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## JACL, Nisei veterans speak to Manzanar Historic Site panel

LOS ANGELES—The Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission met July 26 at its fifth quarterly meeting at the Department of Water and Building and heard from naysayers and advocates for a full development of the facility that concentrated some 10,000 Japanese and Japanese American residents during World War II on roughly one mile square.

According to the *Rafu Shimpo*, JACL's Al Muratsuchi, Pacific Southwest Regional Director, went on record in favor of Alternative C (full development). Feeling the fever raised by vocal opponents, he turned to them and said:

"I can understand how your views are a reflection of your life experience, just like anyone in this room. I understand many of you have served and were imprisoned in the prisoner of war camps that were run by the Imperial Japanese. I can't do anything to change that painful reality that you guys experienced. . .

"And I probably can't change your strongly held views in terms of what is the truth regarding the Japanese American internment experience."

Imploring this might be a first step, he said, "I hope that we can keep talking to each other rather than being on the verge of lunging at each others' necks . . . and that you distinguish between those Americans of Japanese ancestry who served our country, the United States of America, many of whom are sitting here today."

Much-decorated 100th Infantry veteran and a career Army officer, Col. Young O. Kim (ret.) said he was aware that the advisory panel knew of the exploits of the Nisei during World War II and added, "It requires repeating because of the attitudes expressed by some here today.

Earlier in the day, Howard Garber, founder of the American Civil Responsibilities Union, which has been in opposition from the outset, was led away by DWP security for his outbursts when he refused to quit after his allotted five minutes.

Kim, chair of the 100th/442nd/MIS Memorial Founda-

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## Pacific Citizen editor resigns

Citing a desire to pursue other interests within journalism, Richard Suenaga, editor/general manager of *Pacific Citizen*, submitted his resignation July 30 to JACL President Denny Yasuhara and *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board Chair Mae Takahashi.

Suenaga, who was hired in January of 1991, will remain in his position for a specified time to provide for a transition period.

"Serving JACL members and other readers of the *Pacific Citizen* has been a rewarding and challenging opportunity. I want to thank the organization and its many leaders who have supported me throughout my time here. I wish the organization the best of luck."

## Bill would bar critical aid to legal immigrants

With a vote of 74 to 24, the senate passed a welfare reform bill that would prohibit immigrants from receiving virtually all safety net programs. On July 18, with a vote of 256 to 170, the House of Representatives passed a similar welfare reform bill. The Republican leadership in the Congress plans to send the bill to the President before the Congressional recess on August 2.

The welfare reform bill bars Medicaid, SSI and Food Stamps to current and future legal immigrant, noncitizens and imposes extreme restrictions on most of the other needs-based programs such as job training, community health center services. Most recipients of these programs will be disqualified once the bill is enacted.

Refugees and asylees are exempt only for the first five years after entry. Therefore, refugees who have been in the country since 1991 will also be disqualified from most federal programs, including Medicaid, SSI and Food Stamps. The bar will be in effect until citizenship or 10 years of work at an income high enough to pay social security tax. The bill also allows states to ban and restrict state needs-based programs.

According to the Congressional Research Service, up to 1.7 million legal residents who were covered by Medicaid will no longer have any health care coverage. Many articles and studies have reported that the denial of benefits will not only harm the health and well-being of legal immigrants but will have detrimental impact on state and local governments and public hospitals and other health care providers.

Before the passage of the bill, the Senate voted down the following significant amendments that would have alleviated some of the drastic provisions.

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## Artist Tsutakawa, actor Takei and activist Kochiyama picked for JA of Biennium awards

By EILEEN OTSUJI  
Chair, JA of the Biennium Committee

Japanese American of Biennium awards to be presented at the 1996 JACL convention in San Jose are George Takei of Los Angeles, George Tsutakawa of Seattle and Yuri Kochiyama of New York City.

Eleven total nominations were received to cover the six categories. Takei was selected in the category of Arts/Literature/Communications; Tsutakawa in Education/Humanities and Kochiyama in Political/Public Affairs/Law. There were no selections in Medicine/Science, Business/Industry and Sports/other.

Formal announcement and introduction of awardees will be made at the National JACL Convention Sayonara Banquet, August 10, Fairmont Hotel, San Jose.

Members of Florin JACL Biennium Selection Committee were: Jerry Enomoto, Carol Hisatomi, Frank Iritani, Eugene Moriguchi, Mary Tsuka-moto and Eileen Namba Otsuji, chairperson.

### George Tsutakawa, Education/humanities

George Tsutakawa, noted painter, sculptor and teacher, was born in Seattle in 1910. He was educated in Japan (1917-1927), returned to Seattle and received the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Washington in 1936 and began a long and distinguished teaching career of 30 years at this institution. He is one of the first Asian American full professors in the fine arts field and a strong role model for artists and architects in the Pacific Northwest.

He received much inspiration from his native Pacific Northwest but also traveled extensively to do research in most major countries of the world.

After years of experimentation with abstract forms in oil painting and wood sculpture, and at 67 years of age, he went trekking in the Himalaya Mountains and began to study the Obos concept of the Himalayan pilgrims piling up rocks at auspicious points on mountain passes. In 1959, his first bronze fountain sculpture, sited at the downtown Seattle Public Library, echoed the Obos concept of piled shapes. Since then he has continued to receive commissions for fountain sculptures in the United States, Canada and Japan.

He has received numerous awards for his artistic achievements, including those from the Governor of Washington, the Emperor of Japan, the American Institute of Architects, and honorary doctorate degrees from Seattle University and Whitman College.

### George Takei, Artist/literature/communications

George Takei is recognized at home and abroad as a top Asian American actor in television, theater and film. He is best known as "Mr. Sulu" in the successful TV and film series *Star Trek*, which won the 1996 Screen Actors Guild award for racial diversity in



GEORGE TSUTAKAWA

casting.

His native Los Angeles shaped his education (UCLA) and acting career and contributed to his culturally diverse, wide-ranging interests and active participation in theater arts, politics, civil rights, and numerous Asian American and larger community charitable service organizations.

Beside the science fiction novel *Mirror Friend*, *Mirror Foe*, he wrote the book *To the Stars*, which

is a lively memoir of his wide experiences and diverse interests and achievements.

In all he says and does, uppermost in his mind is a tribute to our Issei pioneers, and to those who endured the enforced internment during World War II and to the Nikkei sons who died in battle while their parents were locked up in the camps. His challenge to us all is to dedicate ourselves anew to the JACL mission and creed of upholding the civil and human rights of all people, and a renewed commitment to decency, fairness and equality for "an America yet to be."

### Yuri Kochiyama, political/public affairs

Yuri Kochiyama, age 75, for fifty years has been actively involved in pursuing equality and social justice. Among many other contributions, she has helped to define the Asian American movement, was one of the leaders in establishing ethnic studies programs on the East Coast, and helped lay the groundwork for Redress.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson has said of her, "More than any other Asian American leader, she has reached out across race, class, age and national boundaries to give wholeheartedly to all people.

The African American community has been particularly blessed from her commitment and hard work in the civil rights movement."

Kochiyama contributed not only to the Asian American community—but to the ideals of freedom and equality of our larger nation, and deserves to be held up as an example to all.—Rep. Patsy Mink, Hawaii.

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## Six community leaders to be honored at JACL National Convention

SAN JOSE—Carl M. Fujita, co-president of the San Jose chapter Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), announced that the 1996 National Convention Committee will be recognizing six local people for their long-time service to the community. "We've been wanting to honor Shigio (Shig) Masunaga, Eiichi Sakauye, Karl Kinaga, Judge Wayne Kanemoto, Dr. Tokio (Tok) Ishikawa, and Helen Mineta for a long time," stated Fujita. "And what better time than at a national JACL convention." The six honorees have a combined total of over 250 years of service to the community, stated Fujita.

Sakauye is a charter member of the San Jose JACL chapter and has been active on its board since 1930, serving twice as its president. Karl Kinaga, the youngest of the honorees, was president when the San Jose chapter hosted the 20th Biennial National Convention in 1968. Kinaga has served on the board since 1960 and is the 1996 convention committee advisor and a San Jose chapter delegate to the convention. "Eiichi and Karl come to our monthly board meetings and really help keep the younger board members on track and give us a historical perspective," notes Mark Kobayashi, co-president of the San Jose chapter.



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## JACL calendar

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### Eastern

#### PHILADELPHIA

**Fri., Sept. 20**—Chapter board meeting at Uyeharas in Medford.

**October**—Senior Appreciation Day (date & place to be announced).

**Mon., Nov. 11**—Chapter board meeting at Theresa Maebori's in Philadelphia.

**December**—Christmas party (??), 215/848-1715.

### Midwest

#### CINCINNATI

**Sun., Aug. 18**—Potluck dinner, 1:30 p.m., board meeting, dinner at 5-7 p.m., Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Madison Rd. and Hyde Park Ave., Oakley; info: 216/921-2976.

**CLEVELAND**  
Chapter Board meets 2nd Mondays, Buddhist Temple.

**Sun., Aug. 4**—Chapter community picnic, 10 a.m., Furnace Run: Brushwood Shelter, Summit County Metro Park, Info: 216/921-2976. DIRECTIONS—Take I-77 south to Miller Rd. exit, continue to Brecksville Rd., turn right (south) on Brecksville, drive by Snoville Rd. on left & then Holiday Inn on the right. As you pass under Fwy overpass, turn right (west) on Townsend Rd.; Brushwood Shelter is about 1/4 mile on the right.

**Sat., Nov. 2**—Annual JACL Holiday Fair, 3-8 p.m.; Central Euclid Middle School, Info: 216/921-2976.

#### DAYTON

**Sun., Sept. 8**—General meeting, convention report, 2-6 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron, 513/294-8815.

**Sun., Oct. 20**—General/election meeting, 2-6 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron Katsuyama, 513/294-8815.

**Sun., Dec. 15**—Christmas party, 2 p.m., United Methodist Bldg., 601 W. Riverview Ave., Dayton; info: Ron 513/294-8815.

#### ST. LOUIS

**Sat.-Mon., Aug. 31-Sept. 2**—Annual Japan Festival.

#### TWIN CITIES

Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner, 7-9 p.m., open to visitors; info: Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.

#### WISCONSIN

**Sun., Aug. 11**—JACL picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Brown Deer Park Area 3; info: Barbara Suyama, 414/251-2279, Margaret Igowsky, 643-5999. Note—Baseball, volleyball or cards before lunch; for 12:30 meal, bring salad or desert, gohan for family and friends, hashi and forks; chapter will furnish plates, napkins. After lunch, bingo and races for all ages; put your name on the donations for door prizes; specify the number and ages of children coming so we can plan prizes and games.

### Intermountain

#### SALT LAKE CITY

**Fri., Aug. 23**—J.A.s in Utah Centennial picnic, 5-9 p.m., Red Butte Gardens.

**NOTE**—Ogden Taiko drummers to perform at 7:30 p.m.; distribution of *Japanese in Utah* pictorial history book.

**Sat., Aug. 24**—J.A.s in Utah Centennial program; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., continental breakfast/Asian history/Kanojo fashion

show; 5:30 banquet with Chieko Okazaki as keynote speaker, Salt Lake Hilton; info: 801/359-2902. **NOTE**—Co-sponsored by Intermountain DC, JACL chapters, Nat'l JACL Credit Union, Nikkei churches and community organizations.  
**Sun., Aug. 25**—Centennial golf tournament, 1 p.m.; info: Steve Koga 801/265-8181 days.

### Pacific Northwest

#### OLYMPIA

**Sat., Aug. 3**—Obon celebration, 6 p.m., Capital Lake Park; info: Reiko Callner, 360/923-1641.

### NCAL-WN-Pacific

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Sun., Nov. 3**—Fall DC session, Stockton (location to be announced).

#### CONTRA COSTA

Chapter Board on first Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church.

#### JAPAN-TOKYO

Chapter Board on the first Tuesdays unless they fall on the 1st or the 2nd day, Union Church; info: Ted Shigeno, 0468-76-2431.

#### RENO

**Sun., Sept. 15**—Annual fish fry/potluck, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385.

**Sun., Oct. 20**—Halloween potluck, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385.

**Sun., Nov. 17**—Mochitsuki/potluck, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cindy Lu, 702/827-6385.

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## Community calendar

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### Midwest

#### CHICAGO

Coming in 1997: Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, Jan. 25-March 3. Local committee in formation, info: Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Yoji Ozaki, pres., 4954 N. Monticello, Chicago 60625, 312/267-6312. **NOTE**—Artifacts, craft material, documents pertaining to camps, resettlement, wartime military service needed for exhibit.

#### CLEVELAND

**Sat., Aug. 24**—Children's program, 11 a.m., Asia Plaza; info: Joyce Theus, 216/582-5443. **NOTE**—Co-sponsored by Cleveland JACL and Japan Society of Cleveland.

History of the Chinese in Nevada,\* 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, Nevada State Museum, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., Lorenz Park.

**Sat., Aug. 10**—Obon Festival, noon-5 p.m., Cimarron-Memorial High School, 2301 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas; info: Fred Fukumoto, 702/362-3742.

#### RENO-POSTON I

**Mon.-Wed., Oct. 7-9**—Former Poston I High School graduates/students reunion, Eldorado Hotel/Casino, Info: So. Calif.—Aki Amano, 310/364-8685 or 541-4648; Nor. Calif.—Yosh Ouchida 408/251-3397, Mich Fujishin (e-mail) mich3@aol.com. **NOTE**—Monday mixer, Tuesday dinner, Wednesday breakfast; slot and golf tournaments.  
**LAUGHLIN—POSTON III**  
1997: April 7-9—8th Poston III Reunion.

### Northern Cal

#### MARYSVILLE

**Fri.-Sun., Aug. 23-25**—Fifth Marysville Area Nikkei Reunion; info: Frank Nakamura, 15 E 15th St., Marysville, CA 95901. **NOTE**—Friday mixer, golf, fishing, Colusa tour, Reno trip, Saturday banquet.

#### SACRAMENTO

**Sat.-Sun., Aug. 10-11**—Buddhist Church 50th annual Japanese Bazaar, noon, 201 Riverside Blvd. at X St., 916/446-0121. **NOTE**—Japanese food, cultural arts, games.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

**Through Aug. 11**—"Mingei: Two Centuries of Japanese Folk Art," 10 a.m.-4:45 Wed.-Sun., Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco; visitors' info: 415/379-8801. **NOTE**—A landmark exhibit of folk craft from Edo and Meiji periods; also open Tues. until July 28.

