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TORRANCE, CALIF. — Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance) and Joint Author Assembly Majority Leader Iman Calderon (D-Whittier) announced Jan. 17 the introduction of AB 1782, a bill that will establish surfing as California's state sport.

"Surfing is an iconic California sport that brings in significant economic activity to the state each year; the state is home to several surfing museums, including the Surfers' Hall of Fame. Both assemblymembers are avid surfers who have spent much time surfing in the waters off the coast of Southern California. "Nothing represents the California Dream better than surfing — riding the waves and living in harmony with the beautiful beaches and ocean of our Golden State. Surfing in California has a rich history and culture. The surfing lifestyle attracts people from all around the world and generates over $6 billion in annual retail sales," said Muratsuchi. "Surfing is an iconic California sport and an important part of the multibillion-dollar California coastal economy, particularly in the tourism and recreation industries. ... I am proud to introduce a bill that would make surfing California's official sport."

Separately, Keiro has awarded GFBNEC a grant of $16,900 to provide transportation and support that will enable Nisei veterans to participate in the organization's regular meetings, special events and educational programs. Founded in 1961, Keiro is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of senior life in the Japanese American community. "Keiro's support makes it possible for many of our Nisei veterans, who are in their 90s or even older, to attend GFBNEC's regular meetings and help to direct the organization's future," Maki said. "It's such a privilege to have our senior veterans share their experiences and wisdom with schools, community groups and the public — they're part of our living history. The Keiro grant helps ensure that our vets can participate in a wonderful range of activities, from educational events and multigenerational social activities to our annual Evening of Aloha gala."
Nikkei Voice

If a Baseball Team Can Change, Can’t We Get Rid of Racist Kids’ Costumes?

By Gil Asakawa

Recently, I was heartened to see the news that the Cleveland Indians Major League Baseball team is going to stop using its blatantly racist caricature of an American Indian, “Chief Wahoo,” on its uniforms starting with the 2019 season. The leering cartoon character is so obnoxious that my wife, Erin, has the philosophy of yin and yang regarding the team. If the Cleveland Indians can change, then so can other teams.

But the issue isn’t with the team. The reason leering cartoon character is so obnoxious that my wife, Erin, has the philosophy of yin and yang. So the Indian kids as a whole are just a little bit off. No, I don’t think this kid is racist, or his parents, or anyone who had a childhood fascination for other cultures. That fascination is great; I wish more people had that and learned about the world. But the child isn’t buying this. On top of all that, the fact that this kid’s eyes are painted to look slanty just makes me want to throw up. I know, or hope, the child in the catalog photo is innocent. I doubt he understands anything about what he’s wearing. Hopefully, he didn’t go around saying, “Ching-Chong” while posing for the photo shoot.

I began to notice a trend of similar kids wearing fake surface elements to convey what they perceived to be racially appropriate and respectful. They’re not looking to see what my clients, most of whom are Japanese and Japanese American, hesitate to ask questions during our meetings. They feel ashamed of their inquiries, fearing that they come off as being unintelligent or ignorant (which is definitely not the case).

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After speaking to many families, I began to notice a trend of similar questions. They would ask, “What happens if I do this?” Or, “What happens if I do that?” As a result, I began taking down a list of frequently asked questions posed by my clients. I figure if two or three people are thinking about these types of things, others are bound to be curious as well. Accordingly, following is the first installment of “What Happens If…”

WHAT HAPPENS IF …

I own a corporation. Is it a living trust?

A few years ago, a family friend came to me to set up an Estate Plan. She had been meaning to get it done for years and years, but she never got around to it. When I asked her what finally motivated her to come in, she said it was because she had just had a vacation. The entire family and realized that if she didn’t go on vacation, she might not see the world. She was also told to take her home out of the trust; or 3) the financial institution does not put your home back into your trust.

If you experience possibility #1 or #2, then your home should be properly funded at the time of your passing. However, if you experience possibility #3, then your Successor Trustee may be in a bit of a pickle.

Time, effort and money will be spent to ensure that your beneficiaries still receive the property. If you’re worried about possibility #3, there are a few simple remedies. You can quickly check your property tax bill to see if the word “Trust” or “TR” appears next to your name. If it does, chances are your home is in your trust (though it’s not 100 percent conclusive).

To be safe, I would recommend doing a title search to confirm that the last vestigial deed shows that the home is, in fact, in your trust. Your Property Planning attorney (or even your realtor) should be able to assist you with this task.

As an Estate Planning attorney, I have seen a lot of homes that were inherited by the estate’s Executor. If you choose an executor that has aged with you, then there’s a chance that you’ll outlive that person. What happens then?

