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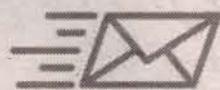
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### Lewis Suzuki Art Lover

I was glancing through my July 2-15 issue of the *Pacific Citizen* ("Lewis Suzuki: A Lifetime of Paintings") when I saw the article on Lewis Suzuki. My husband and I had bought a painting from him in Union Square many years ago on a weekend trip to San Francisco! We rarely buy art, but enjoyed talking with Mr Suzuki and really liked the painting that we bought from him.

We made sure that he told us where he painted his seascape off the coast of Oregon so that we might some day see it in person. I hope that this was a painting that pleased him; it has pleased us for many years on the wall of our dining room.

Now after reading the article, the watercolor will hold a special place in our hearts. It reminds me to honor the legacy of our Nisei/Kibei parents. We will keep the *Pacific Citizen* article with the painting so we can add to its history.

Jane Kano, MD  
Denver, Colo.

### Nisei Vets Stamp

The delegates to the recent National JACL Convention in Chicago are to be commended for opposing the commemorative stamp resolution, which would have detracted from recognizing and honoring the sacrifices made by the Nisei veterans of World War II.

The postage stamp as envisioned by us is not intended to honor a particular military unit or division. As I see it, actually, this stamp campaign is intended to honor those patriots from the relocation camps who volunteered to serve in the Army to prove their loyalty to the country of their birth, despite the fact that they and their families lost all their personal possessions and were being incarcerated in the "relocation camps" behind barbed wire and armed guards as a result of Executive Order 9066.

The National JACL has a good reputation throughout the nation as a well-known civil rights organization and hopefully the JACL's influence may be utilized in promoting this postage stamp to recognize these patriots who, in my opinion, have been long overlooked and overdue.

Leo H. Hosoda  
MIS Veteran, WWII & Korean War  
JACL 1000 Club Member

### Pacific Citizen Connects Communities

As soon as I learned that the JACL national board had decided to move the *Pacific Citizen* from its historic location in Los Angeles to the Bay Area, and to [propose] publishing it electronically I meant to write but had not done so. Perhaps that is typically one of our problems. But I will let the national board know that when that happens, I will no longer remain a member of JACL.

I joined JACL when I lived for over 30 years in New York. We had a very active chapter that involved themselves in the civil rights movement as well as being anti-war and I felt it went along with the groups I belonged to in my community. The *Pacific Citizen* was my only link to the Japanese American community and their activities.

The new format and refreshing articles of the *Pacific Citizen* have excited me to read each issue.

Mary S. Yano Fujimoto  
San Diego JACL

## Readers Can Now Access Pacific Citizen Archives

The long-awaited *Pacific Citizen* archives are now available on our popular Web site ([www.pacificcitizen.org](http://www.pacificcitizen.org)). Thanks to a California Civil Liberties Public Education Program grant, issues dated 1929 to 1943 are now available for your perusal and to download.

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Readers will now be able to read the first ever *P.C.* issue dated Oct. 15, 1929. You will also have access to the issues 1942 and 1943 — important because *P.C.* was the only Japanese American newspaper to continuously publish during World War II.

Recently we received a second



CCLPEP grant so we will soon digitize the issue years 1944-1955.

We hope you enjoy the issues and don't forget to give us your feedback. You can reach us at [pc@pacificcitizen.org](mailto:pc@pacificcitizen.org).

Caroline Aoyagi-Stom  
Executive Editor

### NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Consider Supporting the National JACL Gala



By Floyd Mori

Now that the JACL national convention is over for this year, it is time to move on to our next major event. The National JACL Gala is scheduled for Sept. 16 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. Proceeds from the event will go to the national JACL to help fund the important work that must continue.

This is the fourth year that the JACL gala will be held in the nation's capital. Five years ago after moving to D.C. to become JACL's director of public policy when Kristine Minami left that position

upon finishing law school, I began to attend a lot of gala dinners for various organizations. It became clear to me that the JACL could use a gala of its own in D.C. to bring visibility to the organization and to raise needed funds. John Tateishi, then national JACL director, agreed.

So we embarked on having the JACL host a gala in the nation's capital. It is a lot of work for the D.C. JACL staff which includes two recent college graduates who are the JACL Mineta fellow and the JACL Inouye fellow, a volunteer, and occasional interns. (The director of public policy position remains vacant due to budgetary issues.) The JACL gala has become one of our new traditions for the JACL which we hope will continue for a long time.

The gala has been called "A Salute to Champions" and provides the opportunity to honor people

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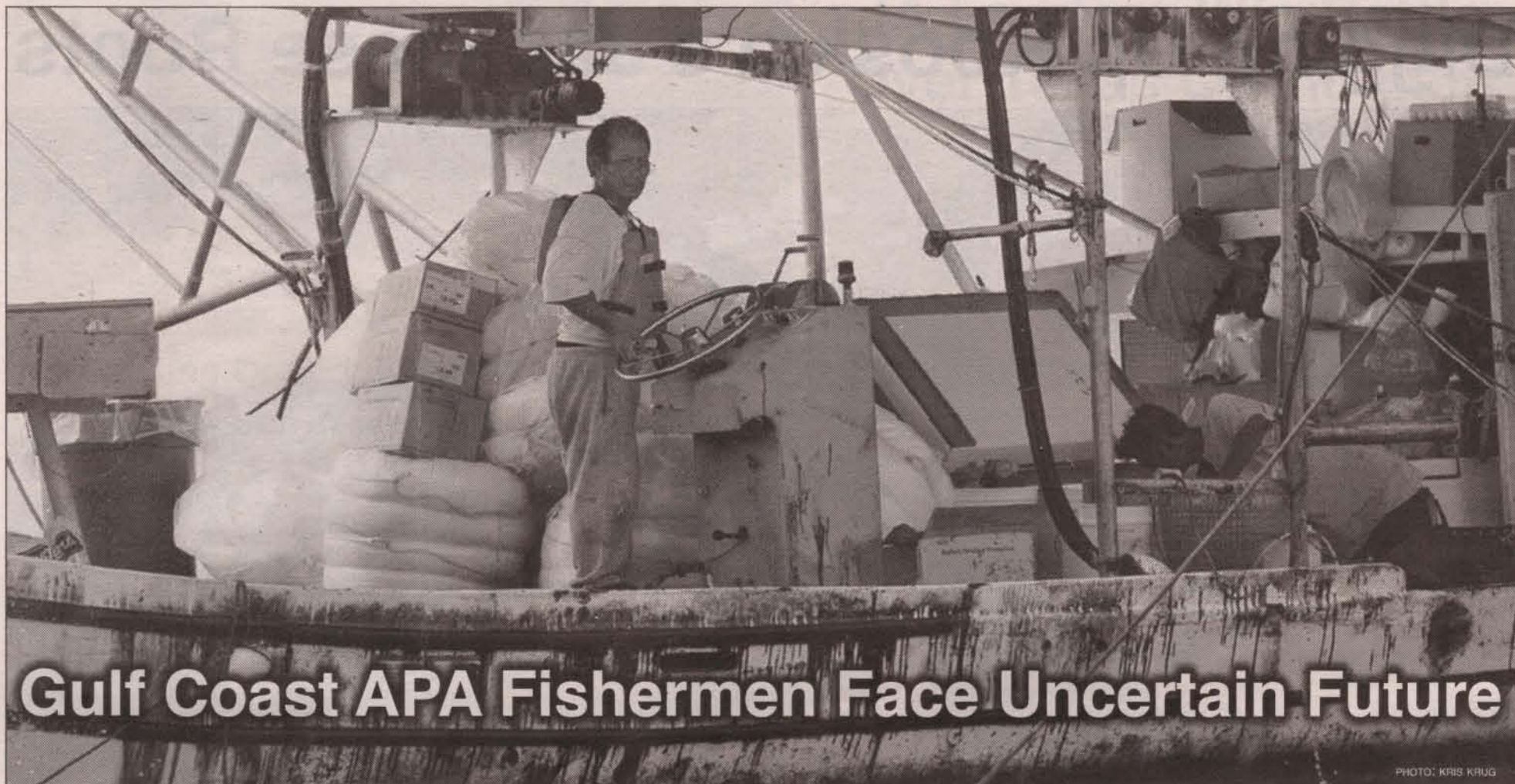
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## Gulf Coast APA Fishermen Face Uncertain Future

PHOTO: KRIS KRUG

**Community leaders say the fishermen hope to resume the work they did before the BP oil spill.**

By Nalea J. Ko  
Reporter

Advocates for the Vietnamese American fishermen say they face an uncertain future, days after officials from Louisiana fisheries reopened portions of the Gulf waters.

Officials with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reopened July 29 sections of state waters — east of the Mississippi River and north of Pass a Loutre — to commercial fishing of finfish and shrimp.

The announcement came after testing conducted by officials with the Food and Drug Administration. Those tests show, officials say, that fish is safe for consumption. BP CEO Doug Settles, further strengthening the FDA's findings, told reporters on Aug. 1 that he would serve the fish to his family.

Fishing of crabs and oysters is banned.

Despite the good news, Gulf fishermen continue to seek aid from community organizations. Louisiana community advocates say the fishermen are not looking for handouts, but they are hoping to resume work.

"Since the beginning when this whole thing happened in April, all they've wanted to do is work," said Tuan Nguyen, deputy director of the Mary Queen of Vietnam Community Development Corp.

The number of fishing families seeking aid has slowed recently, said Nguyen. But he says they were seeing about 40 people a day. The overflow of fishing families that they cannot aid, are helped by the Catholic Charities in New Orleans.

"As of now the entire year of fishing is basically gone for all of these fishermen. They will have no income for fishing," said filmmaker Leo Chiang. "A lot of folks they just want to work they don't want to come and get handouts."

An estimated one-third of those licensed fishermen working in the Gulf region are Vietnamese American.

After the fall of Saigon in 1975 Vietnamese refugees fled their country to resettle in the Big Easy. Before Hurricane Katrina an estimated 25,000 Vietnamese Americans lived in Louisiana.

Katrina uprooted the community that previously lived an

autonomous existence from other areas in New Orleans.

"With Katrina it was more of an inconvenience," Nguyen said. "With the oil spill people are left with an uncertainty of not knowing how to provide for their families."

The Vietnamese American community was challenged again when Mayor Ray Nagin opened the Chef Menteur



PHOTO COURTESY OF FLOYD MORI

Some 80 percent of those working in the Gulf region fishing industry are Vietnamese American, according to estimates.

landfill in April 2006. The 100-acre site — which included toxic waste — was less than two miles from Versailles, a Vietnamese American enclave.

Chiang documented the community's struggles in his film "A Village Called Versailles." He has returned to New Orleans on several occasions for another film he is making about Congressman Anh "Joseph" Cao.

"I don't think the communities are sitting around feeling sorry for themselves," Chiang said. "It's another serious

challenge, and they have to get through it. It does seem like they can't get a break."

