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# Second-degree murder verdict found in death of Vietnamese

PT. LAUDERDALE, Pia.—In a packed Broward County, Fia., courtroom, after four hours of deliberation, the jury announced Oct. 21 a verdict of second-degree murder for 18-year-old Bradley Mills in the death of 19-year-old pre-med student Luyen Phan Nguyen. Mills is one of seven men charged in the death of a Vietnamese American boy and the first to be tried for murder. The other six defendants are scheduled to be tried in six defendants are scheduled to be tried in

January.

Nguyen was chased, beaten, and kicked to death by a mob of young men outside a south Florida apartment building on Aug. 15 after being called "chink," "Vietcong," and "sayonara" at a nearby party. One of the defendants allegedly yelled, "I hate Vietnamese" during the attack.

Dr. and Mrs. Nguyen and their remaining son were present in the courtroom.

Attending the trial on behalf of their respective organizations and for the National

ctive organizations and for the National twork Against Anti-Asian Violence were Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director;

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STEREOTYPING—Fuji is the character on the "Super Dave" cartoon show.

# Group protests TV cartoon character

LOS ANGELES—Protesting a cartoon character on Saturday morning television, the Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANA) recently complained to the Fox Broadcasting Co. and the cartoon's producer, DIC.

The character in question is "Fuji," which appears on the cartoon spinoff of the Showtime cable channel's comedy, "The Super Dave Show." Based directly on a character on the live action comedy, the cartoon "Fuji wears a baseball cap and is an inventor.

tor.

Protesting on behalf of MANAA, board member Tony Osumi said, 'Although we acknowledge that 'The Super Dave Show' relies on farce and exageration for its humor, we find the character to be culturally inspective.

relies on farce and exaggeration for its humor, we find the character to be culturally insensitive.

Relying on stereotypical features—such as a heavy accent, buck teeth, and oversized classes which emphasize his 'slanted eyes'—Puji represents to many'Anian Pacific Americans a charactery that is offensive in the same manner as the Black Samby' character is to African Americans," said Osumi.

Antonia Kauffimân, a representative of Fox children's selevision, said she was surprised at the complaint about the children's show, but said she would look into the matter. "We certainly take these matters seriously," said Kaufman.

Osumi said the cartoon depiction is especially troubling because it is aimed at children. "We find 'The Super Dave Show especially troubling because of the impressions it can leave on it young target audience. While MANA applauda and encourages the depiction of Asian American characters as part of mainstream America, we do so only if they are balanced and accurate," said Osumi.

—GWEN MURANAKA

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# JACL national board meeting-Oct. 24-25, 1992

# Kimura administration begins to shape course of organization

# Board meets to discuss, review and 'brainstorm'

By GWEN MURANAKA

SAN FRANCISCO-Newfaces,

of the new national board Oct 24 following the national convention was a friendly, re-laxed affair as new and old board members felt out their



responsibilities and grew into the management style of Lillian Kimura, JACL national president.

In a break from typical board In a break from typical board meetings, during the afternoon session, Kimura had the national council and observers split up into small groups and brainstorm on ways to deal with civil rights, increasing JACL membership, and encouraging new leaders. Prior to the exercise, Karen Narasaki, Washington D.C. JACL representative and Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, gave their estimations of the political and social scenes for Japanese Americans during the coming blennium.

Narasaki said that whatever happens in the presidential election, there will be some major changes in the coming blennium.

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Regardless of who wins, heads

# Reviewing redress

SAN FRANCISCO—Karen Narasaki, Washington D.C., representative, at the JACL national board meeting Oct. 24 gave a status report on what has been a successful year for the redress

movement. "We got everything we asked for," said Narasaki, who noted everyone except for special cases should be paid by next October. The Office of Redress Administration has indicated that it will be shutting down its toll free number since 90% of redress recipients have been paid. The representative suggested that people write letters to an address she will provide later if they have questions.

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Although redress appropriation was successful this year, Narasaki said there are still issues yet unresolved.

• Non-Japanese spouses interned in the camps are among the oldest internees who are still waiting for redress, according to Narasaki.

• ORAis beginning to send out rejection notices on redress claims. Most poignant among these cases are the children of mothers who left camp, but returned to give birth. ORAis claiming that these women returned to the camp voluntarily and thus their children are not eligible for redress. Narasaki indicated that there See REDRESS/page 4





are going to roll," said Narasaki. "If Clinton wins, there will of course be a massive changeover in administra-

Narasaki said JACL needs to prepare for what is

Narasaki said JACL needs to prepare for what is expected to be a 'storm 'ol legislation in the first months of the new administration.

