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## The Bottom Line



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## White House Conference on Hate Crimes

**I** WAS invited to participate in the White House Conference on Hate Crimes last Monday, (Nov. 10) at George Washington University's Marvin Center. Among those attending that I knew were: Ron Wakabayashi, Karen Narasaki, Stewart Kwok, Michael Lin, Daphne Kwok, Dorothy Enomoto, Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

The day-long conference was designed to complement President Clinton's Initiative on Race. The plan is for colleges and K through 12 schools to implement diversity programs to provide tolerance education, which the administration fears is lacking in our American homes. It was proposed that a "conflict resolution plan" be instituted in which problem children can be enrolled to learn to be tolerant of other races and sexes. The conference was hosted by Attorney General Janet Reno.

President Clinton has endorsed legislation expanding the federal definition of hate crimes to include attacks on homosexuals, women and the disabled. The approximately 400 participants were assigned to the following discussion groups, chaired by cabinet secretaries:

- 1—Hate Crimes in Schools (K-12): Prevention and Response
- 2—Hate Crimes on Campus: Prevention and Response
- 3—Law Enforcement Response to Hate Crimes
- 4—Understanding the Problem Improving Hate Crime Statistics
- 5—Hate Crimes in Public and Private Housing
- 6—Community Responses to Hate Crimes
- 7—Counteracting Organized Hate

Plans are to set up a "national hate crime network" to promote cooperation between federal, state and local prosecutors in combating hate crimes. Fifty more FBI agents have been hired and a "federal hate-crime" web-page will be created. Information: House Conference on Hate Crimes, Room 149 EOEB, Washington, D.C. 20502. ■

## Hawaii Nikkei confirmed for federal post

**WASHINGTON**—Jeanette Takamura of Hawaii was confirmed Nov. 7 as assistant secretary for aging at the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Sen. Daniel Akaka reported.

She will be one of six assistant secretaries under Secretary Donna Shalala.

Takamura served as director of the state Executive Office on Aging from 1987 until her appointment in 1994 as first deputy director in the state Department of Health. She was nominated for the federal post in September by President Clinton.

Takamura's confirmation was applauded by advocates for senior citizens, who said she was innovative and capable during her tenure in the Office on Aging and worked particularly hard on a proposal to finance long-term care for the elderly. —AB ■



U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO

**442ND RCT REVIEW**—Taken after rescue of the Lost Battalion in the Vosges Mountains on November 12, 1944, near Bruyeres are (from left) Matsuo Kaminishi, Edwin Kokubun, Henry Yamane and Kunito Sadaoka. The photo, which appears in many books, was featured at a special photo exhibit at the Army Museum at Fort DeRussy, Honolulu. All four, who have lived in Hawaii since the war, were reunited for the first time at the Nov. 1 dedication of the exhibit. See story page 5.

## COMMENTARY:

## Should JACL care what happens to Bill Lann Lee?

BY YASUO G. TOKITA

**JACL** Intermountain District Governor **S**ALT LAKE CITY—In 1942, 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, including myself from Seattle, were thrown into concentration camps because we looked like those guys who bombed Pearl Harbor. In fact, the camp where I spent three years is 220 miles north of Sandy, Utah, where I now reside. We were thrown into the concentration camp named Minidoka because of wartime hysteria and lack of political leadership.

Bill Lann Lee, President Clinton's nominee for the nation's top civil rights job, looks like John Huang and Charlie Trie of the DNC campaign financing debacle. The hysteria over affirmative action and

the unprecedented attacks by the Republican political leadership threatens to place the "ultimate political glass ceiling" over the head of Bill Lann Lee.

This past week on Nov. 13, the Senate Judiciary committee delayed the confirmation of Bill Lann Lee until next year because of a filibuster threat by Democratic members on the committee.

**Who is Bill Lann Lee?**  
He is a Chinese American "nisei," the 48-year-old son of Chinese immigrants who ran "Lee's Hand Laundry" in a poor minority neighborhood in New York City. He won a scholarship to Yale and graduated with honors. He then earned his law degree from Columbia. His entire career has been with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educa-

tional Fund Inc. as a civil rights lawyer and with its Los Angeles-based Center for Law in the Public Interest.

During Lee's confirmation hearings in the Senate which began two weeks ago, House Speaker Newt Gingrich in an unprecedented in-

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## Japanese Latin American campaign reaches Japan

**TOKYO**—The Japanese Latin American campaigners for U.S. redress, led by their Los Angeles attorney Robin S. Toma, met with the Japanese press on the first day (Nov. 10) of their two-week speaking tour from Tokyo, Osaka, and Fukuoka to Naha, Okinawa.

It was not clear how many people living in Japan are eligible. Mitsunaka Oyama, 68, a Japanese Peruvian interned in the U.S. during World War II, found 185 others like him, the *Japan Times* reported.

About 1,700 were deported to Japan after the war, according to Toma. A total of 2,264 Japanese from 13 Latin American countries—mainly from Peru—were arrested and interned in U.S. enemy alien camps.

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## Ex-interim national JACL director elected in her first bid for council

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

**Assistant Editor**  
**Y**OU CAN now add "city councilwoman" to former JACL interim national director Karyl Matsumoto's list of creden-

In her first bid for public office, Matsumoto, a Sansei, was elected to the South San Francisco City Council on Nov. 4, becoming the first Asian American woman and the second Asian American to hold a seat on the city council.

She won the second highest number of votes (3,437) in a field of five candidates, including two incumbents, who were vying for the three available council seats. Veteran councilmen James Datzman and John Penha retained their seats with votes of 3,889 and 2,915 respectively.

"People had told me ... you are going to take second," said Matsumoto in an interview from her home. But, "I wasn't quite so sure. I didn't have the name recognition," she explained. All along she had thought that she and newcomers Pedro Gonzalez and Collin Post

were vying for the third open seat. Although a novice on the city council, Matsumoto always had an interest in politics. A district representative and office manager for State Sen. Quentin Kopp (San Francisco) from '86 to '88 and '91 to

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## Ownership issue of J-town YWCA in court

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Fate of the Japantown YWCA building at 1830 Sutter St. near Buchanan was placed before the superior court Sept. 30. At issue is the matter of ownership, which erupted when the building was put on the market in April 1996 for \$1.65 million.

Nihonmachi leaders have since charged the YWCA had violated a trust that goes back to 1920 when Issei women raised \$6,500 in cash and notes to buy a parcel of land for a place where young girls in the community could gather.

San Francisco Chronicle legal affairs writer Harriet Chiang noted that Issei women were "barred from participating in the YWCA because of the organization's segregation policies" and decided to form their own community center. They then placed the title for the property with the San Francisco YWCA be-

cause the alien land law at the time barred Chinese and Japanese immigrants from owning real property.

The suit alleges the YWCA agreed to hold the property in trust for the newly-formed Japanese YWCA. A new building was built in 1932—designed by Julia Morgan, who donated her services. Plaintiffs further say the YWCA's minutes of its meetings state the YWCA was to hold the property in trust for exclusive use of the Japanese YWCA.

Paige Bradley, YWCA spokeswoman, said the organization had changed its mind about selling the building and that it's "absolutely not" for sale now. Instead, the building would be renovated and retrofitted seismologically "so that it can enhance its programs to serve the women and girls of the Western Addition." ■

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## Summary of Nov. 15-16 Board Resolutions / Actions

## JACL national board urges Bill Lann Lee confirmation

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

## Nominations

**SAN FRANCISCO**—With Los Angeles attorney Bill Lann Lee's nomination for the nation's highest civil rights position

hanging by a perilous thread, the National JACL Board gave the issue top priority at the Nov. 14-15 meeting.

The board called on the various districts to voice their support of Lee's nomination by writing to their legislators and submitting letters to local editors.

"This is an extremely well-qualified candidate," said JACL Washington Representative Bob Sakamiya of Lee, a second generation Chinese American. A graduate of Yale University and Columbia Law School, Lee has dedicated his life to civil rights and is currently the western regional counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Lee had been nominated by President Clinton several weeks ago and was considered "a shoe-in" to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, becoming the first Asian American to hold the position. But in recent weeks his nomination has turned into a battle over affirmative action issues, with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) leading the fray.

Hatch, along with a number of Republicans, are troubled by Lee's staunch support of affirmative action programs. But supporters of the nominee point to Lee's assurances that he will uphold all the

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## Rep. Eshoo condemns anti-Asian Pacific bias

**WASHINGTON**—Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Palo Alto, Calif.) condemned discrimination against Asian and Pacific Americans (APAs) in a House resolution, in response to signs of growing prejudice based upon the 1996 audit of Violence Against APAs prepared by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. The audit found a 17 percent rise in anti-Asian incidents, harassment jumping 161 percent from 1995. Co-signing her congressional resolution were:

Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), chair of the Congressional APA Caucus; Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Los Angeles, Calif.), chair of the Congressional Democratic Delegation; Rep. Neil Abernethy (D-Hawaii); Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.); Del. Robert Underwood (D-Guam); Del. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa). ■

## P.C.'s next issues

The only edition next month, dated Dec. 19, will be the annual Holiday issue filled with special articles and greetings from friends, supporters and members. The final deadline for chapter bulk-rate advertising: Holiday Issue Project greetings and stories is Friday, Nov. 28. The paper should be in the mail by Dec. 18.

The "JACL spotlighted" New Year edition, dated Jan. 2-16, will be mailed during the second week in January. It will feature annual and special JACL chapter reports and historic references. Deadline for the first issue in January is Dec. 19.

The second issue in January will be mailed out the fourth week in the month. Deadline for this issue will be Friday, Jan. 16.

The semi-monthly P.C. schedule then resumes on the first and third Fridays, with the deadline "on Friday before date of issue." ■





## By the Board

By Yas Tokita  
IDC GovernorMembership focus on  
February 19

**S**ALT LAKE CITY—We often suffer from "information overload" during National Board meetings. I suspect that National Board members have forgotten this from the National Board meeting held on August 9. This idea was so unique and so persuasive that it warrants advocacy in this column. The idea came from Seattle chapter president Jeff Hattori during the PNWD/IDC Bi-District meeting in Seattle on July 20.

Membership is the core and lifeblood of the JACL. The Program for Action recognized this and set a goal of a 10 percent membership increase in the present biennium. It is time to get serious about this goal and plan for a Herculean effort to go after new members on the 1998 Day of Remembrance (February 19th) and every anniversary thereafter. We will have the advantage of some media coverage of the Day of Remembrance, which will be synergistic in drawing attention to the membership drive.

The advantage of doing this once a year is that we can focus resources and attention for this yearly event. Presently, we give lip service to the topic of membership and hope that Karen Liane Shiba (VP for Membership) and Donna Okubo (Membership Staff Person at Headquarters) produce programs to attract membership. Some chapters are more conscientious than others in their membership campaigns, but we occasionally have chapters that go inactive. We need this type of program to "jump start" a serious membership campaign.

Karen and Donna have forwarded a "Member get a Member" program previously. Ruth Hashimoto (New Mexico) at the San Jose National Convention in 1996 said that

if each member recruited one member, we would have a 100 percent membership increase. If on the Day of Remembrance, ten members zeroed in on recruiting one new member, we will have achieved the Program for Action goal of a 10 percent increase. It doesn't seem like such an insurmountable goal, does it?

## GOING BACK A BIT

I recall being stunned some years back, seeing the crowd reacting with enthusiasm and recognition to the local TV news personalities. The U.S. congressional delegation caused hardly a stir in the crowd.

