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## Visual Communication's 30th Anniversary Asian American Film Festival Opening Night



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(clockwise from top left): Avelino J. Halagao, head of Ueepney.com, Lilian Ito, Raquel Ito and Ismael Ito - family of slain postal worker Joseph Ito; actress/SAG board member Anne-Marie Johnson, actress/SAG First Vice President Sumi Sevilla Haru and SAG Chair Emeritus Ray Farchion; Debut cast and crew; David Magdail, Abe Ferrer VC Filmfest co-chair, Mike Sakamoto, Toni Tabora with National Asian American Telecommunication Association; and filmmaker Frank Abe, producer Lee Columby and Sony Senior V.P. of Worldwide Publicity Fritz Friedman.



In Memory of Former VC Board Member Duane Ebata 1950 - 2000



## Candidates for National Office Outline Their Vision

This is the second 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.

### V.P. for General Operations

David H. Kawamoto is a member of the San Diego chapter. He works as a supervisor with the U.S. Pretrial Services Agency for the Southern District of California in San Diego. He received his bachelor's degree in public administration from San Diego State University and a law degree from Western State University.

### JACL Background

- Junior JACL
- San Diego Chapter, President, 1991-93

- San Diego Chapter Board, currently
- San Diego JACL Credit Union President, currently
- JACL PSW Trust Fund Committee, 1992 to present
- JACL PSW District Governor, 1995-99

**Leadership:** "I feel effective leadership is characterized by the open communication amongst all levels of an organization. It is the duty of the national board to determine the relative importance and urgency of issues and communicate this information to the owners of JACL, the membership. The membership must have the confidence in the national board to set these priorities. JACL has always utilized its great grassroots organization to move



forward issues. Such concerted efforts are what have made JACL a leader in the API community. The key to these concerted efforts is the trust and understanding between the membership and the board. The board must maintain the free flow of information with its constituency."

**Qualifications:** "...Having been involved with JACL for more than 30 years, I am familiar with the operations of our organization. I have been a recent member of the JACL personnel committee. During my service on the personnel committee, a new personnel manual was implemented. So, I have a good background in the operation of our organization's various offices and its staff."

The other significant duties are the matter relating to the national convention. The 1990 national JACL convention was hosted by the San Diego chapter. My wife, Carol, was the chapter president at that time. So, we have experience and knowledge of the planning needed for a convention. Additionally, I have good friends in JACL who were actively involved in other

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## California Looks at State-wide Human Relations Commission

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

The brother of a Filipino American postal worker who was shot to death allegedly by an avowed white supremacist last summer is among the many supporters urging elected officials to create a California-wide human relations commission.

Ismael Ito admitted that he never paid attention to hate crime issues until his brother, Joseph, was gunned down by Buford O. Furrow Jr. on Aug. 10, 1999, after the gunman had shot and injured five people at a Jewish community center in Granada Hills, Calif.

"You might be sitting in your living room, saying, 'Well, there goes another press conference about hate crimes.' We used to do that until it hit our family last year," said Ito. "Today, we are standing up for our rights to be in this city, in this state and this nation. You need to act and not depend on someone else to do the work for you because one day it might hit your family. That's why I'm speaking out because the ordeals that our family is going through right now, we don't want it to be felt by other families."

It was out of this Ito/North Valley Jewish Community Center tragedy that Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, proposed Assembly Bill 2000, which would create a 13-member commission to coordinate human relations programs throughout the state. Currently, there are 60 separate human relations commissions

in California.

Villaraigosa said AB 2000 strives "to complement and enhance the resources, abilities and outreach efforts of the 60 local human relations commissions" while at the same time providing support to areas with none such as smaller cities and rural areas.

In explaining AB 2000, Villaraigosa said, "We would conduct a thorough study of the relevant policies, practices and current programs in the state that relate significantly to human relations. The commission would identify prevention and multicultural community building strategies. And finally, it would make recommendations to the governor and legislature on how we can begin to expand that network of support all across the state."

Robin Toma, director of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, said the purpose of AB 2000 would not overlap with the Hate Crimes Prevention Act proposed at the federal level.

"The federal Hate Crimes Prevention bill tries to expand the degree to which the federal government can become involved in prosecuting hate crimes," said Toma. "What we're talking about here is creating a commission that will try to figure out what the state agencies can do and how to strengthen the state system to better address all human relations issues so it's not just hate crimes but also addressing issues such as intergroup

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## Wash. Resident Target of Hate Mail

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

"The name has been changed to protect the interviewee."

A Seattle resident recently received hate literature in the mail a few days after an opinion piece written by him was published in the local newspaper.

James Tanaka\* received a manila envelope in the mail a few days after he had written a pro-choice opinion piece that appeared in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. The op-ed piece appeared on Thursday, April 13, and Tanaka received the package on Monday, April 17.

Tanaka, a Seattle chapter member, said the envelope had a blurred Seattle postmark with no return address, and his home address had been handwritten.

Among the random items the envelope contained were "swastika-embellished literature, announcements for hate group events, screws, washers (flat rings of metal with a hole in the middle) and a newspaper clipping.

Tanaka was most concerned over the newspaper article which was a story about a Vietnamese American who was shot after testifying in court. He wondered if the clipping was a warning.

"It was kind of scary at first," said Tanaka. "I didn't know what to think. This is the first time something like this has happened. And the message was clear: we know where you live. But then I got angry that just because I wrote something as a person of color, an Asian Pacific Islander, about being pro-choice, I'm being told to keep my mouth shut."

National JACL Director John

Tateishi condemned the perpetrator(s) of this recent act of hate. "This is another example of the kind of cowardice shown by hate mongers, who always hide behind anonymous messages," said Tateishi. "Such cowards ought to be despised, and at the same time, Tanaka commended for his fortitude and honesty."

Tanaka reported the incident to the Seattle Police Department and turned over the envelope into their custody.

Christie-Lynne Bonner, Seattle Police Department's bias crime coordinator detective, said while the incident was "very offensive," this was "not a crime" because there was no direct threat. But Bonner added that they plan to monitor the situation to determine whether it is part of a larger pattern.

Tateishi voiced his disappointment over the response from the Seattle Police Department.

"Frankly, I'm upset the Seattle police aren't treating it as a hate crime because, in my view, there is a threat implied in the message," said Tateishi. "This only shows that we need to train our chapters on the nature and threat of hate crimes so they know how to deal with local law enforcement agencies when something like this happens."

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium reported for 1998, the most recent figures available, that there were a total of eight reported incidents of hate crimes against Asian Pacific Americans in Washington. That was up from four reported incidents in 1997.