In his assessment of the social scene for Nikkei, Hayashi said that Asian Americans are becoming more politically involved and it's important for JACL to foster Asian American leadership.

"It's important for us, in looking at the program for

action, to take into account how we help develop leader-ship in the Asian Pacific American community," said Hayashi. The national director said

that many Asian American groups have looked to JACL as a model for structuring

their organizations.

After hearing forecasts for the next two years, the groups got together and came up with suggestions how JACL should deal with the problems and possibilities facing the Nikkei commu-

nity.

Some of the suggestions included:

- Increasing membership by highlighting membership services such as health in-
- · Foster leadership by adopting a mentor program where potential JACL leadand encourage greater par-ticipation in the organiza-
- Educate the member-ship about racism and sex-ism within JACL through workshops at upcoming bi-district, tri-district meetings.

# Board highlights

Other highlights of the JACL national board

meeting included:

Bill Kaneko, vice president of public af-fairs, announced plans to conduct a public affairs training seminar at one of the tri-district, bidistrict meetings next year. The goal of the teminaris to teach chap-ter presidents how to deal with the media and advocate issues impor-tant to JACL. Eventu-ally, Kaneko said he hoped more seminars could be conducted

across the country.

• Alan Nishi, vice president of membership, gave a status report on the automated membership program. Nishi said that he hopes to double the number of chapters participating in the program, to the sum of five more per district by Jan. '93.

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● Hisami Yoshida,
Pacific Northwest governor, told the board of
organizing efforts and an
upcoming rally following the recent murder of a Thai American by a group of skin heads in Olympia, Wash. • Kim Nakahara, na-

tional youth chair, pre-sented a new membership brochure encourag-ing young people to join JACL. The chair announced plans for a youth column in the Pacific Citizen starting in the Holiday Issue and noted that one of the main goals for youth is establishing a fully func-tional national youth council.

 After some disagree-ment and discussion, the board decided to give the Salt Lake City convention committee \$2,500 cash advance, half of what the initial \$5,000 what the initial \$5,000 requested now and then send the remaining \$2,500 or whatever portion was necessary after the committee sent a proposed budget for expressions. nses.

Trisha Murakawa,

vice president of plan-ning and development, presented to the board estimates on the cost of producing new chapter president manuals. PSW recently produced their own manuals. The proposed manuals would

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# Committees: who's in charge

The JACL national board approved the following committee chair assignments:

LEGAL COUNSEL: Alan Kato
 LEGACÝ FUND COMMITTEE: Grayce Uyehara

LEGACY POND COMMITTEE Grayee Gyenara and Cressey Nakagawa
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 JA OF THE BIENNIUM: Ray Uno
 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: Randy Shibata
 RESOLUTIONS: Dale Ikeda
 NOMINATIONS: Ken Yokota and Hisami Yoshida.

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# Shinkawa heads PC board

Paul Shinkawa of the Houston Chapter, JACI, vas confirmed as chairman of the Pacific Citize oard of directors at the Oct 24 national boar neeting in San Francisco.

Shinkawa, a resident of Austin, Texas, is gen ral counsel to the Tuxas Parks and Wildlife lepartment. He is a charter member of the House on Chapter and was its president in 1981. He slee rived as governor of the Mountain-Palins Discit Council, 1982-84, was district representave, National Rodress Committee, 1982-84, and as chairman of the 1992 National Convention redentials Committee.

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Ongoing — National Archives-Mild Atlantes Regions: The Interment of Japanese Americans, Photographs by Dorothea Lange, \*Lobby William Penn Post Office Annex, 9th and Market Streets, Mon., Sat., & a.m. & p.m. Information: 215/597-3000.

#### Michigan Detroit

Sunday, Nov. 8—Detroit Chapter, JACL's fall general meeting, Cherry Blos-som restaurant, 43588 W. Oaks Dr. in Som restaurani, 43360 W. Carls Dr., Novi, west of Twelve Oaks Mall, 4 p.m. Information: Toshi Shimoura, 313/356-3089; Mary Kamidoi, 313/522-7917; or Emie Otani, 313/852-1221.

#### Nevada Reno

Sunday, Nov. 22—Reno Chapter, JACL's potluck and mochi making. Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. Reno, noon. Items to brings 3 lbs. mochi gome (soaked overnight and drained with cold water); corn starch and wax paper; and rags, mop, and broom. Infor-mation: Jone Sun. 702/857- 3388.

