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(L-r) Masahiro Mukai, his mother Sato and B.D. Mukai in a 1916 photo.

Vashon Island's Vanishing History

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The Mukai farmhouse, built in 1928 by Issei B.D. Mukai, is a King County landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Vashon Island's Mukai Farm Faces Uncertain Future

After 10 years of managing the property, a non-profit group has placed it on the real estate market.

By Lynda Lin
Assistant Editor

The Mukai farmhouse and barreling plant, a historic Puget Sound island property that served as the backdrop for a Japanese American family to pioneer strawberry farming, is on the real estate market.

So too, some community members fear, is the site's history.

Listed at \$799,000, the nearly five acres of land located on 107th Avenue SW on Vashon Island includes the farmhouse, cold press fruit barreling plant and additional outbuildings. The Mukai family, who built the farmhouse in 1928, lived and worked there for over six decades.

It's one of the most historically significant sites for Japanese Americans in all of Washington state, according to the listing description. For Mary Matthews, owner of the barreling plant and founder of Island Landmarks, a nonprofit preservation group that purchased the farmhouse in 2000, the Mukai family legacy transcends local history.

"The Mukai farmhouse tells the story of the Japanese American immigration experience," said Matthews. "It's about a family who had absolutely nothing, overcame overwhelming odds — couldn't even become citizens — to achieve the American dream."

Now the future of the King County landmark is uncertain and at risk of being lost forever. It's a common parable in the battle for historical preservation — the threat of human experiences simply slipping through the cracks. But it's a reality Matthews has struggled to come to terms with after a decade of trying to preserve and interpret the site. Financial difficulties, she said, forced her to place the property on the market.

"I do feel very, very sad about it," said Matthews, who now lives in Texas. "I can't help but feel angry too. I wish we could have gotten more help."

Currently, there are no offers on the table for the property, said Max Wurzburg, the listing agent. "However, there are two different groups currently researching the property."

Citing confidentiality reasons, Wurzburg declined to name the groups. But Matthews said the Vashon-based Puget Sound

Zen Center has been interested in purchasing the property.

Milton M. Mukai, 75 of Seattle, is hesitant to sound too alarmed, but he can't help but think history is in jeopardy — namely, his history. Milton was born on the Vashon Island property.

"For selfish reasons, I would like to have the place preserved," said Milton. "I'm not getting any younger. I would like to see that done in my lifetime."

Matthews had the same vision when she first moved to Puget Sound in the 1990s to work for the King County Historic Preservation Office. She began researching the history of the Mukai farmhouse and revealed a rich history of triumph and tragedy.

"It's just unbelievable history once you get into it," said Matthews.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MUKAI FAMILY

The Mukai family is pictured here with other Vashon Island JA families in front of the Mukai's tenant-hold farmhouse.

Issei B.D. Mukai, who was prohibited from becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen and therefore ineligible under the state's Alien Land Law to own land, purchased the property under his son's name. Together B.D. and his son Masahiro became one of the first to develop methods to freeze strawberries to sell to far off places like England.

B.D. designed the house himself creating a synthesis of cultures right down to the little closet by the door for shoes, said Matthews.

B.D. Mukai's second wife, Kuni Mukai, designed the small

garden in front of the farmhouse. It's one of the few traditional gardens ever designed by a JA woman.

During World War II, "it was either move or get moved" said Milton Mukai, so the family moved to Idaho and entrusted their home and business to a local feed store owner until their return after the war.

"The more I got into it, the more I felt like something needed to be done. It needed to be a public site," said Matthews.

The dream was to turn the property into a state park site or a national historic site supported by tax dollars and taken care of properly. Island Landmarks purchased the property in 2000 with funds from King County, the state and private donors. In 2006, when the fruit barreling plant became available for purchase, Matthews mortgaged her personal property to buy the plant.

But Island Landmarks' board of directors didn't raise any money, said Matthews.

"Things just fell apart."

For years, Matthews said she searched for another nonprofit organization to take over the project. She knocked on the doors of museums and universities, but one way or another, nothing worked out.

"No one would take it."

All the while, Matthews paid for the property's expenses — including taxes and insurance — out of her own pocket.

On nearby Bainbridge Island, the *Nidoto Nai Yoni* Memorial, which was designated a unit of the Minidoka National Historic Site in 2008, recently received an NPS grant of nearly \$200,000. But Vashon Island's Mukai farmhouse has more intact buildings to tell the JA immigration story, said Matthews.

"It's very tragic," she said.

And like most preservation cases, time is of the essence. The house needs a new roof, crucial in the rainy Pacific Northwest.

Historic Seattle, in partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) has proposed working with the Zen Center, to acquire and rehabilitate the Mukai farmhouse and garden and make arrangements via CLC to provide opportunities for the public to visit, said Kathleen Brooker, executive director of Historic Seattle.

"It can be purchased by anyone," said Milton Mukai, "but it has to stay historic, which means you can't alter the appearance of it." ■

Teen Creates Search Engine to Help Older Internet Users



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUNMEE HUH

Sunmee Huh, who created Good50 while on winter break from high school, said she enjoys visiting her grandfather Sam Auh after school.

Sunmee Huh created the elderly-friendly search engine Good50 last year with her 82-year-old grandfather in mind. Now she is hoping to help other grandparents.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

Chang Huh has been collecting newspaper clippings for about six months to document his 16-year-old daughter's accomplishments.

He is building a collection of local and national articles on his daughter Sunmee Huh from *The Washington Post*, *AARP* and *The Gazette*, among others.

The media attention came when Sunmee Huh created the search engine Good50 after witnessing her grandfather's troubles with browsing the internet.

"Yeah, we cut out the newspaper articles. Some of our neighbors and friends they save the copy, and then they send it to us," Chang Huh said. "It was like a big thing in our neighborhood."

Sunmee Huh saw how her 82-year-old grandfather, Sam Auh, enjoyed browsing the online job postings on his laptop. But the small font on some web pages and numerous advertisements made it difficult to navigate the internet.

"My family was at my grandfather's house and he was using his preset search engine on his laptop," Sunmee Huh explained over the phone from her grandfather's home in Maryland. "He was searching [for] a university or something and he couldn't really tell the difference between the advertisements and the actual results."

Her grandfather, who suffered from a stroke and has failing eyesight, was also struggling to read the small font on the search engine websites.

Sunmee Huh found a solution to his problems: bigger fonts, fewer advertisements and zoom features.

Good50 made its debut in January after Sunmee Huh labored on the site for about two weeks while on winter break from her Maryland-based high school. Her 13-year-old sister Dahlia served as the unofficial web design consultant and her youngest sibling, Chris, was sometimes asked for his opinions.

The Google-powered site is geared toward those 50 or older, which inspired the search engine's name. The site is also set up to give back to charities.

With every 50 clicks on Good50, five cents is donated to a

selected charity, said Sunmee Huh. To date she has raised \$50 for the American Red Cross and \$150 to Meals on Wheels.

The Korean American high schooler said she hopes to save up funds to give away a computer this summer to a deserving person at a senior living home.

"It's not going to be too fancy, but [it'll be] a working computer and then send it to them," said Sunmee Huh. "Or if it's close enough like drive there and set it up and everything."



Sunmee Huh, 16, wants to study medicine despite her success with creating an elderly-friendly search engine.

The Teen Entrepreneur

When Sunmee Huh is not studying in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Richard Montgomery High School in Maryland, she serves as CEO and founder of Good50.

Managing the site is equivalent to a part time job, she said. Job duties include answering e-mails from people nationwide at nursing homes or libraries who are curious about using the search engine.

As well as being useful for older users, Good 50 is also "health-friendly." It features a "low vision version" of the search engine with a black background to help those of all ages with poor eyesight. Visitors can zoom in on search content by using a key command (Ctrl + or Apple +).

These features were designed to alleviate Computer Vision Syndrome, which the American Optometric Association indicates is related to computer use.

Sunmee Huh took some computer classes in middle and high school. With a limited knowledge about computer programming, Sunmee Huh utilized online resources and books to help her develop Good50. She also enlisted the help of her friends and family.

"In school I take a media production class, so sometimes I take what I learn in school and like apply it with the web design or color scheme. Little stuff," said Dahlia Huh. "We just sort of do everything together."

