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Mabel “Shoji” Boggs Corvallis, OR

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You are quick to publish pro-illegal material and are constantly comparing illegals with the plight of the Issei. Did you just fall off the turnip truck? Those who would place law abiding Americans in the same category with illegals, who have no respect for our laws, need an attitude adjustment. Instead of trying to tell us how great illegals are, why are you not reporting on, for instance, the monthly luncheons of the remaining members of the 232nd Eng. Batt.? I proudly accompany my father-in-law to these luncheons. Why are you not reporting more on these heroes? The remaining members of the 100th, MIS and 442nd RCT in the Los Angeles area also deserve more recognition.

George Apker
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National President’s Report

Membership is the Life Blood of JACL

By David H. Kawamoto

Membership has always been the lifeblood of the JACL. We are so fortunate to have wonderful members who generously support the organization.

As most of you know, for the last eight years my wife Carol and I have voluntarily managed the National JACL Scholarship Program. We have continuously sought out ways to improve the program. Recently, one of the challenges with the program was the limited earnings from the scholarship endowment. After considering alternative investments, the JACL’s Investment Policy Committee recommended that any growth within the endowment should come from fund raising.

Carol and I agreed with this plan and two years ago we personally took on the job of a fund raising campaign for the scholarship program. Annually, we have sent out solicitations to the past recipients of national JACL scholarships. The return from this mailing was gratifying. The 2008 solicitation brought in over $10,000, and the 2009 solicitation brought in almost $8,000. Since Carol and I financed the solicitation, all of the donations were added to the corpus of the scholarship endowment.

We also asked the past recipients whose membership had lapsed to please consider renewing their membership. Since membership renewals can go directly through the chapter or through JACL headquarters, we were unable to keep any records of memberships obtained by the solicitation. However, we are extremely pleased to report that at least one of the past scholarship recipients renewed his membership at the Millennium Club level ($1,000).

We know that the Pacific Citizen reaches all JACL members and many past members. So, we share this information in the hopes that more JACL members will donate to the scholarship program. Also, it would truly help national JACL’s financial challenges if more members would upgrade their membership level. Please upgrade to whatever you can comfortably afford. Our Thousand Club Chair Frank Sakamoto of Denver points out that in addition to the Millennium Club, there is Thousand Club membership which is basically $100 per year and the Century Club level which is $175. These are not large increases over a regular membership when you consider it is for a full year.

Thanks go out to Sakamoto for his decades of work for JACL. His winning of the JA­CLer of the Biennium award at the 2010 JACL convention was a well-deserved and overdue honor for him. Thanks too to Milo Yoshino for his work on the Millennium Club program.

Any change in your membership level can be handled by your chapter’s membership chair, or you can also do this by contacting JACL headquarters (415/921-5225). Donations to the scholarship program may be mailed to JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 (please write “scholarship program” as a note on your check), and credit card donations may be made by contacting JACL at the above telephone number.

Thank you so much for all that you do, and thank you for your consideration in this matter.
Asian Pacific American Gulf Coast Fishermen's Frustrations Teem Over Four Months After the Spill

Scientists say the deepwater plume at the BP well site has vanished, but Gulf Coast fishermen are still feeling the financial and emotional impacts from the oil spill.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

BILOXI, Mississippi — The sun rose over the horizon a few hours before 62-year-old Sung Nguyen stood dockside with tears steadily flowing down his cheeks. The new day brought the same stress of being out of work with few prospects. The Vietnamese American fisherman watched his nearby docked boat, wrapped partially in “Dream Girls” movie posters, as it rocked gently in a Biloxi, Mississippi harbor.

Wiping his tears with a sodden tissue, Nguyen pointed to the boat, explaining through a translator how he lost his house following the Gulf Coast oil spill and now calls the “Dreams Girls” decorated vessel his home. His worries have heightened he says because his compensation from BP has decreased each month from $5,000 to $1,800. “And now for August he hasn’t gotten anything,” said translator Lan Nguyen, a program associate with OCA.

Without work opportunities Sung Nguyen and other nearby fishermen sit idly at the docks hoping for their luck to change. “There’s no shrimp to be caught and no one is coming to buy the shrimp,” said Sung Nguyen through a translator about consumers’ fears of potentially contaminated Gulf seafood.

Frustrated fishermen say work opportunities have dried up, just like the well that was capped in mid-July.

Information gathered in late August from scientists aboard NOAA’s (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) research ship, the Pisces, one of some 10 vessels conducting at NOAA undergo the “sniff” test by sensory technicians to determine if there is an odor or taste from the oil or dispersant. Samples then undergo chemical analysis. The contaminant of most concern is the potentially cancer causing polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs. PAHs are usually released in to the environment by our exhaust, forest fires or volcanoes. They are also present in tobacco smoke.

NOAA scientists say fish like the grouper, snapper, croaker and tuna are less likely to have an accumulation of PAHs because of their efficient metabolism.

Reopening protocol of Gulf waters requires seafood samples pass testing at NOAA. President Barack Obama, who recently visited Florida, has also been promoting the safety of Gulf Coast seafood. Still, some fishermen and their families are not convinced.

“My son don’t eat no more seafood,” Tua Van Ta said about his 11-year-old son Levi. “He doesn’t want it because he’s scared of poisons.”

“He said, ‘Mom I’m not eating them crabs.’ And he is a crab eater,” said Eva Ta about her son as he giggled at her side. “He can sit and eat about 30 or more by himself. Now he won’t even touch them.”

The three Ta children are not the only ones skeptical of eating Gulf seafood. Tua Van Ta says when he does catch shrimp, the only people who buy it are friends and community members.

“Doing shrimping is really dangerous,” Tua Van Ta said at a town hall meeting. “It’s good money for fishermen. We don’t want to work flipping hamburgers or work in a factory.”

Community organizations like JACL, OCA, Boat People SOS and others were a part of a town hall meeting Aug. 17 in Biloxi, Miss. The meeting, one of a series of town hall discussions, was held to address the questions and concerns of fisher families that have been impacted by the oil spill. Ideas to possibly create new jobs for displaced fishermen were also discussed.

