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JACL ISSUES RESPONSE TO 'CASHIN' IN' PANELIST HOENIG'S APOLOGY FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION COMMENTS

By JACL National Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Sept. 22, Fox News aired an episode of "Cashin' In" that included a segment on profiling, during which guest panelist Jonathan Hoenig stated, "The last war this country won, we put Japanese Americans in internment camps, we dropped nuclear bombs on residential city centers. So, yes, profiling would be at least a good start."

Several Asian American Pacific Islander groups, including the JACL, responded with statements demanding an apology from Hoenig and Fox News.

On Sept. 27, Hoenig appeared again on

"Cashin' In" to issue an apology for his earlier comments, though he believed they were misinterpreted. He elaborated, "My point was to illustrate that profiling potential threats based on ideology could be a needed safeguard, and in the context of wartime, I believe being able to identify an enemy's ideology, and be on the alert for it, is the final step to actually achieving peace."

Priscilla Ouchida, national director of the JACL, responded that Hoenig's apology "did not address the root issue which is that there was not a single finding of wrongdoing or any arrest by a Japanese American during World War II, and detention without a finding of wrongdoing

or a charge of a crime is just as wrong today as it was then."

The National Council of Asian Pacific Islanders also found Hoenig's apology "not good enough," adding, "[his] continued support for the use of religious profiling . . . reinforces negative perceptions about Muslim Americans."

Jasjit Singh, executive director of the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, agreed, adding, "By sending the message that groups of Americans, due to their race, religion, national origin or other background are inherently suspicious, Fox News is fostering an environment of fear, distrust and ultimately hate."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your article identifying Stephen Kiyoshi Kuromiya as the Sansei civil rights activist at Montgomery in 1965. Especially as we are residents of Monrovia, it is heartening to know of Stephen's courage and integrity.

Stephen was valedictorian of Monrovia High School. Until the 1950s, Monrovia was a segregated town with the blacks, Latinos and Asians living south of the Red Car line. Stephen's grandfather had a fruit stand on Route 66 (Huntington Drive) before the war.

It should also be noted that Stephen was one of Yosh Kuromiya's favorite nephews. Yosh Kuromiya is one of the original 63 draft resisters from Heart Mountain prison camp, part of the Fair Play Committee.

I'm indebted to Yosh, Stephen and so many others that I can live where I want, vote for whom I want and marry whom I want.

Sincerely,

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NIKKEI VOICE

THE STUDENTS PROTESTING FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY CURRICULUM ARE FIGHTING FOR US, TOO

By Gil Asakawa

I grew up as part of a generation that found our collective voice in protest, for African American civil rights, against the war in Vietnam and to advocate for women's and LGBT rights and Asian American studies.

College students have been at the forefront of many of these social movements. The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee was a cornerstone of the civil rights movement. College students led the free speech movement at the University of California at Berkeley, and the left-wing Students for a Democratic Society was formed at the University of Michigan. Students led protests across the globe, including the Prague Spring in 1968 all the way to the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989. Even the Taiwan protests earlier this year and the current democracy protests taking place now in Hong Kong.

But in Colorado where I live, my admiration goes out to a group of high school students who have been protesting in Jefferson County, the school district from where I graduated in the 1970s.

Those students have been protesting against efforts by the Jefferson County R1 School District, or at least, some of its school board members, to review an Advanced Placement (AP) History Curriculum Framework because conservative

members of the board claim it is not patriotic enough and focuses too much on the negative aspects of American history.

When the new AP history guidelines were announced, conservatives across the U.S. objected, but Jefferson County school board member Julie Williams made the national spotlight with her comments, and the ensuing student protests. She said the new curriculum focused too much on the negative events that painted America in a bad light by focusing on topics like slavery. She told education news website Chalkbeat Colorado, "There are things we may not be proud of as Americans, but we shouldn't be encouraging our kids to think that America is a bad place."

Instead, she said in her proposal to review the curriculum, American history should "promote citizenship, patriotism, essentials and benefits of the free-market system, respect for authority and respect for individual rights."

Because the framework would cover the civil rights movement and Vietnam War, as well as the protests that accompanied the era, Williams thinks the history course would "encourage or condone civil disorder, social strife or disregard of the law."

Her criticism sparked civil disorder instead. Students

began protesting as the school year began in September, eventually skipping classes to protest in front of the district's administration building. When some teachers started calling in sick in protest, too, the district closed some of its schools on some days.

I've read the AP History Curriculum Framework, and I'm astounded that anyone would say the proposed guidelines are negative and would encourage students to be anti-American. Never mind that protesting is as American as apple pie (hello, Boston Tea Party?).

The new curriculum is important and valuable precisely because it shows the true scope of American history, warts and all. The Curriculum Framework mentions the internment of Japanese Americans as an opportunity to ask students to think about challenges to civil liberties and study our country's debates about race and segregation, and it also suggests that teachers can "choose to examine the restrictions of rights during America's wars in contrast to the opportunities for minorities to show their patriotism by serving in the armed forces, such as the internment of Japanese Americans and the heroism of Daniel Inouye in World War II."