**Aug. 27-29, "1999"**—Buddhist Churches of America Centennial, San Francisco Marriott Hotel. Info: BCA, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco CA 94109, 415/776-5600. (Note the "correction.")  
**Oct 14-Dec. 8**—Exhibit: "Splendors of Imperial China: Treasures from the

National Palace Museum, Taipei; Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco; visitors' info: 415/379-8801, tickets: 415/776-1999. **NOTE**—Exhibit travels to Metropolitan Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago and National Gallery in Washington, DC.

#### SAN FRANCISCO/TOPAZ

**Tue.-Sun., Oct. 1-6**—Topaz Reunion Committee flight to Seattle, bus into Canada, Oct. 2 dinner with Canadian Nikkei, return aboard MS Noordam from Vancouver, B.C., to San Francisco. Details: Chuck Kubokawa, chair; Daisy Satoda, 415/821-0164; Sue Sasagawa/Awana Travel, 325 Sharon Park, Menlo Park, CA 94025, 415/854-2092, 800/536-2140.

#### SAN JOSE

**Tue.-Sun., Aug. 6-11**—National JACL Convention, Fairmont Hotel. (see Mar. 15-April 4 *Pacific Citizen* or call for brochure: JACL Headquarters 415/941-5225, San Jose JACL 408/295-1250.

### Central Calif.

#### FRESNO

**Sun., Sept. 8**—Annual Shin Zen Run at Woodward Park Shinzen Garden, 6 a.m., info: JACL, 209/486-6815.

### Southern Calif.

#### LOS ANGELES

**Through Aug. 25**—Photo exhibit from British Columbia, "Kikyo: Coming Home to Powell Street," JANM Legacy Center, info 213/625-0414.

**Through Jan. 1997**—JANM's main exhibit: "Fighting for Tomorrow: Japanese Americans in America's Wars," JANM, 213/625-0414.

**Sat., Aug. 3**—JANM Panel: "Nisei Week: Its History and Role in the Japanese American Community," 2-4 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. **NOTE**—Dr. Lon Kurashige USC professor, U.S. history.

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## For the record

● A clarification of Resolution 4 as written in the last issue of *Pacific Citizen* has been submitted by Dick Fukushima of the Sacramento Chapter. The resolution calls for a study to determine the possibility of *Pacific Citizen* relocating to the offices at JACL headquarters in San Francisco.  
"I would like to clarify a paragraph regarding Resolution 4 (P.C. July 19-Aug. 1): *The National Board is also directed to complete a feasibility study before any increase to PC's budget other than postage and the cost of supplies caused by inflation.*"  
"The resolution does not ask for a separate feasibility study every time there is an increase in PC's budget," Fukushima said. "Instead, our

chapter's resolution only directs the National Board to complete the feasibility study to examine the implementation of relocating the PC to the National Headquarters after (1) termination of the present lease and (2) prior to any consideration of any increase to PC's budget other than postage and cost of supplies caused by inflation."

● In the last issue of *Pacific Citizen*, the list of members for the Credentials Committee was inaccurate. Members of that group are: Karl Nobuyuki, chair; Jeff Hattori, PNW; Janet Kometani, EDC; Larry Grant, IDC; Grace Kimoto, CCDC; Ron Doi, PSW; and Kent Kawai, ex-officio.



Revised JACL Operating Budget for 2 years, Ending Dec. 31, 1998

REVENUE	Current 1997	Change	Revised 1997
Membership Revenue	\$865,563	(\$25,967)	\$839,596
Investment Income	188,605	0	\$188,605
Fund Raising Revenues	70,000	0	\$70,000
PC Revenues	179,728	0	\$179,728
Donations	35,336	0	\$35,336
Other Revenue	57,834	0	\$57,834
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,397,066</b>	<b>(\$25,967)</b>	<b>\$1,371,099</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personnel Costs	\$778,121	\$16,388	\$794,509
Contract Services	22,119	0	22,119
Awards	350	0	350
Dues, Subscriptions, Periodicals	1,187	0	1,187
Equip. Purch./Rental/Maint.	23,823	(8,000)	15,823
Postage & Delivery	23,598	(2,000)	21,598
Printing & Copying	14,629	0	14,629
Office Supplies	11,062	(2,816)	8,246
PC—Editorials	3,506	0	3,506
PC—Advertising	993	0	993
PC—Composition/Presswork	52,168	0	52,168
PC—Circulation & Mailing	90,706	0	90,706
PC—Commissions	2,000	0	2,000
Allocation to Districts	94,860	(27,540)	67,320
Meetings & Conferences	21,477	0	21,477
Travel	0	0	0
National Board Activities	28,523	0	28,523
National Convention	9,850	0	9,850
Rent & Utilities	45,937	0	45,937
Maintenance	15,496	0	15,496
Utilities	11,034	0	11,034
Telephone	22,408	0	22,408
Contributions	0	0	0
Insurance	29,487	0	29,487
Interest Expense	0	0	0
Books & Publications	223	0	223
Miscellaneous	14,899	0	14,899
Youth Program	6,228	0	6,228
Direct Program Cost	12,258	0	12,258
Personnel Recruitment Cost	1,481	0	1,481
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,338,412</b>	<b>(\$23,968)</b>	<b>\$1,314,445</b>
Operating Reserve	\$33,654	(\$2,000)	\$31,654
Capital Reserve	25,000	0	25,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,397,066</b>	<b>(\$25,968)</b>	<b>\$1,371,099</b>

REVENUE	Current 1998	Change	Revised 1997
Membership Revenue	\$865,563	(\$25,967)	\$839,596
Investment Income	198,605	0	198,605
Fund Raising Revenues	70,000	0	70,000
PC Revenues	178,572	0	178,572
Donations	35,336	0	35,336
Other Revenue	57,834	10,000	67,834
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,405,910</b>	<b>(\$15,967)</b>	<b>\$1,389,943</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personnel Costs	\$781,651	\$16,388	\$798,039
Contract Services	22,119	0	22,119
Awards	2,500	0	2,500
Dues, Subscriptions, Periodicals	1,187	0	1,187
Equip. Purch./Rental/Maint.	14,520	(5,000)	9,520
Postage & Delivery	23,779	(2,000)	21,779
Printing & Copying	14,629	0	14,629
Office Supplies	11,111	(815)	10,296
PC—Editorials	3,611	0	3,611
PC—Advertising	1,023	0	1,023
PC—Composition/Presswork	53,733	0	53,733
PC—Circulation & Mailing	93,427	0	93,427
PC—Commissions	2,000	0	2,000
Allocation to Districts	94,860	(27,540)	67,320
Meetings & Conferences	21,659	0	21,659
Travel	0	0	0
National Board Activities	28,523	0	28,523
National Convention	35,000	0	35,000
Rent & Utilities	47,188	0	47,188
Maintenance	15,496	0	15,496
Utilities	11,034	0	11,034
Telephone	22,735	0	22,735
Contributions	0	0	0
Insurance	29,487	0	29,487
Interest Expense	0	0	0
Books & Publications	223	0	223
Miscellaneous	14,899	0	14,899
Youth Program	6,228	0	6,228
Direct Program Cost	14,051	0	14,051
Personnel Recruitment Cost	1,481	0	1,481
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,368,144</b>	<b>(\$18,967)</b>	<b>\$1,349,177</b>
Operating Reserve	\$12,766	\$3,000	\$15,766
Capital Reserve	25,000	0	25,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,405,910</b>	<b>(\$15,967)</b>	<b>\$1,389,943</b>

# Looking at the revised JACL budget

By DENNY YASUHARA  
JACL National President

In the *Pacific Citizen* dated July 19-Aug. 1, 1996, I stated that final budget adjustments were being made. Here are the 1997-98 proposed budgets worked out after consultation with staff. The budgets being recommended project a 3% drop in membership payments. This corresponds to 507 membership payments or \$25,967. The previous budget did not include a drop in membership associated with dues raises. Historically, this has always occurred following dues increases. Moreover, \$16,388 in salary adjustments, a byproduct of raising the salary floor of the regional directors to \$30,000, approved by the previous National Board, was overlooked in preparing the budget proposals. The changes and the adjustments in the budgets are depicted in the proposals being presented in this article. We believe the new proposals have continued necessary cost reductions and, at the same time, maintained the increase in commitment to programs, including the youth programs, which have been introduced as a separate line item, not previously done.

(See budgets above.)

All past budgets, as I recall, have not included monies for staff time in program support, which ALL PROGRAMS have had regardless of how small the projects have been. They have always been depicted as "Personnel Costs," with no mention of the time involvement of staff in each program—which really should be shown as part of the cost of every program. If staff have been utilized in any way, including time on the telephone, etc., all are costs, none of which have been shown as costs to programs in any budget in recent years that I know of. As an example, for the Youth Conference, two staff members were assigned to help in organization as well as assist in fund-raising; none of their time was calculated and added to youth program costs. This has been true of staff time, in general. This distorts the budgetary picture and leads to complaints that little money is being spent on programs. Staff time isn't free. We will be moving to a functional budget in the near future, which will more accurately depict program costs. Staff time costs are your biggest line item, and the bulk of personnel costs is precisely because of the programs we

have. The budgets show where the changes have been made, which include: District Allocations, Equipment Purchase/Rental/Maintenance, Postage and Delivery, Office Supplies, and Operating Reserves. (The last is reinstated in the 1998 budget).

In order to more accurately illustrate where we will be in 1997 and 1998 as compared to 1993 and 1994, we will exclude amounts in the line items Operating and Capital Reserves which are not included in the 1993 and 1994 expense column as in the proposals. Below are the 1993-94 expenses as compared to 1997-98.

### 1993 vs. 1997 Expenses

1993	\$1,545,300
1997	1,314,445
Less in 1997	\$230,855

### 1993 vs. 1998 Expenses

1993	\$1,545,300
1998	1,349,177
Less in 1998	\$196,123

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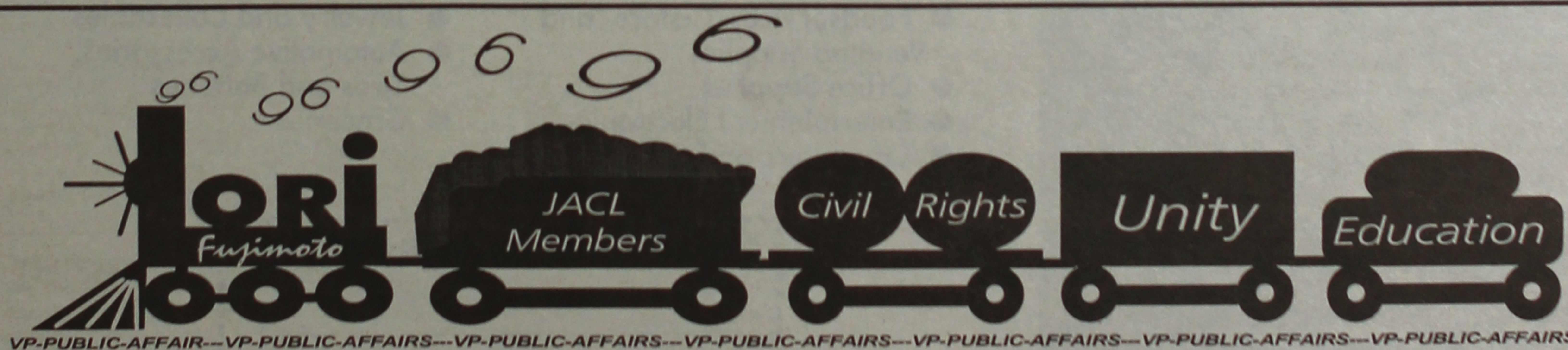
## IT MUST BE TOLD

BY DR. MITSUO MIURA

Wherever you may be, near and far,  
to a praiseworthy group of Japanese Americans,  
to all the Nisei Women,  
in recognition and appreciation for  
your immeasurable, boundless  
and untiring devotion, and  
for your distinguishable contributions  
and accomplishments through  
the countless seasons,  
toward a unique and unparalleled integrity  
of the Japanese American Family  
of that swiftly vanishing, noteworthy  
generation and its era,  
these thoughts and reflections are sincerely  
voiced as a most fitting tribute.

### From a Distant Horizon

*I feel upon my face the refreshing breeze of yesteryears,  
And though in the midst of the beat of the day,  
there is no need for any tears.  
But in the beat of this day,  
there is no comforting breeze, they say;  
Yet, from afar, I can feel that  
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That gentle breeze which prevails  
from afar, of which I speak,  
Others shall never feel, only in vain may blindly seek.*



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# Comparing JACL dues with others

By **HERBERT YAMANISHI**  
JACL National Director

The proposed 1997-98 budget assumes a membership dues increase of an average of 57 cents per month or \$6.75 per year. There are several ways to assess whether or not the increase is fair and adequate. One commonly held way is to compare JACL dues with that of other organizations. The following is a comparative chart of membership dues for the three most common categories of dues. The information was taken from Web site pages on the Internet.

The proposed JACL dues increase is "in the ballpark" for the student/youth and individual/regular categories. The typical student dues for organizations is about \$20 and for individuals about \$40. Most organizations do not have a family/couple category. As a consequence it is not easy to determine the relative equity of the change in that category. It appears to be a toss-up. (See chart below, left.)

The chart demonstrates the tremendous variety of ways organizations operate to attract membership. Large membership organizations like the American Association

of Retired Persons generate much of their income from affinity member benefits like insurance and travel programs, while others may be more heavily dependent on contributions and donations. An organization with a membership base of several hundred thousand may also be able to charge less membership dues simply because of economies of scale. What is not shown in the chart is the complexity of membership categories. The JACL membership dues structure is the most extensive—more categories (9) than any other organization listed—of all organizations listed, and possibly the most complicated. Besides giving consideration to raising membership dues, maybe thought should be given to consolidating some of the membership categories rather than adding to them.

The reasons for the lengthy audit

are not solely because of the learning curve or that the fiscal condition of JACL is in bad shape. Coincident with the change in auditors are two major changes in auditing standards and guidelines—Financial Accounting Standards Board No.s 116 and 117 and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants guidelines for Related Organizations..

The changes in FASB standards and AICPA guidelines will have substantial impact on JACL. They are the most dramatic changes ever to occur in nonprofit audit and accounting procedures. The FASB standards will change the appearance of financial reports and thus how we think and use the finances of the organization. In effect, the standards will displace the concept of fund accounting that has been the common practice of nonprofit organizations. In its place will be financial statements looking more like private business statements.