Some fishermen are working with the BP program Vessels of Opportunity to help with in the clean-up efforts.

But Asian Pacific American community leaders say other Vietnamese American fishermen are eagerly looking forward to resuming their work that was halted when the well ruptured more than three months ago.

"Many have gone the entire last three months without income nor the opportunity to participate in the clean-up," said JACL National Director Floyd Mori, who has visited the region and impacted communities. "Information on the claims process and how to get in the queue for work has been sparse and confusing."

Fishermen were running into difficulty in filing claims because they dealt on a cash-only basis in the past. Community organizations are helping the fishermen compile spreadsheets to estimate their finances. In addition to troubles with filing claims, many are now wary of legal aid.

Soon after the oil well ruptured, New Orleans community leaders say lawyers approached fishermen impacted by the oil spill to help them acquire a portion of the BP's \$20-billion aid fund.

"We call them sharks," Nguyen explained. "The truth of the matter is you still have fishermen who signed documents not knowing what they signed." Nguyen added that some attorneys allegedly "wined and dined" fishermen, promising a piece of the BP aid fund.

Community organizations are planning on holding educational meetings to inform fishermen about their options.

"We're trying to find out from them what they would like to do," Nguyen said. "We need to start getting folks who are interested in different industries." He said some displaced fishermen have expressed an interest in changing industries if necessary. Ideas to create "green" jobs, raise free-range chicken or work in food production have been proposed.

Using the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill as an example, Nguyen said there is a chance the Gulf Coast waters might not be safe for years. "It took 20 years just for the shrimp to return," Nguyen said about the long-term damages caused by the Exxon spill.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the community at least had a place to return to, Nguyen said.

"With the oil spill it's a different animal," he said. "We don't know what's going on." ■



# Digging Up Kooskia's Japanese Roots



PHOTO COURTESY OF STACEY CAMP

Josh Allen and Lacey Plummer shovel testing on internee barracks landscape.

**Two hundred and sixty five men of Japanese ancestry called Idaho's Kooskia internment camp home from 1943 to 1945.**

By Nalea J. Ko  
Reporter

Digging up artifacts in the heat of the summer in Idaho, an archaeological crew was prepared for the temperatures that soared into the nineties.

The 10-member archaeological team conducting research at the former Kooskia internment camp, lathered up with sunscreen and kept hydrated. The hot weather was not a surprise.

But an archaeological find of a concrete foundation that could possibly be from a World War II internment camp was.

"It was really nice because we had dug a number of [shovel tests] that didn't have a large amount of artifacts in them," said 20-year-old Josh Allen, one of six undergraduate students working on the crew. "When I opened up that one, it was really great to actually see something that could very well have been part of the internee housing area."

In late July, about two weeks into an archaeological project, researchers had conducted about 21 "shovel tests." During the tests, crewmembers used spaded shovels to dig in the ground about 4 to 8 inches deep in a hunt for artifacts from the Kooskia internment camp. Then their shovels hit what they thought was a boulder.

"They were very excited because they have been digging a little shovel of one meter fill for a week now," said Stacey Camp, the principle investigator, by telephone while taking a break from the project. "We're hoping to open it up this afternoon, and start excavating and tracing out where that concrete pad may take us."

The crew of mostly University of Idaho undergrads, graduate students and faculty started working onsite July 14.

Their aim is to put the Kooskia internment site on the

map of American history by raising awareness about their research findings.

Researchers are primarily focusing on studying gardening practices at the camp to better understand how the internees altered their environment to cope with being interned. Findings will be compared with data gathered at other internment camps like Amache, where researchers used ground-penetrating radar to detect structural and plant remains from internee gardens.

Three different types of gardens were noted at Amache: ornamental, entry and victory. Differences between women's and children's gardens were also observed.

"I am hoping that they will find more evidence of Japanese ceramics and other artifacts of Japanese manufacture on the site," said Priscilla Wegars, whose book "Imprisoned in Paradise" chronicles the lives of Kooskia internees.

Images of Japanese ceramic artifacts recovered at Kooskia are pictured in her book.

"It's really interesting comparing Kooskia and Amache. Because at Amache they were forced to be there, and there was barbed wire and the guard towers," explained 19-year-old Paige Davies, who also worked on the Amache dig with Camp and Allen. "Where at Kooskia it's an open landscape as far as there are no barbed wires there was no guard towers."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, or INS, ran the Kooskia internment camp. It was unique, Wegars says, because it was the only United States camp where internees volunteered to go from the other INS camps.

About 265 men of Japanese ancestry relocated to Idaho's Kooskia internment camp to work as paid volunteers from 1943 to 1945.

They came from all over the U.S., Mexico, Peru and Panama to work. Some toiled on what is now known as Highway 12. Others were employed in the laundry facilities, the camp's kitchen or doing construction work, among other jobs.

Their earnings varied from \$55 to \$65 a month.

For undergraduates like Davies and Allen, the opportunity to work on archaeological projects at Amache and Kooskia is a chance to see firsthand what they say was only briefly touched on in their Idaho high school education.

"It's pretty sad actually because — I had a very intelligent U.S. history teacher in high school — but in the books I mean [the Japanese American internment] was maybe mentioned in a paragraph, and then it was quickly defended," Allen said.

More extensive background reading on the internment sites was done prior to the archaeological dig, said Allen.

The Kooskia project crew will invite the public to survey their archaeological findings on Aug. 8.

"So I'm hoping we can be done by that point, but with archaeology you kind of never know," Camp explained. "We're hoping to come back next year and continue looking for gardens associated with the internees and artifacts associated with them next year."

The dig was made possible with a \$16,456 Japanese American Confinement Sites Preservation grant received in 2009 from the National Park Service. Grants were also received from the University of Idaho.

Artifacts recovered from the Kooskia site will be kept at the University of Idaho for analysis, Camp said. Next year students in Camp's historic artifacts analysis course will examine any tangible findings recovered from the Kooskia site.

Until then, researchers are focusing on staying cool while unearthing more information about the lives of Kooskia internees.

"It's been really hot. We're going to go buy some Otter Pops to take to the whole crew at this gas station. They're nice and frozen and cold. So that will be their treat for the afternoon," Camp said before hanging up the phone and heading back to the archaeological site. ■

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# APAs Call Attention to Edward Chen's Year-long Judicial Nomination

Chen was a part of the legal team that helped overturn Fred Korematsu's World War II conviction.

By Nalea J. Ko  
Reporter

Asian Pacific Americans are calling attention to the pending nomination of Magistrate Judge Edward Chen as the one-year anniversary of his selection to the lifetime judicial position looms.

President Barack Obama nominated Chen, Dolly M. Gee and Richard Seeborg on Aug. 7, 2009, to serve on the U.S. District Court bench. Obama explained the nominees exemplified "the best in American jurisprudence."

Chen, who is of Chinese descent, was on track to become the first APA judge in the Northern District of California. But his nomination was stalled in the Senate when met with criticism from opponents.

Now some APAs say they are concerned that a Senate floor vote has not been scheduled. They are urging others to voice their support of Chen.

"We need to support Ed to keep up this battle," said attorney Edwin Prather, Chen's former judicial law clerk. "It's hard for the community to go through these ups and downs. It's pretty hard on Ed as well."

Last year the nomination of Chen ran into hurdles in the Senate when Republican opponents questioned his work with the ACLU, where he served as a staff attorney.

Opponents pointed to cases he challenged such as Proposition 209, a California ballot measure to prohibit public agencies from

implementing affirmative action programs.

Chen was questioned by Sen. Jeff Sessions about allegedly encouraging state agencies to "not dismantle their affirmative action programs until the U.S. Supreme Court decides whether it will review the ban." Chen denied the accusations.

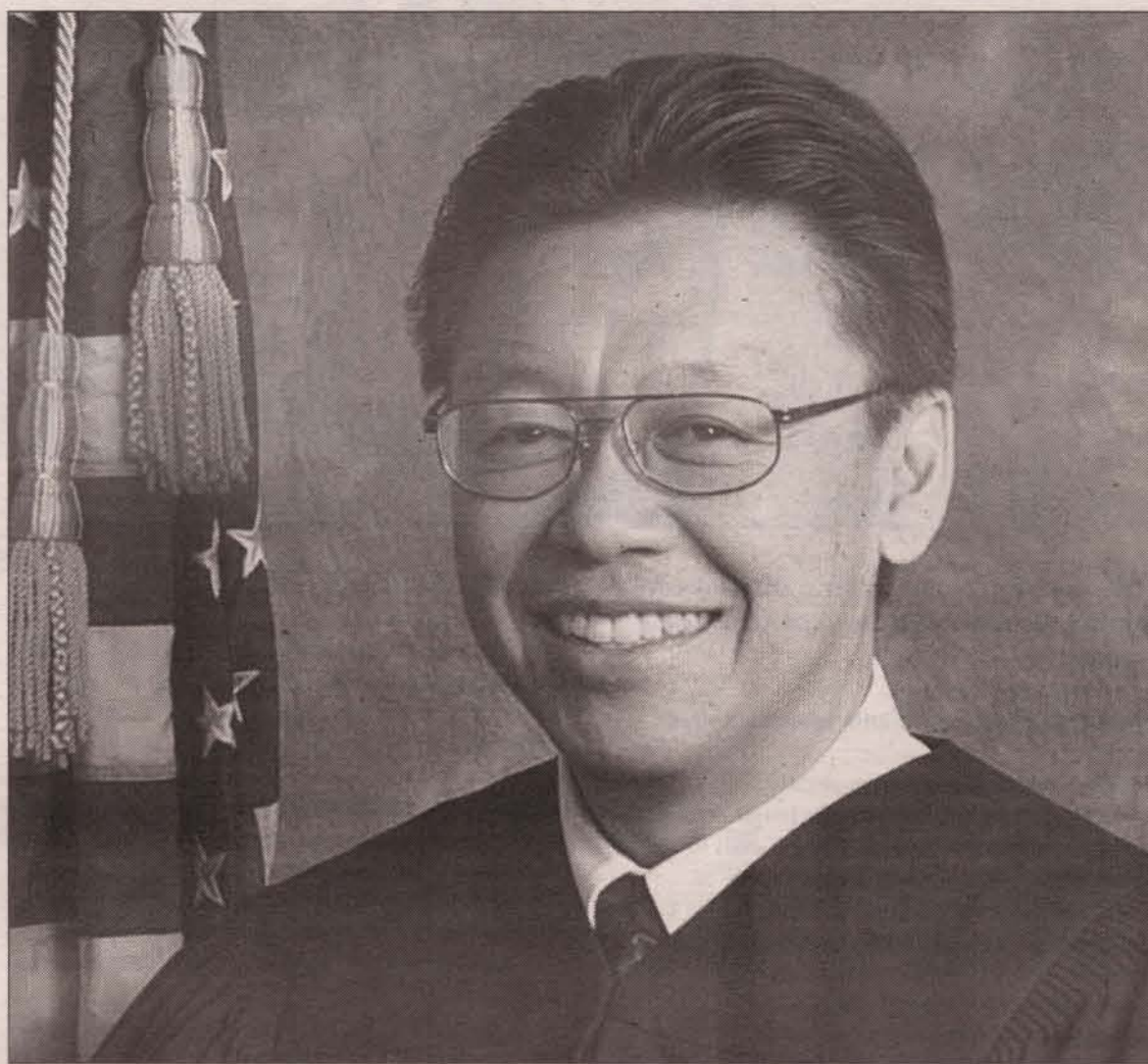
Judge Lucy Koh was confirmed July 7, becoming the first APA judge in the Northern District of California.