“We hear this a lot, ‘We need jobs,’” said Floyd Mori, JACL national director, at an Aug. 17 community organization meeting in Mississippi. “We have got to look at what the structure of the economy here is. What is the future? Where can we take a fisherman, who’s all they know. How can you retrain a 51-year-old guy that has limited English to do something new?”

Switching occupations is a scary prospect for some families who have relied on fishing.

“They won’t hire you without a high school education,” Eva Ta explained about seeking other jobs. “See I didn’t graduate. Back then it wasn’t a big issue. Now it is. Everything that I’ve known has been taken away.”

The Mississippi town hall meeting was held days before the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Areas residents say they were still recovering from Katrina when the oil spill occurred.

“It’s not just jobs lost,” said Thao Vu, coordinator for the Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese American Fisherfolk and Families, about how Katrina affected the job market. “Particularly for many ethnic minorities these resources like housing programs, we were the last to get it… We’ve always been underserved, overlooked and marginalized.”

Gulf coast residents say at least after the hurricane they could still fish.

“His friends who do the shrimping, they [used to] go out come back and catch 500 pounds a day and it will be gone in two hours,” Lan Nguyen said, translating for Sung Nguyen. “Now they have 200 pounds and they won’t be able to sell even that.”

“He had a house before. Now he lives on his boat,” she said. “All he wants is to work on his boat.”

First in a three-part series on the Asian American community in the Gulf Coast.
Asian American college students are increasingly misusing dangerous prescription drugs like Adderall to help get good grades.

By Christine McFadden
Correspondent

College student David, a marketing major at Oregon State University (OSU), crams for his exams during finals week. With a busy schedule and difficult classes, he stresses about the limited time he has to study. Like many students, he has a tough time focusing.

"Try this," a friend says, handing him a Tylenol-sized red pill. "This might help."

A second generation Chinese American and native Oregonian, David accepts his friend’s offer and experiments with the drug Adderall for the first time. He likes the results. It helps me focus a lot more when it comes to crunch time," David says. "I can sit there for four to five hours straight studying without having to hit a wall or anything. It’s great.

Chemically composed of the psychostimulants dextroamphetamine and amphetamine, Adderall is a prescription drug used to treat the symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). When used correctly, it can help to control focus and maintain movement amongst people who suffer from ADHD. When used illegally, it is a handy study tool to many.

David is one of many college students who use and abuse prescription drugs. According to the U.S. Department of Education’s Higher Education Center, that number is on the rise on most campuses. More specifically, it is believed to be among APA students specifically.

Additionally, he does not notice a particular prevalence amongst APA students. "I don’t think it [race] really matters to be honest with you. It’s just anybody. It’s that feeling that everyone wants to succeed. Everyone wants to do better — if there is a method that you can [use to] do better, they [students] would do it."

In fact, David estimated that, during finals week, 80 to 90 percent of the students at OSU are on Adderall.

“You’ll sit around, you’ll see people asking their friends for Adderall. I’ve seen people do that before.”

The increasing pressure to do well in every class, balance a full plate of extracurricular activities, and maintain a high grade point average is often described as succumbing to the "Model Minority Myth" of APA students being overall high achievers. Dr. Tsuang believes that the Model Minority Myth is simply that: a myth. Nevertheless, he acknowledges that APA students do face pressure in school that can cause many to look for alternate routes to success.

"I think the academic pressure to succeed sometimes will pressure some of the use of psychostimulants that’s not prescribed to them [APA students]," he said.

A research report at the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center by acting director and assistant research scientist Sean Eisehn McCabe entitled, "Non-medical use of prescription stimulants among U.S. college students: prevalence and correlates from a national survey," concluded that, in a 2001 survey, the most frequent users were Caucasian, male, members of fraternities and sororities, earned lower GPAs, and were at colleges with competitive admissions located in the Northeastern United States.

While statistics for APAs may be lower than Caucasians — SAMHSA’s 2000 survey revealed approximately 5 percent of AAAs had used some category of illicit drug within the past year — Fong and Tsuang’s publication further notes that the percentages differ based on APA subgroups.

"For example, Japanese Americans "... were found to have substance use and abuse rates similar to those of Caucasians, while Vietnamese Americans reported the lowest level ..."

Additionally, "AAPls of mixed-heritage reported much higher rates of substance use and abuse as compared to unmixed racial groups."

Furthermore, usage differs within APA subgroups. Fong and Tsuang reported that nearly 70 percent of AAAs who met the criteria for substance use disorder were foreign-born.

Miracle Drug

Beginning with taking half of his friend’s red 20-milligram pill, David experimented with various doses until he found an amount he was comfortable with. Consequently, his current, go-to dosage is the same as his initial trial: 10 milligrams. While on Adderall, David says he experiences both physical and psychological effects.

"It can be a mental thing," he says. "Sometimes I can feel I have a different dosage of Adderall that students take. David references a placebo effect that comes with simply taking the drug at all. "[You think] since I’m on Adderall, I should be able to focus right now."

Physically, David does just that.

"I just zone in on one thing; everything else really doesn’t matter. When I take it sometimes I put on my headphones and I sit there and go to town on whatever I’m doing. I usually just sit there and complete it without distraction. I usually don’t need a break; I’m good to go the entire time."

Conversely, taking Adderall can lead to the opposite of the intended results. According to David, the drug enables one to focus intensely on whatever their current activity is — whether or not it is homework is up to the user. He recalled how, on multiple occasions, the drug took effect in the middle of leisure activities, causing accidental hours of wasted time to fly by unnoticed.

"I sat there for like two-and-a-half to three hours playing video games," David remembered. "I got stuck on Facebook for like four hours in the library. It happens. I snap out of it after a little while."

On Adderall-time, however, David says that a little while often means a few hours.

"I’m aware of what I’m doing. It’s just time flies. You’re not aware of time."

He noted that there are certain methods to try and guarantee that the drug is used for its intended purpose.

"I usually go to the library before I take one [pill] or [stay] in my room with my textbooks open, I can do my six-hour studying in four hours or three hours. I think the reason why I do it is because the benefits outweigh whatever could possibly happen. I’m here to make the grades. You better be safe than sorry."