In some cases, your Estate Plan will provide for that situation. For example, your Last Will and Testament may name Sister Sue as your Executor, but if she predeceases you, then Nephew Neal serves as the alternate.

It’s always a good idea to review your Estate Plan periodically to refresh your memory as to who your alternates are. One of my clients named her close friend and next-door neighbor as her executor. Years later, she retired and followed her children to another state. When it came time to update her living trust, she was surprised—she had completely forgotten that she had chosen her neighbor for the role. They hadn’t been in contact for years, and she didn’t even have a correct telephone number or address for her.

Additionally, if your children are old enough to act as executor now, you may want to make modifications to your Estate Plan to apportion them instead. Reviewing your Estate Plan every so often is a great way to ensure that your wishes are correct and up to date.

Questions will always arise when you create your Estate Plan. As I mentioned, people tend to have the same ones, so please do not hesitate in asking them—you’ll never regret putting your mind at ease. As I collect more frequently asked questions, I will select some that might be of interest to you and share them in this column.

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JACL'S 2017 REVENUE OVER EXPENSES UP $479K

Secretary/Treasurer Alan Nishi cautions that the organization needs to continue to have firm financial goals in place.

By P.C. Staff

To describe the state of National JACL’s budget, one could accurately say it’s “in the black” — but followed by an “uhh.”

In his preliminary treasurer’s report on Feb. 3 to the JACL National Board at JACL headquarters in San Francisco, National JACL Secretary/Treasurer Alan Nishi reported net revenue over expenses was up $479,000.

While the news is undoubtedly good for the organization, Nishi said, “The bottom line looks good right now, but you have to recognize what caused that, and it’s nonrecurring revenue sources, which is nothing you can budget on moving forward.”

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He also noted that nonrecurring revenue sources were something that JACL could not and should not rely on to reach its budgetary goals.

“Ideally, you want to see your membership and your regular expenses be able to cover itself,” Nishi said. “In this case here, it took nonrecurring revenue sources to basically meet our expenses. If it hadn’t been for that, we probably would have had an operating deficit of roughly $277,000 for the year.”

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“I’m not counting on us getting more bequeaths this year. I’m really not. But if it comes in, I’ll take it,” Nishi added. “My agenda is to be in the black. I consider not only us lucky in 2017. I consider me as treasurer being lucky in 2017.”

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Other bright spots: Overall total expenses were $26,000 under budget, as were scholarship/fellowship expenses, which were $50,000 under budget. Meetings and conferences, however, were over budget by $29,000, and Nishi broached his concerns over JACL’s fiscal status in the coming months. For instance, he said fundraising fell short of the budget by $415,000. “Not a good thing. We’ll be depending on that for 2018,” Nishi said.

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That will probably knock it down another $60,000 or so,” Nishi said.

Nishi noted his concern for the Pacific Citizen’s future fundraising revenue, saying that “we’re going to be short at least $100,000 going into the year, instantly.”

Nishi said that JACL business manager Matt Walters had been scheduled to provide details on the new bookkeeping arrangements between National JACL and the Pacific Citizen, but he fell ill and was absent from the meeting.

Nishi also included a breakdown of 2017 Legacy Fund distributions as follows: General Operations, 60 percent, or $221,422; Chapter Revenues, 20 percent, or $73,807; Grants, 10 percent, or $36,904; Reinvestment, 5 percent, or $18,452; and General Support/Reinvestment, 5 percent, or $18,452, all for a total of $369,037.

According to Nishi, JACL’s reserve fund, which is used as a safety net to cover potential deficits, was at $450,000 as of September 2017, and it includes excess cash received earlier in the year from the 2017 budget.

“The $430,000 represents about 20 percent of our 2018 operating budget,” Nishi said.

“My goal is to preserve that in our treasury at all times. I really believe we’re going to need it moving forward.

As for the 2018 budget, Nishi said he would get into that at the next National Board meeting, which is set for April 28, again at JACL Headquarters in San Francisco. A biennial budget committee meeting is tentatively set for March.

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“Chineseness.” If it were easy to put on yellow makeup (imagine a costume where a kid would put on blackface to appear African-American), I bet they’d do that in a second.

Now, going to that step would make them flat-out racist.

Walmart, go through your online vendors and clean out the crap. It was just a few months ago when a Walmart vendor sold framed photos of Japanese American concentration camps as perfect wall decor, after all. We haven’t forgotten.

Is there a pattern here?

NOTE: While I’m at it, let’s not let Amazon off the hook. Search for “China Boy Costume” on Amazon.com, and you won’t find the Walmart special (oddly, the search results show lots of fake glasses — what’s with that??)