The confirmation of Chen, supporters say, will further diversify the federal district court.

"While fairness should be colorblind, it is clearly important to have the bench reflect society. Now it does not," said JACL National Director Floyd Mori. "The elevation of Ed Chen to the federal bench brings us slightly closer to some kind of balance in the courts. JACL is in strong support of Ed Chen's nomination."

APA community leaders from the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, JACL, National Federation of Filipino American Associations and the Asian Law Caucus met with Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., in June to discuss Chen's nomination.

"In our meeting with Sen. Reid, he gave full support for the nomination and commented on the need to diversify the federal courts and that Ed Chen was highly qualified and shouldn't have had to wait," Mori explained.



Chen is an intellectual who is compassionate and down-to-earth, said Dale Minami.

Reid added that Chen is tremendously well qualified for the lifetime post.

"Unfortunately, Judge Chen's nomination, like that of so many other talented individuals who will be excellent judges, has been blocked from consideration by Senate Republicans," Reid said. "I hope that Republicans stop their obstructionism of qualified judicial nominees soon."

Born and raised in Oakland, Calif., Chen was part of the famed Fred Korematsu legal team, which successfully overturned Korematsu's World War II conviction. In 2001 Chen was appointed as a magistrate in the Bay Area, and has presided over criminal and civil trials.

Associates of Chen say he is very much "cut from the cloth of the community," pointing to his language discrimination work with the ACLU.

"I think to have Ed appointed and confirmed would only be a true victory for our community," said Prather about the APA community's support of Chen.

The Bar Association of San Francisco named Chen "Judge of the Year" in 2007. His other accolades include the Bay Area Asian Pacific American Law Students Association Conference, Unity Award, Minority Bar

Coalition and Building Bridges Lifetime Achievement Award, among others.

He has served on the board of directors for the Chinatown Community Development Corporation and the Asian American Bar Association.

"Within the national Asian

Those who known Chen say he is qualified for the lifetime position. They say he is "cautiously optimistic" that he will be confirmed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Attorney Dale Minami, who was Chen's instructor at the University of California, Berkeley, said after the six months mark Chen had to be "very philosophical about things."

"I think he's very hopeful but kind of discouraged by the delays," Minami said.

Chen could not comment because of the pending nomination.

Minami described Chen as a brilliant intellectual who is compassionate and down-to-earth. He said there are likely multiple reasons for the delay, including the increased polarization of politics.

Others say the reason for the one-year long pending nomination is anyone's guess.

"You don't need to know why you're being wronged just the fact that you're being wronged," said Prather.

Chen's supporters, like the creators of [www.FoundAsian.org](http://www.FoundAsian.org), are asking others to visit <http://farijudges.net> and sign a letter in favor of the judge. They say time is running out for Chen's judicial nomination. ■

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— Edwin Prather,  
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## Ariz. Gov. Considers Changes to SB 1070



**The decision comes after a district court blocks several of its most controversial provisions.**

*By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press*

A federal appeals court has decided not to step into the controversy over Arizona's tough immigration law until November, leaving state officials to consider other steps they might take in the meantime.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the law and appealed a ruling blocking its most controversial sections said she would consider changes to "tweak" the law to respond to the parts U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton faulted.

"Basically we believe [the law] is constitutional but she obviously pointed out faults that can possibly be fixed and that's what we would do," Brewer told the Associated Press. Brewer said she's talking to legislative leaders about the possibility of a special session, but said no specific changes have been identified.

In her July 28 temporary injunction, Bolton delayed the most contentious provisions of the law, including a section that required officers to check a person's immigration status while enforcing other laws. Bolton indicated the federal government's case has a good chance at succeeding in its argument that federal immigration law trumps state law.

Asian Pacific American groups hailed the injunction as a victory in the fight for comprehensive immigration reform.

"While this action does not completely block the law, the ruling by Judge Bolton is a major success for protecting all Americans' civil rights," said Floyd Mori, JACL national director. "The JACL, along with its coalition of other national civil rights groups, welcomes this decision and will continue to monitor the situation in Arizona regarding immigration

carefully." The blocked sections under the law include the following provisions:

- The requirement that police officers investigate the immigration status of all individuals they stop if the officers suspect that they are in the country unlawfully.
- The mandatory detention of individuals who are arrested, even for minor offenses that would normally result in a ticket, if they cannot verify that they are authorized to be in the U.S.
- The new statute imposing state criminal penalties for non-citizens failing to register with the Department of Homeland Security or failing to carry registration documents.
- The provision for warrantless arrest of individuals who are deemed by state or local police officers to be "removable" from the U.S.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that it would hold a hearing on Brewer's challenge in the first week of November. Briefs from the state are due Aug. 26.

Brewer has asked for an expedited appeals process with a hearing scheduled for the week of Sept. 13. State lawyers had argued that the appeal involves an issue of "significant importance" — the state's right to implement a law to address "the irreparable harm Arizona is suffering as a result of unchecked unlawful immigration."

APA civil rights organization, including the JACL, have joined the federal civil rights legal challenge to SB 1070 in court arguing that SB 1070 would lead to racial profiling.

"SB 1070 presents a distinct and separate immigration scheme that conflicts with federal law and policy, and would have a devastating impact on Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Latinos and other people of color in Arizona," said Julie Su, litigation director of the Asian Pacific American-Legal Center.

## JACL Wants Investigation Into Beating Death

Divyendu Sinha and his sons were out for a walk when they were attacked by a group of teenage boys outside their home in Old Bridge, New Jersey. Divyendu, a 49 year-old scientist, died July 5, three days following the attack.

The JACL has contacted the Middlesex County prosecutor's office urging them to fully investigate the crime. In a letter sent to Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan, JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino urged a vigorous prosecution of those responsible for Divyendu's

death.

According to news accounts, South Asians living in Old Bridge have reported daily harassment and intimidation, especially by teenagers. Old Bridge has a predominately white population of 70,000 residents. In recent years, South Asians have moved into the community and now comprise approximately six percent of the population. This growth in the South Asian population is reflected in nearby communities such as Edison, which is predominately

South Asian.

In the letter, Yoshino said: "It is also clear that ethnic tension and hate crimes are caused by changing demographics when ethnic groups move into communities that have not previously experienced their presence."

Yoshino pressed for hate crime charges, noting that "The South Asian community and all groups living in Old Bridge must be reassured that they needn't live in fear or isolation because of their ethnic identity." ■

## National Newsbytes

*By Pacific Citizen Staff and the Associated Press*

### U.S. House Approves Heart Mountain Study



CHEYENNE, Wyo.—The U.S. House has recommended conducting a study to decide if the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp in northern Wyoming should become a National Historic Site.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Lummis that authorizes the study passed the House last week on a voice vote. It now moves to the Senate for consideration.

The National Park Service, or NPS, manages historic sites. A study of the site could take over four years and roughly \$250,000 to complete.

### Congressional Gold Medal Legislation Passes in Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Japanese American soldiers of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service passed Aug. 2 in the Senate.

"These brave Japanese Americans enlisted in the Army and fought for their country even as many of their family members and friends were sent to internment camps," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, who introduced the legislation.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian honor. Before it can be presented for vote, two-thirds of both the House and Senate are required to sign on as cosponsors.

### Hawaii Lawsuit Seeks Equal Rights For Gay Couples

HONOLULU—Six gay couples in Hawaii are filing a lawsuit to seek the same rights as married couples, three weeks after Gov. Linda Lingle vetoed a same-sex civil measure.

The lawsuit requests that the court system extend to same-sex couples the benefits and responsibilities of marriage. Some rights are granted to gay couples through the state's reciprocal beneficiaries system.

But they lack the same legal privileges and obligations, said Jennifer Pizer, senior counsel for Lambda Legal, which is bringing the case along with the American Civil Liberties Union.

### Bill Would Grant Burial Rights to Hmong Vietnam Veterans

FRESNO, Calif.—Under a bill introduced by a Fresno congressman, Vietnam veterans of Hmong descent would be eligible for burial in national cemeteries.

Some 6,900 Hmong nationwide would be eligible for the burial rights if the bill passes, according to Rep. Jim Costa.

### Sen. Correa Backs Measure Recognizing WWII Internment

SACRAMENTO—Sen. Lou Correa voted to approve a resolution that would formally acknowledge the unjust treatment of Italian Americans during World War II.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 95 was introduced by Sen. Joseph Simitian. People of German and Italian descent were also interned with the 120,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals who were incarcerated during WWII.

The resolution is now in Assembly for consideration.

### University Ban on Muslim Group Condemned

IRVINE, Calif.—Civil rights groups are criticizing the University of California, Irvine's decision to ban a Muslim student group over the disruption of the Israeli ambassador's speech on campus.

In February, 11 students were arrested for disrupting Ambassador Michael Oren's speech. The university revoked the group's charter for a year and placed it on probation for another year.

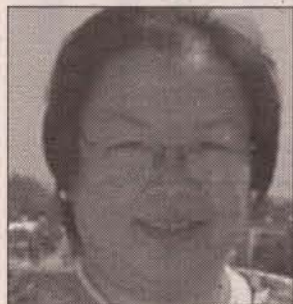
Fifteen groups including the Asian Law Caucus, the Afghan-American Bar Association and the National Lawyers Guild say banning the group would memorialize UCI as a campus that violates its students' constitutional rights. ■



# APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

## Kwok is Appointed to Commission on AAPIs



**Daphne Kwok**, the executive director of Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California, has been appointed to serve as chair of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

As chair, Kwok will work with the White House Initiative to increase public- and private-sector collaboration and community involvement.

The commission was re-established last year as part of a White House initiative to improve the lives of underserved APAs.

Kwok previously served as the executive director of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies and the Organization of Chinese Americans.

## First APA Nominated to Chief Justice of Calif. Supreme Court



Appellate court judge **Tani Cantil-Sakauye** has been nominated to be the chief justice of the California Supreme Court. If elected, she will be the first APA to serve as chief justice for any state high court in the continental U.S.

A three-member Commission on Judicial Appointments must confirm her before her name is placed on the November ballot for voter approval for a 12-year term.

Cantil-Sakauye will succeed Chief

Justice Ronald George, who retires Jan. 2.

## NJAMF Announces New Leadership

**Gale Awaya McCallum** and **Franklin Odo** have been named the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation's new executive director and director of research and education, respectively.