According to the U.S. National Library of Medicine under the National Institutes of Health, misusing Adderall is anything but safe. The combination of the compounds in Adderall may become habit-forming as well as cause serious problems such as stroke, heart attack and even sudden death. Tsuang noted that a significant problem arises when students use more than what is recommended. When interviewed, David was not aware of any effects and insisted that he is not dependent.

"I’m not a drugie. I take it rarely," he said, estimating that, on average, he uses Adderall three times a quarter for approximately a three-day period. "Students who take it all the time usually take it every day."

"I personally have a really strong will against drugs; I don’t get addicted easily," David continued. "I can stop whenever, but I believe some people need to keep taking it. They need the feeling to actually focus."

Coupled with the rising number of APA college students abusing prescription drugs, Tsuang says that current treatment methods need some improvement. He notes that treatments that may work for some ethnic groups are not always suited for APAs, such as group treatment. "It needs to be more culturally sensitive," he said.

While Tsuang is concerned about treatment methods, David is more focused on his upcoming studies.

Staying at OSU for the summer quarter to take classes, David predicts that he will most likely take Adderall again in the coming week for his finals. However, after thinking for a moment, he changes his mind.

"[It] depends on how hard the class [is]," he added. "I’ll only take it if I need it. If you have your own personal will [to study], I don't recommend taking it."
James Matsumoto brought his military and family internment history to one of the nation's most anticipated trials.

By Lynda Lin
Assistant Editor

James Matsumoto has a question for Rod Blagojevich if their paths happen to cross again.

"I'd say, 'What were you thinking?'" said Matsumoto, the jury foreman in the former Illinois governor's corruption trial.

He pauses then says it may be a hopeless attempt.

"[Blagojevich has] convinced himself he's not guilty." From the nation's most anticipated trial, Blagojevich emerged Aug. 17 guilty of one count of making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The jury failed to reach a verdict on 23 other corruption charges.

Matsumoto, 66 a retired video librarian from Chicago, believes Blagojevich was guilty on all 24 counts.

"I'm disappointed with the verdict. It's not enough justice." For over two weeks during deliberation in the jury room on the 25th floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, Matsumoto assumed this leadership role naturally.

Deliberation, he said, was stressful. As foreman, he raised his voice a few times to regain order and keep the six women and six men from unraveling, particularly as tensions grew over a lone holdout on key charges.

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Two people had already volunteered when a fellow juror asked Matsumoto if he would also consider being their spokesperson. Matsumoto accepted, and was confirmed by secret ballot.

"I thought I could bring order and a sense of fair play," he said. Perhaps, he added, it was his military background. In 1964, Matsumoto joined the Marines after years of reading books about the hardest and toughest branch of the military.

"He was definitely the person we needed," Erick Samello, a spokesperson. Matsumoto accepted, and was confirmed by the jury foreman in the former Illinois governor's corruption trial.

Matsumoto has also been working the same media circuit proclaiming his innocence.

Just hours after the verdict, Matsumoto returned home to find reporters camped outside. For days his phone rang off the hook. It's part of a new reality for the former foreman, but he's taking it all in stride.

For 18 years he worked at WTTW, the public television station where he established an archiving and cataloging system, so he said he's used to the media.

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He's been kicking around a title too, "Without Rancor", said Matsumoto quoting his own note to the judge about their deliberation process before the verdict.

"Librarians always think they have a book in them," he said with a laugh.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.
Calif. Legislature Urges Swift Funding for Filipino Vets

In unanimous votes, both the Senate and Assembly want to lessen the amount of required documentation for the veterans.

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Filipino veterans were elated when the Obama administration signed legislation in February 2009 to award compensation for their military service long ago during World War II.

But more than a year and a half later many of these same veterans are still waiting for their lump sum payments, $15,000 for those living in the United States and $9,000 for those living abroad. Many veterans are being denied, or are still waiting, because they have lost or no longer have the necessary documents to prove their military service.

It's a situation the California Legislature hopes to remedy with Senate Joint Resolution 25, the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund.

In unanimous votes in August, the Senate and Assembly are urging the President, Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to expedite funding, and lessen the amount of required documentation that allows the veterans to receive payments under the fund.

"We were fortunate when the Filipino veterans came to our aid when we asked; the federal government should return that kindness and support," said Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco/San Mateo, who authored the bill. "Filipino veterans cannot and should not wait any longer. With the additional funds appropriated by President Obama, it is hoped that the process is expedited for these veterans, especially those whose original claims were denied. This money is essential for many of our Filipino elders to live out the remainder of their life with dignity."

Filipino veterans served alongside their American counterparts during WWII. For their service they were promised equal pay and benefits.

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As a country, we owe them our gratitude and we must fulfill our promise to compensate them for their service and sacrifices." ■

Police: Pa. Asians Targeted Again by Criminals

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

PRIMOS, Pa. — Police in suburban Philadelphia say Asian American business owners are apparently being targeted again by criminals.

Upper Darby Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood says there have been three home invasions in recent weeks targeting Asian owners of shops in Delaware County.

Chitwood says the most recent crime was Aug. 8 in Haverford, where other home invasion robberies were reported July 22 and July 27. The victims were the Asian Pacific American owners of a nail salon, restaurant and beer distributor in the area of 69th and Market Streets.

Officials say the victims may have been followed home and targeted in the belief that they might be less likely to use banks.

In an interview with the Delaware County Daily Times, an APA who owns a beauty shop on 69th Street said she's heard about the home invasions from reading the newspaper.

"I am aware robbers target Asian owners," said the woman who asked that her name not be used. "I used to have a business in West Philadelphia for six years and never had a problem. It's worse here. I'm very afraid here. I've been here for nine months and it seems we are just targeted in Delaware County." ■

Businesses have been targeted along 69th Street.

She has recently installed an alarm and has her patrons use a security door to enter her store.

"Robbers have experience. They're crazy. We don't save our money at home. We use banks. I do see the cops constantly driving around here."

Because of the violent nature of the crimes, local police have released an alert about the attacks against Asian business owners.

"We put an alert out to the patrol guys. The robbers really are animals," said Chitwood to the Delaware County Daily Times. "These critters are either from Upper Darby or Philadelphia. They get in and out with guns. Our fear is they are definitely going to kill somebody charging into these houses for money."

