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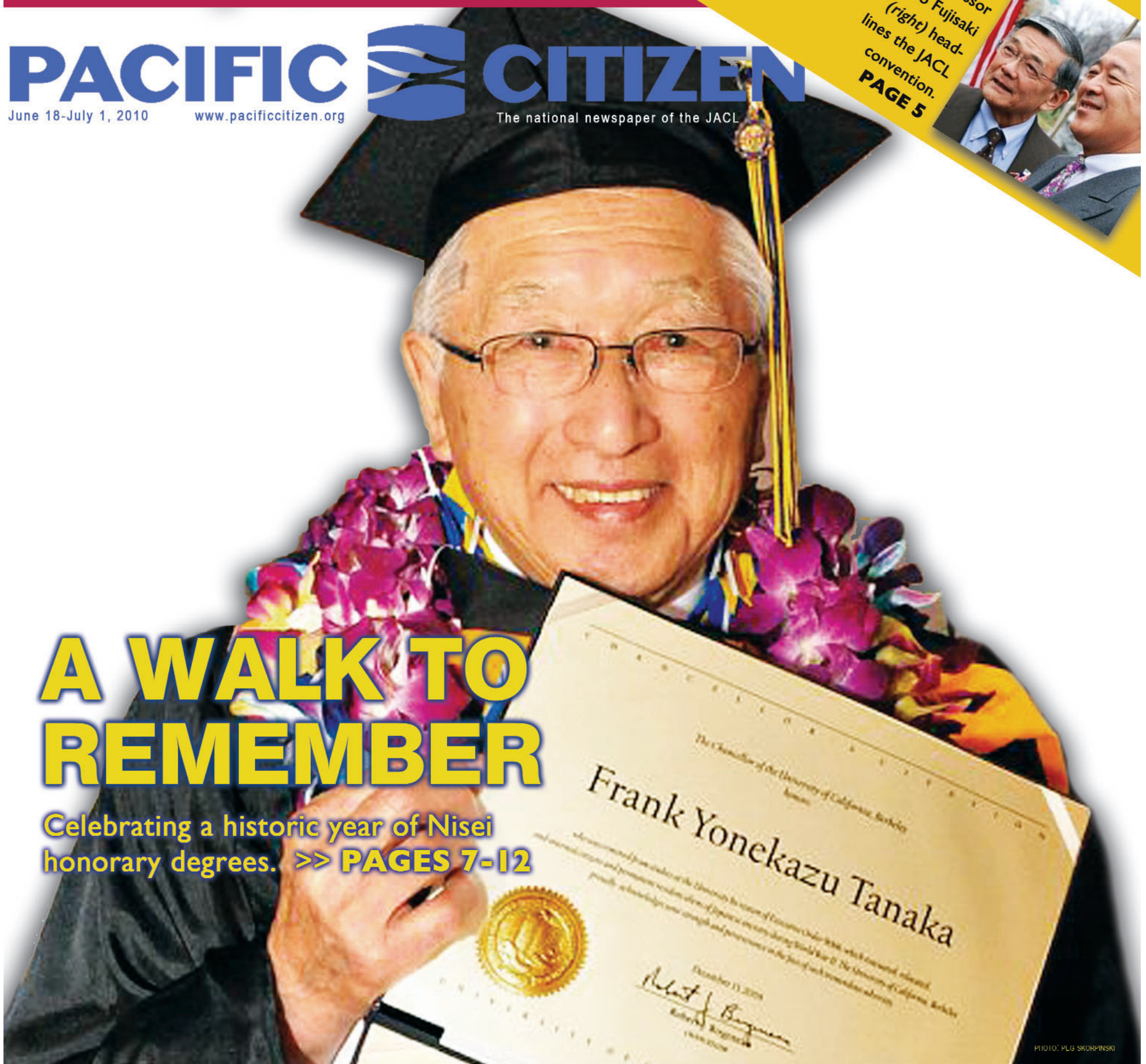


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HONORING NISEI



Kristi Agari organized a graduation ceremony in Stockton, Calif.