Overall, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police

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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>.**

### 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

#### 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.**

## COMMUNITY Calendar

### The Midwest

#### CHICAGO

**Sun., June 3—Natsu Ichi Nisen Summer Festival; 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark; crafts, food and games. Free admission. Info: Jean Fujii, Sharon Harada, 773/275-7212.**

### The Northwest

#### PORTLAND

**Mon., May 29—Nikkei Community Memorial Day Service; 1 p.m., Rose City Cemetery; service at Lone Fir Cemetery to follow.**

**Sat., June 3—"A Salute to the Greatest Generation" with Tom Brokaw. Everyone who played a role in World War II is invited to take part in the free event at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Internees are especially encouraged to participate. For info: contact Sharon Takahashi at stakahashi@teleport.com or Colleen Kawahara at 360/696-8036.**

**Sun., June 4—Taiko Lecture Demonstration, "Journey of a Japanese American Drummer: Integrating Tradition with Innovation" with Kenny Endo; Portland Art Museum Whitsell Auditorium; reception to follow. For complimentary tickets: Legacy Center, 224-1458.**

### Northern California

#### BAY AREA

**Sun., June 4—48th Annual Junior Olympics track and field event; Chabot College, Hayward. Info: Tom Oshidari, 408/257-5609. e-mail: toshidari@edtechcorp.com.**

#### BAY AREA

**Sun., June 4—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting: 12:30 p.m.; all welcome. Info: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.**

#### FREMONT

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

### NC-WNPacific

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Sat., June 3—NCWNP District's pre-convention meeting 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. ARIZONA**

**Sun., June 4—Special cooking class; 12:30 p.m., JACL Hall; ribs, shiitake chicken, tofu pie, more. RSVP: Seiko Watkins, 623/581-2623.**

**Fri., June 2—Oakland As vs. San Francisco Giants; Oakland Coliseum. Tickets: Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258.**

#### MONTEREY PENINSULA

**Fri., June 30—Veterans Tribute Dinner; see Community Calendar. STOCKTON**

**Sat., May 27—Stockton JACL Annual Picnic; 10 a.m., Mickle Grove Park; games, prizes, races, horse-shoes, good food, friends welcome.**

### 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 or less, according to number of passengers. RSVP ASAP: 213/626-4471.**

#### GARDENA VALLEY

**Wed., June 7—Dinner to honor Gardena Councilman Terry Terauchi; 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner,**

Normandie Club Showroom, 1045 Rosecrans Ave., Gardena; special guest Pat Morita will sign autographs and take pictures. RSVP: 310/217-1724.

#### 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 (10 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.

dinner \$150. Info: 213/553-1830.

**Thurs., June 1—Japan America Society Annual Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Beverly Hills, 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills; International Citizens Award to be presented to Tasaku Takagaki, Chairman of the Bank of Tokyo - Mitsubishi. RSVP: Barry Keen, 313/627-6217 ext. 208.**

**Sat., June 3—Asian American Writers' Symposium, "Words Matter"; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., UCLA Faculty Center; parking in Lot 2. Free. RSVP: 310/825-2974, e-mail: Saranya@ucla.edu.**

**Sat., June 3—Go for Broke Monument First Anniversary Celebration; 10 a.m., East First and Alameda Streets. Info: 310/327-4193.**

**Sat., June 3—Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church Bazaar 2000; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 1850 W. Hellman Ave., Alhambra. Info: 626/570-4500, www.gbgm-umc.org/sageumc.**

**Sat., June 3—Benefit Dance, "Salute to Summer"; 7-11 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. Info: Toshi Asato, 313-373-5287, Midori Kamei, 310/541-6698.**

#### 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.**

**Sun., June 4—Benefit Bazaar; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market St.; martial arts, taiko, Okinawan dance, ethnic foods, bingo, raffle, kids' games, more. Info: 619/239-0896.**

### Arizona - Nevada

#### LAS VEGAS

**Fri.-Sat., June 2-3—Gila River Reunion; Jackie Gaughn's Plaza; exhibit of camp relics; Friday evening mixer, Saturday golf tournament, sight-seeing tour, Saturday night banquet. Registration: c/o Hy Shishino, 16031 Sugarpine Ln., Cerritos, CA 90703. ■**

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## NAPALC Joins Coalition Calling for Immigration Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium joined a broad-based coalition that includes Jack Kemp, former Republican vice presidential candidate and Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to urge Congress to pass legislation to reform America's immigration policies, which the coalition refers to as ineffective and discriminatory.

The coalition, ranging from conservative pro-business organizations such as Americans for Tax Reform to labor unions and religious groups like the United Farm Workers of America and the United States Catholic Conference, called for several immigration reforms, in addition to raising the number of H-1B visas issued.

The proposal, named "H-1B Plus," recommends an update of the Registry Date from 1982 to 1986, which would allow longtime, deeply-rooted undocumented immigrants who were present in the United States before 1986, to remain permanently.

In addition, the proposal would allow persons already in the United States to remain here to complete their status adjustment for permanent residency, rather than force them to return to their home countries to complete the process.

Finally, the group called for an immediate reduction of the processing backlog for people wanting

to immigrate to the United States through the family sponsorship category.

"As Congress begins to consider expanding the number of H-1B visas to bring in the highly skilled immigrants that our economy needs to prosper, we call on Congress to take care of America's other pressing immigration needs at the same time," said Karen Narasaki, executive director of NAPALC.

"It is not rational to force people who want to become legal permanent residents of the United States to leave this country in order to do so. We must restore their ability to do it in the United States without disrupting the lives of their families and their communities," continued Narasaki. "It is not fair or humane to continue to ignore the growing backlogs of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who are waiting to reunite with their family members. Over 3.5 million spouses, children and brothers and sisters are waiting to reunite with their relatives in the United States, some for five to 20 years."

"Congress must ensure that all who come to the United States whether as legal permanent resident, temporary worker, asylum seeker or refugee are protected against exploitation and arbitrary government treatment. Congress needs to finish repairing the damage it caused in the 1996 welfare and immigration legislation." ■

## Committee of 100 Celebrates 11 Years

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

Business, entertainment and ethnic profiling were topics of interest at the Committee of 100 11th anniversary conference held at the Bonaventure and Biltmore hotels in Los Angeles, where more than 700 people gathered on May 5-6.

"It was designed to touch on all the hot button issues—venture capital, the Internet, WTO (World Trade Organization) and permanent normal trade relations [with China]," said Henry Tang, C-100 chair. C-100 is a national, non-partisan organization, consisting of prominent Chinese American leaders whose goal is to promote full participation of Chinese Americans in all sectors of American society and to increase mutual understanding between China and the United States.

Presidential hopeful Gov. George W. Bush met privately with several C-100 members and "reaffirmed his support for WTO status" for China, said Tang. He added that both presidential candidates, Bush and Vice President Al Gore, had been invited.

Keynote speaker Bill Moyers, founder of Public Affairs Television Inc., announced that he will be working on a four-part PBS television series on Chinese Americans. Moyers felt it was important to tell the Chinese American story in light of the recent rise in anti-Chinese sentiment, particularly in connection with the Democratic National Committee's campaign finance scandal and the alleged espionage case against Wen Ho Lee.

