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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 AOYAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

Harry Fukuhara, 86, of San Jose, Calif. has attended more funerals for his friends the last few months than he cares for. It's made him realize that as each day passes there are less and less Nisei to tell the vener-



A 1941 photo of Building 640's classroom.

ated 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 the MIS story lives on.

Building 640 is located at the Presidio in San Francisco and is the

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JA Woman in Desperate Search for Donor

After two matching stem cell donors back out at the last minute, Nancy Sakakura is back to square one.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

When Nancy Sakakura, 46, got the phone call this past January that a potential stem cell donor had finally been found for her, never-ending months of anxiety and devastation seemed to finally be coming to an end. But it was not to be.

By some miracle, a few months later another match was found for the Sansei mother of two teenage boys. Sakakura started preparing her body for the stem cell transplant that would save her from the disease ravaging her body. But just two weeks before the operation was to take place the second donor abruptly pulled out.

Now she is back to square one and this time around things have



Nancy Sakakura, pictured here with her sons and husband, is awaiting a stem cell donor.

gotten a lot more urgent.

"It's been a pretty tough road, especially the last six months," said

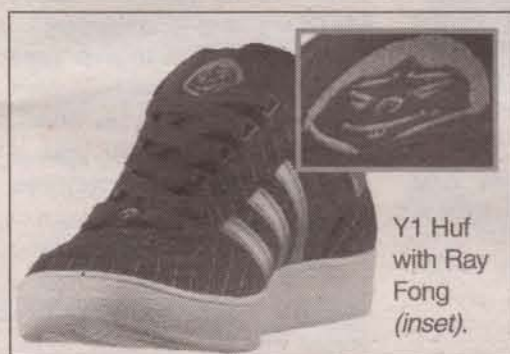
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Freedom of Artistic Self-Reflection

Barry McGee, creator of the infamous Ray Fong character that Adidas emblazoned on their line of shoes, weighs in on the controversy.

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

Like many other artists, Barry McGee animated a part of himself into his work. In Ray Fong, a squinty eyed cartoon youngster with bad teeth and the ubiquitous bowl cut hairstyle, McGee sees himself at age eight standing in



Y1 Huf with Ray Fong (inset).

front of a Christmas tree holding a stocking.

"Except for the bowl cut, I pretty much look the same," said McGee, 40, who describes his

animated alter ego as "cute."

But when the image was emblazoned on a line of \$250 limited edition Adidas shoes, some Asian Pacific Americans didn't find Ray Fong very endearing. In the slash of his eyes and the protrusion of buckteeth, they saw an old world racist

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NATIONAL BOARD MEETING JACL National Board Passes Aggressive Biennial Budget

If approved by the national council in June, the budget will seek to raise revenues to grow the organization.

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—To curb membership erosion, implement programs and fill long vacant staff positions, the JACL national board passed an ambitious 2007-08 budget with new fundraising measures, membership goals and a dues increase.

At the April 7-9 national board meeting, board members unanimously approved the proposed budget for the next biennium after a marathon balancing session and

much debate on the movement of an organization that, for the first time in a long time, is not dictated by a deficit.

The JACL has seen surpluses this biennium, but board members continue to point out that this positive news comes because of past cutbacks in programs and vacant staff positions.

For the second quarter 2006 finances, the national board reported a \$79,896 surplus as of Feb. 28 and transferred a total three year (2003-05) surplus of \$432,067 into the JACL Reserve Fund, which had stood at only \$4,442.

In planning for the future, the discussion centered on how to grow the organization as well as restore and

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Mitsuye Endo, Ex Parte Who Challenged the Constitutionality of Internment, Passes

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Mitsuye Tsutsumi (née Endo), one of a handful of Japanese Americans who fought the constitutionality of the internment during World War II, passed away April 14 on Good Friday. She was 85 years old.

Mitsuye Endo was a 22-year-old typist working at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Sacramento when she, along with 110,000 Japanese of American ancestry, was forcibly removed from the West Coast and placed in an internment camp. Endo, a U.S. citizen, was sent to the Tanforan Assembly Center and then to Tule Lake Relocation Center and Topaz Relocation Center.

In July, 1942 she filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus demanding she be charged or released from her confinement so she could chal-

"... as we name heroes in our history, Mitsuye Endo is among them."



MITSUYE ENDO

lenge her dismissal from the DMV. Although the U.S. government offered to release her outside the West Coast she refused and remained in confinement without charge for another two years so she

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APA Groups Rally Against 'Draconian' Immigration Bill

This is an APA issue. JACL has joined in the national opposition to HR 4437.

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

Carrying signs in English, Korean, Vietnamese and Chinese, thousands of Asian Pacific Americans marched through Philadelphia's Chinatown to Love Park April 10 to join other advocacy groups in a national cry for more immigrant rights. During the march, bright red and orange lion dance troupes writhed to the baritone beats of cultural drums and signs that read: "Immigrant Rights = Human Rights" pierced the air. "I want to hear from my Asian



PHOTO: JOANMAY CORDOVA

BROTHERLY LOVE: APAs in Philadelphia joined in the march to Love Park April 10 to urge lawmakers to support immigrant rights.

brothers and sisters out there. We came 1,000 strong from Chinatown to stand in solidarity with all of you at the revolution," said Helen Gym, of Asian Americans United, in a speech at the multicultural rally. Police estimated about 7,000 people

attended the Philadelphia rally. Other rallies across the United States also drew many.

The response was loud and clear. Generations of APAs who immi-

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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 the current P.C. rep. from the NCWNP district and I am new to the P.C. board. My 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 P.C. 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 P.C. 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 P.C.? 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 official word out would be difficult to do.

The bottom line (pardon the cliché), is that the P.C. needs to increase its readership and advertis-

Letters to the Editor

Words Have Power

I couldn't agree more with John Tateishi'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 it clearly is not. I also agree that the general population in the United States continues to think it is okay 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" when discussing investments. 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 JAs 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, sincerely stated how sorry he was to hear that my 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 what my manager's reaction would be, but it was a tiny act of courage compared to what the Issei and Nisei have endured.

Unfortunately, not everyone had the same view. Another colleague warned me that the email 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 a derogatory term in the moment, we must speak our truth and esteem ourselves.

Tamara Doi
San Francisco, CA

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Kansha

Many years ago, while I was working at Citrus College, I met a woman named Irma Roth. A friendship developed and one day, she casually mentioned how her husband, George Roth, had a role in opposing the internment. She did not

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ers. The staff has a plan to expand the P.C. Web site with more articles and back issues. There is tremendous potential here for more readers and advertisers. In the NCWNP district, the Japan chapter would be able to get JACL news in a more 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 P.C. is not doing.

In that regard, it may appear that the readers do not want the P.C. I do not believe that is the case. Sometimes Asian Americans are too critical (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 P.C. I believe they want the P.C. to be a better newspaper. I believe the readership should help the P.C. in any way they can. ■

Nelson Nagai is the NCWNP district P.C. board representative.

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 WWII.

I now recall that in 1977, the JACL held a testimonial dinner and raised \$10,000 for the Roths to offset their small income. Recently, I obtained a book, "In Good Conscience," by Shizue Seigel and was horrified to learn the truth about what really happened to Irma 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 going on station KMTR to protest the internment.

Recently, I called Irma to share my feelings about what I had read in the book about their sacrifices. George Roth died in 1999. Irma 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 to a woman who gave so much to the Nisei to be remembered at this time.

Mrs. Irma B. Roth
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Toshi Ito
via e-mail

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Fujimori is No Hero

Your reformatting the *Pacific Citizen* into a more contemporary Japanese American newspaper geared toward larger issues has made the only national JA publication indeed a pleasure to read.

I was therefore astonished and disappointed to read that our highly esteemed journalist Harry Honda has given unqualified praise to former president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori. Yes, Honda should have been proud to shake hands with the newly elected Japanese-Peruvian president in 1991 as Fujimori did stabilize the economy for several

years. His bold rescue by commandos of nearly 400 seized in the Japanese Embassy was certainly heroic.

But in 1992 Fujimori mounted an auto-coup against his own government. The United States, Germany and Spain suspended all aid to Peru other than humanitarian assistance. Interpol has issued an international arrest order for Fujimori on charges that include murder, kidnapping, embezzlement and crimes against humanity.

He fled to Japan when these scandals became public, resigned as president by fax and was protected from extradition because of his ancestry. Now he has flown to Chile and has the audacity to seek presidential reelection although a third term is illegal in Peru.

Alberto Fujimori is no role model for Japanese Americans.

Michi Kobi
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 illegal immigrants and build a 700-mile fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

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

"This is one of the most draconian, racist immigration bills I've ever seen," said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi. "While the supporters of the House bill, primarily Republicans, talk about terrorists and public safety 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 in opposition of HR 4437, and at the national board meeting April 8, board members unanimously voted to oppose the bill.