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Scottsdale

Monday, Nov. 9—Japan America So-ciety of Phoeinix presents Ondekoza, Japanese devil drummers, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, 7383 Scottsdale Mall, 7:30 p.m. Tickets; \$18 and \$20, at Ticketmaster locations and Scottsdale Center Information: 602/893-0599

## Washington Bellevue

Friday, Nov. 13—Lake Washington Chapter, JACL's artsale for scholarship fund, Bellevue Conference Center, Ex-hibition North, Main Level, 505 106th Ave. N.E. 6 p.m. Artists include: Hisash Ave., N.E., 6 p.m. Artists include: Inicate of Otsuka, Careline Young and Tatsuo Ito. Information: Shox or Elsie Tokita, 206/641-6512; James or Rose Nohara, 206/455-8379; and Jason or Ellen Mochizuki. 206/747-6361

#### Seattle

Through Sun., Nov. 1—Northwest Asian American Theatre presents David Henry Hwang's "The Dance and the Railroad, "Theatre Off Jackson. 409 7th Ave. S. Thurs.-Sun., 8 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m. Tickets: \$6-12. Information: 205/ 340-1049

Through Sun., Nov. 22—Seatile Art Museum's "Views from a Paper Win-dow, Japanese Art of the Edo and Meij Periods," 100 University St., Tues. Sat., 11 a.m. 5 p.m.; Thurs. 3il 9 p.m.; Sun., noon 10.5 p.m. Information: 205/ 654-3100

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# Upcoming . . .

 "Erasing the Lines that Divide Us: Inter-Ethnic Coalition Building," seminar sponsored by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) and the Gas Company Forum, Sat-urday, Nov. 14, 12:30 to 5 p.m., Hyatt Regency Los Angeles at Broadway Plaza, 711 S. Hope St., Los Angeles. Event is free. Infor-mation: LEAP, 213/485-1422.

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■ The Central California District
Council, JACL, will holds its 43rd
annual installation banquet Saturday, Nov, 21, at the Belmont Country Club, 8523 East Belmont Ave.,
Fresno, Social hour: 6 p.m., dinner,
7 p.m.; Keynote speaker: Budy
Tokiwa, 442 member; cost: \$25 per

seepen Information I are inclined. person. Information: Larry Ishimoto,

● The West Los Angeles Chap-ter, the Southern California Ameri-can Nikkei (SCAN) and the Asian Pacific American Network (APAN) Chapters, JACL, will hold a joint installation luncheon Sunday, Nov.

The event will feature Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, who will deliver the keynote ad-

dress.
The luncheon will be held at the The function will be neited at the Yes Restaurant, 11620 Wilstune Blyd., West Los Angeles, 12:30 p.m., Donation: \$15. Information: Kim-Tachiki, 310/822-5780. Reservations: Johnny Gushiken, 310/398-6986 (by Nov. et al., 2007)

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# JACL seeks investigation into murder of Japanese

JACL has written to officials in Louisiana expressing its concerns on the shooting death of Yoshiro Hattori in Baton Rouge Oct. 17.

on the shooting death of Yoshiro Hattori in Baton Rouge Oct. 17.
In light of the increase in anti-Asian assaults and murders across the country, JACL asked both Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards and Baton Rouge Sheriff Elmer Litchfield to fully examine possible racial motivation in the case.

Hattori, a Japanese exchange student who arrived in the U.S. two months ago, was shot and killed by Rodney Peairs when he and a friend mistakenly went to Peairs' house in search of a Haleen party.

Hattori was dressed in a white tuxedo jacket as part of a John Travolta costume, and his friend was in street clothes, according to reports. Neither of them was wear-

While there are conflicting stories about the exact circumstances surrounding the killing, some de-tails have come to light, according to JACL. Hattori was shot once in the chest with a .44 caliber Mag-num when he moved following Peairs order to "freeze."

"Newspaper reports indicate that Mr. Hattori was unarmed at the time that he was shot and the time that he was such there is no indication that he posed there is no indication that he posed any threat to the Peairs," said Dennis Hayashi, JACL national

Dennis Hayashi, JACL insundirector.

"More significiantly, the accounts state that Webb Haymaker, who was with Hawori at the time, stated that they were walking away-from the house when confronted by Rodney Panira.

"We were surprised to hear iniwe were surprised to hear in-tially that no arrest was made but are encouraged that a grand jury will be convened to consider the cast on Nov. 4."

Hayashi concluded his letter stating, "We urge you to do what-ever is necessary to insure that a full investigation of possible ra-cial motivation is conducted."

# West L.A. Chapter hosts candidates

The West Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, hosted a candidate's night event Oct. 19. The event, hosted by Los Angeles City Councilman Marvin Braude, allowed the poli-ticians or their representatives to expand on positons. expand on positons

expand on positions.