I thought of this when we were in Seattle for the Bi-District meeting between the PNWD and the IDC the weekend of July 19 and 20. Elaine Akagi and I had planned the meeting to occur during the week-end the Seattle Buddhist Church held its Obon Festival. Our meeting allowed us to attend the Saturday night Obon and Harry Honda was a passenger in my vehicle in the drive to the Buddhist Church.



Harry Honda, left, Yoshihiro Yamamoto, middle, and Shig Motoki, right, at the Bi-District meeting in Seattle.

Walking with Harry through the crowds, I was stunned that he knew a lot of people. And everyone knew and recognized Harry. Equally stunning was how Harry associated the people he met with some Pacific Citizen story years or decades ago.

Harry is an institution with the PC. At the age of 78, he has been since 1952—47 years! Harry says, "It's a job I like to do. It's not only my favorite but it makes the day fly... never a dull moment." As Frank Sakamoto is fond of saying, "Whatta guy?" Harry Honda, a JACL institution, is like the Energizer Bunny. He keeps going and going and going. ■

Wally Yonamine honored by JACLers  
in Tokyo, for his pro-baseball fame

BY JAMES M. MINAMOTO

**Q**UESTION: What Nisei from Hawaii became the first foreigner to play in the Japanese professional baseball league after WWII, devoting 38 years to the game as a player, coach and manager and was inducted into the Japan Professional Baseball Hall of Fame in 1994?

**A** If you answered WALLACE "WALLY" YONAMINE, you'd be right.

On July 11, 1997, the JACL Japan Chapter honored Wally for his many accomplishments and contributions, both on and off the baseball diamond, at a dinner reception held at the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Tokyo, Japan.

Born in 1925 and raised in Maui as one of eight children to Issei parents, Wally actually first excelled on the football gridiron, not the baseball diamond, at Farrington High School in Honolulu, ultimately winning a spot playing professional football for the San Francisco 49ers.

Wally's sturdy build, endurance and strength undoubtedly found its roots in his childhood, cutting and hauling crops on a Maui plantation field to help his family.

A fractured wrist in 1948 suddenly cut short his football career, however, and Wally then turned his sights to professional baseball, coming to Japan in 1951 at the age of 25 to join the Tokyo Giants baseball team.

That was six years after the end of WWII, and Japan was still occupied by the United States. Some Japanese, embittered by wartime defeat, still harbored ill feelings against Americans.

**S**peaking no Japanese when he arrived, Wally had little idea of what to expect on his arrival at Tokyo Giants' spring camp. However, the Giants players treated him very well and taught him how Japanese baseball was played.

"Losing the war had nothing to do with baseball," said Wally. Rather, the toughest thing for Wally was traveling, sometimes for 25 hours at a stretch, sleeping on a hard wooden floor. Sometimes, Wally would have eggs for breakfast, eggs for lunch and eggs for dinner, since he didn't like raw fish. He didn't complain, however, realizing that he was, in a sense, a baseball "ambassador" from the United States.

Wally played his first game for the Tokyo Giants before 40,000 fans. In the 7th inning, the Giants had runners on first and second. Wally was on the bench, and the Giants manager asked if anyone on the bench had confidence to go up and bunt the runners over. On his first attempt, Wally bunted down the first base line, falling as his knee buckled. Fortunately, the ball went foul. Wally next bunted down the third base line, beating out the throw at first, and reaching safely in his first at bat.

Wally changed the way baseball was played in Japan, sliding hard into second to break up a double play, a tactic virtually unknown to Japanese players prior to his arrival. Wally had no fear about knocking down a shortstop to break up a double play, perhaps because of his prior career as a football player.

Wally's "major league" aggressive play, however, did not meet with immediate universal acceptance, some fans expressing their disapproval by throwing rocks at him from the stands.

On a Hiroshima, some gangster-like men stormed the field after Wally, after he took out a Carp fielder on a double play. Fortunately, Wally's teammates rushed to protect him. He thought twice about doing the same thing again in Hiroshima, though!

Wally also popularized the hook slide, a clever way to slide into a base so as to avoid a defender's tag. He constantly introduced new plays from the United States, sometimes adapting them to suit the Japanese style of play. The plays that Wally taught players here in Japan are now a part of Japan's baseball heritage.

Japan Hall of Famer Sadaharu Oh first met Wally in 1951 at a baseball park. Oh was a youngster then and asked all of the ballplayers for their autographs, but no one stopped to give their autograph except Wally. Oh remembered this, and when he is asked for his autograph by little children, he will always stop.

Wally, and his wife Jane, a celebrity in her own right for the successful Pearl Shop she operates in Tokyo's Roppongi district, have also contributed greatly to the community in which they live.

The Yonamines established the Wally Yonamine Scholarship in Hawaii for worthy high school seniors continuing to college. They established a Leukemia foundation at UCLA as well as a research foundation at Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York City. They also sponsor a team in the annual Japan Charity Relay Race to help refugees from around the world.

Japan Hall of Famer Shigeru Nagashima, "Mr. Giants," once said that when he watched Wally play he said, "That's the way to win." If he had to pick one player whom he thought was the most dedicated player in the last 50 years, Nagashima said, he would pick Wally.

**Wally's professional baseball career at a glance:**

- The first foreigner to play an entire season in Japan.
- Hit .354 in his rookie year (1951)
- Three-time leading hitter (1954, '57, '58)
- Voted Most Valuable Player (1957)
- Central League all-star 7 times
- Led the Tokyo Giants to 8 league titles
- Career .316 batting average with Tokyo Giants over 12-years (1951-63)
- 1963: Became Chunichi Dragons batting coach
- 1966: Became Lotte Orions batting coach
- 1970: Became Chunichi Dragons batting coach
- 1972-78: Chunichi Dragons manager
- 1974: Led Chunichi Dragons to their first pennant in 20 years as manager (only foreigner ever to manage league champions)
- 1978: Became Tokyo Giants batting coach
- 1981: Became Nankai Hawks head coach
- 1983: Became Seibu batting coach
- 1985: Became Nippon Ham Fighters Head Coach
- 1988: Retired after 38 years in professional baseball
- 1994: Inducted into the Japan Professional Baseball Hall of Fame.

Wally graciously signed personalized autographs, for all attendees at the July dinner. ■

—James Minamoto is president of the Japan Chapter.

'UNsung HERO': MARGARET GUNDERSON  
Florin JACL names scholarship  
for 'Hakuro' teacher at Tule Lake

**S**ACRAMENTO, Calif.—Margaret Gunderson [1903-1997] will be honored by Florin JACL, which has established a scholarship fund in her name. She was among the "unsung heroes," the Caucasian teachers at the wartime relocation centers who helped the Nikkei in extraordinary ways, chapter publicity chair Frank Iritani explained.

"She was one of such dedicated persons living with the courage of their convictions and who was a great inspiration and a lifelong friend to many Nisei at Tule Lake, where there was so much confusion and turmoil," Iritani added.

One of her students, Yuzuru John Takahashi, Ph.D., professor emeritus in sociology at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and among the "confused, bewildered Kibei students" in Gunderson's class at Tule Lake's Tri-State High School, will be the main speaker at the chapter's 16th annual "Time of Remembrance" on Saturday, March 7, 1998, at the Florin Buddhist Temple, Florin and Pritchard Roads.

In Evelyn Iritani's book *An Ocean Between Us*, a chapter is devoted to Takahashi and the little-known Japanese balloon bombs (Mike Hoshiko, *Konnyaku Bakudan*, 1/5/79, PCJ). Takahashi had visited the balloon bomb makers in Japan and Bly, Ore., where a bomb killed six people in the spring of 1945.

Proceeds from the sale of this book and contributions replenish

the Florin JACL-Gunderson scholarship fund.

Gunderson taught English, history and speech at Tule Lake. An exhibit for the 1998 TOR program will feature her writings, paintings, correspondence with former students, her collection of student essays and class projects. Also planned are memorabilia of other wartime camp instructors: Stanford graduate Robert Coombs who taught at Minidoka, Eada Silverthorn, Tule Lake, and Robert and Teresa Fletcher, who helped internees before, during and after the war.

For information, call chapter president Joanne Iritani (916/965-7944) or TOR chair Christine Umeda (427-2841). ■

Mochitsuki days  
pound December

**P**ETALUMA, Calif.—Orders for mochi are now being taken by Sonoma County JACL (and by other JACL chapters that have yet to announce their plans).

Sonoma County mochitsuki will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13. There is a 10-pound limit per order with pickup that day at the hall between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. (other chapters allow members to use the equipment to prepare mochi). Plain mochi is \$2 per pound. An mochi, \$3; small Kasane, \$1.50; medium Kasane, \$2. Information: Cury Ishizu, 707/762-8807. Checks are payable to Sonoma County JACL. ■

Blue Shield 65 health  
plan for seniors

BY TOKU FUJII

**S**ACRAMENTO—The public meeting sponsored by Sacramento JACL on the Blue Shield 65 Health program drew 30 interested members and friends on Oct. 21 at the Buddhist Church.

The seminar was presented by Mary Ann Hort, JACL Blue Shield office, and Karen Lyons, Blue Shield representative. Also present were Dr. Richard Ikeda and Jerry Takekura, trustees of the JACL Group Health Trust.

Details were cited on the advantages of the JACL Shield 65 plan compared to other similar programs. Info: Mary Ann Hort 800/440-6633, or Toku Fujii 421/0328 or eve 421-6968. ■

## Five-chapter CLPEF

funded OHP underway

**S**TOCKTON—With the receipt of a start-up grant of \$5,000 from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) to Stockton JACL—with Florin, French Camp, Lodi and Placer County chapters and in conjunction with SCU Sacramento—Stockton's Paul Nakaea (474-2883 home) called for volunteers to assist in the interviewing and transcribing of oral histories.

The oral history project (OHP) committee has prioritized by age the community's individuals to be interviewed and taped and anticipates publishing two oral histories, which must be transcribed onto museum-quality acid-free paper to ensure longevity. ■

Mike M. Masaoka congressional  
fellow candidates sought for '98-'99

**S**AN FRANCISCO—Applicants for the Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellow program are being sought for the 1998-99 term, it was announced by Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund.

Current awardee Scott Sugino of Fountain Valley, Calif., is completing his fellowship with Sen. Daniel Inouye. Recipient Wayi Tse of Westminster, Calif., will begin her fellowship in the spring of 1998 with Sen. Daniel Akaka.

Deadline for applications is May 1, 1998, with a choice of fall or spring term to be arranged by the

'Behind Barbed Wire'  
to be shown Feb. 19

**P**OCATELLO, Idaho—Special showing of *Behind Barbed Wire*, a documentary film on the Nisei soldier during World War II, has been scheduled at Idaho State University Theater during a Day of Remembrance observance, Thursday, Feb. 19, according to Pocateello-Blackfoot JACL.

Midki Kawakami, chapter president, indicated the observance is expected to also feature other programs. IDC youth delegate Danny Teraguchi booked the film, narrated by Noriyuki "Pat" Morita and praised by Fred Murakami, president of the Japanese American Veterans Association in Washington, D.C., as the "best documentary on the subject I've viewed." ■

Member of Congress and the awardee. The fund provides a \$7,500 stipend for the 3-1/2 month fellowship. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, at least in their third year of college, graduate or professional program. Communication skills, written and verbal, are important. Commitment to Asian American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community, should be demonstrated.

Interested candidates should call JACL Headquarters, (415)921-5225 or fax 331-4671 for information and application forms.