But Amazon in the U.K. is under fire for a vendor selling “Asian” costumes with white kids wearing them while they pull their eyes back in a slant — another stupid unoriginal trick that was shown to me many times growing up.

Come on, world, GROW UP!

UPDATE: The costume (and the JA concentration camp photos from before) were sold by third-party vendors through Walmart.com. After JACL Executive Director David Inoue contacted the company, Walmart has removed the costume, along with other offensive items it found when it did a review. Walmart is reworking its vendor rules to prevent similar incidents.


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JACL NATIONAL BOARD CONVENES TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR 2018

July's National Convention, set for Philadelphia, is among the numerous topics discussed at the organization's San Francisco headquarters.

By P.C. Staff

Preliminary per-person costs and possible themes for the 2018 JACL National Convention in Philadelphia were among the items discussed at the Feb. 3 JACL National Board meeting, held in San Francisco, during a report given by JACL VP of General Operations Michelle Amano.

Prior to Amano's report, JACL National President Gary Mayeda announced the appointment of attorney George Kita as JACL National Legal Counsel, succeeding Michelle Yoshida.

Kita, who graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, is president of the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter of JACL, a position he has held for several years. The JACL National Board unanimously confirmed Kita's appointment.

Amano said the cost for the convention, which is set for July 18-22, would be about $350 per person. Two possible themes discussed were "Activism: Redress and Resistance" and "A Lasting Legacy: Celebrating Civil Rights Leaders," with the former chosen by consensus.

VP Public Affairs Jeff Moy kept his report brief, mentioning participation in events such as the recent Women's March, which he and JACL's National Youth/Student Council Chair Kota Mizutani took part in. Moy then called the floor to Greg Marutani, who reported that Roy Sakai has been appointed as the National Education Committee's MDC representative, succeeding Lisa Hanasono.

Marutani also reported that a new Teacher Training Workshop was under development with Oo for Brooke National Education Center chief Mitch Maki in "reinvigorating the interest of the chapters to deal with the issue of what's happening now" as it relates to the success of the Japanese American Redress Movement.

Pacific Citizen Editorial Board Chair Gil Asakawa then conveyed that 50 JACL chapters from all the JACL districts purchased ads in the P.C.'s 2017 Holiday Special Issue, which showed increased revenue compared to 2016. Asakawa also noted how the P.C. has recently experimented with putting ads that appear only in the PDF version of the Pacific Citizen, as well as testing the P.C.'s Amazon Affiliates program, which will get additional promotion in 2018, and how there will be more theme-based issues in addition to the usual Holiday and Scholarship issues.

Membership VP Haruka Roudebush reported that JACL membership was down 4.2 percent, ending the year with 8,887 members nationally from 9,277 members. Roudebush noted, however, that EDC grew 3.5 percent from 2016 to the end of 2017. In addition, he noted that these were several chapters that lost 10 percent or more of their members.

"Doing follow-up with those specific chapters ... is going to be a priority," Roudebush said, "with the National Membership committee so that we can assess factors as to why they're experiencing those levels of membership loss," he said.

Roudebush's written report noted that requests have been made to each district board to submit a representative to serve on the National Membership Committee, with the first monthly NMC conference call scheduled for Feb. 12.

Regarding the Young Professionals Advisory Council, which first met in 2016, Roudebush formally submitted a request that the YPC officially become a national standing committee of the JACL, with initial funding of $3,000. After discussion, Roudebush said he would rework and resubmit that proposal at a later date.

Planning & Development VP Matt Farrells reported on the Board Give-or-Get Program, which is a policy that compels JACL leaders to commit pledging to give or raise an unspecified dollar amount to the organization. He said it looks like there will be a focus on fundraising at the chapter level. He closed his report with updates on the scholarship program — including a new Dr. Newton K. Wisely optometry scholarship of $25,000 — and the Legacy Fund Grant Program, the application deadline for which is May 1.

For the National Youth/Student Council Report, Mizutani and representative Kenji Kaminishi split the duties on reporting its recent activity, including the EDC Youth Summit, which took place during the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival last year and the continuance of its Nikki-mashou project.

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The 2018 JACL National Convention will be held July 18-22 at the Sheraton Downtown in Philadelphia, Pa.
Having successfully documented the valley’s rich cultural and important history, the Yakima Valley Museum is now set to host its first DOR event.

By P.C. Staff

With the success of its exhibition the “Land of Joy and Sorrow—Japanese Pioneers of the Yakima Valley” now celebrating its eight-year anniversary in 2018, the Yakima Valley Museum is now set to hold its first-ever Day of Remembrance event on Feb. 18.

