Working to Ensure the MIS Story Lives On

Friends of Presidio 640 launch an ambitious campaign to preserve and develop an interpretive center at the original MIS language school.

By CAROLINE AYOAGI-STOM Executive Editor

Harry Fukuhara, 86, of San Jose, Calif., has attended more funerals for his friends the last few months than he cared for. It's made him realize that as each day passes there are less and less Nisei to tell the venerable stories of his generation. Especially distressing for Fukuhara are the dwindling numbers of his fellow World War II Military Intelligence Service (MIS) veterans, a group of Japanese American soldiers whose Japanese language capabilities are credited with helping to bring about the end of the war. But now a new group called the Friends of Presidio 640 is working to ensure that the MIS story lives on.

Building 640 is located at the Presidio in San Francisco and is the home of Building 640's classroom. A 1941 photo of Building 640's classroom.

By George! Mr. Sulu (aka George Takei) talks candidly about life after coming out and his equality tour.

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Freedom of Artistic Self-Reflection

Barry McGee, creator of the infamous Ray Fong character that Adidas has joined in the national opposition to HR 4437.

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SPRING CAMPAIGN
Why We Need to Support the Pacific Citizen

BY NELSON NAGAI

As you have been reading, the Pacific Citizen recently launched its Spring Campaign asking the readership for donations to sustain its work and to expand its services. I am proud to present the PAC to our readers as the way to new quality, new P.C. reports from the NCWNP district and the new P.C. board. Our background is that I am the past president of the Stockton chapter, and a long time ago I was a college journalist. I can think of many reasons why people should support the PAC. Since this is April and tax time, one reason we should support the P.C. is that our contributions are tax deductible (consult your CPA first before claiming a deduction). Yes, we can give our money to the P.C., or to another less worthy cause. Take your pick. Another reason to support the P.C. is that this is the JACL’s media—it is one of the few places we can see our faces and read our names. This is not the first time that the P.C. has asked for help. I can remember the PAC passed out a “wish” list at district meetings for donations of used equipment—computers, copiers, and cameras. This Spring Campaign is a more inclusive way of generating support. Everyone has the opportunity to give and we should try. Can you imagine what JACL would be like without the PAC? Maybe there is not pressing news at this moment. But if another Executive Order 9066 was issued, JACL would need a method to quickly disseminate information and put a stop to rumors and panic. Without the P.C. in operation, getting the word out would be difficult to do. The bottom line (pardon the cliché), is that the PAC needs to increase its readership and advertisers. The staff has a plan to expand the PAC Web site with more articles and back issues. There is tremendous need to attract new and old advertisers. In the NCWNP district, the Japanese chapter would be able to get JACL news in a timely manner. Our younger members would be able to access the P.C. 24 hours a day. This sounds great and it does require additional funding. I think the NCWNP must be like the other districts, when our members discuss the P.C., it is often in terms of what the PAC is not doing, as opposed to what the PAC is doing. In that regard, it may appear that the readers do not want the PAC. I do not believe that is the case. Sometimes Asian American newspapers (it may be a cultural trait) so the right message is not delivered and the wrong message is received. I believe the readership wants the PAC. I believe they want the P.C. to be a better newspaper. I believe the readership should help the PAC in any way they can.

NELSON NAGAI is the NCWNP district PAC board representative.

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Letters to the Editor

Words Have Power

I couldn’t agree more with John Tsuchida’s Commentary: “That ‘J-word’ Again.” If we don’t speak up and address the use of “Jap” as it happens, then we are sending a message that it is acceptable to use such an offensive term. Which is clearly not so. I also agree that the general population of the United States, contrarily, is thinking the same way. They do not have to use insulting terms towards Japanese and Asian Americans—due to ignorance, disrespect, and lack of fear of our response.

I work for a large investment bank and we write reports on client meetings that are broadly distributed to our colleagues. Several years ago, a call report repeatedly used “Jap” instead of “Japanese” because of the editors. I immediately emailed the Head of Human Resources and the Head of my group— I explained the background of the offensive term, the forced evacuation and incarceration of Americans in World War II, and recommended the author use “JPN” as an alternative with the same brevity. My manager called me that day—he was shocked, and stated how sorry he was to hear that our family was incarcerated in Tule Lake, and mentioned he would call the Head of HR immediately. I thanked him for his support and stated that I had to speak up—it was not an option. Sure it was a risk because I didn’t know my manager’s reaction would be, but it was a tiny act of courage compared to what the lose and Nisei have endured.