The AICPA guidelines will define the relationship between National

JACL and JACL chapters from a fiscal point of view. For the auditors to better understand the relationship between National JACL and the JACL chapters, the auditors have requested that every chapter submit financial statements to the JACL Headquarters. If no more than the current 50 chapters respond, a minority of chapters will be used to depict the fiscal and legal relationship between National JACL and JACL chapters.

The information requested is that which has been considered public information for a number of years. All chapters are required to file at least an annual information tax return on Form 990 or 990EZ. Chapters with "gross receipts" of \$25,000 or more should be filing IRS tax form 990. The IRS Forms 990 and 990EZ must be available for public inspection for three years following the filing date. The information being requested is identical to the information included in the form.

	Student/Yth.	Indiv./Reg.	Couple/Family	
<b>JACL (Current)</b>	\$10		\$36	\$65
<b>JACL (Proposed)</b>	\$14		\$43	\$75
Am. Assn./Retired Persons (AARP)	NA		\$8	NA
Am. Civil Liberties Union(ACLU)	\$20		\$35	NA
American Legion	NA		\$20	NA
League of Women Voters (LWV)	NA		\$40	\$60
NAACP	\$3 - \$8		\$10	NA
National Org. of Women (NOW)	NA		\$40	NA
National Rifle Assn. (NRA)	\$155		\$195	\$240
Org. of Chinese, Americans (OCA)	\$15		\$25	NA
Rainbow Coalition	\$25		\$35	NA
Veterans of Foreign, Wars(VFW)	NA		\$26	NA

NA - Not applicable (no dues listed for the category).

## BUDGET

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### 1994 vs. 1997 Expenses

1994	\$1,453,609
1997	1,314,445
Less in 1997	\$139,164

### 1994 vs. 1998 Expenses

1994	\$1,453,609
1998	1,349,177
Less in 1998	\$104,432

Finally, comparing the current projected expenses with those of 1997 and 1998 reveals the following picture. (We are currently run-

ning about 5.7% below projected expenses and 5.5% under projected revenues. So in 1996 we are within revenue and expense parameters)

### Projected '96 vs. '97 Expenses

1996	\$1,322,000
1997	1,314,445
Less in 1997	\$7,555

### Projected '96 vs. '98 Expenses

1998	\$1,349,177
1996	1,322,000
More in 1998	\$27,177

This, we believe, also demonstrates that we have tried to hold the line on expenditures in 1997 and 1998. We are under 1996 expenses in 1997 and just over 1996 ex-

penses in 1998, 2 years later.

Personnel costs average \$62,000 less in 1997 and 1998 as compared to 1993 and 1994. This illustrates that personnel costs four years later are still below 1993-94 levels. In addition, the new proposals are \$23,967 and \$18,967, below the current proposals.

All comparisons have excluded reserve monies to make expense figures comparable. We hope that this gives our membership a better idea relative to the cost saving measures that we have taken. However, these measures will not be enough if the National boards who follow us do not continue to hold the line on expenditures for the next six to eight years and continue to add to the reserve fund each year until we reach a minimum of \$300,000 in the reserve fund.

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## Short takes

### San Pedro slayer given death sentence

LONG BEACH—Raymond Oscar Butler, 20, who was convicted in February of killing in cold-blooded fashion Takuma Ito and Go Matsuura, two Marymount College film students from Japan, was sentenced to death July 30 before Superior Court Judge James Pierce.

Butler bit his lip and swallowed hard when the sentence was delivered.

### JACL offices to be closed Aug. 12-13

The JACL offices (with the exception of *Pacific Citizen*) will be closed Monday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 13, the two days following the national convention in San Jose, according to Herb Yamanishi, national director.

All staff, unless otherwise previously arranged, will report back to work at regular hours Wednesday, Aug. 14.

### MANZANAR

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tion, Gardena, then handed the commissioners a listing compiled by the foundation of some 14,000 Japanese Americans who served overseas during World War II.

"These American citizens fought

### Sacramento chosen for census rehearsal

SACRAMENTO—The Department of Commerce announced July 30 that it has chosen Sacramento as one of three sites nationwide for a 1998 dress rehearsal for Census 2000. The other two sites are 11 counties in South Carolina and a reservation in Wisconsin.

The new procedures will include user-friendly forms, multiple contacts with households and a new sampling and statistical estimation technique—all to be tested simultaneously.

with uncommon valor for America when they were classified as 4-C, enemy aliens, and their families were incarcerated," Kim declared. "This fact cannot be repeated enough. The truth should not be hidden, and the truth is Japanese Americans during WWII were patriotic citizens of America and wrongfully incarcerated. The realistic depiction of Manzanar will help prevent America from repeating this mistake."

In a status report, Manzanar National Historic Site Superintendent Ross Hopkins said the past four sessions have found two-thirds supporting Alternative C. Of the two petitions from the Bishop area, 109 wanted no monument, 55 favored the site if local Paitte Indian and early pioneers are given equal coverage. There were 57 letters, 25 in favor of Alternative C, 8 opposed and 24 with-

out any preference. Of the 43 oral comments, 22 supported Alternative C.

Hopkins, 619/878-2932, added a revised draft and public comments will be available soon.

## LEADERS

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When World War II ended, the returning evacuees encountered difficulty in finding housing. Through the efforts of Masunaga and Sakaue, hostels were established at the old annex to the San Jose Buddhist Church and the Wesley United Methodist Church on North Fifth Street. Masunaga was also instrumental in setting up the Oak Hill Japanese Cemetery Trust and served as its chair for many years.

The spirit of volunteerism is Ishikawa's hallmark. In 1946 when the San Jose JACL chapter instituted the Blue Cross hospitalization plan for its members, Ishikawa served as the first chair of the Blue Cross Committee and was its chair for 20 years. Since 1987, he has been helping to preserve the history of San Jose Japantown. As part of the 34th Biennial National Convention, Ishikawa will be leading a guided walking tour and sharing the history of Japantown.

During World War II, Kanemoto served in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS). A year after his discharge, he opened his law practice in the Issei Memorial Building and became involved with JACL, serving as treasurer and at the national level and implementing naturalization classes for the Issei at the Adult

Education Center. National JACL urged Kanemoto to apply for a Municipal Court judgeship. With his appointment in January, 1963, Kanemoto became the first Nisei judge in Northern California and served until June 1982.

The only woman honoree, Helen Mineta, passed away in March 1996 and will be honored posthumously. Mineta, a long-time San Jose JACL board member, served for many years as its scholar's chair. "She helped to bring a lot of younger members on our board," stated board member Claire Omura, "and we all miss her very much."

The honorees will be recognized

during the 34th Biennial JACL

National Convention at the National Awards Luncheon to be held on Aug. 9 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Imperial Ballroom at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel.

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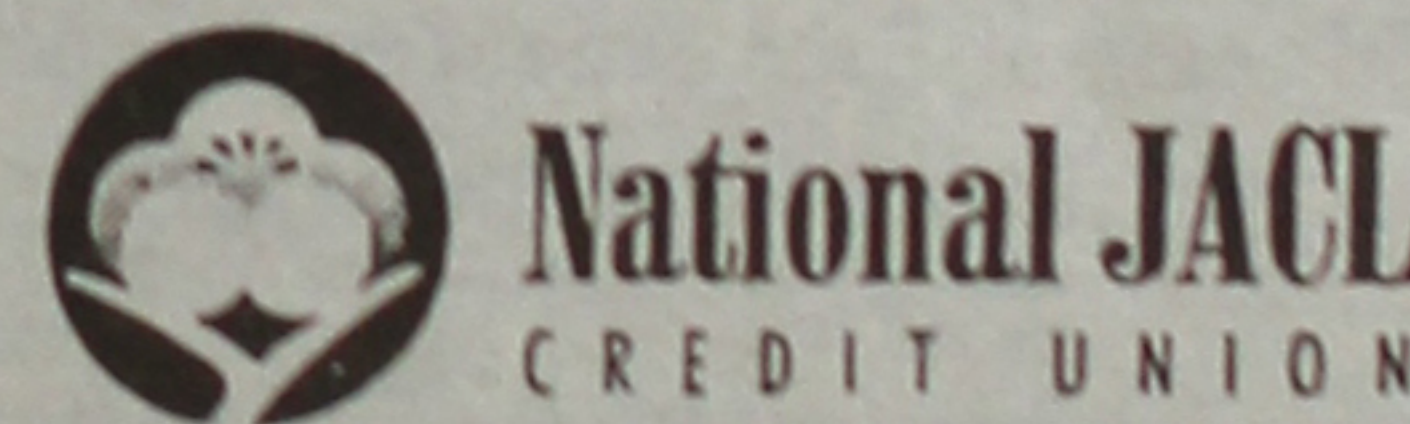
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**JACL National Convention workshops**

**'Affirmative action in the '90s: A vision of diversity for the future'**

By LISA HIRAI TSUCHITANI

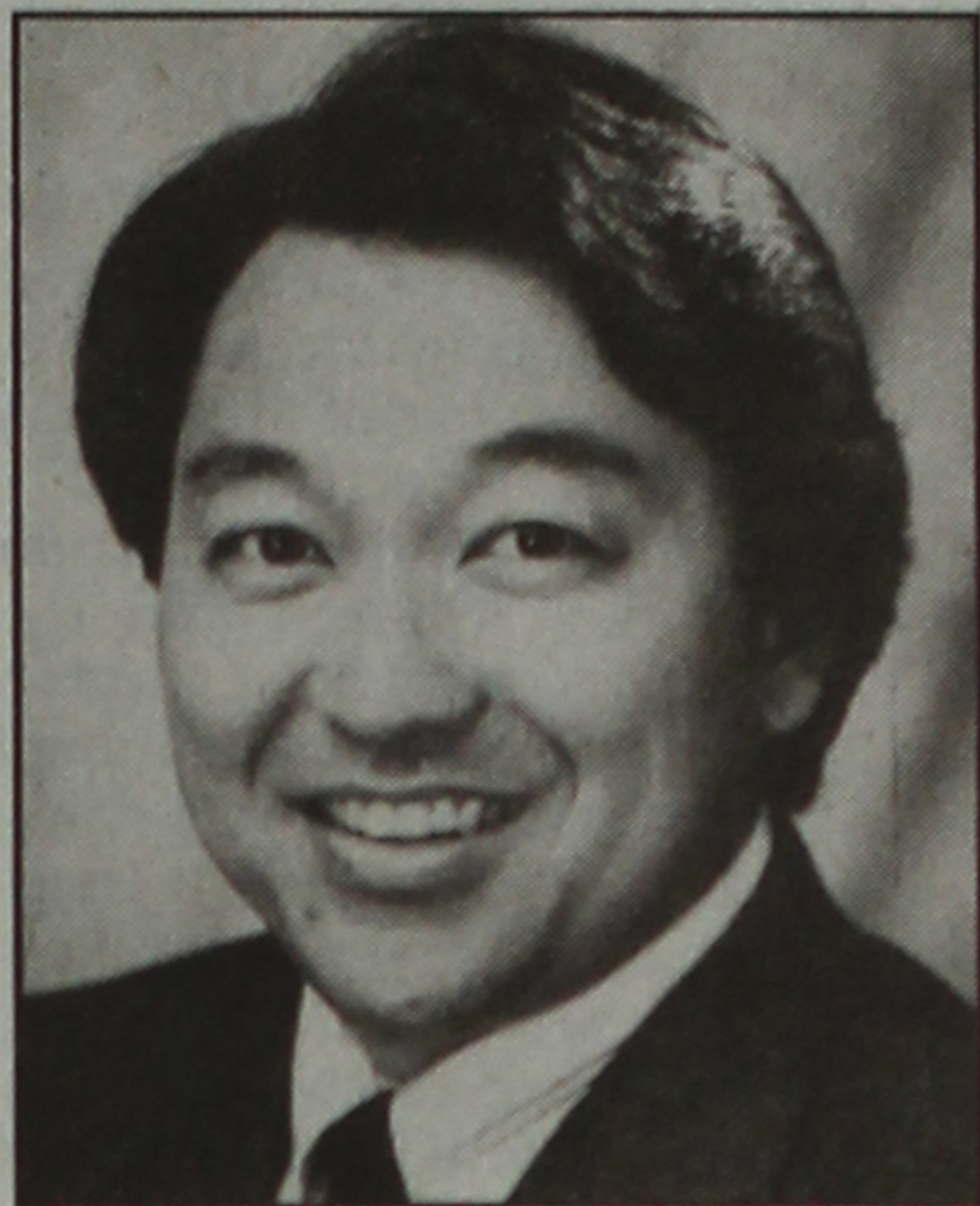
On Saturday, August 10, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., the Berkeley, Contra Costa, and Diablo Valley Chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League will be sponsoring a workshop on the issue of affirmative action titled, "Affirmative Action in the '90s: A Vision of Diversity for the Future." This workshop will be held at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel as part of the 34th Biennial JACL National Convention activities. Its purpose is to provide a forum for exploring the history of affirmative action policy and its impact on the Japanese American community over the past 30 years through the personal testimonies of KPIX Channel 5 newscasters Wendy Hanamura and Robert Handa, and attorney Donald Tamaki.