"No matter how powerful we are, no matter how rich or successful or celebrated, we will never be truly heard until our ancestors have spoken," said Moyers. "I want this series to give them their voice back."

Reminiscent of how Japanese Americans were treated after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Moyers felt mainstream media and politicians were casting suspicion on all Chinese Americans as "potential

' sleeper agents,' who can be used at any time but may not be activated for a decade or more."

In his 30-minute speech, Moyers connected America's past legacy of anti-Asian racism to today's attack on Asian Americans.

"Those people I heard on talk radio after the Cox Report thought they were voicing their own opin-

ers' TV series.

One of the most talked about panel was the "Ethnic Profiling of Chinese Americans in Technology," where panelists Nelson Dong, a partner with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, and Laura Hong, a partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, read transcripts from scientist Wen Ho Lee's interrogation.

Tang had one word to describe the proceedings: "powerful."

Although Tang did not speculate on Lee's guilt or innocence, he said the transcript readings "showed and indicated abusive interrogation techniques applied to him."

When the Lee scandal first erupted, C-100 was one of the first groups to contact the White House, the Department of Energy and the Department of Justice. Since then C-100 has been in contact with various officials, but Tang declined to comment on their talks except to say that what happened to Lee "impacts all of us."

Woo said he was "impressed by the depth of passion" displayed by not only the panelists but also by the audience who continued to discuss the matter long after the session was over.

Los Angeles Times columnist Bob Scheer, who also sat on the Lee panel, criticized the Clinton Administration on their handling of the case, and further blamed mainstream media coverage for "failing to use the best journalistic standards to cover the story."

At the Internet panel titled, "Asia: The Next Internet Frontier," there was no doubt that Asia is being eyed as the next growth market.

But Jerry Yang, recognized worldwide for setting up Yahoo's business strategy, declined to give any future predictions, except to say that he felt "the best is yet to come." Some of his concerns involved breaking the "digital divide" between industrialized nations and third world countries where the majority of people do not have access to the Internet.

"I think we have to keep driving towards affordability and accessibility," said Yang. ■



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Bill Moyers announces plans for a TV series on Chinese American history.

ions, but they weren't," said Moyers. "The vitriol, the spite, the hatred and the fear were echoes from the past. It was the strong shackle of a past that grips us although we may be ignorant of it. And that's why history must be confronted, not repressed. That's why the truth must be told."

Charlie Woo, CEO of Megatons and one of the only AAs to sit on Los Angeles' host committee for the Democratic National Convention, felt Moyers' speech was "one of the most touching speeches I have ever heard."

"I think he speaks for a lot of Asian Americans," said Woo. "I was really touched."

Tang added they are still in the process of helping to raise \$2.5 million of a \$5 million budget for Moy-

## Early Census Reports Show Increased Minority Participation

Civil rights advocates applauded the better-than-expected mail response in the first phase of Census 2000, particularly in many communities where the undercount was disproportionately high in 1990 and previous decennial censuses.

Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), credited national and local civil rights organizations for helping to reverse the decline in mail-back rates that has plagued the census since 1970, the first count to rely primarily on mailed questionnaires.

"The Leadership Conference is encouraged by the preliminary assessment of mail returns in Census 2000," said Henderson. "For the past two years, an accurate census has been a top priority for the civil rights community, and that commitment has yielded demonstrable results."

Dr. Kenneth Prewitt, director of the Bureau of the Census, also gave credit to the civil rights community for the encouraging mail response in "historically hard to enumerate areas."

"The mailback response rates of minority communities across America are a big part of the success in reversing the decline in cooperation with the Census," said Prewitt. "The extraordinary work of national and local civil rights organizations played a significant role in this accomplishment. We will be depending on their continued effort as we move into the challenging task of gaining cooperation from those who have yet to be included in the census count."

According to the Census Bureau, at least 66 percent of American

households returned their forms during the first phase of the census, compared with a mail-back rate of 65 percent in 1990. The bureau had projected a 61 percent mail response.

"Though modest, the improvement over 1990 represents a significant reversal of a three-decade decline in voluntary census participation," said Henderson.

The second phase of Census 2000 started on April 27, when nearly 400,000 census takers began visiting the 42 million households that did not mail back a questionnaire.

"We now call on those in the community who haven't yet been counted to cooperate with the census enumerators visiting their homes," said Karen K. Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific Legal Consortium.

Karen McGill Lawson, executive director of the Leadership Conference Education Fund (LCEF), recognized several private foundations that funded census outreach and promotion campaigns of civil rights organizations such as the Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corporation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

With the funds, LCEF developed and provided education kits titled "Census 2000: Everyone Counts!" to thousands of individuals and grass-roots organizations. It also created an online component at <civilrights.org/civilrights/issues/census/contents.html>. The LCEF and LCCR also organized educational briefings on the census in historically hard-to-count communities such as Miami and Phoenix. ■

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College or grad students currently majoring in English or Journalism preferred, but not required. Applicants should also have a California driver's license.

The application deadline for P.C.'s "Harry Honda Summer Internship Program" is Thursday, June 15, 2000.

If interested, please send a resume and a writing sample to the Pacific Citizen, 7 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755, fax: 323/725-0064, email: PacCit@aol.com, attention: Caroline Aoyagi. ■



## JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Unveiling the History of JA Fishermen in Monterey



By ROGER MINAMI

According to author Sandy Lydon, Japanese immigrants

played an integral role in the fish canning and fishing businesses later made famous by the book "Cannery Row" by author John Steinbeck.

Lydon teaches Asian American history at Cabrillo College in Aptos, Calif., and authored the book "The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region." The book chronicles the history of Japanese Americans in the Monterey Peninsula.

In her book, Lydon tells of how in 1902, Otosaburo Noda and Henry Malpas formed the Monterey Fishing and Canning Company to can both abalone and salmon. At that time, salmon was smoked or cured and later packed in a brine solution in barrels for shipment. Salmon was not put into the type of metal cans we see today until around 1911.

During the Monterey Fishing and Canning Company's first year of packing locally caught salmon, only 10 of the 25 boats that supplied fish were owned by JAs. By 1907, there were 180 fishing boats in Monterey Bay. Out of 180 boats, 125 of them were owned by JAs. Also in 1907, JA fishermen organized their own trade association called the Japanese Fisherman's Union.

Japanese fishermen pursued salmon in one-man sail powered boats called "skiffs." Their season lasted from May 15 to Aug. 15. Although the fishing season was relatively short, their pay was considerable compared to those JAs working in the Monterey Peninsula region as farm laborers. A Japanese fisherman could earn up to \$25 per day at the peak of salmon season compared to the \$2 per day earned by farm la-

borers. During their off-season, JA fishermen could be spotted working in the local forests clearing brush and cutting firewood. Some worked as farm laborers.

This year, the JACL national convention will be held in Monterey. The JACL national convention committee has arranged a cocktail reception at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on June 28 where the history of JAs in the fishing industry will be discussed. During the reception, a historical video presentation and some JA fishermen will be on hand to share their exciting experiences in the industry and answer audience questions.