Unfortunately, everyone had not the same view. Another colleague was sent a call report that would go into my HR file and excused the author because he grew up in England. It is in these one on one conversations that we can make a difference—words have power. While it is challenging to address the use of “Jap” in the moment, we must speak up, speak out and be heard.

Tomoe Do
San Francisco, CA

Kansha

Many years ago, while I was working at Citrus College, I met a woman named Inma Roth. A friendship developed, and once a day, she casually mentioned how her husband, George Roth, had a role in opposing the internment. She did not elaborate on the details but mentioned how her husband could not find a job as a teacher because of his stand for the Nisei civil rights regarding the internment during WW II.

I now recall that in 1977, the JACL held a testimonial dinner and raised $100,000 for the Roths to offset their annual income. Recently, I obtained a book, “In Good Companions,” by Shizue Seigal and was horrified to learn the truth about what really happened to Inma and George Roth. Basically, George Roth’s stand for justice denied him business accreditation as well as tenure in the colleges because he was branded with a criminal record by the Un-American Activities Committee for giving a seminar to state KMT to protest the internment.

Recently, I called Inma to share my feelings about what I had read in the book about their sacrifices. George Roth died in 1999. Inma is now in her 90s and still very alert and sharp. I asked her permission to share her address to anyone who would like to send her a card or a letter. It would be comforting for the woman who gave so much to the Nisei to be remembered at this time.

Mrs. Inma B. Roth
440 N. Madison Ave., Apt. 507 Pasadena, CA 91101

Tachi Ato via e-mail

Fujimori is No Hero

Your reforming the Pacific Citizen into a more contemporary Japanese American newspaper geared toward larger issues has made it among the best in its kind. My only criticism has given unqualified praise to former president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori. Yes, Honda should have been proud to speak with hands to the newly elected Japanese-Pervian president in 1991 as Fujimori did stabilize the economy for several years. His bold rescue by communists of nearly 400 seized in the Japanese Embassy was certainly heroic. But in 1992 Fujimori mounted a violent coup against his own government. The United States, Germany and Spain suspended all aid to Peru other than humanitarian assistance. It is my opinion that Fujimori’s criminal arrest order for Fujimori on charges that included murder, kidnapping, embezzlement and crimes against humanity. He fled to Japan when these scandals became public, resigned as president by wiretaps from his face to his home and during his protection from extradition because of his nation. He now has to flee to Chile and has the audacity to seek presidency through a third term is illegal in Peru.

Alberto Fujimori is No hero for Japanese Americans.

Michio Kohi
New York, NY

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IMMIGRATION

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grated to the United States to achieve the American dream have not forgotten their roots. They marched in opposition to HR 4437, the "Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act," the House passed anti-immigration bill sponsored by Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-WI, that would make being in the country illegally a felony, criminalize people who help immigrants, and build a 700-mile fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Lawmakers are scheduled to resume debate on the bill when Senate Republicans April 24, after initial bipartisan compromises on immigration reform imploded April 7.

"This is one of the most draconian, racial immigration bills I've ever seen," said PCC Executive Director John Tateishi. "While the supporters of the House bill, primarily Republicans, talk about terrorists and illegal immigrants being a drain on our economy, these high-minded ideals are only thin smoke screens for racist views.

JACL has signed onto a petition initiated by the National Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans specifically to oppose HR 4437, at the national board meeting April 8, board members unanimously voted to oppose the bill.

RAY FONG

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Caricature. Pictures of the black and gold shoe design filtered through internet world, landing McGee's name in blogs, message boards and news headlines. The fact that the shoe, called the "Y 1 Huf," was a part of Adidas' "Yellow Line" campaign didn't help either. Responses ranged from contemptuous to downright vitriolic.

"It is more inoffensive than anything. Who's the target audi­ence? Eighth graders," wrote a reader of JapanBlue.com.

The controversy, which was also picked up by international news organizations in Asia and Europe, has had the artist a little perplexed.