Wendy Hanamura began her television career at KPIX producing for a talk show, *People Are Talking*, and a nightly entertainment show, *Evening Magazine*. Her first job in journalism, however, was for *Time* magazine, where she worked as a research-



**WENDY HANAMURA**

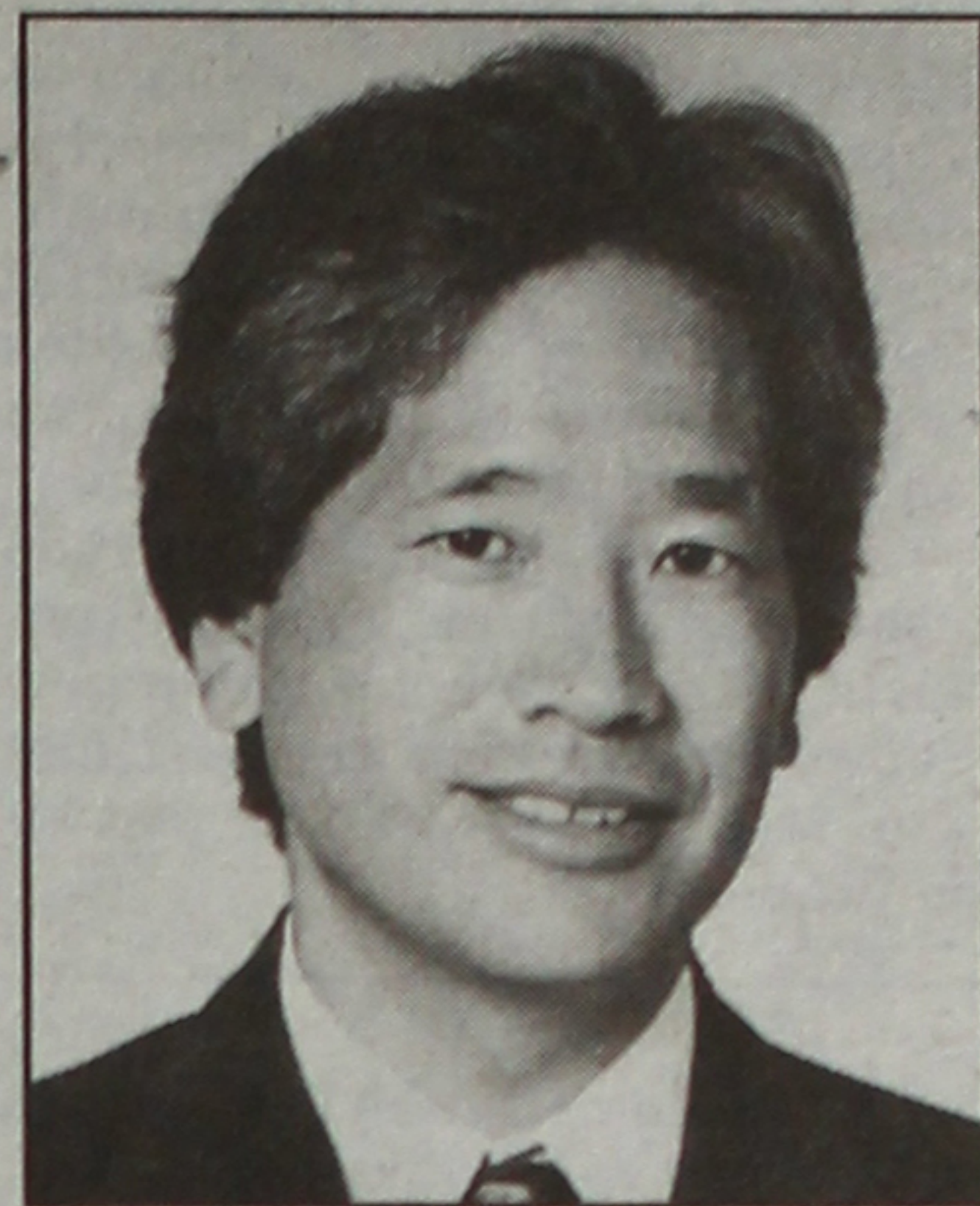
reporter and photo editor. A Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of Harvard University, she is currently an independent filmmaker and freelance television producer. Her 1995 documentary, *Honor Bound*, which traces the story of her father's march with the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II, won an Emmy award for "Best Documentary" in 1996. She stays active in the Asian



**ROBERT HANDA**

American community by emceeing benefits for groups including the Kimochi Kai, the Japanese Community Youth Council, the JACL, the Yu Ai Kai, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Asian Fund.

Robert Handa has been a reporter for Channel 5 Eyewitness News since August 1990. Prior to working at KPIX, he was both a producer and reporter for local investigative news magazine



**DONALD TAMAKI**

shows and the MacNeil Lehrer News Hour for KQED. A recipient of Distinguished Alumnus honors from his alma mater, San Jose State University, he also worked at KNTV, the ABC affiliate in San Jose, for 10 years as a special segment and general assignment reporter. During his career in San Jose he received numerous awards which include an Emmy, for best investigative reporting, the UPI Western Regional Award for best

news reporting, and a California School Boards Association award for best education reporting.

Donald Tamaki is a founding partner of the San Francisco law firm of Minami Lew & Tamaki, where he maintains a business and litigation practice. Upon receiving his J.D. degree from UC, Berkeley, he co-founded the Asian Law Alliance in San Jose, a public interest law firm which advocates for the civil rights of Asian Americans. He later became Director of the Asian Law Caucus, the nation's first and oldest public interest law firm representing low income and poor Asian Americans in the Bay Area. He also served on the legal team which successfully reopened the landmark Supreme Court cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui, overturning their convictions for refusing to be interned during World War II. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UC, Berkeley, he is the recipient of the Loren Miller Award, the State Bar of California's highest recognition for providing legal services to the poor and work on civil rights issues.

**Workshop focuses on two successful JA entrepreneurs**

By RUTH YAMAMOTO  
West Valley Chapter, JACL

What are the ingredients of a true

entrepreneur? Jim Omura of Cylink started his business more than 12 years ago as a start-up company, and today it is a multinational com-

pany. Dr. Koichi Nishimura is the CEO of Solectron Corporation in Milpitas, Calif. He has been very instrumental in the transformation of Solectron from a regional company to an internationally recognized supplier of electronics manufacturing services. Solectron has

expanded from one location in California's Silicon Valley to become a globe-spanning organization with sites in Malaysia, Japan, France, Scotland, Germany and additional U.S. operations in North Carolina and Washington.

Dr. Nishimura was the driving


force behind Solectron's adoption of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria as a quality road map and the company's selection as the 1991 winner.

Active in the electronics industry, he is a director of the Santa Clara County Manufacturers' Group and serves on the board of directors at Merix Corporation.

Before joining Solectron, Dr. Nishimura held a number of management positions at IBM Corporation. His IBM experiences were primarily in the areas of disk file design, technology, and manufacturing management.

Dr. Nishimura holds a doctorate degree in materials science and engineering from Stanford University and master's and bachelor's degrees from San Jose State University. He is also a senior member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

**Saturday, Aug. 10, from 1:30 to 3:p.m.:** To learn more about Jim Omura and Ko Nishimura and how they have become successful Japanese American entrepreneurs, come to the workshop at the National JACL Convention on Asian American Entrepreneurs at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose  
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The Omura family was sent to Heart Mountain, Wyo., during WWII. After the war, Omura's family lived in San Francisco where his father worked at apartment complexes and eventually became an apartment house manager. At age 65, he moved the family to Campbell, Calif., and started to grow strawberries, prunes, and cherries.

He wanted his children to have a better life than he had so he sent his sons to M.I.T. By the time Jim was 25 years old he had a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He enjoyed research, so he decided to pursue a career in teaching. He got a position at UCLA as an electrical engineering teacher, which he held for fifteen years. Although he enjoyed the students and the teaching, he felt bored and decided to explore other career opportunities. He then pursued a business venture that turned into a multinational company with locations in Singapore, Moscow, New Delhi, Beijing, and Pakistan.



## Personally speaking



**AND THE WINNERS ARE—**  
From left, Mary Hanamura, Howard Hanamura, Wendy Hanamura and her husband Michael Okagaki pose for photo during recent Emmy Award ceremonies.

### 'Honor Bound': An 'Emmy' for Wendy Hanamura

The Northern California Emmy Award for the Best Documentary went last May to *Honor Bound: a Personal Journey*, the WWII combat experiences recalled by 442nd Company L Sgt. **Howard Hanamura** and covered by his daughter, **Wendy Hanamura**, KPIX-TV reporter, when they visited Italy and France two years ago.

"We all work so hard in this industry, yet sometimes I think what we are searching for is the meaning," she said in accepting the award in San Francisco. "For me, this project was all meaning. A little more than 50 years ago, my mother was interned in a camp in Utah and my father

was fighting for the U.S. Army in Europe. I have to thank KPIX and general manager Harry Fuller for believing that this would make a powerful piece of television."

Awards were also presented to producer **Joan Saffa**, videographer **Duane Poquis**, editor **Terry Kane Chinn**, associate producer **Mariko Nobu** and composer **Gary Remal Malkin**. *Honor Bound* also won the CINE Golden Eagle, the CHRIS Award and a CBS Excellence in Community Service Award.

Video copies are available at 800/666-9970.

### Purple Heart catches up after 41 years



**ROBERT T. OUYE**

The account has surfaced of former Marina, Calif., Mayor **Robert T. Ouye, 62**, a lifetime Monterey Peninsula JACLer, receiving the Purple Heart because of wounds sustained in the Korean Conflict, after 41 years. Ouye, then Sgt. 1st Class, was supposed to have been presented the Purple Heart and other decorations earned during 20 years of service in Korea and Vietnam at a retirement parade in 1972; but he told the Army he didn't want them, because the troops would have had to stand out in the hot sun for the ceremony.

Classified as 70% combat disabled, the Waimea, Hawaii, native was wounded by a North Korean artillery burst on Jan. 9, 1953, while on sniper duty at "Pork Chop Hill." His helmet was crushed into his head, which is now covered with a two-inch square metal plate, and the hearing in his right ear was permanently impaired; the flak suit he was wearing saved his life from a shower of shrapnel. But as he was being shuttled from hospital to hospital, the Purple Heart failed to reach him. Ouye was also wounded in Vietnam.

Ouye at last received his awards in September 1994 in Marina, where he had been a sheriff's deputy and was elected a charter council member when the city was incorporated in 1975. He served 12 years on the council, including three years as mayor. He now lives in nearby Pebble Beach.

### Changes at East West Players

Now that East West Players of Los Angeles is ushering in its 31st season and is about to become a mid-size arts center and, Artistic Director **Tim Dang** has promoted

its administrative and public relations director **Luisa Cariaga** to be the managing director, effective July 1. Cariaga joined EWP in February 1995, after seven years with a theatrical agency touring Broadway shows and international attractions. EWP will occupy the main floor of the upcoming Union Center for the Performing Arts in Little Tokyo, originally built as the Union Church in the mid-1920s.

### Dancing 'Otakes' named '96 MacArthur Fellows

**Eiko and Koma Otake**, two postwar Japan-born dance artists and a collaborative pair now residing in New York City who have created "an inventive, personal style that engenders some of the most beautiful and mysterious images in dance today," received a \$290,000 grant as 1996 MacArthur Fellows from the John D. and Catherine MacArthur Foundation, based in Chicago. The Otakes had no idea they had been nominated for the five-year stipend until they were notified of the award.

The Otakes have been working together since 1971. Their performances are described as "dream-like productions blending natural elements—air, earth and water—with unnatural elements: calculated stage light, stage decor and stylized motion." Their 1995 piece, *River*, will be premiered in 1997 with the Kronos Quartet and Japanese composer Somei Satoh. The Otakes are married; Koma, 47, was born in Niigata, Eiko, 44, in Tokyo.

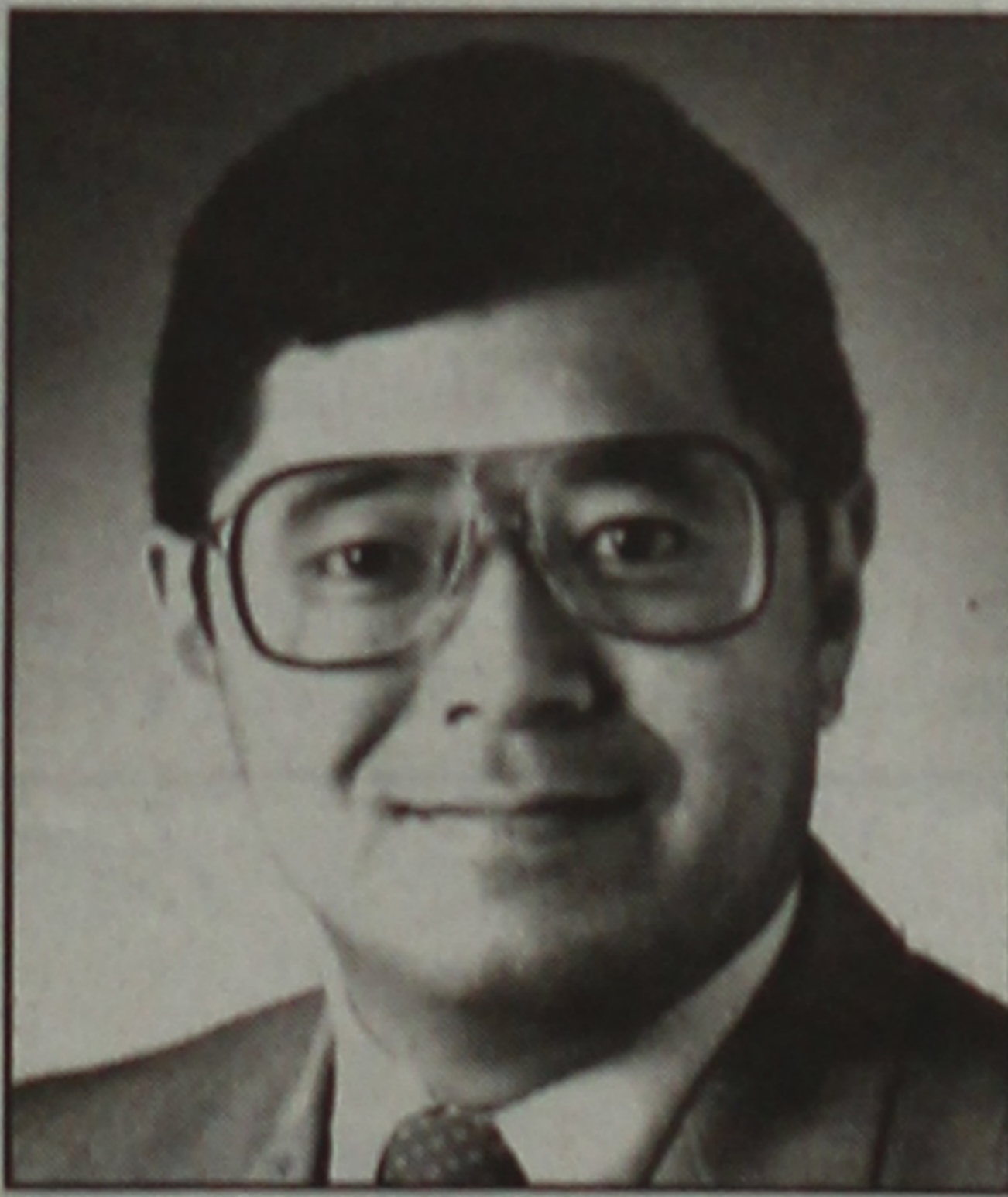
The fellowships are "no strings attached" awards for recipients to use as they wish; the foundation imposes no reporting requirements or restrictions. "The creative person is at the heart of a society's capacity to improve the human condition," said foundation president Adele Simmons. Individuals cannot apply for these fellowships but must be nominated by a 12-member selection committee. The eight major grant areas are health, education, environment, population, peace and international cooperation, individual creativity, mass communication and, in Chicago and Palm Beach County, Fla., community development and cultural affairs. A total of 479 fellows, including six Asian Americans, have been selected since the program began in 1981.