Sunmee Huh said her friends also help out with her business venture by testing new online features.

"Well, they're supportive," Sunmee Huh said. "I just call them up and like, 'Hey, can you test if this new thing works?'"

Chang Huh said he is proud of his daughters because they created the search engine not for the potential monetary benefits but to help their elders.

"I think it's wonderful actually because they did it for their grandfather and grandmother," Chang Huh said about his father-in-law who enjoys perusing job openings online.

"I don't think he's looking for a job to work actually because he has all kinds of health problems. He had a stroke, he had hip surgery, open-heart surgery and he fell from the bus. You can imagine he has been through a lot."

Aside from her work on Good50, Sunmee Huh said she is a typical teenager.

"I think I'm pretty regular," Sunmee Huh explained. "The IB program it takes out a good chunk of time. I try to do different activities and stuff because I don't want to just study and that's all I do or something."

The high school junior went to the prom in May. She also enjoys playing tennis and piano. College is also on her mind. Sunmee Huh is looking at local colleges to attend and study medicine.

Although she does not want to pursue a career in computer programming or web design, she said her experience creating Good50 has real-world applications.

"Well, I'm probably going to go into medical," she said. "But I think computers are really useful for everything. Any knowledge that anyone has can apply to any job." ■

Shedding Light on the World War II Nisei Linguists

Two exhibits at the JACL national convention in Chicago will tell the stories of the Japanese language specialists.

By Karen Kanemoto and Jane Kenamore

They looked like the enemy, and they spoke the language of the enemy. They used their special knowledge to defend the country that held their families behind barbed wire internment camps. They went into combat knowing that they might have to face a cousin, an uncle, or even a brother on the battlefield. They earned a Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism, but only after the story of their service had been kept from the public for decades.

These soldiers were the Japanese-language specialists of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). In the words of the Presidential Unit Citation, the MIS "participated in every major battle and campaign in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations" during World War II and in the occupation of Japan.

Consisting mainly of American-born children of Japanese immigrants, MIS soldiers served as frontline interrogators, interpreters and translators in wartime, and as a bridge between the occupation forces and the Japanese people in the postwar period.

The effectiveness of the MIS and its Nisei linguists came at great personal cost. Having lived with discrimination at home, including the incarceration of their families, they were asked to risk their lives to defeat their parents' and grandparents' country. Virtually all these men had extended families in Japan — some had brothers serving in the Japanese army. While internal conflict was intense, the linguists overcame their feelings to serve the land of their birth.

The MIS and its Nisei linguists did so much to win the war

and the peace, but little is known about their exploits. Part of this is because intellectual activities seldom get the attention of battle heroes; though MIS linguists were frequently attached to combat units. But perhaps the major reason the MIS story is not widely known is because the veterans themselves were forbidden to speak of their service until the 1970s. Consequently, even families of MIS veterans often have little information on what their fathers or uncles did during the war.

This year's JACL national convention will feature two self-guided exhibitions on the MIS. "Prejudice and Patriotism: The Story of Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service, 1941-1952" is a traveling exhibit on loan from the National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc., of San Francisco. "Prejudice and Patriotism" presents the overarching history of the MIS and its Japanese American soldier-linguists, as well as that of the JA community on the West Coast.

"Winning the Peace: The Story of Chicagoans in the Military Intelligence Service, 1941-1952," focuses on the MIS veterans who eventually settled in the Chicago area. The recollections and voices of these veterans drive the narrative, emphasizing the human side of war and its aftermath. This portion of the exhibition was made possible with grant assistance from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Local community groups worked together for nearly two years to bring these combined exhibitions to Chicago audiences. The groups include: Asian Improv aRts Midwest, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Chicago Nisei Post No. 1183, American Legion, Chicago JACL, Japanese



MIS soldiers served as frontline interrogators and translators during WWII.

American Service Committee, Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago and the National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc.

Through the efforts of those organizations, and with the showing of "Prejudice and Patriotism" and "Winning the Peace" at the JACL national convention, this little-known story will surely gain its rightful place in military history. ■

Karen Kanemoto is the manager of the Japanese American Service Committee's Legacy Center Archives and Library. Jane Kenamore is the curator of 'Winning the Peace', and principal of Kenamore & Klinkow.

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Embracing Change

Welcome to the 41st JACL National Convention, hosted by the Chicago chapter. Come for the meetings, stay for the fun and excitement in our world-class city.

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This year's Convention theme, "Embracing Change," recognizes that in order to remain relevant in today's ever-changing society, the JACL must have the creativity and flexibility to adapt to new circumstances while still remaining committed to its original mission and values. Though we will continue to honor and reflect upon our past, we hope to formulate a vision of our organization's future, deliberate the issues that affect us, seek to revitalize our membership, and inspire the youth who become our future leaders.

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Youth Luncheon	\$60	\$75

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Architecture River Cruise	\$30	\$40

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Amid controversy, the Texas Board of Education adopted the curriculum that critics say rewrites history.

Texas History Curriculum, Arizona Ban on Ethnic Studies Seen as Attacks on Education

A JACL education committee member calls for an emergency resolution to address the impact on how the World War II JA incarceration will be taught.

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

The Texas State Board of Education has adopted a social studies and history curriculum that critics say waters down the teaching of the civil rights movement and the history of the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

The new standards were adopted May 21 after a final showdown by two 9-5 votes along party lines, after Democrats' and moderate Republicans' efforts to delay a final vote failed.

The changes to the high school curriculum standards pertaining to the Japanese American internment during World War II were amended to add "the regulation of some foreign nationals."

Board member David Bradley wanted to emphasize that German and Italian Americans were incarcerated as well, to demonstrate that the internment was not racially motivated.

JACL leaders said the curriculum changes would teach students factually flawed material.

"While some Texas politicians may want to set their educational standards back to the dark ages to satisfy their own political ideology, the rest of the nation should not be subject to their backward curriculum changes," said Larry Oda, JACL national president. "The alterations and fallacies adopted by the Texas Board of Education are inaccurate and offensive to our communities."

JACL issued a March 19 statement saying "the race-based exclusion of Japanese Americans during WWII differed significantly from the experience of German and Italian Americans."

Educators have blasted the curriculum proposals for politicizing education.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said school officials "should keep politics out" of curriculum debates.

The curriculum will be used to determine what important political events and figures some 4.8 million students

will learn about for the next decade.

The standards also will be used by textbook publishers who often develop materials for other states based on guidelines approved in Texas, although teachers in the Lone Star state have latitude in deciding how to teach the material.

Education experts say the actions taken by the Texas Board of Education and a new Arizona law that bans ethnic studies is a cause for concern.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed a bill May 11 banning ethnic studies in public schools.

The law, which takes effect Dec. 31, bans classes that are designed for a particular ethnic group, promote overthrow of the U.S. government, foster resentment toward a particular race or class, or "advocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals."

Greg Marutani, a JACL education committee member, said he hopes there will be a "carefully crafted emergency resolution" introduced at the June 30-July 4 JACL national convention in Chicago "that will make this matter one of the top three issues that the national council will address and mobilize the chapters with background information about both state actions ..."

Arizona state legislators could soon take up a new bill that would zero in on migrant children within the public schools.

HB 2281 prohibits schools from offering courses at any grade level that caters to specific ethnic groups. In a separate bill, SB 1097 would compel teachers and administrators to determine the legal status of students and their families, along with an estimation of the costs associated with educating those children.

In Texas, the American Civil Liberties Union has urged the state Legislature to place more control over the board.

At least one lawmaker vowed legislative action to "rein in" the board.

"They have ignored historians and teachers, allowing ideological activists to push the culture war further into our classrooms," said Rep. Mike Villareal. "They fail to understand that we don't want liberal textbooks or conservative textbooks. We want excellent textbooks, written by historians instead of activists." ■

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— Larry Oda
JACL nat'l president

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Arkansas Relocation Camps Make 'Endangered Places' List



LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas selected Japanese American relocation camps in Arkansas to be included on a list of "endangered places."

The preservation group named the Rohwer and Jerome internment camps, among other places, as historical sites needing to be saved.

Between 1942 and 1945 about 8,500 people were held at Rohwer camp, and 7,900 at Jerome camp.