Previous awardees include: Joe Harty, San Diego; Rep. Norman Mineta; Dean Hoo Matsubayashi, Culver City; Sen. Inouye; Karen Eniko Makkel, San Francisco; Rep. Robert Matsui; Tracie M. Endo (Sunnyvale, Calif., Rep. Patsy Mink). ■

Kawagoe to speak  
at Mile-Hi inaugural

**D**ENVER—National JACL president Helen Kawagoe will be guest speaker at the 1998 Mile-Hi JACL installation dinner, 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, at Renaissance Hotel. It was announced by Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chapter president.

The chapter was founded in 1938 as an independent Nisei group and became a part of National JACL in 1944 after JACL established a regional office in Denver. The chapter hosted the National JACL Convention in 1946 and again in 1992. ■

## Interim national JACL director in her first bid for council elected

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'93, she was also the legislative aide to San Mateo County Supervisor Anna Eshoo from '88 to '91. For the past few years she's been working as a management consultant.

Matsumoto knows her city well. A homeowner in South San Francisco for the past 17 years, she's a member of a number of local organizations including the South San Francisco Cultural Arts Commission, the United Way Community Impact Committee and the Organization of Chinese Americans, and she's also an active member of the San Mateo County JACL.

From the beginning of her campaign, Matsumoto knew she had to appeal to the White population of South San Francisco if she was going to win a seat on the city council, she said. Past election results had shown that even though, of the city's 57,000 residents, 40 percent are Latino and 30 percent are Asian American, the majority of people who consistently cast their ballots were White Americans, 25 percent of the population.

"I did not make my being Asian American an issue in the campaign," she said, "because it would have split the community." Instead, she focused her grassroots campaign on "planned growth, civic pride, creating open green spaces, and transportation issues."

Matsumoto spent long hours campaigning in the various neighborhoods and admitted that at first it was a struggle to get people to see past her being a woman and an Asian American. "My perception was... they looked at me at first not as a viable candidate," she said. She recalled how a blue-collar Caucasian man, in his 40s said to her, "Oh, you speak English," after she had introduced herself as a candidate. And after one of her speeches she was told, "You're so articulate," and had to wonder if she was being commended for her speaking skills as a person or as an AA who isn't expected to handle the English language well.

### 3 Northwest Nikkei elected to school board

SEATTLE—Three Nikkei candidates won seats on local school boards at the Nov. 4 elections. Bidding for the Seattle School Board seat vacated by two-term member Al Sugiyama, Seattle JACler Jan Kumasaka topped attorney Alec Stephens by 57% of the votes cast.

In Thurston County's North Thurston School District, Olympia JACler and attorney Aaron O'wada, 39, unseated longtime incumbent Thelma A. Jackson.

In the Bellevue School District board race, Wayne D. Tanaka was unopposed. But Robert Kaneko, a candidate on the Lake Washington School Board ballot, lost 3 to 1. —North American Post. ■

### Call me 'Indian'

Sundari Bala was born in India, a Roman Catholic Dattin by faith from Bangalore and among two other minorities, the Goans and Anglo-Indians. In Canada she is called "East Indian," a distinction from "West Indian" and "American Indian" that stems from the mistake that Columbus made. For sake of clarity, she prescribes those from India be known as "Indians," American Indians as "First Nations" (those in Canada are so titled), and those from the West Indies or from the West Indies as "Caribbeans." —ES ■

## Presidential commissioner Angela Oh to address San Fernando JACL

VAN NUYS—Los Angeles attorney Angela Oh will serve as keynote speaker for the 56th annual San Fernando Valley JACL installation banquet Jan. 24 at the Airtel Plaza Hotel.

Oh was appointed to the President's Commission on Racial Reconciliation in June 1997, and also serves on the Advisory Board to the President's Initiative on Race.

Her involvement in civic affairs includes being special counsel to the Assembly Special Com-

"I think it's important to break these stereotypes," said Matsumoto, who begins her four-year term in December. "Prejudice is going to get worse before it gets better... and the only way it's going to get better is by having people speak out on elected levels."

And that's why she feels so strongly that more AAs have to get involved in politics, both in public office and at the ballot box. "One of the reasons I ran... I'm hoping that the younger Yonsei and Gosei will seek public office," she said. "Like most AAs I'm not comfortable being out there [speaking in public]," she said, but it was something she felt was necessary.

"We [AAs] have always had to work harder than most," she said, but "we can't stick our heads in the sand any longer. If we don't step up to the plate, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

And getting started is as simple as attending a meeting, said Matsumoto, whether it's a PTA or city council meeting. The object is to get people comfortable with the political process. And, she added, "I will make myself available." Matsumoto plans to reach out to minority communities, encouraging them to run for positions when they open up.

She's also going to encourage the police chief to create a hate crimes program to increase awareness of differences among the ethnic groups.

"We're proud of her. She did a great job," said Ted Yamaguchi, co-president of the San Mateo JACL and a member of Matsumoto's fundraising committee. "Her nomination is huge for JAs and AAs."

"We know there's a lot of hard work ahead and we're totally supportive of her," he said. But this is just a stepping stone for her. "We hope that Karyl moves on to a higher position."

Yamaguchi won't have to wait long. As the winner of the second highest number of votes, Matsumoto is automatically becoming South San Francisco's vice-mayor in 1999 and mayor in the year 2000. ■

### Half Moon Bay re-elects Nikkei to fourth term

HALF MOON BAY—Naomi Pradine, Nikkei city councilwoman since 1985, won her fourth term Nov. 4 as the top vote getter, with 1,569 in a five-way race for three seats. She was mayor twice, in 1987-89 and again in 1993-95. Active in numerous organizations, including the San Mateo County JACL, she is girls' athletic director and softball coach for Cabrillo Unified School District, served as president of the County Regional Planning Commission, as a member of the Transportation Authority Board and various civic and business organizations. ■

### Torrance school board member retains his post

TORRANCE—Gary Kuwahara led the four-way race for three seats on the Torrance Unified School District board Nov. 4 with 14,186 votes in his first bid for public office. He was appointed in 1993 to a vacancy, after serving on the school board's ad hoc committee on Utilization of Torrance School Facilities.

A certified public accountant and a JACler, Gary became active in city politics when he was named by the City Council to the Parks and Recreation Commission. ■

## South Bay YAG '98 workshop aims at college grads

LONG BEACH, Calif.—South Bay JACL's Young Adult Group is brainstorming a career planning conference featuring workshops in several areas on June 20—before the summer vacation season and before the National JACL Convention in Philadelphia the first week of July, 1998—the Pacific Citizen was informed this past week. Place and speakers are to be announced.

Titled "Nikkei for the Future," the conference will feature workshops on: (1) leadership development, (2) financial management, (3) public speaking, (4) building the community, (5) graduate school, (6) networking, (7) job market, and other subjects that are aimed at young adults who have graduated as well as those starting their work careers. Individuals interested in leading any one of the workshops may call Monica Nakamine or Ed Mitoma (emittoma@pacbell.net).

Information: YAG president Monica Nakamine, (310) 324-4301 or voice mail 960-5088. ■

## Gala 70th Anniversary fete scheduled Feb. 21 launches 1998 calendar

STOCKTON—Kicking off the 1998 calendar of events, the JACL chapter will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Stockton Buddhist Church Social Hall. Chapter archives and first activities reveal the Citizens League in Stockton dates from 1928, according to anniversary chair Ruby Dohana 209/957-1801. Committee meetings are open to interested persons. Old photographs, newspaper clippings or memorabilia of past events, as well as input and help, are welcome.

Aeko Fenelon, chapter president, hopes for feedback of renewing a summer program for children similar to the past Tan-po-poo Gakko, a fashion show fund-raiser in the fall and, a February 1999 Day of Remembrance event. ■

The Pacific Citizen archives has always recognized Stockton as one of the seven "pioneer" chapters, though in the original research conducted in the 1950s, it shows only that Dr. Roy S. Morimoto was president in 1933. Any list of officers who served in the earlier years was not found. The prewar collection of monthly P.C.s, which might have helped, were never located.

However, in JACL in Quest of Justice by Bill Hosokawa, there is a picture of the representatives from

### Friday before date of issue

News releases and all advertising (including death notices) for this publication are due the "Friday before Date of Issue." Publicity items are usually consigned to the Calendar page. ■

## 'FIVE-CHAPTER' ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



INTERVIEWERS VS. INTERVIEWEES—Earlier this year, eighteen posed for this picture during a "Time of Remembrance" program at the Florin YBA Hall for the Florin JACL Oral History Project, now expanded with four additional chapters (Stockton, Los Angeles, and Fresno) as a combined effort with a CLPEF grant. Seated from left—Elizabeth Pinkerton (co-author with Mary Tsukamoto of *We the People*), Molly Kimura, Hiroko Tsuda, Frank Iritani, U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto, Chiyu Yogi, 86\* (who spent the war years in Okinawa), Tomoye (Mrs. Walter) Tsukamoto, Motoko Kobayashi. Back-row—Annie Matsumoto, Lowi Marion Kanemoto (OHP coordinator), Heidi Sakazaki (transcriber), Judge Charles and Dorie Kobayashi, Robert and Teresa Fletcher, Fred Ouye, Ichiro Nakashima and Bill Matsumoto. The Florin JACL OHP, together with CSU Sacramento Library Archives, have interviewed more than 78 individuals since 1987; 14 are now deceased.

## By Choice

### Marketing JACL without being pushy

BY CAROL KAWASE

IF YOU are wondering what's happened to me or where I've been, I've started a new venture. It's a new and used clothing and toy store for kids newborn to 12-14. Mid-life crisis panic can certainly take one in drastic directions.

Anyway, it's been an eye-opening experience and makes one think. You especially think a lot during the slow days, wondering if you have made the right decision. The key to business is marketing, to prevent those slow days in the first place. One should be applied to JACL, to prevent those dips in membership. We used to have a great many more members, but a number have become disenchanted with JACL or have passed away.

So how does one go about marketing JACL without becoming one of those pushy sales representatives? And how does one advertise

without spending a lot of money, trying to get the most for one's dollar? Well, many people tell me that word of mouth is one of the best avenues for marketing. In order for word of mouth to work, the product has to be so sound so that you're assured of repeat business. In other words, our chapter has to have some great programs in place, and we have to be enthusiastic about what we do and what we represent.

In the couple of months I've been working on this new venture, I've observed a few things that we could incorporate into JACL. Planning is important. We want to have a long-term program that appeals to a wide range of people. We need to be accessible to the changing melting pot in our community. And finally, we have to be enthusiastic about why each and every one of our members volunteers so much of their time to our chapter. I'd like to think it's because there are a lot of great things going on and it's rewarding to work with a great group of dedicated members.

I'm sure those in business can give me an earful on what else one has to know to run a business. And let me tell you, I'm all ears. One never learns anything if you don't use your ears. But for now, I think this should give us enough to work with for the new year. ■

### Drawing the line

Dr. Suzanne Ahn, Dallas neurologist who signed the Sept. 11 petition with the Asian Pacific American coalition of national organizations to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, said, "I've stopped giving, and told all my friends to stop giving until this mess is straightened out. It's ludicrous for these ungrateful, hypocritical politicians to try to distance themselves from donors of Asian ancestry now." —AB ■

## Twin Cities chapter video tapes on Japanese cooking selling

MAPLE GROVE, Minn.—An initial supply of two-cassette video tapes, *Japanese Cooking from Generation to Generation*, produced by Twin Cities JACL and Perfect Host Catering, were sold out when they were offered at the Tri-District Conference last summer in Chicago.