The exhibition has been one of the museum’s most successful endeavors, collecting several accolades during its run, including the 2011 “Award of Exhibit Excellence,” given by the Washington Museum Assn., which noted that “the museum went beyond textbooks and documentaries, seeking out personal histories and artifacts concerning the community’s past and present. Not only is it a significant contribution to the understanding of a community, it also enhances the rich history of Washington State.”

Last year, the museum commemorated the 75th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which resulted in the imprisonment of 75,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and 45,000 Japanese nationals in prison camps across the country. The Yakima Valley has focused on this history, which devastated its vibrant Japanese community in 1942.

Tammy Ayer, features/reader engagement editor of the Yakima Herald Republic, started a year-long monthly series highlighting this anniversary, in February of last year, to focus on this relatively unknown and vanishing community story.

“Concerning my series, I’ve most enjoyed solving mysteries created by the loss of local knowledge and the passage of time,” Ayer said. “I relished seeing the response to the story about Japan Town in Yakima. The comments from readers amazed me; so many were from people who grew up here, who have lived here for decades and never learned that Yakima had a thriving Japan Town.

“Readers have sent me snail mail and emails about the series, as well as adding their own memories,” Ayer continued. “One woman was 4 years old when she heard her mom talking about members of the valley’s Japanese community being forced to leave everything they had for imprisonment at Heart Mountain. ‘I remember Mom saying it was wrong,’ the woman said in a letter. ‘Many of her friends were sent to Heart Mountain and never returned to the valley.’

“In terms of what has resonated most for me while doing this series was that in the beginning, I didn’t think much about the ramifications of just 10 percent of a community returning to the Yakima Valley. But the more I learned more about this community, I realized how much was lost.”

Japanese to Have Program

Patriotism Theme

Of Special Meet

Wapato, Jan. 1—(Special to the Yakima Daily Republic) While members of the Japanese American Citizens League are sincerely American, they feel it is necessary in these times of stress to affirm publicly their allegiance to the nation and to do more, if possible, than their white co-citizens.

In this article in the Yakima Daily Republic, published on Jan. 1, 1942, it stated that “while members of the JACL are sincerely American, they feel it is necessary in these times of stress to affirm publicly their allegiance to the nation...”

(Left) THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OPENING IN RECENT MEMORY: When the Yakima Valley Museum opened its Yakima Japanese pioneer exhibit in October 2010, the opening had more than 300 people in attendance. Here, guests review the Exclusion Order #98 list of families that left the Yakima Valley from Wapato on June 4 and 5, 1942.

(Right) LIFE IN HEART MOUNTAIN: In the Japanese American incarceration section of the Yakima Valley Museum exhibit, this display includes artifacts from Yakima Valley families of their time in Heart Mountain, Wyo.
The valley would be a very different place today if E.O. 9066 had never happened,” Ayer concluded.

Ellen Allmendinger, a Yakima historic tour guide and speaker, worked with Ayer, detailing the valley’s rich history. Allmendinger has led walking tours of Yakima’s Japan Town, Downtown Yakima, Historic Tahoma Cemetery and other vicinities since 2016.

“Researching the multilayered facets of the residents, businesses and buildings within Yakima’s once-thriving Japan Town has been a fascinating journey. Having the means to share the information via tours and speaking engagements has been both an honor and a blessing,” Allmendinger said.

Allmendinger is also a public speaker and has given many presentations on Yakima’s history at a variety of venues, meetings and engagements. Currently, she is completing her first book, “The Hidden History of Yakima, Washington,” with Arcadia Publishing. The book, which will include Yakima’s Japan Town history, is scheduled to be published this year.

As a wrap-up of the Yakima Herald Republic’s yearlong focus on the Yakima Japanese community and E.O. 9066, the Yakima Valley Museum will host “The Yakima Valley Japanese Pioneers — Their Story Continues to Educe New Generations” event from 1-3 p.m. on Feb. 18, with the museum opening especially for this event from Noon-5 p.m. that day.

A panel discussion and audience Q&A session will include Allmendinger, Ayer and Patti Hirahara, from Anaheim, Calif., whose personal family story has been instrumental in telling Yakima history across the U.S., as well as serving as the inspiration for the creation of the museum’s current exhibit.

Hirahara has been promoting the Yakima story since 2008, when she contacted the Yakima Valley Museum to see if it had ever done an exhibition on the Japanese pioneers in the Central Washington region.

