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Before her untimely death, Tam Tran dedicated her life to the DREAM Act. >> PAGE 4
A Memorial to Patriotism Stamp

Our entire Nikkei community would be eternally grateful to the U.S. Postal Service’s Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) should it award a National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism (“Memorial to Patriotism”) commemorative stamp(s).

It would take a series of five separate stamps to tell the story of our Nikkei heritage: (1) our Issei immigrant pioneers, (2) our forced incarceration during World War II, (3) Military Intelligence Service, (4) 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, and (5) contemporary contributions of our many talented Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei, and Hapa.

The CSAC commissions an artist of its choosing to design the stamp(s). If approved this year, the stamp’s dedication would take place no earlier than 2013.

Mas Hashimoto
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Watada’s Stand

As a non-commissioned officer who fought in the Korean War ... I heartily agree with President Lincoln’s pronouncement: “To sin by silence, when he should protest, makes cowards of men.”

It takes guts to go against the wrongheaded direction set by President Bush. In retrospect, our great country is now correcting that mistake, albeit at a great cost of lives and resources. Also, after World War II, the Nuremburg Trials of German wartime leaders offered ample reason to support Watada’s stand. Finally, isn’t dissented considered to be an essential part of our democratic government?

It’s not easy to take a position Watada did. It takes courage and determination.

He requested assignment to fight in Afghanistan, but was turned down. A coward? He was not! He took an unpopular stand but stood and fought through our nation’s court of law.

He did not flee like many did to Canada during the Vietnam War.

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COMMENTARY

The Future of the P.C.

By Margie Yamamoto

Today the Pacific Citizen is facing the most daunting challenges of its long history.

First there is the question of the newspaper going all digital and eliminating its printed version, an issue yet unresolved. Now there is the proposed JACL budget that would require the P.C. to move from its facility in Los Angeles to the JACL headquarters in San Francisco.

The P.C. Editorial Board, made up of representatives from all the district councils and the youth council, opposes both of these proposals and has made its position clear to the national board.

The idea of balancing the JACL budget by moving the P.C. to San Francisco was proposed without consulting the newspaper’s staff or the P.C. board and without the availability of critical information such as detailed direct and associated moving costs, how publishing and advertising revenues would be affected and other unavoidable expenses. I was amazed that the national board would endorse this budget without a comprehensive analysis of what it would actually cost JACL to make the move.

JACL Legal Counsel Michelle Yoshida has been assigned to conduct a feasibility study on this move and we are awaiting her results. While the

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SPRING CAMPAIGN

A Remarkable Gift

In the last issue of the Pacific Citizen, there was an article about the effort to save and preserve the Mukai property on Vashon Island. I know very little about the Japanese American experience in Washington State, but reading this article gave me a brief history of this one family, and what their importance was to the area. Whether the preservation effort is successful or not (and I hope it is), this article in the P.C. lets the entire readership, country-wide, know about this effort, and is, in a way, also preserving the history of the Mukai family’s experience on Vashon Island.

The P.C. is a remarkable gift that we give to ourselves and our community, but especially our youth. Where else will we read about what’s currently going on of concern or interest in the Asian American communities across the U.S.?; or write articles about the JA heroes who fought for this country?; or chronicle the JACL’s involvement in securing and ensuring the civil rights of all Americans through the Redress Movement?

There is no other mechanism that captures the vast and varied experiences of the JAs across the whole country. The P.C. covers both the present day news items and the issues of interest and concern, but it also serves as a

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Kristi Agari said a Pacific Citizen article inspired her to honor Nisei in Stockton Calif. Now she hopes other teens are motivated by her story.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

George Shingu was 14 when the order came to evacuate to the Butte War Relocation Camp with his family of 12. The forced evacuation of Japanese Americans, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, would mean many young students would have their education interrupted.

Shingu, 82, was a student at Stockton High School when his education was temporarily halted. He eventually got his high school diploma in 1945 at camp. But it was not until 2010 that he had a proper graduation ceremony.

"It was sort of nice, almost like a reunion," Shingu said laughing. "Some people I didn’t recognize. It’s been 60-something odd years. It was nice to see these people again."

Sixteen-year-old Kristi Agari organized the ceremony at the University of the Pacific to honor 11 Nisei who were forced to leave Stockton High School to live behind barbed wire. Of the 11 honored on May 26, two graduates were given high school diplomas they never received. Others were given recognition awards.

The ceremony, held in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall, was part of the graduation for the Stockton School For Adults.

George Shingu was a student at Stockton High School.

The Stockton, Calif. Yonsei was inspired by an article in the Pacific Citizen to coordinate the event.