Take I includes sushi and sushiyaki. Take II includes noodle dishes, manju and Japanese New Year foods. The tapes stem from JACL-sponsored classes conducted by Kimi Hara, a founding member of the chapter, for members, Sansei and Yonsei who like to eat Japanese food but don't know how to prepare it.

Conversing recently with freelance writer Dimitria T. Phill, Hara's daughter-in-law Kathryn Hara noted, "The further away you

get from Japanese culture, the less likely you are to cook Japanese food." She explained the first generation (Issei) farmed, harvested and cooked Japanese food because that's all they knew. Their children, the second generation (Nisei) might have learned some, but not all of what their parents knew.

Gradually, the traditional ways of cooking these foods were lost. "This is true of most traditional foods," she commented.

When another group in Cleveland expressed interest in their classes, Twin Cities JACL decided to videotape them. Video scenes were shot at the kitchen and dining room of Perfect Host Catering. The two tapes run an hour apiece and may be ordered as a set for \$35. [Order form appears elsewhere in this issue.] ■





## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

### 'Confession is good for the soul'

IF I were to ask my friend the Rev. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner, he no doubt would tell me confession is good for the soul. Since I know that my soul needs all the help it can get, let me make a confession.

One day not long ago, on a physician's instructions, I made an appointment at a pulmonary laboratory in a local hospital. It seems he had some concerns about how well my breathing system was functioning. As many may know, a pulmonary lab is a place where technicians have you suck in as much air as you can and then blow it out, fill your lungs and empty them, and perform other such tricks to see what kind of curves your ventilating system can produce on a computer screen. I did not know this when I checked in at the lab but that is neither here nor there.

Apparently business was slow and all the technicians were in a side room enjoying a coffee break or something. A trim young Caucasian woman in one of those white laboratory coats, looking very efficient, came out to ask my business. I showed her the documents that I had been told to bring.

She checked them briefly and then said, "Okay, we'll get started in a minute."

At that moment some man in the side room said something like, "Do you want me to take this one?"

I traced the voice to a large black man. Almost immediately I remembered newspaper stories about minority students getting special treatment in medical schools under "equal opportunity" regulations, being accepted for classes even though their grades weren't high enough, and being graduated even though they weren't really qualified. The questions that came to my mind were, was

he qualified? Was he one of those who had slipped into the system?

These were unfair doubts. I had never met the man, never talked to him, never even seen him except at a distance. I knew nothing about his training or experience, but suddenly I found myself hoping I wouldn't become his patient.

I needn't have been concerned. The young woman said something like, "No, I can take care of it," and led me into the laboratory. It was obvious she knew her business and I was pleased she was working with me.

While the tests were under way the black man came into the laboratory and sat down at a desk and began to shuffle some papers. There was small talk between him and the white technician, and then something became very clear: The black man was the boss, the departmental supervisor, and the white woman was one of his assistants. Although she was very competent, the black man probably knew more about the tests being administered than she did.

There should have been no question about his qualifications, but I had been guilty of an unfair snap judgment about a person's competence based solely on skin color, the sort of thing I had been fighting as long as I can remember. Perhaps I should have apologized to him. But at the moment I didn't have the courage.

So I have made my confession and now I hope I will feel better about it tomorrow. P.S. The tests turned out OK. ■

Hosokawa is the former editorial page director at the Denver Post and author of several books, the latest being *Old Man Thunder: Father of the Bullet Train*, which is featured in the P.C. Bookshelf on page 10. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

# Four reunite after 53 years at exhibit saluting 442nd RCT

HONOLULU—Fifty-three years ago (1944), four Nisei GIs stood at attention near Bruyeres, France, during ceremonies in which the 442nd Central Postal Directory became the symbol of the "most decorated unit" for its size in U.S. military history. They were reunited Nov. 1 when the Army Museum at Fort DeRussie dedicated a photo exhibit featuring the 100th Infantry/442nd RCT and this Army Signal Corps photo.

The four, Matsuo Kaminishi, 80, on Maui, Edwin Kokubun, 78, Henry Yamane, 78, and Kunito Sadaoka, 82, on Oahu, had never had a reunion until the special photo exhibit opened earlier this month.

The formation took place after rescue of the Lost Battalion, when more than 800 men of the 442nd were either killed or wounded while

rescuing 221 Texans of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Infantry Division who were trapped behind German lines.

In the photo, flag bearer Kokubun has his eyes shut. *Advertiser* reporter Scott Ishikawa told he was just exhausted standing there. "All I was thinking was it was cold and I wanted to get out of there. We had all fought for four straight days [beginning Oct. 27, 1944]."

That the four were able to meet again after 53 years, Kokubun continued, "was a blessing we are all still here. Although we live in Hawaii, we kind of lost touch after the war, trying to get on with our lives."

At that review, regimental color bearer Yamane collapsed, complaining of dizziness. He was taken to a field station, treated and released.

Tak Senzaki, 76, of Los Angeles was also honored at the Army Museum for being the first of the 442nd to make contact with the Lost Battalion. A staff sergeant from Co. I, which had 150 troops, he was one of only eight left standing when it was over. While history books credit Senzaki with reaching the trapped men first, he told Ishikawa "the first to do so were his comrades, Makoto 'Mutt' Sakamoto and Henry Nakata."

"I caught up with those two and found them hiding with a Texas soldier in a foxhole taking a cigarette break. Since I was their commanding officer, I scolded them that we had a war going on, and we had to get the rest of the Texas group out of there. It's funny now, but it wasn't funny then."

While Kokubun said it was an honor to be recognized, in the modest way of many WWII Nisei veterans, he said he was still following orders.

"I do tell my grandchildren that that photo will be on display at the Smithsonian. Maybe nobody will know my name, but it nice to know it will hang there forever.—AB ■

## New FCC chair appoints Nikkei chief of staff

WASHINGTON—New FCC chairman William Kennard announced his staff appointments Nov. 3, including John Nakahata to be his chief of staff. An active Washington DC JACLer, Nakahata had been acting deputy chief of FCC's common carrier bureau since September, 1997.

Nakahata joined the Federal Communications Commission in April 1995 as special assistant to then-FCC chairman Reed Hundt. He was named senior legal adviser in May 1996, and was associate general counsel from January to September 1997, heading the competition division. He also worked on a variety of issues, including labeling of violent content in video games, liability reform and investigation of government waste.

Prior to FCC, he was with the Washington law firm of Jenner & Block, then joined the senate committee staff on governmental affairs, assisting Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-Conn.) as the subcommittee staff director on regulations and government information. The senator was an original cosponsor of the Cable TV Consumer Protection Act of 1992.

Also appointed were Susan Fox, senior legal adviser; Thomas Power, Ar Fitzgerald, legal advisers, and Eldoris "Crickie" Jackson, confidential assistant. Kennard was previously FCC special counsel. ■

## Former evacuees to Amache plan return bus trip-reunion in June 1998

PASADENA, Calif.—The Amache Historical Society is planning a "Return to Amache" trip-reunion Friday, June 19, through Sunday June 21, 1998, from Colorado Springs, it was announced by Society president Minoru Tonai.

The group will charter deluxe buses Saturday to visit Amache. For many, it will be returning to Amache nearly 53 years after the camp was closed. They plan to meet with the leaders, residents, high school teachers and students of the neighboring town of Granada, just west of the Kansas border.

This event is separate from "The Fourth Amache Reunion" to be held in Las Vegas in October 1998.

Granada (Colo.) High School students, under the leadership of teacher John Hopper, and with help from the townspeople, have been trying to memorialize Amache by studying any written material that exists today and interviewing those who were there at that time. They have developed several viewpoints from the inmates at Amache and townspeople of that time to those whose land was confiscated for the campsite and farm land.

A miniature replica of Amache has been produced by the students and is to be placed in the town museum, currently under repair.

The Denver Central Optimist Club will also join the Amacheans at the campsite. The Optimists built the memorial at the Amache cemetery and have made annual pilgrimages in May of each year. They are delaying their own 1998 Pilgrimage to join the Amache Historical Society's trip. Ex-Amache residents credit the Denver Central Optimist Club for their dedication

to preserve the memory of Amache and anticipate having them join in celebrating their return to Amache, Tonai added.

Based upon early responses, the limited space on the bus "is going very fast." Optional activities around Colorado Springs include visiting the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods and nearby gambling establishments at Cripple Creek. Reservation and deposit (inquire about fees) may be made with Amache Historical Society, P.O. Box 94574, Pasadena, CA 91109.

Contact persons are: Registration — Irene (Endo) Furuya, Chair 626/791-0547, 626/794-3036 or fax 626/291-0803; Chicago — George "Knobby" Watanabe 847/253-4169; Denver — Henry Okubo 303/373-1525; Palo Verde, Calif. — George Yasu Hirano 310/377-0767 or fax 310/516-0381; Sacramento — Miso (Hamaoka) Inaba 916/391-1384; San Francisco — Cal Kitazumi 415/386-4162 or fax 415/921-2023; Winter — Grace Yamauchi 916/309/394-2456; Woodland Hills — Min Tonai 818/591-1269 or fax 818/591-8815. ■

## Historic marker installed at Lamar

DENVER—A frame for the Amache WRA Camp historic marker was installed Aug. 28 by the Colorado Historical Society in Lamar, northwest of the WWII concentration campsite, according to Rick Manzanera. Inscription on the eight-foot marker is expected to be placed with a dedicatory service scheduled next spring.

The marker is situated by the old railway station. The society has been placing markers at or near 63 historical sites throughout the state. ■

## Citizenship video distributed nationwide

SEATTLE—The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) announced that an instructional video on how to become a U.S. citizen is available at local Blockbusters and public libraries as part of a national program to donate 3,000 copies of the Emmy Award-winning program, "U.S. Citizenship: A Dream Come True."

"The citizenship process is often intimidating, especially for seniors. We hope this video will help ease some of their uncertainty and make this American experience more pleasant. We want to ensure that every legal immigrant receives the proper 'know-how' on the citizenship process," said NAPCA Executive Director Clayton Fong.

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, with the International Channel, has placed more than 500 copies of the video in English in Blockbuster's Community Service Program, which provides free public-interest videos to its customers. In cooperation with the Asian Pacific American Librarian Association and the Chinese American Librarian Association, more than 2,000 videos will be distributed to public libraries nationwide. ■

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## COMMENTARY:

## Should JACL care what happens to Bill Lann Lee?

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trusion into a Senate advise and consent matter wrote a "highly inflammatory" [Tokita shuns the term, *racially-motivated*] letter to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, citing Lee's support of racial and gender preferences in the Los Angeles police department. The letter was based on very poor staff work and was "bombed" by an assistant city attorney of Los Angeles two days later. Newt ended up with egg on his face.

A more serious and highly unusual harangue and attack was made by our own Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In a nine-page manifesto dated Nov. 4, the senator launched a full-scale attack on Bill Lann Lee. He began sweetly enough calling Bill "... an able civil rights lawyer with a profoundly admirable passion to improve the lives of many Americans who have been left behind. His talent and good intentions have taken him far." Hatch goes on to say, "It brings me no pleasure to oppose the nomination of this fine activist lawyer and this very fine human being."

Senator Hatch was also poorly served by bad staff work, but his intent was to paint Bill Lann Lee as a civil rights activist on the looney fringe of the movement. In his soft-spoken manner and Asian politeness, Lee disagrees with this smear and simply asks the public and the media to examine his record. The problem is that Hatch has bonked Lee with a political glass ceiling over some arcane legal matters which would require a lawyer to decipher and conclude that Hatch is way off base.