Attending were Alan Chou and
Paul Lear representing the
Clinton-Gore ticket; Ann Banning-Wright representing Mark
Robbins, U.S. representative for
the 29th District; Leonard
M.P. Debrus 23 21 State Commend McRoskey, 23rd State Senatorial District candidate; Robert Davis, candidate for the 42nd District State Assembly; and Yvonne Braithwaite Burke and Diane

Watson, running for the 2nd Los Angeles County Supervisorial District.

The speakers focused on the need to increase jobs in Los Ange-les and California, and to improve the educational and health sys-

Because of the redistricting created by the census, all candidates for local races are from changed districts and have never represented the area before.

Chapter President Johnny Gushiken, Auxiliary President Jean Ushijima, and Program Co-ordinator Karen Hirai Olen con-ducted the program.

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n our twentieth year, we look back. - Photo by Leon Sun



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We have changed through the times and with the times. The young activist lawyers who started the Caucus have become fathers and mothers. Many have formed their own law firms or have become public officials, Many have moved on to new challenges in their careers and continue their commitment to community in their own ways. And many continue to serve as active supporters and members of the Asian Law Caucus family.

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# Good work

Placer County Chapter, JACL, recently held its 52nd annual Goodwill Dinner to honor the redress committee for its dedicated efforts. From left, Chapter President Chester Yamada presented plaques to Aster Kondo, Ellen Kubo, and Hike Yego. Frank Kageta was not present to accept his award. Sacramento TV personality Gordon Tokumatsu was guest speaker. Robert Takemoto was general chairman and Rusty Urateu was emone for the event

# JACL national board meeting

#### COMMITTEES (Continued from page 1)

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• MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Kim Tachiki.
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Assignments for the following committees have not yet been confirmed: Redress; Civil Rights; Atomic Bomb Survivors; U.S./Japan; Scholarships/Treshmen; Scholarships/Student Aid; Leadership Development; National Endowment; JARP; Satow Memorial; Ways and Means; and Veterans Affairs Lisison.

# SHINKAWA

VERDICT

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The new PC board chairman

Daphne Kwok, Organization of Chinese Americans executive di-rector; Stan Mark, Asian Ameri-

rector; Stan Mark, Asian American Legal Defense and Education
Fund attorney and member of the
Asian Pacific American Legal
Consortium; Karen Narasaki,
JACL Washington, D.C., representative; and Ngoan Le, vice
president of the National Conress of Vistangues in America.

gress of Vietnamese in America.

was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and received his bachelor's de-gree in English from Rice Univer-sity, Houston, and his J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio

He and his wife Gloria Jean have two children, Tami Jean, 7, and Anna Mariko, 3.

# BOARD

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incorporate material from the PSW manual and other material which

manual and other material which isn't district-specific.

Grayce Uyehara, Legacy Fund chairwoman, said that the fund's \$10 million goal was "doable" and said the focus was now on the California chapters to come through. Uyehara encouraged board mem-bers, if they haven't yet, to contrib-ute to the fund.

• Allan Hida, Midwest District

Council governor, announced the completion of the Rohwer-Jerome

• The board endorsed the Gor-

Kwok lauded the jury for its verdict and said, "We are very pleased with the jury's verdict. It sends a resounding message to the nation that anyone who participates in acts of mob violence will be held culpable and subject to the full extent of the law."

"We praise the prosecution and hope that the subsequent trials for the remaining defendants are successful," said Mark.

The jury consisted of six men and two women. One of the men

don Hirabayashi video, "A Personal Matter" and the curriculum guide. The board also endorsed 'Probable Cause,' an upcoming project by filmmaker Steven Okazaki dealing with anti-Asian violence.

# REDRESS

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are approximately 100 such cases, some who were actually originally

some who were actually originally cleared by ORA. The representative said these people may be calling for help in filing appeals to the ORA rejections.

• The education fund has yet to be appropriated. Narasaki said Rep. Norman Mineta is working on strategies for getting the fund. She said that they will not be going after the entire \$50 million the first year. Pairenthetically, Narasaki said that because of the emotion involved and disapproval Narasaki said that because of the emotion involved and disapproval from non-Japanese American con-stituents, some on Capitol Hill are growing tired of the redress issue, and are reluctant to have to deal with redress again.

Said Narasaki, "We applaud the

gress of Vietnamese in America.
"The testimony clearly confirmed that the attack was racially motivated," said Hayashi.
"Luyen Phan Nguyen's death was
a result of secalating ani-Asian
sentiment, anti-immigrant feeling, and misdirected resentment
from the Vietnam War." and two women. One of the men was Hispanic, originally from the Virgin Islands, and one of the women was Jamaican American. The judge ordered a pre-sentencing investigation. Sentencing is to take place on Nov. 24 at 1:30 p.m. Mills will be held in custody pending sentencing.