A similar rash of crimes targeting Asians about 1 1/2 years ago included the murder of a businessman who died after he was left bound and gagged in his suburban home. ■

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

JA Veterans Documentary to Screen

HONOLULU — A documentary film about Japanese American veterans of World War II is due to be shown in Honolulu starting Sept. 10.


The documentary is due to play at Ward Stadium theaters.

Group Seeks to Drop Suit Against Los Angeles Schools

LOS ANGELES — A group has asked a judge to dismiss its lawsuit challenging a race-based program for teachers in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The Pacific Legal Foundation said the program violated the state Constitution by considering teachers' race when assigning them to a school.

The foundation said Aug. 25 it requested dismissal of the 2005 lawsuit because the school district agreed to discontinue the program and paid $45,000 for legal fees.

The school board voted in March to discontinue the program and agreed not to reinstate it.

Lingle, Inouye Criticize Hannemann's Campaign Flyer

HONOLULU — Gov. Linda Lingle and U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye are criticizing a flyer sent to voters by the gubernatorial campaign of Democrat Mufi Hannemann.

The flyer notes that Hannemann, a former Honolulu mayor, was born in Honolulu and his rival, former U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie, was born in New York.

It also named Hannemann's Japanese American wife and Abercrombie's Caucasian wife. Inouye, a Democrat, said it's "not nice" to highlight the ethnic differences of candidates' spouses.

Hannemann's campaign declined to comment. But the candidate's spokeswoman has previously defended the flyer.

Justice Department Clears Georgia Voter Checks System

ATLANTA — The Justice Department has given Georgia approval to again verify voters' identity and citizenship.

Federal officials have precleared a modified new program designed to confirm that prospective voters are U.S. citizens. The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division had repeatedly rejected similar versions of the Georgia program.

In their legal filing, Justice Department officials made clear that the state had modified its plan so that it finally passed muster with the federal Voting Rights Act.

Justice Department lawyers had earlier argued the program was flawed and subjected minority voters to heightened scrutiny.

Chinese American Museum Reopens After Fire

CHICAGO — Two years after a fire gutted its inside and destroyed rare artifacts, the doors of the Chinese American Museum of Chicago are scheduled to reopen Sept. 25.

A Sept. 19, 2008, blaze gutted the inside of the museum located at 238 W. 23rd St. The cause of the fire in Chicago's Chinatown is still a mystery.

The museum needs $200,000 more to keep its doors open. A fundraiser is set for Nov. 6. ■
Korematsu Day Bill Closer to Becoming Law

By Pacific Citizen Staff

The California State Legislature has passed Assembly Bill 1775 to establish Jan. 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. The bill is now on the governor's desk for a signature.

In 1944, Korematsu received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Calif. Lawmakers Address WWII Treatment of Italian Americans

By Robin Hindery
 Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Lawmakers have passed a resolution acknowledging an often-overlooked group — the thousands of Italian Americans who were displaced, arrested and harassed during World War II.

The resolution, approved unanimously by both the Senate and the Assembly recently, expresses regret for their treatment, calling it a "fundamental injustice."

According to the legislative analysis, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 in 1942 designated more than 100,000 Californians as aliens. Most were of Japanese descent, but at least 10,000 Italian Americans were forced from their homes. Others had to carry identification cards, limit their travel and obey curfews.

"The treatment during World War II of people who were unjustly considered 'suspicious' because of their ethnic background was a sad chapter for our state," the resolution's author, state Sen. Joe Simitian, said in a statement. "For survivors of that experience and their descendants, I hope this resolution will provide a long overdue measure of recognition and respect."

Simitian said the resolution was suggested by one of his Italian American constituents, Chet Campanella of San Jose, as part of his office's annual "There Oughta Be a Law" contest. Campanella's relatives were subjected to a curfew and searches of their home during the war, Simitian said.

The Legislature previously has passed several resolutions recognizing the contributions of Italian Americans. Last year, Calif. lawmakers designated October as Italian American Heritage Month.

Chinn is Awarded Presidential Citizens Medal

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Commission Approves Calif. Chief Justice Nominee

A key state judicial commission has confirmed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's nominee for chief justice of the California Supreme Court.

The three-member Commission on Judicial Appointee unanimously confirmed Tani Cantil-Sakauye, whose name now will be placed unopposed on the November ballot. If voters approve the nomination, she will serve a 12-year term.

U-Md. Picks Iowa Provost to be New President

Wallace D. Loh has been appointed as president of the University of Maryland's flagship campus in College Park.

Loh, the provost of the University of Iowa, has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and will become the first APA to serve as U-Md. president.

Loh has served as provost at Iowa since 2008, overseeing personnel and budgets. He has also worked as a dean and professor at Seattle University, the University of Colorado-Boulder and the University of Washington Law School.

Yamate Becomes JANM Board Chair

Attorney Gordon Yamate of San Jose has assumed the position of chairman of the board of trustees for the Japanese American National Museum. Formerly vice president and general counsel of Knight Ridder until its acquisition in June 2006 by the McClatchy Company, Yamate worked as a partner at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enersen (now Bingham McCutchen).

Baltimore County Police Department Gets First Female APA Cop

Rosa Park, 27, has become the first APA woman on the Baltimore County force.

Park, who is of Korean descent, is currently working in the Towson precinct, but hopes to one day serve in the Cockeysville precinct, which has a large Asian community.

Greater L.A. Singles Announces Winner of Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarship

Kristen Deignan, of Torrance, Calif., is the recipient of the Greater L.A. Singles JACL 2010 Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarship.

Deignan, who graduated from Torrance High School with a 3.89 grade point average, plans to attend the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. There she will be in the animal studies program working towards her goal of becoming a veterinarian.

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APA Judicial Confirmations

In August before the congressional recess, the Senate confirmed President Obama's nominations of Goodwin Liu as the 112th person and fourth woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Score one for women.

In the same week, the Senate rejected the president's nominations of Goodwin Liu to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Edward Chen to the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. Both nominations were blocked by Senate Republicans. Score two against Asian Pacific Americans.

It was pretty much a given that Kagan would win confirmation despite her lack of judicial experience and her liberal leanings on issues such as abortion, gun control, and gay rights. She had earlier sailed through confirmation hearings. 