### Sansei heads GM's global communications

General Motors president, chairman and CEO John F. Smith Jr. announced the appointment of former journalist and communications executive **John C. Onoda, 45**, as worldwide corporate communications officer at GM effective June 24. Onoda was also elected a GM vice president, reporting to Harry J. Pearce, GM vice chairman.

As GM's communications chief worldwide, Onoda will be coordinating their overall communications network and will chair its communications strategy council, which reviews systems at Delphi Automotive Systems, GMAC, Hughes Electronics, and GM's business sectors in North American and International Operations.

Onoda was credited at Levi Strauss & Co., San Francisco, with creating a communications organization that has been widely recognized as one of the most outstanding in corporate America. He joined the apparel industry leader in 1989 and most recently served there as vice president, corporate communications.



**JOHN ONODA**

He began his writing career in 1977 with the *Omaha World-Herald* and later worked at the *Houston Chronicle*, and held communications positions at Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald Corp. from 1987 through 1989.

Onoda has a bachelor's degree in journalism, University of Michigan, a juris doctorate from Indiana, and a master's degree from Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism. He is the son of active Chicago JACLers Chieko and Hideo Onoda.

### Top table tennis player in Brazil dies

The No. 1 player on Brazil's Olympic table tennis team,

**Claudio Kano, 30**, died in a motorcycle crash July 1 in São Paulo, just hours before he was to leave to compete in the U.S. Table Tennis Open. A car reportedly swerved in front of Kano's motorcycle on the busy Riverside Highway and he crashed into the guard rail. He was rushed to the hospital with a concussion, broken bones and internal bleeding and died shortly after. The Japanese Brazilian had made table tennis popular in Brazil since winning his first gold medals at the 1983 Pan American Games, adding to them in the 1987, 1991 and 1995 games.

### Many Japanese runners expected for Las Vegas marathon

According to Las Vegas International Marathon director **Al Boka**, the Feb. 9, 1997, race will have a decidedly "Japanese look," with between 600 and 1,000 competitors expected from Japan. The marathon attracted 371 Japanese runners last year; Boka believes twice that number will come as a result of his recent promotional trip, adding "Japan has the highest density of runners in the world." Of a total population of 120 million, there are an estimated 20 million runners or joggers in Japan, he said.

### Exhibit honors Northern California JAs

An exhibition created by

**Marysville Chapter, JACL**, and the Sutter County Community Memorial Museum, titled "The Road Not Forgotten: the Journey of Japanese Descendants in Butte, Colusa, Sutter and Yuba Counties, 1889-1995," was dedicated May 3 at the museum, 1333 Butte House Road, and will be on view through Sept. 1. A book with the same title has been published by the chapter in connection with their fifth Marysville Area reunion scheduled Aug. 23-25.

### Retirement fete for Judge Takei

A community appreciation dinner for **Judge Taketsugu Takei**, who is retiring this fall after serving 20 years on the Santa Clara County superior court, will be held Saturday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m. at the San Jose Hyatt. Takei, appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1976, won his first election in 1978 by a great margin, and was unopposed in the 1984 and 1990 elections.

A San Francisco native, he began his legal career as a graduate of Hastings College in 1961 in the public defender's office, was a trial attorney for 10 years, and was appointed director of the Department of Consumer Affairs in 1975.

A West Valley JACLer, he and his wife Lillie have three children, Jon, Leslie and Kevin.

Dinner information: Grace Yamakawa 408/356-4020, Cal Hara 408/241-0449.



**PLANNERS**—From left, Min Tonai, president of the Los Angeles Japanese Cultural and Community Center, George Aratani, honorary chair of the Japanese American Korean War Memorial, and Robert Wada, president of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans, meet to discuss fund-raising drive.

### Nikkei named to Korean War Veterans Memorial group

A distinguished group of Japanese Americans have been named honorary chairs of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial, an organization formed to raise \$150,000 for a memorial at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

The chairs are: U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye; U.S. Congressman Robert T. Matsui; Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink; Lockheed vice president Norman Mineta; Congressional Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura; California Assemblyman Nao Takasugi; George Aratani, chairman emeritus of Kenwood/Mikasa; former California Assemblyman Paul Bannai; Rob Fukuzaki, sportscaster for Los Angeles KABC TV Channel 7; Fibber Hirayama, first Nikkei professional baseball player in Japan; former assemblyman S. Floyd Mori; retired Capt. Gordon Nakagawa, U.S.N.; and Claude Onizuka, brother of astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka who died in the Challenger 11 flight.

The JA Korean War Memorial Committee also appointed regional coordinators for the fund drive: Seiji Aisawa, Salinas, Calif.; Toko Fujii, Sacra-

mento; William Y. Hirose, San Francisco; Stanley N. Kanzaki, New York; Mitsugi Kasai, Salt Lake City; Jim Kojima, San Jose; William Koseki, Las Vegas; Eddie Moriguchi, San Francisco; Miyuki Ohshita, Chicago; Howard S. Okada, Honolulu; George Tabata, Southern California; and Asa Yonemura, Fresno, Calif.

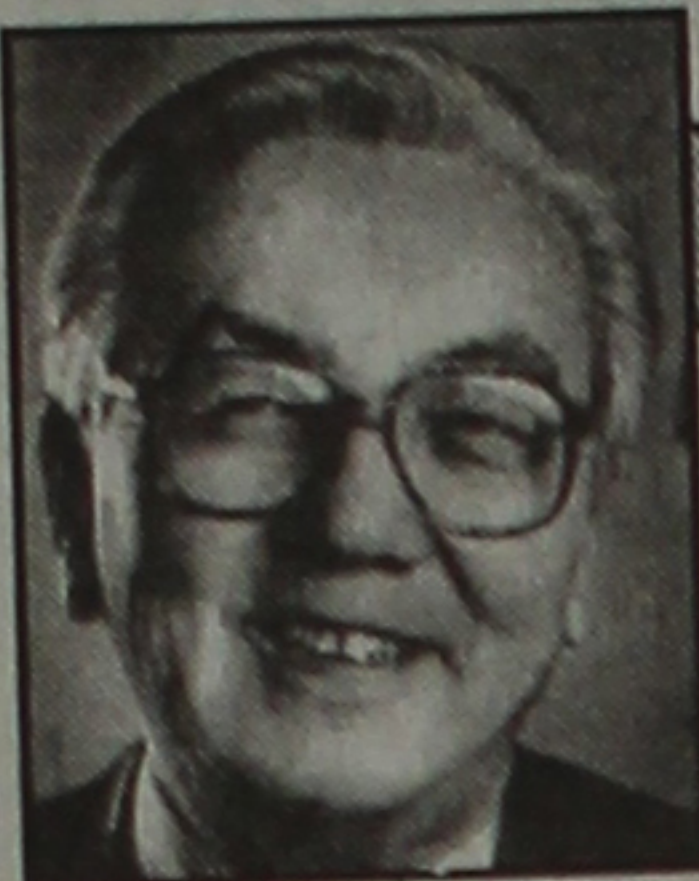
The honorary co-chairs will make personal contact for major donations, while an extensive mailing campaign will be conducted under the direction of Bacon Sakatani, membership chair, according to fund-raising co-chairs George Tabata, Ed Nakata and Ken Oye.

Individuals interested in the Korean War era organization should contact their regional coordinator or contact Robert M. Wada, president, at 714/992-5461; fax, 714/525-9761; or write to him at 410 W. Amerige Ave., Fullerton, CA 92632.

Southern California chapters meet on alternate Fridays, July 5, 19, August 2 and 30, at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. The Aug. 16 meeting was canceled because of Nisei Week activities.



Opinions



From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Could more ads return PC to weekly?

Reflecting the imminence of the 34th Biennial JACL National Convention, recent issues of this newspaper have been loaded with organizational news. This makes *Pacific Citizen* look more like a JACL house organ than a newspaper of general interest among Japanese Americans, which the majority of subscribers prefers.

In any event, the frequency with which the membership wants this newspaper to be published will play a part in the convention discussion and voting on JACL's budget for the next biennium.

The reason is that the cost of a subscription to *Pacific Citizen* is built into the dues structure. When you pay JACL dues, a part of that sum is earmarked for a subscription to PC. A non-member can subscribe to PC separately, but a JACL member pays for PC whether he wants to or not when he pays his dues.

For some time now, PC has been published semi-monthly because it costs less to publish two issues a month instead of one every week. Twice monthly cannot provide news service the way a weekly can. There is considerable demand for PC to go back to a weekly schedule. The obvious way to accomplish that is to increase

the subscription price to meet the additional cost. And for the membership that would mean an increase in the dues. That's about as popular as a swarm of wasps at a nudist camp.

Most newspapers of general circulation have a source of income other than sales. That would be income from selling space for advertising. For prosperous dailies and weeklies, advertising accounts for from 60 to 75 percent of income. The small volume of advertising in *Pacific Citizen*, except for the holiday issue, makes it very evident this is not a prosperous newspaper.

Why can't PC sell more advertising, increase income and go back to a weekly schedule without raising the subscription price?

Theoretically, that's possible. Just look at the Holiday Issue. It's jam-packed with advertising hustled up by members of JACL chapters all over the country. But most of those are good-will ads which individuals or companies pay for, not because it's a good business expenditure, but because they support JACL or hate to turn down the solicitor who happens to be a friend.

Because PC's readership is so scattered geographically, it is not necessarily a good investment for most holiday issue advertis-

ers. But there certainly are some who could be persuaded to advertise regularly if it's only a directory listing.

Has PC made an effort to increase its advertising income? Not recently. Selling advertising is not easy. Previous efforts have not been productive, partly because they were directed at large advertisers who have fairly rigid guidelines about the circulation and demographics of the publications in which they buy space. In any event, because of budgetary cutbacks there isn't anyone, so far as I know, hustling for ads.

So it's a vicious circle: Not enough money to hire an ad salesman; no salesman, no fresh income; no income, no improvement in frequency or quality of paper. Only apparent solution is higher dues, which no one likes.

There is another solution with two approaches, neither of them easy. 1—Bite the bullet and invest in a professional ad salesman. 2—Harness the power of volunteer sweat equity.

*Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the Denver Post. His column appears in the Pacific Citizen.*

JACL CALENDAR

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p.m., Mas Satow Bldg., 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Aug. 4—JACL/Yosh Kojimoto Memorial golf tournament, 11 a.m., Coyote Point Muni Golf Course; info: Vince Asai, 745 Pico Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, 415/349-3590.

Central California

FRESNO / CCDC

Sun., Sept. 8—11th annual Shinzen Run, 6 a.m. Woodward Park Shin Zen Garden parking lot; register by Sept 1, Fresno JACL, 1713 Tulare St. #133, Fresno, CA 93721; info: 209/486-6815. NOTE—\$10 by Sept 1, \$13 thereafter; Kids 1-K run \$5 by Sept. 1, then \$7 (all entrants receive commemorative T-shirt); races by age group for 2-mile run, 2-mile walk, 10-K run.

Pacific Southwest

LAS VEGAS

Sat., Aug. 10—8th annual Obon Festival, noon-5 p.m., Cimarron-Memorial High School, 2301 N. Tenaya Way. Bento orders: 702/362-3742

COMMUNITY

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moderator. Sun, Aug. 4—JANM Panel: "Korea, The Forgotten War," 2-4 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Dr. Kaori Oguri, JANM curator, moderator. Sun., Aug. 4—Nisei Week "Kohaku Utagassen," JACCC Plaza, Info: 213/687-7193. Sat.-Sun., Aug. 10-11—L.A. Tofu Festival, JACCC Plaza, info: Little Tokyo Service Center 213/680-3729. NOTE—Showcasing 'Asia's potato'. Sat., Aug. 10-18—Nisei Week Japanese Festival, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/687-7193. Coronation Ball at Bonaventure Hotel—Sat. Aug. 10; Grand Parade—Sun., Aug. 11; Awards dinner at New Otani—Mon., Aug. 12; Pioneer luncheon at New Otani—Wed., Aug. 14; Carnival—Sat. & Sun., Aug. 17-18; First Street Ondo & Closing ceremony in front of Miyako Hotel—Sun., Aug. 18.

Thu., Aug. 15—JANM Third Thursday Art. Two videos in conjunction with "Kikyo," 5:30-8:30 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Canadian-Japanese experiences during WWII. "Minoru: Memory of Exile" and "Throwaway Citizens." ALSO: Sat., Aug. 17, screenings, 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 17—Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library book party, 1-3:30 p.m., LTB Library, 244 S. Alameda, info: 213/612-0525. NOTE—Expected: William Hohri, Joyce Hwang, Toyomi Igus, Stewart David Ikeda, Frederik Schodt, Julie Shigekuni and Hiroki Sugihara/Ann Akahori.

Sun., Aug. 18—JANM closing of Heart Mountain Barrack, 4 p.m., E. 1st and Central; info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Aug. 24—JANM Panel: "Japanese Canadian Concentration Camps," 2-4 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Prof. Audrey Kobayashi, Queens University, moderator.

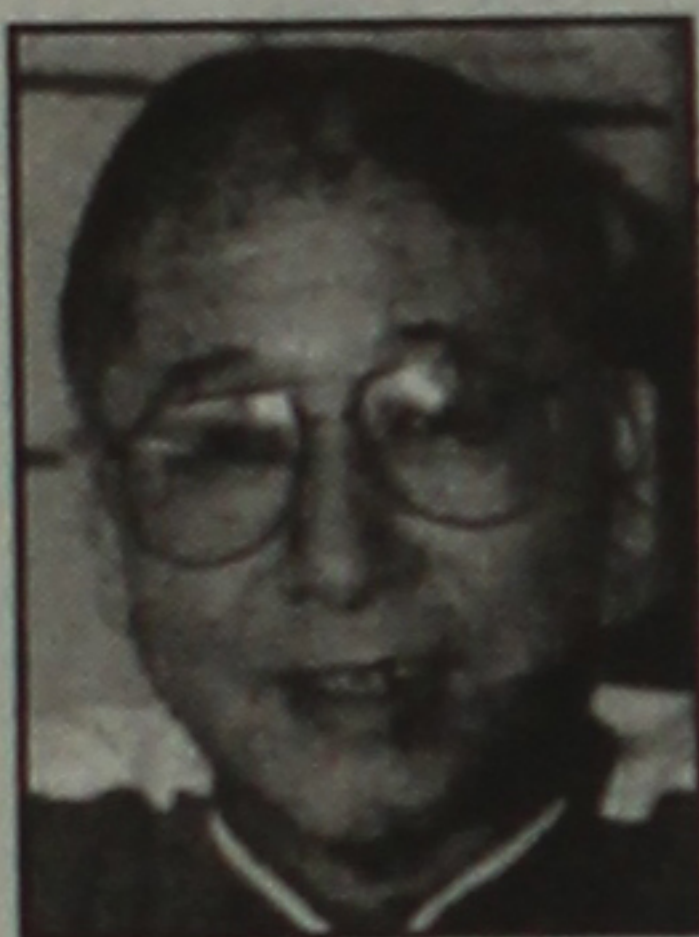
Thu., Aug. 29—Cold Tofu Improv, 8-9:30 p.m., JANM; free, RSVP 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 14—JANM Panel: "Go For Broke. Perspectives on the Movie," 2-4 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Karen Ishizuka, moderator; Lane Nakano, Desmond Nakano, Robert A. Nakamura.