"The history of Japanese Americans in the fishing industry is extremely exciting and unfortunately is oftentimes overlooked by our own Japanese American community," said Edith Ichijui, JACL national convention co-chair.

"We invite JACL conventioners to come out and see the wonderful reception the national convention committee has put together regarding this fascinating topic."

For more information on the cocktail mixer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, contact Larry Oda at tsunoel@msn.com.

There will also be a tour of the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas arranged by the West Valley JACL chapter. The National Steinbeck Center is a museum dedicated to the life and novels of author John Steinbeck.

The trip will be held on July 1 and the cost of the trip is \$10/per person for transportation. Each person is responsible for purchasing their own admission ticket at the door. Senior discounts are available.

For more information on the National Steinbeck Center tour, contact Roger Minami at rminami@ix.netcom.com or 805/352-0467. ■

## Arizona Chapter Hosts 30th Annual Awards Luncheon

The 30th Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards and Graduates Luncheon was hosted by the JACL Arizona chapter on May 7 at the Ramada Valley Ho Resort in Scottsdale.

Guest speakers included Lane Nishikawa, poet and playwright, and Randy Nakagawa, chapter board member and Pacific Southwest regional winner of the Min Yasu Oratorical Competition.

The winners of the five scholarships were Mariko Corella of Central High School; Allison Fuwa of Dobson High School; Brett Nakagawa of Apollo High School; Blake Shimada of Liberty High School; and Robert Tadano of Horizon High School (recipient of the Dr. Herbert Jensen award).

Judges for the scholarships were Dr. Monty Fuse, assistant professor at Arizona State University; Dr. Gary Cruz, executive director, Leadership Center Community, Church of Joy; and Mr. John Tang, management and resource teacher, Royal Palm Middle School.

The 2000 year graduates included elementary school honorees Mike Goldhardt, Grant Kobashi, Kimberly Inoshita, Lauren Ogino, M.J. Sakata, Terry Teraji and Andrea Wrippe.

In addition to the five high school award winners, high school graduates honored at the luncheon in-



Graduates honored by the Arizona chapter JACL (l-r, front row): Kimberly Inoshita, Mariko Corella, Allison Fuwa, Terry Teraji, Grant Kobashi; (back row): Jodi Kobashi, Brett Nakagawa, Robert Tadano, Blake Shimada.

cluded Cristina Chinen, Buena; Sara Edrich, Sun Valley; Jason Facundus, Chaparral; Sara Hirose Cortez, Diana Ikeda, Westwood; Jenny Jensen, Iodi, Calif.; Jennifer Peng, Horizon, Heber Sullivan, St. John's; and Henry Wendel, Cabot, Ark.

College graduate honorees included Andrew Arbesman, Williams College, Williamsburg, Mass.; Akane Femyer, University of Arizona; Jason Kajita, Arizona State University; and Jodi Kobashi, Arizona State University.

The luncheon was attended by 140 people. J.C. Kobashi was mas-

ter of ceremonies, M.J. Sakata led the pledge of allegiance, Pastor Sid Ogino gave the invocation and the benediction was by Lynn Sugiyama. Welcome was by Joe Allman, chapter president. The JACL Creed was read by Allison Fuwa.

Dr. Herbert Jensen was acknowledged for the scholarship bearing his name, to which he recently donated \$10,000.

Members of the scholarship committee were Marilyn Inoshita, chair; Kathy Inoshita, secretary; Seiko Watkins, Jill Yano, Michele Namba, Nancie Haranaka and Joann Kimura. ■

## Downtown JACL and Southern California Japanese Women's Society Honor 5 as Women of the Year

Five women were honored as Women of the Year by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL and the California Japanese Women's Society, on May 7 at the New Otani Hotel & Garden.

The five honorees include: Nobuko Inuma, 66, author and professor at the Urasenki Tea School. Born in Numa-city Shizuoka-ken, she has been involved since 1965 in tea ceremony demonstrations to organizations such as the San Fernando Buddhist Church, Jewish organizations, San Fernando Public Schools and at Japanese community events. Her community work includes donating audio tapes of stories and novels for blind people to public libraries in Japan.

Fujima Kansuma, age 81, has been teaching Japanese classical dance in the Los Angeles area since 1939. Forty of her students have attained professional status of *natori*. She is well known among the Ise and Nisei generation for her cultural programs during the

camp years, and her school has performed many mini-concerts for L.A. County elementary schools.

Kazuko Shimbashi, born and educated in Japan, is a graduate of the Ikenobu Flower Arrangement Academy. She is devoted to the promotion of flower arrangement and tea ceremony. She has taught *ikebana* at the Crenshaw Cultural Center and the Harbor City Buddhist church, and lectured in flower arrangement for 30 years at Kyoto System Japanese Language School.

Miyu Koyamatsu, a Honolulu-born graduate of UCLA, has taught elementary school and high school English, history and citizenship. She is president of the Women of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and secretary and president of the Girl Friendly School at Gardena Elementary School. She is room mother and gifted students coordinator, and at Evans Adult School she is teacher counselor and assistant principal in charge of staffing and school operations. She

has also taught English as a second language for 20 years.

Bernadette Fumi Nishimura has been volunteering at the Japanese Community Pioneer Center for 18 years, since retiring from the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation. She serves on the L.A. City Department of Aging's Council on Aging, is on the boards of the Commission on Aging of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Little Tokyo Service Center. She served as president of the Resident Council of Little Tokyo Towers for two and one half years.

"These are women within our community that have helped improve the quality of life of others and at the same time helped preserve the culture and values of the Japanese American heritage," said Kitty Sankey, vice president of the Downtown L.A. chapter. "These women deserve the recognition," said Fusako Kanai, president of the Southern California Japanese Women's Society. "They are impressive." ■

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## 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, oratorical 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 have 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

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## 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.

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## A Search for Mukilteo JAs

The Mukilteo Japanese American Historical Society is searching for the names and addresses of former residents of Japantown, Mukilteo, Wash., and their children.

They are being asked to attend the unveiling of the Mukilteo Historic Marker, commemorating the cordiality of early residents to Japanese workers at the local sawmill. The Mukilteo Historic Marker will be located above Mukilteo's Centennial Park. The ceremony will take place on June 9.

When a large sawmill was built in Mukilteo in 1903, Japanese were imported to do menial labor, and made up about one-third of the town's population. The townspeople welcomed the immigrant workers and taught them American language and customs. When the Crown Lumber Co. closed in 1930

the Japanese moved away.

They were scattered far and wide by the World War II evacuation. The Nisei were shocked and resentful at the violation of their constitutional rights; but they had faith in America. They enlisted in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and offered their lives on the battlefields of Europe. Others volunteered for the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific Theater.

The \$10,000 Mukilteo Historic Marker was initiated by Nisei, and features a three-foot brigitani crane on a granite pedestal with the words "peace" and "happiness" inscribed in English and Japanese on a bronze plaque.

