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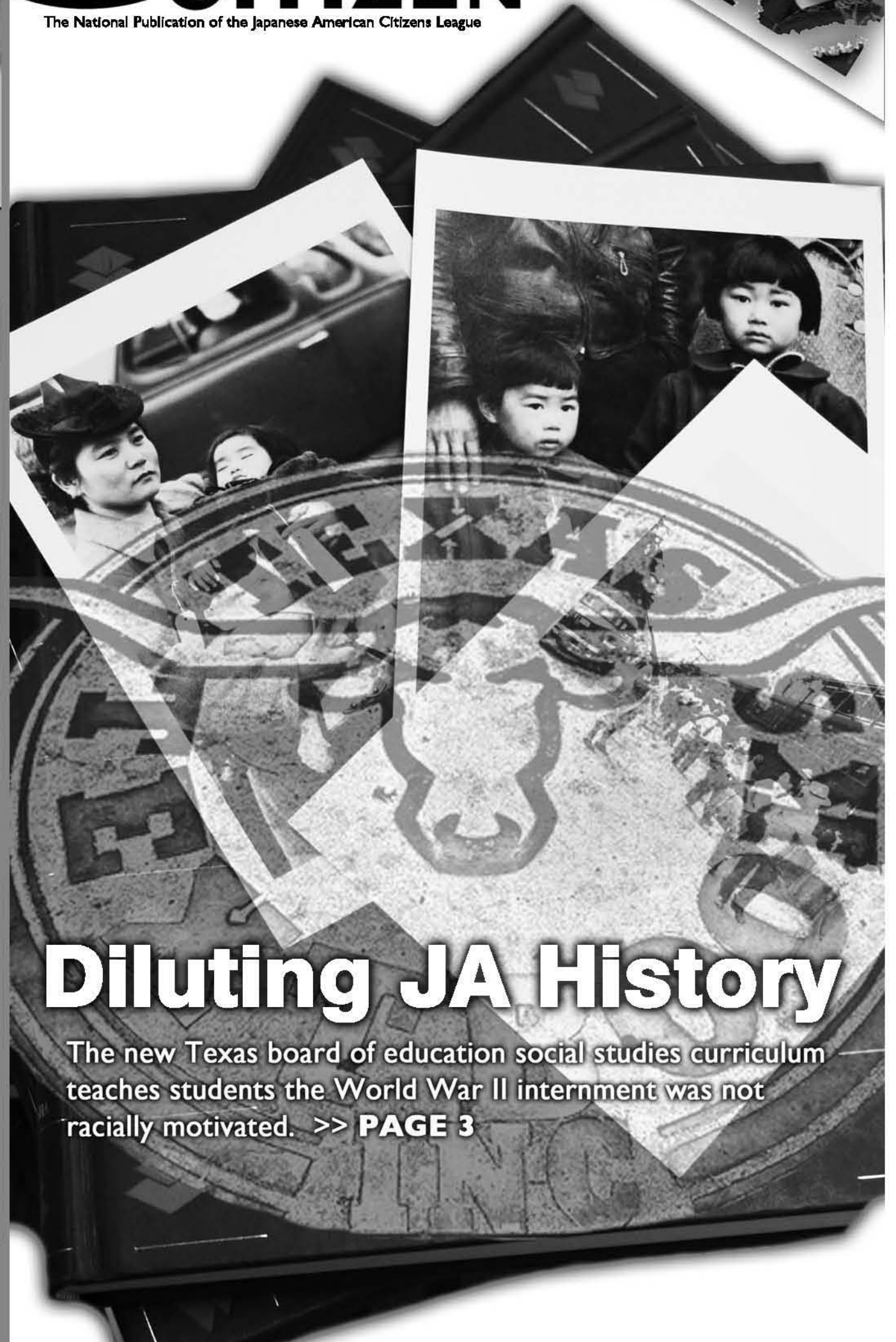
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Reflecting on Lt. Ehren Watada

I compliment John Tateishi for his difficult article ("About Honor," Feb. 5-18, 2010). I related to his words of "... was torn between paying homage to the Nisei vets ... and reflecting on the case of Lt. Ehren Watada ..." But it is not hard to understand that many would be offended.

This may be an over simplification ... but couldn't we consider the saying that goes something like "... we're talking or comparing apples and oranges"

George H. Morishita
Las Vegas, Nev.

I Want My Print P.C.

I would prefer ... to keep the printed P.C. at least for a few more years.

From my experience, my contemporaries (ages 70 and up), whether Nisei or Caucasian, mostly do not have computers. I have one, but prefer to do my reading in a comfortable chair!

Fujiko Kitagawa
Arizona JACL

I enjoy having the print version of the P.C. I leave it in the family room and read an article or two when I'm relaxing. I'm on my computer to e-mail Word documents, reports, spreadsheets, databases, etc.

The P.C. is a strong link and information source to the Asian community. I would hate to lose it.

Thomas Morioka
Contra Costa JACL

I will quit JACL if you go paperless.

Akira Hirota
Berkeley JACL

I like the paper as is. Please don't go paperless! I get other newsletters digital and it just isn't the same.

Etsuko Osaki
Portland JACL

I donated my computer about 25 years ago. It gave me more time. Without the P.C. it would be useless for me to be a member.

Tom H. Takahashi
Tri-Valley JACL

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SPRING CAMPAIGN

Paper or Perish?

We all can help maintain this newspaper by contributing to this year's Spring Campaign.

By Hugh Burleson

Close readers of the Pacific Citizen (I hope that is most of us) will have noted that from the start of the year our JACL leaders emphasizing themes and issues that grow out of the current recession and raise problems for this organization, especially tight finances and the long, steady decline in membership.

As a JACL member since 1953 ("piggy-backing" initially on my Japanese wife's membership), I am a permanent student at the JACL's "P.C. University," learning so much about this community by faithfully reading the P.C. for information and background on Japanese American and the broader Asian American history and concerns. Kimie and I maintained our membership even while serving overseas in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s to ensure that we would always get our Pacific Citizen.

That's mainly why I readily agreed to become "the new boy on the block" on the P.C. editorial board this year.

Though I'm not Nisei but actually Kyusei (ninth generation in America), I am in the same age group as many Nisei and over the years have counted many Nisei as close friends. Our generation perhaps gets nostalgic over the smell of printer's ink rather than from the whirs and clicks of computers



Hugh reads with his granddaughter Amaya.

and electronic printers. We may favor keeping files or clippings of the P.C., as they do become inaccessible when a computer is down or in other such modern emergencies. And, a copy of the P.C. simply fits more comfortably under the arm than any electronic device.

So, like the Nisei, I tend to react with alarm when anyone says the P.C. must go to online only to save the cost of the print edition. "Hey," we call out, "let's look at the implications, the consequences and the math on that again!" The P.C. is the one means the JACL has for reaching every JACL member. Reading through it month in and month out purveys to each of us what the JACL is all about, why we keep renewing our membership and why we gladly contribute to the P.C.'s Spring Campaign each year.

A digital-only P.C. would mean cutting

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S

Utah Boys

By Floyd Mori



When I was asked to be the speaker for the Utah JACL Day of Remembrance (DOR) program this year at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, it was my privilege to accept. The event honored two "Utah Boys" who have become prominent members of society.

Over the years, I have attended and spoken at many DOR programs as the JACL national director. This was a special evening with two old friends, Wat Misaka, who had a scholarship established in his honor, and Judge Raymond Uno, who received the 2010 Human Rights and Social Justice Award.

As a young boy growing up in Utah's Salt Lake Valley, I enjoyed sports. Since I reached my full growth at age 12, I was

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Texas Board of Education Accused of Diluting History



PHOTO: SHAMA KO

'For the JACL and all Japanese Americans, this kind of change relegates loyal Japanese Americans back to the same station in U.S. history that they experience before and during WWII,' said Floyd Mori, JACL national director.

The JACL issued a response to the board after a member emphasized that the Japanese American internment was not prompted by racism.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

Japanese Americans say Texas Board of Education members are trying to "dilute" history following their decision to approve changes to the social studies curriculum.

On March 12, board members voted 10 to 5 to approve changes to the curriculum standards. Conservatives on the board won approval for curriculum amendments to correct what they called a liberal bias.

The changes to the high school curriculum standards pertaining to the Japanese American internment during World War II were amended to add "the regulation of some foreign nationals."

Board member David Bradley wanted to emphasize that German and Italian Americans were incarcerated as well, to demonstrate that the internment was not racially motivated.

About 120,000 JAs were forced into internment camps during WWII, many lost their homes and businesses. JA leaders say if these curriculum changes make it into school textbooks students are at risk of learning factually flawed material.

"At stake is the revision of history into something that is factually incorrect and politically colored," said Floyd Mori, JACL national director. "Racism and bigotry were one of the main factors that motivated the evacuation [of JAs]."

JACL issued a response March 19, saying "the race-based exclusion of Japanese Americans during WWII differed significantly from the experience of German and Italian Americans."

Bradley, a Republican who works in real estate, did not respond to the *Pacific Citizen's* requests for comment. But board member Mary Helen Berlanga said Bradley likely stressed the change to "downplay" the historical mistreatment of minority groups like JAs.

"They're retelling the story the way they want kids to learn it. It's really an indoctrination. It's their ideology," said Berlanga, who is a Democrat and also an attorney.

Rewriting American History?