#### Small kid time



Said Narasaki, "We applaud the state's handling of the prosecution and commend the jury for insuring that justice was done."
"The Vietnamese American community is truly grateful that the justice system worked. As newcomers to this country, this verdict has affirmed our belief in the constitutional and democratic principles of this nation," said Le. "More importantly, this tragedy has taught us the need for each community's involvement in combatting hate crimes and in helping to build a successful multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society. We are also thankful for the leadership and support of the broader ership and support of the broader Asian American community in helping to bring about justice for Luyen Phan Nguyen and his fam-ily."



Back to school

SPECIAL TO THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

More than 260 graduates and friends of Davis High School, Kaysville, Utah, attended the Oct. 10 Nikkei alumni reunion held at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City. Among them were, from lett, standing, John Imada and Floyd Tsujimoto of Salt Lake City, and Shizu Miya of Syracuse, Utah. Taxi Okawa, class of '42 was general chairman of the event.

Graduates from Florida, Texas, Illinois, Hawaii and other cities. The largest group in attendance was the class of '45 with 15

graduates attending.

Masaru Yamada, class of '44, served as emcee at the banquet.
Speakers were George Tashima, class of '42, and Dr. Elsie
Shiramizu, class of '47.

Among the earliest graduates were Tsujimoto, class of '32, Imada, class of '34, and Cecil Nakano, class of '34.

# For the record

The videotape, "A Question of Loyalty," was incorrectly identified in connection with the Oct. 16 story of the Poston dedication. According to Chizu Omori, a videotape of the reunion trip and dedication ceremony will be available. able within four to six weeks to interested individuals. The video, produced by cinematographer Emiko Omori, will cost about \$35, including postage and han-

\$35, including postage and mandling.

"A Question of Loyalty," a separate project of Emiko Omori and Chizuko Omori, is a television documentary currently in production. The film will be a comprehensive look at the internment

from many directions and levels. Inquiries, letters, diaries, journals, and other writings about the project are welcome. Contact Emiko Omori: 24 Bessie St., San Francisco, CA, 94110; or Chizuko Omori, 264013th W., Seattle, WA, 98119.

In the Sept. 25 issue, in PC Personally Speaking colum, the father of Catherine Ann Hida, M.D., Edward Hida of Milwaukee, was identified as Midwest District, JACL, governor. Allan Hida, his brother, currently serves in that position, says Jim J. Miyazaki, Wisconsin Chapter president.

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# **Opinions**



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

# Credit those onions

week's column was about the way Japanese Americans have helped make the Western Traine Valley around Ontario, Ore., a prosperous onion-growing and shipping area. More onions reportedly are shipped out of Ontario than from any city in the nation.

Hardware merchant John Kirby and some of his friends figured something ought to be done to memorialize-the Japanese Ameri-cans' contribution to the area's well-being. Eventually they agreed a community cul-tural center in their name would be fitting. It would encompass a performing arts center, auditorium and a museum depicting the story of the Japanese Americans, and a first-rate Japanese garden which would be a pleasant green attraction in what is priarily irrigated desert.

How to finance such a project? The Redress bill to benefit victims of the Evacuadress bill to benefit victims of the Evacua-tion included a provision for funding educa-tional programs. Certainly educating people about what Japanese Americans have done for the area around Ontario was a worthy

A committee including Kirby and some

Nisei like George and Tom Iseri, Mam Wakasugi and others went to Washington to see if their idea would fly. There was a lot of smiling and hand-shking but not much specific encouragement. Oregon Sen. Mark specific encouragement. Or egon sent many Hatfield said he wasn't sure whether Con-gress would approve Redress, but promised to explore other avenues of funding. The committee went home wondering whether the trip had been in vain.

One day some time later a federal gov ernment check for \$4 million showed up unannounced in Ontario, earmarked for the Western Treasure Valley Cultural-Center. The astounded recipients learned Sena-

With that kind of a boost the Cultural Center was off and running. After an extensive search John Carnahan, who among other things had helped Eskimo tribes build a museum with Alaska oil money to preerve their culture, was hired as executive director. Architects were asked to submit ideas. Asearch started for additional money; \$4 million wouldn't go very far in building and operating a first class operation.