"I’m getting all this attention, but it’s not about me. It’s about the Nisei," Agari said, who is on summer break from St. Mary’s High School. "They’ve done so much and I’m just a high schooler. I really haven’t done anything in my life. This day was for them and I’m just glad to be doing it for them."

The ceremony, held in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall, was part of the graduation for the Stockton School For Adults.

Agari said she was inspired to track down the Nisei and hold a ceremony after reading about another teen, who had coordinated an honorary degree graduation event.

"I wasn’t inspired right off the bat because I’m a teenager, you know," Agari continued, "I just kind of had to think of it as, ‘Well, I’m in high school. What if I had to leave right before I graduated and I had to leave my friends, and my home, and the place that I wanted to finish my education?’"

Finding her inspiration, Agari started working on the project in October of 2009, after school and on the weekends. When her friends asked her to hang out, she would make up an excuse to continue working on the ceremony preparations.

First she would need to track down the JAs who had their education interrupted over 60 years ago. A 1942 Stockton High School yearbook was her starting point.

"I looked up some names and some of the family last names to see if I knew any of them, tried to get their numbers," Agari said. "One person led to another person, led to another person. And I found out about 25 people who were eligible, but only 11 people wanted to participate."

Many opted not to attend because of physical ailments, said Agari. Others turned down the offer to attend, which Agari said was discouraging.

Those Nisei who participated said the recognition from Agari was a long-time coming and well worth it.

"It’s an experience that doesn’t really happen very often," said 83-year-old Don Hisaka, one of the honorees. "A lot of prejudice and things were taking place during the war. I think the ceremony was worth it. It brought back memories."

The 16-year-old mostly arranged the ceremony solo but had some help. Her father Atsushi paid about $1,200 out of pocket for the music, invitations, and diplomas. Her aunt at Charter Way Florist donated the lei for the honorees. The Stockton JACL also donated some food, Agari said.

"Kristi Agari was amazing in that she initiated this entire project," said Stockton School For Adults Principal Carol Hirota, who also assisted Agari with issuing the diplomas. "She was very persistent. She really wanted to make a difference, and I believe she did."

Despite some challenges in arranging the event, Agari said seeing the Nisei smile was her best reward.

"For the graduates I was really happy because one of the people who we gave a diploma to I got to sit next to him while he was getting his diploma," Agari explained. "He just turned to me and he said, ‘I’ve waited 60 years to get this and now I finally have it’."

None of Agari’s friends knew about her work to organize a ceremony for the Nisei. But that all changed when an article about her appeared on the front page of The Stockton Record.

"Some of my friends it kind of hit them like a bomb because I didn’t tell anyone. I didn’t tell anyone what I was doing. I didn’t tell any of my teachers," Agari said. "I walked into my class and all my friends were like clapping. I was just like, ‘I didn’t do anything’."

Agari said she hopes her work to honor the Nisei will inspire other teens to do the same.

"I was inspired by this one girl in the Pacific Citizen, and that’s how I managed to do it because I got the idea from someone else," Agari said. "I’m thrilled because I was saying I hope maybe I can spark another girl to do this same project."
Late DREAM Activist's Brother to Bike Across Calif. to Honor Her Memory

Tam Tran dedicated her life to helping undocumented students speak out unafraid in support of the DREAM Act, and now her brother is following in her footsteps.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

Lolly Tran was not planning to attend a bike tour across California that aims to raise scholarship funds for undocumented students. An excuse was already prepared for when his sister Tam Tran — a staunch supporter of the DREAM Act — again asked him to attend.

The 400-mile 2010 Tour de Dreams bikeathon, which begins at the University of California, Berkeley and ends at the University of California, Los Angeles, will raise awareness about immigration issues, such as their efforts to pass the DREAM Act.

It took the death of his sister in a tragic car accident for 25-year-old Lolly Tran to change his mind about participating.

"My sister had wanted me to do it," Lolly Tran explained about his sister as his voice cracked. "So I told her, I'll think about it. But really I was going to say, 'No, I'm not going to do it. I'm not going to leave the house for 10 days. I'm not going to leave my job for 10 days.'"

His mind changed when his sister died in a car accident in Trenton, Maine. Her best friend Cinthya Felix died at the scene. Tam Tran, a graduate student at Brown University, was 27. The driver of their car, Heather Lee, was treated at the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital and released.

The friends were in Maine to look at light­houses, help Lee do research, and eat lobster, says he will now quit his job as a mechanic at Nissan. He will ride in the Tour de Dreams on his sister's bicycle, which is scheduled to arrive soon in California with the rest of her belongings from Rhode Island.

Nissan. He will ride in the Tour de Dreams on May 15 by a driver in a Ford pickup truck on a rural road.

"I'm not sure about speeding. Alcohol was involved," said Maine State Police Sgt. Alden Bustard. No charges have been filed and an investigation is underway.