Two nominations, both for judgeships, were given a nod of approval in a 12-7 vote. But Senate Republicans have yet to confirm a single nomination. Liu and Chen represent more than just a legal battle. It's for the same reason that, for decades, there were no Black or women judges. The exclusion of APAs in the federal courts is an issue that should concern us all.

The Fall 2009 issue of the "Network Update," the JACL's report of its anti-hate crimes program run by the Chicago office, includes an article that articulates these issues. Written by Christine Muneta, the Ford program fellow, the article is a succinct analysis of the importance of APA appointments to the federal bench. Christine's comments are an intelligent distillation of the subject, so I quote directly from her article, with thanks:

"The underrepresentation of APAs on the federal bench reflects, in part, lingering historical stereotypes of APAs as the 'perpetual foreigner' or the 'yellow peril'—beliefs that imply that APAs will never, be considered 'true' Americans. ... A proportional number of APA federal judges would be a powerful symbol to counteract these negative stereotypes. Such symbols create a positive self-perpetuating cycle: a visible APA presence on the federal bench would create mentors and role models, inspiring younger APAs to pursue careers as judges that may have otherwise seemed closed to them.

"But this is more than just an issue of representing diversity. There are still legitimate legal concerns affecting the APA community, concerns that often must be disputed and resolved in the courts. Issues like immigration reform, workplace discrimination and hate crimes require work of both activists at the grassroots level, as well as support and understanding from the federal government, including the judiciary.

"Though we cannot rewrite history or undo the wrongs perpetrated in the past, we can move forward with understanding and compassion. Empathy for the struggles of minority populations, stemming from knowledge and experience, is vital to ensuring that these lessons from history are not forgotten. Fighting for a representative APA federal presence is yet another step in the movement for a government that accurately reflects the needs and concerns of all facets of our diverse population."

Well said.

John Tateishi is the immediate past JACL national director.

Early Days of Interracial Marriages

Today, interracial marriages don't raise many eyebrows or cause a blip on anyone's screen, but when my husband Lee and I took the plunge, it raised many eyebrows and was met with vociferous objections.

And it was illegal in at least 17 states.

When we applied for our marriage license, the clerk took one look at us and went to confer with someone else in another office.

My parents were adamantly opposed.

Lee's parents didn't object loudly or quietly. His father was always warm and friendly towards me, but even he would have been happier had his son chosen a nice girl from Iowa, preferably from a small town like La Porte City.

Lee grew up in a place where there were no minorities. The first time he came face-to-face with a black person was at the University of Iowa. In the Army, he met young men from all over the country of different origins and walks of life, but until then he grew up in a monochromatic place.

I was born in Los Angeles, never very far from Little Tokyo. Each day after school, I attended a Japanese language school for 12 years. My sister and I read books and magazines in English and Japanese. Neighbors and friends from school introduced us to the delights of bagels and lox, tamales and tacos and ravioli made from scratch.

As an Iowan, Lee had never heard of such things. It didn't take long for him to like taquitos from Olvera Street, pastrami sandwiches from Cantor's. He never took to Japanese food quite as heartily, but I can think of sins far worse.

About the only thing we had in common was that we were recent graduates of the University of California system. He from Berkeley and I from UCLA. While we were undergraduates, there was an upheaval called World War II. Lee served with the 1st Armored Division in northern Italy and, during this time, I was interned at Manzanar.

When we met, he was working at a bank in South Los Angeles. Having earned my credentials, I was settling in as a rookie teacher at the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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At the very least we were going to have a proper wedding. We chose the Mission Inn in Riverside, Calif. Both our families lived within easy driving distance of the inn. It was a simple, but a lovely ceremony. The organist played my favorite Bach pieces.

My father did not come.

If our wedding was not the storybook kind, our marriage was.

Did my parents ever come around? A resounding, "yes!" How could they not? Leland Wilkinson was an honored man, a gentleman in every sense of the word. I speak in the past tense because he passed away November 2005.
Asian Pacific American groups are celebrating Marvel Studios’ decision to change a casting notice’s language for the film adaptation of the ‘Runaways’.

By Nalea J. Ko

Reporter

Mindy Nam dreamed of majoring in theater while attending New York University. Theatre was her passion in high school, where she was the president of the drama club. But she said her traditional “Asian parents” urged her to become a lawyer or doctor.

It was not until recently that the college sophomore pursued her acting ambitions despite her parents’ reservations. “I told my parents that I’m not taking no for an answer,” Nam said, who is 19. “Even if my parents are against it they can’t stop me from pursuing acting.”

Determined to break into the entertainment industry, the Korean American recently submitted a video audition for a role in the comic book adaptation the “Runaways,” from Disney and Marvel.

Asian Pacific American actresses like Nam were being encouraged by Racebending.com to audition for the role of Nico Minoru, a Japanese American character, in a campaign to encourage studio executives to cast an Asian American with the role.

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As the deadline to submit a video audition neared, other community groups joined the campaign to convince studio executives to not bow to casting breakdowns for a more realistic approach to casting.

“Far too many casting notices are written with a formula that only considers the ‘look’ of an actor,” said Filipina American Danice Cabanela, 22, a representative with Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

APA groups that were involved with “The Last Airbender” protests say changing the casting call to specifically solicit auditions from APA actresses signals a “more realistic approach to casting.”

“We are happy that Marvel/Disney has responded to the concerns of the APA community and now has specified an Asian American actress for the lead role,” wrote Lori Kido Lopez, a representative with Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

Browns’ Scott Fujita Wants to Save Louisiana Wetlands

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

BEREA, Ohio—Scott Fujita arrived in New Orleans a few months after Hurricane Katrina blew through the city.

Five years have passed, but Fujita can recall seeing the storm’s playoff earnings to two Louisiana months after Hurricane Katrina the grasses and marshes would be drenched in BP’s oil.

So what sparked this California kid, adopted by a white mother and Japanese American father, to devote time and effort to a place he hardly knew? Fujita said that seeing New Orleans knocked to its knees and struggle to stand had a dramatic effect on him.

“We all watched the CNN coverage and we saw the flooding and we saw all the terror of it, but we didn’t know why it got that way,” he said. “When I got there, I learned quickly that it wasn’t just the storm, it was more the wetlands and how depleted they were and how that led to the disaster afterward.”