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EDUCATION MATTERS

LIVINGSTON-MERCED JACL CHAPTER HOLDS TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

The setting for the Sept. 26 teacher training workshop selected by the Livingston-Merced Chapter of the JACL was an ideal one: the Multicultural Arts Center in Merced, Calif., as it accommodated not only the teachers who registered for the workshop but also the many guests who attended, including many from the chapter's Speaker's Bureau, student teachers and volunteers.

Through the personal efforts of Richard Sandoval, who reached out to his colleagues in the Merced Unified High School District as well as other middle and high schools with whom he had contacts, more than 40 teachers registered for the workshop.

Central California's Bob Taniguchi, a current member of the JACL's National Education Committee, made contacts with a number of individuals, who eagerly agreed to be a part of the workshop, including Sherman Kishi and Tom Nakashima. Both men were panelists at the workshop, where they had the opportunity to share their personal experiences and those of their families that settled in the area, the disruption in their lives with the forced removal from their homes as a result of the signing of Executive Order 9066 and their eventual return back home to the area following the end of World War II.

During the workshop's lunch break, a number of other Nisei who were in relocation camps such as Amache, Heart



Participants in the recent Livingston-Merced JACL Teacher Training Workshop were (back row, from left) Dan Kubo, Steve Teranishi, Bob Taniguchi, Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Greg Marutani and (front row, from left) Chris Kubo, Tom Nakashima, Sherman Kishi and Kiyono Kishi.

Mountain and Tule Lake were asked to sit at the tables among the teachers to make themselves available to share

their experiences and provide the teachers with a more personal description of life before, during and after the war.

Another workshop highlight included a presentation by Paul Lo, the first Hmong to become a judge in the United States. Lo's personal story of immigration from a refugee camp in Southeast Asia, where he and his family spent four years, to his family's eventual arrival in the United States, where they struggled to survive in a country whose customs and language were "foreign" to them, mirrored those feelings and experiences felt by the Issei who arrived in California seeking an opportunity for a better life.

Kiyono Kishi, who chairs the Speaker's Bureau for the Livingston-Merced Chapter, had many teachers attend the workshop, where they learned more about the historical background of the Japanese American experience.

Teachers representing elementary schools were presented with special "Farewell to Manzanar" teaching kits and included an autographed copy of the book by author Jeannie Wakatsugi Houston, along with a video of the film and lesson plans, while other "prizes" were presented to various teachers, both middle and high school, who earned special recognition during the workshop.

This workshop was funded in part by a grant from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program. ■

NATIONWIDE SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR VETERANS TO RIDE ON 2015 ROSE PARADE FLOAT



An image rendering of the City of Alhambra's 2015 Rose Parade float

ALHAMBRA, CALIF. — The City of Alhambra's 2015 Rose Parade float will honor Japanese American soldiers who served in segregated units during World War II, and a search is currently under way to select seven veterans who will ride on the float during the Jan. 1 festivities.

Honoring the theme "Inspiring Stories," the city and the Go for Broke National Education Center are looking for nominations of float riders from Japanese American veterans groups across the nation. The inspiration for the float itself is taken from the Go for Broke monument in downtown Los Angeles, which features a semi-circular design. Featured on the outside of the semicircle will be images of the 21 Nisei recipients of the Medal of Honor from World War II. A bald eagle and the American flag, along with a replica of the Medal of Honor, will also be prominently displayed on the float.

Veterans must meet the following criteria:

- Must be totally ambulatory (does not require a walking device or assistance in walking)
- Must be present in Pasadena for the final float judging on Dec. 31 at 2 p.m.
- Must be at the Rose Parade float holding area at 5 a.m. on Jan. 1 and be prepared to ride the float from 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Families are also encouraged to nominate a veteran. There is no fee, and the City of Alhambra is hoping for representation from across the nation. Final selections will be made by the City of Alhambra. Transportation and lodging costs are the responsibility of the rider and/or his family.

To nominate a veteran, submit a 100- to 200-word profile. Nominations must be received by Oct. 27. Email the nomination and profile to Peggy Renke at peggy@goforbroke.org or mail to GFBNEC, 367 Van Ness Way, Suite 611, Torrance, CA

JACL NAMES CRAIG SHIMIZU AS THE 2014-15 DANIEL K. INOUE FELLOW



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The JACL announced Sept. 29 that Craig Shimizu has been selected as the 2014-15 Daniel K. Inouye Fellow.

Shimizu is a fourth-generation Japanese American and member of the San Jose JACL. After spending his formative years at basketball tournaments, church lockins and Obon festivals throughout the Bay Area, he moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of Southern California, where he graduated with a degree in business administration and was a vp in the USC Nikkei Assn.

During this time, he also interned with the Japanese American Museum of San Jose and the Go for Broke National Education Center.

Most recently, Shimizu served as an armor officer in the Army and was deployed to Afghanistan for nine months in 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Shimizu said he is honored to have been selected for the Daniel K. Inouye Fellowship and is excited for the opportunity to serve JACL and the Japanese American community in Washington, D.C.