Somewhere along the line a snag developed. Japanese Americans, who as a group were to be commemorated in the museum. became uncomfortable. They pointed out that other ethnic groups—Indians, Basques, Hispanics in addition to the original fur traders, cattlemen and farmers—also had major roles in the area. Why not tell the entire story instead of just the Japanese American story?

around ideas about what the museum should be, how it would fit in with the community and region, how it might boost the community as a tourist attraction. As expected, there were more ideas than deciunder way in a rather unlikely place.

You can give credit to the onions, and the people who grow and ship them. 🕲

# Voices

# The sport of politics

GWEN MURANAKA



It's down to the wire. Bottom of the ninth It's down to the wire. Bottom of the ninth-Fourth down. Sudden death. Sports terms fit this last burst of frantic presidential election campaigning as well as they fit and athletic event. Let's face it, despite all the in-roads of women into politics—presidenin-roads of women into politics—presiden-tial politics is still a boy's game, replete with macho posturing, senseless commen-tators, and bad haircuts. Keep baking those cookies Barb and Hillary. In this yearly cosmic alignment of major sporting events (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey to name a few), the biggest game of all is politics. Forget Monday Night Football— it's Tuesday night tallies we're all interested in

ested in.

But what if women were in charge here?
The Lifetime cable channel recently pordered this question and gave us Blair Brown as a former Army general, balancing a family and a run at the White House. Colorado Representative Pat Schroeder briefly dipped her foot into the 1988 presidential

race.

Betteryet, what if Asian American women were running things? Hey Patsy, Elaine, and Pat, there's a thought for you. Not this time, but how about '96 or the year 2000? What a way to start a new millenium. If

what a way to start a new millenium. If more women were involved in the presidential races, I think the campaigns and the presidency would be a lot different.

• We'd ditch the bad sports analogies, Were the debates "knockdown, dragoutfights" No. It wasn't Evander Holyfield, it wasn't even Robin Givens or her mother or that guy in the Indiana prison. Why do journalists insist on using sports meta-phors? You almost expect presidential run-ning mates to give each other high fives or slap each other on the butt after every

• Enough with the mud-slinging al-Enough with the mud-slinging already. Maybe journalists use sports metaphors, because politicians, like athletes, sometimes act like overgrows, overpaid babies. They should all pay attention to that Nike saying and "just do it."

that Nike saying and "just do it."

Women would get things done. At least I hope they would. It's roll up the sleeves time now. Who knows more about that than women, who without fanfare have long been juggling family and career—ad any job and a night job.

No more Gennifers! Now she's posing for Penhouse? I think we've all heard enough about secret tawdry affairs and carbe cleave head line to be the stay that it heart will be not the cleave the differ that the stay will be not the cleave the differ that the stay will be not the cleave the differ that the stay will be not the cleave the differ that the stay will be not the cleave the differ that the stay will be not the cleave the stay will be not the stay will be

other sleazy headlines to last, well, at least another four years.

 A woman would resolve conflicts. ● A woman would resolve conflicts. Who better to get in there and bring together disparate factions, soothe egos, and come up with a solution? They say women are effective police officers because they are less likely to resort to force, and more likely to talk things out. What works on the street might work in the brief works.

might work in the White House.

As we've heard over and over—it's time for a change. But even beyond change among Democrat, Republican or Independent, perhaps soon it will be a time for a change from a male president to female. Coming back to sports, I suppose we're in the fourth quarter now in the presidential race, it's the end of the game for another four years. But there's always next time or the time after that. So women, if you've been patiently sitting through NFLF botball, Major League Baseball, NBA Basketball, and presidential politics it's time to get up and just do it. It's time to stand up, organize, grab the ball and run with it.

Muranaka is Pacific Citizen's assistant

tor natheid and attached the item to a military appropriations bill, a tactic not unknown in Washington, and it had slipped through along with other odds and ends.

A few weeks ago Carnahan assembled some outside specialists in Ontario to kick expected, there were more ideas than deci-sions. There will be a good many more such discussion sessions: But one thing is cer-tain. A very unusual and interesting pro-gram of undisputed merit and value is

# IN-SIGHT

Bv LILLIAN KIMURA JACI. National President



A YWCA assignment in Phoenix provided me with the opportunity to meet with the Arizona Chapter, JACL. Thanks to Joe Allman, vice president, more than 50 members came together for a bento supper on a Sunday evening a few weeks ago. Three of these folks were from Tucson — a two hour drive away. (Remember I told you about Mako and Diane Aratani who moved there from Milwaukee? Well, they found another potential member for the incubating Tuc-

from Milwaukee? Well, they found another potential member for the incubating Tucson Chapter—Shigeki Hiratauki, formerly of Washington D.C. He still holds his membership with that chapter.)