With nothing ever being shown before, Hirahara donated her family’s artifacts, documents and photos to help create a Japanese American collection that would allow the museum to develop an exhibition that would educate the public at large.

Three generations of the Hirahara family lived in the Yakima Valley before World War II, where they made a living through farming and owning the 60-room Pacific Hotel in Yakima’s Japan Town. Of the 1,818 people that left from the Wapato, Wash., train station in June 1942 to Heart Mountain, Wyo., from 1943-45 — at the FDR Presidential Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., last October. She is shown standing next to five of WSU’s George and Frank C. Hirahara Collection photos that were on display at the FDR exhibit. These photos are significant since they were taken by two amateur photographers who were incarcerated behind barbed wire during World War II.

The Hirahara family then spent 79 years in the Yakima Valley. In 1987, Patti Hirahara’s grandfather, George, was named grand marshal of the Washington State Pioneer Power Show; in 1988, he was named a pioneer of the Central Washington State Fair.

George Hirahara became active in establishing the Central Washington Antique Farm Equipment Club as a charter member and was the 49th member of the national Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Assn.

He enjoyed serving as a local ambassador to visiting Japanese businessmen and being part of the Yakima Valley community until he and his wife left Yakima in 1992 to come to California to be close to their only child and his family.

“I am very happy to come and participate in this very important Day of Remembrance program and share what I have learned about my own family history in the valley before World War II through documents in the National Archives and see what still remains of my family in the valley today,” Patti Hirahara said. “This was my family’s home and where two generations are buried. So, even though I was born and raised in California, this has become a second home to me.”

In 2013, the museum held a Yakima Valley Japanese Pioneers reunion that was attended by more than 200 people. The first one was held in Yakima and Wapato in 1973 by the Yakima Valley Japanese community. But since those 40 years, many had never had a chance to return or learn about their family history.

Therefore, this reunion, which was held at the museum, was a homecoming of sorts for family descendants to hear what really happened from those that survived. People still talk about this reunion to this day.

“The museum is proud to host its first Day of Remembrance event,” said Peter Arnold, executive director of the Yakima Valley Museum. “The story of the Yakima Japanese community and E.O. 9066 encapsulates the very purpose of history — that is by studying the past, we can make better decisions in the future. We are very grateful to the panelists for all the work they have done to make this event a reality.”

Following the panel, guests are invited to visit the “Land of Joy and Sorrows” exhibit. Admission to the panel and exhibit is free for all event attendees. Due to limited seating, the museum requests that attendees please RSVP by calling (509) 248-0747.

Japanese Community Float, Yakima, May 18, 1935
49TH ANNUAL MANZANAR PILGRIMAGE SET FOR APRIL 28

This year’s gathering will pay homage to the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

LOS ANGELES — The 49th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Manzanar Committee, is scheduled for April 28 at the Manzanar National Historic Site.

The road’s pilgrimage will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided redress and reparations for the survivors of America’s World War II concentration camps and other confinement sites, in which more than 110,000 Japanese Americans and their immigrant parents were unjustly incarcerated during World War II.

Cultural performances will begin at 11:30 a.m. PDT, while the main portion of the program begins at noon.

Each year, more than 1,000 people, including students, teachers, community members, clergy and former incarcerees — attend the pilgrimage at the Manzanar National Historic Site, located on U.S. Highway 395 in California’s Owens Valley, between the towns of Lone Pine and Independence, approximately 230 miles north of Los Angeles. Planning is also under way for the afternoon event as well as the Manzanar at Dusk program, which is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. that same evening at Lone Pine High School, approximately eight miles south of MNHS.

Manzanar at Dusk is co-sponsored by the Nikkei Student Unions at California State University, Long Beach; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; the University of California, Los Angeles; and the University of California, San Diego.

Through a creative presentation, small group discussions and an open mic session, Manzanar at Dusk participants will have the opportunity to learn about the experiences of those incarcerated in the camps. Participants will also be able to interact with former incarcerees in attendance to hear their personal stories, share their own experiences and discuss the relevance of the concentration camp experience to present-day events and issues.

Pilgrimage participants are advised to bring their own lunch, drinks and snacks, as there are no facilities to purchase food at the MNHS (restaurants and fast-food outlets are located in Lone Pine and Independence, which are nearby). Water will be provided at the site.

Those who wish to participate in the traditional flower offering during the interfaith service are advised to bring their own flowers.

Pilgrimage participants should also be aware of the fact that weather in the Owens Valley can be unpredictable and can change rapidly. The Manzanar Committee advises participants to wear a hat, use sunscreen (ultraviolet light is not filtered by clouds and is more intense at higher elevations) and be prepared for any kind of weather, including high winds, heat, cold and rain.