Thu., Sept. 19—JANM Third Thursday Art. "The Legacy of Taro Yashima," 7-8:30 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—With Mako and Momo Yashima relating stories about their father [1908-1994].

Sat., Sept. 21—JANM book party: "Repairing America. An Account of the Movement for Japanese-American Redress," 1-3 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—With author William Hohri.

Sat., Sept. 21—First anniversary Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Los Angeles; info: Anthony Taketa 213/628-8297, MJCC 213/626-2279.



East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Shin-chû-gun luxuriating

THAT'S THE TERM by which the Army of Occupation in postwar Japan was known: *shin-chû-gun*. The term consists of three Kanji (Chinese) characters: *susu-mu*, meaning to advance; *todo-maru*, meaning to stop, reside in; and *gun*, military troops. Applying "Chinese" phonetics to the three characters, it comes out *shin-chû-gun*. (I place quotation marks around the word "Chinese" because the phonetics are the Japanese version of Chinese pronunciation. For example, *tô-fu* (soybean curd) in Chinese—as I hear it in the Chinatown community, is *dâ-fu*. At least that's how I order a favorite Chinese dish: *mah-boh dâ-fu*, with ground-up pork.)

But back to *shin-chû-gun*.

FOR AMERICAN TROOPS—and that very much includes Nisei soldiers serving in the Army of Occupation in postwar Japan provided for many, unprecedented, luxuries. For some it may well have been their first trip outside the U.S. In many instances, the American army "requisitioned" or commandeered the most desirable housing facilities in that area. I recall a *besso* (villa) occupied by army personnel

that was situated right on the bay waters. It sat atop an *on-sen* (hot-water spring) which provided nightly mineral bath soaking. According to idle talk, the place belonged to a Japanese who owned a string of movie theaters. I spent a night there; I still recall falling asleep to the sound of the bay waters lapping against the shore just outside my window.

THEN THERE WAS the luncheon at the Air Corps officer's club in Tokyo. As I recall, it was Air Corps 1st Lt. Gary Rabiner, presently residing in Iowa, who took me along. I must tell you, friends: those Fly-Boys live "high on the hog." Something widely rumored which was definitely confirmed at that luncheon. Imagine placing a guy (myself), trained as an infantryman used to chow consistent with that branch of the military, having luncheon served by uniformed waiters, while seated at white-clothed tables with matching cloth napkins, and a roving string quartet moving about as you dined. (In the infantry we'd say "eating;" in the Air Corps, it's "dining.")

SPEAKING OF EATING, I recall once having luncheon at an Australian outfit, a

unit comprised of Asian Indian soldiers led mostly by white officers. It was a broiling August, which is the only kind of August known in Japan, just as it is presently. The luncheon fare was curried rice which was heavily steeped in that hot condiment. Trying to be a good guest, I gamely ate what was placed before me.

As perspiration poured down my back.

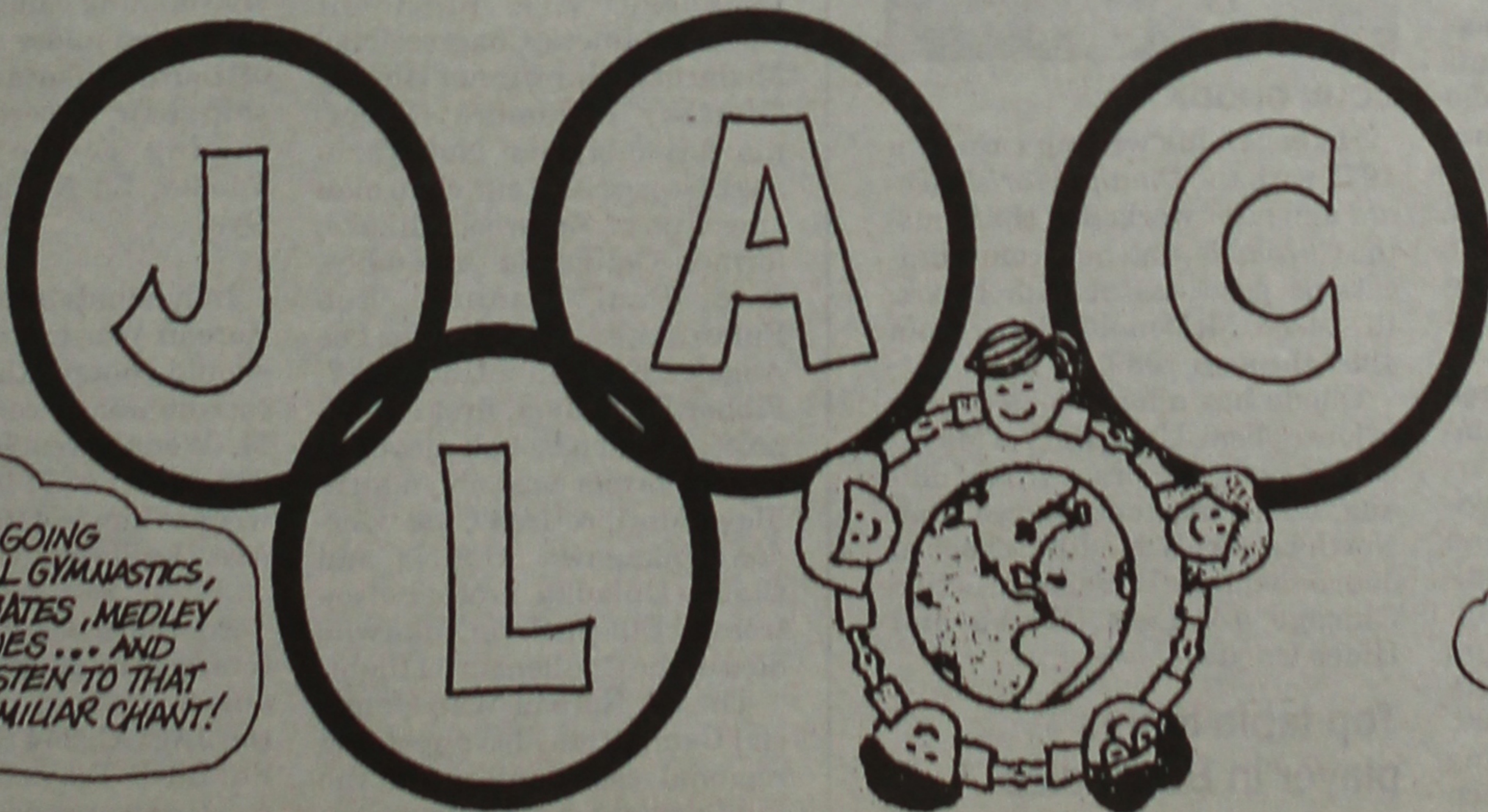
THEN THERE WAS this young Japanese fellow in Maizuru (Kyotofu) with whom I was consulting on some matters when the noon hour arrived. He graciously invited me to have lunch with him and I accepted. Aside from rice and some pickled vegetables, the main fare was sashimi consisting of small whole fish, about the size of a lady's baby finger, with only the innards removed. I dipped those minnows in shoyu and gamely gulped them down.

*Shin-chû-gun*: a varied experience. Luxurious, then spartan.

*After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the Pacific Citizen.*

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## By the board

By DAVID KAWAMOTO

# New members and attractive chapters needed

**A**s a new biennium begins for JACL, it is time to evaluate the needs of our organization. One of our ongoing needs is to increase our membership numbers.

JACL is an organization of volunteers. The goals and vision of our organization can only be realized through the efforts of the membership. Though it is a privilege to have such competent, devoted and hard-working staff, the strength of our organization lies in its general membership. We

can only be as strong as our members. The membership's commitment and focus on the issues at hand will decide the direction in which JACL will progress.

For JACL to continue its national civil and human rights work, there must be a concerted effort to increase membership. At the present time, JACL has a national membership of about 22,000, which represents about 3% of the people of Japanese ancestry in the United States. That is a decidedly poor figure and something we must all strive to remedy. But,

realistically, we must offer something to attract members. Our civil rights work is notable, but each Chapter must provide cultural and recreational programs for their communities. Make JACL an attractive commodity . . . one that anyone would want to join.

We also need to be a visible member in our communities. Your visibility will be the platform for recruitment. The Pacific Southwest District has a number of chapters that have developed relationships with the Japanese American groups at proximate universi-

ties. You'll find that most campuses have Japanese American or Asian Pacific groups, and they also have community affairs in which social service groups set up booths to encourage membership. Be a visible member of your community . . . "adopt a college."

To enlist new members, the chapters, districts, and National need to communicate the accomplishments of our organization. Let people know what JACL is and what it stands for. A good summary of JACL history and accomplishments is contained in the

new membership brochure from National. Also, conveniently, the brochure has a membership application. So, anyone can use these at their chapter functions for recruitment.

The need for JACL still exists. Increased membership is needed by JACL. Show your commitment to the organization by bringing in new members.

*David Kawamoto, a member of the San Diego Chapter, is governor of the PSW District of JACL.*

## Youth

By KELLI NAKAYAMA

# A day in the life of a JACL intern

**W**hen I signed on to intern at the JACL-Pacific Southwest District Office recently, I expected to do a lot of grunt work, but I had no idea that I would have to play the role of a hippie. The other day, I attended my first protest rally, and I must say, it was not by choice.

When my boss, Al Muratsuchi, regional director for the Pacific Southwest District of JACL, informed me of an upcoming affirmative action rally in Koreatown, Los Angeles, I mentally groaned and thought, "well, let's

just get this thing over with." It was Friday, July 12, my first day on the job, and I simply looked forward to doing, nice, brainless, non-confrontational office tasks.

On the car ride over to the rally, Al asked me what I thought about affirmative action; I expressed what I assumed to be a common stance among Japanese Americans—I didn't really care, nor did I know much about affirmative action. I grew weary of seeing it plastered all over the news. In fact, I never believed that it would ever benefit me as an Asian American; as far as I could see, it denied college en-

trance to a large number of qualified Asian Americans.

By the time we got to the rally, I felt an impending sense of doom. I just couldn't help thinking, "I do NOT belong here!" I felt so out of place. A clipboard-wielding protester requested that I sign a petition, and so I did, without fully understanding the implications. I felt like such an obvious impostor, as if some die-hard protester would notice that I didn't belong there, label me as a fake, and the whole lot of protesters would barrage me with a slew of evil glares. So just to blend in, I wore a fluorescent green

"Defend Affirmative Action" sticker, but I had misgivings about the whole thing. I just wanted to keep a low profile and slink away as soon as the rally ended.

Much to my shock, the rally opened my eyes to a lot of things. It was kind of hard not to be drawn in by the energy, charisma, and spirit of the rally-goers, most of whom were Asian.

That shocked me—I had no idea that so many Asians supported affirmative action. For so long, I assumed that the Asian American community often voluntarily removed itself from the political arena. While I do realize that the

rally turnout was certainly not representative of the overall opinion of Asian Americans, I was still impressed with the number of Asians who showed up.

At this point, I should mention that I am the single most indecisive person in America. I can't even make up my mind about what to order at a restaurant, let alone take a stand on vital political issues. After years of hearing so many different angles on the subject of affirmative action, I don't know what to think anymore. I know a lot of Asian Ameri-

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## Sidebar

By MEI NAKANO

# Use it or lose it

**B**ess Kawamura has just earned a master's degree in gerontology. Okay, not such a remarkable feat by itself in this day when masters, and Ph.D.s are being dealt out like poker cards. But listen to this: she was honored at her graduation ceremonies in June as the oldest student to pick up a degree. Bess is 70.

"You should be traveling, or something," friends and fellow students would tell her, as she plodded through college, unit by unit. "Why are you doing this?" (You get the tag line . . . at your age").

Her answer: "Why not?"

Why not indeed? She had always dreamed of higher educa-

tion, but shortly after graduating from Amache High in camp, she outmigrated to Chicago to work and partially support her mother and kid brother. Then came marriage, four kids, and another stint at work later to help send all four children through college.

But with the kids grown, she dipped her toes in the waters of college and liked the feel of it. So when she and her husband retired, she began to pursue her dream full time. Without a clear goal at first, she decided mid-stream to major in gerontology, just because it interested her.

"Was it hard?" I ask.

"Well, some of it," she says. "Like learning research methods, sta-

tistics and the computer. The computer. . . (I hear a groan). . . It's a must these days."

But, if she encountered rocky shoals, her voyage was made smoother by her husband, who supported her effort wholeheartedly, even took over the cooking chores. (Men, are you listening?) Now, after more than a decade and a half of study, Bess Kawamura clutches her diploma proudly. And without skipping more than two beats, she's already talking animatedly about how she might use the interviewing skills she learned in her college work, to do oral interviews of Nisei. Bravo.

I thought about her yesterday as I read a piece in the Sunday

*Examiner/Chronicle* about memory loss in the aging. This, it appears, is the most feared aspect of aging even though declines are slow and consistent for the most part. For example, given a list of words, a 50-year-old might remember 15; at 66, she would likely remember 13; and at 70, she might get 11 correct. That's not a great loss, maybe a couple of trips to the fridge, forgetting what you went there for. More drastic declines (other than from effects of dementia or other serious diseases and surgery), researchers say, comes from (a) being paranoid about losing your memory, the self-fulfilling-prophecy thing and, (b) failure to exercise your mind,

the use-it-or-lose-it thing.

Mental fitness means staying interested in life, having a sense of purpose, making a contribution. "People who retire at 60 or 65 should go on and do something more with their lives..." one psychiatrist is quoted as saying.