**Why is this happening?**  
Senator Hatch and House Speaker Gingrich are preparing legislation to throw a bomb and destroy all federal affirmative action programs. Putting Bill Lann Lee into the No. 1 civil rights job may provide a roadblock to their plans. Secondly, Lee agrees philosophically with the man who can be his boss—the President of the United States. Hatch and Gingrich are fighting tooth and nail to prevent the president from nominating Bill with impeccable credentials because Bill agrees with Bill!

So, why should we give a damn about Bill Lann Lee's confirmation?

If confirmed, Bill becomes an Asian American in the highest position in the Administration. As

such, he provides a role model for other Asian Americans who might aspire to public service. On the other hand, his defeat will have a profoundly chilling effect on any Asian American wanting to serve the public.

## Is there a race angle here?

On Nov. 6, Bill's confirmation was delayed for one week. The Senate Judiciary Committee examined a long list of judges nominated for federal judgeships. Senator Sessions (R-Ala.) asked committee chair Hatch to strike one name—that of a Japanese American woman judge being nominated for a district court judgeship in Hawaii. I don't think we have paranoia here—it is easier to bash Asian Americans in the Beltway these days because of fallout from John Huang and Charlie Trie.

**Ed. Note:** The Senate Judiciary Committee on Oct. 3 confirmed the nomination of Judge Anthony Ichi of Fresno to the U.S. district court for the Eastern District of California. P.C. 10-1711-6997.

It was shortly after we returned from the camps to Seattle that a friend of our family, the #1 graduate in his class in electrical engineering from the University of Washington, was unable to find a job except as the custodian of a Seattle hotel—and that was a second-rate hotel near the Skid Road area. We have come a long way since that time and affirmative action programs have allowed diversity to be accepted in the workplace.

Women and people of color have benefited from affirmative action. Today, the very term, Affirmative Action, inflames and the Hatch-Gingrich duo is on a search-and-destroy mission to destroy it and dump civil rights into the dark ages. Asian Americans themselves cannot stop this search-and-destroy mission, especially in light of the President being seen as a lame duck, vis-a-vis the so-called "fast track trade bill" debate that Clinton suffered in mid-November.

## There is irony here.

Bill Lann Lee is being sent down the "hatch" by a political glass ceiling firmly placed upon during the confirmation hearings by Senator Hatch. It is precisely the same kind of glass ceiling that Bill Lann Lee has been fighting to shatter for women and people of color all of his professional life. ■

In his statement prepared for the Nov. 10 rally, Tokita describes himself as a moderate Republican who wonders if the Republican party is

trying to boot out people and women from under their tent by this action.

## Minorities urge Hatch to confirm Bill Lann Lee

A small afternoon rally was held Nov. 10 at the Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building in downtown Salt Lake City to ask Republican Sen. Hatch to end his opposition to Lee's nomination. The Utah-Idaho-Nevada NAACP conference president Edward Lewis and the Salt Lake branch president Jeanetta Williams were joined by JACL officials Yas Tokita who told the media, "It's not so tough these days to bash Asian Americans."

Lewis asked, "Why would someone oppose an individual who has a record of enforcing civil rights? It just doesn't make any sense to us and we're going to speak out." Williams said, "He's being crucified."

Jeanne Lopatto, a spokeswoman for Hatch, explained the senator's opposition is based on Lee's record, adding "it has nothing to do with race." In a written statement, Hatch noted Lee's record "reflects that he is ... activist lawyer who has demonstrated a distorted view of the Constitution and the nation's civil rights laws."

Hatch also pointed to his committee's record on diversifying federal appointments. "This committee has ... routinely evaluated and confirmed hundreds of Clinton nominees, without any regard whatsoever to the nominee's race, gender and ethnicity."

Tokita acknowledged that Sen. Hatch has been good to Japanese Americans. He voted for the \$1.2 billion Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that President Reagan signed. "We're still very grateful."

In Sacramento the same day, Sacramento JACL held a press conference at its office which was fire-bombed in 1993 and remembered as a hate crime. Lori Fujimoto, national JACL vice president for public affairs, supported Bill Lann Lee's nomination to the top federal post enforcing civil rights. "Four years ago, this JACL office was destroyed by the hands of a racist hate-monger. We need a strong enforcer like Bill Lann Lee to protect the civil rights of all Americans, including the Asian Pacific Americans." ■

## Japanese Latin American campaign reaches Japan

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At Crystal City, Texas, over 60 ex-Crystal City internees, including a number of Japanese Peruvians, went on a pilgrimage to the campsite on Nov. 8. They heard architect Alan Taniguchi and Toni Tomita, president of the Crystal City Association and pilgrimage co-chair, pay homage to parents who did not survive to see the peace and for their humanitarian ways in administering the wartime camp.

Present were Nikkei from California, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and Texas. From the Japanese Latin American community were Libia Yamamoto, Elsa Higashide Kudo, Hector Watanabe and Otari Kaneko. Grace Shimizu, project director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project, noted their families have received an apology and compensation under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 "but many others have not ... And until the U.S. Government grants redress (to them), there is no justice for us."

The cause of Issei railroad families who were summarily fired soon after Pearl Harbor and are currently seeking redress was also raised.

Taniguchi, who designed the historical marble marker dedicated in November 1985, said the pilgrimage "reminds us of the injustices we endured in the past (and that it) must not ever happen again." ■

## Gateway Arch

A tall metal arch on the west side of the Mississippi River at St. Louis, symbolizing the city's reputation as the "Gateway to the West." It was designed by Eero Saarinen and rises to 630 feet above the ground. ■

## Newsletter call for ethnic unity stirs controversy

HACIENDA HEIGHTS, Calif.—A recent Chinese-language newsletter urging voters to cast ballots for local Chinese American candidates (many area school board elections were held on Nov. 4) merited front-page attention in the Oct. 13 issue of the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, since its writer, Norman Hsu, has been an elected member of the Hacienda La Puente School District since 1988 (but is not on the ballot this year).

"In a community where Chinese were never elected, the Chinese voters shall try their best to vote only (for) Chinese candidates," the newsletter said, according to a translation from Asian Link Corp., Alhambra.

Then, referring to candidate and board president Katherine Venturoso, the newsletter, sent out to where Chinese American candidates appear on the Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and Walnut schools districts.

## Lone tour guide offers walking tour of Manzanar National Historic site

INDEPENDENCE (Inyo County), Calif.—Richard Stewart, 53, started work July 28 as the lone tour guide at Manzanar National Historic Site, now that the National Park Service has complete control of the 800 acres where 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were put behind barbed wire after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Stewart, a local Paiute Indian who had developed an interest in Japanese culture while studying Japanese pottery, leads visitors on a one-hour, 45-minute walking tour that explores the history of the area.

"This is an aspect of American history that a lot of people aren't aware of," Stewart pointed out. "What we're doing is trying to present people with maybe visual clues of what it was like here."

tricts, Walnut and Diamond Bar city council ballots, said that because of her continuously challenging the State Education Office to cancel the bilingual program, "the Chinese community should be prudent and consider this kind of racial attitude."

York Lee, Diamond Bar city council candidate mentioned in the newsletter, told the *Tribune* he doesn't believe Hsu's comments were racist and added the newsletter shouldn't be taken too seriously. "I don't think because of this article, I will get more votes."

Wen Chang, also mentioned in the newsletter and a Diamond Bar city council candidate, said he doesn't agree with the statement. Touting one ethnic group over others, he explained, has no place in politics. "We represent everyone, not one group," he said. "We are all Americans, whether you're Asian American, African-American or whatever."

The tour looks at the time Indians lived there, through the settlement of white farmers who displaced the Indians, the water wars with the City of Los Angeles that displaced the farmers and the internment of Japanese Americans from 1942-1945.

Stewart, an elementary school art teacher in nearby Bishop, is funded by a \$3,500 grant from Eastern California Museum here with no money from the Park Service.

The staff at Manzanar remains at its current level of one, i.e., Superintendent Ross Hopkins, who works out of Independence. The tours are a real tribute to Eastern California Museum and to citizens who spend their own time to do something the federal government should be doing, Ross noted. ■

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## State of Utah honors achievers from nine Asian communities

SALT LAKE CITY—Senior Judge Raymond Uno received the Golden Service Award for extensive volunteer work on behalf of all minorities in the State of Utah from Lt. Gov. Olene Walker at an all-Asian community affair Oct. 25 at the Salt Lake City Hilton.

Local Channel 4 TV news reporter Tony Yang emceed the second annual Asian American Achievement and Golden Service Award banquet, which was attended by some 620 persons.

Three pioneers from Utah's nine Asian communities were similarly honored for their achievements within their respective ethnic groups. Japanese American "achievers" were pioneer JACLer and Mormon Church leader Shake Ushio, world-class and Olympic figure ice-skating judge Ida Tateoka and multi-organization volunteer Hide Fujikawa, all of Salt Lake City.

About 50 *Nikkeijin* attended, including Yukus Inouye, attired as a



PHOTOS BY YAS TOKITA  
Judge Raymond Uno (left) receives Golden Service Award for extensive volunteerism on behalf of all minorities from Utah Lt. Gov. Olene Walker.

samurai warrior, with his wife, Betty, as guests were asked to appear in ethnic dress.

It was the Japanese Church of Christ Taiko drummers who signaled the dinner to order.

Others who were recognized came from the Asian Indian, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Korean, Lao and Vietnamese communities. —Yas Tokita ■



Fujikawa Tateoka Ushio





**PROFIT AND SMILES**—Mark Kobayashi of the San Jose Chapter (second from right) presents a check for \$23,366.45, earnings from the '96 national JACL convention in San Jose, to (from left) National Director Herb Yamaniishi, National President Helen Kawagoe, and National Secretary/Treasurer David Hayashi at the November National Board meeting. The Chapter also paid back a \$5,000 loan to National JACL.

## Summary of National JACL board actions

San Francisco, Nov. 15-16, 1997

- Agenda Item: Financial Report.** M—Alan Nishi; S—Emilie Kutsu. Motion: To accept the treasurer's report. Vote: unanimous.
- Agenda Item: Investment Committee Appointment.** M—David Kawamoto; S—David Hayashi. Motion: To approve the appointment of Roy Nishikawa to the investment committee for a three year term. Vote: unanimous.
- Agenda Item: Request to reproduce Harvard case study.** M—Richard Uno; S—David Kawamoto. Motion: JACL shall reproduce the Harvard case study contingent upon the release of rights to copy and outside funding becoming available. Vote: unanimous.
- Agenda Item: Reserve fund.** M—Alan Nishi; S—Richard Uno. Motion: To accept the reserve fund policy report in concept. Vote: unanimous.
- Agenda Item: Education committee.** M—David Hayashi; S—Emilie Kutsu. Motion: To authorize National Headquarters to reprint 1,500 copies of the curriculum guide. Vote: unanimous.
- Agenda item: Draft Resisters.** M—Yas Tokita; S—Tom Kometsani. Motion: To receive National JACL resolution of apology to the draft resisters of World War II. Tabled.
- Agenda item: Filipino veterans.** M—David Kawamoto; S—Richard Uno. Motion: To accept National JACL resolution in support of the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 1997. Vote: unanimous.