South Philadelphia School Officials Step Down

PHILADELPHIA—South Philadelphia school officials resign months after racial violence between Asian and African American students erupted at South Philly High School.

School principal LaGreta Brown and school district spokesman Theos McKinney — who served as executive director of Diversity Education and Training — resigned in May.

Otis Hackney III has been named the new principal of South Philly High School.

Their resignation comes after 30 APA students were attacked Dec. 3 throughout the day and after school. Seven students required hospital treatment. The school has since installed more than 100 security cameras in the high school.

Calif. Senate Approves Bill to Protect Rice Noodles

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Senate passed a bill May 24 that will allow Asian rice noodles to continually be served according to tradition.

SB 888, which was authored by Sen. Leland Yee and Sen. Gloria Romero, allows rice noodles to be kept at room temperature, the traditional way it is served. However the product must be delivered to restaurants within four hours.

The bill passed 30-0 and will now go to the Assembly.

The Korematsu Center Teams Up With CAPAA

SEATTLE—A new study finds that 40 percent of APA high schoolers in Washington state risk failing in math.

The Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality collaborated with the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, or CAPAA, to commission a study.

The study looked at the history of Washington-based APAs in health care and human services, the criminal justice system and more.

According to that research, Pacific Islander high schoolers hold the highest drop out rates. Also 40 percent of APAs risk academic failure in math.

Hawaii Study Finds Civil Unions Have Little Economic Impact

HONOLULU—University of Hawaii researchers predict little impact on Hawaii's economy if same-gender civil unions are permitted.

The study was released May 24 by economics professor Sumner La Croix and Kimberley Burnett with the UH Economic Research Organization.

The report finds that visitor arrivals and spending is likely to slightly increase as a result of same-sex couples traveling to Hawaii to enter into and celebrate their civil unions. They say tax and fee revenues also could rise.

Calif. Assembly Bill to Ensure APA Data Collection Fails Passage

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A bill failed that would have required state agencies to collect data reflecting the diverse groups of Asian Pacific Americans living in California.

"Having this measure die in the fiscal committee is truly disappointing to not only me but all the advocates, researchers, and community leaders who worked so hard on this issue," said Assemblyman Mike Eng. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Go For Broke's Sato-Yamazaki is Honored by JAVA



Christine Sato-Yamazaki, outgoing president of the Go For Broke National Education, was honored by JAVA for her work to collect Nisei oral history stories.

At a May 26 luncheon Sato-Yamazaki received the JAVA Courage, Honor, Patriotism Award.

JA Wins 79th Annual California Book Awards

Stan Yogi won the gold medal at the California Book Awards for the book "Wherever There's a Fight," which he co-wrote with Elaine Elinson.

The book looks at the Japanese American history, touching on the World War II incarceration.

The award ceremony has been held since 1931 to honor writers and publishers.

Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Foundation Founders Awarded

The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco awarded Tomoye Takahashi and Martha Suzuki with the 2010 Spring Conferment of Decoration.

Takahashi and Suzuki are the founders of the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation. They have been recognized in the past with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays for their commitment to promote Japanese culture and history.

Riverside JACL Announces 2010 Scholarship Winners

Nine scholarship recipients were honored May 16 by the Riverside JACL.

The community is invited to support the scholarship winners: Katherine Homma Lipow, Benjamin George Hamada, Bryan Douglas Kano, Benjamin Takao Baker, George Steven-Ryuji Way, Chanelle Anne Guillaume, Samantha Rae Hoquist, Naomi Eiko Walker and Yuki Sidney Shingaki.

APA Ex-Judge to Direct Indiana Disciplinary Commission

A former southern Indiana judge has been named the new executive director of the Indiana Disciplinary Commission.

The Indiana Supreme Court has approved G. Michael Witte as the head of the agency that investigates and prosecutes alleged attorney misconduct.

Witte was the first APA to serve as a judge in the state of Indiana. He was elected to the bench in 1985 and served through 2008.

Stockton JACL Scholarship Recipients Announced

Six high school students will be awarded scholarships June 13 through the Stockton JACL.

The scholarship programs include the Elizabeth Humbargar Scholarship, George and Amy Matsumoto Scholarship, Union Bank of California Scholarship, Baba Family Memorial Scholarship, Dobana Family Memorial Scholarship and Stockton JACL Chapter Scholarship.

Amy Komure, Nicole Doi, Gordon Wong, Jenna Kanegawa, Grant Ogata and Brandon Sasaki are slated to be honored at the Stockton scholarship luncheon. The event will be held at the King's House Restaurant. Recipients will receive scholarships from \$300 to \$1,000.

JAVA Awards Memorial Scholarships

Six high school graduates have been named as the winners of the third annual JAVA Memorial Scholarship competition.

The three awardees with 4.0 grade-point averages are: Kyle T. Ichikawa, Rachel S. Seeman and Sherilyn K. Tamagawa.

Each scholarship recipient will receive \$1,500. ■



Fred Korematsu's (seated, center) WWII conviction for defying evacuation orders was formally evacuated in 1982 with the help of a legal team that include Dale Minami (seated, left).

Calif. Bill to Honor Internment Challenger Passes Assembly

On Jan. 30, California schools will be encouraged to spend the day recognizing Fred Korematsu's accomplishments and the importance of preserving civil liberties.

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

California lawmakers united May 20 to honor a man who challenged the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

The state assembly unanimously passed a bill designating Jan. 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in California.

The measure, AB 1775, encourages California schools to spend the day recognizing Korematsu's accomplishments and the importance of preserving civil liberties.

Korematsu's daughter, Karen Korematsu-Haigh, of San Rafael, Calif., said in an e-mail message that she was proud to hear of the unanimous Assembly vote. She said she hoped for similar support from the state Senate, so that "my father's legacy will continue and the lessons of history will never be forgotten."

Korematsu, who died in 2005, was arrested in Oakland in 1942 after refusing orders to enter an internment camp. His case led the U.S. Supreme Court to examine the legality of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which authorized the

internment of about 120,000 JAs.

In 1944, the high court ruled against Korematsu, saying that the need to protect against espionage outweighed his rights. Forty years later, a federal court judge in San Francisco formally vacated Korematsu's conviction, and in 1998 President Bill Clinton presented him with the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Dale Minami, a member of Korematsu's legal team that helped vacate the conviction, said the Nisei trailblazer "never asked for honor or public acclaim when he defied the government orders aimed at Japanese Americans during World War II — he just wanted to be treated like an American."

"And for this state which led the efforts to incarcerate Japanese Americans to now honor Fred is statement about the injustice of the imprisonment," added Minami.

"We have made great progress in the areas of civil rights and equality, but we are constantly challenged to uphold these ideals," said the bill's co-author, Mary Hayashi, D-Hayward. "When these trials come, we are able to be inspired by the courage of people like Korematsu."

The legislation is one of two bills in the Legislature this year seeking to grant a special day of recognition to Californians. The other would honor Ronald Reagan, the former president and governor. ■

Donations Needed to Establish Wat Misaka Scholarship

Utah JACL chapters are working to establish an endowed scholarship in the name of Wat Misaka, a Utah native who was the first Asian Pacific American to be drafted into the National Basketball Association.

So far the chapters have raised about 88 percent of the required funds for the scholarship. They are seeking donors to recognize the impact that Misaka has made nationally and internationally.

The chapters' Day of Remembrance event at Weber State University raised funds for the scholarship as well as honored Misaka and Judge Raymond S. Uno, the first minority judge in Utah.

At the event, Weber State University student Calvin Pingree was presented with the first Wat Misaka Scholarship. Pingree will have the

opportunity to travel to Japan and experience the culture.

Both Misaka and Uno attended Weber State and found success through different paths.

Misaka won basketball championships at the high school and college levels and was drafted by the New York Knicks in 1947.

John Patterson, Ogden chief administrative officer, on behalf of Mayor Matthew Godfrey, proclaimed Feb. 20, 2010, as "Wat Misaka Day."