The Texas board members' decision has garnered national media attention. The three-day long meetings to amend the

curriculum standards were not short of heated debates.

Berlanga walked out March 11, the second day of meetings, accusing conservatives on the board of "rewriting history."

"Such statements seem bizarre and without merit," explained Jonathan Saenz, an attorney with Free Market Foundation.

Berlanga said other curriculum standards have been "massacred" by conservative board members.

Members like Bradley questioned the constitutionality of the separation of church and state, saying he would provide \$1,000 to a charity if constitutional evidence of such a notion were found. Bloggers have taken up Bradley's offer by quoting the First Amendment.

For Jen Wang, a Texas native and co-creator of *Disgrasian.com*, the amendments to the curriculum standards



JACL officials said the curriculum standards could misrepresent the significantly different treatment of JAs during WWII.

were not a surprise.

"I'm a proud Texan and I do feel like growing up there really did shape me in so many ways," Wang explained. "But this makes me feel very ashamed and very worried."

Wang received most of her education (from second grade to her senior year of high school) in Texas where high school prep rallies and football games were preceded by Christian prayer.

"Those forces have always been at work," Wang added, "When I took seventh grade Texas history it was only later that I realized, 'Oh, wow! It's really racist.'"

Berlanga said it's important for students to learn about the mistakes the U.S. government has made to ensure that historical wrongs are never repeated.

"You learn from your mistakes and other people's mistakes. You learn history, you find out what's happened, you go, 'Oh, I don't want that to ever happen again. ... I'm so glad things have improved,'" Berlanga, "I think they need to know the truth. I think kids need to know the truth."

Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, said students also should learn about wrongs committed against JAs.

"The Texas amendment will dilute the significance and race-based cause of the Japanese American incarceration if their intent was to somehow equate it with the treatment of Germans and Italians," Yoshino said.

Berlanga said she disagreed with Bradley's push to amend the curriculum with regards to the JA internment.

"But the truth of the matter is you can't even compare them. I mean I think the Italian American [internment] was something like 1,500 people that were confined. And for the German Americans I think it was more like 11,500 or something like that," she explained.

A JACL representative will submit a statement in response to the amendments while the board is accepting public comment, said Yoshino. Accomplishments by the 442nd Regional Combat Team, he said, are also going to be recommended for inclusion in the curriculum standards, among other things.

George J. Hirasaki, chapter president of the Houston JACL, said he will always speak out against the curriculum amendments.

"I hope to set the record straight," he said. "We've already been in contact with the Japanese Memorial Foundation. They wanted [to] go through our chapter to correspond to the appropriate parties."

The curriculum standards will be posted in a state register for 30 days while public comments are collected. A final board vote will be made in May. Others like Berlanga hope to postpone the matter until January when a new board is in place.

If approved, the curriculum standards in Texas could find its way into textbooks across the nation, experts say.

"Texas has long been a huge influence on the national textbook market simply because of the size of the market here," explained Dan Quinn, communications director with the Texas Freedom Network.

"The textbook market in Texas is so big — I mean let's just put it this way: unlike Vegas, what happens in Texas doesn't stay in Texas when it comes to textbooks." ■

Making Sure Asian Pacific Americans Count



Kerry Kaneichi is the assistant manager of the Inglewood, Calif. Census office.

Asian Pacific Americans have numerous concerns about filling out the 2010 Census, but employees say they are working to diminish those fears through education.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

Employees with the U.S. Census Bureau say many Asian Pacific American groups were underrepresented in the 2000 Census, and they are helping to roll out the "most diverse media campaign" in history to ensure accurate representation for 2010.

The U.S. Census Bureau has created advertisements in over 13 Asian languages to help educate people. Census surveys are also available in six different languages.

It is important to reach the diverse Asian Pacific American communities, Census Bureau employees said, because many APA groups were underrepresented in the 2000 Census and consequently "suffered from a lack of social services."

"When I used to work in the Long Beach office as a recruiting assistant, it was well noted that the Cambodian community was dramatically undercounted in the 2000 Census," explained Kerry Kaneichi, assistant manager for field operations at the Inglewood local census office and the PSW JACL district governor. "The Census Bureau recognized this and took steps to obtain an accurate count in the Asian and Pacific Islander community."

Many started working for the Census Bureau particularly to ensure certain communities are accurately accounted for in 2010.

"That was the reason why I'm doing the community outreach," said David Kawamoto JACL national vice president of planning and development, who is also a Census Bureau work crew leader. "An independent study showed that in the 2000 Census the Asian American community and the Japanese American community were very underrepresented by the numbers."

The results of the Census will determine congressional representation and how federal money totaling over \$400 billion will be distributed, among other things.

Counting Asian Americans

Other than language barriers, those working with the Census Bureau face many challenges in gathering Census data in APA communities.

Paul Watanabe, a member with the Census Bureau's Asian Advisory Committee, said the APA communities are particularly hard to count because they are the most diverse of any racial groups and are very "mobile."

Many have also expressed concerns about the confidentiality of the survey, which has also been questioned in the past. A 2000 study by William Seltzer and Margo Anderson revealed the Census Bureau's involvement in the World War II internment of JAs.

The study showed "misuse of otherwise benign population data systems to assist in the perpetration of major human rights abuses."

But Seltzer and Margo stressed that their findings should not discourage people from participating in the Census, which they called the "least threatening" way of collecting population data.

Officials echoed Seltzer and Margo's sentiments, saying the 2010 Census information cannot be shared with any government agency even under the Patriot Act.

"I think there are legitimate concerns to be raised," Watanabe said. "And again in fact you're right that there has been — and Japanese Americans know full well — that there have been instances in which Census information has been shared."

He said, however, what happened during WWII is not a comparable situation to what could occur in 2010. Title 13, protects the pri-

vacancy of census participants' information with established penalties in place.

Census employees also take an oath to ensure the privacy of information collected. They are barred by law from sharing information on Census surveys with others, including government agencies such as the Homeland Security Department.

"Another common challenge is a fear of government. All data that is collected on behalf of the Census is kept safe and confidential," Kaneichi, "Your information is protected by Title 13 of the U.S. Code and any violation is a fine up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years in prison. We take this very seriously and your personal information will not be shared with any other government agency or court."

APAs were not only undercounted in the 2000 Census, but some said they were not properly accounted for in the 1990 Census. More than 2.3 percent of APAs were undercounted in the 1990 Census, according to information from the Asian American Justice Center.

The high immigration of APA groups makes collecting Census data difficult, but Census employees said it is important to maximize participation in 2010.

"Considering how undercounted everything was that's my main concern as a JACL member," Kawamoto explained. "It's not just our members who are filling out the questions, we need everybody to encourage all their friends."

All paper Censuses should have been returned via mail by April 1. A follow-up letter will be sent to all persons who did not submit a paper form.

"And if that has not been received by the end of April, the process will begin by which enumerators will be sent out door-to-door to try to get a full return," Watanabe said.

The first official Census count, Watanabe said, must be made available by the year's end to reapportion congressional seats.

In addition to determining how over \$400 billion will be dispersed, the Census results will impact community services and the number of representatives from each state to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is estimated, Kaneichi said, that each person counted or missed represents about \$1,400 each year for 10 years. More important than the monetary apportionment determined by the Census, Watanabe said, is the redistricting that follows after.

"And right down to the local level Census data is utilized in general for purposes of apportioning smaller political bodies and the redistricting that follows from that reapportionment," Watanabe said.

"Counting Asian Americans — not only in the states and legislative districts where they reside, but in the local jurisdictions in which they reside — is critical, it's crucial." ■

On the Web:
<http://2010.census.gov>

metro.net/works

Regional Connector Transit Corridor

Project Update Meetings

You are invited to a Metro project update meeting on the Regional Connector Transit Corridor Draft EIS/EIR

This study is looking at ways to directly connect the Metro Gold, Blue and Expo Lines through Downtown Los Angeles.

At the upcoming April 2010 meetings, Metro will present information about the new fully grade separated alternative added to the study by the Metro Board of Directors. The presentation will also include an update on the technical studies and review the project alternatives currently being evaluated.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the update meetings. (There is no need to attend multiple meetings as identical information will be presented at each).

Friday, April 9, 2010
noon - 1:30pm
Los Angeles Central Public Library
630 W 5th St, Los Angeles

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
6:30pm - 8pm
Lake Avenue Church
393 N Lake Av, Pasadena

Wednesday, April 14, 2010
2 pm - 3:30pm and 6:30pm - 8pm
Japanese American National Museum
369 E 1st St, Los Angeles

Saturday, April 17, 2010
11am - 12:30pm
Los Angeles Theater Center
514 S Spring St, Los Angeles

All Locations are accessible by public transit. For more information, call 213.922.7277 or visit metro.net/regionalconnector.

JACL Announces Collegiate D.C. Leadership Program

The JACL is now accepting applications for its Collegiate Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference to be held June 10-13.

The program, which is patterned after the JACL/OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference, is limited to Asian Pacific American undergraduate freshman, sophomore or junior class students attending an accredited college or university.

The three-day program is designed to give APA student leaders a glimpse of the national policy-making arena in our nation's capital. The conference is structured to provide a broad overview of the decision-making process at the federal level, including meetings with key policy-makers, agency officials and advocacy organizations. The conference

will also offer leadership training and workshops.

The deadline for applications is May 7.