In the wake of his sister's death, Lolly Tran says he will now quit his job as a mechanic at Nissan. He will ride in the Tour de Dreams on his sister's bicycle, which is scheduled to arrive soon in California with the rest of her belongings from Rhode Island.

The lives of Tam Tran and Felix were remembered May 17 by hundreds at the UCLA auditorium.

Tam Tran had a ticket to return May 19 to Los Angeles, Calif. where she was scheduled to work on films projects with UCLA professor Ken Wong, among other plans.

"One thing that's extraordinary about Tam is that she helped to break the stereotype that somehow the issue of undocumented students only applies to Latinos," said Wong, who added that he will help develop a book dedicated to Tam Tran and Felix. "When in fact 40 percent of the undocumented students in University of California are Asian.

Her colleagues, friends and family say Tam Tran has influenced a new generation of activists to fight for undocumented students' rights.

"I'm going to be moving to D.C. soon, so I hope to get involved somehow with the DREAM Act movement," said Michelle Chan, Tam Tran's friend.

Fellow DREAM activists like Prema Lal said Tam Tran should be remembered as a "true hero."

"She serves as an example of the kind of life that undocumented students should try to lead," Lal said.

The news of Felix and Tam Tran's death spread on Facebook soon after the accident.

"I was shocked and in disbelief," said Jean­Paul de Guzman, who had Tam Tran as a teaching assistant at UCLA. "I was very sad that we were going to lose such a dedicated activist who I would say was in a sense fearless."

Lolly Tran got the news from a Maine state trooper by telephone.

"He had left a voice message saying that Tam was involved in an accident and his voice sounded pretty serious," he said.

The trooper informed Lolly Tran that there had been a fatality at the scene of the car accident. However Tam Tran was speaking to the trooper, so Lolly Tran was hopeful.

Tam Tran was airlifted to Eastern Maine Medical Center, where she died.

"They said the driver was intoxicated and had drugs in his system, too," Lolly Tran said. "We're not in the process of suing his insurance company yet. But it will be done soon."

Lolly Tran said his sister encouraged him to go to school. Her death has inspired him to enroll at Santa Ana College, where a scholar­ship has been dedicated to undocumented students in his sister's name. The 25-year-old says he plans on applying for the scholarship.

Tam Tran's life has also given Lolly Tran inspiration to become active in advocating for the DREAM Act.

She will be remembered as a sister, daughter and friend. But being an activist, he said, was her life's passion.

"I think her life speaks for itself. I think the way she lived her life was a model of how everybody should live their life," Lolly Tran said. "She accomplished a lot, and touched a lot of people along the way."
Historic Gathering on APIA Historic Preservation

Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) leaders of various historic preservation efforts across the country and from as far away as Guam are making plans to go to San Francisco to participate in the first ever forum on APIA historic preservation.

The Asian Pacific Islander National Historic Preservation Forum will take place June 24-26 at the Kabuki Hotel in San Francisco to participate in the first ever forum on APIA historic preservation. The forum is co-sponsored by many APIA community organizations as well as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service and the Gerbode Foundation.

Irene Hirano Inouye, board chair of the Ford Foundation, will be a keynote speaker along with Sue Fawn Chung, noted Asian American historian. Joe Quinto of the Guam Preservation Trust will also be hosting a special Guam cultural reception.

The proposed program will feature speakers from the many preservation efforts in various ethnic communities from many different locales, said Jill Shiraki, chair of the conference planning committee.

Scholarships are available for students to attend. To register for the conference: www.APINHPForum.org or 213/473-1607

JACL Announces JA of the Biennium Awardees

Three community leaders will be honored with the JACL’s “Japanese American of the Biennium Awards” at the upcoming national convention in Chicago. The recipients are Stuart Ishimaru, commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Dr. Richard Morimoto, professor of biology at Northwestern University.

The JACL is also honoring Michael Lieberman, Washington counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, as the recipient of the JACL Edison Uno Civil Rights Award, which recognizes outstanding advocacy in the pursuit of civil rights.

Ishimaru will be recognized for his commitment to protecting the civil rights of all Americans. President Barack Obama appointed Ishimaru, a longtime JACLer, to his current position at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 2009.

Morimoto will be honored for his groundbreaking work on neurodegenerative diseases including Huntington’s Disease and Lou Gehrig’s Disease. He is internationally renowned for his work on how misfolded proteins are corrected through the heat shock response.

Lieberman was a key figure in advocating for passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which was signed into law by President Obama in 2009. The act expands the coverage of existing hate crime laws to include crimes not only based on race, color, religion, and national origin, but also bias-motivated crimes based on the victim’s actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender, or disability.