Inouye fellows have the opportunity to:

- Staff and monitor key legislative initiatives and issues relevant to the Asian American/Pacific Islander community.
- Work on a wide variety of projects, issues and programs.
- Conduct research and study topics assigned.
- Interact with other national AAPI and civil rights organizations in the D.C. area.
- Work with JACL and other organizations to organize programs and events.
- Serve on various civil rights and AAPI committees.
- Perform a wide variety of duties and work directly with the JACL national director.

For more information, visit www.jacl.org.

News Bytes

Historic Wintersburg Seeks Donations to Preserve It From Demolition

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

— A fundraising campaign has been launched to save Huntington Beach, Calif.'s, Historic Wintersburg, named as one of America's 11 Most-Endangered Historic Places, from demolition.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is working with national partners to raise awareness and protect the site, which is a "unique cultural site that tells the important story of early Japanese American immigrants as they sought to make a new life and build a community in Southern California," according to Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

A historic goldfish farm, flower farm, Presbyterian mission and homestead dating back more than 100 years, the Wintersburg village site has been marked for demolition in May 2015 unless advocates can raise the funding to save the site.

If donors raise \$35,000 by Oct. 31, the Urban Land Institute will launch a multidisciplinary investigation to create a road map to a long-term and sustainable historical preservation of Wintersburg Village.

For more information, visit www.indiegogo.com/projects/save-historic-wintersburg.



PHOTO: HISTORIC WINTERSBURG PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

Michelle Yamashiro Joins Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute



GARDENA, CALIF. — Michelle Yamashiro has joined the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute as program assistant, effective Sept. 2.

In her newly created role, Yamashiro will work to grow the GVJCI's cultural, educational and entertainment programming needs. She also will continue to grow the center's ongoing programs such as "Second Sunday Jam," a music, poetry and performing arts program, and assist with its youth-oriented programs like Tanoshii Fun Camp, a kids camp co-sponsored with the South Bay JACL.

Born in Torrance, Calif., Yamashiro recently earned her master's in education from the University of Southern California and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Irvine. She currently is the JACL National Youth/Student Council Representative.

JACL Backs Marriage Equality Lawsuit in Federal Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. — JACL has signed on to an amicus curiae brief in *De Leon et al : v. Perry*, a federal lawsuit pending on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that challenges the ban on same-sex marriage and equivalent statutes in Texas.

The lead plaintiffs are U.S. Air Force veteran Cleopatra de Leon and her part of over a decade, who were married in Massachusetts, as well as an unmarried gay couple, Marc Pharriss and Vic Holmes. They sued Texas Gov. Rick Perry in his official capacity.

The amicus brief claims that the Texas marriage ban is constitutionally invalid, as it is heavily based on a particular religious definition of marriage and that the state of Texas must respect the separation between church and state mandated by the U.S. Constitution.

The brief further states that the invalidation of the marriage ban would not threaten religious liberty but rather would enhance it to include definitions of religion beyond those of one religion.

Japanese Governor Says Too Soon for Nuke Restarts

TOKYO — A Japanese governor said Oct. 16 that the country would not restart any nuclear plants until the cause of the Fukushima meltdown is fully understood and nearby communities have emergency plans that can effectively respond to another major accident.

Hirohiko Izumida, governor of central Niigata prefecture, home to the seven-reactor Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant, said regulators look at equipment but don't evaluate local evacuation plans.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is pushing to restart two reactors in southern Japan that last month were the first to be approved under stricter safety requirements introduced after the Fukushima disaster. Nuclear Regulation Authority Chairman Shunichi Tanaka has called the new standard one of the world's highest.

Abe has said he will restart all reactors deemed safe, reversing the previous government's policy of phasing out nuclear power.

— P.C. Staff, JACL National Staff, Associated Press

JACL National President David Lin welcomes gala attendees at the opening reception.



A SALUTE TO DIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

Honorees are honored and recognized for their work in civil rights, diversity and equality at the 2014 JACL National Gala Awards Dinner.

By Tiffany Ujiye
Assistant Editor

At the nation's capitol, the JACL recognized individuals and organizations promoting diversity at the 2014 "Salute to Champions" National JACL Gala Awards Dinner on Oct. 9.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, a landmark act in promoting equality in American democracy, and also the 70th anniversary of the Korematsu and Endo decisions in the U.S. Supreme Court. The pair cases struck at the flaws in the institutional rights of Americans and inspired this year's Gala Awards Dinner.

In a response to Fox News' recent segment on "Cashin' In," in which a panelist made statements justifying racial profiling and incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, JACL National Director Priscilla Ouchida took to the podium before guests noting that "we continue to work for developing new leaders on areas of diversity because it is so important that we have an American that embraces every segment of our society."

Corporate honoree UPS received recognition for its strong support in investing diversity as a value. With nearly 400,000 employees and operations in more than 220 countries and territories, the logistics and shipment company has been a supporter of the JACL since 1995.

The evening also recognized CBS' "Hawaii Five-O" writers Peter Lenkov and Ken Solarz for the series' fourth season episode "Ho'onani Makuakane" (Honor Thy Father). Aired in December 2013, the episode centered around Honouliuli, one of the few Japanese American incarceration camps established on the Hawaiian Islands during WWII.