"The intent of the program is to provide student leaders with information, training and networking opportunities," said Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director who is coordinating the program.

"We hope this program provides the participants with additional motivation to be active and involved at their campus and in their communities."

Download the application at: <http://jacl.org/youth/dcleadership.htm> ■

For more information:
Bill Yoshino 773/728-7170 or
midwest@jacl.org

Nominations Open for Nat'l Board, Resolutions Being Accepted

Nomination guidelines and application forms for JACL national board offices are now available on the JACL Web site.

Eight new national board members will be elected and sworn in at the JACL National Convention in Chicago. Each elected member will serve a two-year term.

The deadline to apply is April 2.

Candidates who file after that date will be subject to additional requirements and must run from the floor of the convention.

The convention will also allow chapters to present JACL resolutions.

Resolutions are formal declarations of an organization's opinion, policy or position.

They provide an opportunity for the grassroots to suggest issues the JACL should address.

Resolutions may be submitted by any chapter in good standing or by a district youth/student representative. The deadline is May 2.

Submit a resolution to:
 JACL Pacific Southwest District Office
 Attn: Resolutions Committee
 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 406
 Los Angeles, CA. 90012 ■

For forms and information:
www.jacl.org

2010 JACL National Convention: Windy City Activities and More

By Ron Yoshino

The Chicago Convention Committee has been working for the past two years to provide an interesting and exciting convention in 2010. The convention is being held at the Swissotel from June 30 to July 4.

The Swissotel was chosen as the convention hotel for many reasons. The event center where the meetings and meal functions are scheduled is brand new — it was opened less than a year ago. All of the guest rooms have been recently refurbished and have views of the Chicago skyline. The hotel is centrally located within walking distance of Michigan Avenue, Navy Pier, Millennium Park and Grant Park.

Michigan Avenue is called the "Magnificent Mile" and, in the opinion of many Chicagoans, has the finest shopping in the country. Navy Pier juts out into Lake Michigan and provides tremendous views of the skyline and offers numerous tourist attractions. Millennium Park has the "Cloud Gate" sculpture, often called the "bean", and it also has Pritzker Pavilion where free concerts are already scheduled during the week of the convention on Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Taste of Chicago is also scheduled during convention week. It is an annual festival held in Grant Park and provides food from some of Chicago's finest restaurants as well as music from internationally known artists.

The major convention events are the welcome reception on Wednesday, the awards luncheon on Thursday, the Sayonara banquet on Friday, and the youth luncheon on Saturday.

The welcome reception will provide an opportunity to make new friends and become reacquainted with old friends. The reception will have various food courts featuring famous foods from Chicago.

The awards luncheon provides an opportunity to honor achievements by various JACL chapters and JACLers from around the country. The Sayonara banquet is the highlight of the convention. The program will include a keynote speaker and the Japanese American of the Biennium Awards. The Youth Luncheon will include the presentation of the Youth Vision Award.

The convention committee has also planned a number of optional activities. These optional activities include the Credit Union Luncheon on Friday afternoon, the youth concert on Saturday evening, and "A Night at Club Chicago" also on Saturday evening. The Credit Union Luncheon features the activities of the National JACL Credit Union. The youth concert will feature Cynthia Lin, Oak and Gorski, and a spoken word artist. Lin is a singer/songwriter working on her third album. Oak and Gorski is a folk-rock group featuring a combination of cello and acoustic guitar.

A Night at Club Chicago will feature the Grateful Crane Ensemble as well as Chicago artists Keith Uchima and Steve Hashimoto. The Grateful Crane Ensemble includes pro-



Oak and Gorski, a folk-rock group, made up of Ken Oak (right) and Ed Gorski will perform at the youth concert.

ducer Soji Kashiwagi, pianist Scott Nagatani and vocalists Keiko Kawashima and Kurt Kuniyoshi. They will be traveling from Los Angeles to perform in Chicago for the first time. A Night at Club Chicago will be set in a 1950s Chicago Night Club and feature music from that era.

Earlier this year, an exhibit titled "Prejudice and Patriotism" was on display at the Presidio in San Francisco. It was prepared by the National Japanese American Historical Society and featured 17 panels and an 11-minute video. It is the story of Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during World War II. This exhibit, along with 15 additional panels prepared by the Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) in Chicago, will be on display at the convention on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning.

Workshops are scheduled for Friday morning. We are currently planning eight workshops including: Asian Americans in Politics, Preserving Family Histories, Multi-Racial Identity, Social Networking, U.S.-Japan Relations, API Health Disparities, Pan Asian Community Alliance Building, and Life Events and How to Prepare for Them. For those people who do not attend the business sessions, our committee has planned a variety of "Windy City Activities". They include a Segway tour on the Lake Front, a Chicago Cubs baseball game, an architecture river cruise, an Art Institute tour, an evening at Horseshoe Casino, a supernatural Chinatown tour, a museum campus tour, an evening at Buddy Guy's Legends, a trolley tour, an architecture walking tour, and a Devil in the White City Tour.

For more information about the convention, please go to our Web site at www.jacl.org and click on the "2010 JACL Convention" icon. You can register for the convention online or by completing the form in this issue of the *Pacific Citizen*. ■

Ron Yoshino, a past president and current treasurer of the Chicago JACL, is chair of the 2010 JACL national convention. He has also served on the JACL national board and the national credentials committee.

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Convention Package	\$250	\$300
Youth/Student Package (for ages 25 and under)	\$200	\$250

Individual Events

	Before 6/10	After 6/10
Sayonara Banquet	\$120	\$150
(Student Members)	\$100	\$125
Welcome Reception	\$60	\$75
Awards Luncheon	\$60	\$75
Youth Luncheon	\$60	\$75

Optional Events

	Before 6/10	After 6/10
Credit Union Luncheon	\$65	\$65
(Credit Union Members)	\$30	\$30
A Night at Club Chicago	\$30	\$30
Youth Entertainment	\$20	\$20

Windy City Activities

Limited availability, so sign up early.

	Before 6/10	After 6/10
Devil in the White City Tour	\$70	\$80
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Architecture Walking Tour	\$15	\$25
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Supernatural Chinatown Tour	\$45	\$55
Horseshoe Casino	\$30	\$40
Buddy Guy's Legends	\$55	\$65
Museum Campus Visit	\$75	\$85
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Chicago Cubs Baseball	\$45	\$55
Architecture River Cruise	\$30	\$40
GRAND TOTAL		

Liu's Confirmation Could Lead to Supreme Court



PHOTO: UC BERKELEY

'I can easily imagine him as a high court nominee,' said Erwin Chemerinsky about Goodwin Liu.

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

In an era when appeals court experience is virtually a prerequisite for the Supreme Court, experts say if Goodwin Liu is confirmed for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, he could become the first Asian Pacific American chosen for the Supreme Court.

"I can easily imagine him as a high court nominee," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a Liu supporter and dean of the law school at the University of California, Irvine.

The 39-year-old legal scholar, Rhodes Scholar, former high court clerk and current assistant dean and law professor at the University of California, Berkeley has the qualifications.

Young judges appointed to the bench in the mid-1980s remain powerful forces on appeal courts in Chicago, Cincinnati, Richmond, Va., and San Francisco. And five of the nine current Supreme Court justices became appeals court judges before they were 45. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy were nominated to appellate judgeships before they turned 40, though Senate Democrats blocked Roberts' nomination near the end of George H.W. Bush's presidency.

But Heather Gerken, a Yale law professor and former law clerk to Justice David Souter, said she believes concerns about judicial salaries — lower than at private firms and top-notch law schools — and the threat of unpleasant confirmation hearings could complicate the search for judicial nominees.

"I think it's harder to find Goodwin Lius nowadays than it used to be," Gerken said. "People are less willing to give up great careers elsewhere to go on the judiciary at a young age."

Asian Pacific American groups, including the JACL, have celebrated Liu's nomination.

Liu's March 24 hearing was postponed amid debate over the health care reform bill. The National Asian

Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), which announced that it would that day host a judiciary hearing viewing party in Los Angeles, Calif., also postponed the event.

"We think it is wonderful that many consider that Professor Liu has the intellect, temperament, collegiality, and fairness to be a Supreme Court justice," said Wendy Wen Yun Chang, NAPABA judiciary committee co-chair. "His nomination is a major stepping-stone in increasing Asian Pacific American participation on the federal bench."

If a fight over Liu's nomination emerges in the Senate, Republicans will likely label him a liberal judicial activist, while Democrats will defend Liu as a moderate committed to core constitutional values.

They will talk about his impact on the 9th Circuit, but the real focus will be on something else.

"The bigger concern is that he'll wind up on the Supreme Court," said Curt Levey of the conservative Committee for Justice.

Both parties have done this dance before. Democrats charged Republicans with delaying for more than a year Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation as an appeals court judge in the late 1990s because they saw her — correctly, it turned out — as the high court's first Hispanic justice. Sotomayor was 43 when President Bill Clinton nominated her to the

appeals court. Last May, Obama picked her for the Supreme Court.

Republicans claimed Democrats repaid them in kind after President George W. Bush nominated a leading conservative lawyer and a Hispanic, Miguel Estrada, to the appeals court in Washington in 2001. Estrada was 39 when nominated and three weeks shy of his 41st birthday when he withdrew his nomination after waiting more than two years. ■

'We think it is wonderful that many consider that Professor Liu has the intellect, temperament, collegiality, and fairness to be a Supreme Court justice.'