How about at 70?

Bess Kawamura affirms that. Oh yes, I should mention: she happens to be my kid sister.

*Nakano, Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations," is presently working on a book about her father. Her column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.*



## Very truly yours

By Harry K. Honda

# Nisei Week: more than three generations old

**L**ittle Tokyo's Nisei Week Festival had its start in 1934 and these were JACL productions with proceeds going toward maintaining the Los Angeles JACL Office. No doubt, postwar generations will be surprised to learn we had a goose that was laying golden eggs in JACL's barnyard. Lily and Pat Okura, now of Washington, D.C., are among the few who can recount these exciting times.

JACL had reopened its office in 1945 to assist returning evacuees,

and the Japanese business community then was still getting its feet on the ground. "The dream to revive Nisei Week was nonexistent," to quote our colleague Henry Mori, the *Rafu Shimpō* English section editor after the war. The Japanese lantern lights were turned on in 1949 for the Ondo parade, but never again as a JACL fund-raiser.

The 1996 edition, touted as the "56th annual," could be numbered the "64th annual" were it not for the Evacuation and Resettlement

hiatus from 1942 through 1948 — which pegs the Festival over three generations, each generation consisting of twenty years. Wisely, the volunteers who stage Nisei Week in recent times have kept the "Nisei" name because of the tradition that this term conjures. It was also an apt substitute for the three-letter epithet that still angers the Japanese American community. By the way, first use of "Nisei" by a Little Tokyo business is shared by still-active Nisei Trading and, a refreshment stand

no longer around, according to the 1937 telephone book.

"Japanese" was inserted into the Nisei Week title 25 years ago to recognize cultural heritage connections. About that time, the Shosha volunteers added beautiful touches that hoisted *Nisei-Shu* to greater public attention and appreciation. The proper Japanese word for festival, *Matsuri*, was bandied about but it didn't integrate into the language. Now we see one-of-kind *Matsuri* attractions from Japan participating.

Coming up this year in the grand parade on Sunday, Aug. 11, will be a Children's *Dashi* float and a new Little Tokyo Business Association's Chochin Lantern float. Godzilla of Toho movies will be a parade marshal.

Had the Festival tried to appear "relative and current," *Sansei* Week Festival in the '60s and '70s, *Yonsei* Week Festival in the '80s

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*Harry Honda is Pacific Citizen's editor emeritus.*





By the board

By KAREN-LIANE SHIBA

New membership benefits update

Since accepting Denny Yasuhara's appointment to the vice presidency of 1000 Club, Membership and Services (VP of Membership) this spring, I have strived to show some improvements in the area of membership services, namely in improved benefits. In the months that I have served in this position, I am pleased to announce that I have secured three NEW benefits for JACL members!

**New Benefits One and Two:** As you will see by advertisements in this issue (pages 3 and 12) of the *Pacific Citizen*, I have been able to qualify JACL members for memberships at the two major discount warehouses in the United States—Sam's Club and Price/Costco. Both Sam's Club and Price/Costco offer their members additional services such as car buying and travel services and many others. I encourage all our members to use the passes in this issue to try out the warehouses closest to you.

**New Benefit Three:** JACL members are now also members of Knott's Berry Farm's Adventurers' Club! Adventurers' Club benefits include discounted entry fees and discounted year-round pass fees,

10 percent discount on meals and purchases in selected restaurants and stores, as well as discounted rates at local hotels. Adventurers' Club cards will first be available at the San Jose convention. For those interested in having the Adventurers' Club card who will not be at the National Convention, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: National JACL Headquarters, ATTN: Adventurers' Club Card, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

I have been in contact with Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks, Disneyland and Six Flags Parks and am trying to negotiate with them for discount programs for JACL members. I'll keep you informed of any progress on these.

On the membership recruitment front, I have personally sponsored a SHORT 1000 Club, Century Club and Life member upgrade drive to end at the San Jose convention's Whing Ding, Thursday night. The member recruiting the most upgrades to these higher levels of membership by Aug. 8 will win a prize provided by myself, and one of the lucky upgraders will also receive a prize—winners need not be present to win! Chapter presidents were mailed the contest announcements and have the official forms

(or you can use the one printed in the PC). **IMPORTANT:** these forms need to be turned in to me by Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8, in San Jose to be eligible for the contest and drawing. Also at the convention will be two types of display booths that I have arranged for special discounted rates on, for JACL chapters and districts to take advantage of. These portable, high quality display booths make very professional and impressive membership booths to take to community events and will definitely increase attention to the JACL presence wherever they are used. Please take advantage of the one-time-only discounted rates (the more we order at one time, the lower the prices go)!

While there has not been enough time to reexamine existing benefits and try to improve any that may need improvement, nor has there been enough time to try to implement any larger programs to improve membership recruitment, I have many ideas for the future! If you have any ideas or comments, please see me at the convention, I'd love to chat with you! For the short time I have been VP of Membership, it's been a pleasure serving you. I look forward to seeing many of you at the National Convention in San Jose!

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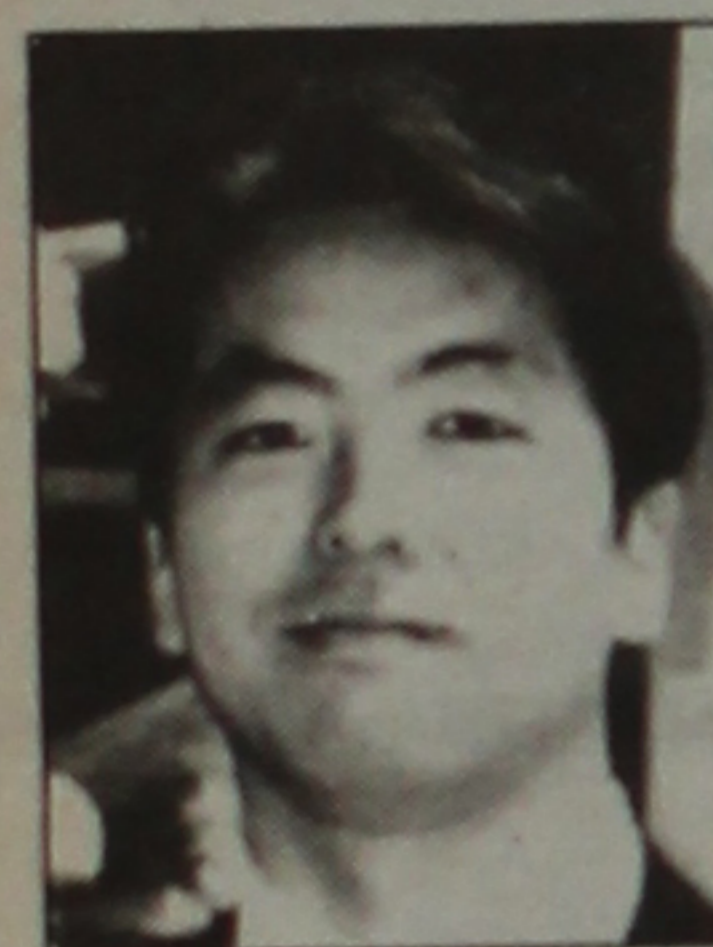
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From PSW

By AL MURATSUCHI

Affirmative action: Separating fact from fiction

Affirmative action is one of the hottest civil rights issues of this year. Not only do we see a significant public backlash against affirmative action, but also partisan advocates in a presidential election year pouring in millions of dollars to fan the heated debate and divide racial constituencies.

To address this controversial civil rights issue, the JACL National Board adopted a resolution on May 26, 1996, to re-affirm our organization's long-standing commitment to affirmative action. This resolution recognizes affirmative action as "an important tool in fighting for equal opportunity and racial and gender inclusiveness, particularly for Japanese Americans attempting to break the 'glass ceiling' and enter higher levels of public and private sector management."

Notwithstanding the National JACL's official position, I have been

talking to many Japanese Americans who hold mixed feelings or outrightly oppose affirmative action. Let me address some of the common questions and concerns that I've encountered.

**First, what exactly is "affirmative action?"** Affirmative action is a term used to describe a wide range of programs designed to expand job and educational opportunities for women and racial minorities to remedy existing racial bias or the present day effects of past discrimination. Examples include recruiting efforts to expand the pool of qualified women and minority candidates, using flexible goals and timetables to measure progress toward integration, and setting aside a percentage of government contracts for women- and minority-owned businesses.

**Do Asian Americans still face racial discrimination?** Yes. Japanese Americans and other Asian

Americans have accomplished much to be proud of. However, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has highlighted the "glass ceiling"—promotional barriers facing women and minorities—as one of the most serious forms of employment discrimination facing Asians. Among all racial groups, Asian professionals face the worst chance of being advanced into management positions. A 1995 bipartisan Federal Glass Ceiling Commission study found that while white men constitute 43 percent of all U.S. college graduates, they occupy over 95 percent of senior management positions, over 90 percent of American corporate board seats, and 90 percent of top news media jobs.

Moreover, Asian Americans with college degrees on average make almost 11 percent less than whites with college degrees. Asian high school graduates on average

earn 26 percent less than white high school graduates. U.S.-born Asian doctoral scientists and engineers make only 92 percent of what their white peers earn.

**Do Asian Americans benefit from affirmative action?** Yes. Affirmative action outreach efforts counter the "old boys' network" by being more inclusive of women and minorities. Eighty-six percent of all jobs are not advertised in the newspaper and are usually filled through friends and personal contacts.

The most visible examples of Asians benefitting from affirmative action include recent increases in the number of Asian American police officers and firefighters jobs that have traditionally locked out minorities and women. Also, in the area of government contracting, the percentage of San Francisco's public contract dollars that went to Asian-owned businesses increased six times over the last five years as a

firm result of affirmative action.

**Doesn't affirmative action mean quotas?** No. The U.S. Supreme Court, in the landmark Bakke case of 1978, banned the use of fixed numbers for hiring or school enrollment. The law allows rigid quotas only in highly exceptional situations where persistent, illegal discrimination has resulted in total or near-total exclusion of women and minorities, and only if all other remedies have failed.

**Isn't affirmative action a form of reverse discrimination?** No. The perceived problem of anti-white or anti-male discrimination is grossly exaggerated. Of more than 90,000 discrimination complaints filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Com-

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Al Muratsuchi is JACL regional director for the Pacific Southwest District.



D.C. notes

By BOB SAKANIIWA

Getting involved with the help of JACL

I have been with JACL for maybe four months now, which does not compare with someone like Patrick Okura, who has over six decades of active involvement with JACL including a stint as National president, but for what it's worth, here is how I see things so far. I am very excited about the convention in San Jose because I think that is really where I'll see how JACL functions and how it fits with the bigger picture of American life. In looking at the big picture, we must take a look at how our nation's government works. The structure of government is

like an engine. The administrative agencies are the pistons and cylinders, and political parties are the lubrication that keeps the parts running smoothly. Unfortunately, as we have seen last winter, when the lubrication of political parties wears out, the engine of government shuts down. It is obvious that a healthy two-party system is essential in the running of our nation's business. As a single individual, one can have an impact on our government, but that single voice is amplified when it is linked with a community of voices. JACL provides a collective community for those voices.

While most of the membership is found on the West Coast, there are chapters throughout the Plains States, the Midwest, the East Coast, and even one chapter in the South. With chapters nationwide comes a diverse membership with views that range across the entire political spectrum. Part of the strength of JACL is that it represents a true microcosm of American society. This strength comes out if people are willing to get involved and participate by being active members.

One very basic but important question that I have been asked (usually by people who have bought

into the model minority myth) is, why do we need an organization for Japanese Americans? I would agree that in general, JAs have done a good job in assimilating with parts of mainstream society; however, this is not to say we have broken through the glass ceiling. A cursory look at who is in our corporate board rooms and in top management positions would bear this out.

As with any group, we have limited resources; thus many of the struggles within the organization center around debating the priorities and, in some cases, the definition of what is a civil rights issue that

we as a group are willing to deal with. To be sure, there are many other issues that the JACL is involved in that are of deep interest to the membership, including cultural and international issues as well as education programs, but I think one of the core reasons why we have an organization like JACL is to give a group of people who have a common bond the ability to have a voice

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Bob Sakaniwa is the JACL Washington, D.C., representative. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.



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mission, less than 3 percent involved reverse discrimination claims. In a separate Rutgers University study of 3,000 U.S. District Court employment discrimination cases from 1990-1994, only 100 involved reverse discrimination claims and only six had any merit. Many are puzzled by how affirmative action programs can consider race and sex without being racist and sexist. The key is the intent of these programs. Current law allows very narrowly prescribed use of race- and gender-conscious remedies to promote equal opportunity and integration.

**How does affirmative action benefit all Americans in higher education?** University of California, Berkeley, Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, a strong Asian American supporter of affirmative action, has stated, "Diversifying our student bodies is sound educational policy in a country undergoing profound demographic changes." Along the same line, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell proclaimed in the Bakke case, "[This] nation's future depends upon leaders trained through wide exposures to ideas and mores of students as diverse as this nation of many peoples."

**Why do we need affirmative action when we have anti-discrimination laws?** Affirmative action places the burden on employers, schools, and the government to promote equal access and inclusion for women and minorities, rather than on individuals to file costly and disruptive lawsuits. Moreover, existing anti-discrimination laws produce few if any victories for even those with proof of discrimination.

Furthermore, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has more than 100,000 discrimination cases in its backlog. A few years ago, the EEOC allowed the statute of limitations to run out on more than 3,000 discrimination cases. In California, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing has the same problem, with so many pending cases and so few staff that it takes months for an investigation to begin, and over a year for any action to result.

**Is it true that America's major corporations support affirmative action?** Yes. Major corporations have formally endorsed affirmative action as "good business policy." These corporations include IBM, Xerox, ARCO, Chevron, Clorox, Hughes Aircraft, Levi Strauss, Northrop, Pacific Gas & Electric, Pacific Telesis, Southern California Edison, and Union Bank, to name a few.

In sum, many Japanese Ameri-

cans whom I've talked to have mixed feelings about affirmative action. I think most, if not all, would acknowledge that discrimination against Japanese Americans continues to exist. Many of them recognize the importance of certain affirmative action programs, especially those involving informational outreach and recruiting efforts designed to encourage qualified minorities and women to apply for jobs, promotions, and government contracts. Yet, a good number of JAs that I've talked with believe that the concept of affirmative action has sometimes been abused in practice.