"It's important for JACL to speak up against any type of reform that has the effect of scapegoating on any community," said JACL National President Ken Inouye, who proposed the resolution to the national board. "Immigration reform is a very important matter. It should be addressed by our elected officials fairly and responsibly and they should arrive at results without vilifying any community."

In Washington, D.C. April 10, JACL Director of Public Policy Floyd Mori attended the National Mall rally with wife Irene and their grandson Tristin, who lives in Japan. For Mori, attending the rally was personally important because his own immigrant parents experienced racism and bigotry despite sacrificing sons in war to fight for the principles embodied in the Constitution.

"We should welcome [immigrants] here on the basis of economic need and on the principles that so many immigrants in the past came here, legally or without documents. My grandson was born in Japan and although he at the present time has dual citizenship, I hope that when the time comes he will make a final choice of citizenship for which he can be proud. I hope that he remembers the day he spent on the National Mall," he said.

"JACL's history is based to a large degree on fighting for the rights of immigrants," added Mori. "Past barriers to immigration that were put upon our ancestors were

born out of racism and bigotry, much of which rears its ugly head today in the rhetoric aimed at criminalizing immigrants."

A recent poll for New America Media, a nationwide association of ethnic media, found a majority of U.S. legal immigrants believed the growing anti-immigrant sentiment is directed towards Latinos and APAs.

"If we were talking about immigrants from Western Europe or even Eastern Europe, there wouldn't be nearly the same hue and cry about these issues related to immigration," said Tateishi.

In February, Zhenxing Jiang, a 32-year-old Philadelphia resident and business owner, miscarried twin babies while federal officials were trying to deport her. Jiang and her husband immigrated to the United States illegally over a decade ago. Together they had 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 Bortnick, who has filed a new petition seeking asylum.

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

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

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

— John Tateishi, JACL executive director



PHOTO: JOANMAY CORDOVA

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 grandson Tristin.



PHOTO COURTESY FLOYD MORI

RAY FONG

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caricature. Pictures of the black and gold shoe design filtered through the internet world, landing McGee's name in blogs, message boards and news headlines.

The fact that the shoe, called the "Y1 Huf" was a part of Adidas' "Yellow Line" campaign didn't help either. Responses ranged from contemplative to downright vitriolic.

"I see it as more infantile than anything. Who's the target audience? Eighth graders?" wrote a reader of Japundit.com.

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

"I stepped off of the plane and received a barrage of e-mails and phone calls," said the internet-shy artist who gained fame through graffiti art tagging and creating under the alias Twist and, of course, Ray Fong — the name of an uncle long passed away. He says he does not own a television and tries not to "understand the world" through blogs and describes his aesthetic as "a mess" and "reckless."

"I just thought people were up to speed but I guess there are still things haunting people in the closets," he added citing the subversive racial humor of "The Simpsons."

Online, the debate about racial representation raged on. And to complicate matters, McGee is half Chinese. Every news article (including this one) makes this qualifying point to add an extra layer to the debate.

Is the image, which drawn by any other hands could be considered a racist caricature, thereby a self-reflexive, subversive image in the hands of McGee's?

"Yeah my mom is Chinese, but what does that bring to the discus-

"It was never meant to be derogatory." — Barry McGee



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

Photo: Tom Powel Imaging, courtesy of Deitch Projects.



sion really? Does that help fuel the fire or fan it?"

Another artist, Kara Walker, uses startling silhouette images of minstrel caricatures to challenge racial stereotypes, and the question comes up here too: since Walker is African American, is it okay?

Or under the guise of art, can you talk about what you want, asked McGee.

The San Francisco native has been using the Ray Fong character for years in art installations for the Giant Robot store in Los Angeles, which specializes in APA popular culture items, and the New York-based gallery, Deitch Projects. McGee also has "sketchbooks full of these images."

But critics say Ray Fong's presence on a popular shoe for Adidas has an entirely different resonance.

"Maybe I am hopelessly unhip,

but to me there is a difference between something hanging on a gallery wall or painted on the side of a building, and something on a \$250 pair of sneakers sold by a big corporation," said Deborah Kong, a San Francisco-based graduate student.

As a response to the controversy, Adidas issued a statement explaining the Y1 Huf shoe was part of a six-color collection series with only 1,000 pairs created and available in 12 retail stores. The inclusion of this shoe as part of the "Yellow Series" was an "unfortunate coincidence."

"I expect more from a big corporation like Adidas. I think they should have given more thought to the implications of the image before putting it on a sneaker," said Kong. "With the resources that Adidas has, it seems strange that they could not have anticipated this. Maybe this points to the fact that they need to be

more culturally sensitive."

McGee fans like Eric Nakamura of Giant Robot defend the shoe as an artist's artwork.

"It's about context," Nakamura wrote on his blog. "I'm sure there is such a thing as racist art, but this isn't it."

But Lois Vierk, 54, approaches the controversy as a mother.

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

The New Jersey-based composer adopted Wendy Shufen from China in 1998. She makes it a point to devote time to celebrating Wendy Shufen'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 parroting 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, innocuous 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's decent dialogue. I hope there is some positive dialogue about representation and caricature." ■

MITSUYE ENDO

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could pursue her case.

After a number of delays, in December 1944 the Supreme Court ruled there were no grounds for Endo's confinement and that her loyalty had been clearly established. After the ruling the exclusion orders were suspended and Japanese Americans were finally allowed to return to the West Coast.

After the Supreme Court ruled on Endo's case she moved to Chicago where she spent the remainder of her life. She also disappeared from public view refusing numerous requests for interviews and comments.

"She was a very shy person," said Endo's daughter Terry DeRivera. "She was honored that she was able to do this for the Japanese American community. But she kept pretty quiet about it."

"The quiet, private life that Mitsuye led after she settled in Chicago following World War II belies her courage in agreeing to serve as a test case to challenge the government's detention of Japanese Americans," said Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director. "She always gave credit to her attorney, James Purcell, for his heroic stand against an injustice, but in truth, as we name heroes in our history, Mitsuye Endo is among them."

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 is survived by children DeRivera, Wayne Tsutsumi, and Wendy Weiner, and eight grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Kenneth Tsutsumi.

A memorial service is scheduled for April 29 at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, Countryside, Illinois, at 1:30 p.m. Info.: 708/352-6500. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. ■

BUDGET

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fund some vacant staff positions. At the meeting, John Tateishi, JACL executive director, urged board members to "think courageously" or "stay stuck in a hole."

A resolution introduced by Hiro Nishikawa, EDC governor, to apply a dues increase and initiate an annual gala dinner for the purpose of funding three new programs was narrowly passed April 8.

National JACL President Ken Inouye issued the tie-breaking vote in favor of the resolution.

Board members who also voted in favor were: Nishikawa, V.P. of General Operations Larry Oda, V.P. of Planning and Development Carol Kawamoto, National Youth Council Chair Joshua Spry, NCWNPD Gov. Thaya Mune Craig, Youth Rep. Proxy Kimberly Shintaku, and PNWDC Gov. Elaine Akagi.

Board members who voted no were: PSWDC Gov. Alayne Yonemoto, MDC Gov. Ron Katsuyama, V.P. of Public Affairs Heidi Tanakatsubo, V.P. of Membership Edwin Endow, CCDC Gov. Bobbi Hanada and Secretary/Treasurer Mark Kobayashi. IDC Gov. Silvana Watanabe abstained.

After a series of revisions, revenue sources in the proposed 2007-08 budget include:

- a \$5 dues increase in general (regular, couples and students) membership;
- an annual fundraising gala dinner in Washington, D.C.;
- an annual golf tournament; and
- Tru-Script discount prescription plan in 2008.

In addition, JACL districts and chapters need to meet aggressive new membership targets. The PSW

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Membership Dues	\$1,021,114	\$995,736	\$2,016,850
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Investment Income	200,979	200,979	401,957
Pacific Citizen	195,000	195,000	390,000
Grants	161,000	135,000	296,000
Fundraising	267,000	420,000	687,000
Fees & Registration	144,200	239,200	383,400
Other	17,500	17,500	35,000
Total Revenues	\$2,053,793	\$2,250,414	\$4,304,207
PROGRAM COSTS:			
General Operations	\$693,717	\$953,208	\$1,646,925
Membership	154,252	129,820	284,072
Pacific Citizen	402,979	413,010	815,989
Leadership	116,224	90,072	206,295
Fundraising	170,672	166,584	337,255
Education	172,262	169,430	341,692
Public Affairs	288,618	273,137	561,754
Endowments	55,070	55,154	110,224
Total Program Costs	\$2,053,793	\$2,250,414	\$4,304,207

district will strive to recruit four new Millennium Club members while the other districts have the goal of finding one each. The national board has also committed to reducing the membership attrition rate, which has been in continual decline over the years.