Please send correspondence to Mukilteo Japanese Americans, 631 Morris Ave. S., Renton, WA 98055, or call 425/204-8753. ■

## Amache Site Gets Face-lift Thanks to Efforts of Optimists Club and Local Community

For more than a half century the site of the Amache War Relocation Camp in southeastern Colorado was marked only by a tiny cemetery and two modest memorials in a desolate, sun-baked desert area a short distance off U.S. Highway 50 not far from the town of Granada.

Now the site has been properly beautified, thanks to the efforts of the Denver Central Optimists Club and the cooperation of the citizens of Granada, many of whom until recently knew nothing of the camp which confined more than 7,500 Japanese Americans during World War II. One of the memorials now standing honors the memory of 31 JAs from the camp who died in service with the U.S. Army.

The newly cleaned up site was dedicated on May 20, at rites attended by a delegation of Denver area JAs, and many residents of the area. The ceremony centered around a flagpole, newly erected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post of nearby Lamar, Colo.

The 31 members of the Denver Central Optimists are all JAs. Many of them are too young to have experienced the Evacuation, but one member, Henry Okubo, was a high school student at the camp during WWII.

The club had made it a project to visit the campsite each Memorial Day. This year they undertook a major restoration project, enlisting the cooperation of the citizens of Granada. On April 17 and 18, all 294 youngsters of the Granada school system — kindergarten through high school — took part in refurbishing the area.

They and their teachers, some townsfolk, and the Optimists leveled ground, laid sod, and planted donated trees. Takashi Aigaki, who operates a sod farm north of Denver, donated a load of sod, a 3,000-gallon tank-truck, and 1,000 feet of chainlink fence to protect the sodded area. Victor Tawara, a nurseryman from Fort

Collins, contributed six large Colorado blue spruce trees.

The Optimists Club provided 70 pinion pine trees, 200 Russian olives, numerous cottonwood and crabapple saplings, and 1.5 miles of four-strand barbed wire fencing and posts to keep cattle out of the main campsite. Water is to be piped to the area from a well some distance away.

An Amache Preservation Society, made up of local young people, solicited goods and services for the project from townspeople. High school shop students have been working on benches for the site.

Overall local coordinator for the refurbishing project was John Hopper of the Granada schools. Tina Silva, a former member of the Granada city council, was the coordinator between the Optimists and the Granada community. Her husband, Larry Silva, crafted a sign designating the former campsite to be erected on Highway 50. ■

## Aratani Receives APAICS Achievement Award

On May 25, George Tetsuo Aratani was awarded the achievement award at the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) sixth annual gala dinner.

Aratani is the founder and chairman of several leading companies, including Mikasa, Chinaware, Kenwood Electronics, and AMCO Medical Supplies.

During World War II, Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned by the U.S. government in camps for the duration of the war simply based on their race. Following release from one of those camps, Aratani established his companies one by one, each with their own unique products and services. After many years of

hard work and sacrifice, each company has earned a stellar reputation for quality and workmanship.

Aratani is known for his generosity and support of Asian Pacific American causes and institutions. In 1994, the Aratani Foundation was created to help support nonprofit organizations that served the APA community. Some of the foundation's beneficiaries include the Japanese American National Museum, East West Players, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Keiro Homes, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, and the Asian American Studies Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

A strong believer in the American political process, he is also well known for his support of APA political issues and candidates. "Aratani is a pioneer in his support of Asian Pacific American causes. APAICS is pleased to

honor his accomplishments and achievements," said APAICS Chairman and former Member of Congress, Norman Y. Mineta.

For the past five years, APAICS has hosted its gala dinner as one of the largest celebrations of APA Heritage Month in May. This year's sixth annual gala dinner was held on May 25 at the historic Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C.

Paolo Montalban and Jennifer Paz served as the evening's entertainment. Montalban was named as one of *People* magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People in 1998 and is best known for his role as Prince Charming in the television revival of *Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, "Cinderella."* Jennifer Paz first caught the attention of theater critics in 1992 with her impressive stage debut as Kim in the first national tour of "Miss Saigon."

APAICS can be contacted at 877/547-4318 (toll-free). ■

## NBC 5 Chicago Honors Sandra S. Yamate

NBC 5 Chicago recently paid tribute to Sandra S. Yamate, one of seven Chicago area unsung heroes selected to receive the 2000 Jefferson Award for Public Service.

This year's honorees, chosen for their selfless commitment to helping others, also included Rachel Cordero, Megan Doherty, Fr. Thomas Nangle, Michael Schack, Gregory Seigman, and Charlene Ware.

Yamate, 40, created her own publishing company in order to enhance the Asian American image reflected in children's books. She has either pioneered, headed-up, or participated in countless community groups and has served as an outstanding AA leader in the legal profession since 1985. As director of the American Bar Association's Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession, Yamate promotes the full and equal participation of minorities within the field.

According to Larry Wert, NBC 5 president and general manager, "This year's winners deserve high praise. They've been able to step beyond themselves to serve and help others. They represent the best in our community and we are proud to honor them with the prestigious Jefferson Award which

recognizes the importance of public service."

One of these seven local winners will represent Chicago at the national Jefferson Awards held in Washington, D.C., June 12-14.

This is the fifth consecutive year NBC 5 has sponsored the Jefferson Awards in Chicago. Named after Thomas Jefferson — an American citizen known for his

adamant dedication to public service and the betterment of society — the Jefferson Awards honor the highest ideals and achievements in volunteerism and public service. The awards are part of a program given by the American Institute of Public Service, which was founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Robert Taft Jr. in 1972. ■

## APAIT Presents 3rd Annual Benefit Concert, 'An Exploration in Strings'

The Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT) presents its third annual benefit concert "An Exploration in Strings" on May 30 in the Crystal Ballroom of the historic Regal Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles at 8 pm. Asian American members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and their friends are generously donating their time and talent to come together for an intimate concert to support the programs of APAIT.

Organized by Roy Tanabe, violinist and 30-year veteran of the philharmonic, "An Exploration in Strings" features distinguished AA musicians including cellist Gloria Lum, violist Richard Elegion, and violinist Ingrid Chun. They will perform Brahms's Trio in B Major and Bach's Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 3 and 6.

Honorary co-chairs for this prestigious event are California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles City Councilmember Jackie

Goldberg and Edison International Director of Public Affairs Wesley Tanaka, all long time supporters of APAIT.

Proceeds from the concert benefit APAIT, the only organization providing critically needed HIV and AIDS services specifically to Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout L.A., including education and prevention programs, promotion of HIV testing and early intervention and HIV client support services. All programs are culturally and linguistically appropriate; services are offered in many languages in addition to English, including Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese.