Further details about the 49th Annual Pilgrimage and the Manzanar at Dusk program will be announced at a later date.

The Manzanar Committee has also announced that bus transportation to the pilgrimage will be available from Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo and Gardena.

The Little Tokyo bus, sponsored by the Manzanar Committee, will depart at 7 a.m. arriving at the pilgrimage at approximately 11:30 a.m. Participants will be taken to the visitors center at the MNHS following the afternoon program.

The bus should arrive back in Los Angeles at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Reservations for the Little Tokyo bus will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The non-refundable fare is $40 per seat for students (proof of student status required). Complimentary fares are available for those who were incarcerated at any of the former American concentration camps or other confinement sites during World War II.

The Gardena bus is sponsored by the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. Information to the Manzanar Pilgrimage can be found on the GVJCI website (http://www.gvji.com/forms/manzanar_pilgrimage_2018) or by calling (310) 324-6601.

Anyone wishing to attend the Manzanar at Dusk program that evening should make other transportation arrangements.

The Manzanar Pilgrimage and the Manzanar at Dusk programs are free and open to the public. For more information, or to reserve a seat on the bus departing from Little Tokyo, call (323) 662-5102 or email 49thpilgrimage@manzanarcommittee.org.

MANZANAR AUTO TOUR ROAD TO CLOSE FOR PAVING

Beginning Feb. 12, the 3.2-mile auto tour road will be closed for paving through April.

The Manzanar National Historic Site’s 3.2-mile auto tour road will be closed for paving beginning Feb. 12 through late April. Visitors can still explore the site on foot and drive to the camp cemetery via dirt roads on the north and west boundaries of the site.

The road’s current dirt surface has been subject to dust, erosion and occasional flooding through the years. The paving project will restore the road to its World War II-era appearance when the camp’s streets were hard surfaced. It will also improve access and safety, as well as help preserve historic resources by clearly delineating where visitors should drive. Paving the road also addresses deferred and future maintenance. Correcting low, flood-prone areas will eliminate annual grading and repairs.

While the road is completely closed, the visitor center will remain open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. It features extensive exhibits and a 22-minute introductory film, “Remembering Manzanar.” Admission is free. Nearby, a World War II-era mess hall, two reconstructed barracks and a latrine interpret the challenges of daily life. Visitors who choose to explore Manzanar on foot should wear sturdy shoes, hats, sunscreen and carry water.

For more information, call (760) 978-2194, ext. 3310, or visit www.nps.gov/manz. Manzanar is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ManzanarNationalHistoricSite.

2018 Legacy Fund Grants Program Announcement

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL Legacy Fund Grants Committee is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 2018 Legacy Fund grants. Committee Co-Chairs Janice Faden and Jane Katsuyma encourage all eligible candidates to apply. Eligible applicants include all JACL chapters in good standing, District Councils and the JACL National Youth/Student Council.

The maximum grant award for 2018 is $5,000.

Grants will be awarded for projects and activities that support JACL’s mission and the 2017-18 Strategic Plan. Information on the Legacy Fund Grants Program and an application can be downloaded from the JACL website (www.jacl.org) under “Social Justice.” JACL’s Strategic Plan can also be accessed via the JACL website.

The Legacy Fund was established by the JACL National Council in 1990 at the JACL National Convention in San Diego. Gifts were first donated to the fund by JACL members who gave a portion of their redress awards to further the legacy of patriotism and hard-won civil rights that is central to the story of Nikkei in America. A portion of the Legacy Fund Endowment is used to fund the grants program.

Completed applications are due May 1; grant recipients will be announced at the 49th JACL National Convention in Philadelphia, set for July 18-22 at the Sheraton Downtown.

For additional information, email Janice Faden at jfadend@verizon.net, Jane Katsuyma at ykcello@gmail.com or JACL Regional Director Patty Wada at pwada@jacl.org.
**PATRICK CHUN SELECTED TO LEAD WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETICS**

Chun, the university's 14th athletic director, began his duties Feb. 5.

By Washington State Athletic Communications

Pullman, WA — Washington State University President Kirk Schulz has selected Patrick Chun as WSU director of athletics, it was announced Jan. 22. Chun was officially introduced at a press conference at Martin Stadium on Jan. 23. He is the 14th individual to lead Cougar athletics in school history. Chun began his duties Feb. 5.

"This is a game-changing day for our athletics program," said Schulz, "we were focusing on finding a leader with the right blend of experience, vision and passion to lead Cougar athletics to the next level of success. In Pat, we're confident we found that person. His achievements in fundraising, boosting the academic success rate of student-athletes and building strong relationships with the community — on- and off-campus — are exemplary."