These measures have been implemented in part to fill vacant staff positions, increase membership and launch new programs.

New staff positions included in the next biennial budget are:

- PSW regional director to be hired on April 1, 2007. This position has been vacant for a few years, and the district office is currently being operated by one part-timer;
- Part-time bookkeeper based in national headquarters (80 percent);
- Part-time assistant for the JACL executive director (80 percent).

Cuts in travel and programs were also made as well as a reduction in the staff's cost of living allowance each year.

Tateishi calls this budget more realistic than past budgets because the national office can no longer operate with the drastic shortage of staff.

"I asked that two positions [at headquarters] be added back into the budget and challenged the board to find a way to include those positions rather than do as we've done for the past five years, which is to make cuts," said Tateishi. "Each time we cut staff or operational line items, it's the staff that suffers because we have to carry the burden. So what I was encouraging the board to do was to have the courage to put the positions back into the budget and find ways to pay for

them, which in my mind inevitably would come down to a dues increase.

"As an organization, we could think courageously and try to fulfill a vision for the future, but it would take a commitment to raise revenues. Or we could keep things status quo and stay stuck in the hole we're in. Staying in that hole was not an option for me."

Board members debated the pros and cons of a dues increase and the impact on the JACL's predominantly older membership base.

"I would hope that our members understand that our decision to increase dues was not made lightly. It reflects the increasing cost of doing business," said Inouye, who said the dues increase is a more equitable distribution than the chapter insurance payments being proposed in the past.

"The budget is fiscally responsible since it's based upon sources of revenue that are more likely than not to occur. The programs contained in the budget reflect the fact that JACL is striking to provide meaningful full programs to maintain the mission of JACL as a human and civil rights organization," Inouye added.

Kobayashi called the \$5 dues "a prudent financial management decision" to increase JACL's revenues.

"It certainly was not taken lightly by the board and reflects a similar increase to the Consumer Price Index over the last four years and is certainly much smaller than the \$12

increase that we did in 2001 as a point of reference," he said.

"With a bit of luck 2006 will be a breakeven year and we will be able to go into the next biennium with a plan for growing the organization with the ability to use our past reserves as a possible place to help us with cash flow problems that we may have in that biennium as we meet the challenges of growing the organization with aggressive fundraising goals.

"That said, I have my concerns that we really need to get behind the national board and really work to keep our membership levels up, help out with a gala dinner for each year of the biennium and get behind the two districts (NCWNP - 2007, and PNW - 2008) that have tentatively volunteered to raise \$10k for each biennium," added Kobayashi.

The proposed biennial budget must be approved by the national council at the JACL National Convention in Phoenix June 21-24.

"If the National Council agrees to implement the dues increase, I think it will give us a kind of momentum needed to implement programs that can help us explore new funding sources and to broaden our membership initiatives. This is the first time in my five and a half years as director that we haven't imposed cuts on the budget and given hope that we'll be able to undertake new initiatives in the coming biennium. It not only feels good; it feels healthy," said Tateishi. ■

DONOR

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Sakakura, a former CPA who currently resides in Cypress, Calif. "It's been the most difficult thing I've ever gone through by any stretch. It's very critical right now. I need a donor now."

Sakakura was diagnosed with MDS (Myelodysplastic Syndrome) in February 2004, a condition that does not allow her body to produce healthy blood cells. Since then she has had to get blood transfusions every two weeks, about 1 to 2 units of blood each time, in order to replenish her red blood cells. In some patients MDS progresses to Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

A former active mother and wife, Sakakura now gets winded by a simple walk up the stairs and the slightest movements make her muscles burn. She also admits to mood swings and being irritable more often.

Although some days are particularly bad, especially as the need to get another blood transfusion gets closer, Sakakura and her family have had to adjust. Her husband Mark has decreased his work hours and both he and son Scott, 17, have donated their own blood for the transfusions.

"I'm trying to help out, do whatever she needs," said Scott, a junior at Cypress High School.

"It's been tough," said Sakakura's mother Grace Kurisu, 78. "You wonder if you caused it. You wish you could trade places. I'm old. She has a family to raise."

The Sakakura family and their friends are actively working to find another suitable stem cell/bone marrow donor for Nancy before her condition worsens. They are working with organizations like AADP (Asian American Donor Program) and A3M (Asians for Miracle

Marrow Matches) to set up bone marrow drives throughout the state of California.

Asian Americans make up only a small number of donors on the National Marrow Donor Registry. According to AADP, nationally there are 398,000 AAs 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 often a match is never found. And that's what makes Sakakura's case so devastating since two suitable donors were found.

"It was almost a miracle that Nancy found two matches and for both to say no was devastating," said Cathy 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 educate them. All I need are stem cells."

"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 are some generational 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 is hopeful the younger genera-

tions are more open to becoming donors. "Among the third or fourth generations there is a little more awareness, a willingness to donate."

"There's a cultural hesitancy to donate, they're taught not to do this," said Kurisu. "It's a part of the culture that's passed down. We need to educate and get the word out. It's all about education."


The procedure to donate stem cells is simple. The person donating the stem cells gets shots for one week so the stem cells are released by the bone marrow. The donor then heads to the hospital for about a five-hour procedure to transfer the stem cells to the patient. Afterwards the donor may experience flu like symptoms but there are no long-term effects.

AADP and A3M are working to encourage more AAs to sign up for the National Bone Marrow Registry, a procedure that lasts less than 15 minutes. First a small amount of blood is withdrawn from the thumb and then the information is entered in the national database. If a match is found a secondary screening is performed to verify the match. Once confirmed, the actual donation takes place.


For Sakakura a stem cell donor is needed immediately otherwise her condition will become fatal. Although she hopes to find a donor for herself, she also wants all minorities to come out to the upcoming drives.

"A lot of people out there are looking for donors, a lot of minorities are looking for donors," she said. "It's so important to get the information out, to get registered, and stay committed. You may be the only person who can save a life." ■

For more information or to attend a bone marrow drive, contact AADP (www.aadp.org, 800/593-6667) or A3M (www.asianmarrow.org, 888/A3M-HOPE).



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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.

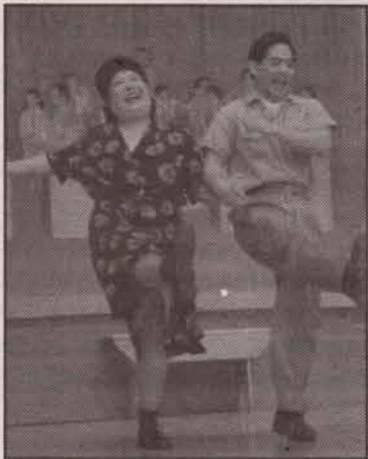
To help show our support for JACL youth, our convention committee will host a silent auction at the June 24 sayonara banquet where all proceeds will directly benefit JACL youth. The National JACL Youth/Student Council will organize, coordinate and run this silent auction but we would like to ask all of our community friends throughout the country to consider donating silent auction items. If you have something to contribute, please contact Todd Sato at 818/434-6563 or tssato415@yahoo.com to arrange the delivery of the item to the event.

JACL 2006 attendees will also enjoy a special treat on June 23 with the Arizona premiere of "The Camp Dance: The Music and the Memories," a popular musical revue featuring songs from the 1940s and stories from the dance floor of the WWII internment camp dances.

"Camp Dance" is presented by the Los Angeles based Grateful Crane Ensemble and written by Soji Kashiwagi, with musical direction

by Scott Nagatani. "Camp Dance" has been performed at sold-out venues across California and in Seattle since December, 2003. This delightful musical features entertaining vignettes and many popular songs from the 1940s such as "Tuxedo Junction," "Stardust," and "Moonlight Serenade."

A highlight of the show is the special guest appearances by Mary Kageyama Nomura, also known as the "Songbird of Manzanar," and performer Merv Maruyama, who will sing Japanese songs in tribute to JA pioneers. Also featured in this show are Haruye Ioka, Kennedy Kabasares, Keiko Kawashima, Darrell Kunitomi and Kurt Kuniyoshi. Scott Nagatani will be on piano, with Danny Yamamoto on drums.



"Camp Dance" will also be featured at the national convention.

JACL 2006 will give us an opportunity to show our support for JACL youth and future leaders by contributing silent auction items which will directly benefit JACL youth. We also will enjoy the fabulous musical, "Camp Dance" while on the land where over 13,000 JAs were interned during WWII. You can register to see "Camp Dance" on the JACL 2006 registration form.

See you at convention! ■

Ted Namba is the chairperson of the 2006 national JACL convention in Arizona.

MIS

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original location for the first MIS Language School where a group of 58 JA students received Japanese language instruction during WWII. Friends of Presidio 640 is working to develop the historic site into an interpretive center and recently launched an ambitious fundraising campaign.