"I stepped off of the plane and received a barrage of e-mails and phone calls," said the internet-savvy artist who gained fame through graffiti art tagging and creating Wavy K the name of an uncle McGee fans like Eric Nakamura of Giant Robot defend the shoe as an artist's artwork.

"It was never meant to be derogatory," said McGee.

"We're not selling any image on a popular shoe for Adidas anymore," he added. Citing the subversive stereotypes, and the question comes up here too: since Walker is African American, does that bring to the discussion really? Does that help fuel the image and it's irresponsible of the government's detention of Asian Americans," said Bill Vierk, 54, approaches the controversy as a mother.

"To see this image, or any icon of pop culture only strengthens racist views," said Vierk.

The New Jersey-based sculptor adopted Wendy Shufon from China in 1998. She makes it a point to devote time to celebrating Wendy Shufon's Chinese heritage and beauty, but at eight and one-half, she has already experienced the sting of racism. Twice already, school children have made comments about slanty eyes and pulled back their faces.

Perhaps they are pardoning what they have seen in popular culture and sneakers are perceived to be very cool to kids, said Vierk. "Pulled out of context and placed on something for kids to buy, I think it is irresponsible. It's irresponsible of the company to choose that image and it's irresponsible of the artist to use it," she added.

McGee is reflective about his work, but he contends his motives are transparent, incomprehensible and complete only with context.

"I can see where out of context and without proper information it can be interpreted as being negative. It was never meant to be derogatory," said McGee, but he has no regrets about his decision to lend the image to the shoe.

"I don't lose sleep over it, but if anything comes out of it I hope there is some positive dialogue. I hope there is some positive dialogue about representation and caricature."

MITSUYE ENDO

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"Racism has to stop with the leaders of this country if democracy is going to have a chance in the future," said Tateishi.

In February, Zhenxing Jiang, a 32-year-old Philadelphia resident and business owner, miscarried twin babies while federal officials were deporting her. Jiang and her husband were interned to the United States illegally over a decade ago. Together they worked, paid taxes and raised their two American-born children.

Critics called the federal government's actions "brutality" and held signs proclaiming justice for Mrs. Jiang at the Love Park rally.

Jiang is currently "healing very, very slowly," said her lawyer Richard Bornick, who has filed a new petition seeking asylum.

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Advocacy groups are also planning another nationwide rally and possible boycott May 1.

If HR 4437 passes, immigrant families could be separated.

Philadelphia APAs say that is not an option.

Floyd Mori, JACL director of public policy, right attended the Washington, D.C. immigrant rights rally April 10 with his wife Irene and their grandson Tristin.

"It's important for JACL to speak out in opposition of HR 4437, and at the same time to initiate a test case to challenge the government's detention of Japanese Americans," said Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director. "She always gave credit to the other her history, Mitsuye Endo is among work, but he contends his motives them."

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"Mitsuye Endo's case was among four cases challenging the constitutionality of the internment. The others included: Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi. Endo was survived by children DeRivers, Wayne Tsutsumi, and Wendy Weinert, and eight grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Kenneth Tsutsui.

A memorial service is scheduled for April 29 at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, Countryside, Illinois, at 1:30 p.m. Ino: 708/552-6000. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

"It was never meant to be derogatory," - Barry McGee

Ray Fong was a motif in McGee's past work. "My idea here is his installment, "One More Thing" at New York's Deitch Projects May 7-Aug. 13, 2005.

Photo: Tom Powel Imaging, courtesy of - Deitch Projects.
funds some vacant staff positions. At the meeting, John Tateishi, JACL executive director, urged board members to “think courageously” or “stay stuck in a hole.”

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The Sakakura family and their friends are working together to find an acceptable bone marrow donor for Nancy before her condition worsens. They are working with organizations like AADP (Asian American Donor Program) and ASLM (Asian Americans for Marrow Awareness Marrow Matches) to set up bone marrow drives throughout the state of California. Asian Americans make up only a small number of donors in the National Marrow Donor Registry. According to AADP, nationally there are 350,000 Asians currently on the donor registry and only 30,000 Japanese registrants.