Asian American organizations and civil rights groups have applauded the writers for "tackling a topic that goes beyond a crime of the week," "Hawaii Five-0" star Daniel Dae Kim said in a video statement to the gala attendees.

Lenkov and Solarz, as well as the show's stars Kim and Alex O'Loughlin, were unable to attend and receive their award at the gala, but they filmed a short video segment to thank the JACL for their award and nomination.

CBS VP of Diversity and Communications Tiffany Smith-Anoa'i accepted the award on behalf of the "Hawaii Five-0" crew and cast.

"This episode is the perfect example of television," Smith-Anoa'i said. "It illustrates the power of television to serve and inform our viewers. It's an important episode and thank you for your support."

Bill Imada, founder, chairman and chief collaboration officer of IW Group, was among the individuals recognized as one of the evening's champions for his work in multicultural communications, marketing, advertising, strategic public relations, cross-cultural training and crisis management.

JACL National President David Lin, who also is vp of IW Group, awarded Imada for his efforts as a "relentlessly promoted supplier of diversity and Asian American Pacific Islander businesses."

Congressman Adam Smith was awarded the JACL Congressional Honor for his work in promoting diversity. Smith represents the 9th congressional District of Washington state, which covers parts of Seattle and is noted as having one of the nation's highest concentrations of Asian

Americans.

"The Japanese American Citizen's League is the greatest group standing up for civil rights and discrimination. Nobody does it better," Smith said. "All things that make us different and the same re-emphasize that we need to stop discrimination anywhere and stand up for something everywhere. The notion that we can brand one group of people and that we need to eliminate them has no place in this nation."

Notable guests included Honorary Gala Chairman and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, David Allison from the Smithsonian Institute and the National Museum of American History and Embassy of Japan Minister Tamaki Tsukada.

The evening's dinner and awards raised funds to finance JACL's advocacy and educational programs with support from AARP, AT&T, CBS Entertainment, Comcast, Southwest Airlines and UPS.

"Salute not just the champions but all of you as the Japanese American community as a whole," Ouchida said. "Congratulations on the uplifting work that you have shown and the inspiring example you have set." ■



JACL National
Director Priscilla
Ouchida



PHOTOS: JOE SHYMANSKI

The JACL National Board at the opening reception. (From left) Miko Sawamura, Matthew Farrells, Toshi Abe, David Unruhe, Jeffrey Moy, David Lin, Priscilla Ouchida, Chip Larouche, Michelle Amato, Jeanette Misaka and Sheldon Arakaki



David Lin (left) presents Congressman Adam Smith with his award.

Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance lead by the United States Color Guard



Priscilla Ouchida presents UPS representative Ronald Chang with the Corporate Award.



CBS' Tiffany Smith-Anoa'i accepts an award on behalf of "Hawaii Five-0" writers Peter Lenkov and Ken Solarz.



David Lin (left) presents IW Group's Bill Imada with his award.



(From left) Korinne Sugawara, Rihanna Taniguchi and Tara Ohrtman



(From left) Marlene Shigekawa, Norman Mineta and Roberta Barton

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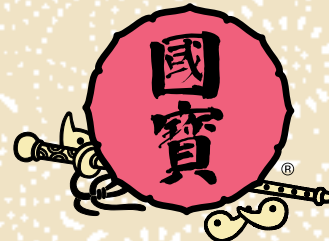
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(From left) Clyde Izumi, Jean Kurasaki and Sharon Uyeda at the opening reception



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(From left) David Lin, Chip Larouche and Toshi Abe



(From left) Hannah Maruyama and Shirley Ann Higuchi



Betsy Larouche



Norman Mineta



(From left) David Unruhe and John Tobe



(From left) Michelle Amano and Janice Faden



(From left) Matthew Farrells, Jeffrey Moy, Floyd Mori, Irene Mori, David Unruhe and Christine Munteanu



(From left) Betsy Larouche, Chip Larouche, Adam Smith, Albert Shen and Sheldon Arakaki

JACL NATIONAL DIRECTOR AND VP OF GENERAL OPERATIONS RELEASE DETAILS ON THE 2015 AND 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The national convention is set to take place in Las Vegas, Nev., for the next two years.



PHOTOS: TIFFANY UJIYE

The National Board meeting was held on Oct. 10 at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C.

By Tiffany Ujiye
Assistant Editor

At the quarterly JACL National Board Meeting on Oct. 10, JACL National Director Priscilla Ouchida and VP of General Operations Miko Sawamura presented further information on the 2015 and 2016 National Convention set for Las Vegas, Nev. While the contract hasn't been formally finalized, the current proposal is from the Monte Carlo Hotel and Casino, situated on the Las Vegas Strip. Suggested dates for 2015 are July 12-16. The 2016 dates are July 10-14.

Room rates proposed by the Monte Carlo for 2015 start at \$60 a night for a deluxe room, \$80 for a strip view and \$120 for a Monaco Suite. However, a \$20 hotel resort service fee per room, per day, plus tax (12%) may be added to the total room cost. The fee covers guestroom internet, daily

newspaper, in-room coffee, fitness center access, two bottles of water and fax and copy services. No confirmation yet on whether the fee is mandatory or not.