“Each of these individuals has made significant contributions in their respective fields,” said Larry Oda, JACL president. “We are proud to honor each for the important advancements they have made to our society.”

The awards will be presented July 2 at the JACL National Convention’s Sayonara Banquet in Chicago.
Four Books to Delve Into

By Harry K. Honda

MY COMMENTS OF FOUR books this time diverts attention, looking at our past to what’s available today:

• “Sowing Dreams, Cultivating Lives: Nikkei Farmers in Pre-World War II Orange County,” by Stephanie George and Carlota F. Haider (2010). Center for Oral and Public History, CSU Fullerton, P.O. Box 6864, Fullerton, CA 92834. COPH@fullerton.edu.

For families and friends of the late Clarence Nishizhu who have his interview with CSU Fullerton Professor Dr. Arthur A. Hansen in book form published in 1982 will be happy to find portraits and pictures that complement the Nishizu Interview. According to Kurtis Nakagawa, OCAN Heritage Museum board member, the talent of co-authors and designers Stephanie George and Carlota Haider, both CSUF graduates, has put “the museum on a national map.” Clarence dreamt of writing a history of Japanese farmers in Orange County that culminated in honoring many of them at Santa Ana Bower’s Museum in 1971, gathering oral histories and documents for an exhibit, and finally having Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum built at the CSUF Arboretum in 2007.


This book truly shows what love of labor, Nisei style, has blessed those who value sports history and I suspect not many aficionados have this. Co-authors admit Japanese names in kanji are tricky. For instance: “Sakagami” can be “Sakaye”. Of the many judo clubs listed in Southern California, four pages cover the women in judo at San Gabriel Valley Dojo. As for Nisei in judo news, the index is handy. We found — Frank S. Ezri, Noboru Ishitani, Mits (Mitsuho) Klluura, Iwao “Matt” Matsuoka (who taught me as a white belt at Rafu Dojo), Bud Mukai (pictured on Dr. McNaughton’s exhaustive history of the Nisei in MIS), Shunji Nishibayashi (now Rev.), Frank and George Omatsu, the Alharas, Clarence Iwao Nishizhu, Dr. Yoshiharu Uchida (in San Jose).


“The original title should hint of her WWII camp life (then 18) at Poston II with others from Sacramento and a stopover at Pinedale Assembly Center. As thick as any 335 pages book would be, I found her pages were light reading with snappy sentences fragmented as a paragraph. “Kiyo’s Story” about camp life (Chapter 10 on) is indeed true-to-life as can be imagined. Denverites can vividly recall her revisiting family, out from Poston in 1944, on a sugar beet farm in Keenesburg. Six years later after graduating from Western Reserve University under the Cadet Nurse Corps program and working toward a Master’s in Nursing at Columbia in 1947, Kiyo emerges as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Force at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas, and sent to Clark AFB in the Philippines. It's fast forward thereafter: 1954, 1975, 1980. In 2008, “Kiyo’s Story” wins the William Saroyan Prize for Nonfiction. And well-deserved.


Immigrants came from Japan to the mainland USA over 125 years ago to seek a new and better life. The hostility they encountered has been recorded in academic fashion and in the courts of law, but seldom in plain language. Most important to know, unlike immigrants from Europe, the Japanese were aliens ineligible to citizenship until 1952. This story is based on what Stanley, well remembers and was stimulated to tell.

P.S. — As we head for Chicago, we found Fred Oshima’s Nichibei Times column (6-19-1998) commenting on provocative issues facing the Nikkei. One long sentence read: “Other than preparing for the Philly (JACL) confab during the Fourth of July week, to no surprise, was the league’s Achilles’ heels — their long suffering unlucky house organ, the Pacific Citizen.” Two weeks later, he viewed the P.C.: “a welcome, evening companion with ochazuke and shoyu-soaked tsukemono.

Harry K. Honda is the Pacific Citizen editor emeritus.
Nisei honorees from the University of California, Berkeley take a bow during the 2009 honorary degree ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2010

For all your hard work, patience and hardship, we salute you. For waiting patiently for justice to take place, we honor you, the Nisei class of the 1940s. For months, you stood beside up-and-coming leaders of tomorrow dressed similarly in cap and gown smiling earnestly during your long-awaited day in the spotlight. For your achievements, and your incredible journey, we celebrate all those listed below. — Pacific Citizen Staff

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Yukiko Nakamura Sugiyama beams before receiving her honorary degree from MiraCosta College May 28.

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Fumio Robert Naka (center) gets the finishing touches applied on his gown before receiving his honorary degree from UCLA. Naka, 86, traveled from his home in Massachusetts to attend the May 15 ceremony.