The Arizona Chapter is fortunate to have its own activities building with a credit union office adjacent toit. "Fortunate" may not be the right word since the building was defaced and vandalized several months ago. At any rate, I understand the activities hall is too small for the needs of the chapter. (I wonder how many other chapters have buildings? In New York, we always have to look for a place to hold our events such as the annual bazaar and general meetings, a place which will not cost us an arm and a

# Down Arizona way

leg. We usually hold these events at the Japanese American United Church or at the Japanese American Association office.

the Japanese American Association office.
We are lucky to have these resources.)
There are about 300 members in the
Arizona Chapter. I met abunch of Tadanos
and Tanitas on that Sunday. They are
native Arizonians, their fathers and grandnative Arizonians, their fathers and grand-fathers having settled there primarily to farm. Marian Takano Shee, who attended the Denver Convention with her husband Jim and the Alimans, told me that her grandfather made and distributed shoyu during World War II since none could be

imported from Japan.
While traveling about for JACL, you don't While traveling about for JACL, you don't know who you might meet from your past. I was pleased to become reacquainted with Misako Okada Koch who came from my hometown of Glendale, Calif., and who also lived in the same block at Manzanar. We were school girls together along with Toby Ozone Kubota with whom I've had sporadic contact over the years. We had a nice visit remembering other friends and times of our youth. youth

our youth.
There was Uta Eto, formerly of St. Louis, I stayed at her place once when we had a Midwest District Council meeting. Her daughter, Sandy, I knew in Chicago. Others I met included Madeline Ong Sakata, director of the Chinese American

Citizens Alliance. She worked with Sen. Dennis DiConcini to open doors for our JACL leaders to meet with baseball com-missioner Fay Vincent on the Seattle Mari-

The chapter is doing some exciting things. Members are involved in looking into nomi-nating the Gila River Relocation Center as a National Historic site. The Arizona State Parks office has already evaluated the ar-cheological remains of the camp and concheological remains of the camp and covi-sider's it eligible for placement on the Na-tional Register. (Several years ago, a YWCA colleague took me to Gila River where I saw the remnants of the cement foundations of the barracks, the frame of the monument to the servicemen and stone pathways made by the internees. I picked up artifacts including an old briefcase frame, shards of glass and pottery. A year or so later, some YWCA staff members went there to learn about the racism perpetrated on Japanese Americans and they brought back a jar, still intact. They encased it and presented it to me as a memento.)

it to me as a memento.)
The chapter will also be involved in the 1993 America Japan Week which was initiated to reduce racial misunderstanding by increasing awareness of Japanese cultural activities, traditional arts and sports: JACL

See IN-SIGHT/page 8

# TUESDAY'S SOVEREIGNTY

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All JACL chapters should have their Holiday Issue kits and be soliciting and preparing chapter and member greetings. Chapters should also be sending PC their news items for inclusion into the special year-end issue. If you have not received your materials, or are need of assistance, call us immediately at:

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# California Sacramento

Saturday, Nov. 7—The Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church's Fall Food Bazaar, 5191 24th St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: Rev. Igarashi, 916/ 456-

8371. Sunday, Nov. 20—Sacramento Chap-ter, JACL, honors, Jerry Enomoto, Hoi Sing Restaurant, 7007 S. Land Park Dr., 5 p.m. Cost. \$20 Information. Sac-

#### W JACL 916/447-0231 San Francisco Area

Saturday, Nov. 7—Centra Costa Chap-ter, JACL's kids day II, East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, 1:30 p.m. Sushi making. origami, and flying kites. Inform Dennis Okamura 510/234-8252

#### San Jose

Sunday, Nov. 8—West Valley Chap-ter, JACL's fashion show and luncheon, 'Fashion Nation 1992,' Red Lion Irin, San Jose, noon. Designers: Bekke Bruce, Jeff Designs, Kanop USA, Reiko Murakami, and Temaki of Hawaii. Intormation: Juli Tachibana, 408/984-1758 Friday, Nov. 13—Sán Jose Chapter Friday, Nov. 13—Sán Jose Chapter, JACL's annual general/election meet-ing, Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. 5th St., 7:30 p.m. Potluck: 6:30 p.m. Last names beginning with A-M. bring a main dish for six people/ tast names begin-ning with N-L, bring a salad for six people Board members and officers for 93 term will be elected. Information: 408/295-1250.