Fujita said the film “Hurricane on the Bayou” also touched him to act.

“I’ve always been a little bit of an environmentalist,” said Fujita, who earned his master’s in education. “I don’t think people understand how important the wetlands are as the city’s first lines of defense. They talk about how every 45 minutes another football field worth of wetlands is depleted. And, for every mile of wetlands that’s depleted, that equals about another foot of storm surge. That’s what is going to lead to the downfall of the city if they don’t get it corrected.”

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Three years ago, Fujita donated $25,000 out of his playoff earnings to two Louisiana groups that specialize in coastal restoration. In June, he returned to New Orleans and helped organize a fundraiser to aid the spill’s cleanup.

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NAPABA, AAJC Concerned by Blocking of Judicial Nominees

Edward Chen and Goodwin Liu’s nominations have been returned to the president.

Prior to adjourning for its August recess, the Senate failed to vote on the nominations of Asian Pacific American judicial nominees including Judge Edward M. Chen and Goodwin Liu.

APA groups are speaking out against what they are calling extensive delays that disproportionately affect minority judicial nominees.

Delays in the Senate are disproportionately affecting minority nominees — five of the six longest-pending judicial candidates are minorities, and the sixth is a woman, according to a joint statement from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and Asian American Justice Center (AAJC).

“Highly qualified nominees such as Judge Chen and Professor Liu are entitled to a full Senate vote in a timely fashion. All Americans have an interest in having a qualified and diverse judiciary and these nominees deserve a confirmation vote,” said Joseph J. Cenente, NAPABA president.

“The Senate’s failure to hold full confirmation votes on judicial nominees is hurting our judicial system’s efficiency and accessibility,” said Karen K. Narasaki, AAJC president and executive director. “These extensive delays and inaction are a critical issue when more than 10 percent of federal judgeships are vacant and our courts are overburdened.”

In the Northern District of California, the seat that Chen awaits confirmation for has been vacant for more than 600 days, according to the statement.

Both Chen and Liu received unanimous “well-qualified” ratings from the American Bar Association, the highest rating possible. Chen was nominated last August and has been waiting longer than any other nominee for a confirmation vote. He was favorably voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last October but the full Senate did not take up his confirmation before the legislative session ended.

Both Chen’s and Liu’s nominations have been returned to President Barack Obama.

Seattle JA Memorial to be Dedicated Sept. 5

Donors will get the chance to place bricks bearing the names of honoraries.

By Pacific Citizen Staff

A memorial wall in Seattle’s International District will be dedicated Sept. 5 in honor of Japanese Americans who were interned, served in the U.S. military during World War II or both.

The Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) has been raising funds for the $1.2 million project for over a year offering community members the opportunity to purchase 4-by-12-inch bricks each bearing the name of someone who was interned or served in the military.

The memorial, which spans 90 feet long and about 14 feet high, is located outside the Nisei Veterans Hall at the east end of the International District.

People who purchased the bricks have been given the opportunity to put on hard hats and install the bricks themselves.

About 2,780 bricks will be on the wall, said Steve Finley of the NVC. Another 100 bricks have been sold that will be added later.

The response has been overwhelming, said Keith Yamaguchi, head of the committee, about the call to families to help build the memorial. Some have waited up to two hours to install their commemorative brick.

The Sept. 5 dedication, which is by invitation only, will give many families the first glimpse of the memorial. Committee members are expecting upwards of 1,600 people for the dedication.

After the dedication, the memorial will be open to the public during daylight hours.

The memorial’s success, said Yamaguchi, is its wide appeal.

“There are a lot of memorials that are camp-specific,” he said about the World War II camps that JAs were forced into after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. “If not the only, this is one of the few dedicated to all internees regardless of camp.”

People have donated bricks in honor of friends not just from the 10 major camps, but also lesser-known assembly centers.

The appeal also extends to veterans because the memorial is not just focused on WWII. Veterans from all wars and campaigns right up to Iraq have been honored, said Yamaguchi.

On the web: www.seattlenvc.org

JACL to Honor Women Leaders at Sept. 16 Gala

JACL will honor four female community leaders and a corporation at its Sept. 16 Gala in Washington, D.C.

The honorees are: Calif. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, for her civil rights advocacy; Etsu Mineta Masaoka, a dedicated JACLer alongside her late husband Mike Masaoka; actress Christine Toy Johnson, for her work producing a documentary about Wat Misaka, the first person of color to play in the National Basketball Association; and journalist Roxana Saberi for her courage in the face of imprisonment in Iran last year.

The Gala is billed as a “Salute to Champions” to honor outstanding individuals and corporations that have been instrumental in furthering JACL’s causes.

Eli Lilly, a generous financial supporter, is also being honored at the event.

“We are grateful to everyone who has supported the JACL Gala in the past and wish to extend an invitation to all to join with us in this celebration this year as we honor some outstanding women and our corporate partner, Eli Lilly,” said Floyd Mori, JACL national director.

Two U.S. Senators are co-chairs of the honorary committee. Both Sens. Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka have been gala award recipients.

Other members of the committee include: Reps. Mike Honda, Xavier Becerra, Rob Bishop, Anh (Joseph) Cao, Jim Costa, Eni Faleomavaega, Sam Farr, Jerry Lewis, Adam Schiff, Doris Matsui, Madeleine Bordallo and Maxine Waters. Also included are Richard Foltin of American Jewish Committee; Wade Henderson of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Hilary Shelton, of the NAACP; and Michael Lieberman of the Anti-Defamation League.

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Family members don construction hats to place bricks on the memorial wall.
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from the Greater Los Angeles area this generous support of AT&T.

hosted Culmination with the JACL staff, the students gained a greater understanding of identity, the power of place, grassroots organizing and community preservation issues.

Project: Community!, a program supported by AT&T, had 23 participants from the Greater Los Angeles area this summer. Through interactive workshops and activities put on by community leaders and JACL staff, the students gained a greater understanding of identity, the power of place, grassroots organizing and community preservation issues.

Project: Community!'s Culmination brought together program participants, their families, friends and community leaders to celebrate the conclusion of the program in the JACCC's Garden Room.

"Through these interviews, we learned about the importance of working in and helping to preserve the Little Tokyo community," said Zane Miyamoto, a program participant.