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Elise Kiya, 10, accepts an honorary degree May 14 on behalf of her late grandfather Seiji Kiya from UC Berkeley ethnic studies professor Michael Omi. Seiji Kiya passed away in 1997.

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Congratulations, Nisei Graduates!

I am proud to have authored Assembly Bill 37, which finishes what the Nisei women and men started 70 some years earlier at California's universities and colleges. In commencement ceremonies that honored Nisei graduates across California, wearing cap and gown, adorned with flower leis, standing firmly on their own two feet or assisted by walkers and wheelchairs, these individuals received honorary degrees to acknowledge what could and should have been. Congratulations, Nisei grads, for your lifelong achievements!

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Toshio Matsumoto receives his long awaited graduation cap for the UCLA ceremony.

Class of 1942

Grace Aiko Ameniya, 89, a UC San Francisco School of Nursing honorary degree recipient, beams during the ceremony.
Olympia, Washington Chapter JACL

Congratulations to the following Graduates:
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Jennifer Tome Higa, MD, New York Medical College
Warren Koichi Suzuki, Honorary Degree, BA, University of Washington
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UC SAN FRANCISCO '09 NISEI HONOREES

George Minoru Tamura
Henry Hisao Teshima
Shizuko Toyota
Masao Yamamoto
Koro Yatsu

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California State University, Fresno
Conferred May 20, 2010
Julia Goto Onki
Richard Toshio Henni
Joan Kanagawa Fujihara
Sumi Kamikawa Murashima
Satoshi Kuwamoto
Kazue Sekiya Ikawatsubo
John Arakaki
Harold H. Arase
Akira Jitsumyo
Sumiye Jitsumyo Hatakeda
Toshio T. Ishimoto
Lois S. Kanagawa
Taro Katagiri
Haruko Hery Kawahara
Nao "Jack" Kawakami
Mary Kobayashi Shimizu
Mary Machida
Takami Miseki
Sachiye Maruko
Ann T. Miyamoto
Frank Yoshiharu Nishio
Olive Tetsuko Ogawa
Alice Yukiwa Osaki
Shigeru Sanbongi
Otto Hiromu Suda

San Francisco State University
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Toshiehi Percy Fukushima
Mary Masako Hata
George Hirose
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Atsuko Sue Yusa

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Conferred May 21, 2010
Tetsushi Naritoku
Louise Isako Miyake Morita

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Conferred June 7, 2010
Kazunori Katayama
Frank Suzuki
Nelson Akagi
Taro Kobara
George Makimoto
Frank Sakamoto
Tom Shirakawa
Kazuo Nakano
Akira Tsunashihina
Lee Kawahara
Moriyuki Egusa

Pasadena City College
To be conferred June 18, 2010
David Aisawa
Tsuyoshi Fujinawa
Edgar Fukutaki
Minoru Fred Hasegawa*
Osamu Thomas Hasegawa
Kinji Hayashi

Helen Yemoto
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Congratulations!

Mary Kinoshita Higashi
Class of 1942
Bakersfield College

The children and grandchildren of Ryo Morikawa Tsai thank San Diego State University for the posthumous awarding of the Honorary Degree of Bachelor of Humane Letters to her on May 17, 2010.

Congratulations!

FRANK INAMI
Class of 1942
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PASADENA CITY COLLEGE NISEI HONOREES

Donald K. Ikeda* 
Helen Shoji Ikeda* 
Pachiko Yoshihashi Kobara* 
Thecla Michiko Koyamatsu 
Yoshito Kuromiya 
Jack A. Matsumoto 
Tazuko Itow Mizuki* 
Ruth Tokeshi Mouri* 
June Hayashi Nakashima* 
Esther Takei Nishio 
June Hayashi Nakashima* 

Sacramento City College 
Conferred May 19, 2010

Amy Masaki 
Annie Seto 
Ardene Yasuko Kitazumi

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Kathleen Uyetani
Amey Yamane
Shigeki Fujii
Nobuyuki Kawata
Tom Fuji
Jim Fuji
Hisako Fujii
Mary Kinoshita Higashi
Aya Misono
George Tatsuno

Walter Tatsuno

College of San Mateo

Conferred May 29, 2009

Betty Jane (Kozumi) Adachi
Seiichi Adachi
Mikiye "Mary" (Komanu) Fujimura
Yoshi Fujinuma
Tsutomu Harigawa
Benjamin "Ben" Tsutomu Hara
Tom Higashiyama
Sugio Higuchi
Evelyn Michiko Ikeda
Hachisu Ishida
Keruz Ishizaki
Yoshia Iwamuro

Kenji K. Kato
Kimiko Kato
Lily Kimura
Tadahiko "Taddy" Kumano
Elizabeth H. Kusaka
Shigeru Matsunaga
Shizuko Miyachi
Mitsuya Moruchi
Masato Nishikawa
Funfiko "Fumi" (Ishida) Nosaka
Hideo Okusako
Best (Takahashi) Rimkmanu
June (Tatsugawa) Rikmanu
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Mary Higashi (center) stands during her honorary degree ceremony at Bakersfield College.