Uno, a former JACL national president, received his doctorate in law and master's degree from the University of Utah and at 46 became the first minority judge in Utah. Uno was awarded the 2010 Human Rights and Social Justice Award by Suzan Yoshimura, Wasatch Front North JACL president. ■

Wat Misaka Scholarship

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BY JOHN TATEISHI

Things Amiss in America

Things have gone badly amiss in this country. Civility, the veneer that keeps society in check from its own boorishness, has given way to hostility and rudeness, intelligence is too often replaced by stupidity, manners by arrogance, tolerance by ignorance.

A vice president yells "Go f— yourself" to a colleague during a debate in the U.S. Senate, this once hallowed chamber, and then brushes it aside as a momentary lapse. Politics in Washington have become so partisan that the opposition party, the Republicans, vow to oppose any meaningful legislation put before them by the president with a kind of animus that signals a level of disrespect that's astonishing. The institution of Congress is so deeply divided that it's become a war zone, with civility and collegiality things of the past.

Thus it's no surprise that there is a kind of disregard and animosity that breeds contempt and disrespect at our nation's leaders as never before. Tea Party supporters and others opposed to health care reform shout angrily at members of Congress walking to the Capitol to cast their votes on the health care bill, showering Congressman John Lewis, legendary hero of the civil rights era, with racial slurs and profanities. It's bad enough that they call a member of the U.S. Congress the N-word, but even worse that no one in their midst found it objectionable. It was like a chorus of the uglies.

Rush Limbaugh, the darling of the Right Wing and one of America's more popular radio personalities, says of our president right after the 2008 elections, "I hope he fails." Tea Party supporters adopt Sarah Palin as their champion, this half-intelligent former governor who resigned from the obligations of her office because she didn't want to be a lame duck (and how lame is that?) and who reckons she knows foreign policy because, as she stated early in the 2008 campaign, she could look from her porch and see Russia across the Bering Straits. Palin and Limbaugh epitomize something inherently wrong with the country: an angst of bitterness that blinds them and their admirers to the dangers they present to this democracy.

And that danger is manifested in Arizona's recent immigration law, one of the worst statutes enacted in this country in over half a century. The bottom line on

SB 1070 is that it's racist and is an open invitation for racial profiling. And if anyone is foolish enough to argue the point, just how many non-Latinos or non-Asians do you think will be stopped as suspected undocumented immigrants? How many Canadians, who constitute a large number of undocumented visitors in this country? Or Europeans with expired visas living here illegally? If this law isn't intended to target Latinos, I don't know what it is.

If this weren't bad enough, other states like Michigan and Virginia and others are watching the legal consequences of the Arizona law with an eye to adopt similar statutes. The two Republican primary candidates here in California are tripping over each other to convince their party's voters which of them more strongly agrees with the Arizona law.

Two recent surveys found that Americans approve of the Arizona law in numbers hovering at around 60 percent, with close to 50 percent of Democrats in favor of the law. This kind of public sentiment favoring such a blatantly racist bill would have been unthinkable five or ten years ago. Blame it on tough economic times. Or call it for what it really is: unabashed racism not unlike bills southern states enacted during the ugly Jim Crow days.

What's happened in Arizona seems to have unleashed a spate of reactions all over the country. Politicians and candidates for public office seem to think it's okay now to show their true colors on the immigration and other issues. There seems a lack of concern about supporting policies based on racial profiling, and if legalized racial profiling is okay, then what comes next?

If letting the basest instincts in our society run loose is okay, then we're in for bad times. And this broad acceptance and welcoming of the Arizona law by other states and political leaders — is this showing the nation for what it really is?

First they came for you and then they came for me. It's a parable told over and over. It's time we stopped it, now. ■

John Tateishi is the immediate past JACL national director.



Ozaki (right) and Grace Kong, Philadelphia Census Office, demonstrate what happens during a visit from a Census taker.

Last Push For 2010 Census

By Phillip Ozaki

When opportunity knocks, open the door. That was the driving message to the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, in a last chance push to encourage participation in the 2010 Census. Each person that's counted means more federal funds and more opportunities for communities, which may come in the form of schools, hospitals, and other important infrastructure.

On May 26, The JACL Washington, D.C. office, U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves, and other AAPI organization leaders teamed up at two media events. Armed with a big white door donated from the Home Depot, JACL Census Intern Ashley Nagaoka spoke in Fairfax, Virginia, and I spoke in Washington, D.C.'s Chinatown.

The door brought awareness about the bureau's Non-Response Follow-Up phase (NRFU), also known as door-to-door canvassing. From May 1 to early July, Census takers across the country will be knocking on the doors of 48 million households that did not mail in their Census forms, in order to get the data needed about each residence.

"Since April 28, 72 percent of the national population has been counted in the 2010 Census, but that's not good enough. We need 100 percent, we need everyone to be counted," said Glenn Magpantay, democracy program director for the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Ashley and I encouraged AAPI communities to cooperate with the Census takers by first and foremost opening the door. With the help of Census employees dressed as Census-takers, Ashley and I demonstrated what happens during a NRFU visit. We reassured residents that their answers to the 10 Census questions are confidential, and they also addressed concerns, such as how residents can identify a real Census-taker from a fraud.

A Census taker will always have a Census Bureau ID badge with their name. If you're still unsure, you can ask for a second form of identification. The Census-takers will also be carrying a black canvas bag with the Census logo on it.

A Census taker will never ask to enter your home. They will never ask for your social security number or your bank or credit card information or for money to make a donation. They will never ask about your immigration status.

There were also concerns about language barriers. Census takers carry with them a flashcard containing a sentence about the 2010 Census written in approximately 50 languages. If a resident doesn't speak English, the Census-taker shows the flashcard to the resident, and the resident points to the language he/she speaks. A Census crew leader will then reassign the case to a person who speaks that language.

In most cases, Census takers will make up to six attempts at each address to count possible residents. That includes leaving visit notification letters at the door with a phone number to call to either conduct a phone interview or schedule an in-person interview. If there's still no luck in reaching the residents after these attempts, the Census-takers will try to find another reliable source — a neighbor, a landlord, a building manager — to obtain as much basic information about the residents as they can.

Some households will receive a visit even though they may have mailed back their form. It may be because the form arrived too late or the residents receive mail from a post office box and not a specific building address.

To close the event, I told everyone the JACL is here to do a last push to get the entire AAPI community counted in the 2010 Census. This is our last chance to get counted for resources we need for the next 10 years. ■

Phillip Ozaki is the JACL Mineta Fellow. Ashley Nagaoka contributed to this piece.





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'Most Japanese Americans must be proud of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team,' said Suzuki.

Junichi Suzuki Focuses on the 442nd RCT

'442: Live With Honor, Die With Dignity' documents the travails of Japanese Americans during World War II.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

Steve Shimizu was at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii when the bombs dropped in 1941. About two years later he enlisted in the military and served in the F Company with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

In Biffontaine, France Shimizu was injured when shrapnel hit his arm. The 90-year-old recounted that combat wound and other war memories in the film "442: Live With Honor, Die With Dignity."

"This is something that is a new experience for me. They came to interview me. I guess they got to know me a little better," Shimizu said about participating in the documentary. "I happened to be there in the right place. And even my friends say, 'How did you get into the picture?'"

Fittingly wearing an F Company shirt, Shimizu sat in the front row during the May 20 screening of the "442" film in Los Angeles, Calif. Other veterans were seated throughout the audience, wearing blue and red hats emblazoned with Go For Broke insignia.

Shimizu was one of six Japanese American veterans who returned to France in 2009 to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres. The "442" film crew was also there, documenting the veterans' journey to the French town with the street Rue du 442 Regiment Americain named in their honor.

Directed by Junichi Suzuki, the documentary features interviews with Japanese American veterans who served in the 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service and 100th Battalion.

The theatrical release begins July 25 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's Aratani/Japan America Theatre. In July the film will also be released in Japan.

Those who are a part of this documentary say viewers will likely be moved by the veterans' stories about the JA experience during WWII.

"Any human being watching that film will be profoundly

moved, maybe even angered to understand that we acted so irrationally, so hysterically," said actor George Takei who was interviewed in the film. "Director Suzuki did a fantastic job."

Recapturing War Stories

The "442nd" film is the second part of a trilogy about the JA experience in the wake of Pearl Harbor. The 2009 film "Toyo's Camera" was the first in the series.