*Note therefore be it: Resolved that the National JACL Board support the passage of H.R. 836 and S.623, entitled the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 1997. Resolved that the National JACL Board send this resolution to President Clinton, the authors of the two bills and other members of Congress as determined by the Board. Resolved that the National JACL Board urge its member Districts to also support the passage of H.R. 836 and S.623.*

- Agenda item: "Winter War" ballet.** M—Emilie Kutsu; S—David Hayashi. Motion: To establish a website "link" between the National JACL and

StarDance Productions' presentation of "Winter War" that the National JACL become an official National Committee Supporting Organization of the tour and premiere of "Winter War" which will begin at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts on May 5 and 6, 1998. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: Membership/JACL Blue Shield.** M—Karen-Liane Shiba; S—Grace Kimoto. Motion: To form a committee to discuss options available for non-California JACL members regarding purchasing Blue Shield insurance. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: Membership "A" magazine.** M—Karen-Liane Shiba; S—Terry Yamada. Motion: To give Donna Okubo authority to continue exploring "A" Magazine benefits. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: National JA Memorial Project.** M—Helen Kawagoe; S—David Kawamoto. Motion: To approve setting aside office space at the Pacific Center for John Saito to work on the project. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: Budget.** M—David Hayashi; S—Terry Yamada. Motion: To adopt the 1999-2000 Budget guidelines. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: National JACL Youth Council.** M—David Hayashi; S—Alan Nishi. Motion: To encumber money for National JACL Youth Council to spend as needed for the National convention proposal. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: JACL-LEC History project.** M—Tom Kometsani; S—Yas Tokita. Motion: To receive the JACL-LEC report and set-up a subsequent conference call to work-out financial details of the LEC history proposal. Vote: unanimous.

**Agenda Item: Washington State Civil Rights Initiative 200.** An initiative that seeks to eliminate affirmative action programs and policies in Washington State. M—Terry Yamada; S—David Hayashi. Motion: Now, therefore be it resolved that the JACL strongly opposes the "Washington State Civil Rights Initiative 200." Vote: unanimous.

# JACL National Board urges Bill Lann Lee confirmation

(Continued from page 1)

laws of the country. They also say it's unfair to expect Lee to go against the President, who is a vocal supporter of affirmative action programs.

Last week, Congress packed up their briefcases for the year without voting on Lee's nomination, making it likely that the issue will have to wait until February of next year. That means JACL and other Asian American and minority organizations have approximately two and a half months to "help ensure that Lee's nomination does not die in Congress. They want it to go to the full Senate for a vote."

The coming months are going to be critical, said Sakaniwa. "Part of the problem is that there's not much known about the candidate." But, "this gives us a lot more time to educate and mobilize the community about who Bill Lann Lee is."

Tokita, Intermountain District Governor, has been closely monitoring Lee's nomination from Utah and said the "only thing Lee is guilty of is doing a good job all his political career."

It's important for JACL and other AAs to support Lee's nomination, said Tokita, because he's an inspiration to individuals seeking political office. "He's well qualified," he said, "and if he gets into office... he has the potential to be a role model for all of us."

He added, "It's important for JACL to fight this battle and we have to fight very, very hard. We've got to win this battle."

The National Board also raised concerns about the failure to reappoint Paul Igasaki, second in command at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Igasaki's re-nomination was not confirmed by the Senate before its adjournment. But most agree that his confirmation will not run into as many roadblocks as Lee's nomination has. Currently, Igasaki is looking to get a recess appointment.

## Affirmative Action Alert

With California's Proposition 209 leading the way, Washington's Civil Rights Initiative or "I-200" is one of several states looking to dismantle affirmative action programs. If passed, the initiative would prohibit any consideration of race or sex in public employment, public contracting, and public education admissions.

In a continual battle against anti-affirmative action factions, the national board passed a motion to oppose Washington State's Civil Rights Initiative. JACL is currently one of several organizations fighting to defeat this initiative and other anti-affirmative action proposals throughout the United States.

"I-200" needs more than 179,000 signatures by Jan. 2, 1998, to qualify for legislative action during next year's session. If enough signatures are collected, one of three scenarios could be enacted:

(a) The legislature could approve the proposed initiative, passing it into law. And because it's an initiative to the legislature, Governor Gary Locke has no veto power. Currently, both houses in Washington State are Republican controlled.

(b) The legislature could pass an alternative measure and it would be submitted along with the original initiative and placed on the Nov. '98 ballot. To pass, only a simple majority is needed.

(c) If no action is taken by the legislature, the original initiative would be placed on the ballot during next year's general election in November.

Four topics have been finalized for the Min Yasui Oratorical Competition that will take place at the national convention next summer in Philadelphia, said Hiroshi Ueha, national youth council chair. They are:

(a) How can we increase positive portrayals of Asian Pacific Americans in light of anti-immigrant/foreign sentiment and the campaign finance scandal?

(b) What do you think is needed for development of future APA political leaders and, specifically, how can the JACL develop the leaders of tomorrow?

(c) How do you think multiracial heritage should be addressed by the 2000 Census? What impact will multiracial AAs have on the future of the JA or APA community?

(d) With the increase of anti-Asian incidents and racial violence, and President Clinton's recently formed race relations commission, what should be the role of APAs?

The competition is open to high school and undergraduate college students and will take place in two phases: first, there will be competitions in the eight JACL districts. The various winners will then be flown to Philadelphia in July for the national competition.

Other activities the youth council is currently planning for the 1998 convention include the Youth/Student luncheon, July 2, with keynote speaker Phil Tajima Nash, and a Youth Day on July 4.

The idea for a Youth Day came about as a way to attract more East Coast youth and students to the National JACL convention in Philadelphia. It will include an internship/fellowship fair, in which various APA organizations and individuals will be invited to attend. There will also be various youth workshops as part of the general convention schedule.

"We want to make [the convention] interactive for youth as well," said Ueha. And the Youth Day "is a good way to get East coast students out. We need to tap those resources."

The youth council also proposed a convention interns program to help bring youth out to the convention. The students, sponsored by the various JACL Chapters, would help the national staff with various duties, such as working in the convention office.

It's a good way to allow the young people to see how JACL works, said Nicole Inouye, national youth representative. "It's probably one of the best things to do... To see how we interact."

Currently, the youth council has approximately \$2,000 remaining in their '97 budget and they want to use this money to help Chapters with their various youth programs. Thus, they presented a proposal to give seed money, in the form of grants not exceeding \$250, to the various Chapters. The proposal was approved by the National Board.

## Treasurer's Report

As of Nov. 14, JACL membership income is \$848,447 and has already exceeded what had been budgeted for in 1997, reported National Secretary/Treasurer David Hayashi.

JACL is currently switching from line-item budgeting to program budgeting. One of the advantages of program budgeting, said Hayashi, is that you can easily check to see how a particular program did at the end of a biennium. This method also shows how much staff time went into a particular program.

Hayashi also announced that copies of the Deloitte & Touche Audit of JACL for 1995-1996 are now available by calling National Headquarters in San Francisco.

## Membership

JACL is on track to hit its goal of increasing membership by 10 percent, said Karen-Liane Shiba, vice-president of membership. Currently, national JACL is aiming to start the "Member-Get-A-Member" campaign drive in mid-December, which will last for approximately six months. Members

who wish to donate prizes for the campaign drive should contact Donna Okubo at National Headquarters.

California Blue Shield/JACL Group Health Trust announced recently that they will not be able to take new JACL members living outside the state of California. Thus, the National Board voted to form a committee to look into the various health insurance program options available for non-California JACL members.

## General Operations

The deadline for National Board nominations is next April, said Rick Uno, national vice president of general operations. He called on the districts to encourage their members to run for the various National Board positions.

So far, members of the nominations committee include: Kim Nakahara, co-chair, Aaron Owada, co-chair, Kent Kawai of the Pacific Southwest District, Jonathan Matsui, Midwest District Youth/Student Council co-representative, Barbara Teraji, Washington D.C. chapter president, Dale Ikeda of the Fresno chapter, and Floyd Mori, Mount Olympus chapter.

## Planning and Development

National JACL has received 22 applications for this year's Legacy Grants, said Gary Mayeda, vice-president of planning and development. Awardees will be notified of the committee's decisions during the Holiday season, he said.

For 1997, national JACL awarded 42 scholarships worth a total of \$75,950, said Mayeda. This year alone they received more than 250 applicants. "This is our organization's most outstanding program," he said. Mayeda also noted that JACL awards more scholarships than any other AA organization.

The new scholarship applications are now available at National Headquarters and are due by March 1, 1998, for entering freshmen and April 1 for all other applicants. ■

## Clinton nominates Tanoue to chair FDIC

WASHINGTON—President Clinton announced his intent this past week (Nov. 7) to nominate Donna A. Tanoue of Honolulu as chair and member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, an independent agency which insures deposits in federally insured banks and thrifts, and resolves and liquidates failed institutions.

A law partner with Goodsell, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel, she has concentrated her practice in banking and real estate finance with an emphasis on bank regulatory matters. A graduate of the University of Hawaii and from Georgetown University Law Center, she was a Hawaii bank commissioner (1983-87) and was credited by industry leaders with helping to restore financial stability to the then-troubled thrifts and industrial loan companies.

She would succeed Ricki Helffer, who held the post for 2 1/2 years until she resigned June 1. Tanoue would serve out the remainder of Helffer's term, which runs until October 1999. —AB ■

## Filming "Snow falling..."

Work was progressing during the summer on a film version of David Guterson's best-selling novel, *Snow Falling on Cedars*, on location in the Northwest and beyond. Scott Hicks ("Shine") is director, with a script written by longtime pro Ron Bass ("Rain Man"). Guterson has read and discussed the script with Bass and said, "I couldn't make any better." The book explores the lives of residents of a fictional Puget Sound island after World War II when Japanese Americans returned from internment camps. —ES ■

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## Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

**Dinners:**  
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**T**HIS IS not intended to complain but to report that fund-raising dinners the Southland Nikkei support command three-digits (see above), except one—the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, which does it the old-fashioned way with a dinner program filled with pictures, information and display advertising. At \$40, it's not a fundraiser *per se* but just covers an evening of teriyaki chicken and salmon (shoyu supplied), remarks to honor four organizations and two individuals (as identified inside quotation marks) for their community service and contributions.

Unique, however, is the fare presented by the honorees themselves as entertainment.

"Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library," with its cast of eight amateurs in pantomime mouthed the "Damn Yankee" hit, *You Gotta Have Heart*, but their message was clear: "We need a permanent library." The library, already overflowing with books and material, occupies the ground-floor of the structure facing Alameda St. by E. 3rd St. (The P.C. was in the same building on the second floor in the early '90s, and after being burglarized twice we moved out to Monterey Park. The library was also burglarized, we learned.)

Now 130-member strong, the Japanese American Optimists' produced an impromptu one-act scramble with a cavalcade of 12 scenes depicting their monthly programs.

Two members of the "Gardena Valley Gardeners Association" sang *shigin* (Japanese poetry). But their six-month project beautifying the Gardena and Carson YMCA as well as other green gems are practically unsung.

Educator "Richard Katsuda," whose community involvement began in San Jose in the 1970s, came to Little Tokyo around 1982, applied for a position here at the P.C., moved on to play his *gambare* activism with Visual Communications, Little Tokyo Service

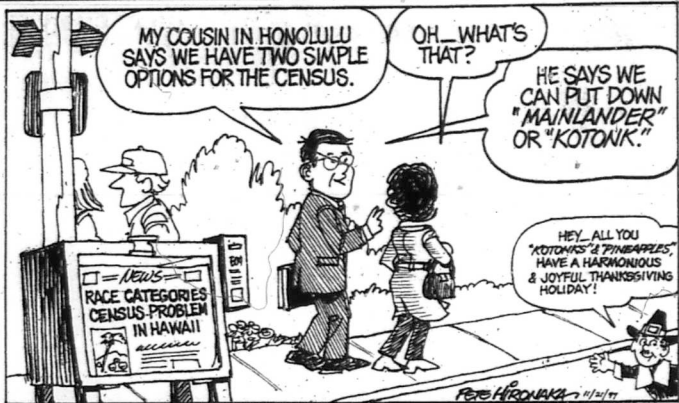
Center, NCRR, Rainbow Coalition, Amerasia Bookstore, Mo-chitsuki Committee and L.A. Unified School District's APA Education Commission. Somehow his gang rhapsodized much of that spirit in poetry.