Prior to joining NJAMF Awaya McCallum served as director of the Gates Millennium Scholars program in the Asian and Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund.

Odo served as founding director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program until his retirement in January 2010.

NJAMF is dedicated to education and public awareness about the JA experience during World War II.

## APA Law Firm Wins Super Lawyers Distinction

The partners at **Minami Tamaki LLP** have been named top attorneys for 2010 by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Dale Minami, Donald K. Tamaki, Brad Yamauchi, Minette A. Kwok, Jack W. Lee, Lynda Won-Chung, Mark Fong and Derek G. Howard** were selected through ballot votes of more than 56,000 lawyers in the region.

Only five percent of lawyers in California are honored by *Super Lawyers*, according to the law firm.

## Takai is Honored for Work as Legislator, Soldier



Hawaii Rep. **Mark Takai** has been honored for serving in the Hawaii Legislature while being deployed to the Middle East.

Takai was one of 15 legislators and one legislative staff member awarded the National Medal of Civic Honor at the National Conference of State Legislatures' 2010 legislative summit.

His deployment as Base Operations Officer at Camp Patriot in Kuwait forced

him to miss the 2009 legislative session. ■

# Smithsonian Museum Hangs Portrait of Mineta

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

A portrait of the first Asian Pacific American to hold a presidential cabinet post was recently installed in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.

The portrait of former U.S. Transportation and Commerce Secretary **Norman Mineta** was installed July 26, becoming part of the museum's permanent collection. The portrait, by artist **Everett Raymond Kinstler**, was a gift from the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program.

"I am delighted that this generous gift to the Portrait Gallery will be in our permanent collection," said **Martin Sullivan**, director of the museum. "Secretary Mineta's service to this country and his leadership efforts are central to the story about Asian Americans in the U.S."

President **Bill Clinton** appointed Mineta commerce secretary in 2000, and President **George W. Bush** appointed him transportation secretary in 2001. Previously, Mineta served in Congress for 20 years, representing California.

During World War II, Mineta and his parents, who were Japanese immigrants, were incarcerated in an internment camp. In 1971, Mineta was elected mayor of San Jose, making him the first APA mayor of a major U.S. city.

As a member of Congress from 1975 through 1995, Mineta co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and engineered the passage of H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 — an official government apology for the internment of those of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

"Norman Mineta has been a great member and supporter of the JACL as well as an outstanding leader for all Asian Americans and the country as a



whole," said JACL National Director **Floyd Mori**. "We are proud of him and congratulate him for his accomplishments and example of true leadership."

Mineta retired from his Cabinet post in 2006 and in that same year was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

"It is with great pride that we see Secretary Mineta's remarkable story of leadership and service honored in the Portrait Gallery," said **Konrad Ng**, director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program. "He represents the key roles that Asian Pacific Americans have played in U.S. culture, history and politics."

The National Portrait Gallery is part of the **Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture** at Eighth and F streets N.W., Washington, D.C. ■

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## APA Officer is Discharged Under 'Don't Ask Don't Tell'

By Pacific Citizen Staff

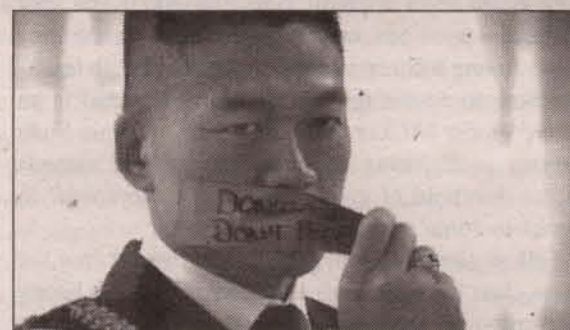
Lt. **Dan Choi**, an infantry officer and Arabic language specialist, has been honorably discharged from the Army under the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy for publicly admitting to being homosexual, wrote Brigadier Gen. **Patrick A. Murphy** in a memorandum to Choi.

His discharge was effective as of June 29.

Choi, 29, said the news was "both infuriating and painful." Since coming out publicly last year on the "Rachel Maddow Show", the Iraq War veteran has become an activist for gay rights in the military.

In March, Choi was arrested for handcuffing himself to the iron fence surrounding the White House in protest of Don't Ask Don't Tell.

During the Netroots Nation conference in Las Vegas,



Choi gave Sen. **Harry Reid** his West Point ring to wear until the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy is repealed.

"To all those veterans who have endured similar trials and injustices or prematurely ended their military service because of the unjust policy: Our fight has only begun," said Choi on his website. ■

## Virginia Senator Calls for End to Diversity Programs

By Bob Lewis  
AP Political Writer

**RICHMOND, Va.**—Sen. **Jim Webb** called for ending government-run diversity programs in a recent newspaper column, saying they have disadvantaged struggling whites and hurt the cause of racial harmony.

Webb's July 23 op-ed column in the *Wall Street Journal* that said a "plethora of government-enforced diversity policies have marginalized many white workers. The time has come to cease the false arguments and allow every American the benefit of a fair chance at the future."

As an author, Webb expressed misgivings about how affirmative action programs have grown beyond

their initial intent in two of his books, "Born Fighting" and "A Time to Fight."

Federal diversity programs now primarily benefit new immigrants over whites and even African Americans, their original beneficiaries, wrote Webb, D-Va.

Such programs should end, Webb concluded, except for "our continuing obligation to assist those African Americans still in need."

The column raises the issue of ethnic and racial sensitivity that helped Webb win his Senate seat in 2006, after Republican Sen. **George Allen** called a Webb aide of Indian descent "macaca," a slur in some cultures.

Should Webb seek a second term in 2012, he could face a rematch with Allen. ■





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BY HARRY K. HONDA

## Chicago Confab

MY WEEK IN Chicago for the 41st Biennial National JACL Convention (*Very Truly Yours* has covered 32 of them, this was my 33rd) began around 8 p.m. (still clear skies and daylight) at Swissôtel, a 43-story high-rise, by the Chicago River and was:

**1) Fabulous** — the weather was neither hot nor humid as one might anticipate a 4th of July in the Windy City.

The Welcome Mixer Wednesday night at the hotel was a buffet, telling delegates to make your own hot dog "Chicago style" and add a piece of the "Chicago-style" pizza. Each table had a large 4th-of-July themed paper basket filled with candies all manufactured in Chicago. But we missed the tiny Baby Ruth and Butterfinger bars.

**2) Fun-filled**, i.e., meeting old-timers (I tried counting how many delegates in session had white or salt-pepper hair) and new friends. And this confab sported more Sansei and Yonsei than ever.

ONE YOUNG FELLOW, Kai Uno, introduced himself, the son of past ('70-'72) national JACL president Judge Raymond Uno. He is now in Omaha, married, and was carrying his young baby. It seems this time, there were more than a dozen parents with babes-in-arm, even our *P.C.* exec editor Caroline Aoyagi-Stom.

Another newcomer with the same surname, Uno, was Elizabeth from Sacramento, daughter of past *P.C.* board chair Richard Uno ('98-2000) and past national v.p. of gen. ops ('96-'98). She was the lone force among a dozen vendors at the *P.C.* booth teaching how to access the *P.C.* website. Her dad is an active Florin JACLER. Now that the California State Library is digitizing the print editions, *P.C.* stands at the threshold of gaining fame as a "footnote" in books-to-come.

Fellow alumnus from Loyola Marymount (not the same class by any count) John Saito, Jr. was a happy circumstance. John had joined the West Los Angeles JACL last year and was then elected chapter president this year. His mom, Carol, has been an anchor at the PSW regional office for 25 years; his dad, John,

the PSW regional director after retirement from the county.

There were four national JACL presidents present: Floyd Shimomura ('82-'84), our first woman prez Lillian C. Kimura ('92-'94), Helen S. Kawagoe ('96-2000), and ('00-'04) S. Floyd Mori and now national director.

David & Carol Kawamoto from San Diego are JACL stalwarts of several decades, active from chapter, through PSW and the national board. And Dave and his new cabinet were sworn in by another warhorse with eminent links to JACL and the nation-at-large, Norman Y. Mineta, the first Asian American to have an international airport (San Jose) in his name.

SPEAKING OF OLD-timers, no one dwells this category better than Shea Aoki from Seattle, who has attended EVERY biennial national convention from 1930 to 2010.

Aware of the hazard of listing names, I met about 20 old-timers I remembered by face and name. From Chicago (now and past) — Sam Yoshinari, Roy Iwata, Ron Shiozaki, Don Yoshino, Bill Yoshino, Allen Meyer (MIS Exhibit docent), Frank & To Sakamoto, Chiye Tomihiro, Lary Schectman, Ross Harano (the first Sansei to sit on the national board as Jr. JACL chair in '61), Richard Amano; from the East Coast — Etsu Masaoka, Jean Kariya, Irene Mori, Paul Uyehara; from the West Coast — Elaine Akagi, John Hayashi, Patty Wada, Karen Tani, Fred Shimasaki, John and Lillia Yamada; from Intermountain and Mountain Plains — Terry Nagata, Rick Okabe, Tats Misaka, Jeff Itami, Sam Mayeda; and from Tokyo — Glen Fukushima (panelist for the U.S.-Japan Relations workshop with Japan Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki, Irene Hirano and Calvin Manshio, esq. of Chicago).

I have notes for my next *P.C.* column about multi-racial and multi-ethnic identity, one of 12 workshops at the Chicago convention. Must have that ready by Friday. ■

*Harry K. Honda is the Pacific Citizen editor emeritus.*



# for the RECORD

BY JOHN TATEISHI

## The P.C. Debate

I may be writing out of school (to loosely borrow the expression) because I wasn't at the convention and know little besides what I read in the *Pacific Citizen*, but it seems there were big goings-on and much made of the fate of the *P.C.* through the budget discussion of the national council.

It seems that the issue centered around whether the *P.C.*, and thusly, its staff, should move up to San Francisco and be housed at headquarters.

When I assumed the position as director in the late 1990s, we had 11 staff members and occupied most of the offices. With the NASDAQ collapse in 2000 and subsequent economic downturn, our investment portfolio took a jolt. Couple that with the attrition of the JACL's membership, and we headed straight into dire financial times. When it was all over, we had three people still working at headquarters and a lot of empty space.

One of the cost-cutting options that entered into the JACL's financial discussions was the feasibility of moving the *P.C.* operations to San Francisco to capitalize on the empty space. But such a move was premature, I felt, because we hadn't examined the feasibility of such a move and we had the lives of *P.C.* staff to consider. It wasn't something that could be done on short notice and, in my view, would have to be planned in a long-term manner, say, over a 2-5 year period. But it was something that, once brought up, stayed in the background of discussions as something that should be considered.