However, the 2016 room rates will increase due to hotel renovations, starting at a quoted rate of \$80 for a deluxe room, \$100 for a strip view and \$140 for a Monaco Suite. The listed room rates do not include the hotel resort service fee, increasing the deluxe room rate from \$80 to an estimated \$100.

Board members were informed that the 2015 National Convention will not have workshops but instead will host plenary sessions similar to the 2014 San Jose National Convention.

"The sponsors were happy with [the plenaries] because of the large audience," Ouchida explained, suggesting that the convention forego workshops in order to save money

on multiple rooms and audiovisual equipment needed for the workshops. No official plenaries were announced at the meeting, but Ouchida explained that an LGBT plenary has been requested.

"Those are the trade-offs, and this was the best that I could do to maintain the lower price at \$60," Ouchida said. "We're responding to what the members asked for."

The 2015 convention also will not have three hosted meals but instead feature one combined dinner meal for the Gala, eliminating the Welcome Dinner and Youth Luncheon due to the decreasing budget. Registration fees for 2015 are projected to stay below \$150 per person. The cost for 2016's registration fees is expected to increase due to hotel renovations. Ouchida hopes to retain the Awards Luncheon and Youth Luncheon for the 2016 year.

All proposals are pending and have not been finalized. ■

JACL OLYMPIA CHAPTER RECEIVES CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

During the Olympia City Council meeting on Aug. 12, the JACL Olympia Chapter, represented by Bob Nakamura and Reiko Callner, was presented with a proclamation for its more than 30 years of service to the local community.

Presented to the chapter by Olympia Mayor Stephen Buxbaum, the chapter was recognized for its longtime service to the community and its efforts to secure and uphold full civil rights and equal justice under the law for all Americans regardless of sex, race, creed, color, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

Mayor Buxbaum commended the chapter for its years of achievement. The Olympia chapter has been working hard to celebrate and perpetuate Japanese cultural traditions among the Japanese American community and its friends, as well as advance work in civil rights areas such as LGBTQ.

The Olympia chapter was also one of the founding co-sponsors of Unity in the Community-Stop Hate Crimes Now! It has worked with the organization to stage a successful community-wide celebration of diversity featuring speakers, dance and



song.

The chapter has also been an active supporter of equal rights for the GLBTQ community, marriage equality, immigrant rights and is a partner with the international group United to End Racism.

Involved heavily in the community, the chapter also celebrates and supports cultural traditions and has brought Olympia the Bon Odori summer celebration. On Aug. 16, the city recently held its 27th annual celebration.

For more information on the Olympia chapter, email Olympia@jacl.org.

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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Okaeri: A Nikkei LGBT Gathering****Los Angeles, CA****Nov. 15, 6 p.m.****National Center for the Preservation of Democracy****111 N. Central Ave.****Price: TBA**

This evening gathering will bring Nikkei people together and ally community members to talk about their identities and how they intersect with social justice issues. The event will discuss gender, sexuality, racism, ableism, classism, xenophobia and the unique experience from community members. There will also be a screening of "To Be Takei" at the opening reception at 7 p.m.

Info: Visit www.okaeri-la.org.

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Mile High JACL Fall Festival
Arvada, CO**Nov. 2****Simpson United Methodist Church****6001 Wolff St.**

Mile High JACL is holding its second annual Fall Festival Fundraiser with delicious homemade bento and games. Various games for children and adults will be available again this year. Funds will go toward JACL scholarships and local advocacy efforts that need support.

Info: Visit www.milehighjacl.org or email info@milehighjacl.org.

NCWNP

Kathryn Ma Book Signing and Discussion**San Francisco, CA****Nov. 1, 3-4:30 p.m.****San Francisco Public Library**
100 Larkin St.**Cost: Free**

Critically acclaimed author Kathryn Ma will be signing and discussing her newest book, "The Year She Left Us: A Multi-Generational Chinese American Saga." It's the story of four unforgettable women who face a crisis when the daughter, adopted from China, leaves home.

Info: Visit www.kathrynma.com or call (415) 557-4400.**JAMSJ Winter Boutique****San Jose, CA****Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.****San Jose Buddhist Temple****Betsuin****640 N. Fifth St.****Cost: Free**

Come and enjoy Japanese-inspired artwork, crafts, clothing, accessories and washi designs at the boutique sale. This year's visiting authors include Cynthia Kadohata, Lora Nakamura, Kim Oshiro, Jean Yee and Tom Graves.

Info: Visit www.jamsj.org or call (408) 294-3138.**Kimochi Silver Bells Arts and Crafts Faire****San Francisco, CA****Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.****The Event Center at St. Mary's Cathedral****1111 Gough St.****Cost: Free**

Don't miss out on this one-stop shopping event for holiday gifts this year. Exhibit booths will include Kelley's Kookies, Kimochi Arts and Crafts, Cynthia Sasaki, Dardie Ishida, Ono Memories, Tobi-Mulan Designs and Little Buddha Baby.

Info: Visit www.kimochi-inc.org or call (415) 931-2294.