"It's important for us to go out and tell the story of the MIS, not just to Japanese Americans but to all Americans," said Fukuhara, MIS of Northern California chairman who has been helping to develop Building 640. "The vets realize that if we don't tell the story ... we're dying off fast now. Half the guys are gone now."

"What the JAs sacrificed for today's civil liberties is a legacy for all Americans," said Fukuhara's son Brian, 45, who is president of Friends of Presidio 640. "These lessons are lessons we need to continue to learn."

Friends of Presidio 640 — a group of volunteers comprised largely of relatives of MIS vets — hope to raise between \$5 and \$10 million towards the rehabilitation of the site and the development of an interpretive center. The Center will include interactive exhibits and will house MIS memorabilia and history. In addition to telling the heroic stories of the MIS vets, the Center will address themes of multiculturalism, tolerance, and the importance of language.

Built in 1921, Building 640 was formerly an Air Postal Service hanger before being developed by the U.S. Army into a top-secret MIS school in 1941. After Executive Order 9066 was put into effect the MIS school was moved to Camp Savage and later Camp Snelling in Minnesota. More than 6,000 JAs would graduate from the MIS language school, the forerunner of today's Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey. Today, Building 640



Building 640 (above) was the first home for the MIS language school.

can be found at the Presidio of San Francisco, a National Historic Site.

Fukuhara was 22 years old and living at the Gila River internment camp when he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Camp Savage in December 1942 where after only three months of training he was sent to New Guinea. He would serve throughout the war and eventually take part in the Occupation of Japan.

"It was not an easy choice to make. We had to volunteer since Nisei were classified as 4-C enemy aliens," said Fukuhara, who retired from a military career in 1971. "To volunteer out of camp at the time was difficult because there was a lot of opposition, even amongst the Nisei."

"The MIS was never a unit, we were a service. So when the war ended our work was just beginning," he explained. "We went from combat to a peacetime mission. Our peacetime mission was more important."

Brian recalls how little his father would speak about his MIS experience while he was growing up. In fact most of what he learned came from stories his uncle and other veterans would tell him. He also helped his father with his correspondences and letters so like osmosis he eventually learned

about the MIS.

"Building 640 is something close to me because of my father and other vets," said Brian. "I am very proud of my dad. That in his 20s he had to make a choice to stand up as an American knowing his family was in camp. I can't fathom today what he went through."

A native of Hawaii, Sansei Gerald Takano, 58, heard little about the WWII internment story and the heroics of the JA vets while growing up. It wasn't until his move to the mainland that he began to meet some of the veterans and heard their stories. Now he's a volunteer board member of Friends of Presidio 640.

"Being from Hawaii I was isolated from the internment issues, what the MIS went through. That their families were interned but they were still loyal to the United States," he said. "I think this story is just so compelling."

Although Building 640 will tell the story of the MIS, committee members believe the story is relevant to all Americans. An important aspect of the Interpretive Center will be its focus on the universal aspect of language and how languages can serve to bring the world closer together.

"Language is important in all walks of life. It is a means to understanding other countries. Through language we get to know other cultures," said Fukuhara. "The world is closer together today and language is of even more importance."

Friends of Presidio 640 has been working closely with the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco, along with the National Park Service, and Presidio Trust. Already \$600,000 has been donated by the NPS towards the preservation of Building 640. The committee hopes to complete the construction drawings for the project by the end of May. They have applied for non-profit status and a Web site is currently under construction.

Although the process to preserve and interpret Building 640 is likely to be a long one, Brian and his fellow committee members hope MIS veterans like Fukuhara will live long enough to see the project come to fruition.

"There is an urgency. Many of the MIS vets are in their 80s and 90s," said Brian. "A lot of them are going to die before it happens. We're trying to preserve their legacy but we are losing the value from their first hand stories." ■

For more information, check out the Friends of Presidio 640's Web site: www.friendsofpresidio640.org.

Convention Registration Form

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	Before 4/30	After 4/30	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sayonara Banquet	\$100	\$110	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Luncheon	\$50	\$60	\$

SPECIAL EVENTS (not included in Regular Package Registration)

<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Dance Dinner & Show	\$85	\$95	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Dance Show Only	\$25	\$30	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament	\$75	\$85	\$

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JACL ANNOUNCES SLATE OF NATIONAL BOARD NOMINEES

Submitted by the JACL Nominations Committee

Nomination forms for national JACL officers have been received. The following are excerpts from the nominees' biographical information and statements regarding leadership and the role of the national board that were included in the nomination forms.

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

Kenneth K. Inouye

JACL Service: Ken has served five terms as chapter president, 26 years on his chapter board of directors and is currently the program and civil rights chair. At the district level he has served as the district governor, more than 14 years as a member of the district board, district treasurer, and co-chair of the Civil Rights Caucus. Nationally, he has served as a member of the national board as the PSWD district governor, a member of two ad-hoc finance committees, chair of the *Pacific Citizen* editorial board, national vice president for public affairs and is the current national president.



Ken has served and is currently serving on the boards of numerous advisory, civil rights, community, and government organizations. He has received many awards and recognitions for his community and civil rights service.

Statement on leadership and the 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 determined by 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 and civil rights organization is and continues to be impacted by the board's ability to work within their existing resources while at the same time exploring new ways to secure additional resources for the organization.

Qualifications: My experience as the current JACL national president enabled me to observe, on a first hand basis, some of the challenges that the organization faced given the current shortage of resources coupled with the attempt to meet the needs of a changing membership.

With respect to the lack of resources, I have begun a dialogue with the national board and staff in an attempt to develop a new working model which would allow us to restructure some of the ways we conduct our business. This model will ensure that the most urgent work of the organization is accomplished in a timely manner.

In regards to chapter development, I visited many chapters during the past biennium and had the opportunity to highlight some of the issues JACL is pursuing at the national level. In many of these meetings I also discussed some of the possible community building activities that chapters can initiate as they help to build safe and inclusive local communities.

Goals and Objectives: If I have the honor of serving a second term as national president, I will continue to do everything within my power to ensure that the organization continues to be the premiere advocate for human and civil rights of JAs.

As part of this process, I will continue to work with the national board and staff to develop and maintain relationships with other human and civil rights organizations. We must work together to oppose issues and events that have a negative impact on the well being of JAs and others who have been victimized by injustice, prejudice, and racism.

Since JACL is hampered by a lack of resources, I will make it a priority to create a fund development committee. I will work with this committee and staff to develop a fund raising program which will raise money needed to accomplish the goals and objectives of the organization as contained in the Program for Action.

In addition to developing new sources of revenue, I will work with the vice president of membership to develop outreach programs that will allow the chapters to tell the JACL story in an effort to attract individuals to the organization who share a common belief that the Constitution and Bill of Rights protect the rights of all Americans.

Larry Oda

JACL Service: Larry has been a member of JACL for 40 years. He is the Millennium Club chapter board member, has



served as district council delegate, national council delegate and chapter president. He has been the vice-chair of the JACL Health Trust, chair of the NCWNP 75th anniversary gala, chair of NCWNP Spirit of 76 gala, 36th Biennial Convention chair, 2000 National Convention consultant, and national vice president for general operations.

His community service includes volunteer service with the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro Am Golf Tournament, the Big Sur Marathon, site manager for First Night Monterey, Monterey and Salinas Sister City Associations.

Statement on leadership and the role of JACL national board: I define leadership as the quality that one possesses that encourages or influences others to accomplish a task or objective. The role of the national board is that of governance, to manage the business and affairs of the organization and imple-

ment the directives of the national council. In a leadership sense, the national board directs the organization, interpreting the decisions of the national council in such a way that the chapters and members internalize the objectives and desire to accomplish them. The members want to be guided by those they respect and who have a clear sense of direction or strong vision of the future.

Qualifications: Other leadership positions include: president of JACL Japanese Language School, president of Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, and vice chair of the JACL Health Trust.

Internal Structure of JACL: My experience and ongoing training as a municipal division manager has given me a different perception of organizational structure than my experience as a business owner or employee. The diverse view helps me understand the dynamics of organizations in general, and JACL in particular.

Personnel Policies: Municipal management-level employees are the administrators of personnel policy and are provided with ongoing training on every aspect of personnel administration. This ongoing training has given me a wealth of knowledge as well as reference material at my disposal beyond what I personally possess.

Goals and Objectives: The Program for Action is the blueprint for the organization. As adopted by the national council it is the directive for the board to accomplish. It is the responsibility as president to insure that the programs and activities recommended by the Program for Action are given the highest priority. The leadership involved in implementing the Program for Action would be to interpret it and provide a clear vision of the of the need, set goals to accomplish, and empower the board and staff with the tools and methods they will need to fulfill these goals. In terms of the responsibilities of the president, the leadership I would provide would be to effectively guide the board to comply with the additional governance requirements of the Nonprofit Integrity Act.