"Chun, 43, is the first Asian American athletics director to lead a Power 5 school. He has spent the past five and a half years leading Florida Atlantic University athletics and the previous 15 years at Ohio State University in a multitude of roles from 1997-2012.

"I am honored to serve the Washington State University family, and I want to thank President Schulz and the search committee for entrusting me as the steward of the Department of Athletics," said Chun. "The passion and pride of Cougar Nation is renowned and revered across the country, and I will work with our great coaches and staff to continue the legacy of WSU student-athletes and build upon our past successes to achieve new heights. My family and I are looking forward to joining the WSU community, and we are excited to get started."

"During his time at Florida Atlantic University athletics, Chun guided the Owls to unprecedented successes across academics, athletics, student-athlete development and fundraising. His top priority upon arriving at FAU was academics, which saw tremendous growth. Entering the 2017-18 academic year, FAU student-athletes have posted a combined GPA above 3.0 for each of the past four semesters, a first in school history. School records were also posted for Graduate Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Rate (APR) in 2016-17. Along with the academic improvement, the FAU athletics department developed a comprehensive life skills program featuring career services and a speakers program, as well as a concert event to provide community service to the South Florida area.

"Under Chun's leadership, FAU athletics rose to some of its greatest heights, winning multiple championships, individual and team. The Owls' football team won its first 10 games of 2017 to finish 11-3 with a bowl victory over Akron while receiving votes in the final national poll. Entering the 2017-18 academic year, FAU student-athletes posted an overall winning record the previous three years, women's volleyball, women's soccer, beach volleyball, men's tennis, women's tennis, baseball and softball have either won conference championships, been ranked highest in school history or finished with winning seasons. The men's and women's diving teams, women's track and field and cross-country programs produced conference champions along with all-conference honorees.

"On a national level, Chun currently serves on the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee. He also was named to the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics executive committee in 2016. Chun completed a three-year term on the NCAA Division 1 Baseball Committee from 2013-16. He also serves as a mentor in the NCAA Pathways program. Chun has previously served on the executive committee for the National Association for Athletics Development and was a long-time board member for the Columbus, Ohio, chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

"In 2011, Chun was selected for the inaugural class of the Division II Athletics Directors Association Fellowship Program. Prior to FAU, Chun spent 15 years at Ohio State University working at his alma mater. During his tenure, he ultimately became executive associate athletics director for external relations.

"In his last role at Ohio State, Chun provided leadership and oversight for all facets of the external relations division from 2009-12. Chun also was a lead member of the athletics department senior team that authored the then-largest multimedia rights deal in intercollegiate athletics history: a 10-year, $128 million partnership with IMG College in 2009. Chun also served as the daily administrative liaison with the football program.

"A native of Strongsville, Ohio, Chun earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and a master's degree from Duquesne University. He and his wife, Natalie, also an OSU alumna, have three daughters, Vannah, Kennedy and Greta.

"When asked during his initial press conference to comment about his thoughts about WSU's athletics program, Chun replied, "Well, I think it's all sports here. We're all looking for comprehensive excellence. We want excellence in everything we do, whether it's sports, sports information and fundraising. For us to accomplish our goals as an athletic department, it's not just sports, it's not just a couple of coaches, it's our entire athletic department coming together for our student-athletes and for this university."

**DR. MICHIO KAKU SET TO RELEASE 'THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY'**


In his latest offering, Kaku traverses the frontiers of astrophysics, artificial intelligence and technology to offer a vision of man's future in space, from settling Mars to traveling to distant galaxies.

These topics are explored in rich detail to deliver a compelling vision of how humanity may develop a sustainable civilization in outer space. He also reveals the developments in robotics, nanotechnology and biotechnology that may allow humans to terraform and build habitable cities on Mars and beyond, as scientists have already discovered potentially escapable planets orbiting stars. Even the possibility of the discovery of a twin of Earth is examined.

In all, "The Future of Humanity" investigates some of the hottest topics in science today — from warp drive, wormholes and hyperspace to parallel universes and the multiverse — to show how humans may one day achieve immortality and port to new heavens in space.

Kaku is an American theoretical physicist, futurist and professor of theoretical physics at the City College of New York and CUNY Graduate Center. He has written several best-selling books including 2008's "Physics of the Impossible," 2011's "Physics of the Future" and 2014's "The Future of the Mind;" nearly 1.5 million copies of his books have been sold. In addition, he is the science correspondent for "CBS This Morning" and he has also hosted several TV specials for the BBC, the Discovery Channel, the History Channel and the Science Channel. A feature on Kaku will appear in an upcoming issue of the Pacific Citizen.