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Before her untimely death, Tam Tran dedicated her life to the DREAM Act.

DREAMER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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
Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

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 wrongful 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 dissent 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 stayed and fought through our nation’s court of law.

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

Edgar A. Hamasu
Hawaii JACL

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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

By Judith Aono



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.?; which other newspaper would cover the JA experience in WWII 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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Stockton Teen Creates a Graduation Ceremony Fit For the Nisei



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Kristi Agari, 16, (top, right) helped organize a graduation ceremony for the Nisei in Stockton, Calif.

(Left) She poses with Casey Sakata, daughter of an honoree.

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 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 sparked 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." ■

Stockton High School Nisei Honorees:

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Late DREAM Activist's Brother to Bike Across Calif. to Honor Her Memory



Tam Tran (*far right*) and Cinthya Felix (*middle*) with their friend Susan Melgarejo on a recent visit to New York. Tran and Felix both sadly passed away in a car accident on May 15.

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 light-houses, help Lee do research, and eat lobster, said Lolly Tran. They were struck head-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.

It is an opportunity, he said, to honor her passion: helping undocumented students like herself.

“I’m not sure how they’re going to do it this year. I know my sister did it last year,” Lolly Tran explained. “I got to do it somehow.”

The nine-day Tour de Dreams begins Aug. 13.

Tam Tran: The Dreamer

Before immigrating to the United States, Tam Tran’s family fled Vietnam after the fall of Saigon. A German navy boat along the way picked up the family.

The Tran siblings were both born in Germany, but the country does not offer birthright citizenship.

Lolly Tran said his sister would use their undocumented status to threaten him into behaving.

“She would be like, ‘We’re not Americans. They could come into our house and take us at any time,’” Lolly Tran said. “I was like, ‘Ohhhh, no [laughs]!’ So it finally happened 15 years later. I said, ‘I guess she was right.’”

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials arrested the Tran family in 2007, days after Tam Tran testified about undocumented students.

Federal officials tried to deport the “fugitives of justice” to Vietnam and then Germany, but eventually released them.

Tam Tran, who graduated from UCLA in 2006 with honors, did not stop advocating for undocumented students’ rights.

She had made short videos like “Lost and Found” to bring attention to the DREAM Act, legislation that would provide a conditional path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. before the age of 16.

An estimated 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school each year, according to the National Immigration Law Center. In college these students are unable to legally work or obtain financial aid.

Other undocumented students said Tam Tran encouraged them to speak out as well.

“She gave me that push to get involved,” said Jong-Min, an undocumented citizen who is based in New York. “Asian Americans don’t really talk about this issue.”

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 Kent 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 Perna 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 Jean-Paul 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.” ■



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Silicon Valley JACL recently celebrated its first birthday. In its inaugural year, the chapter’s youth represented over 10 percent of the total attendance at the National JACL student/youth conference. Similarly, the chapter will have over 16 members — including over 70 percent of its board members — attending the JACL national convention in Chicago. The chapter boasts a diverse membership and has ranked first in new membership recruitment as well as in the top 5 for youth membership.

For more information: SiliconValleyJACL@yahoo.com or SiliconValleyJACL.dnsalias.net

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’s Japantown. 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 Quinato 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
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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



Stuart Ishimaru was appointed to his current position at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 2009.

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. ■

For more information: www.jacl.org

JACL Convention Panels, Workshops to Focus on ‘Embracing Change’

The 2010 JACL convention workshops and panels will stay true to the convention’s theme of “embracing change” with a lineup of guest panelists and presenters set to cover a wide array of subjects.

One such presenter, Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki, will address the JACL convention July 2. The ambassador, the main speaker at the U.S.-Japan workshop, has been invited to speak on how Japanese Americans can “embrace change,” and help strengthen the U.S.-Japan relationship.

“We are delighted that Ambassador Fujisaki has accepted our invitation to speak,” said Floyd Shimomura, moderator for the workshop. “He is a very down to earth man with a great sense of humor. I am sure the delegates will enjoy his remarks.”