CANDIDATE FOR V.P. OF GENERAL OPERATIONS

Jason Jackson

JACL Service: Jason has served JACL as chapter president, national conference chapter delegate, PSW executive board member, PSW membership chairman, National JACL Golf Tournament Committee, and national personnel committee member. He participated in the JACL/OCA D.C. Leadership Conference.



His community service includes leadership roles in the Boy Scouts of America as assistant scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow Lodge vice-chief and chief, a member of the Western Region executive board, on the national executive board, the Desert Trails District membership chairman, Desert Trails District Camping chairman, Desert Trails District Finance/Friends of Scouting chairman, Desert Trails District Popcorn chairman, and Order of the Arrow Chapter advisor. He is also a member of the Moose Lodge #1033, and is president of the San Diego State University Criminal Justice Association.

He has received some of the highest awards of the Boy Scouts including Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor. He is also the recipient of the Citizen of the Month for the 51st Congressional District, presented by Congressmen Bob Filner.

Statement on leadership and role of the JACL national board: My definition of leadership is one who is willing to lead by example. A leader should always recognize, that as a leader, tough decisions must be made and that these decisions sometimes are not the most popular ones. A leader must separate himself from what is popular, and make decisions based on what is best for the overall organization who he represents. And, above all a leader must not be afraid to speak up and present arguments which will ensure the future of his organization.

Qualifications: My experience in both business and financial growth that I have gained from managing a company with over 200 employees and an annual budget of over 6 million dollars will help me bring a business perspective to running our organization. In addition to my experience in business, my association with the Boy Scouts of America, a large nonprofit organization, will lend to past experiences and will help us benefit from their successes and failures. Furthermore, my recent education in public administration will help bring updated and new innovative ideas to our organization.

Goals and Objectives: I will take a business approach to how our organization runs its day-to-day operations. I will develop closer communications with all districts and chapters, to be able to understand all of the different dynamics that make our organization unique. And most importantly, I will strive to move our organization away from being dependant on membership dollars for the day-to-day operation of our organization.

CANDIDATE FOR V.P. OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Heidi Tanakatsubo

JACL Service: Heidi's JACL background includes service as the national JACL vice president for public affairs, San Mateo chapter board member, chapter youth chair, chapter v.p. of membership, chapter scholarship chair, national scholarship committee, NCWNP district council executive board, and district council youth committee.



Her community service includes service to the American Marketing Association and the Cherry Blossom

Festival Committee of Northern California.

Statement on leadership and the role of the national board: A good leader must have good listening skills, be approachable, and must also be able to work well with others towards a common goal. JACL's vice president for public affairs should have a working knowledge of human and civil rights issues facing the APIA community, as well as a desire to promote awareness of the JA community and its culture.

The JACL national board is comprised of both elected officers and district governors who all have the best interests 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 organization.

Qualifications: As a member of the JACL national board for the past biennium, I have gained experience in the organizational structure and management of a nonprofit entity. This coupled with a dedication to preserving and promoting JACL's legacy of education, civil rights, advocacy, and culture have prepared me to serve a second term as JACL's vice president for public affairs. The APIA community still has a number of challenges to face in the civil and human rights arenas, and I am ready to work with other board members and staff, as well as the leadership of other organizations, to ensure that our voices are heard.

Goals and Objectives: To maintain JACL's position as the leading Asian 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 for all Americans, stay aware of incidents of defamation and hate crimes, and work to enhance the program for Tolerance & Diversity. The new JACL organization should allow us more flexibility to post and update information on a more timely basis, giving site visitors easy access to JACL's position statements, press releases, and JA history and culture.

CANDIDATE FOR V.P. OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Carol Kawamoto

JACL Service: Carol's JACL background includes national service as vice president of planning and development, chair of the JA of the Biennium committee, chair of national scholarship committee, and JACL national education committee chair. She developed the curriculum guide: "The Japanese American Experience, A Lesson in American History," put together 10 teacher training workshops in major U.S. cities under a Civil Liberties Education Public Fund's grant, and presented education workshops at tri-districts and conventions.



She has also served as JACL Pacific Southwest district education chair, PSW Awards Dinner committee chair, Tri-District Conference chair, PSW district governor, PSW district leadership committee chair, planned leadership conferences involving three California districts, PSW board member, and PSW trust fund committee. She has service in her chapter as scholarship committee chair, chapter president, chapter board member, and national convention planning committee. Carol has also provided service on community advisory boards.

Statement on leadership and the role of the national board: The role of the JACL national board is the governance of our organization. It is extremely important that the lines of communication between all levels of our organization be open and continually flowing back and forth between the national board and our membership. There must be an understanding and trust in leadership between the membership and the board. Our membership must be able to provide input and have the confidence in the national board to determine the relative importance of critical issues, overseeing the available resources and applying them to implement and continue our programs and the effective operation of our organization.

Qualifications: I have been involved with JACL for over 25 years, first helping out as a youth member at the San Diego JACL chapter picnic and later as a young Sansei member on a predominantly Nisei board. I was fortunate to be mentored on the history and organizational structure of our organization from Nisei members such as Mas Hironaka, "Mr. JACL of San Diego," who encouraged my husband, David and I to become more involved in our chapter as well as on our district and national level. My chapter was instrumental in providing me the opportunity to attend the Washington, D.C. Leadership Program (1987) as well as the Sacramento Leadership Conference and L.A. Public Affairs program. These leadership opportunities prepared me to take on the role of becoming the first Sansei female chapter president for San Diego as the chapter was preparing to host the 1990 JACL national convention.

I later became an elected board member to the PSW District Board and was appointed to the national education committee and also chaired the district leadership development committee which put together several successful leadership conferences in collaboration with the two other California districts. As PSWDC governor in 1991-93, I was involved in the Legacy Grant process and the development of "The Presidents' Roundtable" with our district developing a president's handbook.

In past years I have chaired the national education committee, which has the curriculum guides, teacher training workshops, redress history, and educational website under the ownership of the v.p. of planning and development or v.p. of public affairs. I have also been a chair of the national scholarship committee and have worked with my husband, David on the national scholarship program when this program was placed under v.p. of general operations. The national scholarship program in past

FOOTBALL

Super Bowl Star Hines Ward Meets Mixed Race Korean Children

SEOUL, South Korea—Beaming Kim Gwan-woo couldn't hide his excitement at getting 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.

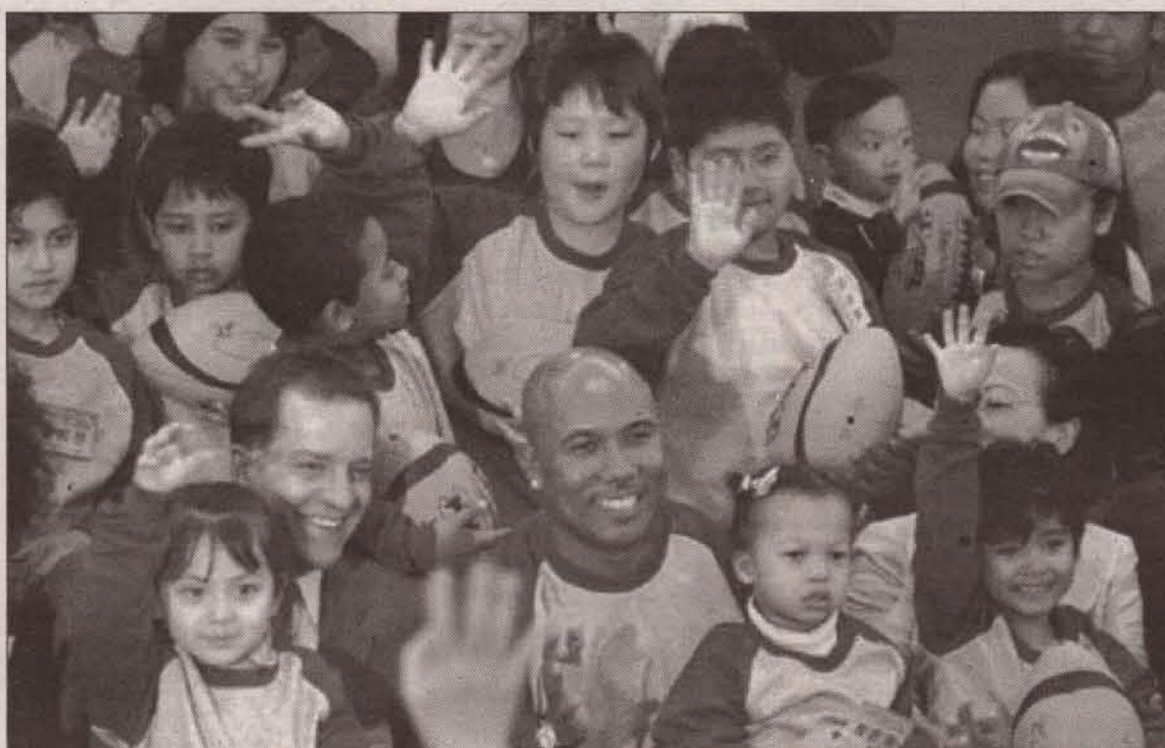
"I love you guy too," said Ward, wearing the same red and gray T-shirt as the children.