The skit about JAHSSC honoree "Dr. Takeo Susuki," paleontologist by profession, characterized three sides of his volunteerism: founder of Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches, adviser to the Sons and Daughters of the 100/442 Veterans Association, and leadership at West L.A. JACL and Westside Family YMCA. His Army buddies in Texas called him "Chuck," but some of us intoned "Tak."

**JAHSSC WAS** organized in 1979 by Nisei and Sansei educators who recognized the importance of preserving community history as well as presenting the Japanese American story to the public-at-large. The founders were: adult school educator George Kiriya, now a member of the Los Angeles Unified School district board, his wife Iku; Dr. Don Nakanishi, UCLA's Asian American Studies Center director and professor in political science; Rei Kasama, elementary school teacher; Lloyd Inui, Asian American studies chair at Long Beach State; Shigeru and Evelynne Matsumoto.

From our archives [Orgs, Asian American: A-M] was the original JAHSSC bilingual membership flyer, the front-cover panel designed by Pamela Sakamoto. It had no date, so we penciled in "1979." Other goodies therein—Vol. 1, No. 1, *The Rice Paper*, Feb. 1977, published by Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Los Angeles; Puyallup Valley JACL-sponsored *Asian American Alliance Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 1, June 1973, Tacoma Community House, 1311 M St., Tacoma, Wash.

Searching for other choice items in our archives was to be our endeavor with all the file cabinets in our "cubby hole" until Very Truly Yours agreed to step into JACL's editorial breach. ■



## Letters

### Racial environment in Orange County expanding

It has been over a month now since two racists were found guilty for the brutal murder of Thien Minh Ly, the recent UCLA graduate who was found stabbed over twenty times on the tennis courts at Tustin High School (P.C. Oct. 17). I did not know Thien but I feel connected to him because it could well have been me or any of over 300,000 Asian Pacific Islanders who live in Orange County. Thien was murdered for the simple fact that he was an Asian Pacific American. His murderers did not care what specific ethnicity he was, indeed they thought he was a "Jap"; they killed him because of their hatred of people who, along with Latinos, African Americans, Gays, Jews, and others, have been scapegoated and blamed for many of America's ills.

What should concern all of us today is that people are still scapegoating minorities and immigrants, telling racial jokes, ridiculing others' accents, spreading stereotypes, etc., basically setting the stage for another Thien Minh Ly tragedy. It is absolute hypocrisy to say that one is against skinheads and neo-Nazis and then turn around and support the notion that if we just got rid of those people (Asians, Latinos, Blacks, etc.) our country would be a better place.

I want to believe that those who came up with the idea of Propositions 187 and 209 are currently gathering signatures for the upcoming Initiative Only proposition do not condone hate crimes. However, these folks must surely understand there is a connection between these "wedge" issues and a rising level of intolerance to immigrants and those who look like an immigrant. According to a recent study by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, hate crimes against Asian Pacific Americans rose 17 percent over the past year alone.

I realize that these issues are very complicated and that there is a growing level of frustration and intolerance with the rate of acculturation of some groups. I do know one

thing, however, and that is that scapegoating and blaming people is not the answer. We all know where that path can lead.

It was over fifty years ago when Gandhi said that "Mankind is at a crossroads. It has to make its choice between the law of the jungle and the law of humanity." With all the anti-immigrant rhetoric, it seems that again, we are at a crossroads. In memory of Thien Minh Ly and countless others, I hope we find the strength to heed Mr. Gandhi's words.

*Michael Matsuda*

Selanoco JACLer  
Santa Ana, Calif.

### Affirmative action revisited

I find it incredible that Asians would applaud the machinations of affirmative action, even to the point of exemplifying themselves for its validity. Is this another example of Asians' modesty? Is it too bold or egotistical to announce "I made it because I deserved/earned it?" How frustrating and maddening it must be to those who have worked so hard and demonstrated their uniqueness for their successes, only to be labeled a product of affirmative action.

Perhaps society should stop judging or defining success in any given way. Individuals and groups can find their own socioeconomic place through their own respective conditions and talents. We should all be proud of our own uniqueness and

abilities. Why should anyone feel privileged or denied when everyone has individual abilities to contribute to the good of society? Should a research scientist feel denied because he can't make it as a professional athlete or vice versa? Is money the ultimate goal for everyone?

If certain people feel that they're not getting their share of the pie, then perhaps they should take a closer look at themselves. Too often I find that minorities tend to segregate themselves for reason of comfort, cultural support, habit, etc. By such behavior they deny themselves and others the opportunity for closer scrutiny and to establish meaningful associations. How can a person *show his stuff* if he doesn't even show up for the game?

As the world approaches the 21st century and all countries clamor for market shares in the global economy, can the United States effectively compete by discriminating against its own people? Our country will need the best of its people—no matter the color or gender.

As Americans we should all try to respect one another. As Japanese Americans we can do better by developing trust and a desire to join the rest of American society. Legal instruments such as Prop. 209 are conducive to dividing people and an insult to those who aspire.

*Ray Uchiyama*

Campbell, Calif.

### Internships, fellowship open in Washington

**WASHINGTON**—Applications for two fellowship and internship programs next year in the nation's capital are currently available from the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute by telephone, 202/547-9100, or e-mail, [capaci@idsonline.com](mailto:capaci@idsonline.com). Applications are due Feb. 6.

The first program, the 1998-99 Anheuser-Busch/Frank Horton Fellowship, is open to college graduates in the Asian Pacific American (APA) community with an interest in a public policy career. One fellowship from June 1998 to March

1999 with a \$15,000 stipend is available. Horton, former New York Republican congressman, played a leading role in the House to establish APA Heritage Month.

The second program consists of at least 10 internships from June 15 to Aug. 7, 1998, with a stipend of \$2,500. Applicants should be currently enrolled college or graduate students with an interest in public policy issues and the APA community.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents, 18 years old, with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. ■

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**THE SEPTEMBER LOOK**—The steel frame for the Japanese American National Museum's Pavilion, an 85,000-square-foot facility, is being installed next door to the Museum's current historic facility in Little Tokyo. The building is expected to be completed in the fall of 1998. JANM, in the midst of a \$45 million campaign for construction, furnishings, and an endowment, plans to open the Pavilion in early 1999. The Pavilion was designed by Gyo Obata, head of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum and architect of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, and is being constructed by Ray Wilson Company. (The "gas tank" in the background at left is the new Metro Transit Authority office. View faces the eastern horizon; East First runs at right of the photo.)

## Letters

### Re: Doubles not Ha-fu

I'm glad that the mixed heritage JA group decided to change their name to 'Doubles' from 'Ha-Fu' (10-17/11-6 P.C.). The girls in the group would have been terribly embarrassed if one of them were to have gone to Japan and proclaimed that she is a *ha-fu*. The Japanese probably wouldn't believe her. Apparently in Japan, the word 'Ha-Fu' pertains to transvestites and not mixed blood. I'm not sure what they call them now but at least up to the '50s they used *konhetsujin*, which means a child with mixed blood or *ainoko*. I don't know how they got those to mean people with mixed blood.

The reason I know that *ha-fu* means transvestite is because there used to be a Japanese TV program which was also televised in Los Angeles two or three years ago. It was a variety show having several different topics. One would show photographs of six girls. Actually, three

would be females and three would be transvestites and the game was for the panelists to see if they could guess which ones were females and which ones weren't. They called these transvestites 'Ha-fu.'

*Shu Miyazaki*  
Woodridge, Ill.

### 'Whereabouts in P.C.'

Just a note to let you know that your "Whereabouts" column (Oct 17 P.C.) has successfully reunited my uncle Mike Zuniga Yamamoto with Bill Nakagawa. Bill wrote to you and has looked for my uncle Mike for over 40 years. They were in the service together. I know they have talked on the telephone already! It's so wonderful! I'm so happy for them.

My father is the brother of Mike Yamamoto. We just wish we could be there when they personally meet. Thank you so very much.

*Virginia Yamamoto*  
Watsonville, Calif.

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## Voice of a Sansei

BY AKEMI KAYLENG

### Preserving home in a new world

I DON'T have to study physics. True, I teach it on the side, so I suppose one could argue that I study to maintain my professional competence. However, that job is strictly an on-the-side thing, a hobby rather than a serious vocation. Other issues and concerns are pressing now, and the time I devote to physics directly subtracts from the time I should be spending on other things. From a purely rational perspective, physics time is wasted time.

Okay, then, so why do I do it? I can give several explanations. The main reason is, I love the stuff. An Anglo-style, male, midlife crisis (yes, Asian females go through that too) made me leave the mathematical sciences, quite voluntarily, for a life in the arts and community service. But I still love physics, so I still do it.

That's my selfish reason. My altruistic reason is, I want to help people. I know that education is one of the major components in upgrading oneself, and even liberal arts majors must fulfill a basic science requirement. So, I've remained in physics as a way of helping people.

But something's still missing in my explanation. I feel like I'm making shots at it but missing a big reason. I study physics for the secure comfort of familiarity. I was in math so long that the concepts feel like the layout of a town one has lived in all one's life. The town was constricting. I needed my freedom. I broke out to explore new worlds, and I'm having a blast doing so! My new life is great, and I have never regretted that decision to leave academic high tech, that classic field of Asian achievers, for the arts and social causes. However, this delightful world feels alien. I'm out of my element. I still go back to my old town, just like the Yonsei who went to college to escape their parents' still feel that need to return home now and then.

Certain human conditions are so universal that race, age, or sex don't matter. It's all the same. White Anglo men who've had a major corporate promotion find the changes in their lifestyle unsettling. Yonsei teenagers away from home for the first time are uneasy. As a Sansei with a much more extensive work history, I'm as uneasy as the Yonsei. So I can certainly understand why many Nisei aren't exactly eager to jump into the twenty-first century.

All of the examples I've mentioned are positive. They indicate growth. People have achieved a ma-

ior milestone. Our worlds are falling apart because they aren't big enough for us. Our worlds must be restructured to fit the new and better persons we have become.

But growth is painful. Inevitably, mistakes will be made as we deal with the unknown. We are disoriented, like travelers on a business trip, crossing too many time zones too fast, packing in too many meetings in too short a time, meeting strangers we're supposed to treat like friends.

As we move into the twenty-first century, we must define the new out of the unfamiliar, while preserving that feeling of home. We need to maintain that feeling of our comfortable old living room, even though we are now in conference facilities and hotel suites.

We all have our comfortable old routines. The Japanese American community is full of established practices which have no rational justification, just as there's no real reason for me to study physics. But the absence of a logical reason does not invalidate our lives. I'm going back home when I study physics, so I know why the Nisei want to preserve their ways. ■

Akemi sees no contradiction in enjoying both the arts and hard science.

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### Listening to students pays off for principal

HONOLULU—Listening to students helped one local high school principal, Mary Murakami of Kaiulua High, gain state and national recognition this past summer.