Tickets for "An Exploration in Strings" are \$100 each for the concert and post-concert dessert reception and \$150 each for dinner, concert and dessert reception. For additional information on the concert or APAIT, call 213/553-1831. ■

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## Stranger Than Fiction

By Christina Shigemura

### Travels

Lately I've been traveling a lot. Last weekend I went to Palm Springs to attend a conference for educators. I had never been to Palm Springs before. Everyone seemed so relaxed that I even started to relax, which felt very unnatural. Outside of the convention center there weren't any crowds or lines. I started to wonder if I was in a ghost town. Luckily, on my way back to L.A. I started to hit traffic. By about the third or fourth time traffic came to a standstill on the freeway I felt right at home again.

The weekend before Palm Springs, I went home to Northern California. It's funny. Even though my mother no longer lives in the city where I was raised, wherever she is still seems to be "home" although I also consider L.A. to be my home. I have a feeling that this is one of those things that doesn't change, no matter how old you get. Anyway, I went home and it was lovely.

And the weekend before that, I visited Manzanar for the second time. Although my first pilgrimage was strikingly memorable, my second was more powerful in some ways.

Maybe it was the wind. Last year it rained a bit, but this year we had "normal" weather —

fierce winds and unrelenting dust. The wind and dust seemed to permeate every inch of my being. My bento lunch had the distinct, crunchy texture of sand. At home later that night, I found dirt in my ears, eyes and even my bellybutton.

The dust inspired thoughts ranging from, "Yuck! How the heck did it get in there?" to "How did people live here for four years? How amazing it is that JAs could persevere and survive in such a desolate and inhospitable place."

Happily, I was able to share my reflections (OK, not the bellybutton one) with a busload of my colleagues who participated in the annual pilgrimage through a class offered every year by the Asian Pacific Committee of United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA).

Having the opportunity to lead a group of teachers to Manzanar is not something I will soon forget. Although it's impossible to convey a comprehensive understanding of Manzanar in one class, our committee could see that the teachers gained a lot from participating in the pilgrimage. I give mad props, as my students would say, to the Manzanar committee for organizing the yearly pilgrimage.

Hopefully, teachers who made the journey will take this new understanding into their classrooms. I especially hope that when my colleagues talk to their students about Manzanar, they will emphasize that the struggle for redress continues for Japanese Latin Americans and JAs who, for one reason or another, did not receive redress.

Recovering from the wounds which the internment inflicted on our community is still an unfinished page in history. There are many stories which need to be told, including the stories of the resisters of conscience. On Tues., May 23, at 7 p.m., Visual Communications, Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR) and JACL Pacific Southwest District Civil Rights Caucus will host a screening of "Conscience and the Constitution," a film about the resisters which will be shown on public television later this year. I am planning to be there for the film as well as the panel discussion and reception to follow.

My weekend jaunts have been fun, but I don't want to miss what's happening in my own backyard, either. ■

Christina Shigemura is a member of NCR and of the Asian Pacific Committee of UTLA.

### national Youth Conference

**Leadership:** "Being a leader means providing a vision and executing it. Although it may seem straightforward and simple, this job is the most important in any given organization. A leader must not only know the goals of the future, but also the current situation of the members. Someone not cognizant of the present situation will be unable to create a plan to migrate the entity to the desired state."

"As the leaders of the JACL, the national board must provide a clear vision and execute it. The national board must make it obvious what the mission of the JACL is and how it will be accomplished. All chapters should be aware of their role in the organization, along with the responsibilities they owe members. Furthermore, the national board needs to let chapters know the resources available to them, both internal and external. Not providing the tools for chapters to succeed sets them up for failure."

"Communication plays a vital role in whether the national board can attain its mission, as this is the most accurate way to gauge the status of the organization. Leaders of the JACL must know if their actions are effective or if changes must be made to reach goals. Communication not only serves as an internal benchmark, but also a means to measure how people outside the JACL view progress."

**Qualifications:** "...The vice president for public affairs must have extensive experience with politics since it would be impossible to uphold JACL's values without this. Working with various politicians has helped me develop a knowledge of not only issues that affect the Asian Pacific Islander community, but also techniques to garner support. Aside from my experience dealing directly with politicians, I have also participated in various grassroots efforts to make changes. Recently, I participated in two efforts to honor people of color. The first was naming a Seattle public school after the renowned Japan-

ese American schoolteacher and community activist, Aki Kurose. The other movement that I am proud to have participated in within the last year was changing the logo of King County (in Washington State) from a crown to an image of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

"The vice president for public affairs must not only know the issues pertinent to the JACL, but methods to effectively voice the JACL's stance and bolster support. Electing a vice president for public affairs without the appropriate qualifications would be detrimental, as the JACL would be unable to uphold its core values."

**Program for Action:** "The key to achieving a goal is to always know where your progress stands. Establishing clear communication channels would be the primary way for me to execute the program for action. Enabling good communication creates a method to track how effective the national board is. Furthermore, it lets the national board know how the JACL membership feels."

"If elected, I would make it a top priority to let all members know how they can reach me. I believe that access to the national board should be easy for all members. Currently, I am not sure if all members know how to reach every elected JACL official. Communication exists as a two-way street; therefore it is important that members also know what is on the mind of the national board. Members should know what issues exist, where JACL stands on these issues, and what actions are being taken. ...The time and money spent sending out physical mail is not something the JACL can afford. Instead, we now have the capability to use technology to pass information. I would make it a priority to invest some resources in our Internet site so members can always have a place to find out what is going on throughout the JACL."

"The national board must not only communicate with membership, but also with sources external to the JACL. In order to ensure that we can meet our goals included in the program for action, we must work with other organizations. To establish an effective coalition, a good communication

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## A Bridge Across the Pacific

By Emily Murase

### A Tribute to Issei Mothers

My mother is Issei (first generation) and my father is Nisei (second generation). You might ask, what does that make me and my siblings, Nisei or Sansei (third generation)?

Among our friends, there are a number of people born to Issei mothers and Nisei fathers. Many of us, unlike most Sansei, speak Japanese, thanks to the efforts of our Issei mothers who raised us to use Japanese in the home and reinforced this learning by enrolling us in Japanese school. In this way, Japanese was quite literally our "mother tongue."

We like to call ourselves members of the *han* generation. *Han* means half in Japanese and we consider ourselves Nisei-han, or members of the 2.5 generation.

You might ask what makes the *han* generation different from the Sansei. Besides a greater exposure to the Japanese language, I've come up with the following differences.

Distinguishing characteristics of the Nisei-han:

1. Your mother packed you an *onigiri* instead of a sandwich.
2. You were raised on Japanese children's songs such as "Donguri Koro Koro" ("The

Tumbling Acorn") and "Karasu Naze Nakuno" ("Why Do You Cry Mama Crow?").

3. You are used to hearing a weird mix of Japanese and English which my sister calls "Japlish." Example: "Zemba vegetable o tabenasai yo" (Eat your vegetables). "Time for ofuro" (Bath time).

4. When you were growing up, preparation for New Year's Day was serious business. It meant cleaning your room, vacuuming under your bed, and making the rest of the house spotless.