The U.S.-Japan workshop will also include Irene Hirano, president of the U.S.-Japan Council headquartered in Washington, D.C.; Glen Fukushima, leader of the Japan operations of Airbus in Tokyo; and Calvin Manshio, a prominent attorney in Chicago.

Another panel scheduled for July 1 will discuss reframing civil rights in the 21st century.

How are civil rights being reframed to address a broader set of issues? Panelists, moderated by civil rights advocate Paul Igasaki, will address questions concerning the future of the civil rights movement.

Those panelists include: Stuart Ishimaru, Karen Narasaki, Michael Lieberman, Laura Washington and Teresa Nino.



Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki (right) will address the JACL convention July 2.

Challenges facing Asian Pacific American communities will be discussed in a different workshop called, “Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts: Pan-Asian Alliance and Community Building.”

Josina Morita, with the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, will lead the discussion.

Other convention panelists and presenters include Sen. Mee Moua, the first Hmong elected to the state legislature in Minnesota; Nathan Shinagawa, state representative from Ithaca, New York; Raja Krishnamoorthi, former policy director for Barack Obama’s Senate campaign; Anne Shimojima, a professional storyteller; Erica Lee, director of the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Minnesota; Christine Munteanu, JACL Ford Fellow; Tim Koide, JACL membership director; and Brian Morishita, JACL IDC district governor. ■

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Four Books to Delve Into

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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 Nishizu 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.

• “Fighting Spirit: Judo in Southern California,” 1931-1941, by Ansho Mas Uchima and Larry Akira Kobayashi (2008, 2d print); Heritage Source, POB 802542, Santa Clarita, CA 91380. www.heritagesource.com

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 “Sakaue”. 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. Emi, Noboru Ishitani, Mits (Mitsuho) Kimura, 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 Aiharas, Clarence Iwao Nishizu, Dr. Yoshiharu Uchida (in San Jose).

• “Kiyo’s Story: A Memoir” (originally published as

“Dandelion Through the Crack”), by Kiyo Sato (2009); Soho Press, New York, N Y 10003; www.blackbirdvision.com.

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.

• “The Issei Pioneers of the San Pedro Internment Center,” by Stanley Kanzaki (2009); Vantage Press, New York.

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 prepping 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.

THE SHIGEKI SHAKE DOWN

BY PETER SHIGEKI FRANDSEN



Turf Wars

In my dental residency program, there are 10 general dentistry residents and two endodontic residents: 12 voices, 12 opinions, 12 life experiences, and 12 worldviews. Or so you would think.

One of the endodontic residents and I have been recently engaging in friendly and rather lively political repartee. Like the beginning of any initial group dynamic, people shy away from the more contentious topics like religion and politics. But in time people begin to voice their more authentic ideas. Such was the path my friend and I took.

We began to slowly engage in political pontification, which reached fevered pitch coincident to the passing of the health care reform bill. I would take digs at the idea of tax cuts such as the Balm of Gilead, and he would take shots at classic government bureaucratic inefficiency, and we would hash out the same old arguments with the same old strategies and debating gamesmanship.

Since then, our skirmishes have become more frequent, even daily. I would tout recent UN sanctions for Iran and he would ask me to read up on Neville Chamberlain. I would ridicule Sarah Palin and he would question me about “executive experience.” We continued to hash and re-hash the same old quandries.

Then it happened. As we both made more points that we thought were entirely valid and debilitating to our opponent, we both simultaneously, inadvertently looked towards our neutral, score-keeping co-resident to validate our ideas. Somewhere in that moment, I realized that we would never agree on much.

Will I continue to engage again and again for the fun of the verbal joust? Absolutely.

But this begs the question, why do we engage in futile attempts to alter the inalterable?

I believe the same can be asked of my organization, business, or even family dynamic. If the thrill of the debate is a mutual drive, then sure, have at it. But how many hours, e-mails, and phone calls are wasted in futile turf wars?