PSW

General Membership Meeting
Riverside JACL**Riverside, CA****Oct. 25, Noon****First Christian Church****4055 Jurupa Ave.**

The Riverside JACL chapter invites all to attend the annual General Membership meeting. Nikkei Student Union at UCR

representative Matthew Yamamoto will speak about his recent trip to Japan with the Kakehashi Project.

Info: Call Michiko Yoshimura at (951) 784-7057 or email her at my141@sbcglobal.net.

PNW

Judy Yu Workshop: Becoming Influential Asian American Leaders**Bellevue, WA****Oct. 29, 6:30-9 p.m.****MulvannyG2****1110 112th Ave. NE, Suite 500****Price: \$20 for nonmembers, \$10 for members**

This workshop by Judy Yi of StrategyClicks and former president of the National Association of Asian American Professionals will call attention to the unique qualities of Asian Americans as leaders. Harness this power as you move through your career journey and inspire others around you.

Info: Visit www.seattle.naaap.org.**Live On: Mr.'s Japanese Neo Pop**
Seattle, WA**Nov. 22****Seattle Art Museum****1400 E. Prospect St.****Price: \$5**

In response to the devastating nuclear accident in 2011, Japanese Neo-Pop artist Mr. has composed a massive installation of everyday objects from Japanese life in a series of new paintings and other work.

Info: Visit www.seattleartmuseum.org or call (206) 654-3100.

EDC

NE JACL Fall Potluck and Hidden Treasures: Japanese American Artifacts**Weston, MA****Oct. 26, 6-8:30 p.m.****Weston United Methodist Church**
377 North Ave.**Price: Free, but a \$5 donation at the door is appreciated**

In conjunction with NE JACL's Fall Potluck, community members are invited to bring items from the WWII camps or from Issei ancestors to learn more about them. Representatives from the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles will be discussing their work to collect and catalog photos and memorabilia being donated by Susumo Ito.

Info: Register to yamamoto@nejacl.org or visit www.nejacl.org.**JACL NYSC Youth Summit****Washington D.C.****Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.****George Washington University****Price: Free**

The EDC Youth Summit will feature workshops on unique stereotypes that Asian Americans face and a panel discussion with various national civil rights organizations to discuss issues in various communities.

Info: Email Michelle Yamashiro at myamashiro@jacl.org.

MDC

Chicago JACL Annual Meeting and Dinner**Chicago, IL****Nov. 12, 6 p.m.****JACL Office****5415 N. Clark St.**

Come share a meal with fellow JACL members and learn about the chapter's programs. The meeting will cover new projects and events in the coming year. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Info: RSVP at Chicago@jacl.org or call (773) 728-7171.**Ghosts and Demons in Japanese Prints****Chicago, IL****Ends Jan. 4****Art Institute of Chicago****111 S. Michigan Ave.****Price: \$23**

This exhibition showcases some of the most special works of the Clarence Buckingham Collection of Japanese Prints, including chilling images of ghouls, Shoki and the Demon Queller.

Info: Visit www.artic.edu.**ADVERTISE HERE**

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Memoriam

Coddington, Betty, 90, Los Angeles, CA; Oct. 7; she is survived by her children, Kenneth (May) Inouye and Marie (Bob) Petrie; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

Goya, Robert, 88, Los Angeles, CA; Oct. 1; he was a World War II veteran; he is survived by his wife, Mitsue; sons, Calvin (Shirley) and Allan (Lynelle); brothers, Joe (Vina), Takeo (Naomi), Kazuo and John; sisters, Emily (Paul) Lasquete, Betsy (Paul) Han, Jane Sato and Betty (Olan) Teves; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives; gc: 1.

Hirata, Frank Hironobu, 88, Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 27; he was predeceased by his daughter, Darlene Hirata; brother, Ted Hirata; he is survived by his wife, Patricia Hirata; children, Curtis and Alice (Randy) Miketa; sister, Grace (Masami) Kayamoto; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Hirose, Yoshio 'Yo,' 72, Torrance, CA; Sept. 29; he was predeceased by his father, Isuke; brother, Isamu Sam; he is survived by his loving mother; Masako; siblings, Isao Henry (Alice), Hiroka Jane Hartwig (Robert) Hartwig; Toshiye Jean Erickson; sister-in-law, Hatsumi Hirose; nieces and nephews, Tina (Michael) Brown, Alicia Hartwig, Kevin Hirose and Emma Hartwig; great-nephews, Colin and Ryan Brown.

Hiura, Clarence Kimio, 80,



Santa Clarita, CA; Oct. 9; he is survived by his wife, Grace; children, Kirk (Janice) Hiura, Stephen (Christy) Hiura, Cathy (Lance) Kaneshiro and Douglas (Sandy) Hiura; gc: 9.

Kajikawa, Fred, 95, Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 28; he is survived by his wife, Chiyeko Kajikawa; daughter, Virginia (Bob) Baker; sons, Ric (Steve Marsden) Kajikawa and Kendrick (Lauri Manaka) Kajikawa;

brother, Jim (Mae) Fukumoto; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Maruyama, Kenichi 'Ken,' 92,



Dana Point, CA; Sept. 20; he is survived by his wife, Sumi; daughters, Jane Frausto-Maruyama and Kathy Fujito; son, Bob (Terri) Maruyama; gc: 6; ggc: 1.