The difficulty of the *P.C.* issue is embodied in the fact that one-fourth of the JACL's total budget is committed to the paper. Also is the fact that the *P.C.*, in the minds of many of the membership, is a sacred cow not to be touched. That's the legacy of the paper, which was created to disseminate information about the JACL to its members. It always was and still is to some extent, the lifeline to the members, especially the older members who enjoy having the feel of paper in their hands as they read JACL news.

But the *P.C.* isn't and shouldn't be a sacred cow. For one, things change. While the *P.C.* budget line may have been an entitlement in the past, that was changed during my tenure as the director when Art Koga was the national treasurer and Floyd Mori the national president.

The finance committee, comprised of the treasurer, president and director, meets prior to each national board meeting and as necessary in between regular board meetings. Floyd, with other committee members, invited Ken Inouye, then *P.C.* board chair, to participate in the discussions of the finance committee. Floyd believed that it was important since the *P.C.* was such a large part of the overall budget.

It was during one of the finance committee meeting discussions that Ken requested the *P.C.* be given program status instead because he felt it would ensure the *P.C.* editor's inclusion in program directors' meetings (I used to meet periodically with the regional directors who, under my authority, were put in charge of national programs). Ken was adamant that the *P.C.* be re-designated as a program and not as an entitled item of the budget as a matter of equity. After considerable discussion, the finance committee agreed to the change and Art announced it to the board that weekend to formalize the change.

This change was significant because it essentially gives the national director more control over the *P.C.* budget, just as he controls other programs in the organization.

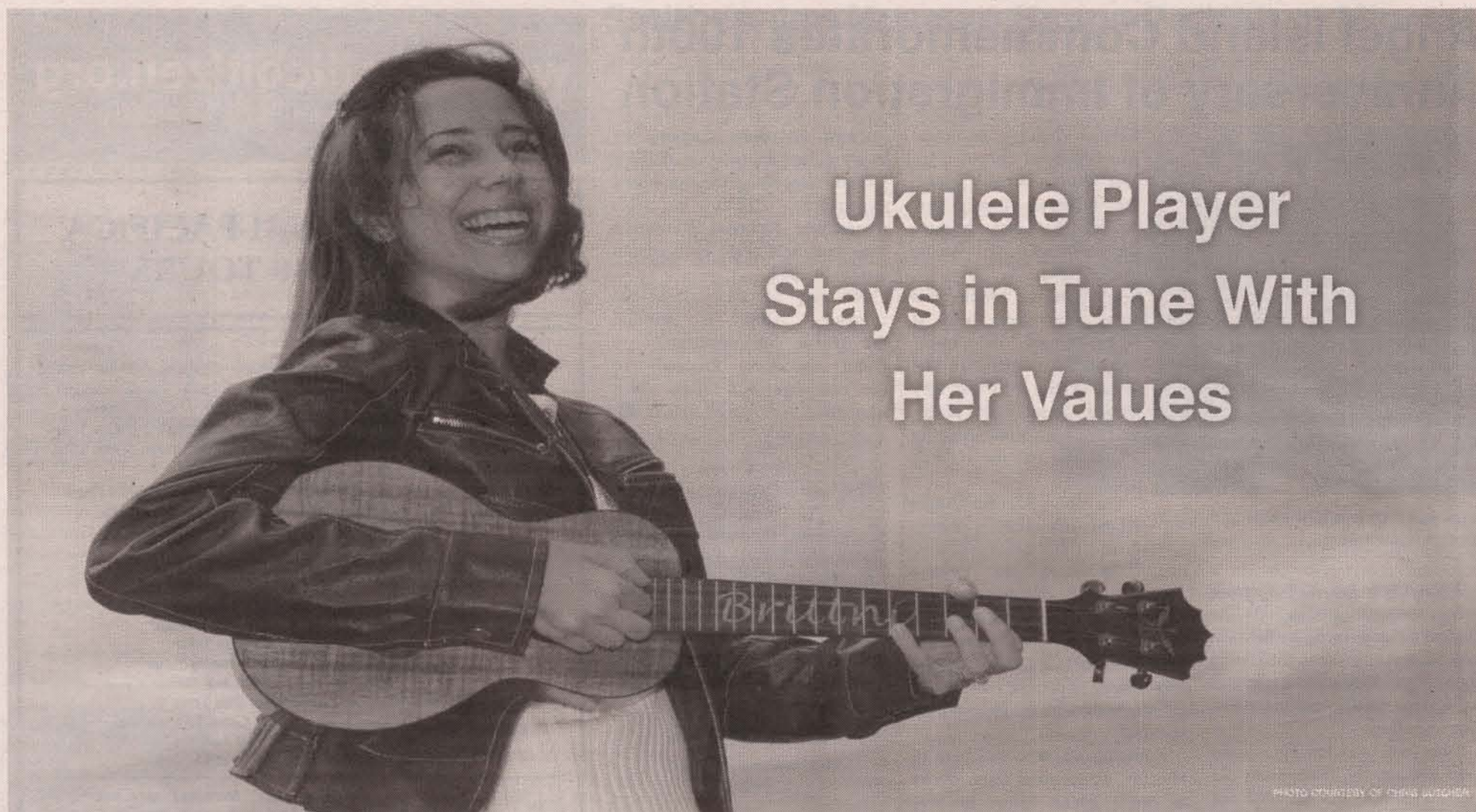
I don't know firsthand what occurred on the budget or how any of the budget issues were handled, but the *P.C.* issue seems to have been a sticking point. Long-term commitments were made, things that seem out of the ordinary happened. Normally, the national council budget session is a process of fine tuning, not debating a substitute budget.

As I said, I wasn't there but from what I can surmise, if I were still the director, I suspect I would be pretty unhappy right about now. Glad to be looking at it all from a distance. ■

*John Tateishi is the immediate past JACL national director.*







## Ukulele Player Stays in Tune With Her Values

**Brittnei Paiva performs ukulele around the world and is amazed at 'how many people are falling in love with the instrument.'**

**By Nalea J. Ko  
Reporter**

Ukulele player Brittnei Paiva has been pressured to dress more provocatively on stage in the past, but she said it is important for her to stay in tune with her values.

The 21-year-old said on one occasion about six years ago a makeup artist suggested she wear more revealing clothes on a photo shoot to "attract the boys."

Being raised in a conservative family on the Big Island in Hawaii, Paiva said she wanted to stay true to herself.

"There have been many comments by various people and [they've] said that, 'you should show a little more skin

here, maybe make your pants a little tighter,'" Paiva said in a phone call from her home in Hawaii. "I want to be a good influence ... to show that I'm not like the average 21-year-old. I actually cherish myself and I give value to myself."

Paiva has been strumming on her ukulele ever since, with a skill that has been compared to Jake Shimabukuro. Her fourth album "Four Strings: The Fire Within" was recently released July 20 in the continental United States.

The new album, Paiva said, is similar to the others because she plays many different genres of music. The purely instrumental album features songs like "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Europa." Just like Paiva's mixed heritage, her musical taste is also eclectic.

"I enjoy playing a lot of different stuff like Latin, jazz, pop and rock," Paiva said, who is Portuguese, Danish, Japanese and Hawaiian. "I really just like to play all sorts of stuff. I try to make each album sound different from the last one."

At 4 years old Paiva was introduced to her first instrument — the piano. Her introduction to the ukulele happened at 11 thanks to her grandfather, Isaac Takayama. After playing around with the ukulele Paiva started taking classes, at her grandfather's suggestion.

"He found me a ukulele teacher, and I took lessons for a few years. Ever since then it's been really great." She continued, "I haven't been able to put it down since."

When Paiva was 15, she self-produced her first album "Brittnei X 3." For the CD she won a Na Hoku Hanohano Award, which has been called the Hawaiian Grammy Awards. Her next albums "Hear" and "Brittnei" took the Ukulele Album of the Year at the Hawaii Music Awards.

Other than the ukulele the 21-year-old plays the guitar, piano, drums and bass. She is also trained in opera, but Paiva said she prefers strumming the ukulele rather than singing.

"I only sang on stage maybe three or four times," Paiva explained. "Singing is one of those things that I'm still kind of self-conscious about. So, one day I'll get around to singing on stage more often."

Her success in the music world means Paiva is recognized nearly everywhere she goes in her hometown of Hilo on the Big Island. It is difficult, she said, to walk in a mall or store without someone calling her name to say hello.

One of Paiva's fans would later turn out to be her husband, Branden.

"He and his dad were standing around I guess waiting for me to sign a CD," Paiva explained about how she eventually met her husband after he gave up on getting her autograph at a concert. "But there were so many people that they just kind of left [laughs]."

The couple later talked via MySpace, and they met for the first time at another one of Paiva's concerts. They were married two years ago.

Although her husband has played the trumpet and French horn, he inspired in Paiva a love for something other than music: cars.

Paiva said she loves drag racing in her silver, turbo-charged Toyota Tercel when she is not practicing or performing music.

"Just watching that [drag racing] kind of sparked an interest like, 'hey, that looks like a lot of fun. You can go as fast as you want and not have to worry about getting a ticket,'" Paiva added. "In fact the cops are there, cheering you on."

With her upcoming tour, Paiva will have to leave behind drag racing for a bit to pick up the ukulele again. She recently visited Guam and now Paiva is heading on an East Coast tour. Paiva is also finishing up college courses at Berklee College of Music.

Although Paiva is able to do music full time as her career now, she said her journey to success has not been without hurdles. She said it is important for other fledging musicians to know that they too can overcome obstacles.

"I'd like to encourage those that are playing music to just keep on practicing," Paiva said.

"You're going to hit speed bumps and rocky roads but just keep pressing on and eventually you'll have that light bulb moment. And then you'll pretty much understand everything, and be able to even perfect your craft even more from there." ■

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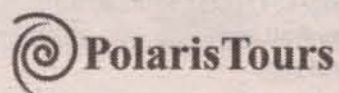
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# Angel Island Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Immigration Station



Japanese picture brides came to the U.S. through Angel Island.

When Dick Jiro Kobashigawa arrived at Angel Island in 1931, the sun had already set. Kobashigawa, then 16, was en route to the United States from Okinawa when he was taken to the small island in the San Francisco Bay.

"The food was terrible ... the soup was smelly, made from old meat. The rice was steamed but

hard. I couldn't eat," said Kobashigawa about his first day at Angel Island, the infamous immigration station that has become the symbol of Pacific immigration.

For years, immigrants from Asia were held at Angel Island, the lesser-known Ellis Island of the West. During their stay they carved messages and poetry into the walls while awaiting admission to the United States.

On July 31, the Angel Island immigration station turned 100.

To mark the historic occasion, The Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF) is hosting events on Angel Island that focuses on the experiences of diverse immigrants who came through the immigration station.

Kobashigawa, who was born in Phoenix, Ariz., spent three weeks at Angel Island before he was

released. His story is among the many others featured on AIISF's website describing the immigrant experience. AIISF is also researching Japanese Hawaiians who were held at the immigration station in 1942.

