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## White Supremacist Kills Self

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SALEM, Ill.—The white supremacist suspected of targeting minorities in a deadly drive-by shooting spree in Indiana and Illinois shot and killed himself late Sunday, July 4, during a high-speed chase by police, the FBI said.

Benjamin Nathaniel Smith dumped his blue Ford Taurus at a truck stop in this southern Illinois town and carjacked a van, said Doug Garrison, an FBI spokesman in Indiana.

Smith, 21, shot himself in the chin as police chased him, Garrison said. His car crashed off the road and he was pronounced dead at a hospital.

FBI officials said they must double-check fingerprints to make sure the body was Smith's.

But two guns found with the body were consistent with the shootings and the body had a tattoo on the chest that said "S a b a t h B r e a k e r" — which Smith was said to have.

Smith had been the subject of a two-state search after shootings that began Friday in Chicago when a black former college basketball coach was fatally shot and six Orthodox Jews were wounded.

The shooter fired at Asians and blacks in two Illinois cities on Saturday and fatally shot a Korean man Sunday outside a church in Bloomington, Ind.

Earlier Sunday, one of Smith's ex-girlfriends told the *Daily Illini*, the student newspaper at the University of Illinois, that the timing of the shootings was not a coincidence.

"This is his Independence Day from the government, from everything," said Elizabeth Sahr, who

said she had a one-year relationship with Smith. "He is not going to stop until he's shot dead. He's not going to surrender. He's not going to give up until he leaves this world."

Smith was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist organization, and often distributed anti-minority and anti-Semitic literature while a student in Bloomington at Indiana University.

The church, based in East Peoria, Ill., is led by Matt Hale, who said Smith was a member from June 1998 until May and never showed any predilection for violence.

"When I spoke to him he never gave any inkling of being able to do this," Hale said before Smith took his life.

However, Harlan Loeb, Midwest counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, said his organization has had Smith "on our radar screen for quite some time, which is particularly tragic for someone so young."

On Friday, the gunman wounded six Orthodox Jews leaving synagogue on the Jewish Sabbath in Chicago. The same shooter is believed to have killed Ricky Byrdson, the black former basketball coach at Northwestern University, as Byrdson walked with his children in nearby Skokie, and fired at an Asian American couple in the suburb of Northbrook.

Then on Saturday, police said, the same blue Taurus was seen at shootings in Springfield and Champaign-Urbana. In the first attack, the gunman fired at two black men, but neither was hit, Chicago police Cmdr. William

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## EDC/MDC BI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

### MDC Passes Draft Resisters Resolution, EDC Votes to Further Discuss Issue with Chapters

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

NEW YORK—No one said it would be easy, but trying to pass a district-by-district unanimous national JACL resolution apologizing to the draft resisters of World War II is playing out to be a challenging uphill battle.

At their Bi-District conference over the July 4th weekend, members of the Midwest and Eastern Districts were asked to either support or reject a national resolution which apologizes for not recognizing the draft resisters or "resisters of conscience." While the MDC easily voted to support the resolution, the Eastern District, after an emotional debate, chose to continue discussing the issue with its various chapters.

"I really didn't realize that there was still this very strong feeling in our district to the apology situation, even from some of the younger people from the district," said Lillian Kimura, interim governor for EDC. "I think maybe [the resolution] should be reworded."

For over 50 years now the JACL and the resisters of conscience have had a turbulent relationship. Although the specifics have been clouded over the years, the issue largely sets the Japanese American WWII veterans, many who are JACL members, against those JAs who refused to accept the draft

until their constitutional rights were restored.

The issue is an emotional one pitting those who chose to fight and die for their country against those who refused to fight for a country that was violating their civil rights, both groups making their decisions from the setting of America's WWII concentration camps.

healing process of an issue that has divided our community, and

"Be it further resolved, that national JACL, subject to the approval by the Pacific Northwest, Intermountain, Mountain Plains, Midwest, Eastern, Central California, and Pacific Southwest Districts at their Tri-district, Bi-District or other meetings, apologizes for not recognizing the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") for their principled stand, and will honor them at an appropriate public ceremony. At the same time, we fully recognize and honor the 30,000 Japanese Americans who served in our armed forces during World War II for their demonstrated loyalty to the United States."



BI-DISTRICT — Close to 100 people attended the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference in New York City over the July 4th weekend. Speaking to the participants is Herb Yamanishi, JACL national director. Also pictured are Lillian Kimura, EDC interim governor, and Karen Lane Shiba (center), national vice president of membership.

The resolution written by the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific district and currently being debated, was accepted by the national board at its quarterly meeting in May, but its approval and passage is subject to the approval of all eight of the JACL districts.

The resolution states in part: "Now, therefore be it resolved, that the National JACL also recognizes the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") as a group of principled Americans and that by this recognition it strives to continue to actively promote and nurture via educational means, the

Over the next several months, the districts of JACL will make their decision on the contentious resolution. With the PSW district having already passed a similar but more strongly worded resolution apologizing to the resisters in 1995, so far three districts have given their approval. Including EDC's pending decision, four districts have yet to make their decision.

But if the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference is any indication, winning unanimous support for the resolution may prove to be difficult.

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## Asian American Student Targeting Latinos Nationally in Hate E-mail Case Gets Jail Time

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A college student who pleaded guilty to civil rights charges for e-mailing hate messages to dozens of Latinos around the nation was sentenced June 28 to two years in federal prison.

Kingman, Quon, 23, of Corona, Calif., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Edward M. Rafeedie after pleading guilty Feb. 8 to seven misdemeanor counts of interfering with federally protected activities.

Quon remains free on \$10,000 bail until he begins serving his sentence July 26. He told the judge he was sorry for his actions, in which he allowed "immaturity and frustrations" to get the best of him.

Rafeedie said he did not believe Quon intended to carry out any violence in connection with the hate messages, but said he was surprised to see a recent college graduate facing such a charge and hoped the sentence would serve as a deterrent to others.

As a condition of probation for one year after serving his sen-

tence, Quon will not be allowed to use a computer or the Internet without permission of probation officials, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Gennaco.

It was only the second successful prosecution in the nation involving e-mailing of racially charged threats, Gennaco said. Both cases occurred in California. A marketing major at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Quon sent the same racially derogatory e-mail in March 1998 to 42 professors at California State University, Los Angeles, and 25 students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"The only reason you people are in state colleges is because of affirmative action," the message read.

Quon was accused in January of threatening to use force against his victims with the intention to intimidate or interfere with them because of their national origin or ethnic background.

He faced up to seven years in prison and fines up to \$700,000, but he agreed in a plea bargain to

receive a sentence of up to 2 1/2 years.

One of Quon's messages went to state Assemblywoman Gloria Romero (D-Alhambra), a former Cal State psychology professor. Quon apologized to the assemblywoman and the two hugged after the hearing.

"I heard his apology and I believe that it is real and I am grateful for what he said," Romero said.

Quon also sent the messages to employees of Indiana University, Xerox Corp., the Texas Hispanic Journal, the Internal Revenue Service and NASA's Ames Research Center.

The only previous federal hate e-mail prosecution involved Richard Machado, 21, a naturalized citizen from El Salvador who flunked out of the University of California, Irvine. He was convicted in 1998 of sending messages to 59 Asian American students on campus, allegedly out of anger because he believed their good grades were raising the standard for others. ■

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### National

**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5**—8th National JACL Singles Convention; Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco; Registration \$150 before July 15, \$180 after. Golf, bowling, workshops, mixer, banquet, dance, brunch, trips. Co-sponsored by San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles and Greater Los Angeles Singles. Info: Georgeann Maeda, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981; website: http://home-steam.com/99 convention.

### Midwest

**CINCINNATI**  
**Sun., Aug. 15**—Annual Potluck Dinner; 1:30 p.m. board meeting, 4 p.m. silent auction, 5 p.m. dinner; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. & Hyde Park Ave.; speaker, mushroom grower Matt Madison.

**WISCONSIN**  
**Sun., July 25**—Annual JACL Golf Outing; 9 a.m. tee time, Brookfield Hills Golf Course, 16075 Pinehurst Dr. RSVP: Info: Eddie Ikonkuchi, 414/691-1404.

**Sun., Aug. 1**—JACL picnic 11 a.m., St. Francis Memorial Park.

### Mountain Plains

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18**—Tri-District Conference (see IDC), Ogden, Utah.

### Intermountain

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18**—Tri-District

## COMMUNITY Calendar

### East Coast

**PHILADELPHIA**  
**Mon., Aug. 9**—Ball Game: Phillies vs. Cardinals (with Mark McGwire); 7:35 p.m., Veterans Stadium. RSVP by July 23, first come first served: Teresa Maebon, 214/248-5544 (626-779, then 625-849).

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**Through Nov. 30**—Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Smithsonian Institution's Arts and Industries Bldg., 900 Jefferson Dr. S.W. Info: 202/357-2700.

**The Midwest**  
**INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 17-19**—Indianapolis Golf Caper; housing at Hampton Inn. RSVP by August 1. Info, reservations: Chuck Matsumoto, 317/888-8505.

### Intermountain

**SALT LAKE**  
**Suns., July 6**—Film, "Rabbit in the Moon"; on KUED-Channel 7 "Point of View" series.

**The Northwest**  
**OLYMPIA**  
**Fri., Aug. 6**—Obon Odori practice; 7-9 p.m., 222 N. Columbia St.  
**Sat., Aug. 7**—Obon Odori; 5 p.m., Water Street at Capitol Lake. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/413-9873, e-mail: sgmliehl@earthlink.net.

**PORTLAND, ORE.**  
**Sun., Aug. 1**—Annual Japanese American Society golf tournament; Colwood National Golf Course, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. Entry fee by July 19. Info: Taka Mizote, 503/234-3936, or Henry Ueno, 503/253-3001, 503/872-8445.

**Sat., Aug. 7**—Obonfest '99, art, dancing, food, exhibits, demonstrations and children's activities; 2-5 p.m., Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. & Powell; Obon dancing starts at 7 p.m. Free. Info: 503/234-9456 or 503/254-9536.

**Through Aug. 29**—Exhibit, "Oregon Nikkei Women: A Proud Legacy," Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun., noon-3 p.m. Free. Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave. Info: June Arima Schumann, 503/224-1458.

**SEATTLE**  
**Through April 2000**—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

**Northern California**  
**EAST BAY**  
**Wed., July 21**—East Bay Nikkei Singles field trip, "Kitchen Kut-Ups." Info: Richard Sekiguchi, 510/237-0218.

**Conference "Changing Generations" (IDC/PNWDC/MPDC); Workshops, JAYS events, bus trip to Wendover, golf, obon festival; Comfort Suites Hotel, 1150 W. 21st St., Ogden, Utah; Wasatch Front North, sponsors.**

**POCATELLO-BLACKFOOT**  
**Sun., July 25**—Annual Salmon Bake; Jensen Grove Park, the Sister City delegation will be attending. Info: Karl Endo.

**SALT LAKE CITY**  
**Fri., July 16**—"Rabbit in the Moon" special screening, chapter fund-raiser; 7 p.m., University of Utah, Orson Spencer Hall. Info: Sherrie Hayashi, 801/243-4180 or Alice Kasai, 801/359-2902.

### Pacific Northwest

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18**—Tri-District Conference (see IDC), Ogden, Utah.  
**OLYMPIA**  
**Fri.-Sat., Aug. 6-7**—Obon Odori: see Community Calendar.

### NC-WN/Pacific

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Sun., Aug. 1**—District Council Meeting; hosted by Eden JACL.  
**CONTRA COSTA**

**Fri., July 16**—Chapter-sponsored baseball night; 7:35 p.m., Oakland Coliseum (Oakland A's vs. San Francisco Giants). Tickets: Esther Takeuchi, 510/233-2258.

**RENO**  
**Sat., July 24**—Fish and Pitch annual fishing derby; 6 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. start (fishing license required), noon potluck, horse shoe pitching contest 1 p.m.; Lahontan Reservoir.

**Wed., July 28**—East Bay Nikkei Singles tour of the Winchester Mystery House, lunch and social. Info: Richard Sekiguchi, 510/237-0218.

**MONTREY**  
**Sun., July 11**—Obon Festival; Fresno Guyo Taiko performs at 3:30 p.m., Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple.

**SACRAMENTO**  
**Fri., Aug. 6**—Thirteenth August Women's Peace Event, "Peace Begins at Home" panel discussion; 6-8:30 p.m., at The Grand, 1215 "J" St. Info: 916/441-0764.

**Through Aug. 8**—World War II video discussion series and exhibit of handmade decorative items made by JAs interned in detention camps; Central Library, 828 L Street, Sacramento. Info: 916/264-2770.

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Sat., Sept. 25**—The Japanese American National Library's 30th anniversary celebration, "Legacy for the Future"; 7 p.m., Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St.; Calif. Assemblymember Mike Honda, keynote speaker. Tickets \$50. Info: Karl Matsumoto, 415/567-5006.

**SAN MATEO**  
**Sun., July 11**—Kabuki Group film presentation, "Kunathori Chushigunra"; 1:30 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 415/343-2793.

**Southern California**  
**LOS ANGELES**  
**Sat., July 10**—Children's nature activity; 9:30-11 a.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Info: 818/880-6400.

**Sat., July 10**—"Showtime '99" 8th Annual Benefit concert for the Asian American Drug Abuse Program and the JACCC; 7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Featuring Amy Hill, Jennifer Paz, etc. Tickets: 213/680-3700.

**Tues., July 13**—Botanical Center Tour; 10-11 a.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Info: 818/878-3741.

**Sun., July 18**—"A Musical Storybook" children's concert: "The Chinese Siamese Cat" narrated by Amy Tan; "Peter and the Wolf" and "Minnie-the-Pooh" on screen; 7:30 p.m., Hollywood Bowl; pre-performance entertainment; children under 12 half price. Info: 323/850-2000.

**Mon., July 19**—International Special Events Society 1999 Western Regional La-Ja Awards; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: Wendy Fujiwara Anderson, 626/683-8243.

**Sun., July 25**—Nisei Week Baby Show; 8 a.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Mail-in applications \$40 by July 17; walk-in registration on July 25, \$50. Info, applications: 213/687-7193 ext. 349.

**Sun., July 25**—Japan America Society Meet the Author series, "Ryoma: Life of

a Renaissance Samurai" by Romulus Hillsborough; 2-4 p.m., Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. RSVP by July 23: 213/627-6214 ext. 17.

**Sat., July 24**—Manyknolls Japanese Catholic Center "High Stakes Bingo"; 6 p.m., 222 S. Hewitt St., only 200 tickets sold at \$100 for grand prizes, dinner and one card for seven-game \$100-250; silent auction; dinner only 2 p.m.; MJCC 213/626-2279.

**Fri.-Sun., July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 6, 7**—Butoh dance performance, part three of The Cinema Trilogy, "A Glorious Day for an Unknown Woman"; 8 p.m., Espace DBD, 2847 S. Robertson Blvd. Tickets: 310/839-0661.

**Fri. & Sat., July 30, 31, Aug. 6, 7**—One-man show, "The Rice Room: Scenes From a Bar" with Noel Alumit, director Deborah Nishimura; 8:30 p.m., Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica; RSVP: 310/315-1459.

**Fri., Aug. 13**—Akimatsuri golf tournament; 1 p.m. shotgun start, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. Info: Dr. Roy Takemura, 909/594-3600.

**Sat., Aug. 14-Sun., Aug. 22**—Nisei Week Japanese Festival. For information and to volunteer, call 213/687-7193; for calendar of events visit Nisei Week website at <http://www.members.aol.com/niseiweek/niseiweek.htm>.

**SAN DIEGO**  
**Sun., July 25**—Koto concert; 1 p.m., Don Powell Theater, San Diego State University; featuring guest artists from Japan. Info: Masazumi Mizuno, 619/465-7590.

**ORANGE COUNTY**  
**Sat., Aug. 21**—Orange County Sansei Singles Nisei Week Dinner-Dance, "Solid Gold...a blast from the past"; 6 p.m.-1 a.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles; dinner, dancing, door prizes; music by the Music Company with Marko and Howie, DJ by Fat Cat; to benefit the National Japanese American Memorial; \$40 by Aug. 10, \$45 after. RSVP: San Masumoto, 310/830-0321.

**Arizona - Nevada**  
**RENO**  
**Wed., July 14**—Performance, San Jose Taiko; 7 p.m., Wingfield Park, downtown Reno. Food Bank of Northern Nevada, sponsors.

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**WATSONVILLE**  
**Sun., Aug. 8**—Annual JACL community picnic; races, prizes, raffles, bingo. Taiko; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Aptos Valley Park.

### Central California

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Sat., Aug. 28**—District Council quarterly meeting; proposed location: Merced College.

### Pacific Southwest

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Sun., Aug. 29**—District Council Meeting, Santa Maria.

**ARIZONA**  
**Fri.-Sun., Aug. 13-15**—Nisei Week Festival group tour of the Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles. Info: Kathy Inoshita, 937-5434, Joe Alliman, 942-2832.

**SOUTH BAY**  
**Sat., July 17**—Garage sale fund raiser. Info: Emma or Jeanne, Tsujimoto 310/320-3465 after June 15.

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## Asian American Journalists Association Announces National Scholarship Winners

The Asian American Journalists Association has awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships and internship grants to 22 high school and college students across the nation for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Many of these Asian American students have already demonstrated their commitment to journalism as staff writers for their school newspapers or as interns with various newspapers and broadcast stations. As journalists, they aspire — as one scholarship awardee puts it — "to highlight Asian American issues and break down media coverage that tends to perpetuate existing stereotypes."

Audrey Dolar Tejada, chairperson of AAJA's National Scholarship Committee, noted the high caliber of this year's applicant pool, leading to a record number of scholarships awarded.

"The 1999 scholarship winners are impressive in their diversity — and in terms of their credentials, backgrounds, specialization and professional ambitions," she said.

AAJA was founded, in part, to increase the ranks of Asian Pacific Americans at all levels of print and electronic journalism by recruiting and nurturing a new generation of professionals and providing training and ongoing development to professionals and students. Since 1981, AAJA has awarded more than \$420,000 in national scholarships and internship grants.

As in previous years, AAJA is jointly awarding scholarships with Newhouse Newspapers and Newhouse News Service. This media organization, whose publications include the *Plain Dealer* in Cleveland and the *Oregonian* in Portland, has made significant contributions to diversity through its scholarship efforts with AAJA and other associations of journalists of color. Nine of this year's recipients will receive the AAJA/Newhouse scholarships.

All applicants were judged by

their journalistic ability, academic record, community involvement and financial need. Special consideration was given to underrepresented ethnic groups in certain journalistic fields.

AAJA is especially pleased that there was competition this year for the Minoru Yasui Scholarship, which is aimed at recruiting more APA men into broadcasting. Despite a deep talent pool of APA women in the field, AAJA believes special effort must be made to increase opportunities for young men, who are often stereotyped as not having the right "look" or personality traits, especially for on-camera jobs.

### The winners of the National AAJA Scholarships are:

**Deepa Babington**, sophomore at Rutgers University, \$1,000. Babington majors in journalism and mass media, and is a staff writer for the *Daily Targum*, the university's award-winning newspaper.

**Yuan-Kwan Chan**, senior at the College of William & Mary, \$1,000. Chan, who has written articles for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and was a campus correspondence for *Tribune Media Services* in Chicago, plans to pursue a master's degree at Northwestern University. Medill School of Journalism.

**Michelle Chen**, senior at Bronx High School of Science, \$1,000. Chen, recipient of several scholastic writing awards, was editor in chief of her school newspaper. She plans to use her scholarship to attend Yale University.

**Erika Hayasaki**, junior at University of Illinois, \$1,000. A journalism major, Hayasaki currently works as a summer reporter/intern on the city news desk and other departments of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. She has won various student and journalism awards.

**Renata Huang**, international relations major at University of California, Davis, \$1,000. Huang is an experienced journalist with broad international background

in print, radio and television. She has freelanced with distinguished news organizations including *Time Magazine International* and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in journalism at Columbia University.

**Daniel Kim**, sophomore at Ohio State University, \$1,500. Kim is a photo communications major and has been awarded the scholarship for photo journalism.

**Toam Lam**, junior at the University of San Francisco, \$1,500. Lam, a journalism major, is currently a production assistant and video library assistant at New Net Central, Post Production, and was previously an intern with KPX-TV in San Francisco.

**Yan Mui**, freshman at Loyola University in New Orleans, \$500. Mui, a communications major, is currently an editorial assistant at the *Times-Picayune*, and a columnist and online editor at the *Maroon*.

**Vicky Nguyen**, junior at the University of San Francisco, \$1,000. Nguyen, a communications major, is copy editor and staff writer for the *USF Foghorn*. She has interned at the News Net Central and CNN in San Francisco, and KRCC Channel 22 in Robert Park.

**Aimee Phan**, junior at UCLA, \$1,000. Phan, an English major, is staff writer for the *UCLA Daily Bruin* and a freelance writer. She has written feature articles for various publications including the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Newport Beach/ Costa Mesa Daily Pilot* and the *Orange County Register*.

**Erin Chan**, senior at Wheaton Academy, \$1,500. Chan is this year's recipient of the Mary Moy Quan Ing Memorial Scholarship for promising high school graduates. She has been a high school student columnist with the *Daily Herald* and editor of *Voices*, her school paper. She will be attending Northwestern University.

**Mark DelRosario**, junior at the University of Georgia, \$1,000. DelRosario is this year's

recipient of the Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship for Broadcast. A news broadcast major, his work experience includes stints at National Public Radio and NewsSource 15 in Athens, Georgia.

**Thomas Lee**, journalism senior at New York University, \$1,000. Lee is this year's recipient of the AAJA National Internship Grant. He was editor in chief of NYU's daily student newspaper. His experience includes work for the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the *Oregonian* and the *New York Daily News*.

### AAJA/Newhouse Scholarship recipients:

**Poua Her**, senior at McLane High School in Fresno, Calif., \$3,000. Her plans to pursue a journalism degree at the University of California, Davis. She has worked for NewRock 104.1 in Fresno.

**Laura Cadiz**, junior at the University of Oregon, \$3,000. Cadiz majors in journalism-news editorial. She was a part-time reporter with the *Register-Guard* in Eugene, Ore., and has had internship experience with *The Baltimore Sun*, the *Oregonian*, the *Statesman Journal*, the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* and the *Clackamas Review*.

**Niranda Chantavay**, journalism junior at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, \$700. Chantavay is a part-time copy editor at the *Honolulu Advertiser* and part-time associate producer at KTV News-4.

**Christopher Kahn**, graduate student at Arizona State University, \$1,500. Kahn is pursuing a master's degree in journalism and has had extensive experience with *The Associated Press*, the *Arizona Republic*, *Scarabee Magazine*, the *State Press* and *ASU Research Magazine*.

**Tammy Kim**, freshman at Yale University, \$2,000. Kim has won an individual award for Standing Feature from the Youth Editors Association of America, and has written for school and youth newspapers such as the *Yale Herald*, the *Viking Shield* and the *Mirror*.

**Chous Lee**, senior at Patrick Henry High School, \$1,500. Lee plans to attend the University of

Minnesota-Twin Cities. She was a staff reporter and circulation manager for her school newspaper and was employed at KQRS, Inc.

**Lisa Macabasco**, senior at Lowell High School in San Francisco, \$1,500. Macabasco was co-editor in chief of her school newspaper, the *Lowell*, and was a summer intern at the *San Francisco Independent Newspaper*. She plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley.

**Anupama Manchikanti**, sophomore at New York University, \$1,500. Manchikanti majors in print journalism and was a senior editor of the daily student newspaper, *Washington Square News*. She has interned at the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Forbes Digital* and *New York* and *Scripps Howard* News Service in Washington, D.C.

**Apoorva Mandavilli**, graduate student at New York University, \$2,000. Mandavilli is pursuing her master's degree in journalism, and was a freelance writer/reporter for *Media Media Associates*. She also volunteered with WORT Community Radio in Madison, Wis.

### Selection Committee Members were:

Final selections were made by a blue-ribbon panel of judges that included: William Bulkeley, staff reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*; Mark Carter, vice president of special projects at CNN and associate professor of journalism at Boston University; Philip J. Hiltz, Boston-based reporter for the *New York Times*; Lincoln Millstein, vice president for new media at the *Boston Globe*; Traci Tong, producer/director for *The World-PRI*, BBC World Service, WGBH and AAJA vice president for broadcast; Robin Washington, consumer transportation columnist at the *Boston Herald* and parliamentarian of the National Association of Black Journalists; and Janet Wu, political reporter at WCVB-TV 5 (ABC).

The New England chapter of AAJA coordinated this year's scholarship competition. Other committee members were Sangita Chandra, Dolores Kong, Michael Quan and Maria Shao. ■

## Union Bank of California Tops Fortune Magazine's 'Best Companies for Asians, Blacks, Hispanics'

Pacific Citizen Staff and News Wires

The July 19th issue of *Fortune* magazine will feature their annual top 50 ranking of the "Best Companies for Asian, Blacks and Hispanics."

At the top of the list was Union Bank of California, which had a 53.7 percent minority work force. Of that, 25.6 percent were Asian Americans; 9.1 percent Blacks; 18.6 percent Hispanics; and 0.4 percent Native Americans. The bank's 17-member board of directors had 7 minorities; five of the 25 top-paid employees were minorities; and 35.9 percent of officers and managers were minorities.

The following is a breakdown of companies that ranked 2-10 (To view a complete listing, visit the website [www.fortune.com](http://www.fortune.com)).

2) Fannie Mae: Minority work force was 39.1 percent. Of that, 9.1 percent are Asian American; 25.9 percent Black; 3.9 percent Hispanic; and 0.2 percent Native American. Four of 16 on the board were minorities; six of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 27.3 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

3) Public Service Co. of New Mexico: Minority work force was 47.3 percent. Of that, 0.6 percent were Asian American; 1.7 percent Black; 40.9 percent Hispanic; and 4.1 percent Native American. Three of nine on the board were minorities; eight of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 34.2 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

4) Sempra Energy: Minority work force was 46.8 percent. Of that, 7.4 percent were Asian American; 11.1 percent Black; 27.5 percent Hispanic; and 0.8 percent Native American. Five of 16 on the board were minorities; three of 26 top-paid were minorities; and 28.0 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

5) Toyota Motor Sales: Minority work force was 32.5 percent. Of that, 12.6 percent were Asian American; 9.0 percent Black; 10.2 percent Hispanic; and 0.7 percent Native American. Thirteen of 181 on the board were minorities; three of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 19.3 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

6) Advantica: Minority work force was 46.3 percent. Of that, 3.9 percent were Asian American; 12.9 percent Black; 28.0 percent Hispanic; and 0.5 percent Native American. Four of 12 on the board were minorities; three of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 16.6 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

7) SBC Communications: Minority work force was 36.4 percent. Of that, 4.7 percent were Asian American; 18.0 percent Black; 12.9 percent Hispanic; and 0.8 percent Native American. Four of 21 on the board were minorities; one of 25 top-paid was a minority; and 28.7 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

8) Lucent Technologies: Minority work force was 24.5 percent. Of that, 7.7 percent were Asian

American; 11.7 percent Black; 4.7 percent Hispanic; and 0.4 percent Native American. One of nine on the board was a minority; nine of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 19.5 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

9) Darden Restaurants: Minority work force was 33.8 percent. Of that, 2.5 percent were Asian American; 14.3 percent Black; 15.5 percent Hispanic; 1.5 percent Native American. Three of 12 on the board were minorities; four of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 17.7 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

10) Wal-Mart Stores: No data on the company's minority work force. Four of 15 on the board were minorities; two of 25 top-paid were minorities; and 42.0 percent of officers/managers were minorities.

To compile the ranking, *Fortune* and the Council on Economic Priorities (CEP), asked Fortune 1000 and the 200 largest privately held American companies to participate.

Companies were ranked based on: overall diversity programs; employee bonuses tied to fulfilling diversity goals; number of minority graduates hired by companies; minority representation on the company's board, corporate officers and in middle management; recent hiring practices; percentage of dollars spent with outside minority-owned suppliers; and percentage of charitable contributions given to programs primarily benefiting minorities. ■

## Warren Furutani sworn in



Warren Furutani is sworn in as a member of the Los Angeles Community College District by John Chiang, California Board of Equalization, as wife Lisa and sons Sei (left) and Joey watch.

## An Apology From P.C. Cartoonist

The fireworks came a little early for me this year. To be honest I was completely surprised at the negative response to my cartoon.

I thought I was injecting some humor to a very serious situation. By all reports in the media, the Chinese government had been successfully stealing U.S. military and nuclear secrets for decades.

I regret I didn't put "RED CHINA" on his jacket and perhaps a Tiananmen Square victory medal on his chest. Also a cap on his head with a big star.

I didn't think the cartoon character I drew was offensive but I now know that I was wrong.

I apologize to all offended Asian Americans. I may have to apologize to my many Chinese American friends and neighbors.

I am a member of the local family gathering group, the Pacific Star.



# MDC/EDC Make Decisions on Draft Resister Resolution at Bi-District

(Continued from page 1)

Much of the discussion in the EDC meeting surrounded the use of the word "apology."

"Personally, I can't see a reason for apologizing. It's Monday morning quarterbacking of what happened 50 years ago," said Nisei Patrick Okura, past national JACL president and member of the Washington, D.C., chapter. He added, "It's not necessary and I will oppose any [resolution] with the word apology."

Yet it was not only the Nisei who expressed reservation over the use of the word apology. Sansei Clyde Nishimura of the Washington, D.C., chapter said, "Personally I'm against it. I don't like the wording of [the resolution] and I don't like the word apology. As far as I'm concerned they were draft resisters and they should be proud of the stand they took."

Others in the district felt that the wording in the resolution needed to be stronger and that it failed to explain JACL's exact role during WWII. "The resolution doesn't say why the JACL is apologizing," said Sansei Paul Uyebara of the Philadelphia chapter. "The organization shouldn't apologize without saying what was wrong because that's an empty apology."

Some members pointed to an already-passed 1990 national JACL resolution recognizing the draft resisters, noting the striking similarities between the two resolutions and questioning the need for the 1999 resolution.

In addition, others pointed out that perhaps the current discussion is a result of a failure to follow through with the 1990 reso-

lution that states in part that JACL "resolves to educate our own community and the public that loyalty is not necessarily demonstrated in any singular form but can be manifested in other praiseworthy and admirable acts, and that by this recognition the JACL strives to promote and nurture the healing process of an issue that has divided our community."

"This [1999] resolution addresses an apology but how can

have a residual resounding effect of creating more ambiguity if we don't take the time to clearly define it."

Although fewer in number, some members of the EDC believe that the resisters issue needs to come to a closure and that perhaps the national resolution can put it to rest.

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—Steve Nagata  
New York chapter president

we apologize for something we haven't truly clearly defined or acknowledged ... to help educate the Sansei, the Yonsei, our generation who was not even born yet?" said Ron Uba, past president of the New York chapter. "Our generation needs to know. This is a controversy that will

of the New York chapter. "And if that takes an apology ... Why not be a large enough organization to say we have made mistakes? We're not saying one was right versus the other."

Prior to the Bi-District conference, the New York chapter voted to support the resolution. "It was

the spirit of the resolution that we were in favor of," said Nagata, who is concerned that EDC will not pass the resolution. "It was the reconciliation we wanted to convey. To hopefully bring closure to this divisive problem within the community. Unless we are able to address issues from the past we are unable to move forward."

"This issue is festering within the community," said Nisei Grayce Uyebara of the Philadelphia chapter. "This is something we really need to mediate ... with each side giving up something. We're spending too much time on this when we should be spending time on today's issues."

"My major concern is that JACL, as the largest and oldest human and civil rights organization of Asian Americans in the United States is expending so much energy on this when we still have to deal with a lot of problems around racism," said Uyebara. "We're consumed by this and it's obvious it's not going to end."

For the Midwest District, the decision to accept the national resolution came after a brief discussion, with only two chapters abstaining. Most of the MDC members agreed that it is time to bring closure to the controversial issue.

"I'm for this. Recognizing and apologizing for what we did," said Nisei Toru Ishiyama of the Cleveland chapter. For him, the resisters are heroes just like the veterans. "The vets were heroes on one level, the resisters were heroes in terms of stating their conscience." He added, "The resisters should be memorialized

like the vets or Issei. Every monument memorializes the vets, but they are not the only heroes."

The passage of the national resolution will leave an enduring and lasting legacy for the youth, said Jane Katsuyama of the Dayton chapter. "If there is any legacy that should be passed on to the young people it is just that legacy, that there is recognition in this organization that there are many ways to respond to a crisis," she said. "Some people chose to show their support to their country by enlisting. Others chose to have the courage to speak out."

Added Katsuyama, "When I think about how much courage it would have taken to do that, when so many of your fellow people are quietly going along with what has been issued by the government, I think that this is something the young people need to know. And that needs to be down in the history books."

In one week three more districts of JACL, the Pacific Northwest, Intermountain, and Mountain Plains Districts, will be asked to hold similar debates on the resisters issue at the Tri-District Conference in Ogden, Utah. For the EDC, the decision will be made in mailout ballots soon to be sent out to the various chapters.

"This is an important issue that's not to be taken lightly," said Herb Yamanishi, JACL national director. But "It may be time to bring both groups together and resolve the hurt feelings that have been going on for many years." The story of the resisters "should not just be a footnote," he added. "We should take it to the next level." ■

## EDITORIAL

### Now is the Time

BY SACHI SEKO

Six months away from the end of this millennium, the festering issue before the national JACL is the matter of extending an apology to the draft resisters. The apology is past due. The right thing would have been to have it done and over with years ago. It is an ugly growth on our Nisei psyche. Instead of cleanly cutting the cancer and quickly eliminating the tumor, we have allowed it to metastasize.

More than two decades ago, I wrote about this in my column, "From Happy Valley." Mine was not the only voice appealing to our cultural sense of honor. I was joined by others of different political stripes, by veterans of our war, the last great war, even by those who lost brothers fighting on foreign soil. Both my late husband and my late brother proudly bore arms for our country.

In my column, I wrote, "I do not think it is within our judgement to determine who possessed the most courage among us. Or to decide who was most American. What can be agreed upon is that all of us were equally victims of a grave injustice. Have we forgotten their (the resisters') sorrow in being forced to make such a decision?"

"Maybe some will never yield or change persuasions of a time and place past. But in private conversations, some who volunteered now say that perhaps the real heroes were those who resisted

Others say if the experience were to be repeated today, they, too would resist."

That particular column received more responses than any other that I wrote. And to my surprise and appreciation, I heard from veterans who said they decided not to join Nisei veterans organizations because of the frequent animosity toward the resisters. Many of those letters came

*"How is patriotism defined? Is there a standard for measuring sacrifice? Are tears counted by drops?"*

from JACL members of high standing in our national Japanese American community. I admired the dignity with which they expressed respect for their brothers who chose an alternative way to demonstrate their patriotism.

The United States Constitution was written to be tested. Consistent with our American tradition, the resisters felt equal responsibilities meant equal rights. The issue was not an attempt to avoid being drafted into military service. As free men, proven by those who later served in Korea, they were willing to bear arms for our country.

Two decades ago, I was motivated to write the piece because of the repulsion I felt for the authority and arrogance of those who dared damn the resisters. As I observe the continuing haggling, and a disgusting poverty of spirit, I am moved to re-

peat the same questions. How is patriotism defined? Is there a standard for measuring sacrifice? Are tears counted by drops?

It is reprehensible that national JACL has failed its leadership role by allowing the resister issue to fester and to hopefully wither away. It almost confirms the rumor that national JACL hoped the issue would expire by waiting for the resisters to die. Sadly, their numbers are quickly diminishing. Ironically, the rumor is identical to that which the internees directed toward the lateness of the United States government in granting redress and issuing an apology. We said our government stalled so fewer payments would have to be made as more potential recipients and their heirs died. But even a government, as large and powerful as ours, saw fit to correct itself. Correction is not capitulation.

I ended my piece of 20 years ago with this: "An organization (national JACL) so proudly dedicated to the welfare of all Japanese Americans has yet to show understanding or appreciation for those who fought and paid for American convictions in differing ways. They, too, are entitled to the human dignity that we profess to be the right of every individual."

Shame on us for having failed to keep the faith. The hour is late. Now is the time to do the right thing. ■

Sachi Seko is currently a member of the Salt Lake City chapter. She has been a contributor to the Pacific Citizen since the late '40s having written a column entitled From Happy Valley.

## EEOC Vice Chair Igasaki Voices Optimism, Concern for Racial Equality

NEW YORK — While America has made tremendous progress in the 20th century to protect its citizens from discrimination based on race, gender, age, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or physical disability, it still has not let go of many biases, said Paul Igasaki, vice chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). He is the first Asian Pacific American to hold this position.

Igasaki was a keynote speaker at the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference over the July Fourth weekend.

Igasaki, former president of the Chicago JACL chapter, and former JACL Washington, D.C., representative said, "We need a workforce that is diverse and effective. It's good for business and good for the economy. Diversity is this country's strongest economic edge."

Despite that knowledge, the nation's business and civic top leadership remains overwhelmingly white and male, according to Igasaki. Even with programs such as affirmative action and anti-discrimination laws, the glass ceiling remains impenetrable.

And with every advancement toward racial equality, there are countering events, he noted, calling to mind re-

cent hate crimes in Illinois, Wyoming and Texas, and accusations of espionage within the United States government.

"We begin to wonder if things will ever change," he said.

He urged audience members to speak out and join coalitions working for equality, saying, "for every incident of bigotry, we need to challenge statements."

One promising arena for change and social activism is coming from America's college campuses, he said, noting that in the past several years, APA, Native American, Latin American and African American students have been successful in having their universities establish ethnic studies programs.

"I am very impressed by this new activism among students," he said.

As a parent, Igasaki said he and other parents would likely "be more willing to send children to a school that helps them understand how they fit into the broader society," by studying ethnic newspapers, literature, history and languages.

He also pointed out that the APA community "has tremendous capability," saying that APAs were the only group that lobbied hard for his confirmation as EEOC vice chair.

As the number of APAs increase in this country, Igasaki reminded the audience that "anywhere there is discrimination, this community has a legacy that can help." ■



Paul Igasaki

## EDC/MDC BI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## Led By Angela Oh, New York's Civil Rights Leaders Gather to Discuss State of Race Relations

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

NEW YORK—Sometimes it's not about trying to find a solution. Sometimes it's just about sitting down and having a dialogue.

At least that was the consensus at a civil rights panel discussion on race relations led by Angela Oh, a member of the President's Initiative on Race, and keynote speaker at the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference held in New York City over the July Fourth weekend.

Joining Oh in the panel discussion were Dennis Walcott, president of the New York Urban League, Maria Padilla-Orasol, director of the Minority & Women's Business Development, Tonya Gonnella Frichner, president of the American Indian Law Alliance, and Ed Sedarbaum, assistant director for the Anti-Defamation League's New York regional office.

"The tool of dialogue... is an important first step" when it comes to dealing with America's race relations, said Oh. As a member of Clinton's Initiative on Race, Oh spent last year touring the country talking about race relations. So rewarding was the experience, she quit her private law practice in Los Angeles and now tours the country speaking and lecturing on the topic. "I feel I should capture what I hear from people across the country," she said.

Her goal in creating a dialogue on race relations, she said, is to "Move the nation closer to higher aspirations." With the number of minority communities increasing

throughout the nation, the topic of race relations should be of concern to all Americans. "There's no turning back," said Oh.

And along with the changing demographics across the country, there must come both education and understanding. She used the mixed-race community as an example, emphasizing that the mixed-race community is not something that's going to happen, it's already here. So, she asked, "Where are the models that embrace our reality?"

With the current barrage of Chinese spy allegations at the national laboratory in Los Alamos causing concern in the Asian Pacific American community, Oh said, "we are moving through some difficult times." Although the current healthy economy has helped the state of race relations, the desire to find a scapegoat, usually minority communities, will come again, Oh warned, "probably sooner than later." And APAs could once again be targeted.

And that's where organizations like the JACL have a large role to play in the state of race relations, said Oh. JACL must identify its institutional base and make clear what subjects they will focus on, she said. "You have an impact on people and you must embrace that."

Providing a more local view of race relations on the East Coast, and more specifically New York, were the other panel members joining Oh.

"I feel strongly that we must encourage these types of dialogues," said Padilla-Orasol. Although a successful career

woman living in a culturally diverse city like New York, Padilla-Orasol, a fourth-generation Latina, says she still experiences racism when she visits Middle America. If she is casually dressed in jeans and a T-shirt, people will still ask her if she speaks English. Once when she entered a store she overheard a female clerk say, "Ladies, watch out for your purses." "If I'm outside of my current arena I face racism," she said.

When it comes to addressing the issue of race relations it's really about our children and our children's children, said Walcott. For him, it's all about "speaking for the children of the 22nd century."

As president of the New York Urban League, Walcott focuses on housing and education to address race relations. Although a multiethnic city, New York's communities are still largely separated along ethnic and economic divisions.

A ride along N.Y.'s subway line is a quick way to identify the various communities in the city, simply by watching which people get off at various stops.

"Unfortunately there are still Balkanized areas in New York," said Walcott. Thus, although multiethnic, the separation of the various communities makes it difficult for the various ethnic groups to get to know one another.

But when it comes to dealing with race relations, the discussions must begin at an early age, said Walcott, and the best way is to go into the public schools. It's important not only to educate the students, he said, but to break down the

stereotypes. "All of us have stereotypes and misunderstanding — the problem is to face them, deal with them, and address them."

Like many of the panel members, Walcott warned that "sometimes we are too racially sensitive." Oftentimes people's actions are motivated by a fear of being labeled a racist and we need to move beyond "racial shyness," he said, in order to truly deal with race relations.

Although much money and energy were expended by the Clinton administration in creating the Initiative on Race, Sedarbaum believes that many groups have yet to take part in the dialogue on race. "The fact is, many people don't want to talk about differences... anything that makes them uncomfortable," he said.

To facilitate even more participation in the discussion on race relations, Sedarbaum emphasized not only educating the youth, but building coalitions. When different groups get together to solve a problem, they set their differences aside and work on the issues, said Sedarbaum. A perfect example is how dozens of ethnic groups have come together to fight for a hate crimes bill in New York, something that the state sur-

prisingly lacks. And one of the benefits of working in a coalition, he said, is that along the way, instead of simply fighting together on an issue, the groups actually get to know each other better.

Although much of the discussion on the state of race relations focused on engaging the minority communities, Frichner reminded conference members that Native Americans, a group that does not consider themselves to be a minority, should also be included in the discussions on race.

"The race initiative was a bold idea because no one wants to talk about race," said Frichner. For Native Americans, diversity is something that is simply a part of the natural life cycle. Just as diversity exists among animals and plant life, diversity also exists among humans, she said.

For hundreds of years now the Native Americans have learned to get along with the various people that have come to live in the United States. And because of that unique experience, there is much to learn from the native peoples, said Frichner. "When talking about race relations, you don't have to reinvent the wheel." ■



PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Dennis Walcott of the New York Urban League (right) speaks at the civil rights panel held during the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference.

## EDC and MDC Gets Lesson on Coalition Building

NEW YORK—Paul Uyebara led a workshop which underscored the importance of coalitions, and reviewed some basics of effective coalition building. Suggestions included JACL joining coalitions to preserve affirmative action programs and to help ensure the passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Components of a coalition are as follows:

- consists of different groups
- working together for a common goal
- the nature of the activity is political

How important is coalition activity to JACL? According to JACL's Program for Action, it should be a number one priority. Why does JACL care about building coalitions?

- strength in numbers: there are approximately 800,000 Japanese Americans within a population of 10 million Asian Pacific Americans
- discrimination and other issues such as immigration, language barriers, and being ethnic minorities are issues facing JAs, as well as other APAs. Coalitions enable affected persons to come together in a show of strength and unity
- helps stretch limited resources
- establishes networking and friendship opportunities
- creates an avenue to recruit new members

Things to consider before joining a coalition:

- what will JACL get out of it?
- where is funding coming from?
- what's the history of the coalition?

## Tapping Into Youth Interests to Recruit New Members

BY CATHY ASATO  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

NEW YORK—Using the Internet, e-mail, and other technology, JACL can help Japanese American youth connect with each other and with the organization on the local and national levels.

As the JACL's membership ages, the organization needs to think of ways to get youth interested and involved in the organization.

Unfortunately, youth membership in JACL today is minimal and the organization does not have a concerted, active effort to recruit new, young members.

At the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference held over the July Fourth weekend only two chapters, the Twin Cities and Washington, D.C., chapters, sent youth representatives. In addition, three other youth, including two youth representatives from California who serve on the national board, attended the conference.

But although the numbers were low, these youth represent a bright spot for JACL. "Their energy and enthusiasm are contagious," said Marie Matsumoto, MDC governor.

The Internet is a good entryway into learning about JACL, according to both youth and adult attendees who attended a workshop on youth at the bi-district conference.

Setting up and maintaining websites represents a great pro-

ject for the youth to get involved in, said Liz Hara, MDC youth representative. JACL should tap into the tech savviness of teens and young adults, many who have grown up with computers and have spent a lot of their free time exploring the Internet.

"The web site is where we're getting an awful lot of our young people with first con-

forum of discussion around issues such as discrimination and hate crimes, and to learn about jobs, internships, and scholarships for youth.

The interactivity would help to sustain youth interest and connecting through technology also helps students in isolated areas communicate with like-minded peers, Hara noted.

Other ways to get more

youth representative, and Amy Matsumoto, an EDC youth member, mentioned how through a JACL event they got to see and take part in a demonstration on mochi making in the Washington, D.C., area.

Ben Ezaki, president of the Twin Cities chapter said, "Special events are the way to bring them in." He mentioned that at a recent holiday party, more than 40 young children attended.

JACL should also look to colleges and high schools for potential members.

Across the country, groups of AA students are organizing. "It's exciting to see AA groups in high schools. It's very promising to see that it's not just on college campuses," said Nicole Inouye, national youth representative.

The youth also mentioned, however, that they would like to see more JACL involvement in AA student events and organizations.

Once youth are recruited into JACL, existing leaders must support their efforts to sustain their interest. They also must train them as these young people eventually will take over the leadership of the organization.

"It's important that they get experience, especially on the national board, so that when they take over leadership positions they don't go in cold," said Lillian Kimura, EDC interim governor. ■



Nicole Inouye, national youth representative (left) and Hiromi Ueha, national youth council chair, lead the youth workshop held during the EDC/MDC Bi-District conference in New York City over the July Fourth weekend.

tact," said Steve Nagata, New York chapter president.

Participants talked about establishing a virtual chapter, where youth could become part of an Internet community of JAs and Asian Americans.

A website for JA and AA youth would offer a tremendous resource for youth to talk to each other through chat rooms or bulletin boards, to post information about upcoming cultural and social events, to create a

youth involved is through family activities and cultural events. Several of the youth attending the conference were introduced to JACL by their parents who brought them to meetings and other events when they were young children.

But it's not just a family obligation that keeps them involved in JACL. "We wouldn't be doing it if we weren't having fun," Hara said.

Michelle Amano, the EDC

## East Wind

By Bill Marutani

## 'May Sky' Prized Addition to Nikkei Literature

ON MY LIST of books to read was one titled, "May Sky, There is Always Tomorrow: An Anthology of Japanese American Concentration Camp Kaiko Haiku."

I had casually rifled through its some 287 pages and had set it aside for review at a later, more leisurely time. My reading pace has slowed down so that before I finish reading a magazine, the next issue arrives and a stack of half-read magazines accumulates.

Since boyhood, my preference in books had favored history so I set aside "May Sky" and purchased George Stephanopolous' book (which I found to be such a ponderous effort that I've set it aside to finish, maybe, another time). Also started "Friends in High Places," a biography of Clark Clifford, a Washington lawyer who was adviser to presidents, starting with President Harry S. Truman (which I found fascinating reading); and Bob Woodward's "The Choice" on the subject of President Bill Clinton and Senate Leader Bob Dole, leading up to their campaigns for the presidency (interesting, about a third of the way into the book).

In the meantime, "May Sky" remained on stand-by until the other day.

THE OTHER DAY, while rummaging around the bookshelf, out cropped "May Sky." Before returning it, I leafed through a few pages and came across some fascinating haiku (poems composed of 17 syllables). Except this was "kaiko" haiku, which prompted me to check the "Kenkyusha" dictionary. The best that I could discern was that "kaiko haiku" means "freestyle," which among other things, may relieve the composer from the 17-syllable framework.

In the preface to the book, the reader is instructed that: "...The substance of haiku is that it reduces a thought-picture to its most beautiful essence with a minimum number of words which seem to flow from heart to heart."

This compilation of kaikan haiku is particularly unique in that its focus is upon the Nikkei community in America, continuing in the dark period of their uprooting and confinement behind barbed-wire fences.

THE LAYOUT of this book is well thought out so that even those who do not read or understand *nihon-go* can nonetheless comprehend what is written.

There are three language

paths that the reader can follow: the *nihon-bun* (Japanese script), including *kanji* (the Chinese characters); the *romaji*, (pronunciation in English alphabet); and the translation into English. If you happen to retain some reading ability from your Japanese school days or Military Intelligence Service training, you will find this three-way elucidation even more enticing.

THE SPARK behind all this is Violet Kazuo de Cristoforo of Salinas, Calif. The organization of the book, the compilation and the translation — all reflect commendable competence. Particularly acute, in my opinion, is translating the haiku words into English. To preserve and convey the message of the haiku requires critical familiarity of both English and Japanese. Mrs. de Cristoforo fully demonstrates such familiarity. A prize addition to my collection of Nikkei history.

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After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the P.C.

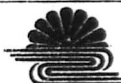
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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

## Names Dickstein, Fujikawa Recall Memories



THE name of the late Samuel Dickstein popped up in a news magazine recently and stirred a distant memory about his connection with a Japanese American milestone.

Dickstein was a Democratic member of Congress who represented New York City's Lower East Side for 11 terms, beginning in 1923. He was an outspoken advocate for Congressional investigation of subversives in America, a role assumed later by Sen. Joe McCarthy.

Dickstein's name came up in a review of a well-documented new book titled, "The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in America" (Random House), which identifies him as a paid agent feeding sensitive information to the Soviets while he was a member of Congress. In other words, a spy and traitor.

But his Japanese American connection is completely innocent. He was chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization which in 1935 conducted hearings on a bill to grant citizenship to Asians — under the law they were not allowed to become naturalized — who had served in the United States Armed Forces during World War I. Tokutaro

(Tokie) Nishimura Slocum, born in Japan but reared in North Dakota, a genuine American war hero, appeared before Dickstein's committee to plead for citizenship. The committee approved the bill which sailed through Congress. President Roosevelt signed the measure and Slocum and several hundred Issei veterans were permitted to become American citizens.

The JACL had endorsed Slocum's mission and hailed passage of the citizenship bill as a great triumph. In reality, that young and impoverished organization had provided Slocum only meager support.

California-born artist Gyo Fujikawa, who died late last year in New York at the age of 90, didn't get the recognition she deserved in her obituaries. Billions — not millions — of copies of her work were distributed although she received scant public credit.

Back in 1987, the Stamp Collector newspaper reported that the United States Postal Service asked her to submit some color sketches of a red rose. She bought some roses, studied color photographs and submitted seven sketches.

Four years later, she was no-

tified that one of her sketches would be used. By then her eyesight had deteriorated to the point she could no longer paint. Finally in 1993, Fujikawa's red rose 29-cent stamp was issued. That was followed by her 32-cent pink rose in 1995 and the 32-cent yellow rose in 1996 and 1997.

More than 30 years earlier she had designed a 5-cent stamp showing the Jefferson Memorial framed by the Japanese cherry trees in full bloom and a 4-cent stamp showing cherry blossoms with the Washington Memorial in the background. I've used those stamps over the years without knowing their story. Thanks to Michio Kimura of Seattle for bringing this information to my attention.

Gyo Fujikawa's main occupation was illustrating children's books. Two of them, "Babies" and "Baby Animals," are reportedly still in print after selling 1.3 million copies. What a legacy she left. Would it be possible to show some of her work at the National Japanese American Museum? ■

Bill Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the Denver Post. His column appears regularly in the P.C.

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## Leadership

## How to Enhance Your Career Influence and Mobility: Getting More of What You Want

BY GLEN KAWAFUCHI  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

"Americans have to cope with job change on a scale never before seen in this country," Robert Reich, former secretary of labor

"As a way of organizing work, the job is a social artifact that has outlived its usefulness. Its demise confronts everyone with unfamiliar risks — and rich opportunities." William Bridges, Johsbift

The old social contract between employers and workers used to be pretty straightforward. You worked hard. The company gave you periodic promotions and salary increases. You promised to be loyal to your employer. They gave you job security, perhaps even a decent pension and lifetime health benefits.

In today's workplace, the old contract is long gone and workers are confronted not only by constant change but tremendous ambiguity about the terms and conditions of employment.

Mergers and acquisitions, workforce downsizing, TQM, reengineering, outsourcing and the like, are all corporate strategies in response to an increasingly competitive global marketplace that have contributed to a vastly different work landscape as we approach the next century. What are the career strategies for the workers of today and tomorrow? How do we get ahead, enhance our influence and career mobility, and obtain more of what we want and need in this chaotic new world?

As other writers have indicated in recent years, we are becoming a nation of free agents in response to these changes. We are not just leaving corporate America in droves to become independent con-

tractors, consultants or small business owners, we are also beginning to operate like free agents within corporations.

To survive and flourish in this rapidly shifting landscape we must make the transition from traditional employees to You, Inc. We must learn to operate as individual business units working collaboratively with other business units both within and external to larger companies.

**Define and segment your market** — As individual businesses, we must clearly define:

- the markets we are targeting
- who our current and potential customers are

• what products and services they need and want, etc.

As You, Inc., we must learn to assess the other parts of our organizations, our external customers and suppliers, our profession, our communities as potential markets for our products and services. Everyone with whom we interact may be a prospective customer.

**Identify unsatisfied needs**

- Where are the unrecognized opportunities?

Asian Pacific Americans represent a small but rapidly growing segment of the overall consumer market. Most mainstream businesses have overlooked our combined buying power and have little or no understanding about how to tailor their marketing efforts to get our attention. What are the employment or career opportunities for us in bridging this gap?

- Which of our areas of expertise are being underutilized?

Organizations are typically unaware of the range of knowledge and skills many of their employees have, particularly if these compe-

tencies are not used to carry out their regular responsibilities, e.g., the language and cultural expertise first-generation immigrants have that may be advantageous in a global marketplace.

**Determine your products and services**

- What are your products and services?

In what ways have your customers benefited since you began to support them?

- What bottom-line results would your customers cite to others as examples of the superiority of your products and services to comparable ones?

**Establish your Brand Identity**

What is your brand identity in the eyes of your customers, i.e., what do they think of when they think of you?

- What makes your brand compelling and unique?

As consumers, whenever we shop for any type of product or service, we are confronted by a range of comparable ones. To get our attention, companies like Coca-Cola, IBM, the Body Shop, all seek to establish distinctive brand identities that establish how their products or services make them unique and value-added.

As APAs, several of our cultural values (humility, respect for authority, perseverance and hard work, loyalty to family and group) have caused us to be perceived as ideal workers in the eyes of mainstream employers.

To create a compelling brand identity in today's market, particularly if we wish to be perceived as leaders rather than followers, how do our values and related behaviors as well as our knowledge and skills need to be repositioned? How do we want to be perceived? Why should our current and prospective customers use our products and services versus those of others?

**What makes you unique?**

To get ahead, enhance our influence and career mobility, and obtain more of what we want and need, it's essential that we learn to operate effectively as individual businesses, i.e., as You, Inc. We must discover what our customers rave about when asked about our products and services. What do we do that is perceived to add significant and measurable value? What are we most proud of? What are the most fulfilling things that we do that we feel absolutely passionate about? Doing so requires a commitment to a lifelong journey of self-discovery and development. ■

Glen Kawafuchi is vice president of training for LEAP, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc.

## Murakami Headed for Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame

University of Hawaii baseball coach Les Murakami will be among six coaches inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the ABCA convention in Chicago on Jan. 7, 2000.

During 29 seasons at the helm of the university's Rainbow baseball program, Murakami has compiled a record of 1,042 games won, 536 lost and 4 tied. He guided the Rainbows to within one victory of the College World Series in 1980 and has won Western Athletic Conference titles in 1980, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1991 and 1992.

Murakami will share the honor with Bill Althouse of Stanford, Jack Allen of Thierston State, Texas; Dr. Jim Bowden of California State University-Stanislaus; John Fontana of Southington, Conn.; High School; and Richard Rockwell of Le Moyne, N.Y., College. They will join 183 coaches already in the ABCA Hall of Fame. ■

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

## Tomin Harada, 87, Surgeon Aided 'Hiroshima Maidens'

Dr. Tomin Harada, 87, who led a group of 25 disfigured atomic bomb survivors known as the "Hiroshima Maidens" to the United States in 1955 for plastic surgery, died June 15 in his native Hiroshima.

Plastic surgery in Japan was unavailable at the time so operations were performed at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Quaker families in the area provided home care.

A Japan Army physician in Taiwan when WWII ended, Harada returned in 1946 to Hiroshima to set up private practice and was known among American peace activists in the 1960s for his peace missions in the United States and Europe. ■

## Shig Kariya, 84, Helped Found Mikasa, Inc.

Shig Kariya, one of the founders of Mikasa, Inc., the tableware company, died June 25 of pneumonia at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Springs, Md. He was 84.

Though his parents had emigrated to California in 1913, his father's business in selling U.S. scrap metal to Japan for World War I often took them back to Japan, where Kariya was born in 1915. He had lived in America since he was 4 years old, an alien ineligible for citizenship until naturalization laws were changed in 1952. He graduated in the '30s from Los Angeles Junior College in business. Kariya recognized in the '40s that Americans wanted affordable chinaware and so teamed with several Nikkei to form American Commercial Inc. to import inexpensive tableware from Japan. The company changed its name to Mikasa, Inc.

In 1988, Kariya was awarded a decoration from the Emperor of Japan for promoting good relations between United States and Japan. He was president of the Japanese American Association of New York, where he lived for 40 years. The family moved to Bethesda, Md., in 1991.

Surviving are wife Jean, sons Scott (New York), Kent (Bethesda) and Steven (Potomac, Md.), two grandchildren. ■

Abe, Dorrie Sumi, 78, Seattle, May 23; Seattle-born, Minidoka internee; survived by husband George S.; sons Larry M., David A. and wife Deborah; daughters Linda M. Blackston, Vicki K. Marianne S. Okamoto and husband Douglas; 8 g.; brother Bob M. Akimoto.

Afuso, Charles Hideko, 86, Los Angeles, June 25; Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by son Mark, daughter Joy; brothers Roy and wife Betty, Mitsuo, sister Fumi Ihsa and husband Kenichi; brother-in-law Joseph Matsuo and wife Take; sister-in-law Asako Yakahi.

Ashida, Shigeo, 98, Mission Viejo, June 21; Sendai, Miyagi-ken-born; survived by son Dr. Kaoru Dyo and wife Alice (Austin, Texas); daughter Emily Hori and husband Kazuo; 4 g.; stepdaughter Marta (Guadalajara, Mexico).

Fujimura, William S., Fairport, N.Y., May 19; survived by wife Amy; sons Mark, Robert and wife Anne; 4 g.; mother Shizuyo (Japan); sister Dorothy Netzloff (California).

Katsuyoshi, Harumi (Ben), 89, Menlo Park, June 18; Hawaii-born; survived by wife Michiko, son Eiichi and wife Iyoko (San Jose); daughters Keiko Evans and husband Jim (Sacramento), Reiko Ross and husband John (San Francisco), Chiye Doyle and husband Terry (Ashland, Ore.); 7 g.

Matsumoto, Nobu, 96, Fountain Valley, June 24; Tottori-ken-born; survived by sons Kay and wife Masako; Takeshi (Nevada), Terry and wife Sachiko (Nevada), Hiroshi and wife Elise, Fred; 8 g.

Murakami, Seiko, 78, Gardena, June 20; Seattle-born; survived by husband Shigenobu; daughters Katherine Keiko Seki and husband Gary, Janet Kazuye Otside and husband Earl; 5 g.; brother Eddy Fujihiro; sisters-in-law Shigeo Fujihiro, Shizuyo Okamoto (Japan), Masaya Masukawa (Japan); brother-in-law Katsuyoshi Murakami (Japan).

Nakamura, Chizuko, 82, San Jose, June 20; San Francisco-born; survived by husband Toshiro; brother Yoshio and wife Miko (San Lorenzo).

Ohigashi, Dale Yoshio, 49, Gardena, June 18; Los Angeles-born; survived by father Masaru; mother Yoshiko; brother Jerry Masayoshi; sisters Mariko, Masaye.

Okano, Richard M., 79, Castro Valley, June 21; Sacramento-born; survived by wife Susan; sons Dicky (Union City), Dean (Tracy), Toshio (San Jose), Gary (Fremont); daughters Doris Wilson (Pennygrove), Delia Ikeda (Livermore); 3 g.

Shiomi, Chiyo, 107, Portland, Ore., June 8; Isashi, Japan-born, Minidoka internee; survived by daughter Lury Sato; 5 g., 2 g.; predeceased by husband Hood Sadaji; son Woodrow S.

Shiomi, Woodrow S., "Woody," Portland, service April 12; survived by wife Hiro; son Harvey; 2 g.; sister Lury Sato; predeceased by father Hood Sadaji. ■

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## Japan's World War II Museum Opens Amidst Controversy

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TOKYO—After years of controversy, Tokyo now has a national museum chronicling the events of World War II. But it is a portrait cleansed of Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima and almost any direct reference to the front lines.

The transformation of the Showa Hall museum, which opened in March, from a war memorial into a bland exhibition of wartime life shows how difficult it is for Japan to reckon with its past.

The roiling passions aroused by Japan's role in WWII has proved too much for the museum, according to Hirokazu Ishida of the government agency overseeing the \$101 million project.

"The people on the left wanted wartime responsibility addressed," he said. "The people on the right protested they didn't want an anti-war memorial. It became impossible to display anything historical about the war."

By the time the museum opened, a decade after the project began, officials had backed down from plans to deal with the responsibility issue and instead settled on the safer theme of the hardships suffered by civilians at home.

Food-rationing tickets are exhibited next to worn-out letters sent to troops. Black-and-white movie footage shows people digging bomb shelters.

Not surprisingly, the toning down of the museum's message hasn't pleased activists on either side of the issue.

A Tokyo-based group representing veterans' families, which pushed for the museum, says the museum fails to do justice to the war, which left nearly 2 million Japanese dead, 672,000 of them civilians.

## Puyallup Valley Chapter Installs Officers



PHOTO: AKI YOTSUYE

The Puyallup Valley chapter officers for 1999-2000 were installed by PNW District Co-governor Elaine Akagi. They are (from left): Jeff Hiroo, v.p.-Valley; Dudley Yamane, co-treasurer; Carolyn Takemoto, v.p.-Tacoma; Sarah Sugimoto, board; Miyo Uchiyama, v.p.-membership; Steve Kono, v.p.-File; and Elsie Taniguchi, president.

## JACL

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spree. As a congregation was leaving Sabbath services at a Chicago synagogue, the gunman wounded six Orthodox Jews. Thirty minutes later, the gunman's next victim did not survive. While walking with his two children, Ricky Birdsong, an African American and former Northwestern University basketball coach, was gunned down and later died at Evanston Hospital. Next, at 9:20 p.m. EDT, the gunman fired at an Asian Pacific American couple as they were driving. On Saturday the gunman continued the shooting spree, firing at two African American men in Springfield, Ill. Finding six APA men on Saturday evening, the gunman fired shots, wounding one man in the leg. On Sunday morning (11:00 a.m. EDT), another victim did not survive. As Korean American congregation mem-

bers were leaving their services, the same gunman fired and killed Won-Joon Yoon in Bloomington, Ind.

"We are greatly concerned with individuals who are demonstrating their hate with such violence across the U.S. We have got to join together in strong leadership and stop the hate. Our JACL chapters are ready to go to work to stop the hate," states Helen Kawagoe, JACL national president.

Lori Fujimoto, national vice president for the JACL, comments in Sacramento, "We greatly appreciate the efforts of the FBI and local law enforcement. FBI representatives in Sacramento and Chicago have been extremely responsive to the diverse communities in the last two weeks." Fujimoto adds, "It takes strong leadership to stand up to hate crimes. We need to deter future violent acts of hate by stiffening the federal penalties for hate crimes. It is time for Congress to take action on the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999."

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## SUPREMACIST

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Hayes said.

About 12 hours later, six men of Asian descent were standing on a corner near the University of Illinois when three or four shots were fired. A 22-year-old graduate student was hit in the leg and was in serious condition Sunday. Urbana police spokesman Michael Metzler said.

On Sunday's attack, Won-Joon Yoon was hit twice in the back and killed outside the church. Witnesses told police that after firing into the crowd, the shooter sped off, running several lights.

"He was apparently parked at the corner and waited for these people to come out of church and then fired," Bloomington Police Chief Jim Kennedy said.

Hayes said 380-caliber shell casings — the same kind found in some of the Chicago shootings — were also found at the scene of the Indiana church attack.

Last year on the Fourth of July, Smith took white supremacist fliers under windshields around Bloomington. Asked whether the shootings this weekend were related to Independence Day, Bloomington Police Capt. William Parker said, "It raises questions in our minds."

Parker said Smith passed out similar hate literature when enrolled at the University of Illinois. The *Daily Illini* reported that Smith attended the school from 1996 through 1998 before being expelled. Urbana police said he had

been in trouble with campus police, including for drug possession.

Smith attended Indiana University from the summer of 1998 through the spring of 1999, and he is believed to have moved to the Chicago area in May.

One of the men wounded in Friday night's shootings, who asked that his name not be used for fear of retribution, said he looked into the gunman's eyes.

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34. Chichibu Yomatsuri & Onsen	10/14-10/25	Tracy Taguchi	3,190
35. Ozarks/Branson Christmas Tour	11/25-12/6	Toy Kanegai	2,974
	12/1-12/6	George Kanegai	

## 2000 GROUP TOURS

Hokkaido Snow Festival	2/02-2/11	Bill Sakurai	
Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Tour	April	TBA	
Japan Cherry Blossom Tour	April	TBA	
China Special & Hong Kong Tour	May	TBA	
Japan Spring Tour	May	TBA	
Japan Summer Basic Tour	June	TBA	
China Yangtze River Cruise & Hong Kong	6/28-7/8	Toy Kanegai	3,549
Italy and the Passion Play	8/10-8/21	Bill Sakurai	3,335
Scandinavia (Denmark, Norway & Sweden)	9/26-10/8	Toy Kanegai	3,499
Alpine Countries & Passion Play			

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