I remember when I was working as a missionary for my church that our mission leadership would always encourage us to absolutely avoid “Bible bashing.” Bible bashing is the rhetorical art used by those of different faiths to select passages of scripture to “prove” your point at the expense of the others’ beliefs. As tempting as it might be, it is both disrespectful and counterproductive. It serves as a driving wedge to further separate sparring parties into their respective corners, as opposed to promoting unity along common beliefs.

Such can be the scenario in our workplaces and homes. Sometimes co-workers plot the demise of others. Other times, departments spar over budgets and conspire at the expense of rivals. At home, siblings’ spouses act less altruistically and children (adult children too) scheme to pit parents against each other. In the long run, does it really matter who gets the credit or veto power for a project? And if you win, do you really win?

If your turf wars are anything like my verbal karate matches with my buddy, then at the end of the day, you will be left unsatisfied and ironically craving your next battle. But what might be sport for some, is the daily reality of your business, your home or your life.

So pick your battles carefully, and pick the path to unity over division. You will definitely be a winner every time if you do. ■

Peter Shigeki Frandsen is living in Biloxi, Miss. He is a Mount Olympus JACL member.





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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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Tadayuki Kawaguchi
Seiji Kiya
Nobuko Ann Kumekawa
Hibino
Harris Noboru Matsushige
Mitsugi Neishi
Yoshio Ozawa

Martha Takemura Kajiwara
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Conferred Dec. 13, 2009
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Victor Hiroshi Abe
Shiro Aoki
Paul Asano
Florence Ikuko Daté Smith
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Yukiko Nakamura Sugiyama beams before receiving her honorary degree from MiraCosta College May 28.

Gina Rene
YONEMOTO

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Calif. State University Los Angeles

**Congrats
Grandpa
Tom
Muraki!**

Congratulations
**Briana D. Hamamoto
and
Judi Loeser**
Love,
Willie and Grace Kimoto

Briana D. Hamamoto



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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**BERKELEY '09
NISEI HONOREES**

Harvey Akio Itano
Rose Nakako Sakemi Itano
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Akira Suzuki
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Toshiko Tekawa
Asako Maida Tokuno
Shiro Tokuno
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Eiko Nakamizo Tomiyasu
Yuri Date Torigoe
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Martha Hayakawa Yamasaki
Grove Shingi Yoshiwara

**University of
Calif., Los Angeles**
Conferred May 15, 2010
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Marie Masaye Amino
Raymond Masao Arao
Michiko Doihara
Yoshio Domoto
George Sei Endo
Yasuo Fujino
Lilly Fujioka
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Rowena Sumiko Kubo
Sally Kusayanagi
Hisao Leroy Masuyama
Victor Masao Matsui
Toshio Matsumoto
Ernest Michio Matsunaga
Toshio Mayeda
John Shigeru Mizushima



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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KELSEY MIDORI INGRAM
— Grandma Elsie Leilani Taniguchi

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Congratulations, Nisei Graduates!