— Wendy Wen Yun Chang,
NAPABA judiciary
committee co-chair

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Census 2010 Getting Good Hawaii Response So Far

HONOLULU—Nearly a third of Census 2010 forms mailed to Hawaii residences in the first week of the count have been mailed back.

Eugene Tian of the state Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism says early participation results are encouraging. But he cautions they don't guarantee an improvement over the 2000 Census, when island residents had the third-lowest response rate in the nation at 60 percent.

JACL Applaud's FCC National Broadband Plan

WASHINGTON—The Federal Communications Commission's new national broadband plan will allow more Americans to harness the power of broadband for their civic, economic, and educational success, said the JACL in a statement.

Deploying broadband to all Americans will cost hundreds of billions of dollars, according to the FCC. The plan will ensure the affordability of broadband technology in the years to come.

Last February, as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Congress tasked the FCC with the creation of the plan.

JA Man Charged in Slaying of Art Professor at Party

LOS ANGELES—A Japanese American man has been charged with murder in the fatal shooting of a Pasadena art instructor during a fight at a party.

Steven Honma was badly beaten before art professor Norman Schureman was shot and killed March 25 in the upscale neighborhood of Westlake Village, said Honma's attorney Dmitry Gorin.

Gorin said someone at the party directed a racial and sexual slur at Honma's wife, which started a fight. Authorities say Honma left the party and returned with a gun.

Gorin says his client was especially sensitive because he was taunted as a child growing up in a JA family in the 1960s.

Native Hawaiian Group Blasts Lingle on Akaka Bill

HONOLULU—A Native Hawaiian group is blasting Gov. Linda Lingle for opposing the current version of federal legislation to establish a governing entity for Native Hawaiians.

The Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly was reacting to a letter from the governor urging all 100 U.S. senators to oppose the measure. The group's chairman, Kamaki Kanahale, in a statement called Lingle's opposition a betrayal. He says 20 of 30 changes requested by Lingle and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs were accepted.

Lingle has long backed federal recognition of Native Hawaiians but says the current bill wrongly vests vague and immediate powers to the governing entity.

Rep. Apologizes for 'Two Nukes Just Wasn't Enough' Comment

MANCHESTER, NH—State Rep. Nick Levasseur has apologized for saying, "Anime is a prime example of why two nukes just wasn't enough," on his Facebook profile page about the World War II atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"I would like to deeply apologize for the insensitivity of this post. It was a poorly thought out comment, posted in jest on my private Facebook page," Levasseur said in a statement.

"This, of course, does not excuse the comment. This type of statement has no place in public or private discourse. It does not represent any true opinion, political or personal."

University Officials Condemn Racist Acts on Campus

SAN FRANCISCO—University of California officials have condemned recent incidents of racism and intolerance on campus and promised to promote greater diversity and inclusion.

At a March 24 meeting of the Board of Regents, UC President Mark Yudof said the UC will reevaluate its admissions policies, which critics say deter many underrepresented minorities from attending the university.

The incidents include a picture of a noose found at UC Santa Cruz, swastikas spray-painted at UC Davis and an off-campus "Compton Cookout" party that mocked Black History Month at UC San Diego. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Former JACL National President Honored By NJAHS



KIMURA

Lillian Kimura, the JACL's first female national president, was honored by the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) March 27.

Kimura said about 200 people were in attendance as she and others who had "given their life's work for the benefit of others" were recognized. Former Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi was the keynote speaker and honoree.

"It was great to be honored with Gov. Ariyoshi, Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark

Izu," Kimura said, about receiving a certificate for her work with JACL and the YWCA.

JCCCW CEO Announced

Clarence Moriwaki has been selected as CEO of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington (JCCCW).

"Clarence brings administrative and fundraising skills to the JCCCW, but more importantly, he is truly dedicated to Japanese and Japanese American heritage and culture," said Lori Matsukawa, board president, in a press release.

Before being named CEO of JCCCW, Moriwaki was president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Committee.

APA Principal Among State's Best

Steven Isoye, Maine East High School principal, was named Illinois High School Principal of the Year.

Isoye's has worked at Maine East High School for three years. Prior to that he was principal at Warren Township High School. Colleagues said the recognition could not have gone to a more deserving candidate.

Winners of the award are selected from 21 regions in the state, and receive \$1,000.

Kabuki Artists Receive Grant



Kabuki artists Gankyo Nakamura and Lea Yamaguchi were among the 23 teams of artists who received a grant from the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA), apprenticeship program.

ACTA officials have been supporting folk and traditional artists since 1999. Participants work

with ACTA staff throughout their apprenticeship.

First JA Lomita City Manager Announced

Sansei Dawn Tomita will become the first female and Japanese American Lomita city manager April 5.

She has been working for the city for 45 years in different capacities. Tomita is also a member of the Lomita-Torrance Airport Rotary and the city's Historical Society.

Two APAs Designated Schoolmasters of the Year

Educators Andrew Ishibashi and Candace Lee were named Schoolmasters of the Year, an award sponsored by the California Schoolmasters Club.

Ishibashi is the principal of Lowell High School. Lee is site manager of the Noriega and Francis Scott Key Child Development Center.

NVC Scholarship Awards Announced

Three scholarship recipients were named at the Nisei Veterans Committee installation luncheon March 20.

Honor students Eric Ingram, Tana Watanabe and Andy Akada were selected to receive a scholarship from NVC. ■

Ellis Island JA Exhibit to Open



Approximately 14,000 Japanese Americans served in the 442nd RCT and 100th Battalion.

The exhibit will feature stories about Japanese Americans and the JACL.

A World War II exhibit that showcases how Nisei service in the U.S. Armed Forces led to milestones like Issei citizenship and the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 is set to open at the end of May at the Statue of Liberty Museum on New York's Ellis Island.

The "Go For Broke: Japanese American Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts" exhibit will focus on the Japanese American men and women who served in WWII.

Eric Saul, a historian and co-founder of the National Japanese American Historical Society, has been working on the exhibit for two years.

A grand opening ceremony is scheduled for June. The National Park Service estimates that some 7,000 visitors per day will view the four-month exhibit.

The exhibit will focus on the arrival of the Issei in

the U.S., the WWII internment and the subsequent JA success stories in politics, business and academia.

Photographs will show Nisei soldiers in combat in Italy, France, Germany and the Pacific Theater. One section of the exhibit will be devoted to the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion that liberated Jewish prisoners from the Dachau death camp.

Another section of the exhibit will tell the story of how a Nisei soldier Mitch Miyamoto designed the 442nd RCT shoulder patch, the now famous logo of the Statue of Liberty torch.

Also featured will be the story of Mike Masaoka, who as an early JACL leader, lobbied for the creation of an all-JA combat unit. After the war, he used their war records to fight prejudice against JAs. There will be a section on the JACL's post-war fight against anti-Asian laws.

The exhibit will be dedicated to Masaoka and Chet Tanaka, who worked in the 442nd RCT's public relations department during WWII. ■

Some APAs Have Higher Cancer Risk

Culturally sensitive prevention measures would reduce the number of deaths, according to the study.

Asian Pacific Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders suffer disproportionately from a range of cancers that culturally appropriate prevention measures would reduce, according to a new report in the American Journal of Public Health (AJPH).

The Journal, which is published by the American Public Health Association, is the first major health journal to dedicate an issue to APA research. Studies found that breast cancer related deaths in Asian-born women living in the U.S. are four times higher than APA women born in the U.S.

Prior studies of breast cancer survival among APAs did not consider differences in ethnicity or immigrant status, and therefore overlooked important factors that could lead to better cancer control, according to study author Scarlett Lin Gomez.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in APA women, according to the study.

Among APA men, lung and bronchial cancer are the leading causes of death. But study author Youlian Liao at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found large reductions in smoking among Vietnamese, Cambodian, and several other APA communities that used a culturally sensitive approach to community health.

Obesity is another health risk facing Native Hawaiians, who are twice as likely to be obese. As author Stephen Stafford at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York points out, while APA adults as a group are 50 percent less likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic, white adults, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are about 40 percent more likely to be diagnosed with heart disease than whites.

But, culturally appropriate health care can decrease these disparities. A new study by Shannon Kapuola Gellert documented success in reducing obesity and high blood pressure among Native Hawaiians on Molokai, 73 percent of whom are overweight or obese. The program incorporated Hawaiian values and concepts of healthy lifestyle, and stressed community involvement.

"Large minority groups in the United States have benefited from in-depth health surveys, but such data are largely unavailable for Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and the numerous, widely varying ethnic groups that are collectively termed Asian Americans," said Rep. Judy Chu D-Calif.

Since 2000, the APA population has grown by more than 23 percent, making it the fastest growing racial group in the country. In the same time period, the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community has grown by more than 13 percent. ■

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BY JOHN TATEISHI

Texas Madness

Every now and then I read something in the news that I find incredulous. Not appalling. There always seems to be more than enough of that. During the Bush years, I found most of the news of the administration's policies appalling almost on a weekly basis.

But I'm talking about incredulous. Like, "you gotta' be kidding me" incredulous.

It was recently reported in the *New York Times* as well as other papers that the Texas Board of Education has proposed amendments to their curriculum standards to suit their ideological and religious views.