An aim to raise awareness about the injustices committed



The theatrical release begins July 25 at Little Tokyo's Aratani/Japan America Theatre.

against JAs lead Suzuki to make the film.

"Most Japanese Americans must be proud of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team," Suzuki said. But he added that most Japanese people do not know about Japanese American history, which was one reason he made the film.

Suzuki's crew followed the veterans from their trip in Europe to commemorate the liberation of Bruyeres and back to their

homes. Veterans like Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye shared their personal experiences serving in WWII. Inouye talked of the combat wound that took his arm.

George Kanatani, who also traveled to Bruyeres, recalled for the film losing a fellow 442nd soldier in battle. Others like Nelson Akagi, who served with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, recounted liberating Dachau.

For those who watched young JA men and women go off to serve during WWII, the film is a reminder of the sacrifices made by Nisei soldiers.

"The greatest irony is that the most decorated unit of the Second World War, and certainly American history, came from the most vilified community in America — Japanese Americans, who were feared and suspected of being traitors, saboteurs," said Takei.

Takei was interned at Camp Rohwer as a child with his family. The actor said he remembers seeing JAs leave the internment camp to serve in the war, but he was "too young to really understand."

The 442nd RCT became known as the most highly decorated unit in American history. Over 30,000 JAs served in WWII, which is remembered as the deadliest war in history.

Some of those veterans shared their combat stories in the "442nd" film. They were stories that some veterans had not previously shared with their families.

"One of the veterans talked about a machine gun splitting the head of the person he was talking to right in front of him. I mean it is that kind of horror that they experienced," Takei said. "But because of that they changed America. I enjoy the America I do today because of their incredible heroism."

Shimizu said the film crew spent about three and a half days at his California home, which he shares with his wife Dede. At a recent reunion in Las Vegas, Shimizu said his veteran friends commented that they had seen him in the "442nd" film.

"It's kind of really new, and I'm really honored that he has so much of my film in there," Shimizu explained.

Now Shimizu plans to show the film to his son Craig and granddaughter Ellen.

"My son is coming to see the documentary. He's in Cleveland. My granddaughter also," Shimizu said. "Really they're going to be excited." ■



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Idaho JACLeR Organizes Ceremony to Honor Japanese Railroad Workers

With the help of Idaho community members, Hero Shiosaki honored the gravesite of three laborers that had been unmarked for over 100 years.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

It was 1906 when six Japanese members of a railroad crew in eastern Idaho were fishing for trout with dynamite and were surprised in the act.

Area resident Ward Reynolds' account of the incident ran in a 1996 article in the *Fall River Review* by J. Howard Moon. Reynolds explained that a "local deputy game warden" approached the Japanese men while they were fishing.

Six of the men reportedly attempted to flee punishment by swimming across the river but three drowned. Two bodies were recovered and the third was never found.

The Japanese community helped bury the two men in the Ashton Pineview Cemetery. Their graves were left unmarked until May 29 when Hero Shiosaki — a member of the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACLeR — and other community members set out to honor the three men with a proper headstone and ceremony.

Shiosaki said before the ceremony that it had been rainy in the area, but

the bad weather forecast would not drown out the planned dedication ceremony.

"It has been rainy and stormy for the last two months," Shiosaki said in a phone call to the *Pacific Citizen* days before the ceremony. "But we'll make do."

About 20 people gathered for a dedication ceremony May 29 at the Aston Pineview Cemetery. A headstone that had been sandblasted with "rest in peace," was placed to mark the men's burial site. Aston Mayor Teddy Stronks, Shiosaki and Moon — who wrote the 1996 article about the incident — were scheduled to address those in attendance.

Some Idaho residents said the dedication event was an "excellent example of community and JACLeR collaboration."

"I think it is wonderful that the graves will be identified by name, as having unmarked graves for known individuals is disrespectful and minimizes the tragedy," said Micki Kawakami, a Pocatello-Blackfoot JACLeR member.

"I'm so glad we have caring members in the chapter like Hero who

spearheaded efforts to right wrongs and to honor our ancestors."

Correcting a Wrong

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prevented Chinese laborers from entering the United States, allowed other immigrant groups like the Japanese to work on the railroads.

Many other immigrant groups also worked on the Northwest and Oregon Short Line railroads in the early 1900s. It was at a time following the end of the Russo-Japan War.

Three Japanese men, who were fishing near Warm River and Henry's Fork in 1906, were a part of a crew of about 50-60, according to Moon's historical research.

The state game warden, according to a 1906 *Peak-Chronicle* article, was quoted as saying he was looking for some "Japs" who had been reportedly using dynamite to fish. That warden later surprised the rail laborers while they were fishing. They drowned when attempting to flee.

Sixteen days after the drowning incident the first body was discovered in Marysville, Idaho.

"Later on about a week later they discovered another skeleton, but in the three weeks or more that it had been in the river they could not identify him," Shiosaki added, "And then

the third one they did not identify because he was never recovered."

The men's deaths were noted with the word "Japs" in the Ashton Cemetery plat book, according to Moon's article. A headstone would not be placed at their gravesite until 2010.



SHIOSAKI

Some Idaho residents like Reynolds, whose account was reported in Moon's article, felt a "deeper sense of sorrow for unnecessary deaths of strangers in his community."

The three men who drowned were later identified as H. Ishii, S. Makita and S. Matsu. Their names have now been sandblasted in a gravestone donated by Perry Hawker with the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot, Idaho.

"Well I went to the Hawker Funeral home here," Shiosaki

explained. "And he told me he had a stone marker for a war veteran whose name was spelled incorrectly and we could have that. All we'd need to do was have the proper names sandblasted on the good side."

JACLeR covered the cost of \$180 to sandblast and set the gravestone.

Shiosaki, who learned of the incident through his friend Glade Lyon, said he sympathized with the Japanese railroad workers who were "just trying to get some fish to eat," when they were surprised by the game warden.

"In those days you probably couldn't find sports shop to buy fishing poles or anything else," Shiosaki explained. "They resorted to dynamiting because they were part of the crew that was dynamiting the rocks."

Before the ceremony Shiosaki said he would honor the men at the event by talking about his experiences growing up as a Japanese American, including his service in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

For Shiosaki the decision to honor these men with a grave marker and ceremony during Memorial Day weekend was simple.

"Don't you think it's important that people wherever your community is knows of the history?" Shiosaki said when asked why he organized the ceremony. "Well, that's why I'm doing it." ■



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JACL Marches in Protest of Ariz. Immigration Law

Despite ongoing protests, national polls show strong support for the new law.

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Supporters and opponents of Arizona's tough new crackdown on illegal immigration held separate rallies in Phoenix, drawing thousands of people from around the United States.

Marchers filled a 5-mile stretch of central Phoenix May 29, demanding

that the federal government refuse to cooperate with Arizona authorities trying to enforce the new law.

Members of the Arizona Asian Pacific American coalition endured sweltering

heat to march in the protest. Among them was a contingent of JACLers dressed in aloha shirts.

"I feel that SB 1070 is unjust and will result in racial profiling," said Kathy Nakagawa, Arizona JACL chapter president who marched alongside her daughter Willa Eigo, 14. "My daughter and I wanted to be part of this national march because of its significance in sending a message of protest and resistance against this law."

The JACL and a coalition of civil rights groups have filed a class action

lawsuit challenging Arizona's new law requiring the police to demand "papers" from people they suspect are not authorized to be in the U.S.

The lawsuit charges Arizona's new immigration law with inviting racial profiling, violating the First Amendment and interfering with federal law.

The Arizona JACL has introduced a resolution calling for SB 1070 to be overturned. The resolution, which cites similar anti-Asian and anti-immigrant sentiment during the 1920s, will be voted on at the June 30-July 4 JACL national convention in Chicago.

The new law requires that Arizona police conducting traffic stops or questioning people about possible legal violations ask them about their immigration status if there is "reasonable suspicion" they are in the country illegally.

Critics of the law say it unfairly targets minorities and could lead to racial profiling. Proponents insist racial profiling will not be tolerated.