This year was also the launch of the alumni portion of the program, where past participants come back to Project: Community! to do hands on work with issues facing the community. Alumni participants invited Culmination guests to "LT Eats," as a means of bringing business to Little Tokyo restaurants, while offering discounted meals.

"AT&T is proud to support Project: Community! for the past three years," said Executive Director of External Affairs at AT&T David Lin who also talked about the development of the program since its inception. Also in attendance was JACL National President David Kawamoto.

For questions or more information about Project: Community! or other programs contact Stacy Toyota at styotya@jaclpsw.org or 213/626-4471.

SF JACL Sponsors Volunteer Workday at AIDS Memorial

The JACL San Francisco chapter is sponsoring its annual workday at the National AIDS Memorial Grove (NAMG) Sept. 18. Volunteers are currently being sought to help remove weeds, plant a variety of plants and other maintenance work in the 7.5 acres designated as the first National AIDS memorial.

"This event is a rewarding one for everyone who has come out to help no matter how old or young they are, whether pulling weeds or replacing plants," said Greg Marutani of the San Francisco JACL.

Volunteers are urged to dress in layers as the weather conditions in the Grove can vary and gloves will be provided, although some may choose to bring their own. Various tools will be provided by the gardeners at Golden Gate Park. Refreshments and a catered lunch will be provided to volunteers by supporters of the Grove.

The day begins at 9 a.m. and will end by noon. The Grove is located in the eastern end of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park at the intersection of Bowling Green and Middle Drive East—across from the tennis courts.

For more information or to sign up, contact Greg Marutani at 415/641-1697.
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**JAPAN AUTUMN COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAY TOUR**  SEP 28-OCT 8
Chiba, Mito, Azu Hakone, Mount Fuji, Lake Kawaguchi,
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**HOKKAIDO SNOW FESTIVAL TOUR**  FEB 6-13
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**AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS HOLIDAY TOUR**  MAR 31-APR 7
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Gero Onsen, Takayama, Kyoto.

**GRANDPARENTS/GRANDCHILDREN JAPAN TOUR**  JUN 26-JUL 5
Tokyo, Hakone, Ami, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Nara, Kyoto.

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**JACL’s PSW District to Honor Three Outstanding Community Advocates**

The Pacific Southwest District of JACL will recognize three honorees for their community work at the upcoming 14th Annual Awards Dinner.

Filmmaker Tad Nakamura, social marketing executive Debra Nakatomi, and activist and educator Iku Kiriyama will be honored Oct. 9 at The Grand Long Beach Event Center in Calif.

“The JACL Pacific Southwest District feels compelled to honor Tad, Debbie, Iku and our dedicated chapter members for their many years of dedication to bridging generations of Japanese Americans together for a brighter and prosperous community,” said Craig Ishii, PSW regional director.

“As JACL creates new milestones in activism, advocacy and engagement for our community, we build on the momentum and legacy created by these individuals.”

By honoring Nakamura, Nakatomi, and Kiriyama, the PSW hopes to celebrate its legacy and continued work in the advancement of civil rights for Japanese Americans and all Asian Pacific Islander communities, in community preservation, and in youth leadership development.

Chapter members with the PSW district will also be honored for their service and commitment to their individual communities.

These honorees include West L.A.’s Jean Shigematsu, Arizona’s Doris Asano, Ventura County’s Aiko King, Downtown L.A.’s Kitty Sankey, Orange County’s Betty Oka, Louise Sakamoto of Greater L.A. Singles, Venice-Culver’s Sam Shimoguchi and San Fernando Valley’s Nancy Gohata.

The event will also include a silent auction.

**Information** Contact Andrew Yick at 213/626-4471 or ayick@jacpsw.org.

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**NJAMF to Honor Code Breakers**

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation will honor Justice John Paul Stevens, Japanese American veterans of the "Military Intelligence Service (MIS)," and the National Park Service Memorial at its Nov. 4 gala luncheon celebrating the 10th anniversary of the memorial's dedication.

At the event themed, "Living History: Our Story, Your Rights. Breaking the Code", Stevens will receive the Award for Patriotism on behalf of MIS veterans; and the Chairman’s Award will be presented to the National Park Foundation for its stewardship and partnership with the foundation for the care and promotion of the memorial.

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**Teachers’ Workshop to Look at WW2 from Hawaii Point of View**

World War II from the point of view of Hawai’i’s Japanese American and local communities will be the subject of an Oct. 8-9 teacher-training workshop hosted by the Go For Broke National Education Center, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and Nisei Veterans Memorial Center.

"Looking Like the Enemy: The Case of Japanese Americans in World War II" will feature presentations from U.S. Army veterans from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the MIS. Participants will also get an overview of the history of confinement sites in Hawai’i and gain ideas for field trips.

A new curriculum is being developed for Hawai’i’s state standards to support the Go For Broke Oral history.

Limited travel assistance stipends for teachers who do not live on Maui are being offered on a first come, first served basis.

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**WWII History Workshop**

Oct. 8-9
Kahului, Hawai’i
Maui Waena Middle School and the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center

For more information or to register: www.goforbroke.org
John Gengi and filmmaker Cory Shiozaki (right) filming at George Creek.

Manzanar Fishing Lecture and Walking Tour
INDEPENDENCE, CA
Sept. 4 and 5, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;
Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center
5001 Highway 395

For the fifth consecutive year, Cory Shiozaki fishing guide and film maker, will illustrate stories of some of the Eastern Sierras best big-fishing holes. He will preview his forthcoming documentary, “The Manzanar Fishing Club.”

INFO: Call 775-338-8170

Young June Lew Exhibition
CHICAGO, IL
Sept. 10 to Oct. 16
Andrew Bae Gallery
300 W. Superior St.
The Andrew Bae Gallery, which has featured works by Asian artists since 1990, is pleased to announce Young June Lew’s fifth solo exhibition “Redemption.” The exhibit marks a bold step forward as well as a return to her roots in abstraction.

INFO: Call 312/335-6601 or e-mail info@andrewbaegallery.com

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Chinatown Mall Culture Fair
SACRAMENTO, CA
Sept. 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Historic Chinatown Mall
427 Chinatown Mall
Come join the city of Sacramento and over 16 Northern California organizations for the Chinatown culture fair. There will be live entertainment, food and more! Also scheduled is a film and panel discussion on Autumn Omi, chronicling the life of China’s first feminist.