Because many JAs recognize the need for affirmative action, yet feel that there needs to be reform, JACLers should adopt a "mend it, don't end it" approach. Consistent with this approach, the National JACL recommends its members to oppose California's Proposition 209, the radical and deceptively-named "California Civil Rights Initiative."

More on National JACL's fight against Proposition 209 in upcoming *Pacific Citizen* issues.

## DC

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in the political arena.

The importance of participating in the political process was starkly demonstrated in the recent actions taken on the welfare reform bill. While there is bipartisan agreement that the welfare system needs to be fixed, some have seen it as a way to balance the budget, when the real issue, the policy issue, is how do we help people get back on their feet and become productive members of society. One of the groups of people hardest hit by the reform proposals were legal immigrants. What I saw happen was budget cutting in the form of denying public benefits to legal (tax paying) resident aliens who were easy targets because they do not have the right to vote. It is unfortunate that some policy makers have found it expedient to balance the budget on the backs of those who are not represented in government. But as citizens of this country who do have the right to vote, we should take this as a clear example of the nexus between our vote and political accountability.

While I have described the agencies and political parties as the pistons and the lubrication of an engine, we all know that the engine needs an energy source to run and that's where voting citizens come in. An active, informed and voting citizenry makes our system of government work. Organizations like the JACL help make the system work more efficiently by keeping its

membership informed as to the actions taking place in government. JACL also works to make policy makers in government more responsive to the concerns expressed by its members.

I have not yet been to a convention, but I imagine it to be the most participatory event we have in JACL. Like the conventions of the two main political parties in this country, our convention gives us a chance to set the course for our organization. We get a chance to map out a path for the next two years. As the D.C. rep and as a D.C. Chapter member who has three decades to go to get half the years of experience with JACL that someone like Pat Okura has today, I look forward to meeting and speaking with as many JACLers as I can at convention. Hope to see you there.

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and '90s, the *Gosei* Week Festival is on the horizon after year 2000—a horrible title, methinks.

AMONG THE ongoing cultural attractions of Nisei Week have been the original Kamon exhibits showing off the unique Japanese family crests. Current research indicates 100,000 different family crests (*kamon*) and 200,000 Japanese surnames (*myōji*). That readily explains why we continue to see more Japanese names in English. But in *kanji*, Takahashi, for instance, is written 17 different ways, explains exhibitor Kei Yoshida, who first came to the States in the 1950s under auspices of the Doll Guild of Southern California to show her prized doll creations with hand-painted faces, fine hand-sewn silk kimono, black silk hair and eyelashes.

And while she was teaching Japanese doll making, the matter of family crests surfaced in conversation. The late Katsuma Mukaeda, the Southern California dean of Japanese cultural and artistic endeavors, wholeheartedly encouraged her to open a modest Kamon booth at the 1971 Nisei Week Festival. In the years that followed, her kamon art classes became popular.

But creating a "kamon" for a non-Japanese was especially challenging. The attached photo shows one: a crest with a Jeffrey pine curling at the top, the tree bent by fierce winds above 8,000 feet elevation, the golden eagle—symbol and national bird of the United States—and the craters of the moon at the base representing the Apollo ventures of the 1970s. Benton Yoshida designed it for President Nixon in 1971; it was on

display during Nisei Week before its shipment to the White House. It should now be somewhere in



Photo: TOYO MIYATAKE STUDIO

**A "Kamon" for President Nixon—** designed in 1971 by Benton Yoshida of Gardena, Calif.

the Nixon Library at Yorba Linda. When Emperor Hirohito (Showa) visited Los Angeles in 1975 and again when Emperor Akihito (Heisei) visited Little Tokyo in 1994, we never stopped to wonder where the Emperor's "Chrysanthemum" came from. Mrs. Yoshida's "exquisite and floral arrangement," as described in Mayor Tom Bradley's letter of appreciation to her, hung over the Music Center balcony, visible on television and in photographs distributed all over the world.

It was an unprecedented and long-secret gesture on her part, which she shared this past week while reminiscing about her world of Kamon.

## IMMIGRANTS

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• With a vote of 62 to 34, the Senate killed an amendment sponsored by Senator Graham (D-Fla.)

that deleted the immigrant provision, since a similar provision is already in the immigration reform bill.

• An amendment sponsored by Senator Feinstein (D-Calif.) that would have made the immigration provision apply only to future immigrants was also defeated 46 to 52.

• Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) offered an amendment to exempt immigrant children from the denial of benefits and an amendment to defer Medicaid ban for two years. The vote for children exemption was 51 to 48; however, it did not receive required 60 votes to be adopted. The second amendment was defeated with a vote of 35 to 64.

"This Congress is balancing the budget on the back of immigrants. Legal immigrants currently receive 5% of all welfare assistance, yet over 40% of the cuts are being made by denying them any help in time of need. Will those elected officials congratulating themselves today be as proud when nursing homes are forced to wheel their elderly Asian immigrants out to the street?" said Karen Narasaki at the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

Bob Sakaniwa of the Japanese American Citizens League said, "The votes on the welfare reform bill clearly shows why it is so important to be a voting citizen in this nation. What we have seen in a welfare debate is budget cutting at the expense of poor and needy immigrants."

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**Obituaries**

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The small cities and towns, unless otherwise noted, are all in California.

**Ebihara, Henry H., 75**, Wilmette, Ill., July 1; Clovis, N.M.-born social worker in Chicago for almost 40 years; Tanforan-Topaz internee and wartime Cleveland resident, CIC veteran in Occupied Japan, survived by wife Nancy, daughters Lisa, Carol, son John (Oberlin), 2 gc., 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

**Fukawa, Higashi, 67**, Berkeley, June 30; *Nichibei Times* correspondent, president of San Francisco Nichibei Kai, past president of Japanese Speaking Society of America, survived by wife Haruko, son Dean, daughters Doris, Diane, brothers Kenji (Utah), Kiyoshi and sister Chieko Fuze (both Japan).

**Hara, Doris Yoshiko, 52**, Berkeley, July 17; survived by brother Stephen, sisters Elinor Hiro, Frances Yamamoto.

**Hori, June M.**, Chicago, service July 12, survived by daughter Patricia Tadano, sister Iva Toguri.

**Ito, Mitsuyuki, 54**, North Hollywood, July 13; Nagoya-born, survived by wife Yukiko, sons Mark, Eric, Scott, mother Matsuo, brother Kiyoshi, sister Chiyeko Narita.

**Makishima, Hideo M., 66**, Sunnyvale, June 16; survived by parents Shunichi and Satoyo, daughter Mary Dohnert (Stockton), Kim Osugi (Milpitas), son Michael (Texas), 4 gc.

**Nakamura, James Minoru, 66**, San Jose, April 9; Salinas-born Korean War veteran; survived by wife Kay, daughters Cindy Wineriter, Linda, Carrie, Grace Pope (King City), brothers Charles, Harry and Donald, sisters Marion Masada (Fresno), May Morgan, Earlyn, 2 gc.

**Nakamura, Tina Mari, 28**, Venice, July 12; Los Angeles-born Sansei, survived by parents Masao and Kazuko, sister Terrie.

**Nishikawa, Hiroshi, 73**, Davis, July 12 from heat stroke at a golf course;

Stockton-born, survived by wife June, sons David, Jerry, Mark, daughters Patricia, Sharon, 1 gc., brother Yutaka, sisters Yayoi Nakano, Kaoru Fukumoto.

**Nishimoto, Ben M., 78**, Lancaster, June 30; survived by wife Helen, daughters Barbara Maesato, Donna, son Michael, 2 gc., brother Jim, sisters Mitsuko Kurashita, Akiko Yagi.

**Sakamoto, Satomi, 34**, Pacoima, June 23; North Hollywood-born Sansei, survived by husband Enrique Salvador Valera, parents George J. and Sachiko, brother Kent, sisters Kazuko Maruyama, Teruko Lieskovsky, grandmother Shizuno Sakuda.

**Sato, Kinu, 94**, Sacramento, July 9 in Belmont; survived by son Ben, daughter Toshiko Shimizu, 8 gc., 6 ggc.

**Shirasawa, Hede, 94**, Berkeley, July 9; San Francisco-born graduate of UC School of Pharmacy, predeceased by husband Saikichi, survived by son Takeo, 2 gc., 2 ggc.

**Sumino, George Y., 63**, Portland, June 27; Okayama-born Korean War veteran, survived by son James, brother Roy (Newbury Park, Calif.)

**Tento, Howard Yoshisuye, 93**, Los Angeles, July 9; Fukui-born, survived by wife Yei, daughter Dr. Reiko Tenta Sakata, 3gc.

**Tomita, Masakatsu, 47**, Tigard, Ore., July 7 of lymphoma; Japan-born Seiko-Epson executive at Portland, brought the Epson America printer manufacturing plant to Hillsboro, founded the Friends of Ranald MacDonald (monuments erected at Astoria and Japan) and active with JAFL-Washington State Cen-

ennial project at Fort Vancouver; survived by wife Machiko, sons Kenichi, Yuji, family in Japan: mother Yuriko and 2 sisters.

**Toyama, Akio, 79**, Gilroy, June 30; Santa Barbara-born, survived by wife Yasuko, sons David, Gary, brother Ty, sisters Helen Yamakoshi, Emily Igarashi, Doris Kunimura, Laraine Noto, Kathleen Hori, Celeste Kitagawa.

**INTERN**

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cans who feel like I do—they don't vigilantly support affirmative action, yet they acknowledged a need for a preference system for

the economically disadvantaged. I certainly never saw myself as a racist, but I often resented the race-based preferences. Many of my Hispanic and black friends from high school got into UCLA, but so many of my over-achieving Asian friends did not.

But at the rally, I learned that affirmative action affects much more than just college admissions. More than 90% of the executives and CEOs in this country are white males, and obviously, white males do not comprise 90% of the American population. Asian Americans have not achieved equality in the United States, and thus, affirmative action assists them in obtaining jobs along the corporate ladder. Women also benefit in the work-

place.

At any rate, I think that Japanese Americans need to open their eyes to the world around them. I'm not trying to preach the gospel of affirmative action or anything, but I just want people to inform themselves about the current issues that affect Asian Americans.

I don't want to let apathy and ignorance lead to the demise of the Japanese American community.

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**LESLIE ETSUKO HONNAMI TANIGUCHI**  
 AUSTIN, Texas — Leslie Etsuko Honnami Taniguchi, 69, died in San Francisco on July 5 after a brief illness. She was visiting her sister, Sumi Honnami, after the recent death of their other sister Tai Nagano. The wife of architect Alan Taniguchi, former dean of the Univ. of Texas School of Architecture, they met while attending UC, Berkeley, in 1946. They lived for 12 years in Harlingen, moved to Austin in 1963 where she was a clerk in the state legislature and helped regularly with Caritas of Austin. Also, surviving are sons: Evan and Keith, and 2 gc.

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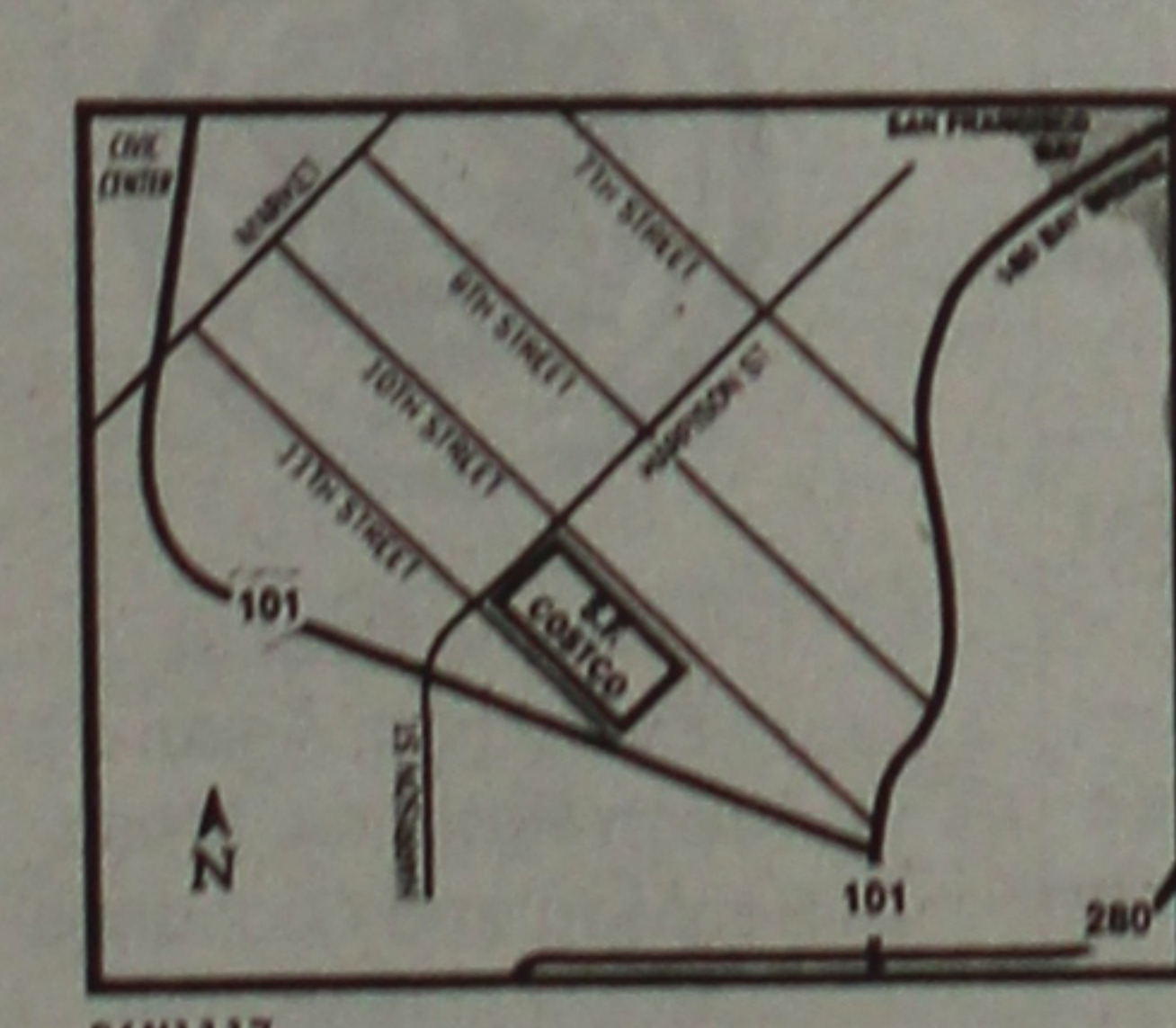
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