Their main objective is to re-write history from a conservative point of view, which some may not necessarily find objectionable, but the problem is that they base their version of history not on facts. They are neither historians nor economists nor sociologists and speak with no authority other than they happen to sit on an elected board. They have no expertise in any of the subjects they deem themselves to be such experts on.

Their most striking re-write of history as far as Japanese Americans are concerned is their insistence that when textbooks read by students in Texas describe the World War II internment, they include the fact that Germans and Italians were also interned just to prove the point that the internment wasn't based on a racist policy.

The only problem with that is that the government's policy was racist. For the government to have forced women and children and the elderly into prisons and to have imprisoned an entire ethnic population without any evidence of wrong-doing constitutes racism plain and simple.

To add Germans and Italians in the history of the internment has some legitimacy, but only if the textbooks explain that those arrested and placed in detention were there because the government had evidence against them, such as supporting the bund and other fascist groups here in the U.S.

During the Redress campaign in the 1980s, representatives of both groups talked to me about including them in our Redress efforts, but I rejected their requests/demands because their reasons for being

imprisoned were so completely different from ours. I knew if there were concrete evidence against just one from their group, just as if there was evidence against just one JA, it would have seriously jeopardized our case for Redress. There were even some members of Congress who questioned why I hadn't included these two other groups and thought I was being racist by this exclusion. Ah, the tricks of foolish old men!

But the current effort of the Texas Board of Education has much more in mind than just the internment issue. In some ways, that's only a small part of what they've conjured up in their proposals.

It comes as no surprise that they insist there is nothing in the Constitution that dictates the separation of church and state in the governance of the nation. Board member David Bradley of Beaumont (yes, he of the "Jap Road" issue), even goes so far to say there is nothing that literally dictates the separation of the religious from the secular in the Constitution. They seem to want Christianity acknowledged as a founding principle in every aspect of governance in America, and in this regard, they even seek to minimize the role of Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Constitution, in American history because he was an advocate for the separation of church and state.

With over 100 proposed amendments, the Texas board wants to ensure that students learn about right-wing activist Phyllis Schlafly, and the NRA, among other things. They want Republicans to be given equal credit for passage of civil rights legislation in the 1960s, pointing out that some Republicans voted for civil rights too, ignoring the fact that the strongest resistance came from Republicans.

All of this would be laughable if it weren't so dangerous. If they get their way, an entire generation of kids growing up in Texas will get a skewed, twisted version of history. That's bad enough, but if textbook publishers cave in to this version of history — Texas is one of five states textbook publishers pay attention to — and other states adopt textbooks written for Texas schools, just imagine the consequences. ■

John Tateishi is the immediate past JACL national director.



Questions on Aging



Emma Nakao (top left) visiting her family in Japan.

By Emma Nakao

"It's a place they go to die," my Japanese friend Charity said when I asked her what she thought of nursing homes for the elderly.

The nuclear family is an often sought-after goal in many American families: mom and dad, a kid or two and maybe a pet. You don't see the aging parents in the picture at all. Is it a cultural difference or is it perhaps how American independence (regardless of ethnicity) is defined once you reach adulthood?

Is it really OK to place your parents in a nursing home if they become a "burden"? What constitutes being a burden? Do elders who live with their families tend to live longer?

Having weighed some of these issues in my mind, many questions have arisen about the type of facilities that senior care centers may provide for Asian Pacific American seniors. Dietary differences in the APA community differ greatly. My parents would certainly be horrified at eating a standard American breakfast of eggs, toast and sausage links on a daily basis. Knowing that breakfast croissants or donuts do not appeal to them is already an issue.

Language barriers are another issue. Will the elderly be able to communicate and be understood if English is the only language a senior care center provider can speak? Even now, my father has difficulty obtaining a Japanese translator during hospital visits and I still have to translate for him on occasion. Do the cost of "ethnic" nursing homes cost more? I don't even know, but I suspect they do.

With my own parents (who are separated) nearing the age of retirement, I think about my own situation as the only child. I also think about how to go about balancing the need for that typical American standard of independent living as an adult, and the Japanese tradition of caring for my elders and parents.

What do I do?

Do I follow what is common in American society where placing elders in nursing homes is acceptable? Will doing so provide me more time for myself and less time for care giving? Is it worth it? Is there a certain point in care giving when declining health may mean specialized medical care in a nursing home is absolutely necessary?

The realization that I have been raised between two contrasting cultures will soon come to a turning point where I must one day decide if I will continue to do what my family has done for generations in Japan or do what is normal in American society with aging family members.

In my heart, it is a difficult decision but it is even more difficult realizing that as an only child with separated parents that it will never be possible to have both parents living under one roof.

My grandmother in Hokkaido cared for my grandpa until the day of his death last year and refused to place him into a care facility. Now, my cousins and uncle are caring for her in return, all under one roof. There is something comforting knowing that perhaps once I am in need of care, that my future family will perhaps do the same in return.

Without a doubt, I will return to Hawaii to be with my parents because I cannot imagine placing them into a care facility, yet I often think about the constraints of living between a traditional American and Japanese life. ■

Emma Nakao is a Kentucky-born Shin Nisei who grew up in Hawaii. She is working to receive her bachelor's degree in molecular, cellular and developmental biology at the University of Washington.

Nicole Scherzinger: Dancing With Two Hawaiian Feet



PHOTO: RICK ROWELL/ABC

The former Pussycat Dolls gained fame with her melodic voice, but now she is showcasing her dancing skills on 'Dancing With the Stars.'

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

The new season of "Dancing With the Stars" premiered March 22, and contestants like singer Nicole Scherzinger are already feeling the burn from the rigorous dance rehearsals. Scherzinger — who is of Hawaiian, Filipino and Ukrainian descent — said she has "Hawaiian feet" that are not pretty to begin with, and now she has blisters on top of blisters.

Scherzinger has a hectic schedule: morning interviews with the media, a workout or run, dance rehearsals and late-night recording studio sessions. For her first routine on "Dancing With the Stars" Scherzinger and dance partner Derek Hough performed the Viennese waltz.

One might think the former lead Pussycat Dolls would have an advantage over fellow cast members like actress Shannen Doherty, reality star Kate Gosselin and NFL star Chad Ochocinco. But Scherzinger said in an early morning phone interview with the *Pacific Citizen* that she is nervous about everything on the dance show despite being confident on stage.

Pacific Citizen: I heard you had a little mishap during one of your dance rehearsals. Did you really accidentally kick your partner Derek Hough?

Nicole Scherzinger: [Laughs]. I didn't kick Derek in the face. We were just rehearsing a routine for the first week, which is the Viennese waltz. And I was doing a turn and I don't know if I accidentally hit Derek in the face or his hand hit him in the face, but he got a tiny little scrape by his eye.

P.C.: Are you feeling nervous about the show?

NS: I'm extremely nervous. I've never done this style of dancing before. I'm a professionally trained singer, not to be confused as a professionally trained dancer. I definitely have dance experience coming from a theatrical background going to musical theater school.

But this whole style of dancing is foreign to me. And it's a whole other technique behind it. It's like learning how to walk again almost.

P.C.: Why did you decide to do the show?

NS: My family is definitely most important in my life and that's another reason why I'm doing the show [laughs] because

I know that they are such huge fans of the show.

My mom, my dad and my sister are coming. Then I think through out the show some of my aunties are coming down and my *tutu* [Hawaiian for "grandmother"] is coming and I'm really excited.

P.C.: I understand you were raised in a strict Catholic family in Hawaii and then later moved to Kentucky. Has your family always been supportive of your dreams?

NS: [Laughs] They called it 'Hollywood.' They're very funny, my family. They're like, 'We're praying for you out there in Hollywood now.' I don't know if I should say that [laughs].

But that's my family. My family is so supportive. They're so awesome. I've always known since I was a little girl that I've wanted to sing. And I was singing Whitney Houston [songs] since I was like 5 or 6 years old. They just always supported me.

P.C.: Do you get to visit your family in Waianae, Hawaii much or is your schedule too hectic right now?

NS: I don't have too much down time. I miss being home. I want to go back.

When I go back the first thing I do is go to Tanioka's. ... They get the bomb poke. I think they have good *manapua* there. ... Anyways, I love my local food. I go home and the first thing I do is I grind (Hawaiian for "eat"). And then I go to my *tutu*'s, papa's, or my mom's to just hang out with my family and just chill out.

P.C.: It seems like you really still embrace the Hawaiian culture even though you live full time in Los Angeles, Calif.

NS: I have to; it's my foundation. You've got to stay grounded. For me, God and my family are the most important things and they just keep me grounded. Out here is my job and I enjoy it. And I'm truly grateful for it every day. But you just always have to have the right frame of mind, and never lose perspective on what's most important in your life.

P.C.: Did you face any challenges getting work because you are a mixed-race artist?

NS: Definitely, especially because I started out in theater and a lot of people didn't understand what my nationality was or what race I was. So, they were a little confused on how to cast me or what my place was. But it was really confusing at first because people wanted me to be like the Puerto Rican girl, the sidekick, the Puerto Rican best friend. I'm like, 'I'm not Puerto Rican. You've got to find a girl who's really Puerto Rican and [she'd] be much better at this [laughs].'

P.C.: Did you always want to be a singer?

NS: Yes. Since I was a little girl. My *tutu* is a singer and she has the most beautiful voice in the world. And I grew up in a very musical family. My mother, growing up would dance the hula and Tahitian with her family.