Not only was she selected by the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Administrators in September as the 1997 Hawaii Principal of the Year, but what caught national attention three years ago was her move to cancel classes for one day and let students run a conference on how to improve their school.

Forty groups produced 240 ideas, recorded by teachers who otherwise stayed out of the discussions. At the follow-up conferences the next year, students helped toughen school attendance policy. Murakami is now one of 19 educators from around the country doing research for the National Network for Education Reform. She took a sabbatical this year to build a computer system for tracking graduates after they leave school which, she feels, will better judge her programs to prepare students for college. —AB ■

## Unusual query to locate remains of great-great grandfather answered

COLUMNIST Herb Whitney's story on the Arizona Central Website was headlined "American helps out Japanese family," but what it involved—locating the remains of Koku Urasaki, who died in Phoenix in 1912, because a woman in Virginia, Mitsuru Griffith, called Bob Corella, president of the Japan America Society of Phoenix—caught the attention of an Arizona JACLer who relayed it via fax to the *Pacific Citizen*.

Griffith told him that her family in Okinawa wished the remains of her great-great-grandfather be returned to his homeland. The query had come eight months earlier. With little else to go on, Corella, 50, a Glendale resident and art teacher at Sunset Elementary School, found the Urasaki tombstone at Greenwood Cemetery, Van Buren and 27th Ave. He told Whitney he had located about 30 Japanese gravesites in the old section of Greenwood in the past and knew where to look. The search lasted but a week.

Because of a recent death in the family and the custom of a year of bereavement, the decision to return the remains is on hold. "Plus they don't have money to have the body sent right now," Corella added. Corella learned from the family that Urasaki had left a wife and two children in Japan when he came to America intending to work on a farm, but was contracted to a coal mine, where working conditions were slave-like. He escaped to Arizona, was befriended by a professor at Tempe Normal School, now Arizona State University, and was hired there as a custodian. He died at age 44.

Corella sent pictures of the gravesite to Griffith and assured her would have a Buddhist priest present when the body is exhumed.

Such respect by an American for another culture surprised the *Arizona Republic* columnist, "until I found out more about Corella." As a

freshman at Carl Hayden High in 1961, when he started taking judo, Corella became fascinated by Japan. He earned black belts in judo and *iaido* (swordsmanship) and has visited Japan 15 times, once to teach for two years at Himeji, Phoenix's Sister City.

He learned to appraise and repair Japanese swords, has studied *kenbu* (sword dancing) and performs that ancient art at schools and festivals. Corella believes he may be the only Caucasian to study kenbu to such an extent.

"Because of his love for Japan," it's no wonder he accepted the challenge to find the gravesite," Whitney observed. And "after 85 years, Koku Urasaki hasn't been forgotten by his family," added Corella. "At the very least, I want to give his descendants a sense of closure." —

HKH ■

## CLPEF 'e-mail listserv' established for grantees

SAN FRANCISCO—The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) announced the week of (Oct. 3) an "e-mail listserv" to facilitate communication among CLPEF grant recipients and other interested parties. "This is a cost-effective means of promoting the mission of the CLPEF," notes Board Chair Dale Minami.

The listserv was established by Gary Otake, CLPEF Internet consultant and designer of the CLPEF website. He hopes to create a forum for sharing and maximizing resources.

According to Otake, "A listserv allows individuals and organizations to post announcements, request advice, and solicit resources and information. Additionally, this electronic resource should facilitate future collaborations among those interested in CLPEF education and activities."

## 'Go for Broke' pre-ground-breaking fund raiser set

LOS ANGELES—"Nikkei for the Monument," a support group to raise funds for the 100th-442nd MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, has launched a "Go For Broke" casino night program for Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Renaissance Hotel. It will be the "last fundraising effort" before the scheduled ground-breaking in June 1998 in Little Tokyo, it was added.

Casino night will feature dinner, entertainment, and play-money games at \$50 donation per person. The newly-organized group is comprised of Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei and Rokusei (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th generations) who were born after WWII, and are seeking those who can assist as well develop the Foundation's oral history project, according to Christine Sato, development associate, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247, 310/327-4193. ■

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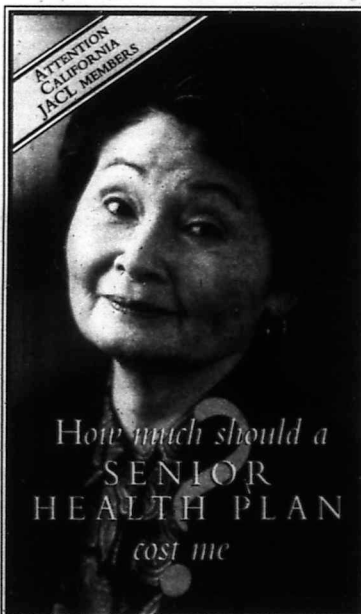
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## SURFING THE INTERNET

## AJA data on 'Nikkei Heritage'

BY STEPHANIE LAI

Intern, Pacific Citizen

The National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco has moved onto the information superhighway by constructing a web page with important NJAHS information as well as numerous links to other Japanese American sites. Information on NJAHS projects, services, publications, membership, and upcoming events is available with a click of a mouse. One can also e-mail NJAHS at (njahs@nikkeiheritage.org) through the site. This site can be found at (www.nikkeiheritage.org). It was last updated on May 19.

The Japanese American Related Links, accessible through the Nikkei Heritage Online page, are interesting sites to surf through and contain a variety of information on Japanese and other Asian American issues.

## Japanese American Sites:

**Japanese American Internment**—This is a really informative page with extensive information on the internment. It contains history, photos, essays, and personal accounts of the internment and its effects.

**Nikkei West** is Northern California's Japanese American Community newspaper. The site explains their paper, links to other sites, gives their community calendar and text of one of their front page stories.

**Nihonmachi/Japan town**—San Francisco's Japantown website.

**LTSC's World Wide Web Page**—The Little Tokyo Service Center Page is a simple and crisp-looking web page that is filled with information on the LTSC, what services and programs they provide, and what events are upcoming.

**Rafu Shimp'o's Community Calendar** provides information on Japanese American Community events for Southern California.

**Japanese American National Museum** is located in Los Angeles. Its website is very sharp-looking and provides in-depth information

about the museum and what exhibits are being displayed.

**Tomodachi Online**—This is a website that outlines the Nikkei student organization at UC Berkeley. Not only is it visually appealing but it includes club information, officer information, photos of events, and other information.

**ACON Web Homepage**—This Asian Community Online Network is dedicated to educating community based organizations on internet usage and the opportunities available on the web.

**Asian American Cybernauts**—This page provides information on mainly Asian American issues but links to African American, Latino, Native American issues as well.

**AARising Records**—This showcases API entertainers including comedy troupes, DJs, and musical groups. AARising Records is an independent label that is looking for wider exposure of Asian American musical groups. It's currently looking for Asian American Rap, R&B, and Dance Music groups. It is a very well organized and well put together site.

## Asian American Sites:

**Hapa Issues Forum** is a Berkeley organization dedicated to issues pertaining to people of mixed heritage. It is an extremely well organized page which holds a lot of information. It includes forums for Hapa artists to display their work, statistics on intermarriage, and photos as well.

**Asian American Resources** is an eclectic and extremely interesting site brimming with links on everything Asian American, issues and

## Wing Luke Museum issues docu-video

SEATTLE—Wing Luke Asian Museum has released its first documentary video on Seattle's Chinatown, *Finding Home in Chinatown: the Kong Yick Buildings*, a 58-minute production telling the story of the businesses, art clubs, family associations and residents housed in the two buildings on King Street for over 80 years. It will be shown Nov. 22 at Northwest Asian American Theatre, 409 Seventh Ave. South, next to the museum.

The buildings were built by the Kong Yick Investment Co. in the early 1900s, when anti-Asian alien land laws prevailed. Recollections are offered by elders who grew up in Canton Alley before World War II and by businesses and organizations still at home in the Kong Yick buildings. Information: Ron Chew, museum director, 206/4623-5124. ■

## culture.

**Asian American Studies Center**—This sharp-looking UCLA site includes Student support and Asian American information including news text and a calendar of conferences. UCLA has one of the largest teaching programs in Asian American Studies.

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**APAnet**—The Asian Pacific American Network.

**Phoenix Teahouse** is the Virtual Asian American Community. It has a very impressive-looking main page with a pretty image map, with links to pages with editorials, activities, job opportunities, health and fitness information, business news, professional services available, and a library. ■

## Visual Communication calls for '98 Festival entries by Jan. 16

LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications announced its 1998 deadline as Jan. 16 for entries in the 13th edition of the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival, set for May 14-21 at sites throughout the city.

What was originally a two-week end affair with a dozen films has become a major showcase of some 100 productions by Asian Pacific Americans and international media makers being presented over a whole week.

Notification of selections will be announced in mid-March. There is a \$20 processing fee, \$25 for foreign

## P.C. Bookshelf

## Railroad

• Bill Hosokawa. *Old Man Thunder: Father of the Bullet Train* (1997).  
Sage Way, 1099-18th St., Suite 2020, Denver, CO 80202; hard, 272pp, index, \$30. US\$36 Canada, US\$45 elsewhere.

BETTER known as the Kamimari Oyaji (Old Man Thunder) to his colleagues for his temper, Shinji Sogo (1884-1981) has virtually touched the lives of everyone in Japan, visitors especially, as the "Father of the Bullet Train," the Shinkansen (literally "new trunk line") which made its inaugural run in the fall of 1964 from Tokyo to Osaka, a 320-mile trip, in four hours at about 80 miles per hour, in half the time of the old schedule. Simultaneously, a similar train at Osaka (actually New Osaka—Shin Osaka) departed at the same hour for Tokyo—cutting running time between Japan's two largest cities almost in half.

Today, the train of 16-cars (many are double-deckers) along a quarter-mile long, whizzes along at about 120 miles per hour, negotiating the Tokyo-Osaka run in three hours. Fully loaded, the Shinkansen requires only one-fifth the energy of four jumbo jetliners to move an equivalent load. In the three decades since the inaugural run, the Bullet Train now runs from Kyushu (Hakata) to Tohoku (Akita) with extensions to Niigata and to Yamagata. The trains have carried over 2.8 billion passengers since their debut without a single fatality, thanks to a system enabling technicians in Tokyo to control the run of every train in the

## network.

How this was conceived, engineered and accomplished by Sogo and his team while he was president of Japan National Railways from 1955-1963 is written by the journalist in the same straightforward, gripping manner that is his trademark. P.S.: The author, who previously wrote another book with "thunder" in the title—*Thunder in the Rockies*, a history of the Denver Post, can well remember another thunder created over title of another book, *Nisei, the Quiet American*. —HKH ■

## 'Enman no Tomo' publishes cookbook

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The long-awaited *Enman no Tomo Favorite Recipes* is finally out, the Sonoma County JACL Newsletter reported in October. Now those who spot delectable morsels at the local community potluck banquet will not have to search out the cook and beg for the recipe, newsletter editor Mei Nakano added.

There are practical recipes such as (Marian Ishizu's "Rice Casserole" or the more esoteric "Szechuan Eggplant" by Lucy Kishaba. Majority of the dishes are Asian, some being easy, others more complicated. Priced at \$10, the three-ring binder cookbooks can be obtained by calling Margarette Murakami 707/824-8665, Fumi Tajiri 707/544-4023, Alyse Sugiyama 707/762-7283 or Kinu Iwamoto 707/795-7920. ■

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