When AAs suffer from blood diseases it can take a person much longer to find a suitable donor and there is a greater risk of finding one. That’s what makes Sakakura’s case so devastating since two suitable donors have already been found. It was almost a miracle that Nancy found two matches and for both to say no was devastating,” said Cynthia Gillespie, AADP executive director. “It’s important that people who register know there’s a life at stake. That they may be the only donor for the patient... Someone is going to die if you say no.”

Although Sakakura often wonders what made the two anonymous women decide not to go through with the procedure, she tries hard not to rush to judgment. “I want to know why,” she said, but understands there could have been several factors that caused the donors to back out. “Most of all I want to know from them. All I need are stem cells and I try not to be bitter... they don’t know my daughter,” said Kurisu. “But you can’t help but wonder, why? I wish they could have met each other.”

Both mother and daughter believe there is an important issue of national and cultural beliefs within the AA community that may make potential donors hesitant.

“Because of cultural background there’s a hesitancy to get involved,” the older generation is a little bit more reluctant,” said Sakakura. But she hopes the younger generation

BUDGET

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JACL 2007-2008 Biennial Budget

2007 2008 TOTAL

REVENUE SOURCES:

Membership Fees $1,021,114 $959,736 $2,016,850

General Support 47,000 47,000 94,000

Investment Income 200,979 200,979 401,957

Part-time assistant for the JACL national headquarters (80 percent); Part-time assistant for the JACL executive director (80 percent).

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**TED NAMBA**

**Auction to Benefit Youth Leaders**

Phoenix Rising: Leadership for a New Generation. As the leaders of our communities get ready to pass the torch of leadership on, we realize the need to develop a new pipeline of JACL youth leaders who will ensure that the JACL will continue to flourish for the next 77 years.

To help show our support for JACL youth, our convention committee will host a silent auction on June 24 so manyoru banquet where all proceeds will directly benefit JACL youth. The National JACL Youth Student Council will coordinate, organize, and run this silent auction but we would like to ask all of our community friends through and run this silent auction but we would like to ask all of our community friends through and run this silent auction. If you have something to contribute, please contact Todd Sato at 818-247-5836 or tsato@jclgroup.org.

The silent auction will feature songs from the 1940s and the Arizona premiere of "The Camp Dance" on the JACL 2006 Convention. To pay by charge card, fill out credit card information below and mail to above address:

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Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa (800) 526-3835.

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To register: [JACL National Convention Registration Form](#).
Kenneth K. Inouye

Statement on leadership and role of the national board: A leader is an individual who has the ability to provide direction and/or guidance for a group of individuals as they work together to accomplish a common goal. The type of leadership required in any particular situation is a function of the facts and circumstances of the situation. For JACL, in the year 2006, it is vital for the national board to be comprised of individuals who are willing to explore new ways of conducting business as they deal with the realities of a decreased operating budget. The ability of JACL to maintain its status as a leading human rights organization requires the board's ability to work within their existing resources while exploring new ways to secure additional resources for the organization.

Qualifications: My experience as the current JACL national president, district council delegate, national council delegate, chair of the western region executive board, and some of the challenges that the organization faced during the past year and the board's ability to succeed in those challenges is evident as JACL weathered the financial challenges that the organization faced during the past year has been a major challenge. With respect to the lack of resources, I am confident that the board is able to continue to navigate the board's ability to work within its existing resources while exploring new ways to secure additional resources for the organization.

As part of this process, I will continue to work with the national board and staff to develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders and partners in order to ensure that JACL is the organization that is working to achieve the goals that are important to our membership and our communities.

Larry Oda

Statement on leadership and the role of the national board: I define leadership as the quality that one possesses that enables them to attract individuals to the organization who share a common vision of the future. My experience as a municipal division manager has given me a different perspective of organizational structure than my experience as a member of the national board and our membership. There must be an understanding of the importance of critical issues, overseeing the available resources, and working with other board members and staff, as well as the leadership of other organizations, to ensure that our voice is heard.

Goals and Objectives: To maintain JACL's position as the leading American Civil and human rights organization, the vice president for public affairs will work closely with other members of the board and staff to monitor developments in legislation that could affect human and civil rights. The role of the national board is comprised of elected officials who have been empowered by the members of JACL, in mind. We work together to make decisions, enact policy consistent with JACL's mission statement, and plan for a strong and effective future for JACL.