My mother taught me hula when I was really young. I can't dance it like my cousins [laughs]. And then when I moved away from Hawaii and grew up on the mainland that's when I started to go to performing arts school, learning more about music and theater and dance.

P.C.: You are training every morning for 'Dancing With the Stars' and working at night on your album. What do you do when you have time to relax?

NS: I don't have too much down time. But I like to listen to music or maybe watch funny movies, really goofy movies or romantic comedies. If I'm having a wild night then I'll have a game night where I play a bunch of board games [laughs]. I like Cranium. My family likes to play cards.

P.C.: There are videos on YouTube of you being trailed by the paparazzi with Formula One racecar driver Lewis Hamilton. Do you ever get tired of the media attention?

NS: I think sometimes it's frustrating because your anonymity is gone. ... I try to stay out of [being] in front of the cameras. You know what I mean? I try to just keep to myself and do my work. When it happens it happens and you just have to try to handle it with the best grace as possible.

P.C.: Looking back, did you ever feel like giving up on your dream?

NS: I remember when I first got here [Los Angeles] and I was doing acting and music and stuff. I got a lot of rejection and I didn't understand why because I worked so hard. And I was like, 'Well, what am I not doing right?' But you know I just continued to stay positive. My family gave me a lot of strength. And I just continued to work and work and I never stopped.

P.C.: What helped you persevere?

NS: For anybody out there wanting to [break into the industry] — first of all if this is the life that you want to choose [laughs] make sure it is because it's got to be for the right reasons. It's my love, my passion. ... Don't give up and stay true to yourself. I'm still the same Nicole. Just be you, stay true to who you are and just shine your own light. ■



'Working as a team towards a common goal is something really special,' said the goalkeeper.

A Field of Dreams

Amy Tran's prowess in field hockey has provided her with opportunities that her father never had in his native Vietnam.

By Nalea J. Ko
Reporter

Goalkeeper Amy Tran's parents have attended nearly all of her field hockey games around the world. They've cheered her on from Europe to China. At the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games her mother, Susan, talked to a *Pacific Citizen* reporter in Pennsylvania about tearing up during the National Anthem.

Playing field hockey has allowed Tran, 29, to get a college scholarship and travel the world. These were opportunities her father Phap, a Vietnam War veteran and refugee, wanted for his two daughters.

Tran's father left Vietnam after the war, and got back on his feet with the help of a family in Pennsylvania. Now he laughs when he thinks about his travels across the world to root on his daughter and the U.S. women's field hockey team.

"He laughs today because he's traveled through Europe following me play hockey, and he's traveled all over the world," Tran said in a phone call to the *Pacific Citizen* on her way to the U.S. Olympic Training Center

in Chula Vista, Calif. "He just keeps a good perspective on it. He helps show my sister and I how lucky we are."

Her parents, however, have not been in attendance while Tran has been competing in the nine-day Ataholding World Cup Qualifier in San Diego, Calif., which ends April 3. They are busy planning a wedding in Pennsylvania for Tran and her fiancé, Mark. Over 100 people are expected.

A week after the qualifier, Tran plans to wed in her grandmother's church and hold a reception in Fort Indianatown Gap, where her parents met years ago.

"I think it would of course make me happier if we qualified, but it's easier for me to separate field hockey and my personal life," Tran said. "The wedding is just something to look forward to, so I don't feel a lot of pressure."

Since the start of the qualifier, the U.S. team has defeated Belgium, France and Mexico.

Field Hockey Goals

While attending Northern Lebanon High School Tran, who had played soccer since the age of 7, took up field hockey. She joined the team initially because it was the only fall sport offered that was similar to soccer. Now she is considered one of the top women's goalkeepers in the world.

Her abilities in field hockey helped her land a scholarship to the University of North Carolina, where her sister Katy also attended and played

field hockey. Earning a college degree, Tran said, was an opportunity not available for her father.

"It was really important for him that my sister and I get that opportunity," Tran explained. "When I started playing hockey, he really pushed us because he knew scholarships were very prevalent for females in athletics during that time. So, he was really excited when I got a scholarship to play hockey in college."

After leaving Vietnam, Tran's dad found a job and a place to live with the help of a Pennsylvania family. The family sponsored him and found him a job as a refrigerator technician. He would later marry the daughter from that same family.

"It's kind of funny," Tran continued about her father. "When he came over, my mom's family sponsored him and so they sort of helped him, found him a job, helped him buy a car and got him on his feet. And he wanted to try and do that for other people."

Growing up Tran had about four different foster kids living with her family at different periods of time. It was important, she said, for her father to give back to others the way he was once helped.

"As much as he's proud of his Vietnamese heritage I think he's more proud of being American, how far he's come and how different his life is from his life in Vietnam," Tran said adding that her father took the family back to Vietnam, where they saw the hut he lived in.

As much as Tran's parents are proud of their daughter, they have had concerns about her playing field hockey.

Concerned about on-field injuries, Tran's mother pushed her to become a goalkeeper. That position requires a helmet and extra padding, which appeased her mother. Tran, however, made an independent decision about her other field hockey accoutrements.

"My dad really disliked most of my piercings," Tran said about the multiple facial piercings and long dreadlocks she once had. "He hated the lip ring the most. And my mom really disliked the dreadlocks."

Tran eventually shaved her head and gave her mother the dreadlocks, which they unsuccessfully tried to donate to Locks of Love.

"I actually liked my head shaved the best I think. But with the wedding I tried to grow it out a bit."

Aside from her new hairstyle and upcoming wedding date, Tran is focusing on the World Cup qualifier and basking in the California weather.

"My family and my fiancé have been really supportive and kind of taken over all the stressful, detail, organizational things. So it's been really easy on me [laughs]," she said about the wedding. "The past week they actually have stopped asking me questions about it and have just been really supportive about committing to the team and our success." ■



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Tran, 29, is set to marry in Pennsylvania.

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off our dialog with older readers, many of them the ones who helped found the JACL or have sustained it through decades of hardship. The current leadership has earlier seen us lose many Nisei members when they adopted new stances and policies on controversial issues. In the midst of efforts to build up JACL membership, what would be the consequences of

again giving the oldsters the cold shoulder by ending the print edition?

I hear commercial newspapers and organizational papers are not seeing their online-only incarnations fair well. If that proved true of the P.C., too, dropping the print edition might ultimately turn out to mean dropping this whole JACL down a black hole.

We all can help out by kicking into this year's Spring Campaign and being ready to do so next year,

too.

I'm in no way a budget man, but I suggest we do more thinking outside of the box and tap our many brainy members for fresh ideas without getting mesmerized by tables on assets and expenses and their "immutable" conclusions. ■

Hugh Burleson, a Lake Washington JACL member, is the PNW district representative on the Pacific Citizen editorial board.

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one of the tallest players on the junior high school basketball team. I used to listen to the University of Utah basketball games on the radio and was impressed to hear of a Japanese American by the name of Wat Misaka, a star on the university's basketball team.

Wat was born and raised in Ogden. He played basketball at Weber Junior College and later at the University of Utah. He was a member of the team when they won the NCAA championship in 1944. He came home from that tournament to find a letter informing him that he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

After serving two years in the Army, he returned to the University of Utah where his team won the National Invitational Tournament Championship at Madison Square Garden in New York City, after which the New York Knicks drafted him in 1947 as the first non-white player in what is now the NBA. A documentary film of his life, "Transcending — The Wat Misaka Story", was recently made by Bruce and Christine Toy Johnson of New York.

When I was in college, I knew of a prominent young attorney in Salt Lake City who was a little older, but

had already made a name for himself. Ray was also born in Ogden, but his family moved to California when he was 8 years old. After World War II began, they were evacuated to the Pomona Assembly Center and then incarcerated at Heart Mountain, Wyoming, where his father died in January 1943.

When they were released in 1945, they returned to Ogden. Ray later served in the U.S. Army in the Military Intelligence Service. He attended Weber Junior College and then the University of Utah where he received his Juris Doctor degree. He served as a deputy county attorney and assistant attorney general for the state of Utah. He was appointed as the first minority judge in Utah.

Wat and Ray have been longtime members of the Salt Lake JACL where they have been leaders. Ray has served as the JACL national president. They were both mentors and role models for many, many people. They are truly among the great Japanese Americans of our



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Wat Misaka is a personal friend.

time.

After residing in California for over 20 years while teaching economics at a community college and serving some time in political office, I returned with my family to Utah. During this time, I became very closely associated with Wat and Ray. I saw Wat almost every week as we golfed together. I saw Ray regularly as we were involved with various JACL and community service projects.

It was my privilege to become friends with them both, and an honor to spend time with them as they were being honored at the DOR event by the JACL and by their alma mater, Weber State University. ■

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COMMENTARY

The Health Care Dystopia



JAs have the lowest incidence of fair to poor health while newer immigrants have the highest.

By James Kumpel



As a health care research analyst since 1997, I have seen a fair number of attempts to overhaul or improve the health care system with mixed results. Since the “HillaryCare” debacle of 1993 led to the most dramatic overturning of political fortunes in nearly 40 years, it is under-

standable that health care has been viewed by many as a political hot potato, if not exactly a third rail.

Our health care system is, indeed, broken in many ways. The complex 2,700-page health insurance legislation — constructed over the last year by Congressional Democrats — passed in a series of procedural machinations over the objections of the majority of the American people (according to most major polls).