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 during 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 Koreans with mixed roots.

Kim, a second grader who aspires



A HOME COMING—Half-Korean Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward, bottom line center, waves together with children of mixed racial origins during their meeting in Seoul April 8. Pittsburgh Steelers' receiver Ward was given a red carpet welcome recently as he arrived in the land of his birth amid intense media attention. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

to be a scientist, often comes home from school crying, taunted by schoolmates shouting racial slurs, said his aunt and guardian, Kim Jaeyon, who runs a small restaurant in central Seoul.

"I know you guys go through a great deal of hardship with prejudice and having people discriminating against you guys," 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 recounting of childhood hardships, including feeling ashamed of his Korean ancestry, has touched many here.

The image of mixed-race Koreans has been negative, as people often associate them with brothels around American military bases.

That view, coupled with an

emphasis that South Korea's Confucian-oriented society places on "pure blood" lineage, 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 Sungkyunkwan 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 change 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 beefy 317 pounds — he truly looks the part.

But Bulgarian sumo champion Kotooshu 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 wrestlers may wish he stayed by the oven.

Kotooshu 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.

The coveted rank of yokozuna, or

grand champion, is now held by Mongolia's Asashoryu — who has won eight of the past nine tournaments. Two of the five wrestlers in the sport's second-highest rank of ozeki, or champion, are also foreigners — Kotooshu and newly promoted Hakuho, another Mongolian.

Though the foreign stars have devoted followings of fans and have energized sumo with their strength and speed, the failure of Japanese wrestlers to provide much competition has generated a good deal of hand-wringing in the Japan Sumo Association, which oversees the professional sport.

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.

Hopes of a Japanese revival were boosted before the most recent tournament, last month, but were then dashed when ozeki Tochiazuma placed third behind Asashoryu and Hakuho. Kotooshu, coming off an injury, finished the 15-day tournament with a mediocre 9-6 record.

Kotooshu — born Mahlyanov Kaloyan Stefanov — had no comment on the impact of foreigners like himself, saying only that he is happy to be competing.

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 to join next year. ■

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Use of 'Jap' in Print Slowly Diminishing After 50 Years



OVER THE PAST 50 years, National JACL and chapters have quietly accomplished much toward the disappearance of the racial epithet "Jap" in print, the most recent being Sandra Tanamachi's successful campaign in Texas to have three roads 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 Herald-Tribune* 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 Shosuke Sasaki spearheaded the campaign to rid the J-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, Ore., adopted Sasaki's resolution urging all newspapers in the United States and Canada discontinue use of "Jap" in all stories, editorial and headlines.

Freelance writer Everett James Starr, a Caucasian member of New York JACL, after his protest to the *New York World Telegram and Sun*, was informed that Roy Howard, president and editor, regarded "Japanese people have no stronger friend (than him) in American journalism." Yet this paper held the abbreviated word did not connote anything derogatory "in the minds of the American people."

The JACL chapter passed a resolution prepared by Starr requesting the *World-Telegram and Sun* to prohibit use of the term, "Jap," in headlines, editorial and news matter. In November Howard reluctantly promised to spell out "Japanese" whenever it appears in text but would not share the view "Jap" in

headlines was a racist term showing disrespect or ill-will. Undaunted Woodrow Asai said, "We do not seek a person's friendship by calling him a name which he considers objectionable." (The newspaper eventually folded in the 1960s.)

THIS WAS ALSO the time when dictionary definitions were of no help to JACL's cause. The dictionaries either ignored the word or defined it as a colloquial abbreviation. As a result of JACL publicity against the dictionaries, the lexicographers recognized the offensive nature of the term. Merriam-Webster in February 1958 announced that use of "Jap" is disparaging.

National Director Mas Satow figured "with the weight of dictionary authorities now overwhelmingly on our side, no sensible editor will be free to argue that 'Jap' is inoffensive and acceptable abbreviation." The dictionary became an important tool for use against offending publications.

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 Bow, which was denounced as false by Japanese officials. The story concerned treatment of American soldiers jailed for breaking Japanese criminal law.

A former prosecutor in the war crimes tribunal in Tokyo, Scolinos told our Japan correspondent Tamotsu Murayama, "I cannot understand why a patriotic organ such as ours (Scolinos 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 its "Please Don't" leaflet to eliminate use of the derogatory term.

In 1968, "Jap Creek" in Ochoco National Forest, Oregon, was changed to its original name, Bull Creek, after cartographer Ted T. Inouye (national JACL president Ken's uncle) discovered the derogatory name on a USGS map.

In 1971, an advertisement for a New York boutique, "Kenzo for JAP," resulted in the Manhattan court acknowledging the racial slur but rejected penalties for "damage loss" sought by the plaintiffs. New York JACL President George Yuzawa and legal counsel Moonray Kojima approached the Federal Trade Commission to bar use of "Jap" as a trademark. After the Paris-based designer Kenzo Takada agreed to change the label, JACL dropped its complaint.

In 1973, Seattle JACLer Prof. Min Masuda urged use of "Jpn." in federal libraries. The U.S. Government Printing Office assured "Jpn." as an abbreviation for Japan or Japanese.

In 1979, the last of 10 California vanity license plates, JAP CAR, was recalled.

In 1981, the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, responsible by law for standardizing geographic names, announced "it will not adopt a name proposal that implies discrimination or is derogatory to a particular person, race, or religion." Ted T. Inouye issued the statement.

As protests against use of "Jap" in print began to die down by the 1980s, JACL was blasting the epithet being heard on the radio and TV, at speech rallies and from politicians who were later sorry for uttering the offensive term.

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

Top Cancer Organizations Launch First Online Portal of Asian Language Cancer Information

The Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training (AANCART) and the American Cancer Society (ACS) have launched a searchable online database of Asian language cancer materials. This effort is funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health.

The Asian and Pacific Islander Cancer Education Materials Web tool (APICEM) is designed to help Asians and Pacific Islanders with limited English-speaking abilities gain access to information on how to reduce their risks from preventable malignancies, including cancers of the breast, cervix, colon, liver, lung and stomach.

"The National Cancer Institute is very proud of this historic database, which will improve the transfer of critical cancer information to Asians and Pacific Islanders. Advances such as this bring us closer to eliminating suffering and death due to cancer among Asians and Pacific Islanders," said Mark Clanton, M.D., deputy director of the NCI for Cancer Care Delivery Systems.

The new Web resource, located on the American Cancer Society web site at <http://www.cancer.org/apicem>, was unveiled March

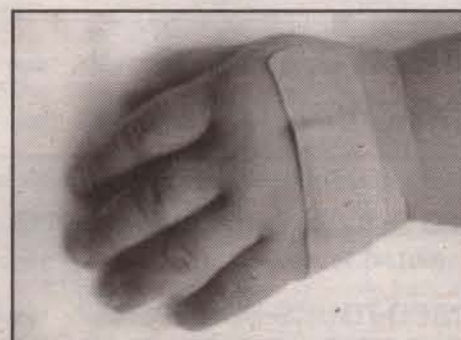
24 in Hawaii at the annual meeting of AANCART. AANCART is headquartered at the University of California, Davis in Sacramento.

"Asians and Pacific Islanders are dying, in too many cases, from a lack of basic information about cancer," said Moon S. Chen, Jr., Ph.D., principal investigator of AANCART and associate director of the UC Davis Cancer Center. "This new Web resource was developed in response to the need we heard from the community, and the NCI, for a single point of access for authoritative cancer education materials for lay audiences."

The new database catalogues and provides links to print materials written in the following languages: Khmer, Chamorro, Chinese, Hawaiian, Hmong, Ilokano, Korean, Samoan, Tagalog, Tongan and Vietnamese, as well as English-language materials culturally tailored for Native Hawaiian populations. Additional languages and topics will be added as more materials become available.

For more information about cancer, visit the NCI Web site at <http://www.cancer.gov>, or call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 800/4-CANCER (800/422-6237). ■

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GEORGE TAKEI:

'I see an invisible
barbwire fence'

BY LYNDA LIN

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"It's been *maadnes-s*."

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-tuurne-d from the East Coas-t," he purred over the phone from his Los Angeles home.

My mind starts firing 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. Before you get to know George the man, you have to peel away the other layers of identities.

"This is a gift that has been given to me," he said about the fame he uses as a catalyst to talk about other social causes. "This is another aspect of me not a whole of me."

To another journalist, he once joked about making arrangements for his tombstone to read: Here lies Mr. Sulu (and in smaller letters) AKA George Takei.

I start to think about how "Star Trek" became history before I was even born.