INFO: www.yeeelow.com/culturefair

Midori Kai’s 10th Anniversary Boutique and Craft Show
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA
Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mountain View Buddhist Temple
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Midori Kai, Inc., a nonprofit professional business women’s organization event, will celebrate its 10th Annual Fundraiser Boutique and Cultural event. The first 200 guests will receive a free Midori Kai recyclable shopping bag.

INFO: Call Phyllis Osaki at 925/596-1770, www.midorikai.com

JCCNC’s 2010 Annual Fundraiser, Tabemasho
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Sept. 25, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
JCCNC
1840 Sutter Street
Cost: $100 per person; $25 per child (6-12 years old)
Join us for a Japanese American culinary experience, featuring samplings by renowned executive chefs and local restaurants. There will be a silent and live auction as well.

INFO: Call 415/567-5505 or e-mail programevents@jccnc.org

Lecture & Legacy of John Naka
Father of Bonsai in America
LOS ANGELES, CA
Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Terasaki Foundation
11570 Olympic Blvd.
Cost: $10
John Y. Naka formed the California Bonsai Society with four others after moving to Los Angeles, Calif. In 1946. Called the Father of Bonsai, Naka has taught bonsai around the world. Speakers Larry and Nina Raguz will discuss the late bonsai master’s legacy in the lecture series.

RSVP: E-mail at japanstudies@nbei.org or visit www.nbei.org.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

ID Film Festival
LOS ANGELES, CA
Oct. 8 to 10
Japanese American National Museum
369 E. First Street
The third annual ID Film Festival returns to the Japanese American National Museum. The film “Fog” by Kit Hui has been selected for opening night. “Fog” is the recipient of the Sundance Annenberg grant. The director will be in attendance on Oct. 8 for the screening.

INFO: www.idfilmfest.org

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

JACL White River Valley Second Annual Golf Tournament
TACOMA, WA
Sept. 26, 8 a.m.
North Shore Golf Course
4101 Northshore Drive
Attend the JACL White River Valley chapter’s golf tournament, lunch and silent auction. The event is a fundraiser for scholarship and diversity teaching awards.

INFO: Call 253/351-5278 or 253/218-8839

Taiko Unleashed and Romp Stomp Boom!
PORTLAND, OR
Oct. 2, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Newmark Theatre
1111 SW Broadway
Portland Taiko traditionally pulls out the biggest drums and the largest ensemble performances for their annual fall concert finale. This concert combines contemporary and traditional taiko rhythms, dance movement and stunning martial arts displays.

INFO: Visit www.portlandtaiko.org

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Robert Lynn Tsuboi
May 14, 1949 – May 8, 2010

Roberta Lynn Tsuboi passed away quietly at Providence/St. Vincent Medical Center at age 60. The second of three children born to Ted and Nobi Tsuboi, Robbie was born and raised in Portland. A lifelong resident of the Rose City, she graduated from David Douglas High School in 1967, attended Portland State University and Western Business College before beginning her career in bookkeeping, accounting and tax preparation. Her most recent affiliations were with Gary Goertzen, CPA, the Oregon Restaurant Association, and Lynch Co.

Though she had a long and successful professional career, Robbie will be best remembered for desire to help others. Robbie’s gift of giving led to her involvement with Dignity Village, Goose Hollow Family Shelter, Unite People Youth Group, Epworth United Methodist Youth Group and Oregon Nikkei Endowment.

- She loved to dance and experienced it in its many forms – jazz, tap, ballet and finally, with the Hula Halau He Makana O Aloha, where she also unofficially adopted “The Boys” (Aukai & Ka’au) as her own.

Because of her enthusiasm to keep Japanese American history alive, she was active in the Oregon Nikkei Endowment Project. Even though she did not play an instrument, she formed the Minidoka Swing Band in 2007 to honor the Japanese Americans who were interned during WWII at Minidoka. Even though ill and in discomfort, she continued to recruit swing band members from staff at the hospital as she passed through the emergency room and also in the cancer unit at the hospital.

She rescued many dogs from the Multnomah County Animal Shelter and gave them a second chance at life in a warm, welcome home with her.

Survivors include George and Nobi Azumano; Clifford Tsuboi; Annie Migael (Gerry); Miko Hoy (Ray, Ryan and Aven); Tim Migaki; the Sho and Loon Dozono family; the Jim and Lois Azumano family; the Gary and Bette Orazio family; and Pickles.

Her father, Ted Tsuboi, predeceased Robbie.

Robbie will be remembered by family and friends for her warm, caring and giving spirit. She left a quiet legacy of a life of community service, involvement, and action – particularly with the youth of the community – that will last for generations. Hers was a life well lived and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Donations in Robbie’s memory may be made to Multnomah County Animal Shelter, Goose Hollow Family Shelter (Portland Homeless Family Solutions), Epworth United Methodist Church or www.caringbridge.org. Arrangements by Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM

Yasu, Edward Yasushi, 96, Pearl City, Hawaii; Aug. 8; he is a retired tour driver, amateur boxing champion; survived by wife Katherine T.; sons Daniel and Michael; daughters Patricia M. Tewau and Dianne N. Ishida; 8 gc; 3 ggc.

Yoshimoto, Frances Tayeko, 97, Monterey Park, CA; Aug. 6; preceded in death by her husband, Masato Yoshimoto; sister, Chieko Miyakawa; brothers, John and Tom Shirioishi; and comic book artist; he died of pancreatic cancer; his 2006 film "Paprika" received a standing ovation at the Venice Film Festival;

Kon, Satoshi, 46, Tokyo, Japan; July 23; a long-time resident of Glen Avon, Lillian was interned during World War II; preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Masakazu and Hiroshi, and his sister, Kimiko Ema; he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Yuriko.

Mukai, Tommy, Spokane, WA; Aug. 24; a Japanese filmmaker and actor; he died of pancreatic cancer; his 2006 film "Paprika" received a standing ovation at the Venice Film Festival; Kon was working on film "The Dream Machine" at the time of his death; he is survived by his wife, Kyoko.
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