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SEUL, South Korea—Seeing Kim Gwan-woo couldn't hide his excitement at meeting to meet Super Bowl star Hines Ward, a hero that the 7-year-old Korean boy wants to emulate.

So eager to talk to the Pittsburgh Steelers' receiver, the boy repeatedly raised his hand during a "hope-sharing" event Ward held April 8 with dozens of children, who like Ward are of mixed race.

"Uncle Hines Ward, you are cool and I love you." Kim, clutching a microphone, said in Korean, triggering a big laugh and applause in the audience of more than 100 people, which included the kids, their mothers and organizers.

"I love you too," said Ward, wearing the same red and gray T-shirt as the children.

Ward and Kim share the same background: offspring of Korean mothers and African American fathers stationed in South Korea with the U.S. military whose relationships ultimately broke up.

His success on the gridiron leading the Steelers to the Super Bowl championship and his Korean ethnicity have made Ward a hero in South Korea, where he has received near blanket media coverage since his first homecoming since leaving the country as a baby.

But that same background for the round-eyed, dark-skinned Kim is a source of hardship in a country that has traditionally scorned children with mixed roots.

Kim, a second grader who aspires to be a scientist, often comes home from school crying, taunted by schoolmates shooting racial slurs, said his aunt and guardian, Kim Jae-yun, who runs a small restaurant in a nearby area.

"I know you go through a great deal of hardship with prejudice and having people discriminating against you," Ward told the children, recalling his school life in the United States that he called "hard" because of discrimination.

Ward and his family left South Korea when he was a baby. His parents divorced soon after and he grew up with his mother, who worked three jobs while raising him. His public accounting of child-

hood hardships, including feeling ashamed of his Korean ancestry, has touched many here.

The image of mixed-race Koreans has become negative, as people often associate them with broads around American military bases. That view, coupled with an emphasis that South Korea's Confucian-oriented society places an "pure blood" heritage, has led to lifetime discrimination against those of mixed heritage.

Ward's emotional homecoming has focused nationwide attention on their plight — and may be having a positive impact.

National newspapers and broadcast outlets are campaigning for an end to the prejudice while the ruling party is considering enacting a law aimed at helping those of mixed heritage.

"This really is a good opportunity to drastically change the perception about mixed-race people," said Kim Tong-won, a social welfare professor at Seoul's Sogang University. "Now is the turning point.

At the recent event, Ward gave each of the children a football with his autograph on it as well as a hug, offering a few words of encouragement.

"Hopefully, I can kind of lead the way for you guys," he said. "If the country can accept me for who I am and accept me for being a Korean, then I'm pretty sure that this country can accept me and accept you for who you are."

SUMO

Bulgarian Sumo Star Pushes Way Up Ranks of Japan's National Sport

TOKYO—He is possibly sumo's brightest rising star, just one step away from the ancient sport's top rank. He's the first European ever to make it that far. — and at over 6'1/2 feet tall and weighing a hefty 317 pounds — he truly looks the part.

But Bulgarian samio champion Kotoshu has a confession to make. "It's true, as a child I did like baking cakes," he said April 11. "But now I am totally focused on my training."

Japan's homegrown powerhouses may wish he stayed in the ovens.

Kotoshu is one of a growing number of foreign-born fighters who have put a stranglehold on Japan's national sport, dominating the top positions, winning virtually all of the yearly titles and shoving the local talent out of the spotlight.

"I want to be the best," he said, "and that means winning."

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Ticket sales have been declining, it is becoming harder for sumo to find young recruits and TV ratings have fallen significantly compared with a decade or so ago, when Japanese were still more of a factor in the six annual tournaments. The hope of Bulgarian revival were summed up by the recent tournament, but much more was at stake.

The 24-year-old has risen up the sumo ranks faster than any wrestler before him, reaching champion status in just over three years. He is a sought-after personality on TV commercials and has been appointed a goodwill ambassador for the EU, which Bulgaria is in to join next year.
VERy TRULY Yours

Use of ‘Jap’ in Print Slowly Diminishing After 50 Years

O VER THE PAST 30 years, National JACL and chapter leaders have quietly accomplished much toward the disappear­ance of the impolite epithet “Jap” as used in print, the most recent being Sandra Tanamachi’s successful campaign in Texas to have three read muts renamed last year. In support was Betty Waki, Houston JACL pres­ident, when the campaign began 12 years ago.