For the 32 million Americans expected to be covered four years from now (half under Medicaid and half under subsidized private plans), this legislation will mean more peace-of-mind eventually. For those dreaded families earning \$250,000 or more, the IRS will collect higher Medicare payroll taxes and new taxes on interest, dividends, and capital gains that further aggravate the expiration of the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003.

Starting in 2014, it is expected that the total share of health care spending will shift from a 50-50 split between private sources and government programs to a 30-70 split. While the headlines implied that the health care legislation would actually reduce the deficit by \$140 billion from 2011-2020, the budget projections assumed a 21 percent cut in Medicare payments to physicians that will never happen since an additional \$208 billion in “doctor fixes” come in separate legislation.

If viewed together, these two pieces of health legislation would increase deficit spending about \$70 billion over the next decade, which is not negligible, but certainly far smaller than the pure deficit spending of the \$862 billion stimulus package from last year or the AIG, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac government takeovers.

Asian Pacific Americans — as a whole — may bear a disproportionate share of the tax increases, although certain segments of the APA community (namely Koreans and Native Hawaiians) will likely see their ranks among the uninsured decline.

Although APAs generally have lower incidences of

chronic diseases than other racial groups, the disparities among APAs are fairly dramatic. The Japanese American population has the lowest incidence of fair to poor health (8 percent) given limited immigration and long-standing societal integration, while Vietnamese and Southeast Asians (new immigrants) have the highest.

Access to care will continue to be a challenge for new immigrants who face language barriers. One of the factors behind the relatively low rate of employer-based health coverage for APAs is the high level of self-employment or work with small business employers. It remains to be seen whether or not the individual mandate’s minor fines or the availability of health insurance subsidies will be enough to increase health insurance coverage for APAs ineligible for Medicaid, but lacking in employer health coverage.

Although some may extol the “social justice” of the future expansion of health care coverage, others may decry the transfer payments from one group of taxpayers to recipients while further driving up the role of government in our economy.

If the Massachusetts model is an example, we can expect to see delays in securing appointments with physicians (44 days on average), higher costs (due to increased demand and a fixed supply of providers), and a run on emergency rooms by newly covered beneficiaries unable to wait for a doctor’s visit.

Ironically, a less costly approach considered by the Obama administration was “Plan B”, an expansion of Medicaid that would have covered half as many lives as this legislation at about one-quarter the price tag. The cost-benefit analysis would have been instructive as 16 million new covered lives would cost \$250 billion, while the next 16 million lives covered under this legislation have an incremental price tag of \$690 billion.

Alternatively, merely capping non-economic damages under tort reform would save the government nearly \$5 billion per year, which could immediately fund a tripling of the disease management and wellness industry (which would address the chronic diseases that drive 75 percent of health care costs).

But, alas, adding 32 million covered lives to a rickety care delivery system that does not coordinate care or increase incentives for prevention, wellness or lower cost settings feels like adding more deck chairs to the Titanic. ■

James Kumpel, CFA, is a managing director and senior health care analyst with Madison Williams and Company, a New York-based financial services firm.



JACL denounced Sen. Lindsey Graham’s stereotypical remarks.

Lindsey Graham Blasted for ‘Liquored Up on Sake’ Remark

A South Carolina senator is being criticized for using “racially tinged rhetoric” during a radio interview about health care reform on March 15.

While being interviewed for the “Keven Cohen Show” on WVOC, Columbia, Sen. Lindsey Graham said Speaker Nancy Pelosi had Democratic lawmakers “liquored up on sake” to make a “suicide run” to pass reform, according to Rep. Mike Honda, who criticized the comments.

“As a Japanese American who was interned along with my family during World War II, I am personally disheartened that Senator Graham chose to use racially tinged rhetoric to express his opposition to health care reform,” wrote Honda for the Huffington Post.

Graham later told Fox News, “I don’t know whether it’s sake or moonshine but no sober person would do this.”

The JACL also denounced the South Carolina senator’s stereotypical choice of words. ■

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CANADA-NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY CRUISE New York City, Newport/Rhode Island, Boston, Bar Harbor/Maine, Halifax/Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Saguenay Fjord, Quebec. HOLLAND AMERICA Eurodam Ship.	SEP 15-26
SAN FRANCISCO-NAPA-TAHOE HOLIDAY TOUR	SEP 22-28
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COMMENTARY
JACL Marches for America



Ozaki (left), a Yonsei activist, cares about immigration reform.

By Phillip Ozaki

“Hey Floyd, can we get a giant JACL banner?” I urged my boss, Floyd Mori, as I envisioned how I wanted to represent the JACL at the March for America. Two weeks later, we were marching down the streets of Washington, D.C. with a massive crowd of 200,000 others, demanding comprehensive immigration reform in 2010.

As the JACL Mineta Fellow, I had three goals for JACL’s involvement in the March for America held on March 21. First, I wanted JACL to contribute to the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) presence at the march. Busloads of AAPIs from across the nation joined our local groups at the pre-rally as our AAPI elected officials spoke about immigration.

Rep. Judy Chu, shared her family’s immigration story. Her grandfather immigrated from China at a time when the Chinese Exclusion Act prevented him from becoming a citizen, owning land, and working at corporations. Today, Rep. Chu has become the first Chinese American

women elected to Congress and a champion for immigration reform.

My second intention at the march was to expose the crowd — which was heavy with Latino Americans — to the diversity of our AAPI groups, especially the JACL. Three days before the march, I organized an AAPI poster-making party. We made posters that read, “Reform Immigration Now” not only in English, but also in Korean, Urdu, Chinese, and Tagalog.

As we marched to the National Mall, I thought that our JACL signs really stood out.

The last goal I had for the march was simply to have a good time. Part of the reason I hosted the AAPI poster-making party was to give every one a chance to have fun. It was an energizing event building up to the march.

To share your family’s immigration story and why you support comprehensive immigration reform, please e-mail minetafellow@jacl.org. ■

Phillip Ozaki is the JACL Norman Mineta Fellow.



Judge Dolly Gee was sworn in March 19 as the first Chinese American woman to the U.S. district court.

A Brilliant Shattering of Glass

I was among the fortunate ones to witness Dolly Gee get inducted as the first Chinese American woman U.S. district court judge.

By Katie Ling Nakano



My ties to Dolly (right) go back to before I was born.

When Helen Gee was a garment worker, her young daughter asked her how to sew. Helen refused to show her. “I want you to grow up to have a better life,” she said.

On March 19, Helen watched as her daughter’s better life unfolded at the U.S. courthouse in downtown, Los Angeles.

Her daughter, Dolly Maizie Gee, was sworn in as the first Chinese American woman U.S. District Court judge. Helen also assisted in the enrobing of the newest member of the U.S. district court.

I was among the fortunate ones to watch this historic event. As an Asian Pacific American woman, I felt an immediate bond to her. Although we are the same height, there exists this quiet fearlessness about Dolly that seems to make her tower over me in the courtroom.

Her colleagues, friends, and other family members were all there. The emotions permeated throughout the room and even spilled into the adjacent empty courtrooms.

The place was packed. Throughout the series of protocol — the opening of court, the call of calendar to the oath of office and the enrobing of such a groundbreaking APA rights pioneer — people broke out in tears.

My ties to Dolly go back to before I was born. My father served as an adviser when Dolly co-founded Concerned Asian Pacific Students for Action at the University of California, Los Angeles. My mother

served as her adviser when Dolly coordinated the International Women’s Day celebrations at that campus.

Although the campus invited many prominent guest speakers for the event, the one memorable speech was by Dolly when she declared, “Every day is International Women’s Day.”

Dolly’s accomplishments didn’t stop there. Her mother’s job as a garment worker inspired her to pursue a career in labor law, where she ably represented a wide spectrum of workers and workers’ unions.

She went on to help establish the Multicultural Bar Alliance, and later co-founded the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. This is the woman that once confided to my mother, “My personality is not one that naturally gravitates toward positions of leadership.”

As introduced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Audrey B. Collins, Dolly is a woman “adored and beloved by all her clients, truly a brilliant, successful trailblazer.”

At the ceremony, her peers described accounts of her irreplaceable efforts to bring together diverse sectors of the community to find common ground. Judge Gee received a standing ovation during her enrobing. She emitted a strong-hearted, yet kind aura as she sat with her fellow judges.

During the induction ceremonies, Circuit Judge Mary Schroeder of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recalled the name of Florence Allen, the first woman to serve as an Article III federal judge, when President Calvin Coolidge appointed her to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1934.

Judge Allen was not allowed membership into the male-only judicial fraternities of that era, and so instead she quietly sat at her desk making history through her writings and court rulings.

Today, that desk remains a figurative shrine in the courthouse of the 6th Circuit, in memory of the woman that first pierced the glass ceiling of the federal judicial system.

And in that legacy, Dolly — the daughter of a garment worker and a World War II veteran-turned-engineer — a former student activist, one-time coxswain for the UCLA women’s crew team, noted labor lawyer and proud community worker, pierced another glass ceiling on behalf of a whole new generation of women in the judicial system.

March 19 remains indelibly etched in my memory. It was a day that I witnessed a brilliant shattering of glass. ■

Katie Nakano, 17, is a student at Temple City High School in Temple City, Calif.

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The 41st Manzanar Pilgrimage

OWEN'S VALLEY, CALIF.