Community activists say the law will affect Asian Pacific Americans. About one in eleven undocumented immigrant is from Asia, according to

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A contingent of Arizona JACLers joined the May 29 march against Arizona's SB 1070 immigration law.

the Asian Law Caucus. Two-thirds of the APA population in Arizona are foreign-born, with Indian, Chinese, Filipino and Vietnamese Americans comprising the largest APA ethnic groups.

"We need to all support each other," said Christine Iijima Hall. "All people of color are at risk to be

stopped and asked for our 'papers.'"

Supporters said they are standing with Arizona for trying to enforce immigration laws because the federal government has failed to do so.

Since Ariz. Gov. Jan Brewer signed SB 1070 on April 23, more than two-thirds of the calls and letters she is receiving are from supporters,

according to her staffers.

National polls have shown strong support for the new Arizona law. A survey done early this month by the Pew Research Center shows 59 percent of Americans approved of the law and only 32 percent disapproved. Other polls showed similar or greater support. ■

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COMMENTARY

SB 1070: A New Era for JACL?

JACL's decision to join in litigation against SB 1070 will not be the easiest path, but it's the just course.

By Ron Katsuyama



JACL has just entered a new phase in its history as a civil and human rights organization.

Following a week of intense reflection and discussion, the national board voted on May 17 in favor of signing on as a plaintiff in a class action suit that challenges the constitutionality of Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 (SB 1070), scheduled to go into effect July 28.

Historically, most of national JACL's activities have been related to education around civil rights issues, and becoming a plaintiff against SB 1070 also serves our core educational mission. Public controversy associated with this law centers on racial profiling, and our JACL members can provide the court illuminating case studies attesting to the travesty of racial profiling in the guise of national security.

Although SB 1070 is known by its proponents as "The Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act," this law will lead to a number of civil and human rights violations, including an increase in racial profiling. Among

its controversial provisions, it 1. directs police, based upon "reasonable suspicion" during the course of their lawful duty, "to determine the immigration status of the person" and 2. requires that lawful immigrants provide proof of authorized status or be detained for criminal trespassing, even if the sole reason for detention is status verification.

Supporters of SB 1070 claim that racial profiling will not increase. After all, the law states, "a law enforcement official ... may not consider race, color or national origin in implementing the requirements." However, we cannot always count on the best intentions and judgments of police officers to avoid actions based on widespread stereotypes associated with immigrant populations or people of color.

Consider, for example, the parallels between Executive Order 9066 and SB 1070. EO 9066, signed by President Roosevelt Feb. 19, 1942, did not specify exclusion based on race. However, implementation of this order by Lt. Gen. DeWitt involved the incarceration of 120,000 individuals of Japanese descent living on the West Coast.

SB 1070 explicitly bans racial profiling. But what criteria independent of perceived race or ethnicity will create "reasonable suspicion" that someone is an unauthorized immigrant? No safeguards exist to thwart discriminatory practices and, therefore, law enforcement officers could stop someone and investigate their immigration status because of a "reasonable suspicion" that he or she is an unauthorized immigrant. Furthermore, no



demographic information need be documented and, therefore, racial profiling would be difficult to detect.

An additional concern is the nature and quality of training provided to help local police officers and sheriff deputies enforce immigration law. A lecture to Maricopa County sheriff's deputies by Kris Kobach, a law professor at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law, who helped draft SB 1070, is a disturbing example of such concern.

In discussing factors that justify "reasonable suspicion," Kobach cites examples such as "speaks English extremely poorly," and "the individual avoids making eye contact with the officer, and this, of course, can give rise to reasonable suspicion, not only in the immigration context, but in other law enforcement contexts as well.

Such statements and other items on Kobach's list are unlikely to challenge prevailing stereotypes about immigrant populations, and those stereotypes will determine who will be questioned and detained regard-

ing their immigration status.

One may argue that we need not worry before the fact that law enforcement officers will engage in racial profiling in the application of SB 1070. As Gov. Jan Brewer stated, "We have to trust our law enforcement." After all, just because SB 1070 can cause an increase in racial profiling, the application of SB 1070 will not necessarily result in such practices.

One may also argue that just because SB 1070 can result in criminality for giving an unauthorized immigrant a ride to a grocery store, doctor, or pharmacy (subject to a fine of at least \$1,000 and immobilization or impoundment of one's vehicle), or that police can reject an out-of-state driver's license as evidence of lawful presence in the U.S. (when proof of legal presence in the U.S. is not required before its issuance, as occurs in the adjacent state of New Mexico), such practices are not inevitable in the implementation of SB 1070.

Minimally, the activation of SB 1070 would undermine trust

between many community members and local police and diminish a sense of community spirit among neighbors comprised of both legal and unauthorized residents. The gravest risk, however, is the gradual erosion of our constitutional rights. These include "due process" and "equal protection of the laws, requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment, and protection against "unreasonable searches and seizures," a requirement of the Fourth Amendment.

A second major concern with SB 1070 is its creation of separate, state criminal offenses. Supporters of SB 1070 have claimed that it only mirrors federal laws that are not being enforced. In truth, SB 1070 changes certain violations, such as the failure to provide proof of authorized status, solicitation of work by an unauthorized immigrant, or unauthorized employment from civil to criminal offenses. As the "supreme Law of the Land," federal law preempts state law, and this is another basis for overturning SB 1070.

The decision to join in litigation against SB 1070 will not be the easiest path for JACL. However, if JACL is committed to remain a vital organization, true to our mission, deserving of leadership among our nation's premier civil and human rights groups, and a source of inspiration and pride in furthering democratic ideals, then we must take the just course. We must act with courage and conviction at a critical time in our history. ■

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Placer County JACL to Hold Fundraiser

Proceeds will go toward the building of a Nisei veterans memorial.

By Pacific Citizen Staff

The cost to build a Placer County, Calif. memorial in honor of World War II Japanese American soldiers has increased because of the high cost of bronze and the still stagnant economy, according to Ken Tokutomi, Placer County JACL treasurer.

"We had envisioned a project that would generate the needed funds by Veterans Day 2010," said Tokutomi. "Now we realize that Memorial Day 2011 is more realistic goal."

Fundraising for the project, which has mostly consisted of donations from the local area, has already realized over \$35,000 with another \$10,000 in pledges.

Plans to build the bronze statue at the roundabout of the Bill Santucci Justice Center in Roseville were announced last year. The sculpture, "Rescue of the Lost Battalion," depicts a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team rescuing a wounded soldier of the 36th Texas Division.

The high cost of bronze has raised estimates for the project

from \$110,000 to \$150,000.

"I believe there is money out there, but people are concerned about the state of the economy, their jobs, and their investments," said Tokutomi.

Sculpture artist France Borka also faced health issues, which delayed the delivery of the model by at least six months, he added.

To meet the demand, project officials have commissioned the creation of limited edition bronze scale models of the monument for contributions of \$8,000 or over.

Limited edition bronze commemorative medallions will also be available for donations of \$1,000 or more. The medallions will be unveiled during a June 24 fundraising screening of "Valor With Honor", Burt Takeuchi's independent documentary film about the WWII Nisei veterans.

The Sacramento and Florin JACL have also signed on as chapter sponsors of the memorial project.

Placer County JACL is also working with local school officials to set up an educational component to the memorial.

"What good is a statue if no one knows what it stands for?" said Tokutomi.

A total of 101 JAs from Placer County served with the 442nd RCT during WWII. ■

'Valor With Honor'

June 24
Two screenings at 4 p.m.
and 7 p.m.
The State Theater
985 Lincoln Way
Auburn, Calif.
\$45/person or \$80/pair
For info:
www.placerjaci.org or
www.valorwithhonor.com

COMMENTARY

Nominations Committee Still Seeking Candidates

It's important for the JACL to have a robust slate of candidates for national offices.



By Kent Kawai

Every two years the JACL national council elects its national board members to serve two-year terms. The national nominations committee is charged both with the responsibility to seek out members to serve on the board and to conduct the election process.

This year at the JACL's last official biennial convention in Chicago, the national council will be electing the next national board. However, unlike previous conventions, there are only two people who filed prior to the deadline to run for national office.

The nominations committee has been working hard to find people who are willing to serve the JACL. As of right now, the nominations committee has heard of at least three individuals who may be running from the convention floor. However, that still leaves a few national offices open with no candidates.