It’s time now to review the staunch effort of others in this fight. From the perspective of an old hand here and others, the New York Times and the New York Herald­Tribune avoided as a matter of policy the use of “Jap” before, during, and after World War II.

In 1952, New York JACLers Woodrow Asai and Shoishiki Sasaki spearheaded the campaign to rid the 4-word in other area newspapers. While praising their editorial content and fairness toward Japanese Americans, they protested headlines with “Jap” over news about Japan. In July 1952, the American Newspaper Guild Convention at Portland, Or., adopted Sasaki’s resolution urging all newspapers in the United States and Canada to dis­continue use of “Jap” in all stories, editorial, and headlines.

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In 1957, lawyer Frank Scolinos in Tokyo criticized the J-word in the American Legion magazine article, “We Learned about Japanese Prisons from the Inside” by Ohio Congressman Frank Brow, which was denounced as false byJapanese officials. The story con­cerned treatment of American sol­diers jailed for breaking Japanese criminal law.

A former prosecutor in the war crimes tribunal in Tokyo, Sciolinos told our Japan correspondent Tamotsu Murayama, “I cannot understand why a patriotic organ such as ours Sciolinos was a founder of the American Legion post in Japan” finds it necessary to use the impolite terminology, “Jap” in referring to the Japanese.

In 1962, the San Francisco Examiner conceded the use of “Jap” was derogatory.

In 1965, National JACL published in “Please Don’t” leaflet to eliminate use of the derogatory term. In 1968, “Jap Creek” in Ochooco National Forest, Oregon, was changed to its original name, Bull Creek, after cartographer Ted T. Inouye (now JACL president Ken’s uncle) discovered the derogatory name on a USGS map.

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One classic example is when Spiro Agnew, vice president, referred to a Nisei reporter on his plane as “a fat Jap.”

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"It's been madness." In George Takei’s world, the vowels are stretched out, every consonant rolls off the tongue with a lingering punch at the end.

"I've just re-ruine-d from the East Coas-t," he purred over the phone from his Los Angeles home.

My mind starts ringing away "Star Trek" jokes: "Did Scottie beam you up?"

Did you boldly go where no man ... because George Takei, 69, is inextricably fused with the angular, sharply eyebrowed television character who for 40 years now has come into our living rooms during early morning syndication or classic television.

And then there's that surreal feeling of Oh my god, I'm talking to Mr. Sulu. Oh my god, Mr. Sulu just said 'big bone.'

He patiently waits for me to stop stuttering, get through my fluster — he's used to it. Imagine the diehard Trekkies who froth at the mouth when they see the OG (original gangsta' for the non-Yonsei) member of the Starship Enterprise.

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George remembers the barbwire around his childhood in the Rohwer and Tule Lake internment camps. He remembers starting school every day passing the guard towers and reciting the last line of the Pledge of Allegiance. With liberty and justice for all.

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East Coast
CHEVY CHASE, Maryland
Sat, May 13—"Nisei Memories" My Parents Talk about the War Years, 3 p.m.; Somerset Town Hall, 4510 Clarendon Ave; Alice Takehara and her husband Ken and their son Paul discuss the experiences of their families during WWII as documented in the book, "Nisei Memories," sponsored by the Chevy Chase Club of Washington, DC and the Asian Pacific American Alumni of Oberlin College.

Midwest
COLUMBUS
Sat-Sun., May 27-28—Asian Festival; Franklin Park; Icho Daiko and other groups performing; free parking and admission.

CLEVELAND
Sun., June 4—Cherry Blossom Festival, 11:30-3 p.m.; Cleveland Metroparks, Brookside Reservation. Info: Chiaki Nakayama, 440/804-0860.

GRANADA, Colorado
Sat, May 20—Amache Spring Festival, 9 a.m.-spot the camp site and ceremony, noon Granada High School and program, 1:30 p.m. Amache museum tour; potluck with refreshments provided by Friends of Amache. Info: Hidam, 970/357-2159.