"My grandmother lived to 105, I plan to live much longer," he said. "My dear, I plan to live longer than you-u."

What is Known Versus What is Said

"I'm squeezing in 'Star Trek' conventions during the weekends and human rights campaigns during the week."

Since publicly announcing his sexual orientation to a gay magazine last October, George has become a de facto leader for the lesbian/gay/bisexual/

transgender community with the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Tour speaking in states that still ban same-sex unions. But it wasn't a "coming out" so much as an organic immersion of his personal life into the ever-present spotlight on his public life.

In the Asian Pacific American community, his 19-year relationship with manager Brad Altman has never been a secret.

"When I first spoke to the press, there was a committee meeting for the Japanese American National Museum trustees and someone came up to me and said, 'Oh, you and Brad were on the radio today and it is all good!'"

This change wasn't as difficult as the one he faced as a teenager with awakening emotions.

"You realize your hormones are not growing like other boys. They are in fact growing for other boys," he said, adding, "Well, Mary's nice, but Jimmy ..."

"I kept it suppressed and hidden. During that time you have a secret life. You go to a magazine stand and your eyes gravitate to the muscle magazines, but then someone comes by and you grab the girly magazine and tuck the muscle magazine behind it."

A Credible Voice

With Brad, his life became an open book, an enduring love story.

At a bar one day, George saw a newspaper ad for a gay running club and he decided to join. There Mr. Sulu met his future co-pilot, and as he says, "things happened."

George's father passed on before Brad entered his life, but he would've approved. When he introduced Brad to his mother, it wasn't "Now mama, I'm gay." It was "Brad is a really good friend." While she was suffering from Alzheimer's disease in the twilight of her life, the couple took her into their care.

"Brad was supportive and loving. A lot of other sons-in-law and daughters-in-law would not have done what Brad did."

When same-sex couples were being threatened with a federal Constitutional amendment in 2004, George was absent from the debate ("I was sitting back waiting for others to do the work for me."), but a year later the California Legislature voted to allow same-sex marriage, a historic move that would've directly affected the California native. But another actor, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill.

"I felt I needed to speak, but my voice needed to be credible."



OUT & ABOUT: Takei (second from left) played himself on a March 30 guest appearance alongside Britney Spears (center) on NBC's "Will & Grace."

George remembers the barbwire around his childhood in the Rhower 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.

"I see an invisible barbwire fence separating myself from my partner, Brad."

He's optimistic that in the end justice will prevail for all and these days he's saturating every medium to get the word out.

He made a March 30 guest appearance on NBC's "Will & Grace." George also famously took a job as an announcer on the "Howard Stern Show" when the shock jock — who liked to prank call George — moved to Sirius Radio.

"On the second day, Howard said, 'You know your governor is calling in today. Do you want to talk to him?' I said yes. He switched him over to me and in typical fashion, he made some jokes, but I said, 'Mr. Schwarzenegger your office is a serious office and this is a serious issue ...' We engaged in a discussion and he said next time the Legislature passed a bill like this he would sign it."

The segment generated a "tidal wave" of positive response, but then George finds out he had been yelling at a celebrity impersonator.

"Bamboozled!" he said laughing. ■

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Calendar

National

CHANDLER, Ariz.

June 21-24—JACL National Convention; Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort. Info: www.azjacl.org.

SAN FRANCISCO

Oct. 2—3rd Annual National JACL Golf Tournament, "Swing for Justice"; Harding Park Golf Course, 99 Harding Road; \$200 before July 1 and \$250 after; sponsorships are available; field is limited to 144 spots; committee is also looking for golf stories from camp, email to Masashimoto at hashi79@earthlink.net. Info: Patty Wada, NCWNP JACL Regional Office, 415/345-1075.

East Coast

CHEVY CHASE, Maryland

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

Midwest

COLUMBUS

Sat.-Sun., May 27-28—Asian Festival; Franklin Park; Ichio Daiko and Sho-Jo-Ji performing; free parking and admission.

CLEVELAND

Sun., June 4—Cherry Blossom Festival; 11:30-3 p.m.; Cleveland Metroparks, Brookside Reservation. Info: Chiaki Nakayama, 440/684-0860.

GRANADA, Colorado

Sat., May 20—Amache Spring Pilgrimage; 11 a.m. arrival at Amache 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; \$20/person. Info: Jim Hada, 303/237-2159.



Members of San Jose Chidori Band will be hosting their 53rd Anniversary Concert, May 20 at the San Jose Buddhist Church.

Intermountain

DELTA, Utah

Mon.-Fri., June 12-16—Training class for teachers, "Specialized History: WWII and the Internment of Japanese Americans; 8-5 p.m.; Millard District Office, 285 E. 450 N; \$250 (shared lodging) due at registration; registration form available at www.usoe.k12.ut.us/curr/soc.st/prof_dev/workshops.html; registration deadline is May 15; includes a field trip to Topaz. Info: Robert Austin, 801/538-7708, robert.austin@schools.utah.gov or Elaine Jones, 801/538-7977, 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 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: Katrina Gilkey, 503/224-1458.

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/each. Info: 408/260-2533.

Central California

HANFORD

Through July 29—Surface, Line and Color: The Spirit of Design in Japanese Art; The Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 Tenth Ave.; guest curated by Midori Oka, Museum Educator, Peabody Essex Museum. Info: 559/582-4915 or www.shermanleeinstitute.org.

Southern California

CALABASAS

Sun., May 7—Hawaiian Feather Lei Making; 2-3:30 p.m.; Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy.; serves as a prerequisite for three workshops on July 2, 9, 16; free and open to the public. Reservations and info: 818/878-3741 or nativegarden@soka.edu.

OXNARD

Sat., May 13—Ventura County JACL Annual cleanup of the Japanese

Cemetery; 8-noon; corner of Etting and Pleasant Valley Rd.; volunteers are welcome and should bring their own gloves and tools; refreshments will be provided. Info: 805/987-1470.

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Sun., May 7—1st Annual JACL PSW Golf Tournament; noon shotgun start; Tijeras Creek Golf Course; \$95/person or \$380/foursome; sponsorships still available. Info: Kerry Kaneichi, kkaneichi@aol.com, PSW Office, 213/626-4471 or www.jaclpsw.org/golf.htm.

TORRANCE

Sat., Sept. 16—PSW JACL Annual Awards Dinner; 5 p.m. registration, 6 p.m. dinner; Torrance Holiday Inn. Info: PSW Office, 213/626-4471 or office@jaclpsw.org.

WEST COVINA

Sat., May 6—2006 Cherry Blossom Festival; noon-7 p.m.; West Covina Civic Center Courtyard, 1444 W. Garvey Ave.; free parking.

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tory of this O'ahu community and rekindles long-forgotten stories through photographs and memorabilia; free; gallery hours are Tues.-Sat. 10-4 p.m.; book cost is \$26.95. Info: JCCH, 808/945-7633.

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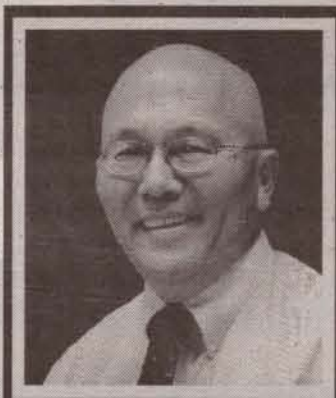
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IN MEMORIAM

Former PSW Governor Hiromi Ueha Passes

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Former Pacific Southwest District Governor and JACL National Youth/Student Chair Hiromi Ueha, 33, passed away on April 10 of a pulmonary embolism.

Ueha served as PSW governor from 2001-2005. She 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.

She was first elected to the JACL national board as the youth chair in 1996 and served in the position for four years. Under her leadership a youth director was hired and she oversaw two successful national youth/student conferences.

At the district level Ueha was a member of PSW's board of directors and also served as the PSW district youth representative. As the PSW governor she helped organize a national JACL gala dinner which honored Sec. Norman Mineta, Sen. Daniel Inouye, and Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda.

"Hiromi was a wonderful friend and respected leader in JACL. Her presence will be deeply missed in PSW," said Alayne Yonemoto, PSW governor. "In addition to being a very good friend, she was a mentor 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 activities, Ueha was the UC Irvine director of the UCI Bookstore.

Ueha is survived by her son Chandler Smith; fiancé Karl Leyva; sisters, Misae Vela, Mieke Ueha; brother, Hideki; parents Hiroshi, Georgia. ■

Former St. Louis Post-Dispatch Editor Dies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALO ALTO, Calif.—William Woo, the former editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and first Asian American editor of a major U.S. newspaper, has died. He was 69.

Woo, who was interim director of Stanford University's Graduate Journalism Program, died from complications from cancer at his home in Palo Alto on April 12, Stanford announced.