Currently, the youth/student representative office is open with no can-

didates. For anyone interested in running for any of the youth/student offices, please contact the current national youth council chair at youthchair@jaci.org or the youth representative at youthrep@jaci.org.

We need people to run for national offices. It is important that as an organization, we have a robust slate of individuals for the national council to choose from. A contested office allows voting delegates the opportunity to decide which candidate would be best for the job. It is part of the democratic process and it should not be left to one person to decide who should fill that vacancy. This is your organization and you should have a choice in the way and direction that the JACL is run.

To run for national office from the floor of the convention, there are requirements that must be completed.

For a member to run from the floor of the convention, they must first completely fill out the "Candidate's Application Form", which can be downloaded from the JACL website, www.jaci.org.

In addition to the application form, the individual must obtain the signatures of the majority of chapter presidents and/or chapter delegates before submitting their application. Interested individuals can mail their completed application and required documentation to JACL National Headquarters at 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, e-mail a copy to jaci-ncwnpro@msn.com, or hand deliver it on the day of the

nominations committee meeting on June 30 at 1 p.m. in the St. Moritz Room.

Once the application has been submitted there is a \$500 cap on all campaigning expenses. Please make a copy of your completed application and required documentation and keep them with you until the nominations committee has had time to review it prior to the nominations process at convention.

Please keep in mind that each individual who wishes to run for national office must attend the convention and the nomination process, the candidate's forum and the district caucuses on July 1.

The elections are scheduled for early Saturday morning July 3 with the oath of office scheduled for later that day. For more information, please refer to the nomination and election guidelines, which can also be downloaded from the JACL website.

Contact your nominations committee representatives to inform them of your intent to run from the floor. They are: Bob Taniguchi, CCDC; Stanley Kanzaki, EDC; Paul Fisk, IDC; Matthew Teshima, MDC; Lily Kawafuchi, NCWNP; Dawn Rego, PNW; and Kelly Mayeda, PSW.

For more information, contact me at mkawaiusa@netscape.net or NCWNP regional director Patty Wada at jaci-ncwnpro@msn.com. ■

Kent Kawai is the chair of the nominations committee.

Twin Cities JACL Helps Kick Off APA Heritage Month

Members of the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee represented the Japanese American community at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month that kicked off May 3 in St. Paul.

Sally Sudo, committee chair, and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas showcased a display on the Military Intelligence



(L-r) Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Sally Sudo and Kao Ly Ilean Her showcase the Twin Cities JACL's display on the MIS Language School.

Service Language School (MISLS) at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling during World War II. They also presented a MISLS curriculum guide

developed by the Twin Cities JACL to help teachers fulfill a requirement for grades 4-8 on Minnesota history. ■

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JAs Honor Quakers

Los Angeles, Calif.
June 5, 2 p.m.
Japanese American National Museum
369 East First Street

At the height of anti-Japanese sentiment after the Pearl Harbor attack, the Quakers, openly supported Japanese Americans through their American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). A special public program, 'Quakers: Friends of the Japanese American Community', commemorates the AFSC's support of JAs during World War II.

For information: AFSC at 213/489-1900 or www.afsc.org

East

JACL's Salute to Champions

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sept. 16

The National JACL Gala Awards dinner is an annual fundraising event that seeks to honor individuals and organizations that have championed the causes of the JACL.

Info: www.jacl.org

Asian American Golf Classic

WEST NYACK, NY.

June 21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Manhattan Woods Golf Club
1 Ahlmeyer Drive

Come for a day of golf and leisure at the 2nd Annual Asian American Golf Classic. Proceeds benefit nonprofits such as the Asian American Federation, Chinatown YMCA and others.

Info: 845/623-0200

Southeast Asian American Leadership & Advocacy Training

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 18-20

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center is providing a forum for Southeast Asian American community leaders to participate in three days of activities that include advocacy

education, collaborative networking and more. A training program in Long Beach, Calif. will also be held Aug. 15-17.

Cost: If selected, applicants pay a \$75 registration fee.

Info: Riemsalio Phetchareun at riemsalio@searac.org or 202/667-4690

APAICS Golf Classic

ARLINGTON, VA.

June 28, 9 a.m.

Army Navy Country Club
1700 Army Navy Drive

The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies invites you to the 2nd Annual Golf Classic.

Info: Rosemary Hoffmann at 703/683-7500 or RHoffmann@epiphanyproductions.com

Midwest

National JACL Convention

CHICAGO, IL

June 30-July 4

Swissotel
323 E. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601-9722

Join other JACL members from across the nation in this biennial convention hosted by the Chicago JACL. Activities include workshops, special

speakers and banquets.

Register: \$250/before June 10; \$200/youth ages 25 and under before June 10.

Info: www.jacl.org/news/2010ChicagoJMTEMP033009/home.html

Intermountain

2010 Minidoka Pilgrimage

TWIN FALLS, ID

JUNE 24-27

The Seattle JACL, Nisei Veterans Committee and Friends of Minidoka invite everyone to the pilgrimage. In addition to the pilgrimage, a symposium on civil liberties will be held at the College of Southern Idaho.

Register: \$300/before June 4; \$250/children ages 12 and under.

Info: MinidokaPilgrimage@gmail.com

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Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

Community Picnic

APTOS, CA

June 26, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Aptos Village Park
100 Aptos Creek Rd.

Everyone is welcome to attend this community picnic, including races, bingo, a raffle and a Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarships presentation.

Info: wsc.jacl@gmail.com or visit www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org

Stockton JACL Spaghetti Feed

STOCKTON, CA

Sept. 25

Stockton Buddhist Temple

2820 Shimizu Dr.

Stockton JACL needs workers to help with the Stockton spaghetti feed and raffle and silent auction. Organizers are also looking for prize donations by Sept. 18.

Info: Nelson Nagai at 209/476-8528

Tule Lake Pilgrimage

Tulelake, CA

July 2-5

The Tule Lake Segregation Center This pilgrimage will focus on the "No-Nos" and those who renounced their U.S. citizenship.

Info: 415/566-2279 or www.tulelake.org

Japanese Community Youth Council 40th Anniversary Gala

San Francisco, CA

June 19, 7 p.m.-midnight

S.F. Japantown's Peace Plaza Celebrate JCYC's 40th Anniversary in a special evening that celebrates the organization's dedication to empowering young people for the future.

Info: Lenna Onishi at 415/202-7909 or lonishi@jcy.org

Pacific Southwest

NPS Needs Manzanar Volunteers

OWENS VALLEY, CA

June 14-23, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

The National Park Service is recruiting volunteers to assist with archeological investigations at Manzanar. This year the focus is on a variety of World War II era landscaping, including both large and small pond features at Merritt Park and at several of the residential blocks.

Info: 760/878-2194 X 2714 or Carrie_Andresen@nps.gov

PSW 14th Annual Awards Dinner

LONG BEACH, CA

Oct. 9, 6 p.m.

The Grand

4101 E. Willow St.

Join the JACL PSW district to celebrate the 14th Annual Awards Dinner.

Info: 213/626-4471

17th Annual Benefit Concert:

Showtime 2010

LOS ANGELES, CA

Aug. 28

Aratani Japan America Theatre

244 South San Pedro St.

Come for a night of music, laughter, silent auction, dessert reception and drawing sponsored by the Asian American Drug Abuse Program.

Info: Paulina Hong at 323/293-6284 or phong@aadapinc.org

Go For Broke Monument Tribute

LOS ANGELES, CA

June 5, 10 a.m.

Little Tokyo's Go For Broke Monument

Join this annual gathering that gives us an occasion to reflect on the heroism and sacrifice of World War II Japanese American veterans.

Info: www.goforbroke.org

'Valor With Honor' Screening

LOS ANGELES, CA

June 13, 1 p.m.

JCCNC: Issei

Memorial Hall

1840 Sutter Street

Filmmaker Burt Takeuchi interviewed dozens of Nisei World War II veterans in this independent documentary.

Info: Burt Takeuchi at torasan-films@yahoo.com

Far East Cafe Program

LOS ANGELES, CA

July 18, 1:30 p.m.

Chop Suey Cafe

347 East First Street

Come see the proud legacy of Far East Cafe in Little Tokyo, an epic saga of Jeong Clan from Hoyping (Kaiping) to Gum Saan (Gold Mountain). A journey in discovery on cultural influence of En To Low.