As part of their centennial campaign AIISF is offering the public the opportunity to honor ancestors. Proceeds of the campaign will allow more immigrant stories to be shared. ■

Aug. 7  
1:30-4 p.m.  
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Meet the recipients of the new  
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415/262-4429

## Ellis Island to Dedicate 'Go For Broke' Exhibit

The Ellis Island Immigration Museum will unveil its new exhibit "Go For Broke: Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts" on Aug. 8.

The exhibit chronicles the history of the Japanese American soldier in World War II, including the heroic stories of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service.

"This is a wonderful tribute to the veterans on the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II," said curator Eric Saul, former director of the Presidio Army Museum, who created the original 'Go For Broke' exhibit in 1980. "Their history is one of the great stories in American history."

The exhibit was created by the Japanese American Wartime History Project and features the history of early Japanese immigration in postwar photographs and documents. It includes 150 rare photographs, many of them being exhibited for the first time. Some of the prominent photographers whose work is featured include Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, Clem Albers, Toyo Miyatake, and others. There are also private photographs of the Nisei taken during the war.

The JACL and the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) have been working with Saul and will take part in the Aug. 8 dedication ceremonies. Floyd

Mori, JACL national director, will talk about Mike Masaoka, an early JACL leader to whom Saul has dedicated the exhibit.

The public is encouraged to view the exhibit Aug. 8 prior to the dedication program which will begin at 11 a.m. The Master of Ceremonies will be actor George Takei and the film, "442: Live with Honor, Die with Dignity," will be shown at 2 p.m.

The exhibit will be open seven days a week throughout the summer and is being scheduled to travel to numerous locations after its showing at Ellis Island is completed. ■

To schedule a visit:  
212/363-3200 or

nese American who was the first non-white person to play in what is now the NBA. The corporate partner to be honored this year for outstanding contributions to the JACL is Eli Lilly.

JACL members and friends are given several opportunities to support the JACL gala. Of course, anyone who is able to attend the event will be welcome. JACL members may contact the D.C. JACL office to receive a special JACL price. Individual tickets and tables of ten may be purchased to be filled by the purchaser or may be donated to be filled by the JACL which comps dignitaries and attempts to include as many hill staffers as possible.

Sponsorships and donations at any level are appreciated. Ads (for as low as \$50 for a one-eighth page ad for JACL members) may be purchased for the program booklet. All documents for these purposes are available at the JACL website ([www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org)).

We hope you will consider supporting the National JACL Gala this year. We also encourage participation in the JACL Pacific Southwest District's Annual Awards Dinner on Oct. 9.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have supported the gala in the past and thanks to everyone for all you do for the JACL. ■

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Takayama-Nara-Kobe-Takahashi-Miyajima-Hiroshima  
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Nov 11 Okinawa/Kyushu/Shikoku - 12 Days - \$4395 - 4 Days  
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Matsumoto, Takayama, Gujo Hachiman, Gifu, Kyoto.

SOUTHEAST ASIA HOLIDAY TOUR (Waitlist) NOV 8-22  
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## MORI

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who have made a difference. The honorees this year are outstanding women champions. They include Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who has done much for the JACL and the Asian American community; Etsu Mineta Masaoka, a JACL stalwart who supported her husband Mike Masaoka and the JACL through many years; Roxanna Saberi, a journalist and writer from North Dakota who was captured and held in Iran; and Christine Toy Johnson, an actress and filmmaker who, with her husband Bruce Johnson, produced a documentary film about Wat Misaka, the Japa-





World War II 442nd veterans attended the reception in Auburn, Calif. to call attention to the memorial.

## Film Boosts 'Lost Battalion' Memorial Project

Three JACL chapters are working to raise \$150,000 to complete a Roseville, Calif.-based bronze statue that commemorates the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's rescue of the Lost Battalion during World War II.

The Sacramento, Florin and Placer County JACL hope to complete the memorial and provide funding for educational materials to enhance the curriculum of area schools.

The campaign has already attracted more than \$63,000 in donations.

As part of their efforts, the

chapters sponsored the June 24 Northern California premiere of the documentary, "Valor With Honor." The film by Burt Takeuchi features interviews of 442nd veterans and a reenactment of the intense five-day "Battle of the Lost Battalion," where the 442nd RCT saved 230 soldiers of the 36th Texas Battalion caught behind enemy lines.

At the reception in Auburn, Calif. Placer County JACler Bill Tsuji, who served as master of ceremonies, introduced speakers including Stuart Kageta and Auburn City Councilmen Mike Holmes and Dr. Bill Kirby to the

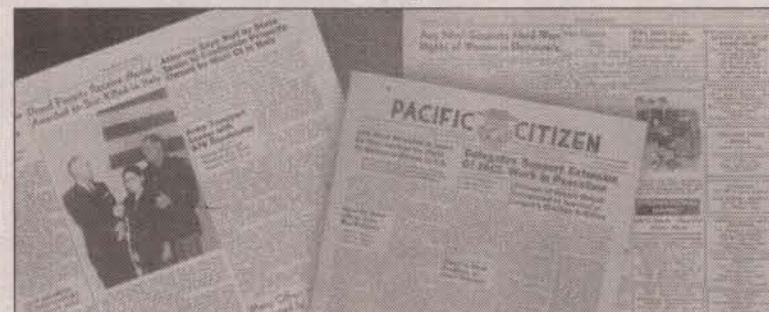
approximately 200 who attended. 442nd RCT veterans Frank Kageta, Shig Yokote, Norm Kamada, and Geo Hamai also attended the event.

Bob Nakamoto, president of the Japanese American Veterans Association, was the keynote speaker.

The monument, designed by Placer County artist France Borka, will honor all 442nd RCT, 100th Battalion and Military Intelligence Service veterans from Northern California. ■

**On the Web**  
<http://www.placerjacl.org>

## CCLPEP Grant Recipients Announced



**The Pacific Citizen receives \$20,000 to continue digitizing its historical archive.**

[library.ca.gov](http://library.ca.gov).

In all, CCLPEP received 63 grant proposal requests totaling over \$1.3 million for 2009-2010. In total \$450,000 was available for distribution this year.

CCLPEP is the result of the 1998 California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, an initiative sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Honda. The purpose of the Act was to provide funding for public education activities and educational materials surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

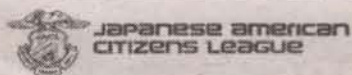
The intention was to illuminate and create understanding of the causes and circumstances of the internment and similar events. Over 300 CCLPEP grants have been awarded since the program's inception in 1998, resulting in educational projects in a variety of formats, many with curriculum guides.

"Each year the CCLPEP projects add to the growing body of work that has fulfilled the original purpose of the Act," said Aldrich. "The 2009-2010 projects will definitely add to that body of work."

For more information about this year's grant award projects and the program, visit the CCLPEP website, <http://CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov>, or contact Linda Springer at 916/651-6509 or [lspringer@library.ca.gov](mailto:lspringer@library.ca.gov). ■

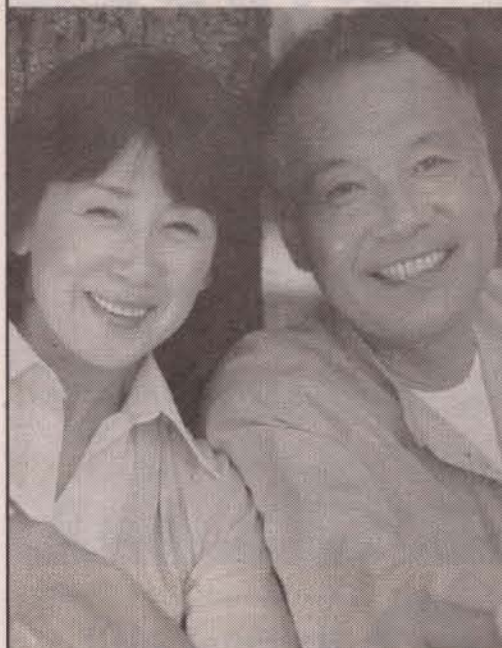
Other winning projects include documentary films, books, historical and art exhibits, a Manzanar pilgrimage program, and preservation of internment centers and artifacts. The list also includes the digitization of the *Pacific Citizen*, the oldest continuously published English language newspaper devoted to the Japanese American experience.

A complete listing of the 2009-2010 grant recipients and their projects appears on the CCLPEP website at <http://CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov>.



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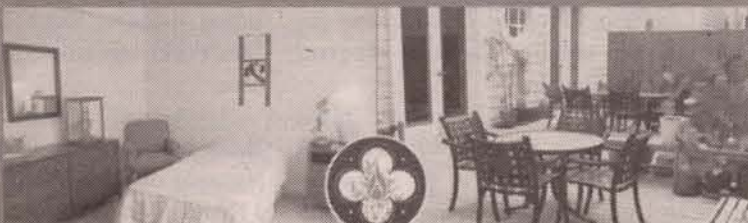
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In 1994, volunteers reassembled the barrack in a parking lot across the street from the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo.

## JANM to Look Back at Heart Mountain Barracks

The Japanese American National Museum is holding an Aug. 7 public program to reflect on the project that brought an original World War II barrack to Los Angeles.

The program, "16 Years Later: The Heart Mountain Barracks", will include a viewing of the 1994 award-winning documentary, "Legacy of the Barracks", created by producer Mark Mohr for KABC-TV Channel 7.

In 1994, museum staff members traveled to Wyoming to bring back fragments of an original barrack building built by the U.S. government for the Heart Mountain internment camp.

Dozens of volunteers took part in the reassembly of the building in the parking lot

across from the museum. A replica of a guard tower was built to accompany the historic building.

The project, which was part of the museum's exhibition, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience", helped demonstrate the harsh conditions Japanese American families endured during WWII.

Photojournalist Stan Honda, who documented part of the project, will be part of a short program preceding the barracks program. ■

**For more information:**  
213/625-0414 or [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org)

## Southern Calif. Youth Leadership Program Calls for Participants

The Nikkei Federation is calling for participants for its eighth annual Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program, a leadership development and cultural education program for high school students.

The program is scheduled to take place on select Saturdays from November 2010 through early April 2011 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

The goal of the program is to provide leadership skills to high school youth and inspire them to cultivate an ongoing involvement with the Japanese American community. Participants will develop leadership skills, gain experience in community service and learn about the JA experience.

"We understand that the future of our community lies squarely on the shoulders of our youth," said Ann Masuda, former chair of the Rising Stars Program. "We've seen firsthand how the skills that are taught in this program have helped the participants in their academ-

ic, professional and community endeavors."

Workshops, which will be led by professional trainers, focus on topics including teamwork, assertiveness and financial fitness.

"I especially gained from the sessions about how to work in groups and the importance of networking," said Nicole Elby, a Rising Stars graduate. "I've already implemented the networking skills which really helped me with a school project!" ■

### Rising Stars

A program fee of \$200 per student will be charged upon acceptance. Participants must be enrolled in high school.