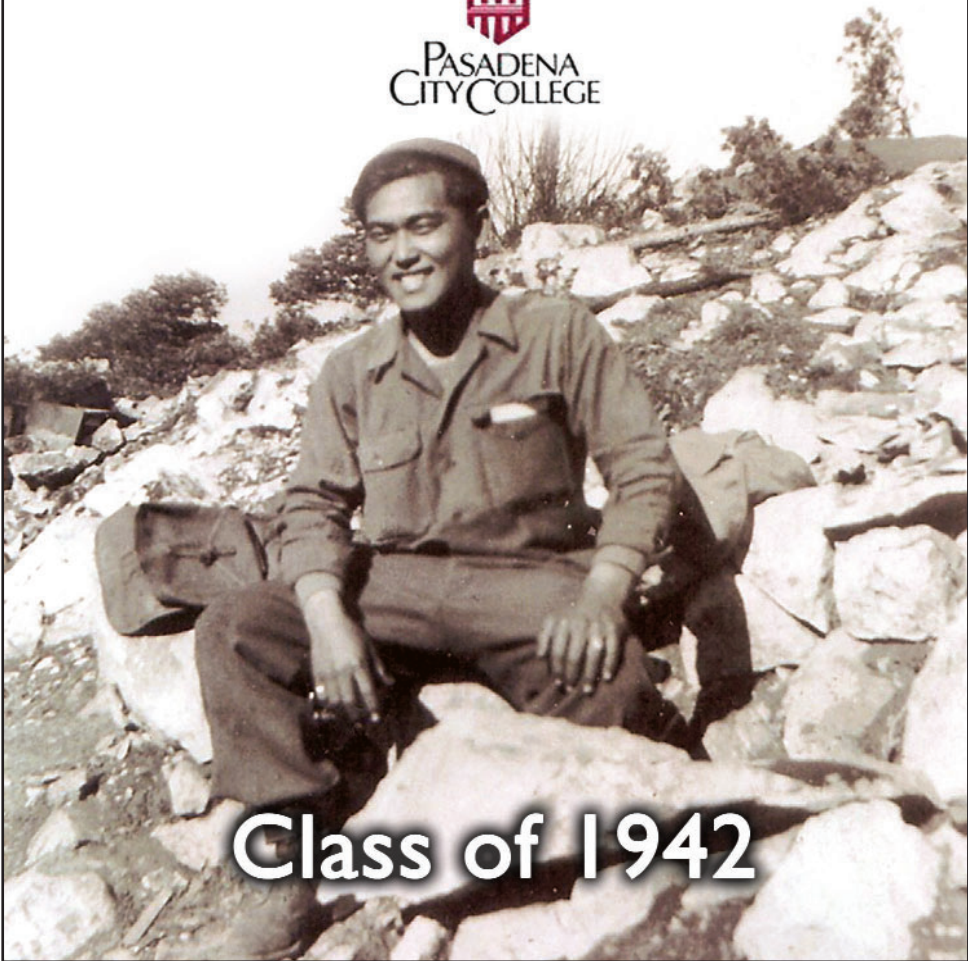
I am proud to have authored Assembly Bill 37, which finishes what the Nisei women and men started 70 some years earlier at California’s universities and colleges. In commencement ceremonies that honored Nisei graduates across California, wearing cap and gown, adorned with flower leis, standing firmly 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!

Warren T. Furutani
WARREN T. FURUTANI
Assemblymember, 55th District

Congratulations

TOKUJI YOSHIHASHI





Class of 1942



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

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**UCLA 2010
NISEI HONOREES**

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Herbert Takashi Murayama
Masaye Nagao
Fumio Robert Naka
Toshiko Nakamura
Kiyoto Kenneth Nakaoka
Masao Nakazawa
Misao Natsumeda
Yuri Lily Nemoto
Lafayette Hachiro Noda
Setsuko Alyce Nomura
Shuji Nozawa
Hisayuki Ogimachi
Mary Tachiko Oi
Lily Noriko Sakaguchi
Yasuo Sata
George Sato
William Sato
George Edwin Suzuki
Naoyuki Takasugi
Bruce Takanori Tanaka
Nobu Tanaka
Shigeru Tsuchiyama
Gordon Tami Yamada
Kei Yamaguchi
Miwako Yamaguchi
Kuni Yamamoto
Victor Fukumatsu Yamane
Tommy Yamashita
Benny Kengo Yoshinaga
Shigeo Yuge

**University of Calif.,
San Francisco**
Conferred Dec. 4, 2009

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Alice Mitsuko Takiguchi
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Katsuki Ishida
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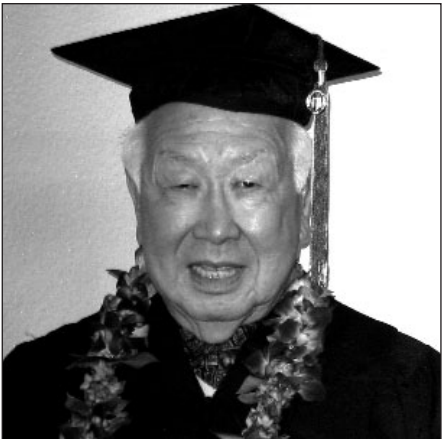


Grace Aiko Ameniya, 89, a UC San Francisco School of Nursing honorary degree recipient, beams during the ceremony.