#### Fresno

Through Sunday, Nov. 22—Fresno Metropolitan Museum's "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japa-nese American Farming," 1555 Van Ness Ave. at Calaveras, Downtown Fresno-Mon. Sun: 11 am. Admission. adults \$3, seniors \$2. Information: 209/

Los Angeles Area

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Thursday, Nov. 5—UCLA Wight Art
Gallery presents Janice Tanaka, UCLA
professor and video artist, discussing
the interiment and screening her videos, UCLA Wight Art Gallery, 5:30 p.m.
Free. Information: 310/825-9345.
Thursday, Nov. 5—Marina JACL general meeting and poduck, Burton Chaoce
Park, Marina Del Rey, 7:30/p.m. Spoaker.
Representative from "Heal the Bay,"
Poduck assignments: Men, desserts and
drinks; women, Japanese dishes. Information: Alice, 3:10/324-0582.
Saturday, Nov. 7—San Fernando Valley JACC's annual fund raiser, Odyssey
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Granda Hills, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$75. In-formation: 6:18! 899-9092. Tues., Nov. 10-Sun., Nov. 15—The UCLA Asian American Studies Center present Wakako Yamauchi: \*12-1-A; UCLA's Raiph Freud Playhouse. 8 p.m., Set and Sun. 2 p.m. matinees. Tickets: \$13; students, \$9. Information: 310/825-2101.

Saturday, Nov. 14—The Japanese American National Museum's panel, American National Museum's panel, "Growing' Up Japanese American." JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, 1:30 p.m. Cost: Free, Panelists include: Cynthia Kadohata, Phillip Kan Gotanda, and Mei Nakano. Information: 213/625-0414.

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Sunday, Nov. 15—Downtown L.A.
Chaging JACL presents "Into the
Woods," East West Players Theater,
4424 Santa Monica Bivd., 2 pm. Cost.
\$25. Reservations: Kitty Sankey, 213/
625-6532 (w), or 213/ 638-6533 (h). reservations must be received by Nov.

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Sunday, Nov. 15—SFVJACC Nursery

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Through Sun., Nov. 22—The George J. Doizaki Gallery of the JACCC's "Kiyoshi Awazu: Artist and Designer," 244 S. San Pedro St., Tues.-Fri., noon-5 pm; weekends, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Mondays. Information: 213/ 628-2725. 5 pm; weekends, 11 a.m. 4 p.m.; closed Mondays. Information: 213/628-2725. Sunday, Nov. 22—1992St. Mary Youth People's Fellowehlip Christmas Bou-tique, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Marjosa Ave., Los Angeles, 11 a.m. Artwork, clothing, jewelly and Christ-mas decorations. Information: 213/387-

1334. Saturday, Nov. 28—Hawaiian Cor Seturday, Nov. 28—Hawaiian Community Center Assn.'s 1st annual "Hooulu Lahui Festival." Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson, 10 a.m. Tickets: \$10 .Information: Clarice W. Nuhi 310/549-5573 or Randy K. Chang 310/788-3032.

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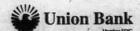
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#### Ventura County

Seturday, Nov. 14—Ventura County" Chapter, JACL's bus trip to the Japanese American National Museum, the bus will make stops in Chanard, Camarillo, and Thousand Oaks. Guided tour, origami workshop (tee and advance reservation required), and an optional tree lewture, "Growing Up Japanese American." Cost: \$10. Bus will leave Little Tokyo between 3:30 pm. 4 pm. Information and reservations: Chuck or Jean Kuniyoshi, 805/484-0576; or Jaen Kajihara, 805/983-2612. Please indicate where you want to catch the bus, whether you want to catch the bus. whether you want to attend the lecture, and your telephone and address.

## IN-SIGHT

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Board member Masako Takaguchi is the honorary co-chair of that week which is expected to attract many visitors to Phoenix.

It is heartening to see JACL chapters actively involved in their communities to help promote understanding between peoples, to reduce racial tension, to make America a better place. Hats off to

Finally, my thanks to the members of the Arizona Chapter, espe-cially to Joe Allman and Marian Tadano Shee for their hospitality. That's thirty for now.

JACL National President Lillian Kimura's IN-SIGHT column ap-pears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

#### TORU ASADA

Toru Asada, 73, a San Diego resident who grew up in Watsonville passed away peacefully at home or

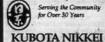
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He was also a charter member and a past commonder of Japanese American Methodis Version 19451, he served as Quartermaster for several yea As president of the Babou Parkier's Gol Cubin 1988 to 1991, he established the Serios Gol Tourn ment and helped put together the Junior Gol Tourn ment and helped put together the Junior Gol Tournard.

L survived by his wife, Smiles; daughters, Caro Wilkinson and Bonnie; sisters, Tsuru, Kami lako; brothers, Hideo, James and Torn o ind At

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