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July 16!

Information for the Nisei honorary degrees list was provided by college officials. Any omission was unintentional.
YAMAMOTO
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dollars and cents of the move are vital information, however, it remains that the less tangible but equally substantive costs to JACL in staffing must also be considered because the members of the P.C. staff are well-established in the Los Angeles area, they are unable to move to San Francisco. Without them it is inevitable that we will lose the superb quality of newspaper that we have grown to expect. Our prize-winning staff has more than 27 years of journalism experience, most of it with the P.C. Their talent, contacts, dedication, and institutional memory of JACL quite simply cannot be replaced.

We continue to oppose setting a date for the conversion to an all-digital P.C. for two reasons. First, the paper would experience a severe drop in advertising revenue, which would adversely affect both the P.C. and the JACL in general, since the paper raises almost half its operating expenses through print advertising and other related sources. Secondly, a majority of the membership has made clear its preference for a printed newspaper, and we have many members who do not even use computers. Of the more than 500 readers who responded to our recent survey asking if they were willing to receive their P.C. online, at least 90 percent replied “no”; they said they want to continue receiving their copies in the mail.

Despite strong recommendations by the P.C. board that a date for the digital conversion be postponed until a majority of the membership agrees to it, the national board at its February meeting voted to have plans for the elimination of the print version be completed by 2014. At the April national board meeting, the P.C. board recommended that a conversion date be set during a more stable business climate and when the majority of members request it. No action was taken on this recommendation.

We are fortunate to have JACL leaders who agree with us and are working on an alternative plan and budget that would keep the P.C. in Los Angeles and still balance the budget. But the final vote could go either way. We encourage all our readers to ask their chapters’ convention delegates to support our efforts to keep the P.C. in print ... and in Los Angeles.

Margie Yamamoto is the Pacific Citizen editorial board chair.

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repository of the historical events and experiences of the JA community.

I’m a bit of a newspaper junkie. Wherever I go, I always read the local newspaper — be it the Fairbanks Daily News Miner in Alaska or the Delta Democrat in Greenville, MS — I check out what the top local stories are and how the paper is covering them. I’m also checking out the quality of the writing and the content.

I’ve always been impressed by the P.C. It does a great job of covering news and issues from all across the U.S. Think of all the events and news stories affecting the JA community that were never covered, or only superficially reported by the mainstream press, but that you read about in the P.C. The depth and competence with which the P.C. staff manages to cover these stories is truly amazing, especially with such a small staff.

But something I also appreciate about the P.C. is that the staff is always trying to find ways to improve and be even better. One of the things I’ve enjoyed about being on the P.C. board is that I have the ability to directly communicate and provide feedback to the P.C. staff about things that are important to my district.

It felt very good when several people from my district told me they felt the P.C. has provided improved coverage of JACL events, which was one of the feedbacks I gave from my district. On the other hand, I’ve also acquired a better understanding about the financial constraints the P.C. operates under.

I appreciate the strong support the P.C. has received during the Spring Campaign. I think this really indicates that the JACL membership values and appreciates what the unique service the P.C. provides and I hope the P.C. can count on your continued support in these financially difficult times that lie ahead.

Judith Aono is the NCWNP district rep. on the P.C. editorial board.

Advertise in the P.C. Call 800/386-6157.
The Cats of Mirikitani

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Aug. 29
Smithsonian’s Renwick Gallery
1661 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

This summer 'The Cats of Mirikitani' will be screened in conjunction with the exhibit ‘The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946.' A painting done by Jimmy Mirikitani (pictured above) while at Tule Lake is on display at the Smithsonian.

For information:
http://www.americanart.si.edu

Midwest

Chicago JACL Day Camp
CHICAGO, IL
July 20-22, 27-29
10 a.m. to 12 noon
JACL Chicago Office
5415 N. Clark St.
The JACL Chicago chapter will be hosting a new, free summer camp program for 7- to 9-year-olds. For over six half-day sessions over two weeks, participants will explore their identity; learn about Japanese American culture and history, and more.
Info: Christine Munteanu at 773/728-7171 or jacl.fellow@gmail.com

National JACL Convention
CHICAGO, IL
June 30-July 4

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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.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Bill Endow Las Vegas JACL Scholarship Luncheon
LAS VEGAS, NV
June 19, 11:30 a.m.
Miko’s Izakaya Sushi Japanese
500 E. Windmill Ln., Ste. 165
The Las Vegas JACL will award scholarships to Brianna Reiko Isato and Kelsie Kimiko Matsuura.
Cost: $17/person
Info: 702/823-2779 or 702/382-4443