Louise Isako Miyake Morita (top), escorted by Donald Hata, CSU Dominguez Hills emeritus professor of history, enters the tennis stadium at the Home Depot Center for her ceremony.

Harry Miyakusu (left), a West Valley JACL member picked up his honorary degree May 29 from San José State.



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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**
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Satoshi Kuwamoto
Kazue Sekiya Itwatsubo
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Sumiye Jitsumyo Hatakeda
Toshio T. Ishimoto
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Nao "Jack" Kawakami
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Olive Tetsuko Ogawa
Alice Yutaka Osaki
Shigeru Sanbongi
Otto Hiromu Suda

Helen Yemoto
Velma Yemoto

**San Francisco
State University**
Conferred May 22, 2010

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Toshihei Percy Fukushima
Mary Masako Hata
George Hirose
Helen (Nitta) Hori
May Meiko (Yoshino) Horio
John F. Kikuchi
Norman Noboru Koyama
Grace Yuriko Matsuda
Yoshiko Miya
Helen Theodora (Mayeda) Saiki
Dora Sato
Kaya Ruth (Kitagawa) Sugiyama
Tomiko Sutow
Kathryn Eiko (Kawamorita) Taira
Akiko (Nishioka) Toki
Aiko (Nishi) Uwate
Tom Satoshi Yoshiyama
Atsuko Sue Yusa

**San José
State University**
Conferred May 29, 2010

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Noboru Ando*
Bessie K. Chin
Albert Kazuke Mineta
Helen Mineta*
Ellen Kuyama Masumoto
Shigeki Matsumoto*
Koichi Ishizaki*
Harry Miyakusu

David Masao Sakai
Kazuo Takasuka*
Yoshihiro Uchida
Shigelu Hiraki*
Fumiko Uriu
May Meiko Yoshino Horio*
Aiko Nishi Uwate*

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**Calif. State University,
Dominguez Hills**
Conferred May 21, 2010


Terushi Naritoku
Louise Isako Miyake Morita

**Cal Poly
San Luis Obispo**
Conferred June 7, 2010

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Nelson Akagi
Taro Kobara
George Makimoto
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Tom Shirakawa
Kazuo Nakano
Akira Tsunashima
Lee Kawahara
Moriyuki Egusa

Pasadena City College
To be conferred June 18, 2010

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Osamu Thomas Hasegawa
Kinji Hayashi



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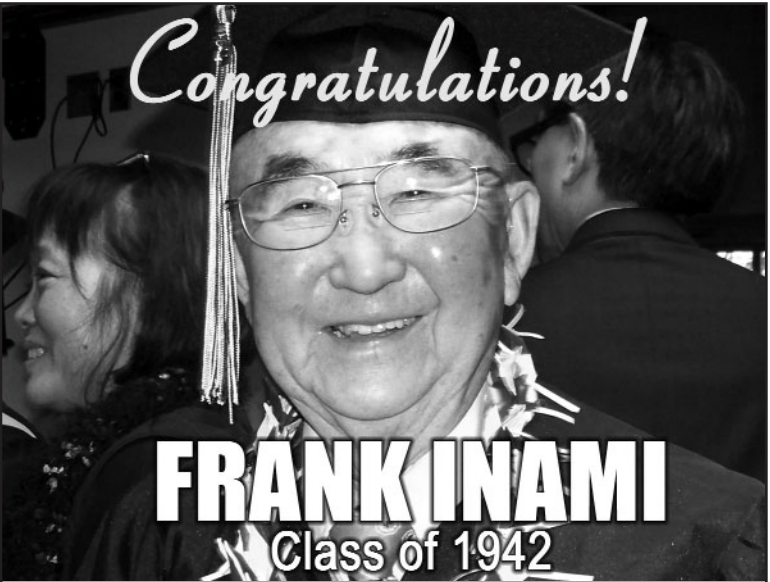
Congratulations to the following Graduates:

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Teresa Kinu Mizuki, Cleveland High School
Zachary Saplan, BA, Biology, Linfield College
Jennifer Tome Higa, MD, New York Medical College
Warren Koichi Suzuki, Honorary Degree, BA, University of Washington
Alec Fuller, North Thurston High School

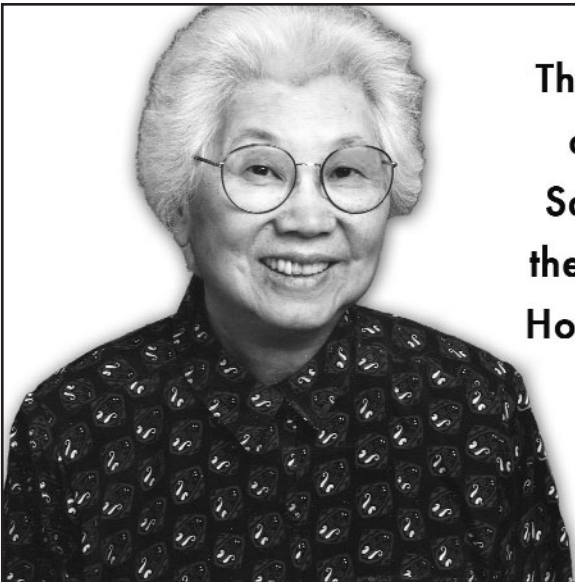
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the posthumous awarding of the
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Humane Letters to her on
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LEGE NISEI HONOREES**

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Dorothy Sachiko Ikeda Ito*
Fumiko Yoshihashi Kobara*
Thelma Michiko Koyamatsu
Yoshito Kuromiya
Jack A. Matsumoto
Tazuko Itow Mizuki*
Ruth Tokeshi Mouri*
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Jack Muneo Totsubo*
William Katsuto Uchida
Fusae Hamane Utsunomiya*
Yoshito Washizaki*
Kenneth Shaw Yamamoto*
Tokuji Yoshihashi

*denotes deceased

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Ardene Yasuko Kitazumi

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Ben Iwakiri
Carnegie Ouye, Sr.
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Clark Sadamu Nakamura
Elaine Ishikawa Hayes
George Juichi Matsui
George Okumura
George Yonehiro
Grace Schiye Asoo
Hatsumi Morimoto
Hidenari Tsuda
Hiroko Maeda Uratsu
Hiroshi Katsumata
James Sugimura
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Jiro Kato
Keiji Kay Kubo
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Mary Hosokawa Takai
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Riki Matsufuji
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Tom Muraki
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Toyoko Mizobe Seno
Tsuyuko Jane Yamamoto
Yoichi Art Mitsutome
Yoichi Sakauye
Yoshiro Matsuhara
Evelyn Suyehiro
Masako Suyehiro
Pauline Suyehiro
Paul Takahashi
Masao Inada
Kanji Nishijima
Den Toriumi
Hiroko Keikoan
Kenji Hosokawa
Kern Kono

Fullerton College
Conferred May 27, 2010
Mitsuko Funakoshi
Joe Nishimura
Kay Yamamoto
Stella Yano


MiraCosta College
Conferred May 28, 2010
Johnny Yoshimura
Audrey Fujita Mizokami
Yukiko Nakamura Sugiyama

Bakersfield College
Conferred May 14, 2010




Mitsuko Funakoshi (left) and Stella Yano prepare to receive their honorary degrees from Fullerton College May 27.

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to the
Fresno State Nisei Grads
May 2010



Left to Right: Kazue Sekiya Iwatsubo, Satoshi Kuwamoto, Julia Goto Ohki, President John Welty, Richard Toshio Henmi, Sumi Kamikawa Murashima, Joan Kanagawa Fujihara.

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Mary Higashi (*center*) stands during her honorary degree ceremony at Bakersfield College.