Intermountain
DELAH, Utah
Mon-Fri., June 12-16—Training class for teachers, "Specialized History Workshops (JACL) and the internment of Japanese Americans; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mill Hill District Office, 285 E. 450 N; $250 (shared lodging) due at registration; registration form available at www.ncoc.k12.ut.us/curr/occ/prof/ workshops.htm; registration deadline is May 15; includes a field trip to Topaz. Info: Robert Austin, 801/555-7708 or robert.austin@schools.utah.gov or Elaine Jones, 801/555-7977, elaine.jones@schools.utah.gov.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
PORTLAND
Through June 10—Exhibit, Kimono: Tradition in the Modern Age; Tues-Sat. 11-3 p.m.; Sun. 12-3 p.m.; April 9-13: 1-3 p.m.; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 NW 2nd Ave.; featuring discussion of kimono design, past and present, kimono demonstrations and reception with refreshments; $3 admission fee, free to ONLC members. Info: Kurin Gilkey, 503/224-1434.

Northern California MANZANAR
April 28-May 21—Manzanar Art Show and Sale, 9-5:30 p.m. daily; Manzanar National Historic Site, 5001 S. Highway 395.

SAN JOSE
Sat, May 20—San Jose Chidori Band's 53rd Anniversary Concert; 7 p.m.; San Jose Buddhist Church, 640 N. Fifth St.; tickets are $10/person. Info: 408/260-2533.

Central California HANFORD

Southern California
calabasas
SUN., May 7—Hawaiian Feather Lei Festival; noon-7 p.m.; West Covina Civic Center Courtyard, 1444 W. Garvey Ave; free parking.

Hawaii HONOLULU
Through May 5—Exhibit, "Mo'o'ihi'i — The Life of a Community — The Life of a Community; 2-4 p.m.; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Ohana Room; Wed. slot tournament; $6-7:30 p.m.; book cost is $26.95. Info: JCCH, 808/945-7633.

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IN MEMORIAM
Former PSW Governor Hiromi Ueha Passes
By ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALO ALTO, Calif.—William "Bill" Woo, the former editor of the PSW Post-Disciplinary and first Asian American editor of a major U.S. newspaper, has died at age 86. Woo, from the SF Chronicle's intern director of Stanford University's Graduate Journalism Program, died from cancer at his home in Palo Alto on April 12, Stanford announced. "He was the backbone of the gradu­ ate program, "commu­ nication professor Theodore Glaser said in a statement. "He very much set the tone for the program intellectually and professionally. It's a big loss for all of us in the depart­ ment and the journalism program." A graduate of the University of Kansas, Woo started his journalism career as a general assignment reporter at the Kansas City Times in 1957. He came to Stanford in 1996 after working for 34 years at the Post­ Disciplinary, where he served as reporter, foreign correspondent, Washington columnist, editorial writer, education page editor and edit­ or-in-chief.

Born in Shanghai to a Chinese father and an American mother, Woo was the first AA named editor of a large metropolitan daily, according to the Asian American Journalists Association.

Woo received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Asian American Journalists Association in 1990, and the Gold Medal Honor Award for PSW’s Journalism 1998.

"Bill was a wonderful friend and respected leader," said PSW Gover­ nor. "His presence will be deeply missed in PSW," said Alice Yoneyama, PSW vice­ governor. "In addition to being a wonderful friend, he was an amazing and always encouraged me to go beyond my comfort zones. With her smile and support, she always helped me think through problems and plan solutions." In addition to her volunteer activ­ ities, Ueha served as the UC Irvine direc­ tor of the UCI Bookstore.

Ueha is survived by her son Chandler Smith; fiancé Karl Ieyaru; sisters, Mary Iizoe and Elizabeth; brother, Hideki; parents, Hiroshi, California, and Yoko Ueha; and grandchildren, Toshio, Terry and Sumi; 7 gc.; and grandchildren, Daniel Inouye, and Reps. Robert Ieyaru; and NOAA.

Former Pacific Southwest District Governor and JACL National Youth/Student Chair Hiromi Ueha, 76, passed away on April 10 of a pul­ m onary embolism. Ueha served as PSW governor from 2001­2005. She was first got involved with JACL as a student at UC Irvine as a member of the school's Japanese American club Tomo No Kai, a group that worked closely with the SELANOCO chapter. In 2001 she served as the chapter's president.

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NOMINEES
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Edwin T. Endow
JACL Service: Edwin's JACL background includes service at the chapter, district and national levels. At the Stockton chapter he has served as president, board member, delegate/co-cha- rister to district council, delegate/co-cha- rconstitutional committee chairperson, vice-president, National Director and district governor and a strong will to help our or- ganization work on all levels, especially at the chapter level. The past two years as your v.p. of membership have been a tremendous learning experience for me. I have seen what works and what doesn't. I have seen how key people in key areas can really make a difference.Hopefully, I can use that experience and knowledge, especially in the membership area, so that we can continue with a program that everyone can use to help grow this great organization.

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Mark M. Kobayashi
JACL Background: Mark has served JACL as San Jose chapter board member, chapter vice president, co-chair of both the chapter and district council mem- ber, NCWNP district council, chapter president, NCWNP national board, NCWNP national convention chairman, JACL National Convention Philadelphia, chapter newsletter coordinator, district representa- tive to Legacy Grants committee, and national secretary/treasurer. He has and continues to serve in many community service and professional organizations.

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Goals and Objectives: My vision for the next biennium is to continue the involvement and development of stronger volunteer committees to carry out the Program for Action. These committees should include multi-age members from the vari- ous districts to provide us with multiple perspectives and a total picture. Unfortunately, in recent years our organization has gone through difficult times financially and this has meant dra- stic cuts in our programs and services. With this in mind it is important to re-establish some of the committees and programs that were provided in the past and develop new programs to strengthen the Program for Action. In doing so, this will provide us with more reasons to attract new members to our organization.

CANDIDATE FOR V.P. OF MEMBERSHIP

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In the community he has given service through his chapter, church, service and alumni associations.

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CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER

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He has and continues to serve in many community service and professional organizations.

Statement on leadership and the role of the national board: Leadership is defined as some person or some group who leads others. What specifically defines leadership is some- thing that each leader brings to a given situation. One of the ten- dencies of leadership is the ability to communicate and then get others behind a goal or objective. In the JACL, it is important for leadership to identify future leadership within and outside of the organization.

The role of the JACL national board is to provide leadership to the JACL chapters and members. The JACL national board follows the instructions and intentions of the national council which is defined by the biennial Program for Action as well as resolutions made at the biennial JACL national convention. The JACL national board then takes the roadmap defined by the Program for Action and resolutions and then administers and implements these programs within the budget passed at the JACL national convention and the actual economic state of the JACL.

Qualifications: I'm qualified for the position of secretary/treasurer based on these essential characteristics:

1) I have had the honor of overseeing the completion of the 2004 and 2005 budget years in surplus of $608k and $132k, respectively.

2) I have managed budgets at the national, district and chapter level. I also have managed significant projects within the JACL such as the 1996 national JACL convention and the first NCWNP district gala dinner.

3) As the NCWNP governor, I worked actively on the 2003 national operational budget that netted over $34k. I have taken a strong interest in communicating the financial status of the national JACL to my district and I would like to continue this work for the rest of the organization.

4) I am a long time JACLer that would like to help the organization to help create a stable base from which the JACL can create programs that are beneficial for the JACL and our country.

5) As an engineer, I have dealt with financial information and data in general and would be able to apply this background in this position.

Finally as the NCWNP governor, I have gotten a first hand look at how the JACL national board operates and in the position of secretary/treasurer, I can see many ways in which the JACL can operate more efficiently and as a stronger organiza- tion.

Goals and Objectives: As the secretary/treasurer, I would continue to manage the finances of the national JACL such that the national budget passed by the national council can be car- ried out within the extent possible.

The upcoming years may be difficult years as we have suf- fered in the past few years. I hope to be a key member in help- ing set a strong foundation for the organization in the coming biennium and beyond.

To help carry out the JACL Program for Action, I will be bringing a knowledge and experience about the JACL, through everything from a chapter board member, chapter presi- dent and district governor and a strong will to help our organi- zation be the best that it can be. I will also bring the ener- gy and a willingness to roll up my sleeves to get the goals of the organization accomplished.