Hana Uno Shepard Scholarship and Dance Performance
GARDENA, CA
July 4
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Nakaoka Center
1670 West 162nd St.
Attend the Greater L.A. Singles JACL’s Hana Uno Shepard Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Dance. The DJ will be David Shinjo, who will lead an exhibit dance with the Monday Night Formation Team. A scholarship will also be awarded to a deserving student from a single parent home.
Cost: $15/person.
Info: info@GLASjacl.org

The 2010 Camp Musubi

LOS ANGELES, CA
Aug. 23-27
Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo Camp Musubi, a project of the Tie That Bind, is a day camp that exposes middle school youth to Japanese American history, heritage and culture.
Cost: $245
Info: www.campmusubi.org

JA Heritage Summer Camp
ANAHEIM, CA
July 6-9
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S. Dale St.
Sponsored by the SELANOCO JACL, Chibi-no-Gakko is a fun-filled summer camp that teaches kids about their Japanese American heritage with activities like cooking, arts and crafts. Classes are taught by credentialed teachers with assistance from college students.
Info: 714/469-4083 or boristao@cox.net

Caring For the Caregiver Conference
OXNARD, CA
June 26, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Onward Buddhist Temple
250 S. H. St.
Caregivers often feel alone in their caregiving experience but they don’t have to. Learn how to find the right resources to assist you and your family in care giving. The conference is co-sponsored by the Ventura County JACL.
Info: 323/860-2352 or www.keiro.org/caregiverconference

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

International District’s Biggest Rummage Sale
SEATTLE, WA
July 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington
1414 South Weller
With more than 10,000 square feet of items ranging from vintage Japanese dolls to everyday household goods, the possibility of finding treasure is limitless. All proceeds benefit the JCCCW and its programs.
Info: Clarence Moriwaki
206/686-7114 or www.jcccw.org

Ten Tiny Taiko Dances
PORTLAND, OR
June 19, 3-8 p.m. and June 20, 2 p.m.
Dolores Winningstad Theatre
1111 SW Broadway
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Cost: $15-$20
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SEP 22-28

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JAPAN
SEP 28-OCT 8

KOREA DRAMA HOLIDAY TOUR
OCT 18-31

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IN MEMORIAM

All locations are in California except as noted.

Akiyama, Dr. Henry I., 82
Juneau, AK; April 9; he served in the 442nd RCT; preceded in death by his wife Grace; survived by daughter Lisa (Brad Rupert) Akiyama; son Alan; sister Yoko Ichikawa; brothers George, Noburo and Saburo.

Akitagawa, Thomas Kyoshi, 90
Lithe, HI; May 22; MIS and 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Helen; son Dennis; daughter Celia Larn; brother Ralph; sister Linda Yuen; 6 gc; 5 ggc.

Delloro, John, 39
Los Angeles, CA; June 5; he was a labor and community leader; teacher and activist; worked as a lecturer with the UCLA Asian American Studies Department for nearly three years; co-founded Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California; he is survived by his wife Dr. Susan Suh; children, Mina and Malcolm.

Fujikawa, Kiyochi Kay, 79
Lodi, CA; May 24; U.S. Army veteran; he was awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star; survived by 1 brother; 2 sisters; many nieces and nephews.

Hoshiyama, George Masao, 88
Watsonville, CA; April 20; he labored long hours as a landscape gardener, but always made time for his growing family; he is survived by his wife Frances; sons Ichiro (Dora) Hoshiyama; daughters Marcia (Mas) Hashimoto and Debbie (Thomas) Chan; 1 gc.

Imai, Toshiba "Tosh", 70
Lansing, MI; April 22; survived by wife Sue Enaeckson; sisters Carole Ayako Imai, Ellyn Sachiyue Mukai; brothers Mark Hironi Imai and Ren Nobuyuki Imai; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Itano, Takeo, 83
Powell, OH; May 22; he was a retired architect and U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife of 38 years Kumiko; son Edwin (Amy); daughter Susan (Brian) Kyong; brothers Sadao (Hideko), Masatsi, nieces and nephews; 5 gc.

Kondo, Henry T., 87
Nampa, ID; Jan. 12; he farmed in the Gresham area until being intimated at Tule Lake; he is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years; Alice Kondo; sister, Helen Oka; daughters, Roberta Kondo; Marjorie Kondo; (Mike) Dodd, Patricia (John) Jue; son, Marc-Kondo; 6 gc.