Enrollment is limited. For applications or sponsorship opportunities:  
[www.nikkeifederation.org](http://www.nikkeifederation.org)  
Info: Glenn Nakatani  
626/915-5338 or  
[risingstarsyouth@gmail.com](mailto:risingstarsyouth@gmail.com)

## PSW to Host Project: Community! Culmination

The JACL Pacific Southwest District will celebrate the conclusion of Project: Community! — their youth community and advocacy program — with its annual Culmination event Aug. 24 at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Concluding its third year, Project: Community! was created to develop and empower the youth's voice in Little Tokyo. Through a series of interactive sessions, high school participants gain an understanding of identity as well as the importance of preservation of the Japanese American community.

"It's been really exciting to see how Project: Community! has evolved over the past three years," said Craig Ishii, PSW regional director. "Culmination is a way for the community to come together to celebrate the end of the program and to see the great work the students have accomplished."

Each Project: Community! session gathers facilitators and speakers from various parts of the community to conduct interactive workshops focused on specific topics ranging from identity, to the power of place, to grassroots organizing on a youth level.

A total of 17 high school students were selected from all over the greater Los Angeles area to participate in the program. Together they will showcase a project that focuses on the significance of the Little Tokyo commu-



nity, which will premiere at Culmination.

Through empowerment, education and leadership development, the Pacific Southwest District creates programs that engage and involve youth and others in effecting positive social change. ■

### Project: Community! Culmination

Aug. 24, 8-10 p.m.

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Garden Room,  
244 S. San Pedro St.  
Los Angeles

Free and open to the public  
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## Fundraising Continues for Merced Memorial

**The Livingston-Merced chapter's work on the memorial propelled them to a second place finish for JACL's Chapter of the Biennium.**

Although the historic Merced Assembly Center Memorial located on the Merced County Fairgrounds is complete, fundraising efforts continue. In addition to the bronze sculpture and five storyboards, an educational component will be ongoing to continue the lessons of the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

A documentary of the making of the memorial is planned and there will be three 15-minute segments made for the classroom. The first segment will be on the internment, the second will cover Redress and the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and the third will look at the parallels of internment and the treatment of Arab-Americans following the terrorist attacks

of Sept. 11.

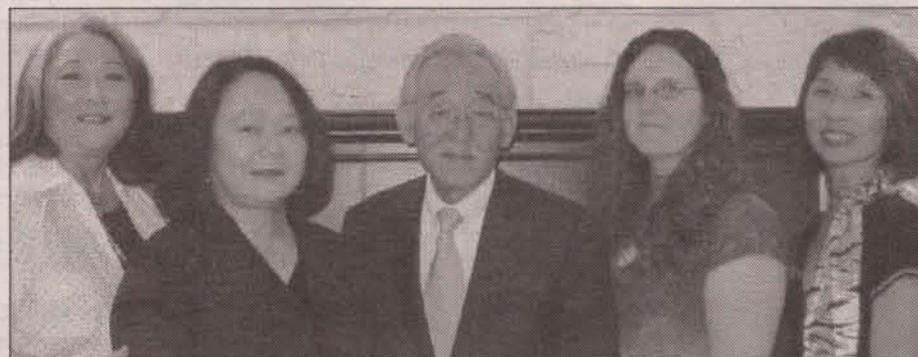
For their efforts on the memorial, the Livingston-Merced chapter placed second in the JACL's Chapter of the Biennium competition announced at the recent Chicago convention. After a two-year effort, the memorial is now very close to the site of the original barracks which housed 4,669 people for three months before they were imprisoned in Amache, Colorado.

The highlight of the Memorial is a bronze suitcase sculpture. Six bags and suitcases are piled on top of one another with a small, forlorn-looking girl sitting near the top to illustrate the "only what you can carry" idea. There are five storyboards on two sides of the sculpture, and a Wall of Names listing most of the 4,669 innocent prisoners. ■

### On the Web:

[www.mercedassemblycenter.org](http://www.mercedassemblycenter.org)

## JA Leaders Win Battle Over Texas Curriculum



(L-r) Donna Cole, Sandra Tanamachi, Glen Gondo, Dr. Abbie Grubb and Linda Toyota.

### The Texas State Board of Education unanimously voted to include WWII JA history in the state curriculum standards.

By Dr. Abbie Grubb

In a state not often associated with the Japanese American experience, Houston-area residents including myself, Donna Cole, Glen Gondo, Sandra Tanamachi and Linda Toyota have brought the World War II Japanese American experience to the forefront of American history classrooms.

In March, the state of Texas became a feature headline across the country as the State Board of Education (SBOE) voted to approve a series of controversial amendments to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum standards.

Though many of the proposed changes came under fire, the JA community was particularly concerned that none of the amendments mentioned the all-JA 442nd Regimental Combat Team or the Military Intelligence Service linguists.

In addition, the only mention of the JA confinement equated the mass internment of JAs with that of German and Italian Americans.

In response, organizations like the Anti-Defamation League North Texas and Southwest Region, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF), JACL, and the Japanese American Veterans Association, among others launched a letter-writing campaign to change the proposed amendments prior to the final vote on May 21.

Ultimately, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) received tens of thousands of comments from the public and had a record 206 people register for a public hearing in Austin on May 19. Five of those who testified traveled from Houston and patiently waited through hours of testimony for the opportunity to express their perspectives on the importance of JA history.

Representing the NJAMF, Cole spoke first on the significant contributions of the 442nd during their heroic rescue of the "Lost Battalion," a surrounded unit of the Texan 36th Infantry Division.

Following Cole's introduction of the subject, I provided a brief history of the importance of distinguishing between the racial and prejudicial basis for the unconstitutional Executive Order 9066 and the legal, albeit harsh, internment of German

and Italian enemy aliens.

EO 9066 allowed for the illegal removal and confinement of over 110,000 Japanese and JAs from the West Coast as a result of racism, not military necessity. In contrast, the internment of Italian, German, and JAs by the Department of Justice and FBI was based on a centuries-old law allowing non-citizens of an enemy nation to be confined legally and with a right to a trial.

Glen Gondo's testimony supported the board's decision to amend the TEKS to include a discussion of the liberation of concentration camps in Germany to ensure students learn about the Holocaust, particularly in light of the roles the JA 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, the Texan 36th Infantry and 90th Infantry Divisions played in liberating camps.

Linda Toyota's testimony called for the inclusion of the rescue of the Lost Battalion in the TEKS. Representing the JACL, Toyota described her father's service with the 442nd during the war and read briefly from the "Japanese American Creed."

Sandra Tanamachi, representing JAVA, provided the last related testimony of the day. She relayed her family's internment experience and military service before encouraging the SBOE to include the 442nd and MIS linguists as part of the Texas school curriculum.

"I encourage you to give recognition to the heroic deeds of the 442nd and the MIS, so that they can stand side by side with the Tuskegee Airmen, the Flying Tigers, and the Navajo Code Talkers ... Heroes all," said Tanamachi.

Two days after the public hearing, the SBOE held a final vote on the curriculum. According to Chairman Gail Lowe in a personal e-mail to Tanamachi, the vote was unanimous to include the 442nd RCT and EO 9066 when discussing the internment of enemy aliens.

Released on June 25, the revised TEK 113.41.c.7.D for High School U.S. History now includes "the internment of German, Italian, and Japanese Americans, and Executive Order 9066," while TEK 113.16.b.5.C will require fifth-graders to study the 442nd along with the Tuskegee Airmen.

Though the exact wording of the TEKS may not be as strong as originally hoped, it is satisfying to know that students will now be required to learn of EO 9066 and of the brave men of the 442nd RCT for the first time in Texas history classrooms. ■



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## Nisei Week Parade: Vets March

LOS ANGELES, CA.

Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m.

JACCC

244 S. San Pedro Street

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans and the Japanese American Vietnam Veterans will march in the upcoming Nisei-Week parade, which starts at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 15. All vets are invited to attend.

Info: Call Victor Muraoka at 818/368-4113

### East

#### National CAPACD 11th Annual Convention

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#### National JACL "Salute to Champions" Gala

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sept. 16

J.W. Marriott Hotel

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Attend the "Salute to Champions" National JACL Gala, a fundraising event to honor those that have championed the causes of the JACL. This year's honorees: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, journalist Roxanna Saberi, community leader Etsu Mineta Masaoka, actress Christine Toy Johnson and corporate partner Eli Lilly.

Cost: \$200 per person; \$2,000 table of 10; \$1,500 table of 10 for nonprofits

Info: Call 202/223-1240 or e-mail gala@jacl.org

#### JACL Potluck Picnic

WESTPORT, CT

Aug. 21, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Info: Call 203/227-8901 or e-mail vtakahashi@aol.com

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Info: www.campmusubi.org

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LOS ANGELES, CA

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4 to 6

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Cost: \$10 pre sale; \$15 at door; \$8 group tickets

Info: www.eastwestplayers.org

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Aug. 7, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Info: Call 213/437-0988 or visit www.ska.org

### Pacific Northwest

#### Nisei Veterans Committee Golf Tournament

SEATTLE, WA

Aug. 23, 9 a.m.

Jefferson Park Golf Course

4101 Beacon Ave. S

The Nisei Veterans Committee Annual Golf Tournament is open to all members and their friends and family. A rib-eye steak dinner will follow the tournament.

Cost: \$40

Info: Call 425/228-8937

### WHEREABOUTS

Seeking any information about T. Ishishita (maiden name) who originally resided in Los Angeles. She was once married to Diako Sakamoto, and had two children Nobuko and Taka (Frank) Sakamoto. Her last known location was Gardena, CA, where she remarried and started a new family.

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## TRIBUTE

**MIYEKO RAUTENBERG, 84**

Berkeley, CA; July 24; Born in Tooele, Utah, to Issei parents, raised in farming communities of Utah, and Stockton, CA. High school years in Gila River Internment camp, AZ. Attended and received BA from UC Berkeley. Employed by ABAG, National Housing Law Project. Survived by husband Irv, daughters Midge Fox and Elinor Zellner, son Konrad Rautenberg. Loving Grammy to 6 grandchildren: Nick and Noah Fox, Sean and Elizabeth Zellner, Koichi and Kenji Rautenberg, and Great-Grammy to Devon Gus and Zoe Zellner. Survived by sisters Ayako Maruoka, Jessie Yasaki, Mary Imai, May Hirose, and brother, Sam Omura. Preceded in death by sister Chieko Nakadegawa, and parents Sozo and Chiyo Omura.

## TRIBUTE

**JOHN SAKAYAMA**  
 August 8, 1921 - July 29, 2010

John Sakayama, long-time resident of Denver, passed away July 29, 2010. He was 88 years old. He is survived by his wife Nancy Spickelmier-Sakayama, daughter Janis McCubrey, and grandson CJ Cadwell. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby and son Ron. John was a past-president of the Mile-Hi JACL and a member of JAMBA. In 2004, he was elected to the JAMBA Hall of Fame. Memorial services will be held on August 13, 2010.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Flanagan, Marilyn Sue Kuwahara, 54**, Fruitland, ID; July 10; worked at Duty Free Alaska for the International Airport for nearly 20 years; survived by husband Patrick Flanagan; daughters Jennifer and Christie Flanagan; son John Flanagan; mother Yukie Kuwahara; sisters Laurie Kanenshiro, Christine Slosek, Gayle Burgard.