"He was the backbone of the graduate program in journalism," communication professor Theodore Glasser 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 department 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-Dispatch*, where he served as a reporter, foreign correspondent, Washington columnist, editorial writer, editorial page editor and editor 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 from the University of Missouri School of Journalism the following year.

Woo has also served as a director of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the American Press Institute.

Woo is survived by his wife, Martha Shirk, and three sons, Thomas, Bennett and Peter Woo, all of Palo Alto. ■

In Memoriam - 2006

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Ikawa, Miyoshi "Mike," 87, Durham, N.H., Mar. 7; his research with Prof. Karl Paul Link led to the discovery and synthesis of Warfarin (widely used as a rat poison); survived



by wife, Sayoko; daughter, Pauline; son, Warren and 1 gc.

Kadomoto, Thomas, 88, Glendale, Ariz., Mar. 28; WWII veteran, MIS; survived by wife, Kiyomi; daughters, Eileen (Tom) Fukunaga and Nancy (Clyde) Matsui; sons, Dan (Mary) and Larry (Mary Jo); 1 gc.; and sisters, Lily, Mary, Agnes and Mae.

Kuwada, Kazuo "Kaz," 86, Spokane, Wash., April 2; survived by wife, Kazuko; sons, Dr. Gerald, Stanley, Kevin (Carol) and Grant (Peggy); daughter, Barbara (Ronald) Fukui; 10 gc.; 1 ggc.; and sisters, Yukiko Yoshida and Nancy Kuwada.

Matsumoto, Mary Mayeda, 95, San Gabriel, Dec. 27; survived by David (Mary) Muraoka, Catherine (Gordon) Yoshikawa, Cynthia Fujikawa, Nancy Animoto, Joann Suravech; 8 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Matsumoto, Tomiko, 105, Los Angeles, Mar. 27; survived by children, Toshio, Terry and Sumi; 7 gc.; and 7 ggc.

Natsume, Yuji, 84, Alhambra, Feb. 19; survived by daughters, Charlene (Richard) Eaton and Ellen (Wallace Chan) Natsume; sons, Larry (Laurie Wheeler) and Arthur; 7 gc.; brothers, George and Mitsuo (Kazuko) Natsume; and sister, Carol (Ned) Tsuma.

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Nishi, Hiroshi Harold, Mar. 26; survived by wife, Fumiko; daughters, Linda and Karen; and son, Alan.

Nishiyama, Michi, 81, Los Angeles, Feb. 15; survived by husband, Tommy; son, Thomas; son-in-law, Robert Treidler; daughter-in-law, Priscilla Nishiyama; and 3 gc.

Ogawa, Tetsuo, 70, Monterey Park, Feb. 13; survived by wife, Barbara; sons, Eric and Roman (Ann); daughter, Leslie (Attila) Kertesz; 2 gc.; brother, Hiroshi (Keiko); and sister, Rev. Midori Kondo.

Ogawa, William Kinso, 77, Tujunga, Feb. 20; survived by sons, Steve and Terrie (Judy); daughters, Joanne (Don) Okura, Janet (John) Ho, Irene Fleming, Karen Ogawa, Norma (Glen) Matsuguma and Marjorie Shiohita; 7 gc.; and sister, Yo Watanabe.

Ostic, Yoshiko, 80, Oxnard, Mar. 23; survived by son, J.D. (Vi); daughter, Theresa (Rod) Baca; 3 gc.; 2 ggc.; brothers, Hiroichi, Giichi and Masazo Nishimata; and sister, Takako Tarui.

Omatsu, Paul Toyohiko, 80, Sylmar, Feb. 9; U.S. Army, Counter Intelligence Corps; survived by brothers, Frank (Violet) and Hoover (Nelle); sister, Grace (Rex) Ogawa; and sister-in-law, Amy Omatsu.

Ozawa, Rose Sumiko, 78, Anaheim, Feb. 16; survived by husband, Jim; sons, Steve (Pamela) and

Norman (Christine); daughter, Sandra (Tom) Matsui; 5 gc.; 1 ggc.; sisters, Miyo (Mike) Mitani, Sachiko (Tak) Nakata and Yasuko (Mizokawa); and sisters-in-law, Sayoko Ozawa and Michi Kitaura.

Saito, Kazuo, 90, Alhambra, Feb. 16; survived by wife, Mary; son, Wayne (Maxine); daughters, Sandra (Gable) Matsumura and Cynthia (Victor) Lew; 6 gc.; 7 ggc.; and sister, Mary Tominaga.

Soga, Toshiye, 79, Fountain Valley, Feb. 11; survived by son, Donald; daughters, Nancy (Art) Innerbichler, Carol Soga, Janet (John) Rede and Pat (Dale) Cox; 6 gc.; 3 ggc.; and brother, Tosh (Masako) Ishioka.

Sugano, Irene Kyoko, 77, Irvine, Feb. 6; survived by sons, Alan (Yuko), Roger (Kelly) and Dean (Laura); 11 gc.; 1 ggc.; sisters, Ayako Sugano and Sakaye Kanagami; and brother, Kakuzo Kurihara.

Tamura, Katsuyo, 97, Gardena, Feb. 9; survived by daughter, Doris Kunz; son, Allan; son-in-law, Robert Kiel; 3 gc.; 2 ggc.; and sister, Namiko Chock.

Tanaka, Aiko, 94, Walnut Grove, Feb. 4; survived by sons, Eddy (Barbara), Roy (Judy) and Jun (Denise); daughters, Betty Yamasaki and Lillian (Akira) Muraoka; 15 gc.; and 14 ggc.

Yokogawa, Tadashi, 90, Monterey Park, Feb. 6; survived by wife, Ida; daughters, Carol (Johnnie) Wong and Joan Lee; 6 gc.; and brother, Nobuyuki (Marie) Yokogawa.

Yorozu, William Shinichi, 92, Mar. 27, Seattle, Wash.; survived by Yae Akai Yoroze; daughters, Christine, A. Joyce Yoroze Larson; sons, David and Kenneth; sister, Stella Takahashi; and brother, Arthur. ■

NOMINEES

(Continued from page 6)

had been under the v.p. of planning and development, and was again placed under my oversight and responsibility during this biennium with David assuming the role as chair of the national scholarship committee. Several new scholarships were established.

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 various 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 drastic cuts in our programs and services. With this in mind it is a goal and commitment that in this new biennium we continue to re-establish some of the committees and programs that were provided in the past and develop new programs to strengthen our 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

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/booster to district council, delegate/booster to national convention, co-chairperson Stockton Reunion committee and on various committees. At the district level he has served on the executive board, membership chairperson, vice-governor. Nationally he has given service as 1000 Club Life Member-Membership Trust, Convention-Awards and Recognition committee, convention credentials committee, convention credentials committee chairperson, Millennium Charter member, Millennium Club member, and national v.p. of 1000 Club, Membership and Services.

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

Statement on leadership and the role of the national board: Leadership is being in the position to process various ideas, having the vision to form them into the best plan possible and then being responsible for executing it. This process includes working with people, encouraging them to be the best that they can be and providing an environment for success. A leader must be able to "set the tone" and at the same time be humble enough to acknowledge that he doesn't know everything.

As a national board member you are responsible for making the decisions that are the best for JACL even if some of those

decisions will be very difficult and possibly unpopular. Therefore, it is important that you know how the entire organization works on all levels, especially at the chapter level. The national board must always remember that, besides being leaders of the organization, they are also representatives of all the members.

Qualifications: I have been involved at the chapter and district level for many years and most recently, at the national 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.

Goals and Objectives: Combining my past experiences in JACL and other organizations, as well as my business background, I hope to help the board focus and address the issues facing our organization. I will try to make good decisions by being informed and open to different ideas. I will try to balance my desire to continue the legacy of our past leaders with the need to move forward for our new generations. I will be fiscally responsible remembering that I am a steward of our membership's money.

My priority will be to grow the membership of this organization. We need to add new members to the organization. Expanding our membership does two important things — it adds revenue so that we have the money to pay for the programs and it adds new ideas and energy to the entire organization.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER

Mark M. Kobayashi

JACL Background: Mark has served JACL as San Jose chapter board member, chapter vice president, booster/alternate delegate JACL national convention, JACL National Convention San Jose convention coordinator/co-chair, chapter president, NCWNP district council, chapter board member, NCWNP district council member, delegate JACL National Convention Philadelphia, chapter newsletter coordinator, district representative to Legacy Grants committee, and national secretary/treasurer.

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 something that each leader brings to a given situation. One of the tenants 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 of 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 \$60k 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 \$344k. 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 organization.

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 carried out within the extent possible.

The upcoming years may be difficult years as we have suffered in the past few years. I hope to be a key member in helping 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 being everything from a chapter board member, chapter president and district governor and a strong will to help our organization be the best that it can be. I will also be bringing the energy and a willingness to roll up my sleeves to get the goals of the organization accomplished. ■

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