Info: Ray Chong at 510/915-9810 or raychong@prodigy.net

A Conversation With Maya

Soetoro-Ng

LOS ANGELES, CA

June 12, 7:30 p.m.

Japanese American National Museum

369 East First Street

President Barack Obama's half-sister Maya Soetoro-Ng will engage artist Kip Fulbeck as part of JANM's ongoing series "Conversations." Soetoro-Ng is currently an education specialist at the East West Center in Hawaii.

Info: Chris Komai at 213/830-5648 or ckomai@janm.org

JAKWV Portugal-Spain Trip

LOS ANGELES, CA

Nov. 4

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans is planning a 12-day trip to Portugal and Spain. Those on the tour will depart from the Los Angeles International Airport.

Cost: \$3,599 per person (including airfare).

Info: Victor Muraoka at 818/368-4113 or v.muraoka@verizon.net

Pacific Northwest

Minidoka Reunion Committee

SEATTLE, WASH.

Sept. 4, 12 noon to 4

p.m.

NVC Memorial Hall

1212 South King St.

The Nisei Veterans Committee will hold a "bento lunch social" where attendees can get the chance to "table hop" and visit with friends.

Cost: \$20

Info: Tak Todo 206/362-8195

ACRS 'Walk For Rice'

SEATTLE, WASH.

June 19, 8 a.m.

Seward Park

5900 Lake Washington Blvd

Team up with the Nisei Veterans Committee for the 2010 Walk For Rice. Proceeds benefit the Asian Counseling and Referral Service's Seattle Food Bank.

Info: Tom Kometani at 425/357-0803 or tkometani@comcast.net

Portland's Japanese American

Historical Plaza: 20 Years

PORTLAND, OR

July 30

Tom McCall Waterfront Park

1020 SW Naito Pkwy

The Oregon Nikkei Endowment celebrates its 20th year with an exhibit honoring the JA Historical Plaza.

Info: Nicole Nathan at 503/224-1458 or Nicole@oregonnikkei.org

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TRIBUTE

Judd Masami Sato

December 24, 1919 - March 28, 2010



Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he studied business. It was there that he met the love of his life, Toshi Harada. They married in 1948 and lived in Chicago where he worked for the Hellman Corporation. They moved to Berkeley, California in 1950. Judd then worked for Dura-Belting, Inc., as the general manager and co-owner until he retired in 1984.

Judd was an avid golfer who played on courses throughout California, Hawaii and even Japan. He enjoyed working with wood and built most of the furniture in his two homes as well as for the homes of his children. He and Toshi loved to travel and would take the family on month long road trips driving across the United States and Canada. He spent his retirement years building and vacationing in their dream house on the coast.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Toshi; his children and their spouses, Dr. Judith K. Sato (Steven Gallegos) of Glendale, CA, Kreyne Sato (Laura) of Lafayette, CA, Perry Sato (Lori) of Danville, CA; grandsons Russell and Kirk Sato; his sisters and their spouses, Haruno Aochi (Kenji) of Hayward, CA, Hisako Mitsuyasu of Berkeley, CA; sister-in-law Kimie Sato Honda (Aki) of El Cerrito, CA; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brothers Noboru, Yoshitomo, and Shiro "Nick", and brother-in-law Kiyoshi Mitsuyasu.

Judd will be remembered for his devotion to his family, his commitment to providing a strong foundation for his children so that each was successful in reaching their respective goals, and his love of life. We will greatly miss him.

A private service was held on April 2, 2010. A celebration of Judd's life was held on April 17, 2010 attended by many of his friends and family.

Judd passed away on March 28, 2010 at the age of 90. He lived a long, happy and full life. He was born on December 24, 1919 in Watsonville, California, the son of Etsu and Tokutaro Sato, immigrants from Shizuoka, Japan. He grew up on an apple and strawberry farm and graduated from Watsonville High School in 1939. During the evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II, he and his family were placed in Poston, Arizona. Later, he went to the University of Marquette in

Screening of Watada Documentary Set for June 19

The Watada family and Oscar-winning filmmaker Freida Lee Mock are slated to attend.

The Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress and the Asian American Vietnam Veterans Organization is hosting a June 19 screening of "Lt. Watada", a documentary on the first commissioned officer to refuse deployment to Iraq.

Special guests at the Little Tokyo screening will include: Ehren Watada's father and stepmother Bob Watada and Rosa Sakanishi, as well as his mother Carolyn Ho and filmmaker Freida Lee Mock.

"Lt. Watada" is an in-depth look at Ehren Watada's case from his inspiration to join the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to his 2007 court martial trial, which ended in a mistrial.

In 2006, Watada refused his order to deploy to Iraq. He was charged with "missing a movement" and "conduct unbecoming of an officer," and faced up



Watada refused his order to deploy to Iraq.

to eight years in prison and a dishonorable discharge.

Mock, an Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker best known for "Maya Lin: A Strong Vision" was inspired to make this film after reading an article on Watada in the *New York Times*.

"The story piqued my curiosity about how a very promising officer, highly praised by his commanders would come to face a court martial, a felony conviction, a dishonorable discharge and years in prison," said Mock. ■

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our Nisei Pioneers Have Stories to Tell

By Floyd Mori



Japanese American young people would do well to look into their own history to learn more about the early Nisei (those born in the U.S. of immigrant parents from Japan) pioneers who paved the way for a better life for those who would come after them. They would find that they are the posterity of some pretty amazing people. There are many untold or little known stories of outstanding people who made a significant difference. Just surviving could be a challenge, but they accomplished some remarkable endeavors in their lifetimes.

We honor the Issei, the brave souls who made their way to a new land. They tried to overcome discrimination and prejudice as they made their way in hostile environments where they did not speak the language. They worked diligently and made progress in their livelihoods. They had families, homes, jobs, farms and businesses.

The oldest Nisei, their American-born children who were becoming young adults in the 1920s, faced issues of discrimination daily and became pioneers in many facets of life. These young men and women began to assert themselves as leaders in their communities. They formed groups within the Japanese communities to fight for civil rights for their people. Thus, the JACL was formed in 1929 from some of those earlier groups.

Then with the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Imperial Navy of Japan on Dec. 7, 1941, life changed in an instant. The relatively comfortable lives the people of Japanese ancestry were building came crashing down as 120,000 people — who were mostly citizens of the U.S. living on the West Coast — were forced into concentration camps in remote and desolate areas of the country. Most lost everything. Americans of Japanese ancestry throughout the nation were immediately treated with suspicion, racism, bigotry and hatred.

Although many of the early JACL leaders have passed on, some are still with us. They deserve our extreme gratitude for all they have endured to make a better world for us. Being one of the younger Nisei (most of my contemporaries are Sansei), I have had the privilege of knowing a good number of these early leaders personally. There were people like Clarence Arai, James Sakamoto, Saburo Kido, Mike Masaoka, Edison Uno, Bill Marutani, Hank Tanaka, Pat and Lily Okura, and many, many others. (It is always dangerous to list names, and I apologize that this is a very small list which could include dozens of others). Some left us too early at fairly young ages.

A funeral service was held recently for one such leader, Chiyoko Doris Aiso Hoshide, who died in May, about eight months shy of her 100th birthday. She lived in the Washington, D.C. area for decades and was one of the early pioneers of the JACL. She was born in South Pasadena, Calif., and as a young girl lived in Hollywood and graduated from high school there in 1929.

Doris enrolled in the first class at the newly opened University of California, Los Angeles Westwood campus. She and her Japanese American friends were refused admittance to any sororities, so she founded the Chi Alpha Delta sorority which is still thriving and is open to young women of all backgrounds.

She was an avid Bruins fan. She and her husband Toshi spent time at the Heart Mountain camp and then worked for many years for the U.S. Army Map Service. They were married for 62 years, and he predeceased her in 1997. Etsu Mineta Masaoka was one of the speakers at the funeral service.

There are many such stories still waiting to be told. People live quiet lives of dignity, but their families and others often do not know of their past experiences. I encourage young people within the JACL to ask their grandparents and great grandparents to share their personal stories with them if they have not yet done so. There is still much to learn. ■



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