5. You ate tofu as a kid, much before it became the hottest health food in the supermarket. In fact your diet was largely Japanese. You didn't eat hot dogs until you were of school age, and this was at a friend's house.

Because we share the fact that our mothers are Issei, we of the *han* generation tend to have more in common with the Nisei than the Sansei.

On behalf of the Nisei-han generation, I'd like to take a moment to thank our Issei mothers, my own included, for enriching our lives with a truly bilingual and bicultural childhood. These women have given us a priceless gift. ■

## CANDIDATES

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national conventions. I know they will be available resources for the organization. An added benefit is the fact the 2002 convention hosted by the Las Vegas chapter. Las Vegas is one of the PSW chapters I represented as district governor. I am familiar with these JACLs and have had a good working relationship with them. ■

**Program for Action:** "As with any organization, the leadership requirements for JACL are unique. By constitutional mandate, JACL is led by the national council who set forth the guidelines each biennium with our program for action. The role of the national board is to carry out the plan. Though JACL is fortunate to have many qualified and committed employees, it is still a volunteer organization. Being a volunteer organization, we rely on our members."

"My vision for the next biennium is to develop stronger volunteer committees to carry out the program for action. These committees will include members from different districts. The vice presidents will oversee the committees but do not necessarily have to chair each committee. Staff will be used by the committees only when needed. This will free staff time for the vital functions they perform. This structure will also strengthen our organization by utilizing our greatest asset, the members. By bringing in volunteers from different districts, JACL will have available to the membership individuals who know firsthand how our program for action is to be implemented."

### V.P. for Public Affairs

Ryan Chin is a member of the Seattle chapter. He is an analyst for Andersen Consulting. He is a graduate of the University of Washington with a bachelor's degree in business.

### JACL Background:

- Seattle Chapter Board Member
- Seattle Chapter, Co-Chair Fund-raising Committee
- Seattle Chapter, Installation Banquet Committee
- Seattle Chapter Scholarship Committee
- Assisted with 1999 JACL Na-



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## Letters to the Editor

### Re: Disney's Pearl Harbor Movie

This is in regards to the Disney movie "Pearl Harbor," where JACL suggested that the spy segment be removed from the film.

Since this is a factual matter where there was a Japanese dentist spying for the Japanese, it is a part of history. Although insignificant, it still is tampering with history itself. In doing so JACL will put itself in the same boat as people who deny that concentration camps existed in America or that the Holocaust never happened in Nazi Germany.

The truth should prevail regardless of the consequences, if any, that may follow regarding the spy segment.

Toshio Kato  
Union City, Calif.

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### Making Education a Priority

In the April 21-27 issue of the P.C., it was noted that the University of California adopted a four percent plan for admissions. But this is nothing new. In 1973 when I worked for the University of California, the institution allowed the top eight percent of graduating seniors in California to apply for admission. But by the late 80s, that had changed to only the top four percent, as I was told by an alumni representative who called me to solicit money.

This is a terrible situation for the institution, since it means that they are not serving the other 96 percent of graduating seniors in California, and simply letting the other institutions in the state attempt to address that population.

Although there are many more Asian Americans in the University of California system than ever before, the persons in need of educational assistance the most, the poor and economically disadvantaged,

are the persons most likely to be ignored by the institution, the premier public higher education institution in the state.

Educational opportunity programs once had the ability to admit promising students to the University of California who did not meet the regular admission requirements. But now probably only the athletic departments retain that ability. This is really sad. Although Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and even Filipino families have become economically equitable in many individual instances, the disadvantaged in those communities as well as not being served by any plans.

I would hope that the institution has a reply to the article, and that JACL takes this as one of the most important issues for this decade. Continuing educational opportunities continues to be a struggle.

Thomas M. Nishi  
Coordinator  
Asian American and Pacific  
Islander Students Affairs, MSU  
via e-mail

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Anzai, Kichio, 95, Gardena, April 29; Fukushima-ken-born; survived by son Yoshio and wife Mutsuko; daughter Yoko; 2 gc.; 2 ggc.; sisters Yasu Sasaki, Toshiko Asakura (both Japan); sister- and brother-in-law in Japan: Aiko Izumida, Shiro Takahashi and wife Sadao.

Doi, Kunji, 100, Redwood City, April 28; survived by son Tom T. and wife Chiyoko (San Jose), Hunter T. (Menlo Park); 5 gc.; 6 ggc.; sisters Yasue Kodani, Flora Taniguchi; brother Bill.

Ebata, Duane Toshinari, 49, Gardena, May 11; Vietnam War veteran; survived by wife Donna; daughters Lindsay, Lauren; mother Emiko Ebata; sister Diane Shohara and husband Thomas; parents-in-law Masato and Margaret Hokoda; brother-in-law Steven Hokoda and wife Cathleen (Seattle).

Kanetomi and wife Oneko (Ontario); brother-in-law Dick Yamamoto (Denver); sister-in-law Rose Kanetomi (Los Angeles); predeceased by wife Mary and son Thomas Jr.

Iwatsubo, James M., 80, Fresno, March 29; WWII MIS veteran; survived by wife Sophie; sons John and William and their wives; 3 gc.; sister Fumiko Wada (Hiroshima).

Maruyama, Saburo, 78, Spokane, Wash., May 7; Medford, Ore.-born; survived by wife Tillie; daughters Julie Hanson (Troutdale, Ore.), Terri Stromberg (Medford); son Larry (Boise, Idaho) 2 gc.; 1 ggc.; a sister and two brothers in Spokane: Teruko, Kazuo and Yoshio Maruyama.

Nagase, San Isamu, 94, San Francisco, April 15; survived by wife Anna; son Gene; daughters Sally Muramoto, Sue Moriguchi, Carolyn Shain; 5 gc.; 2 ggc.; brother Satoshi.

Niwa, Haruko Grace, 93, Los Angeles, April 28; Naganok-ken-born; survived by sons Ujino and wife Grace, Ujaki and wife Amy Megumi; 4 gc.

Noguni, Sadao, 59, Los Angeles, May 7; survived by son Timojen (Las Vegas); brother Hiroshi and wife Vadda; sisters Nobuko Yamamoto and husband Roland, Yoshiko Choi and husband Martin.

### DEATH NOTICE

**ALLAN ISAMI HAGIO**  
SKOKIE, Ill.—Born in Stockton, Calif., Allan Isami Hagio, 81, passed away Feb. 3. Allan is the beloved husband of Joyo, loving father of Kunio (Paulette) Hagio, David (Mandy) and Marsha (Joel) Hawley (Ford Brother of Rose (Elmer) Tunekawa, Yoshi (Roy) Hattori, Maggie (Fred) Yamaguchi, Jerry (Thelma), Roland (Keiko), Shigeo (Thelma) Mizuno, and Marsha Harada. Memorial services were held at Midwest Buddhist Temple of Chicago on Feb. 7.