Matsumoto, Chiyo, 99, Monterey Park, CA; Sept. 22; she is survived by her daughters, Toshiko Yamashige, Sachiko (Jonathan) Pedder; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

Miyashiro, James Masanobu 'Masa,' 92, Moanalua, HI; Sept. 23; he was predeceased by his son, Howard (Nancy); he is survived by his wife, Nancy Shizue (Yogi); children, Gordon (Naomi), Merl (Sharon) and Kent (Leslye); gc: 12; ggc: 6.

Mukai, Roy, 82, Santa Clara, CA; Oct. 13; he is survived by his wife, Masumi; son, Russell (Wendy); daughter, Sheri; gc: 3.

Onishi, Marcella Fumiye Louise, 70, Fountain Valley, CA; Oct. 3; she is survived by her husband, Henry Onishi; daughter, Kelley (Darryl) Yamanaka; nephew, Scott Ogawa; niece, Michelle Nakanishi; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Osugi, Kenkichi Ken, 97, Saratoga, CA; Oct. 2; he was a former internee at Gila River; he was predeceased by his wife, Mary; brother, Taiji (Mary); he is survived by his daughters, Linda (Wesley) Yamasaki, Joyce (Arthur) Yamasaki and Cathy Osugi; gc: 6.

Sakamoto, Ted Tetsuo, 94, Bakersfield, CA; Sept. 28; he was a former internee at Poston Relocation Camp; he is survived by his wife, Haruye Sakamoto; children, Elaine Sakamoto; May (Byron) Nishiyama and Dave (Jeannie) Sakamoto; sister, Nancy Nakamura; also survived

by numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 1.

Takahashi, Masazaku 'Mack,' 87, Los Altos, CA; Oct. 7; he was a former internee at Gila River and a veteran of the U.S. Army; he was predeceased by his wife, Jeanne; brothers, Hiro and Mich Takahashi; sister, Kay Takahashi; he is survived by his children, Mark (Emi) Takahashi, Patti Bazinett (Tom Berkley), Cheryl (Russell) Morita, Dina Takahashi, Jason Takahashi; sister, Alice Ishida; gc: 7.

Takemoto, Toshiko, 100, San Jose, CA; Sept. 8; she was predeceased by her husband, Tom; she is survived by her daughters, Jane Nishiguchi and Irene (Taki) Kenney; sons, Ben and Frank Takemoto; gc: 6; ggc: 5; gggc: 1.

Tanoue, Kamekichi 'Steve,' 91, Laupahoehoe, HI; Oct. 3; he is survived by his wife, Matsuyo

"Patsy" Tanoue; son, Ralph; brother, Hisashi (Lois) Hirata; sisters, Tokiko Yamada, Teruko Kansaku, Yukiko and Alice, Katherine (Pete); also survived by numerous nieces and nephews; gc: 3.

Terukina, Michie, 89, Arleta, CA; Sept. 21; she is survived her daughters, June (Clark) Ibusuki and Janice (Rick) Gibby; son, Gordon (Julie) Sugimoto; brother, Akira Kubota; sisters, Toko (Dave) Dickinson, Ayako (Tsuneo) Fujimori and Hiroko Shiokawa; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 6.

Yamaguchi, David, 83, San Jose, CA; Sept. 7; he is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret; daughters, Janet Warren, Nancy Yamaguchi and Elaine Yamaguchi; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; gc: 2.

Yamaguchi, Gene Yasuko, 102, San Mateo, CA; Sept. 15; she is survived by her children, Michael (Nancy) and Judi (Ron); grandchildren, Jennifer, Matt, Ryan, Chris and Alan; she is also survived by many other relatives and friends.

Yokoyama, Alan Akito, 97,



Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 18; he is survived by his wife, Elaine; brothers, Kiyoto, Robert and Larry (Joan) Yokoyama; sisters, Peggy Iriguchi, Harriet Eum and Karen Zaan.

PLACE A TRIBUTE

'In Memoriam' is a free listing that appears on a limited, space-available basis. **Tributes** honor your loved ones with text and photos and appear in a timely manner at the rate of \$20/column inch. **Contact:** tiffany@pacificcitizen.org or call (213) 620-1767



2014 HOLIDAY ISSUE THEME



Home for the Holidays

This year's Holiday Issue theme 'Home for the Holidays' focuses on a celebration of 'home.' The *P.C.* is interested in seeing pictures of what readers' homes look like during this magical time, from decorations inside and out to table spreads filled with delicious holiday food, including New Year's *osechi* dinners. From traditional to not-so-traditional, we'd like to see 'inside' your homes.

Please send your favorite high-resolution photos by Nov. 21 (along with caption information) to the *P.C.* at 250 E. First St., Suite 301, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email pc@pacificcitizen.org.