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Films of Remembrance
San Francisco, CA
Feb. 24; 7 p.m.
New People Cinema
1746 Post St.
Price: $7
Tickets are available in advance.
Price: $10
Tickets are available in advance.

The 25th anniversary of E.O. 9066 will be commemorated by the Nichi Bei Foundation. Film screenings are included in the foundation’s annual Day of Remembrance. Available in advance are film screenings of "The Untold American Story," "The Long Road Home," "The Last Orange," "The Wait," and "West Coast." Visit Nichibei.org for more information.

A Day of Remembrance and Resistance
Chicago, IL
Feb. 18; 10-11:30 a.m.
Iriomote Nisei Post 8499
10220 S.E. Causey Dr.
Price: Free
Tickets will be available at the door.

The National Day of Remembrance and Resistance will be held in Chicago to commemorate the 75th anniversary of E.O. 9066. The event will feature speeches, puppets, and a screening of the documentary "The Long Road Home." Visit Wwii25.org for more information.

PACIFIC CITIZEN
Taeko Sano passed away peacefully on Jan. 11, 2018, at the age of 93. Born and raised in Berkeley, Cali., Taeko earned a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1957, she married the late Toshio Sano and later moved to Yuba City, Calif., where she and Toshio started their careers in education.

Taeko Sano was a dedicated and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Along with her husband, she was devoted to serving the community and active in Simpson United Methodist Church and the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple. She was a member of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary and Japanese American National Museum. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, sewing, crocheting, gardening, puzzles and family gatherings.

She is survived by her children: Robert (DJ), Cloyd (Jack Anderson), Mike (LaAnna Gavin), Ron (Christine Rodgers, MD), John (Rachel), Dan (Fatty Schmauz) and Susan; six grandchildren: Michael Okimoto (Hannah), Michelle Okimoto (Christian Rask-Madsen), Jonathan, Lily, Matthew, Marcus; six great-grandchildren: Caspar Rask-Madsen, Scott Rask-Madsen, Stella Rask-Madsen, Kirit Okimoto and Emily Okimoto. She is also survived by her siblings: Frances Hamai (Jun, deceased), Al (Fran), William (Gail), Jeannette Tomimoto (George); and sisters-in-law, May Kawamura (Ted) and Diane Kawamura (Bryan). She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; siblings: Katherine, George, Ted, Bryan, Ike (Katherine, deceased); and great-grandchild, Camden Okimoto.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE CELEBRATES
50 YEARS AND 50 MILLION SERVED

By Ron Mori

Now through April 17, AARP Foundation is providing free tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is celebrating its 50th year. Not many people know that it is the nation’s largest free tax assistance and preparation service. Since its inception, the program has served more than 50 million taxpayers, including my parents — even before I knew about this free program provided by the AARP Foundation.

Tax-Aide started in 1968 with just four volunteers working at one site. Today, nearly 35,000 volunteers serve low- to moderate-income taxpayers at 5,000 locations in neighborhood libraries, malls, banks, community centers, and senior centers nationwide. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure that they know about and understand the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code. In 2017, the program’s volunteers helped 2.5 million people navigate complicated tax codes, ensure proper credits and deductions, and file their federal and state tax returns.

Taxpayers who used Tax-Aide received $1.37 billion in income tax refunds and more than $222 million in Earned Income Tax Credits. They also avoided tax preparation fees and pitches for high-interest tax credit or refund loans.

I also want to remind everyone that tax time is yet another opportunity for scammers trying to take advantage of trusting people. Just the other day, I received an automated call that the local Sheriff would arrest me if I didn’t call a toll-free number to address an IRS inquiry. This is an example of just one tactic — the IRS is warning taxpayers that they should not be fooled by individuals who call or email about issues related to their taxes. Be especially vigilant of demands for immediate payment or inquiries for personal information.

The IRS says it contacts taxpayers by mailed letters — not email, texts, or social media. The IRS rarely, if ever, contacts taxpayers by phone, and it will never call you asking for your debt or credit card information. If you doubt the authenticity of an IRS phone call, you should contact the IRS at (800) 829-1040.

Tax-Aide has helped millions of low- and moderate-income taxpayers for 50 years, a truly valuable service. To find an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site or for more information, including which documents to bring to the tax site, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call (888) 227-7669. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.

Ron Mori is co-president of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter and manager of community, states, and national affairs — multicultural leadership for AARP.