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Nobuyuki Kawata
Tom Fujii
Jim Fujii
Hisako Fujii
Mary Kinoshita Higashi
Aya Misono
George Tatsuno

Walter Tatsuno
College of San Mateo
Conferred May 29, 2009

Betty Jane (Koizumi) Adachi
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Shizuko Miyachi
Mitsuya Moriuchi
Masato Nishikawa
Fumiko “Fumi” (Ishida) Nosaka
Hideo Okusako
Best (Takahashi) Rikimaru
June (Tatsugawa) Rikimaru
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Shigeru Yabumoto
Naoyuki “Henry” Yui

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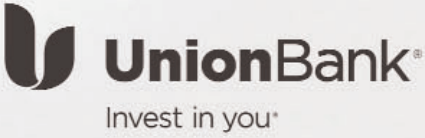
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dollars and cents of the move are vital information, however, it remains that the less tangible but equally substantive costs to JACL in staffing must also be considered because the members of the *P.C.* staff are well-established in the Los Angeles 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.



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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 Kiyo Ichikawa; brothers George, Noburo and Saburo.

Akutagawa, Thomas Kiyoshi, 90

Lihue, HI.; May 22; MIS and 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Helen; son Dennis; daughter Celia Lam; brother Ralph; sister Linda Yuen; 6 gc; 8 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.

Fujioka, 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, 98

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 Debbe (Thomas) Chan; 1 gc.

Imai, Toshio "Tosh", 70

Lansing, MI.; April 22; survived by wife Sue Eareckson; sisters Carole Ayako Imai, Ellyn Sachiye Mukai; brothers Mark Hiromi 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), Masashi, nieces and nephews; 5 gc.

Kondo, Henry T., 87

Nampa, ID.; Jan. 12; he farmed in the

Gresham area until being interned at Tule Lake; he is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years, Alice Kondo; sister, Helen Okai; daughters, Roberta Kondo, Marjorie Kondo, Colleen (Mike) Dodd, Patricia (John) Jue; son, Marc Kondo; 6 gc.

Kurimura, Terry M., 89

Seattle, WA.; March 17; he was interned at Minidoka; 442nd RCT veteran; preceded in death by his parents; survived by wife Marie; son Alan; sisters Taiko Moriguchi and Barbara Matsudaira; 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, Takashi; 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) Cavanagh 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 Takata, Nyssa, Joyce Nakano; son, Noble, and wife, Patricia Morinaka, Nyssa; sisters, Bertha Atagi, Nyssa, and Uki Ryujin; brother, Kiyoaky Hori, and wife, Patricia Palms; 7 gc; 16 ggc.

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 Kimiye; 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 Terri 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.

Sakumoto, 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 Tomiko; sons Eric, Mark, Neal and Ivan; daughter Mona Kurashima; brother Robert; sisters Jean Takase and Ruth Kawai; 6 gc.

Takeuchi, Grace Itsuko, 88

Stockton, CA.; April 26; the Stockton JACler is survived by her husband of 65 years, Kenji; sons, Derrick K. (Gail)Takeuchi ; Kevin (Tomomi) K. Takeuchi; brothers, Ralph H. (Kyoko) Matsune and Haruo Matsune; 4 gc.

Tsukuno, Yoshiye, 91

Ontario, CA.; Jan. 17; her brothers, George and Setsuko Morishige, Mas and Yasuko Morishige; sister, Nan Nagasaka; sister, Jane, and husband, Teruo Yano; sister, Satoko Nagaoka; sister-in-law, Harumi Morishige, sister-in-law, Alice Tsukuno, and Yoshio and Joan Fujimoto; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Uchiyama, Brett, 43

April 29; 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 Yamaguchi; daughters, Helen (Melvin) Kanai, Nellie (Loren) Kitamura; 6 gc; 3

Yanagawa, Yoshiye "Yosh", 88

Boise, ID.; May 10; survived by daughters Lora Jernquist, Christy Anderson, Patricia Mizuta; son Tom Okura; sisters Nobue Uchida and Dorothy Harada; 6 gc; 5 ggc.

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