April 24, 12 noon

Manzanar Historic Site/U.S. Highway 395

Each year over 1,000 people from diverse backgrounds attend the Manzanar National Historic Site pilgrimage, which commemorates the imprisonment of over 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

For information:

323/662-5102 or www.manzanarcommittee.org

East

JACL's Salute to Champions WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sept. 16

The National JACL Gala Awards

Dinner is an annual fundraising event that seeks to honor individuals and organizations that have championed the causes of the JACL.
Info: www.jacl.org

Takayanagi Speaker Series on Immigration

BOSTON, MA

April 1, 2:30 p.m.

Campus Center, Ballroom C
100 William T. Morrissey Blvd.

Come join the discussion with Ali Noorani about the status of immigration reform, Congress the Administration, and immigration advocacy.

Info: 617/287-5650 or www.iaas.umb.edu

Midwest

National JACL Convention

CHICAGO, IL

June 30-July 4

Swissotel

323 E. Wacker Drive

Chicago, IL 60601-9722

Join other JACL members from across the nation in this biennial convention hosted by the Chicago JACL. Activities include workshops, special

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Register: \$250/before June 10; \$200/youth ages 25 and under before June 10.

Info: www.jacl.org/news/2010ChicagoJMTEMP033009/home.html

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Contra Costa JACL

75th Anniversary

BERKELEY, CA

April 11, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Hs Lordships Restaurant
199 Seawal Dr.

Join the Contra Costa JACL for a luncheon and program to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Info: Esther Takeuchi
ektake@aol.com

The 33rd Annual Nikkei Matsuri

SAN JOSE, CA

April 25

The festival is a full day of fun for all ages and includes food booths hosted by community groups, performing arts on two stages, cultural arts and arts and crafts vendors. Admission is free.

Info: 408/ 241-0900 or www.nikkeimatsuri.org

Vicki Ragasa's Spring Fashion Collection

SAN JOSE, CA

April 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The West Valley JACL will host a

spring fashion collection by designer Vicki Ragasa of Oyako, LTD.
Info: Contact Pam Yoshida at 408/390-3744 or pam@yo-koo.net

Turlock Assembly Center Dedication

TURLOCK, CA

May 1, 11 a.m.

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway

A dedication ceremony will be held at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds for the Turlock Assembly Center.

Info: Kayla S. Canelo at 209/658-6681

Morgan Hill Haru Matsuri Festival

Morgan Hill, CA

April 18

Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center

16450 Murphy Avenue

The festival will open with Sandoshin Taiko and close with a performance by San Jose Taiko.

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PHOENIX, AZ

April 25, 11:30 a.m.

Phoenix College Culinary Cafe

3310 North 10th Ave

Join the Arizona JACL for their 49th annual luncheon for the Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship with speaker Tom Ikeda, executive director of Densho.

Info: Megan Ishikawa at 480/225-2530

JAKWW Portugal-Spain Trip

LOS ANGELES, CA

Nov. 4

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans is planning a 12-day trip to Portugal and Spain. Those on the tour will depart from the Los Angeles International Airport.

Cost: \$3,599 per person (including airfare).

Info: Victor Muraoka at 818/368-4113 or v.muraoka@verizon.net

World Premiere of "No-No Boy"

SANTA MONICA, CA

March 27 - April 18

Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd.

Ken Narasaki's stage adaptation of John Okada's ground breaking novel "No-No Boy" will have its world premiere.

Info: www.nonoboy2010.com

COMMENTARY

Wash. Bill for Nisei Degrees Brings Closure



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB NAKAMURA

(L-r) Nakamoto, Jim Freeburg, Gov. Chris Gregoire, Wash. State Sen. Paul Shin and Kendee Yamaguchi.

By Bob Nakamura

Washington State Sen. Paul Shin introduced Senate Bill 6467 or the "Internment Camp University of Washington Honorary Degree Bill" with efforts from Gail Nomura, associate professor at the University of Washington, and a handful of former Japanese American internees who testified about their experiences before the Washington State Senate and House.

On March 12, Gov. Chris Gregoire signed the bill into law, making it a historical success. The ceremony was uplifting and heartwarming.

These former UW students had their education abruptly terminated and had to deal with others treating them like second-class citizens. These experiences left huge, empty holes in their hearts.

My mother and her family settled in the Kent Valley area of Washington State at the turn of the century, circa 1915. My father's family immigrated to California at approximately the same time. My parents were both incarcerated in camps during World War II like the former University of Washington

students. After their release, they both settled in Denver, Colo.

Some of those former students volunteered for service in the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service.

I am a retired U.S. Army soldier. My last duty assignment was Fort Lewis, Wash. after completing an overseas tour of duty in Germany. I couldn't have asked for a better stateside assignment than my mother's native state.

While living here in Washington State, I've met a few former internees some of them former UW students. Because of their sacrifices, opportunities have opened up for us including post secondary studies and managerial-level civilian and military career opportunities.

The honorary degrees help correct a longtime wrong. This one simple act brings a sense of closure for at least for one piece of the historical past. ■

Bob Nakamura, the Olympia JACL chapter president, is a retired U.S. Army Finance Corps non-commissioned officer. He can be reached at sgtmilehibob@yahoo.com.

Tule Lake Pilgrimage

Registration forms for the July 2-5 Tule Lake pilgrimage are now available.

The pilgrimage will focus on the young adults who were segregated at Tule Lake, especially the "No-Nos" and those who renounced their U.S. citizenship.

The Tule Lake Committee has welcomed the stories of Tule Lake's dissidents, hoping to learn more about the experiences of those who were marginalized and eliminated from the post-war Japanese American narrative.

"Stories about legitimate and courageous acts of grassroots civil disobedience were shunned in favor of stories that enhanced an image of Japanese American loyalty and

cooperation," said Hiroshi Shimizu, who chairs the pilgrimage committee.

The committee is again offering free registration to those incarcerated at Tule Lake who are 80 years and older.

Attendance will be limited to the first 300 persons who register. ■

Pilgrimage Details

Registration is \$395/person; \$325/students and those on fixed incomes

Registration deadline is April 30. On May 1, fee increases to \$450.

For info: www.tulelake.org or Hiroshi Shimizu at hshimizu@pacbell.net or 415/566-2279

TRIBUTE

James Kumaki

March 20, 1922 - March 9, 2010



James Kumaki, 87 years, died March 9th.

Devoted husband of Yuki. Son of Toshio and Takako Kumaki. Brother of Toshiko Nishida. Beloved father of Margaret (Wendell Goler), David (Betsy Baird) and Robert (Mary Collins) Kumaki. Dear grandfather of

Kristin, Kellyn, Karen, Alex and Elizabeth.

Memorial visitation Saturday, April 17th from 10:30 until service at 11:30 at Lakeview Funeral Home, 1458 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite charities. For information, call 773-472-6300 or www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com.

TRIBUTE

Masami Oda

April 11, 1913 - March 3, 2010



(wife Valerie), Michael Sonoda (wife Mariel), Kevin Oda, Lindsay Oda, great-grandchildren Jordan Yu and Kara Yu. He was preceded in death by brothers Hike Oda (wife Taye), and Kanki Oda (wife Masayo).

He graduated from U.C. Berkeley Business Haas School in 1935, worked pre 1942 as manager Japanese Farmers Cooperative San Luis Obispo, California, retired from Trailmobile in Berkeley, California. He was a member of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, Contra Costa JAACL, Nisei East Bay Golf Club, and was a member of the same Saturday night poker group for over 45 years. Sam loved golf, poker, family, friends and his Cal Golden Bears Sports Teams. He was a gentle, kind, empathetic and generous person who will be missed by all. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple 2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Masami "Sam" Oda Age 96, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010. He is survived by his wife Kazuko Oda, sister Mary Ota, sons, Gary Oda (wife Judy), Dennis Oda, Edward Oda (wife Lois), daughters Janet Sonoda (husband Tom), Caroline Ouchida (husband Lester), grandchildren, Russell Ouchida (wife Hsiao-Wei), Joanne Sonoda-Yu (husband David), Ryan Ouchida, Alison Sonoda, Colleen Oda, Roger Oda

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JA Vets to Attend Miyamura School Dedication



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Hiroshi 'Hershey' Miyamura (left) will attend the dedication.

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans is coordinating a Sept. 3-5 group trip to Gallup, New Mexico to attend a high school dedication in honor of Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura.

The Hiroshi Miyamura High School, located at 680 S. Boardman Avenue, was named after the Korean War Medal of Honor recipient in 2007 and opened in 2009, according to school district officials.

The dedication, scheduled for Sept. 4, is the official opening of the school. Miyamura, a JAKWV charter member, is expected to be in attendance.

A 6-foot-5 bronze sculpture of Miyamura, which currently stands at the entrance of the Gallup McKinley County School Administrative Office, will be moved to the high school site, according to a JAKWV press release.

The veterans group has reserved 40 seats on Amtrak for the trip.

Miyamura High School is nicknamed the "Patriots." The school colors are purple and silver to match Hershey's Purple Heart Medal.

According to the Medal of Honor citation, Miyamura, who was a corporal in the U.S. Army's Company H, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, showed "indomitable heroism and consummate devotion to duty" in an April 24, 1951 battle. ■

Hershey Miyamura High School Dedication

Sept. 4
Gallup, New Mexico
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