Kurumura, Terry M., 89
Seattle, WA; March 17; he was intimated at Minidoka; 442nd RCT veteran; preceded in death by his parents; survived by wife Marie; son Alan; sisters Takio Morishige and Barbara Matsudaire; 1 gc.

Matsui, Mitsue Kono, 91
Seattle, WA; April 1; she was very active in volunteering and became known as the "community sweetheart"; survived by husband, Takeaki; daughter, Kazue (Hidetaka) Nakahara; son, Stan (Lori); 5 gc; 1 ggc.

Matsuoka, Robert, 77
San Jose, CA; May 18; he served in the military before working as a civil engineer for 40 years; survived by wife Yukie; daughters Cheryl (Dave) Cavasagh and Denise Matsuoka; son Eric (Yvonne French) Matsuoka; 4 gc; 2 ggc.

Morikawa, Carl, 62
Kailua, HI; May 18; retired Honolulu Police Department detective; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Pamela; daughters Michelle Martinez and Laura Tatum; brother George; 2 gc.

Morinaka, Cora, 94
Ontario, OR; Dec. 20; survived by daughters, Margaret Sasai, Jerri Uchiyama, Lynda Biner and Lisa Bailey.

Morinaka, Hideo, 87
Stockton, CA; April 2; he was a farmer and long-time member of the Stockton Buddhist Church, the Mended Hearts Club and French Camp JACL; survived by wife Kimye; daughter Susie Johnson; sons David and Jerry; 4 gc; 2 nephews.

Nishikawa, Wallace Yeichi, 81
Oxnard, CA; April 6; survived by his wife of 55 years, Mildred; daughters, Lynne Nishikawa, Anne and Teri Nishikawa, Cheryl (Isaac) Lowe; 2 gc; at the time of his passing he was also survived by sister Mary Yamashita.

Sage (Kumagai), Laraine Jo, 56
Ontario, OR; April 21; preceded in death by parents June and Joe Kumagai and brother Dwight Kumagai; survived by her husband Gary; son Jeremy; brothers Arnold (Sunny), Dale (Carmen); many loving nieces and nephews.

Sakamoto, Tsugito "Handsome"
Norman, 88; Honolulu, HI; May 5; 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Grace; sons Stan and Miles; brother Bert; sisters Dorothy Taga, Ethel Nitta, Doris Nakamura, Sadae Nakasone and Winifred Fujimoto; 4 gc.

Takamoto, Frederick T., 71
Pearl City, HI; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Tomoko; sons Eric, Mark, Neal and Ivan; daughter Mona Kurashima; brother Robert; sisters Jean Takase and Ruth Kawai; 6 gc.

Takushi, Grace Itako, 88
Stockton, CA; April 26; the Stockton JACL is survived by her husband of 65 years, Kenji; sons, Derick K. (Gay) Takushi; Kevin (Tomomi) K. Takushi; brothers Ralph H. (Kyoko) Matsuura and Haruo Matsuura; 4 gc.

Tsukuno, Yoshihi, 91
Ontario, CA; Jan. 17; her brothers, George and Selusko Morishige, Mas and Yausuke Morishige; sister, Nan Nagasaka; sons John; Mary and Ivan; daughter Mona Nakagawa; sister, Kazue (Hidetaka) Nakahara; 1 gc; 3 sisters.

Uchiyama, Brent, 43
April 25; West Valley JACLer was an assistant little league baseball coach; survived by wife Sue; daughter, Kiana; stepsons Reilly and Rory Stone; brother, Kurt; sisters Audrey Gleason, Karen Uchiyama, Lynda Biner and Lisa Bailey.

Yamada, Masako Mary, 97
New York; April 17; long-time member of the Japanese American Association; in early 1945 she was inducted into the U.S. Army Nurse Corps with a commission of second lieutenant.

Yamakuchi, Olive, 92
Watsonville, CA; April 5; long-time member of the JACL Senior Center; survived by her son, Donald Tatsumi Kanai; nieces (Loren) Kitamura; 8 gc; 3 ggc.

Yanagawa, Yoshihi "Yoshi", 88
Boise, ID; May 10; survived by daughters Lora Jemquist, Christy Anderson, Patricia Mizuta; son Tom Okura; sisters Nobue Uchida and Dorothy Harada; 6 gc; 5 ggc.
The California State University congratulates our new Alumni!

We are proud to celebrate you properly and welcome you finally to our CSU family. We hope you know how much we honor you as students and now as alumni.

We are still looking for more former CSU Nisei students.

If you attended Fresno State, San Diego State, San Francisco State, San José State or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (or Pomona) in 1941-1942 or know someone who did, there are 3 ways to contact us: online at www.calstate.edu/nisei or call (562) 951-4723 or email Nisei@calstate.edu.

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