LED THERE BE LIGHT: THREE SHARE NOBEL FOR BLUE DIODE

By Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — An invention that promises to revolutionize the way the world lights its homes and offices — and already helps create the glowing screens of mobile phones, computers and TVs — earned a Nobel prize on Oct. 7 for two Japanese scientists and a Japanese-born American.

By inventing a new kind of light-emitting diode, or LED, they overcame a crucial roadblock for creating white light far more efficiently than incandescent or fluorescent bulbs. Now LEDs are pervasive, and experts say their use will only grow.

“Incandescent light bulbs lit the 20th century; the 21st century will be lit by LED lamps,” the Nobel committee said in announcing its award to Japanese researchers Isamu Akasaki and Hiroshi Amano and naturalized U.S. citizen Shuji Nakamura.

Their work, done in the early 1990s, led to a fundamental transformation of technology for illumination, the committee said. And when the three arrive in Stockholm to collect their awards in early December, “they will hardly fail to notice the light from their invention glowing in virtually all the windows of the city.”

Nakamura, 60, is a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Akasaki, 85, is a professor at Meijo University and Nagoya University in Japan, while Amano, 54, is also at Nagoya. Akasaki and Amano made their inventions while working at Nagoya, while Nakamura was working separately at the Japanese company Nichia Chemicals.

At a press conference, Nakamura said he is “happy to see that my dream of LED lighting has become a reality. Nowadays we can buy energy-efficient light bulbs in the supermarket and help reduce energy use. I hope this helps to reduce global warming, too,” he said, reading from a prepared statement.

Asked earlier if he realized the importance of his research early on, he told reporters, “Nobody can make a cellphone without . . . my invention.”

Akasaki told a nationally televised news conference in Japan that he had faced skepticism about his research bearing fruit. “But I never felt that way,” he said. “I was just doing what I wanted to do.”

Amano said in an interview on NTV aired from Lyon, France, on Oct. 8 that he credits



ISAMU AKASAKI



HIROSHI AMANO



SHUJI NAKAMURA

Japan’s high school and university systems for his win.

“To know that the ultimate purpose of education, or anything, is to do something to help people. That says it all,” he said.

Before their work, scientists had long been able to produce red and green light with LEDs. But they needed a blue LED as well to make white light, a goal sought for about 30 years. The three new Nobel laureates created blue LEDs.

It’s “a fundamental invention that is rapidly changing the way we bring light to every corner of the home, the street and the workplace,” H. Frederick Dylla, the executive director and CEO of the American Institute of Physics, said in a statement.

For illuminating schools, homes and offices, “it’s quite possible this will change everything. All the light sources could easily become blue-LED-based light sources,” said Mark Rea, director of the Lighting Research Center at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Nadarajah Narendran, director of research at the center, estimated the share of illumination by LED lights in homes, offices, streets and industries is approaching 10 percent in the U.S. Within five years, he said, that fraction will probably exceed 30 percent as prices come down.

People can already buy LED lights for their homes at a fairly affordable price, he said.

In poor countries, such lights are replacing alternatives like kerosene lanterns, he also said.

“It’s touched (people) from the poor to the rich in a very short time frame,” he said.

The Nobel committee noted that for people not supplied by power grids, LED lamps may be feasible to use with cheap solar energy because they consume so little energy.

The committee also said the efficiency of LEDs helps save the Earth’s resources because about one-fourth of world electricity consumption is used for lighting.

Worth 8 million kronor (\$1.1 million) each, the Nobel Prizes are always handed out on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel’s death in 1896. Besides the prize money, each laureate receives a diploma and a gold medal.

Nobel, a wealthy Swedish industrialist who invented dynamite, provided few directions for how to select winners, except that the prize committees should reward those who “have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind.” ■

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Hundreds of Lakewood High School students, including this one (above), left their classrooms in September to protest a proposed history curriculum they believed would lead to censorship. Students organized the walkouts using social media sites like Facebook.

That’s powerful stuff for me. When my stepson was in high school a decade ago, he brought home a brand-new history textbook from his high school — in Jefferson County, Colo. It covered World War II over more than 60 pages. But it only reserved two paragraphs for internment. It was as if the Japanese American experience was an afterthought, a footnote to history.

I was disgusted by that schoolbook. I’m all for the new AP history guidelines.

Bravo, students. Thank you. You give me hope for the future.

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NONPARTISAN VOTER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO JAPANESE-SPEAKING CALIFORNIANS

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. — Secretary of State Debra Bowen is inviting Japanese-language media and community organizations to help link voters to nonpartisan election information in Japanese.

Following are the state’s top Japanese-language resources for the Nov. 4 General Election.

- Voter Hotline: **(800) 339-2865**
- Voter Registration Application: **RegisterToVote.ca.gov** (Oct. 20 is the last day to register to vote for the Nov. 4 election.)
- Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request: **www.sos.ca.gov/elections/Outreach/multilingual/vmb/jp-vmb.pdf** (Oct. 28 is the last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Nov. 4 election.)
- Voter Bill of Rights: **www.sos.ca.gov/elections/Outreach/multilingual/vbr/jp-voter-bill-rights.pdf**
- State Voter Information Guide: **www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/ja/alt-versions**
- Information for New Voters: **www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter**