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A Call For Diversity at East Meets West JamFest 2000

By **LYNDESEY SHINODA**
Writer/Reporter

It was a lot like Star Search, except it was outdoors and Ed McMahon was nowhere to be seen. And the performers happened to be Asian Americans, all deserving four stars for their efforts.

Welcome to the East Meets West JamFest 2000, held May 13 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Presented by Asian

team Cheech and Chong, with an award in recognition of his achievements and the acknowledgment of the path he helped pave for APAs in the entertainment business.

"I want to thank whoever is responsible for giving this to me. I think I can make a bong out of it," said Chong jokingly as he thanked the crowd.

Also honored at the event was musical group Hiroshima who were unable to accept the award



PHOTO: LYNDESEY SHINODA

Polynesian Paradise Dancers perform at JamFest 2000.

American Media Development, the all-day festival aimed to promote more diversity in television and cinema.

Performances ranged from a capella soloists to modern dancers. The Tanzer Dancers moved and twirled to Alanis Morissette's "Uninvited," dressed in all black, and presented a dramatic modern dance interpretation that had the audience captivated. Soloist Rosy Donovan sang a beautiful a cappella melody called "What I Need," wowing the audience with her vocal range. The Rayko Band kept things lively, with their lead singer in her red snakeskin pants and black tank. With long, dyed blonde hair and platform boots that reached the sky, she was the epitome of rock star.

Steve Dunning was at JamFest 2000 promoting a film he directed, called "Now Chinatown," which was filmed in Los Angeles' Chinatown and boasts an all-Asian cast.

"I think this is a very good event, because there's a wide variety of performers, some even singing in Japanese and Chinese," said Dunning. "With the big Latin explosion, I wonder if the Asians will be next."

The festival honored Tommy Chong, of the comedy tandem

in person.

In-between the various acts and the honoring of special guests, celebrity emcee Garrett Wang kept the audience entertained. He and fitness guru Kiana Tom raffled off prizes, much to the delight of the male audience members, who thoroughly enjoyed Tom's presence. She was later seen signing boys' T-shirts with "Keep flexing!"

The festival also offered food booths and vendors including *Yak Magazine* and Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches who spread the word about their respective causes. The title sponsor of JamFest 2000 was Denny's restaurant. ■

White House Announces 21 APA Medal of Honor Awardees

The Department of Defense has released the names of 21 APA veterans of World War II who are to be awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest commendation.

The Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance received a formal notice from Washington that, of the 21 veterans to be honored, President Clinton has approved awarding 19 members of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team the Medal of Honor for action during WWII.

According to Alliance president Roy Machida, three of the 442nd RCT honorees known to be living are Sen. Daniel Inouye, Barney Hajiro and George T. Sakato, all of Hawaii.

The 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most highly decorated unit in the history of the U.S. Armed forces, earned over 18,000 individual decorations, including 9,486 Purple Hearts and seven Presidential Unit Citations, the nation's top award for combat units.

Many of the JAs who served in the 100th/442nd volunteered from internment camps where their families had been forcibly relocated after the outbreak of war.

The 100th/442nd fought in eight major campaigns in Italy, France and Germany, including battles at Monte Cassino, Anzio, and Bifontaine. At Bifontaine, the 100th/442nd fought perhaps its most famous battle, the epic "Rescue of the Lost Battalion," in which the JA unit sustained over 800 casualties to rescue 211 members of the Texan 1st Battalion of the 141st Regiment.

The 21 Asian American recommendations were made by Secre-

tary of the Army Louis Caldera following a review by the Army of the war records of those APA veterans whose WWII bravery at the time earned them the award of the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award.

The review of the records was authorized by the 1996 Defense Authorization Act to ensure wartime conditions had not led to such bravery being inadequately recognized. Sen. Daniel Akaka of Hawaii authored the specific provision to ensure that the veterans' valorous actions could be considered, notwithstanding statutory time restrictions for considering such awards. While 104 APAs were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions during WWII, only two were awarded the Medal of Hon-

or.

In a statement, Akaka said: "President Clinton's approval of the Medal of Honor for these 21 men who served with valor in World War II is long overdue recognition of the heroic service and bravery displayed by these Asian American soldiers and their comrades in arms. As we honor these patriots let us also remember the thousands of young men, living and dead, whose courage, sacrifice and spirit proved that patriotism is a circumstance of the heart, not a consequence of the skin."

"The Army has done a tremendous job conducting the Distinguished Service Cross review. I commend Secretary Caldera and all the Army personnel who con-

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Those who were approved to receive the Medal of Honor are:

Staff Sgt. Rudolph Davila, 84, of Vista, Calif., singlehandedly saved 130 riflemen from German machine-gun fire.

Pvt. Barney Hajiro, 82, of Waipahu, Hawaii; as he led his men under enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, he destroyed two German machine-gun nests and killed two snipers.

Pvt. Mikio Hasemoto of Hawaii, killed a total of 31 Germans and wounded four during two attacks; was killed in another attack six days later.

Pvt. Joe Hayashi of Pasadena, Calif., singlehandedly knocked out two enemy machine-gun nests, then rose to pursue enemy troops and was killed by machine-gun fire.

Pvt. Shizuya Hayashi, 82, Pearl City, Hawaii, charged an enemy machine-gun nest through grenade and mortar fire, killed nearly 20 Germans and took four prisoners.

2nd Lt. Daniel Inouye, 75, of Honolulu, led the attack on Mt. Nebbione, Italy, cracking the western anchor of the "Gothic Line," destroyed three German machine-gun positions, stayed to direct his troops after his right arm was shattered by a grenade.

Tech Sgt. Yelki Kobashigawa, 82, of Waianae, Hawaii; he and a companion destroyed two German machine-gun defense emplacements.

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Candidates for JACL National Presidency Outline Their Vision

This is the first in a series of articles that will profile each of the candidates for national JACL offices. The information is taken from the nomination forms completed by each candidate in which they responded to questions about their qualifications, their definition of leadership and the manner in which they would implement the JACL Program for Action.

The candidates for JACL president are Lori Fujimoto, Floyd Mori and Dr. Frank Sakamoto.

Lori Fujimoto

Lori Fujimoto is a member of the Sacramento chapter. She works for the California Employment Development Department as a budget manager. She is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento, with a bachelor's degree in business.

JACL Background:

- National Vice President for Public Affairs, 1996-2000
- Participant, JACL/OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference, 1996
- Sacramento Chapter Delegate for NCNWP Activities, 1993-1999
- Sacramento Chapter Vice Pres-

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Rep. Becerra Introduces New Redress Legislation

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

To address unresolved redress cases and the underfunding of the public education program, U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., announced on May 15 the introduction of the Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2000.

The Act seeks to provide equitable redress to all Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans whose civil liberties were violated by the U.S. govern-

ment during World War II but were denied a government apology and a token \$20,000 compensation under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. It would also reauthorize \$45 million into the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund to fulfill the mandates of the 1988 law.

Becerra estimated that the bill would compensate roughly 2,000 people who were denied redress on technical grounds. Some of the people affected would be:

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra announced the introduction of the Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2000 in front of the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center on display at the Japanese American National Museum. He was joined by (l-r) Doug Kato, son of Kay Sadao Kato; Mariko Nakanishi, with Campaign for Justice; and Wendy Hirota.

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JACL Calendar

National

Mon., June 26-Sun., July 2—36th Biennial JACL National Convention; DoubleTree Inn, Monterey, Calif.; special rate for JACL conventioners. Reservations ASAP: 831/649-4511, <www.doubletreemonterey.com>.

Eastern WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun., May 28—52nd Annual JACL Memorial Day Service; see Community Calendar.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., June 3—District Council education meeting; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Chicago JACL office, 5415 N. Clark St. Info: Bill Yoshino, 773/728-7170.

CINCINNATI

Thurs., June 1—Application deadline for Cincinnati chapter scholarships. Info: Ruth Takeuchi, scholarship chair, 513/759-2056.

Intermountain

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., May 20—Oratorical Competition and District Council Meeting; Pocatello.

WASATCH FRONT NORTH

Thurs.-Sat., June 8-10—Wasatch Front North JACL Basketball Tournament; Davis High School; revolving trophy and plaques; Karai after-tournament social at Oakridge Country Club on June 10. Info: Marion Hori, 801/451-9542.

Pacific Northwest

PUYALLUP VALLEY

Sat., June 3—Potluck Dinner: Installation, graduate honors, scholarship awards, special recognitions, Densho Project presentation; 5:30 p.m., Tacoma Buddhist Church Social Hall. Info: Elsie Taniguchi, 206/824-2402.

NC-WN Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., June 3—NCWNP District's pre-convention budgeting to review resolutions, the budget, and to meet the candidates running for national office; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JACL National Headquarters, San Francisco. Info: NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada, 415/345-1075.

DISTRICT EVENT

Sun., June 4—48th Annual Junior Olympics; see Community Calendar.

SAN JOSE

Sat., May 20—Scholarship Awards Luncheon; Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Japantown.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 21—CCDC Scholarship Luncheon and Pre-convention Meeting; Sunnyside Country Club.

Pacific Southwest

PSW DISTRICT

Wed., June 28—A chartered bus will leave for the national convention in Monterey (July 2 return); pick-up points in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo and West Los Angeles; cost \$100 or less, according to number of passengers. RSVP ASAP: 213/626-4471.

RIVERSIDE

Oshidari, 408/257-5609. e-mail: <oshidari@edtechcorp.com>.

BERKELEY

Sat., Sun., May 20-21—Berkeley Buddhist Temple Annual Bazaar; 4 p.m.-10 p.m., games, crafts, baked goods, food, silent auction, taiko, martial arts, traditional dance, etc. Info: 510/841-1356, <http://home.pacbell.net/bangnap>.

EAST BAY

Sat., May 20—Memorial Service for 100th 442nd MIS and all WWII veterans; 11 a.m., by the 442nd RCT Redwood Tree at Roberts Park in Joaquin Miller Park. Info: Lawson Sakai, 408/842-3718.

FREMONT

Sat., May 20—Union Bank of California Bowlathon. Info: Frank Nakasako, 510/656-1722.

Mon., May 29—Memorial Day Services. Info: Frank Nakasako, 510/656-1722.

MONTEREY

Fri., June 30—Veterans Tribute Dinner; 6 p.m. cocktail reception; 7 p.m. dinner, DoubleTree Hotel De Anza Ballroom; Gen. Eric Shinseki keynote speaker; Hon. Robert I. Dole invited; fund-raiser for the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. RSVP ASAP: Judy Niizawa, 408/733-7692; e-mail: jniizawa@earthlink.net.

SACRAMENTO

Sat., May 20—Demonstration of Japanese Woodworking Tools by Stan Umeda; 7 p.m., Belle Colledge Community Center, 5699 S. Land Park Dr. RSVP: 916/489-1291.

Southern California LOS ANGELES

Sat., May 20—Bazaar-Carnival; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Mariposa Ave.; fresh produce, flowers, plants, giftware, sushi, teriyaki, tacos, fresh strawberry shortcake, games, prizes; security parking and shuttle service. Info: 213/387-1334.

Sat., May 20—Performance, "Jewel of the World: A Night in Bali"; classical Balinese music and dance; 7 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 626/583-1988 ext. 130.

Sun., May 21—Y2K Scholarship Awards Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m., Lakeside Room at Fairmount Park, 2624 Fairmount Blvd.

SAN DIEGO

Wed., May 31—Premiere Screening, "Democracy Under Pressure: Japanese Americans and World War II"; see Community Calendar. ■

2000 JACL Sweepstakes

Chapters can now buy 2000 JACL sweepstakes tickets. Last year's sweepstakes raised over \$40,000 and benefited JACL programs.

For a donation of \$40, members will have a chance to win various prizes, including grand prize: \$3,000; 2nd prize: \$1,000 (two winners); 3rd prize: \$500 (two winners); Seaworld Fun Packs. Seaworld Fun Packs are courtesy of Seaworld California and San Diego, one of the Anheuser Busch Adventure Parks.

Winners will be announced at the national convention in Monterey at the Sayonara Banquet on July 2, and you don't need to be present to win. If you haven't bought tickets yet, please contact your local chapter president. ■

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thurs., May 25—Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Sixth Annual Dinner; 6:30 p.m. reception; 7:30 dinner, Capital Hilton, 16th & K Sts. NW; President Clinton invited to speak. Info: 877/547-4318.

Sun., May 28—52nd Annual JACL Memorial Day Service; 10 a.m., Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium Ceremonial Courtyard; brunch at Hyatt in Rosslyn following service. RSVP: Kim Nakahara, 703/522-4231, e-mail: chieko@aol.com.

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony. Registration, information: NJAMF, 800/607-8550.

The Midwest

CHICAGO

Tues., May 23—Cook County Board APA Reception; 5 p.m., 118 N. Clark, 5th Fl.; salute to AAs who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Info: Matthew DeLeon, 312/603-6795.

Tues., May 30—"Understanding Asian Americans: Survey Research on Asian Americans in Chicagoland"; 5:30 p.m., Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave. Info: 773/271-0899.

MILWAUKEE

Fri., May 26—Exhibit Opening, "Currents 28: Hiroshi Sugimoto"; Milwaukee Art Museum, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Info: 414/224-3200, <www.mam.org>.

ST. LOUIS

Tues., May 30—Symposium on "The Tale of Genji"; St. Louis Art Museum, Forest Park. Info: Nikki Hara, 314/821-4100.

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., June 4—48th Annual Junior Olympics track and field event; Chabot College, Hayward. Info: Tom

Thurs., May 25—Film showing: "First Person Plural"; 7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-4462 ext. 68, e-mail: viscom@apanet.org.

Thurs., May 25—"Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire" with author Chalmers Johnson, president, Japan Policy Research Institute; 6-7:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. RSVP by May 23: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 202.

Sat., May 27—Book discussion: "From Harsh Winters to Bountiful Harvests — The Journey of Japanese Americans"; 9:30-11:30 a.m.; South-east Branch, Torrance Public Library. RSVP: Paula Weiner, 310/618-5950.

Sat., May 27—Rafu Club Lecture, "Meetings Widen Your World" with Japanese TV scenario writer Mieko Oyamauchi; 4 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/629-2231.

Tues., May 30—Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team benefit concert, "An Exploration in Strings"; 8 p.m., Crystal Ballroom, Regal Biltmore Hotel. Concert and reception \$100, with dinner \$150. Info: 213/553-1830.

Wed., May 31—Free Asthma Screening for adults and children; 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Pacific Alliance Medical Group, 1933 W. Valley Blvd., Alhambra. Info: 626/288-0838.

Through July 16—Exhibit, "Diamonds in the Rough: Japanese Americans in Baseball"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 415/921-5007.

SAN DIEGO

Wed., May 31—Premiere Screening, "Democracy Under Pressure: Japanese Americans and World War II"; 6:30 p.m., San Diego Central Library, 820 E. St. Info: 619/527-7855.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat., May 27—Martial Arts Festival, 2-4 p.m.; Info: 382-3493. ■

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LEGISLATION

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• Nikkei railroad and mine workers: This group became eligible for redress only after they had filed a lawsuit and received a favorable Supreme Court ruling six months before the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 expired in 1998. But because many existing railroad and mine workers could not be contacted within that six-month window, many did not receive redress. Becerra's legislation would remedy this.

• Non-permanent residents at the time of incarceration: These people would include potential claimants such as Kay Sadao Kato, a former Rohwer internee who lawfully immigrated to the United States in 1928 under the restrictive Immigration Act of 1924 and Japanese Latin Americans such as Art Shibayama, who found themselves categorized as "illegal alien" after he and his family were forcibly removed from Peru and incarcerated in a U.S. Department of Justice INS camp to be used in hostage exchanges between the United States and Japan.

• "Cut off" claimants: U.S. citizens born inside camps after June 30, 1946, and U.S. citizens such as Wendy Hirota, who were born outside of camp after Jan. 20, 1945, would qualify. Hirota noted that her father, Kentaro Takatsui, was issued an individual exclusion order after the government lifted exclusion orders for the general Nikkei public and thus maintained that her family's constitutional right to travel prevented them from returning to the West Coast.

"We're trying to cover anyone who would qualify," said Becerra.

If the Act passes, it would also potentially resolve several pending lawsuits currently filed against the U.S. government, including *Jane Natsue Yano/Kay Sadao Kato/Ogura family vs.*

U.S., Art Shibayama vs. U.S., Henry Shima vs. U.S., and NCR/Suzuki vs. U.S. (on appeal).

In addition, the Act would cover all JLAS affected during WWII, regardless of whether they had accepted the 1988 Mochizuki vs. U.S. settlement which provided an apology and a \$5,000 compensation, contingent on available funds. Becerra said the Act would allow JLAS, who have already received the \$5,000 under the Mochizuki settlement, to refile for an additional \$15,000 in redress payments.

Shibayama, 69, is grateful for Becerra's support. Shibayama was only 13 years old when he and his family were forcibly brought to the United States from Peru and interned at Crystal City in Texas. Once WWII ended, the Shibayamas, like other JLAS, found themselves a people without a country: Peru no longer welcomed them back and America categorized them as "illegal aliens." Shibayama contacted the U.S. government, which suggested that he and his family travel to Canada and re-enter America legally in order to receive permanent resident status. They did this, but at the time were again denied permanent resident status. It would be years before the Shibayama's status in America was straightened out.

Taking all this into consideration, Shibayama said it never crossed his mind to accept the lesser redress offer of \$5,000.

"I didn't want to be discriminated against again because actually we went through a harder time than Japanese Americans," said Shibayama.

Campaign for Justice (CFJ) spearheaded this latest effort to lobby for a more comprehensive redress legislation. Last month, they launched a letter writing campaign after receiving favorable responses in Washington, D.C.

National JACL Director John

Tateishi commended the efforts of Becerra and CFJ and offered his moral support.

"While the JACL supports the intent of the legislation, we continue to stand by the settlement in the Mochizuki lawsuit which we were involved in with a considerable commitment of resources," said Tateishi. "At best, the current legislation will be difficult to get through the Congress, but this shouldn't discourage anyone concerned about the bill because in 1978, the chances of redress for Japanese Americans was viewed as an impossibility. I admire the current effort and will of course lend a hand whenever and wherever I can."

Both CFJ and Becerra were optimistic about the passage of the bill but said community support was crucial.

"I think it would be difficult for anyone to argue against this [bill] on the merits," said Becerra. "It's just a matter of politically getting the votes that you need. Perhaps, the only difficulty is the money. People might argue that it's a \$100 million or thereabouts, it could be less, but it's a chunk of money. It's nowhere near the more than \$1-billion that was paid out under the Civil Liberties Act but it's still a chunk of money. But I would hope that people would realize this isn't just money we're trying to come up with but it's trying to redress some of the wrongs done to a number of people."

For more information or to support the bill, contact the following CFJ members: Mariko Nakanishi - tel/fax: 323/549-9425; P.O. Box 251425, Los Angeles, CA 90025; email: minakanishi@hotmail.com or Grace Shimizu - tel/fax: 510/528-7288; P.O. Box 1384, El Cerrito, CA 94530; email: jphop@prodigy.net

Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2000: Summary of Provisions

• Provides redress in the amount of \$20,000 to Japanese Latin Americans forcibly removed from certain Latin American countries and interned in the United States during World War II.

• Provides an official U.S. apology to JLAS that admits culpability, the facts surrounding the removal of these individuals from their residences and their internment in the United States.

• Provides expanded notification to individuals eligible for redress and extends the right of claimants who are denied to appeal the decision.

• Expunges the designation of "illegal alien" from the record of JLA individuals while they were interned in the United States. Does not confer citizenship or residency status.

• Directs the U.S. government to disclose all information relevant to the forcible removal of individuals who were displaced from their homes and brought to the United States. This includes disclosure of the fate of individuals for whom there are still no accounts. In addition, the U.S. government would be directed to work with other nations involved to facilitate the sharing of information.

• Directs all involved agencies to release the names, addresses, telephone numbers and all relevant information for all persons who have claimed or will claim redress to the attorneys representing the claimant.

• Allows an additional six years for Japanese Americans interned or relocated who failed

to meet the application deadline of the Civil Liberties Act to apply for redress.

• Makes eligible for redress at \$20,000 those JA citizens born in an internment camp between June 30, 1946, and March 1, 1948.

• Makes eligible for redress at \$20,000 those U.S. citizens born outside of an internment camp between Jan. 20, 1945, and March 1, 1948, who faced government barriers for return into exclusion areas.

• Makes eligible for redress at \$20,000 JA workers and their dependent children, employed by private railroad and mining companies and were terminated because of government action.

• Makes eligible for redress at \$20,000 persons of Japanese ancestry detained in the United States who would have been eligible for citizenship or permanent resident status had discriminatory immigration laws not been in effect.

• Provides that other claimants may be eligible for redress depending on the outcome of cases in litigation.

• Reauthorizes \$45 million to create an education fund to fulfill the mandate of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. This amount would be invested in government obligations and earn interest at an annual rate of at least five percent to ensure that the education program continues in perpetuity.

• Authorizes appropriations in the amount necessary to meet the obligations under this act.

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Restaurant Where Two AA Employees Were Killed Reopens

TURTLE CREEK, Pa.—A suburban Pittsburgh restaurant, Ya Fei Chinese Cuisine, reopened May 7, a little over a week since its Chinese American manager and Vietnamese American delivery man were gunned down in a shooting spree.

Ji-Ye "Jerry" Sun, 34, and Thao Pham, 30, were among the five killed and one wounded in the April 28 incident. Sun's parents and sister traveled from Shanghai to attend his funeral service.

Richard Scott Baumhammers, 34, a sometime immigration lawyer, is charged in the shootings. Police said Baumhammers, the white son of Latvian immigrants, targeted ethnic and religious minorities in the two county rampage.

In addition to Sun and Pham, the victims were Baumhammers' neighbor, Anita Gordon, 63, who was Jewish; Anil Thakur, 31, of Bihar, India; and Garry Lee, 22, a black man of Aliquippa, near Pittsburgh. The lone survivor, Sandeep Patel, 25, of Plum, was shot in the neck and remains in critical condition.

Commission Finds Thomason Auto Guilty of Discrimination

PORTLAND, Ore.—The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has determined that the civil rights were violated of at least nine current and former employees of Thomason Auto Group. A complaint filed with the state of Oregon by employees accused the company of a pattern of racial discrimination and harassment in 1998 and 1999. The claimants include two white women, one Asian American, two Latinos and four blacks.

Salesman Larry Carrillo told KGW-TV his manager asked him if

he wanted to be paid in taos and later called him a "beanpicker."

Brian Pool, a former car salesman who is black, said his boss derided him for his facial features and used racial epithets, while racially offensive comments were scrawled in graffiti at the dealership. Pool said he and others complained to their managers but were ordered to remove the graffiti themselves.

At least two more former employees of Thomason have filed claims against the company in the past two months. The EEOC is now trying to mediate a settlement.

"The EEOC has informed us that they have found probable cause to believe incidents of discrimination and harassment occurred at some of our dealerships," auto group president Scott Thomason said in a written statement. "I have made it very clear to all our employees that under no circumstances are we to have a discriminatory atmosphere in our workplace."

Jurors in Xerox Shootings Trial Must Decide Defendant's Sanity

HONOLULU—Jurors in the trial of Byron Uyesugi will not be asked to determine whether he gunned down seven Xerox Corp. co-workers last Nov. 2.

Rather, they will be asked by Uyesugi's lawyers to acquit the 40-year-old copier repairman of murder charges because he was legally insane at the time of the shootings.

Such a defense concedes that the suspect committed the acts, so jurors must decide whether the suspect should be held criminally responsible.

Uyesugi is charged with one count of first-degree murder because there were multiple killings, seven counts of second-degree murder and one count of attempted murder in the second degree for shooting at an eighth man, who escaped.

If convicted as charged, he faces a mandatory life imprisonment without parole. Hawaii does not have the death penalty.

If convicted only of second-degree murder, he faces a mandatory life imprisonment with the possibility of parole for each count.

If convicted of lesser charges of manslaughter for killing recklessly or under extreme emotional distress, Uyesugi faces 20 years for each count.

But each count can be extended to life with parole if the judges find Uyesugi to be a danger. Those life terms can run consecutively.

If acquitted by reason of insanity, Uyesugi could be committed to the state psychiatric hospital in Kaneohe for an indefinite term, possibly the rest of his life.

Maui Police Department Sued for Discrimination

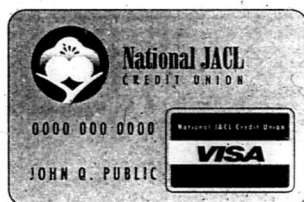
MAUI—Two former Maui police officers are suing the department, alleging they were victims of racial discrimination and unfair treatment, according to the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

Guy Souza, 40, and Dereck Aveiro, 35, both 10-year veterans of the Maui Police Department, filed separate lawsuits in federal court on April 20, claiming they were not given the same opportunities for advancement as officers of Japanese or Caucasian descent. The two lawsuits ask for back pay, future pay and monetary compensation as determined by the court.

Souza was fired in September 1999 after allegedly mishandling potential evidence of a drug suspect. Souza claimed the disciplinary action against him was trumped up after he began raising concerns that he was a target of racial discrimination. Souza, who identifies himself as black Puerto Rican, said supervisors addressed him as "boy," called other African Americans as his "brother" and referred to an African American female he was processing after her arrest as his "sister."

Aveiro has been on unpaid leave since August 1998. He claimed that he never came under disciplinary proceedings until he voiced his support of Souza.

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JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

JACL National Convention to Host Workshops on Finding a Career in the New Economy and Workplace Discrimination

How do you find a job when you have minimal experience? What steps must a person take in order to compete in the new economy? The JACL national convention will host a workshop designed to answer these questions and assist those who are interested in finding a job in the "new economy."

Gail Tanaka, who currently serves as a management supervisor at Yates Advertising in San Francisco, will address concerns facing students exploring various career options or entering the job market for the first time. She will also cov-

er topics such as fear of failure, setting goals and dreams, and finding role models.

In a separate workshop, Bill Tamayo of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's San Francisco office, and Paul Igasaki, EEOC vice-chair, will present a workshop on employment discrimination.

The EEOC is an agency that enforces laws on employment discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability. It also protects employees against retaliation for complaining about unlawful discrimination.

For information on these workshops, please contact Larry Oda at Tsunoel@msn.com.

Space Becoming Limited for Winery Tour

Seating is limited for those interested in the Next Generation winery tour.

On July 1, a shuttle bus will stop in front of the Monterey Doubletree Hotel and pick up JACL national conventioners for a half-day tour of local wineries in the Monterey area.

Cost of the trip is \$10/per person and covers transportation to/from the winery. Various costs such as tastings fees, purchasing wines, glasses, etc., are not included.

Make your check payable to West Valley JACL. The deadline to submit reservations is June 16.

Mail your check to: Sara Shoji,

Next Generation Winery Tour, 6254 Culvert Drive, San Jose, CA 95123.

"We are trying to arrange it so that some of the wineries will offer JACL national conventioners a fun-filled education on how wine is made and the history of wine making in the Monterey area. This trip will be very interesting especially to those from out of the area that enjoy wine, but would like to know more about how it's produced," said Todd Yoshida of Next Generation.

For more information, contact Sara Shoji at 408/225-9439 (evening) or sara.shoji@quantum.com.

Manju Fund-raiser to Benefit Youth Activities

As an added bonus at this year's JACL national convention in Monterey, the national youth/student council will sell manju, the proceeds from which will help the youth council cover expenses for events such as the national youth conference and retreat.

"The youth council wanted to assist with part of the fund-raising for their events. Because convention brings people from across the country together, we believe this is a perfect opportunity to supply conventioners with a hard-to-find treat," said Jaclyn Kuwada, JACL national youth director.

The Shuei-Do Manju shop in San Jose will be donating 100 boxes of manju for the fund-raiser, sold in boxes of 10 assorted pieces. Individual pieces are not available. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The boxes cannot be mailed and must be picked up at convention on Saturday or Sunday. Each box is \$15, limit three per person.

To order manju, contact your local chapter president or district youth representative. For more information regarding the fund-raiser, please contact JACL national headquarters at 415/921-5225 or youthdir@jacl.org.

'Against All Odds: Campaign in Congress for Japanese American Redress' Reprinted

A second printing of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government case study, "Against All Odds: the Campaign in Congress for Japanese American Redress," with three slight clarifications, is ready for distribution to teachers, civic groups, libraries and individuals, it was announced this week by National JACL President Helen Kawagoe.

Added inside the front cover is President Ronald Reagan's letter, dated Aug. 8, 1988, extending remarks and best wishes to JACL's 30th biennial convention, then assembled in Seattle: "The enactment of H.R. 442 will close a sad chapter in American history in a way that reaffirms America's commitment to the preservation of liberty and justice for all." The letter is addressed to New York resident Grant Ujifusa, care of Nendels University Plaza, Seattle, where he was staying as a delegate that week.

The first change occurs with the opening sentence, the third paragraph, front page: "To get

that redress, the Japanese Americans would need an act of Congress, and given the formidable obstacles they faced, some would say an act of God."

It now reads: "To get that redress, some Japanese Americans turned to Congress, seeking legislation that would include both a statement of apology and a financial settlement on internees or their families. But a political route to redress would face formidable obstacles."

The next change at the top of the third page, line 4, corrects the number of Japanese Americans evacuated from "at least 75,000" to "roughly 73,000" — were U.S. citizens.

The final item, referring to the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, is an insertion, also on the third page, third paragraph, line 7, after: "not retained records documenting their holdings." Insert: "Less than one-third of those eligible filed for compensation. Eventually, though claims totalling \$148 million were filed under the act...."

Both printings were made possible by contributions from George Aratani and Manabi Hirasaka.

The initial print was distributed with the 1998 Pacific Citizen New Year's issue. The second print is available through JACL regional offices:

No. Calif.-W. New-Pacific: Patty Wada, 1255 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94109 (415/345-1075)

Central California: Patricia Tsai, 1713 Tulare St. #124, Fresno, CA 93721 (559/486-6815)

Pacific Southwest: Beth Au, JACCC, 242 S. San Pedro St. #406, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213/626-4471)

Pacific Northwest: Karen Yoshitomi, 671 S. Jackson St. #206, Seattle, WA 98104 (206/623-5088)

Midwest: Bill Yoshino, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640 (773/728-7170)

Washington: Kristine Minami, 1001 Connecticut Ave. NW, #704, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202/223-1240)

National HQ: John Tateishi, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 (415/921-5225)

Poston '45 Reunion at Laughlin, Nev., Sept. 12-14

The Poston I Class of 1945 announced that its 55th remembrance celebration will be held at the Riverside Hotel & Casino in Laughlin, Nev., Sept. 12-14.

The only scheduled events at the reunion are a banquet and a visit to Poston. The remainder of the time will be devoted to catching up, leaving behind, or trying to recall, said Richard Shindo, senior class president of the Class of '45.

A private 58-seat bus has been chartered to leave Gardena with the celebrants, on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of other Poston classes, spouses and companions are welcomed.

The cost of the total package is \$160, prorated for those who choose to drive down themselves. The absolute deadline is June 30. More information can be obtained by calling Tak Murase at 626/284-4840, or email wimpvhirot@msn.com. One can also write to Aya Otsu, 122 Cartier Aisle, Irvine, CA 92620-5723. Please make checks payable to "Class '45 Reunion 2000."

Esther Torii Suzuki to Receive Asian Pacific Leadership Award

The late Esther Torii Suzuki, a longtime member of the Twin Cities JACL and community activist, was selected as a recipient of the distinguished leadership award to be presented by the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM).

She will be recognized at an awards ceremony to be held at the Minnesota State Capitol House Chambers on May 20 from 9:10-30 a.m. An Asian American festival will take place later that day on the state capitol front lawn from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month dinner and dance will also be held on May 20 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Science Museum of Minnesota at 120 W. Kellogg St., St. Paul. The keynote speaker is the Hon. Norman Y. Mineta, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and recently appointed chair of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian



PHOTO: GREG HELGESON
Esther Torii Suzuki, 2000 Minnesota Asian Pacific Leadership Award recipient.

Americans and Pacific Islanders. This year's theme is "Weaving a Common Future."

Contact CAPM at 651/296-0538 or Cheryl Hirata-Dulas at 952/925-2429 for information or banquet reservations (\$25/per person).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register before APRIL 30, 2000 to take advantage of reduced registration fees and discounts on special events. Please indicate your choice of package and/or individual and special events. Amounts listed will be available during the convention at the registration and hospitality tables.

Package Registration

The Regular Convention Package admits registered badge holders to all National Council business sessions, workshops, oral/visual competition, Welcome Mixer, Awards Luncheon and Sayonara Banquet. The Youth Package includes the above plus the Youth Luncheon. The Regular & Youth Luncheon Package is the Regular Package plus the Youth Luncheon.

Individual Event Registration

Registration is available for those interested in attending only specific convention events. A registration fee of \$20 is required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis. Badges must be worn.

Cancellation Policy

Written cancellation requests received by May 31 will be refunded in full. Cancellations received after that date will be denied and residual amount will become a charitable contribution to JACL. There will be no partial refunds if a registrant does not attend all functions.

Hotel Registration

A block of rooms has been reserved for the convention. Reserve early to ensure a room and the convention rates. Call the DoubleTree Hotel directly at (831) 649-4511 for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are attending the JACL National Convention. Reservations must be made by May 31, 2000 to reserve the rates. Convention room

rates are:

Single/Double Occupancy \$109
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Air Travel

United Airlines is the official airline of the 2000 JACL National Convention. Receive a 5% discount on the lowest published airfare. Make your reservations at least 60 days in advance to receive an additional 5% discount. When you make your reservations with the airline or your travel agent, please refer to United Airlines meeting ID number 594LS.

United Airlines (800) 521-4041.

Rental Cars

Rental cars are available at airports. Use your JACL Hertz Car Rental card for a discount.

Transportation

Taxi service is available for transportation from the Monterey Peninsula Airport to the hotel. Transportation from San Francisco Airport or San Jose Airport is available through Monterey-Salinas Airport, at a cost of about \$30 per person, lower for large groups. Call (831) 883-2871 for details and scheduled times.

For further information call:

Larry Oda (831) 758-7107 Days
(831) 375-3314 Eve.
e-mail: tsunoel@msn.com
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<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Package	\$100	\$125

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (included in Package Registration)

<input type="checkbox"/> All Meetings	\$40	\$45	\$		
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Meeting	\$20ea	\$25ea	\$		
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Complete separate Workshop Registration Form					
<input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Bay Aquarium	\$60	\$75	\$		
Welcome Mixer					
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards Luncheon	\$45	\$50	\$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sayonara Banquet	\$65	\$75	\$		

SPECIAL EVENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Luncheon	\$25	\$35	
(Included in Youth Package) Delegates are encouraged to attend.			
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NOTE: No registration will be processed without accompanying payment (check or charge card). This form is for convention registration only and NOT for hotel reservations, which should be made directly with the DoubleTree Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf. However, if you are registering for more than one person, please use additional forms or copies.

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On behalf of King County Executive Ron Sims, Seattle JACL member Frank Abe (left) presents a proclamation to new Mariners reliever Kazuhiro Sasaki declaring Sunday, April 2nd as "Kazuhiro Sasaki Day." Seattle's Japanese American Chamber of Commerce welcomed Sasaki to the Northwest in ceremonies at SAFECO Field attended by more than 500 people.

Nisei, 81, Oldest Entrant in San Diego 'Suzuki' Marathon

Fred Suto, 81, of Los Angeles is the oldest participant to register for the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego, June 4. The Nisei began running in 1969 after retiring from insurance sales and did his first marathon in 1970.

Suto recalled his best time, 3:23, happened in the 1980 Los Angeles Marathon and since then, "it's all been downhill." He finished the Honolulu marathon

in 1998 in eight hours, "but I didn't train well and I was really dehydrated," he told the *California Seniors* reporter.

The most inspiring factor is that Suto has a heart condition. He had an angioplasty surgical procedure in 1980, and the doctor has put him on a treadmill program where he trains a month in advance "when I do run," he said. For year 2000, he did a 5K in February; and a 10K in April. ■

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Korean War Veterans' Tribute to Hershey Miyamura draws nearly 500

Nearly 500 veterans, relatives and friends packed the banquet room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles April 29 to honor Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura, the only surviving Japanese American recipient of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award. The affair also marked the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War and was the first public occasion in the Japanese American community where Asian American soldiers killed in the World War II, Korean and Vietnam conflicts and their relatives were jointly recognized and honored for their sacrifices.

Sponsored by the Japanese American Korean War Veterans, the dinner highlighted a four-day weekend gathering of veterans from the 'three wars, which also featured a three-day exhibit, "Legacy of Honor," a veterans' panel discussion, a memorial service, and a golf tournament.

Keynote speaker for the banquet was Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. Honored relatives of Kiyoshi Muranaga, Harold Kwong Lee and Kazuo Masuda, killed in action during WWII, were Yoshio and Tomio Muranaga, Susie Fujimoto and Sally Hamamoto for Muranaga, Stanford and Amy Lee and Mas and Lily Masuda.

Relatives of the Korean War dead honored at the banquet were Mildred Tahara for Charles Satoru Tahara, Col. (Ret.) Iwao and Yoneko Yokooji for Tetsumi Yokooji; Herbert and Frances Ogasawara for Neil Ogasawara; Dr. Alley and Yoshimi Watada for



PHOTO: LILLY FUKUI

HEROES—Senator Daniel K. Inouye (R) of Hawaii, keynote speaker at the dinner in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura (l), congratulates the only surviving Japanese American Medal of Honor recipient.

Andrew Watada; John and June Yamano for Akira Uota; Beri and Rose Goto for Mitsuru Goto; Gold Star Mother Tomi Oshiro, Yeiki and Mary Oshiro, Gary Oshiro, and Steve and Kimi Okayama for Edward Oshiro; Yuzuru and Mrs. Fujii for Samuel Akira Fujii; and Alissa Hiraga, represented by Nisei Week Queen Traci Murase, for Aranani Arthur Hiraga.

In military tradition, an empty table set for one, with a single red rose in a vase tied with a red ribbon to represent "brothers who are no longer with us" was set in the Gold Star Circle. A similar place setting next to Lynnie Tabata honored her husband George Tabata, a Korean War veteran who passed away a few weeks ago.

A work-in-progress video, "Japanese Americans in WWII,

Korea and Vietnam," by Chuck Woodson of Sun Wood Entertainment Co., was shown during the program.

Many gifts were presented to Hershey Miyamura by representatives of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance, the Japanese American Korean War Veterans and Japanese American Vietnam Veterans.

General Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, extended words of welcome via video. Robert M. (Mike) Walker, acting undersecretary for Memorial Affairs, also delivered a message in person.

Master of ceremonies for the dinner was Vincent H. Okamoto, attorney and the most-decorated JA soldier during the Vietnam War. ■

Federation to Publish History of Japanese American Gardeners

To mark the organization's 45th anniversary, the Southern California Gardener's Federation is preparing to publish a book on the history of Japanese American gardeners in the Southland. The 160-page book, which will be in both English and Japanese, will be released during the Pacific Coast Landscape Gardeners Alliance convention to be held in Los Angeles on October 27-29.

"We want to not only preserve the history of our federation, but also document the accomplishments of Japanese American gardeners before the war," said Kazuo Oda, chairman of the History Book Committee. "We need to do this now, before we lose important stories from our surviving pioneers."

Naomi Hirahara, former English editor of *The Rafu Shimpō* newspaper, will be overseeing the production of the project. In addition to writing biographies and reference books, Hirahara has completed a novel that is a finalist for the Bellwether Prize sponsored by writer Barbara Kingsolver.

"As my own father is a gardener, I am so honored to work on this book," said Hirahara. "Through research and interviews, I'm discovering that the gardening profession and its related associations and federation service was the economic and organizational backbone of the Southern California Nikkei community. My goal is to produce an end product that every Japanese American will want to be part of their personal library."

Professor Ron Tsukashima of California State University, Los Angeles, will be contributing an article on the federation's history, based on his years of research on JA gardeners. The preeminent academic authority on this topic, Tsukashima has gathered invaluable interviews from gardening pioneers, many of whom have since passed away, as well

as produced statistical surveys on the number of Issei and Nisei gardeners in both Southern and Northern California.

Other contributors will be Professor Dean Teji of the California State University, Long Beach, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, and Kendall H. Brown, Ph.D., author of "Japanese-Style Gardens of the Pacific West Coast," published by Rizzoli International Publications. Writer Joyce Nako is serving as a researcher and assistant editor.

"In addition to historical data, the book will feature interesting stories, profiles, and photos," said Hirahara. "The history of the Japanese American gardener is a dramatic and emotional one, ranging from labor clashes to struggles against racial discrimination. Through the efforts of these men, women and their spouses, they were able to rebuild the community for the benefit of their children and grandchildren. They are true heroes and should not be forgotten."

The History Book Committee and editorial team is currently seeking more documents, includ-

ing correspondence and association material, and photographs. Hirahara is also conducting oral history interviews with gardeners of various regions.

Among topics that will be addressed in the book are the phenomenon of the gardeners' boarding houses in Uptown, Hollywood, and the Sawtelle area; the response of JA gardeners to unionization and licensing efforts; the gardeners' role in the beautification of Southern California; the influx of postwar immigrants through special agricultural and refugee programs; the role women played as both gardeners and gardeners' wives; and the blower ban movement.

"We are also seeking everyday items that reflect the life of a gardener," said Hirahara. "That can be an old lunch box, pith helmet, baseball cap, worn jeans and work boots. In addition, we are looking for photographs of work vehicles, especially pickup trucks filled with dogs (equipment)."

If you have any material that may help in the production of this book, please contact the federation office at 213/628-1595, or e-mail: Nhirahara@aol.com. ■

Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award Application Now Available

Applications for the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award are now available from the JACL San Francisco chapter. Established by the family and friends of Kay Okamoto, who exemplified the definition of volunteerism, the award recognizes and honors an individual for his or her exceptional volunteer involvement in the Japanese American community in the Bay Area. It includes a \$1,000 check that can be designated to a non-profit organization of the recipient's choice.

"This will be the twelfth year this award is being offered," said Greg Marutani, president of the chapter. "The application is sim-

ple and designed to make it easy for someone to nominate an individual for this award. The nominator just needs to provide clear and concise statements about what the individual has done or is doing in the Japanese American community."

Applications must be received at the chapter's address, P.O. Box 22425 San Francisco, CA 94122-0425 by June 10. Applications may be picked up at the Paper Tree located in the Buchanan Mall in Japantown or by contacting the chapter's message center at 415/273-1015. Be sure to leave your name mailing address, and telephone number. ■

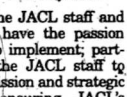
CANDIDATES

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ident, 1995-98
• Sacramento Chapter Secretary, 1991-94

Leadership: Leadership is taking an active role in providing guidance and vision for the organization in implementing and achieving its mission and goals. Leaders accomplish these activities by developing sound and relevant policy in which the JACL staff and network will have the passion and energy to implement; partnering with the JACL staff to achieve the mission and strategic goals; and ensuring JACL's strong, effective voice in Washington, D.C. JACL will work with the federal agencies as well as with the federal agencies to influence national policy; networking with similar organizations to build strong collaborative efforts to accomplish common goals and minimize our use of resources; increasing the JACL's visibility and stature by playing an active role in articulating JACL's position on civil rights issues; showcasing the JACL's many talents, accomplishments, and the priceless value of the JACL chapter network.

Lori Fujimoto



Qualifications: In 1996, I attended the JACLOCA Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference. The conference program and speakers inspired me to ac-

tively participate in the national JACL leadership. That same year, I sought the office of vice president, public affairs, and was sworn in at the San Jose convention. At the completion of this biennium, I will have served two full terms as a vice president. The leadership conference, coupled with my national board experience, my JACL accomplishments, the training I have received from past national and chapter officers, and my active participation in the community have given me a solid foundation to seek the office of national president.

Program for Action: I will provide leadership in carrying out the JACL Program for Action in the next biennium by implementing a number of goals. I will identify strong, active leaders to chair our active standing committees. The JACL will appoint leaders who will set challenging, yet achievable, goals for each of the policy areas.

I will recruit spirited participation among the vast JACL membership. There are so many talented members with varying skills and knowledge that just need a personal contact to contribute their talents toward accomplishing the JACL's Program for Action. This will incorporate our grass-roots participation in decisions on national issues.

I will focus on proactive, community strategies rather than reactive strategies. The JACL is now in financial stability and has a solid infrastructure in which to focus on developing solid public policy rather than reacting to publicity.

I will foster open communication on the status of JACL initiatives and share our many JACL

accomplishments. I would like to establish a volunteer technology committee to identify information technology solutions to accomplish this goal and establish the JACL Web site as one of the Asian Pacific community's "top ten hits."

I will ensure that we have representation at the national policy making tables. With a voice at the table, this will accelerate our community empowerment by participating in developing sound mainstream policy. I will support strong leaders who will sacrifice their time to serve in Congress and with the administration.

I will build collaborative and active coalitions to address broad-based issues and minimize the use of our diminishing JACL resources. Our voices are much stronger and louder when communities work together.

Fifty-eight years after the injustices of World War II, Asian Pacific Americans are still perceived by some to be foreigners and spies. The JACL has worked hard to dispel the perceptions of Asians as spies in the campaign finance scandal and the alleged nuclear laboratory security breaches. I strive toward a day when future generations will no longer encounter these issues in our community. I will give my time, commitment, and passion to the JACL to ensure that justice will never be threatened anywhere.

Floyd Mori

Floyd Mori is a member of the Mt. Olympus chapter. He is an international business consultant. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a bache-

lor's degree in Economics and Asian Studies.

JACL Background:

- Jr. JACL Officer, 1961-62
- Mt. Olympus Chapter Board, 1984 to present
- Mt. Olympus Chapter President, 1986-90
- National Vice President for Public Affairs, 1990-92
- National Convention Chairman, 1994
- National Vice President for General Operations, 1998-2000
- National JACL Credit Union Board Member

Leadership: Leadership requires combining initiative, maintaining sensitivity, being a spokesperson, respect for others, willingness to take risk, and ability to work with others to move an organization forward. This is what is needed in the national president.

Qualifications: There are several elements in my background and experience that give me the qualifications to be the national president of JACL. 1) I have had experience in JACL at all levels. I understand the organization structure, and policies of JACL. Being the current v.p. of operations, I have been able to deal directly with the key issues of personnel and conventions. 2) From my background in elected office, I have had a great deal of experience in dealing with public issues that are controversial. I have had to face the media at all levels and I am used to speaking in public. 3) My experience in public office and business has given me a rich network of resources, which could be called

upon to assist JACL programs; 4) As I feel that youth are very important to JACL, my experience in working with youth at all levels in educational, community, and church activities, will be helpful in helping to build a



Floyd Mori

stronger youth base for JACL; 5) I understand the basic rules of chairing a meeting. I have held and chaired many public legislative hearings and have presided as mayor over many heated debates. Part of presiding is keeping an orderly process flowing and I feel confident in presiding over meetings where hotly debated public issues are discussed; and 6) I understand that progress requires that one must often take risks. Change is evident and I am willing and able to foster and champion progressive change that will make for a more effective organization.

Program for Action: Probably the key element for carrying out any program is proper funding. I feel that it will be essential that the president of JACL become directly involved in key fund-raising efforts from government grants, foundation, and corporate donors. It is my intent to work with my network of associates in business and government to help provide more non-member funding for JACL programs and operations.

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Three Degrees of Separation

By Naomi Hirahara

Gasa-Gasa Principle



What's amazing about Japanese American women, especially Nisei wives and mothers, is that they are constantly in motion. Recently I attended a gathering and I witnessed this for myself. Women cooked. Women planned. Women organized. But when I attempted to sit down and talk to one of the Nisei to get some information about her life, it was another experience altogether.

Silence. Surely, there were other factors at work. First of all, they knew I was a writer, and no one trusts writers - with good reason. Everyone's fear is the intimate details of one's life - whether it be a personal failure or the secret teriyaki recipe - may land up in the newspaper or a book for friends and neighbors to see. In my years of newspaper work within the community, I've noticed that women are particularly sensitive in the way they are characterized.

In fact, one year, we innocently embarked on a special Valentine's Day feature on weddings in camp. The reporter contacted various Nisei couples, and heard a similar story. Ceremony in a mess hall. Paper flowers. Simple dress, either sewn by an Issei relative or ordered through the Sears Roebuck catalogue. Groom dressed in a military uniform.

Yet as the day the deadline approached, many of our subjects got cold feet. They wanted their stories to be omitted, or at the very least made anonymous. These were their personal memories, and somehow the releasing of them would diminish their value.

Not all chroniclers of everyday life have this problem. Two of my

writer friends adore Nisei women. But both happen to be men, and we all know that Nisei women have a soft spot for their sons. One of the writer friends, in fact, says he is frightened by Nisei men. I'm just the opposite. I can shoot the breeze about sports, politics, and community "scuttlebutt" with the most crotchety Nisei man, but just a sharp glance from a Nisei woman can melt my insides.

I can't put my finger on exactly why this is, but I think it's a code we JA females learn from an early age. The *gasa-gasa* principle. *Gasa-gasa*, an onomatopoeic term, is often used to describe unruly children, but in the States, it also refers to the hustle-bustle involved in operating a household and running errands. As the men gather around a television set or card table, women are at the stove or sink, their hands either wrapped around a wooden spoon or wet with soap suds. Our worth is measured by our performance, what we can do. Stories are shared, but usually through the course of assembling a meal.

This *gasa-gasa* principle has served our families and communities well. We know that behind every community center, memorial, and organization, there were Nisei women, leading committees, organizing banquets, making potluck dishes, and handling various fund-raising events. Although there's no memorial dedicated specifically to Nisei women, we know that most of them would not be erected without their efforts, behind the scenes.

Yet knowing this, I still feel there's a void between Nisei and Issei women. Exceptions, of course, do exist, such as specific church functions in which the generations, mix more readily.

But I feel a thirst to understand more. There are written accounts, such as "Nisei Daughter" by Monica Sone, young adult novels by Yoshiko Uchida, and anything written by Hisaye Yamamoto. In terms of a work that spans the prewar, wartime, and postwar story, we have Wakako Yamauchi's "Songs My Mother Taught Me: Stories, Plays, and Memoir," which was selected to be placed on *Hungry Mind* Review's 100 Best 20th-Century American Books of Fiction and Nonfiction, alongside John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" and Toni Morrison's "Beloved." It is indeed a magnificent piece of work. Not only does it feature the ground-breaking play, "And the Soul Shall Dance," which weaves the tale of a woman losing her mind in camp, the collection also deals with topics of divorce, disappointments, and yes, the scent of romance and sexual passion in middle age.

I do not underestimate the importance of the *gasa-gasa* principle. We do have to get things done. Nisei women and their mothers had to deal with the Depression, camp, resettlement, and the raising of children. After the raising of children, grandchildren.

But now it's time to rest, and as the Hawaiians say, "talk story." For as much as we need those delicacies of food and drink, we need you to tell us about how you survived those day-to-day disappointments and trials, much as we face today.

We are listening. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Do We Owe Apology to the Resisters of WWII?

At the 50th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion held in Gardena March 17-19, a resolution was unanimously passed by 13 Nisei VFW Posts condemning any notion of an apology to the "draft resisters" of World War II.

Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985 introduced the motion, seconded by Golden Gate Nisei Post 9879 and Sierra Nisei Post 8499. As a VFW organization, where our constitution and by-laws are based on "patriotism," we cannot accept any apology or to condone any draft resister movement. For us to remain silent on this draft resister issue would indicate agreement with the apologizers.

There were sharp differences between those who volunteered and the "no-no boys." In Manzanar, Fred Tayama was beaten and hospitalized. In Poston, Saburo Kido's barrack was broken into and was severely beaten. For his safety he was evacuated out of Poston. At Rohwer, Ark., Rev. John Yamazaki was physically attacked and Dr. Tom Yatabe, an early JACL leader, was brutalized. Those who volunteered into the U.S. Army were called "baka yaro." Some volunteers left camp in the darkness of the night to avoid any confrontation with the "no-no" boys. Why are there no thoughts of an apology from the perpetrators of these crimes?

For many Nisei, there was another solution to the dilemma that the Japanese American faced. That was to petition for an opportunity to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, thus proving their loyalty to America. With the formation of the 442nd RCT and the Military Intelligence Service Unit, came the opportunity for the Nisei to volunteer. Many opted to put their life on the line. It is a sad story, but many did not make it back. It would be an affront to the KIAs if we were to now recognize the draft resisters of WWII.

Our position is that there is no need for anyone to apologize to anyone. We acted according to our belief and conscience. Good or bad, we have to accept the consequences. The accomplishment of the Nisei/Sansei soldiers, whether it be in Vietnam, Korea

or WWII, is something to be proud of. The net result is that we are enjoying life today as first-class citizens, with \$20,000 redress payments and an apology from President George Bush. All this would not have been possible if we had followed the dictates of the draft resisters.

Sus Satow,

Sacramento Nisei VFW
Post 8985

It was encouraging to read that at the Faith Intersections event held in conjunction with the Nikkei 2000 conference in San Francisco on April 27-30, an interfaith coalition passed a resolution apologizing to the resisters of conscience. They urged national JACL to make a similar resolution at the June convention in Monterey.

I can still recall in the days preceding our evacuation and incarceration, many of us clung to our desperate hopes for reprieve. We waited for church bells to ring. They never rang. Silence can be a sinful signal of assent.

It requires considerable courage and conscience to break that wall of silence. Now that an interfaith group has passed this remarkable resolution, however late, can national JACL do less?

Sachi Soko

Salt Lake City

Showing Our Gratitude

Many Japanese Americans can recall that early in 1987 prospects for H.R. 442, the redress bill, did not look good. The Justice Department, under Attorney General Edwin Meese, had taken an unusually strong public position against the bill in House hearings. What accounted for this? S.I. Hayakawa, close to Meese and well liked by President Ronald Reagan, had persuaded both fellow partisans from California that redress was not supported by mainstream Japanese Americans, but was instead a project confined to a small group of noisy, left-wing Asian American radicals, for whom no conservative administration should do anything.

Everything pointed to a White

House veto, until Tom Keen, then the moderate Republican governor of New Jersey, met personally with Ronald Reagan in September of 1987 and told him that support for redress was in fact deep and wide among JAs. The governor also reminded the president of the time he spoke at the ceremony in which Kaz Masuda of the 442 was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. Reagan, thanks to Tom Keen, recalled the event and changed his mind. And soon enough, word began to circulate at the Justice Department and at OMB, which had also come out against H.R. 442, that redress was "something the Old Man wanted" and everybody had better change his tune.

The record shows that JAs owe much to Tom Keen, and I strongly feel that one way we can show proper gratitude is by supporting the campaign of Tom Keen Jr., the governor's son, who is running for Congress as a moderate Republican in New Jersey's 7th congressional district. Tom Jr. is a graduate of Dartmouth and has worked as an aide to Bob Franks, who is leaving the seat to run for the Senate. Tom Jr. is married with one child, and has a very strong commitment to the environment, the expansion of global trade and a woman's right to choose. ■

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Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

fused aid for a wound, then led a night attack against odds to break a two-day German resistance; was later killed in action.

Capt. Francis Wai fought in Leyte, Philippine Islands; killed in action. ■

AWARDEES

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ducted this review in a thorough and professional manner. They have carried out the difficult task of identifying and reconstructing the records of more than 100 veterans with diligence, sensitivity, and dispatch.

In addition to the 21 approved for the award, a Medal of Honor recommendation for another JA, James Okubo, was favorably considered under a separate provision of law but cannot be formally approved until Congress waives the statutory time restriction in his specific case.

Okubo, an Army medic, received a Silver Star for his actions near Biffontaine in October and November 1944, where he was cited for extraordinary heroism in several separate actions in which he saved the lives of fellow 100th/442nd soldiers while exposing himself to intense enemy fire. ■

Ando, Toshi, 85, Cupertino, April 22, survived by son Tsune-toshi Hosokawa and wife Mie (Japan); daughters Ayako Hosokawa Morimoto (Novato), Atsuko Matsuki and husband Alfred (Cupertino); 7 gc, 1 ggc.

Dote, George Yasuo, 86, Santa Monica, April 24; Silverville, Solano-born; survived by wife Fumiye; son David and wife Debbie; daughters Kathryn Iwanaga and husband Mitoji, Frances Izumi and husband Neal (Hawaii); Barbara Tabata and husband James (Hayward); 4 gc, 1 ggc; brother Yukio (San Francisco); sister Kazuyo Kawakami (Colorado).

Ebata, Duane, 49, Los Angeles, May 11; managing/artistic director of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles; survived by wife Donna; daughters Lindsay, Lauren.

Fujimoto, Joji, 82, San Francisco, April 28; Hiroshima-born;

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survived by wife Yoshiko; daughters Grace Fujimoto, Nancy Fujimoto.

Ichikawa, Yasu, 98, Los Angeles, April 20; Yamanashi-born; survived by son David; daughters Agnes, Marion H., Ruth Ichikawa.

Imahara, James M. "Pop," 96, Saratoga, April 24; Watsonville-born, WWII internee; former Louisiana resident; survived by daughters, Flora, Jane, Lily, Irene; sons Walter, John, Jun, Philip; 19 gc, 16 ggc. predeceased by wife Haruka.

Kinochita, Mitsuko "Mitzi," 80, Laurel, Md., April 23; Los Angeles-born, Manzanar internee, longtime New York City resident; she wrote about American life for Kyodo News Service; survived by sister Linda Kinochita (Stowe, Vt.); predeceased by sister Masako Kinochita.

Kodama, James Shinichiro, 67, Los Angeles, April 20; Tokyo-born; survived by sisters Ayako Noda, Sadako Kodama (both Japan).

Matsuoka, Yoshiaki Shak, 77, Anaheim, April 30; Kingsburg-born; survived by daughters Lauri R., Karen Y., sisters Tsuyoko Umeda, Shizuko Shirasaka, Tamiko Takagi and husband Victor, Hiroko Takahashi, Chiomi Ito (Japan); sister-in-law Miye Matsuoka (Japan).

Mitsutomi, Tom Y., 73, Gardena, April 24; Honolulu-born; survived by wife Jean; daughters Sharon Aoki, Gale Hackett and husband Ron; 2 gc.; brother Takashi and wife Hazel; brothers-in-law Masao Kamimura and wife Kiyoko (Hawaii), Masaji Kamimura and wife Keiko, Richard Kamimura, Charles Kamimura and wife Ann; sisters-in-law Ruth Kamimura, Mine Hago and husband Tom (Colorado).

Miyazaki, Gilbert N., Maple Grove, Minn., March 1; survived by wife Evelyn; daughter Dona Taylor; son Gary and wife Pam; 3 gc.; sisters Evelyn Kagawa, Ruth Yamamoto and husband Hiroshi.

Murakami, George "Machi," 83, San Francisco, April 22; Oakland-born; survived by wife Tokie; daughters Janice Masako Bruns, Ann Tomiko Wood-Gray; sister Yuri Shino; 4 gc.

Nanaba, Mary Kay, 84, Feb. 28; Eastlake, Colo.-born, survived by sons Verne (Monrovia), Ken

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All the towns are in California except as noted.

(Denver); daughters Marge Morishige (Denver), Geri Ota (Lake-wood, Colo.), Amy Rolon (Phoenix); 10 gc., 2 ggc., 1 ggg.

Sakauye, Masao, 79, La Verne, April 28; Kagoishima-born; survived by wife Satsue; sons Masato and wife Yoshiko, Masataka and wife Chie, Kiyotaka and wife Marilou; daughter Kiyoko Nakahara and husband Toyomi; 10 gc.

Taguchi, Dale W., 44, Los Angeles, April 21; survived by brothers Alan K. and wife Cynthia J., Robert B.; sister Karen J. Taguchi.

Takahashi, Lloyd Ken, 43, Castro Valley, April 29; Berkeley-born; survived wife Jackie Akagi; by daughter Kimiko; son Jacob; brother Clyde (Hayward); father Raymond M. (Sacramento); predeceased by mother Janet, sister Tsena Takahashi Blum.

Takemori, Henry Tokumatsu, 99, Phoenix, April 30; Hiroshima-born grocer, former manager of Japanese Farmers Association, longtime reporter for *Hokubei Mainichi*, *Rafu Shimpō* and *Kashu Mainichi*; co-founder of Chou-ka; survived by daughters Elaine Nakamura and husband Stan, Helene Nakamura and husband Tak; 2 gc.; predeceased by wife Kiyoko Ariyasu.

Wada, Fumito John, 70, Buena Park, April 24; survived by sister Emi Giddings and husband Stanley; brother Katsumi and wife Fumi; sister Misao Kato, Kazuko Wada and husband Masaru (Japan).

Yatabe, Miyo, 85, San Francisco, April 17; survived by son Philip; daughter Linda Tamura and husband David; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Robert Sab Kinoshita, Masako Fujisawa, Taro Kinoshita; predeceased by husband James.

Zenimura, Kiyoko, 83, Fresno, April 24; survived by sons Kenji and wife Tsuyako (Japan), Kensei H. and wife Betty (Fresno); Kensei and wife Rosie; 13 gc., 17 ggc.; sister Lily Ishii. ■

DEATH NOTICE

JOYCE KYOKO MIYAKE

SEATTLE, Wash.—Sacramento born, Joyce Kyoko Miyake, 67, passed away April 27. Her family was interned during the war in Granada, Colo. (Amache). She is survived by her husband Reverend Kenneth T. Miyake; daughters State Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (Bob) and Miriam Johnson (John); and son Matthew Miyake (Sheri); 4 grandsons, Tony, Alex, Daniel, and Christopher, all of Wash. Joyce is also survived by her brother Bob Ishizaka (Lynn); sisters Nancy Hiseko O'Brien and Irene Setuko Ishizaka; and sister-in-law Marie Ishizaka, all of Calif.

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Staff Sgt. Robert Kuroda of Oahu, Hawaii, cleared lines through land mines, helped knock out machine gun nests and advanced under heavy mortar fire; was killed in action.

Pfc. Kaoru Moto, of Makawao, Hawaii, surprised the enemy at dawn, single-handedly wiped out a German machine-gun nest, then crawled 100 yards under fire to capture prisoners.

Pfc. Kiyoshi Muranaga used mortar fire to force the enemy to withdraw an 88 mm howitzer that was threatening his platoon, thus saving his company many casualties; he was killed in action by one of the howitzer's shells.

Pvt. Masato Nakae of Hawaii forced an enemy retreat, using a wounded comrade's rifle and fired rifle grenades and hand grenades when his own gun had jammed; continued to fire despite being wounded by mortar.

Pvt. Shinyei Nakamine, of Waiānāe, Hawaii, was killed in action while attacking machine-gun nests.

Pfc. William Nakamura of

Seattle crawled without protective cover to within 15 yards of an enemy machine gun that had pinned down his platoon; he silenced the gun with rifle fire and killed its crew, which allowed his platoon to withdraw; he was killed in action.

Pfc. Joe Nishimoto of Fresno, Calif., broke a three-day stalemate by singlehandedly forcing the enemy to withdraw; killed in action eight days later.

Sgt. Alan Ohata of Hawaii, advanced through fire with a companion and killed at least 51 Germans.

Tech Sgt. Yukio Okutsu of Hilo, Hawaii, destroyed two machine-gun nests and captured another.

Pfc. Frank Ono silenced a machine gun, killed a sniper, defended a position with hand grenades and helped rescue his wounded platoon leader.

Sgt. Kazuo Otani of Rivers, Ariz., recruited out of Gila River WRA camp, made himself an open target to save his men who were pinned down in open ground.

Pvt. George Sakato, 79, of Denver, rose and led a charge that destroyed an enemy strong point.

Tech. Sgt. Ted Tanouye, led men to capture a hill and re-

CANDIDATES

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One person cannot provide leadership for a volunteer organization such as JACL. It will require a concerted effort of all officers and staff. I hope to provide the means by which the total board and staff will work cohesively to accomplish the goals and objectives. I feel that we have very qualified and able staff at all levels. It would be my intent to focus on key objectives in order to maximize the talents of Board and Staff. Proper delegation and assignment of tasks will be critical in moving forward with the JACL Program for Action.

JACL must reach out to the community more to bring JA talents and resources into our organization. We are all aware of the accomplishment of many in the Asian community. Those successes can and should be recruited to assist JACL to move forward into the new millennium.

Time is a critical factor in providing adequate leadership for the organization. At my stage in life, I can be flexible to meet the time required to do a good job. People must be seen face to face, chapters need to be visited, and initiatives need the support of the board. I understand this critical requirement and I am willing and able to put in the time required as president.

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Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto

Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto is a member of the Mile Hi chapter. He is an optometrist and a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry.

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My platform is to protect civil and human rights for all Americans. I will try to eliminate stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, physical disability, age and sexual orientation.

It's frightening to think that Bill 209 of California against affirmative action is going into effect in Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and perhaps in other states. I will be in the forefront to advocate a national strategy for countering anti-affirmative action legislative initiative and work at the national, district and chapter levels to vigorously oppose such legislation.

I will work in coalition with other organizations to develop an initiative that will enhance the opportunities of historically disadvantaged people in areas such as education, healthcare, housing, immigration rights and employment. I will, as a leader in JACL, prevent the exploitation or denial of basic human and civil rights to any citizen, potential citizen or residents.

I will be among the first to advocate for more federal and state civil rights laws and enforcement of same to protect all Americans from hate crimes. I will try to promote an un-

derstanding and appreciation of the unique experiences and contributions of Japanese Americans, including their World War II evacuation, internment and subsequent successes of the redress campaign.



F. Sakamoto

American Campaign for Redress." So you see, I will ask everyone to help on programs of this nature, that will benefit all Americans of Japanese descent.

When I heard that the Pacific Citizen is going to become a bi-monthly publication, I immediately called a dinner meeting. Our president Helen Kawagoe and Ron Shiozaki and some of our concerned JACLers to come up with a program. A \$100-a-year contributions were decided and we raised approximately \$50,000. The good news is the P.C. has become a weekly publication.

When I was appointed to become a membership drive person, I donated the Mike Masaoaka perpetual membership trophy. The Las Vegas chapter won it hands down. Gold, silver and bronze medallions were also given out and JACL has in-

creased regular Thousand Club as well as Life members. Altogether, 18 medallions were given out as honors. I was also instrumental in working with Tom Tanaka to come up with the Mike M. Masaoaka Fellowship Fund program, making it possible for qualified young leaders to serve as Congressional fellows in Washington, D.C. ■

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Grand Jury Indicts Assailant in Anti-Asian Attack at SUNY-Binghamton

On May 10, a Broome County, N.Y., grand jury indicted SUNY-Binghamton University student Chad Scott for third-degree assault in the Feb. 27 bias attack against four Asian American students. One Korean American student, John Lee, suffered a skull fracture, hemorrhaging and a cerebral concussion, as Scott and two white assailants, all members of SUNY-Binghamton's wrestling team, shouted racial slurs.

The Broome County district attorney initially brought felony charges of second-degree gang assault against Scott, but the grand jury recommended a lesser misdemeanor offense of third-degree assault, which carries a maximum sentence of one year. Charges of second-degree gang assault against Scott's co-defendants, Nicholas Richetti and Christopher Taylor, are still pending before the grand jury.

On May 2, the SUNY-Binghamton administration announced that Richetti was expelled from school and Scott was suspended for two years.

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) Legal Fellow Sin Yen Ling, who is representing the four AA students, said, "I am disappointed that the grand jury declined to indict on the more serious charges of gang assault. Hate crimes are a serious matter for all New Yorkers, and the criminal justice system must be accountable to victims of racially motivated attacks."

She said that concerned individuals and groups should write to the Broome County district attorney urging him to continue to prosecute the three white assailants involved in the anti-Asian attack: Gerald F. Mollen, Broome County Justice Building, Third Floor Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13902. ■

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