**Fujii, Glenn Susumu, 52**, Temecula, CA; July 21; survived by wife Julie; son Daniel; daughter Emi; mother Mieko Fujii; brother Mike (Christy) Fujii; other relatives.

**Hagiwara, Pat, 91**, Seattle, WA; June 24; 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Misako; children Kathleen Hagiwara Purcell, Patrick Hagiwara, Janet Cantelon, Grace Hagiwara, Juli Alsgaard, Robert Hagiwara; 2 gc; 4 ggc; nieces and nephews.

**Hamlin, Bob Edward, 81**, Los Angeles, CA; July 18; survived by wife Choko Hamlin; children Miriam Emi (Steve) Knox, Daniel Masaru (Susie) Hamlin; 4 gc; other relatives.

**Hayashi, Shizuko "Susie," 94**, Los Angeles, CA; July 16; preceded in death by her beloved husband Ikutaro; children Arthur Toru and Kiyoko Nakamura; survived by son Masaru Tom (Nancy); many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives.

**Komatsubara, Walter I., 81**, Aiea, HI; June 15; Korean War veteran, retired fire captain of the Honolulu Fire Dept, retired professional baseball scout for the Boston Red Sox; survived by wife Lillian M. Komatsubara; sons Keith R. (Carole), Kerry M. (Sharon), Kell H.; sisters Tomiye Haertig, Janet Abe; 5 gc.

**Lai, Irvin R., 83**,

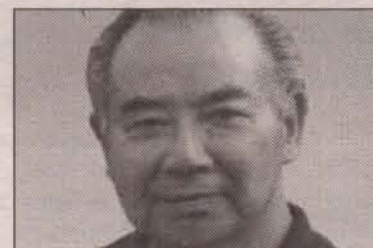


Los Angeles, CA; July 16; he was a Chinese American community

leader and activist; active promoter of Chinese culture, history, and civil rights; preceded in death by wife Jessie; survived by son Lawrence; five daughters Arlene Lowe, Corinne Gill, Irene Jong, Kathleen Lih and Pauline Yau; a brother Collin; a sister Mildred Wong; 12 gc; 3 ggc.

**Matsui, Everett, 87**, Spokane, WA; July 9; 100th/442nd RCT veteran; longtime member of JACL; survived by wife of 57 years Tsuyoko Sue Matsui; daughter Jennifer (Jon) Meyer, son Jeffery (Lisa Corder) Matsui; sister Aiko Kadoya, brother Mike Matsui; 3 gc; 3 ggc.

**Matsuura, Frank Tokio, 88**



Pasadena, CA; July 13; MIS Veteran; predeceased by brother George Matsuura; survived by wife Nobuko Mishina Matsuura; daughter Kathleen N. Matsuura Johnson; brother Tom Matsuura; 3 gc; nieces and nephews.

**Minabe, Hisako, 85**, Temple City, CA; July 17; survived by brother Fred (Miyo) Nagai; sisters Mieko Uragami, Kazuko Nagai, Yoshiko (Fumio) Ohara; nephews and nieces.

**Miyamoto, Fred, June, 87**, San Leandro, CA; survived by wife of 56 years, Tomiye K. Miyamoto, sons Wayne (Karren) and Steve (Catherine); 4 gc.

**Muraoka, Takeo "Tak," 81**, Spokane, WA; June 19; top salesman at Burgan's Furniture for many years; preceded in death by wife Marjorie Muraoka, survived by daughter Tami Schwartz, 9 siblings, 2 gc.

**Nakamura, Allen Masami, 89**, Honolulu, HI; June 18; 442nd RCT veteran, retired Meadow Gold Dairies Schofield Barracks branch manager, American Mutual Insurance agent; survived by sons

Randal A. and Lloyd M., daughter Cynthia M.; sisters Tsuruko Tamura and Michiye Shinzawa, 4 gc.

**Nakatsuka, James M., 84**, Dolton, IL; survived by wife Kazuko (nee Akamatsu); sisters Louise Nakatsuka and Mari (Tom) Ishida; children Katherine (Eugene) Hamaguchi, Lawrence (Charlene) Nakatsuka, Mizi (Daniel Arrowsmith) Nakatsuka, Mari Nakatsuka; 3 gc; 5 ggc; nephews, nieces, cousins, friends.

**Ogata, Craney "Connie," 89**, Santa Clara, CA; July 15; donations may be made in her memory to Yu-Ai-Kai, 558 N. 4th St, San Jose, CA 95112, or the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 565 N. 5th St, San Jose, CA 95112.

**Shiozaki Nomura, Elsie Kimiko, 94**, Chicago, IL; longtime JACL member; survived by son Erik Shiozaki, daughters June Shiozaki, Joyce Brodt, Marilyn Young; 6 gc, 1 ggc.

**Takenaga, Masami, 88**, Eastpointe, MI; July 15; 442nd RCT veteran, was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart; preceded in death by son Steve; survived by wife Alice; son Gary; daughter Wendy; sister Terumi Kawahara.

**Tanaka, Lillian Hiroko, 81**, Hopkins, MN; May 28; survived by husband of 57 years, Frank; children Richard (Pam) Tanaka, Pat Tanaka, Laurie (David) Wesley; sister Helen Tsuchiya; 5 gc; nieces and nephews.

**Yamadera, William Takeshi, 92**, Oakland, CA; July 9; army veteran; preceded in death by beloved wife of 61 years Ruth Jingu Yamadera; survived by children Barbara Cabot (Mike), Randy Yamadera (Barbara), and Jocelyn Cassano (Vicente); 4 gc.

**Yoshida, Akira, 55**, Spokane, WA; July 9; loved and admired teacher at Ferris High School; survived by wife Lisa; daughters Anna and Mia; mother Reiko Yoshida; sister Megumi Kochi; nephews and nieces. ■

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# Jeremy Lin Hopes to Break Stereotypes with the Golden State Warriors

Days after achieving his dream to play in the NBA, the Ivy Leaguer seeks to inspire others.

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Jeremy Lin took a seat in a small room in front of an array of television crews, photographers and print media on a July 21 afternoon. He'd never seen anything like that at Harvard.

"This is unbelievable," Lin said after the Golden State Warriors signed the undrafted free agent guard. "I've never been part of something like this."

He became the first Chinese American player in the NBA. In an area with a large Asian Pacific American population, Lin becomes an instant celebrity.

Just days after his signing, he boarded a plane for Taipei, Taiwan after being personally invited by Yao Ming to take part in the All-Star center's charity basketball game benefiting the "Yao Ming Foundation," which helps rebuild schools in the earthquake devastated provinces in China.

Lin also visited a session of the Warriors Basketball Camp to encourage young kids to chase their dreams like he did.

"I'm ready to play at this level and I appre-

ciate the support of the Asian community," said the Bay Area native. "This is a dream come true. I always wanted to be in the NBA and now I get to do it with the Warriors, the team I grew up watching."

The 22-year-old Lin averaged 16.4 points, 4.5 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game as a senior at Harvard. The season was highlighted by a 30-point, nine-rebound performance against Connecticut.

Lin is from nearby Palo Alto. He led Palo Alto High School to a state championship in 2006.

**'I understand there are not many Asians in the NBA ... Maybe I can help break the stereotype.'**

"This has not sunk in yet," he said. "I've had a lot to think about the last 12 hours and I still can't get my head around it. Growing up I had my Latrell Sprewell poster and Joe Smith jersey."

Lin became a prospect during his final year with the Crimson and furthered his work, playing with the Dallas Mavericks' summer league team in Las Vegas.

Mavericks president of basketball operations Donn Nelson called Lin before the NBA draft and offered him the opportunity to play in the league. He was originally scheduled to play in the San Francisco Pro-Am League.

"Donn Nelson took care of me," Lin said. "He invited me to July 4th festivities, brought me to Dallas for a 10-day training

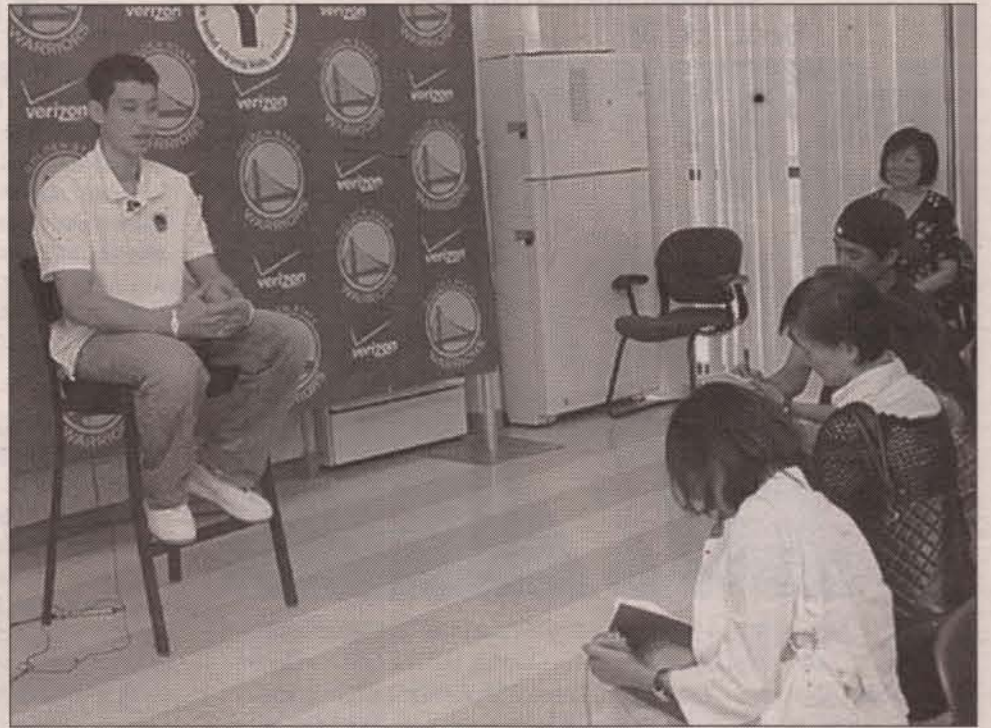


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"This is unbelievable," said the Bay Area native about his overnight fame since signing with the Golden State Warriors.

camp and went out of his way."

Lin became the first Ivy league player to record 1,450 points, 450 rebounds, 400 assists and 200 steals. He finished his college career as Harvard's all-time leader in games played (115) and fifth in points with 1,483

points.

"I understand there are not many Asians in the NBA and there are not many Ivy Leaguers in the NBA," Lin said.

"Maybe I can help break the stereotype."



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