone 323/259-1481 or email dstieber@oxy.edu.

American Baptist Home Mission Society – based in New York, NY
T.G. Ishimaru – interned at Poston
Fumiko Matsumura – interned at Manzanar
Haruko Matsushita – interned at Rohwer
Jitsuo Morikawa – Director of Young People for the Japanese Baptist Churches, interned at Poston
Akira Shiraishi, Los Angeles. Graduate of John Francis Polytechnic High School, 1942.
Kinjiro Shiraishi – Los Angeles, interned at Heart Mountain
Charlotte Susu-Mago – from Denver, CO
Kimiko Kodani – from Oxnard, CA, interned at Tule Lake
Edward Sanada – interned at Rohwer
Yoshitaka Takagi, Executive Secretary – Japanese American Committee for Democracy

Educators in secondary or higher education, Los Angeles circa 1942-1945:

Mary Engberg – John Francis Polytechnic High School
Maurice Blair – Roosevelt High School
John Wyse – Roosevelt High School
Gertrude Laws – Pasadena City Schools
Tylor Parker – Pasadena City Schools
Marguerite Prince – Pasadena City College
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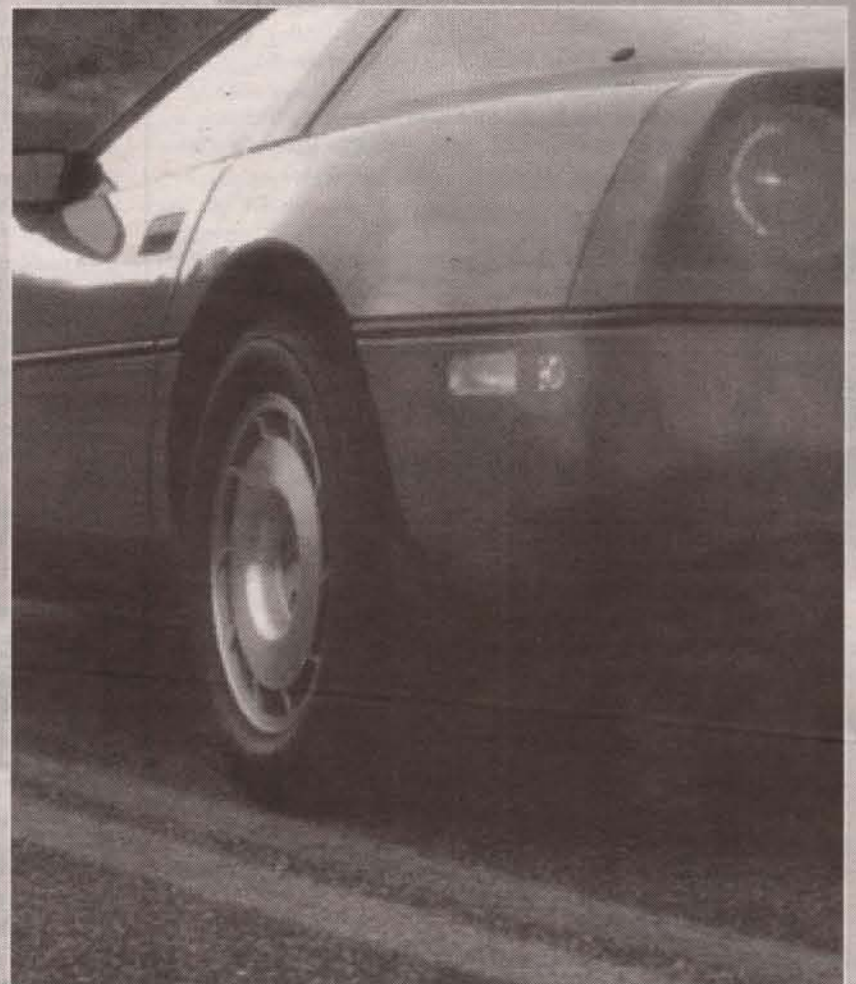
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