### DEATH NOTICE

**MIKE M. IMOTO**  
LINDSAY, Calif.—Mike M. Imoto, 79, passed away May 2. He was retired as president of Imoto Farms Inc. Born in Lindsay in 1921, he graduated from Lindsay High School in 1940. He married Aloyce Hatsuoka Eto and they have been married for 55 years. Mr. Imoto was honored as Lindsay's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1976. He served on the boards of the Lindsay Unified Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Tulare County Associated Farmers and the Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District. He was past president of the Tulare chapter JACL, active in the Boy Scouts and Lindsay Sister City Program. In 1992, Mike and wife Aloyce were recognized as the Honored Couple for the Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival. Mr. Imoto is survived by his wife Aloyce Hatsuoka Imoto; sons, Dr. Ronald (Cheryl) of Fresno, Wesley of Visalia and Kevin (Karen) of Torrance; daughter, Sharon of Lindsay; brothers, Sam, Hiroyoshi, Akira all of Lindsay and Toby of Steamwood, Ill.; sisters Ayako Yoshida of Orland Park, Ill., Kiyoko Hamane of Pasadena, Calif., Kishi and Darlene Kishi, both of Pasadena, and Joyce Nishikori of Fresno; and five grandchildren, Carrie, Eric, Elyse, Kayli and Stacie. Funeral services were held at the Webb-Sanders Funeral Home on May 5.

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## COMMISSION

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tensions and building multicultural communities."

Although other states have statewide human relations commissions, Toma said those commissions usually focus on job and employment discrimination.

"We already have a Fair Employment and Housing Commission that handles discrimination in housing and employment," said Toma. "That's why I think this (California's human relations) commission is unique because it has such a different challenge than many other states."

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, which represents the largest county in California, and the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted last week to endorse AB 2000.

Part of the County motion, introduced by Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, called for County lobbyists to actively pursue the passage of the bill.

"In the Second Supervisorial District and throughout L.A. County, our communities are struggling to come to terms with complex human relations issues," said Burke. "A statewide organization could help identify ways that the State could play a more effective role in promoting positive human relations."

Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca, who heads the nation's largest sheriff's department, also endorsed AB 2000.

"I will work diligently to inquire support of law enforcement throughout the State of California," said Baca. "My colleagues in the State Sheriffs Association, I will appeal to their support as well."

Although JACL has not publicly endorsed AB 2000, Lori Fujimoto, national JACL vice president of public affairs who has been actively involved in combatting hate crimes in California, said she supported the legislation on a personal level.

"AB 2000 will provide the needed resources to network all the local human rights commissions in California to share their best practices, strengthen their programs and provide models to establish sound public policy to stop the hate violence," said Fujimoto. "Some of our California chapters are actively involved in these models, including Marin, San Francisco, Sacramento, Stockton, Los Angeles and the Fresno area. These chapters are participating in coalitions and forums to educate one another on their experiences in California."

"With over 36 reported hate groups in California who are tar-

geting their recruitment efforts toward youth, California must invest in ways to educate on the value of diversity in the schools," continued Fujimoto. "This commission will help identify innovative strategies to do this. Also this entity would pursue policies and strategies to look at hate on the Internet, an issue that JACL has recently experienced."

The bill has already been approved by the Assembly Judiciary Subcommittee and is currently before the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Joe Hicks, executive director of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission and a sponsor of the bill, said the idea for AB 2000 came about at a meeting of human relations and community leaders. Villaraigosa also attended this meeting and it was his initiative that created AB 2000, said Hicks.

"He (Villaraigosa) asked a very simple question: what can I do from the state level that would help in some way," recalled Hicks. "We threw a lot of ideas around and out of that meeting came this notion that what was needed was in fact a statewide office, a state commission of human relations that could help coordinate and build an infrastructure."

AB 2000 was co-authored by Assembly members Elaine Alquist, Dion Aroner, Audie Book, Dennis Cardoza, Gil Cedillo, Mike Honda, Fred Kealey, Wally Knox, Sheila Kuehl, Alan Lowenthal, Kerry Mazzoni, Jack Scott, Darrell Steinberg, Helen Thomson, Carl Washington and Scott Wildman.

The announcement of AB 2000 came a day before the California Attorney General-sponsored Prosecuting Hate Crimes 2000 Conference was held in Pomona on May 18. The conference highlighted new high technology crime fighting tools developed to assist law enforcement and prosecutors combat hate violence in California.

At the conference, Attorney General Bill Lockyer said, "Hate violence is an ugly crime of intolerance and bigotry that must be countered vigorously. This exciting new statewide hate crimes database being developed in the Attorney General's Office will be the first in the nation to assist law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of hate mongers." ■

## HATE MAIL

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Chiefs reported that for 1998 there were a total of 226 hate crime incidents involving 238 criminal offenses reported by 250 law enforcement agencies.

John Lunsford, research director for the Northwest Coalition for

Human Dignity which monitors hate groups in six states (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado), said they have been getting reports of Seattle residents receiving hate packages through the mail. Many of them, like Tanaka, received the packages after a "Letter to the Editor" or an opinion piece written by them was published in the local newspapers.

Lunsford said, to his knowledge, Tanaka has been the only Asian American to report such an incident to the coalition this year. He noted that the targets of these packages were not limited to people of color and that even government officials of outlying smaller cities have been targeted.

He characterized these hate packages as "similar" in nature but declined to conclude whether they were being sent by the same individual or organization.

"The information in the letters are similar and the writing samples are similar but we can't say for sure that they are the work of the same individual or group," said Lunsford.

Lunsford's advice to anyone who receives such packages included: do not throw the item away; try to handle the item as little as possible to retain any fingerprints of the sender; place the item in a clear plastic bag; photocopy the item; report it to your local law enforcement agency; report it to your local post office if it was sent through the mail; and report it to your local civil rights organization.

Tanaka said that while this recent incident has made him more cautious, it will not stop him from voicing his views.

"Everybody has a right to express his or her opinion," said Tanaka. ■

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Ego, Frank Kumiharu, 78, Gardena, April 29; Long Beach-born; survived by wife Kikuko; sons Michael and wife Kathleen, Thomas and wife Stanny; daughters Kumiko Tanaka and husband Sam, Kimiko; 7 gc.; brothers James and wife Satsuko, Goro and wife Ikuko; sister Fumiko Tomo; brothers-in-law Harry Akune and wife Barbara, Ken Akune and wife Alice, Saburo Akune and wife Sumie, Shiro Akune, Roy Akune and wife Tamako; sisters-in-law Yoshi Taguchi, Toshiye Hirakawa and husband Tadashi, Chieko Kawanishi and husband Kuya.

Harada, Shige, 97, El Cerrito, April 19; survived by son Hiroshi and wife Sumi (Piedmont); daughter Dorothy Oda and husband Dr. Thomas; 4gc.; 5 ggc.; brothers Denby Nakashima (Los Angeles), John Nakashima (Albuquerque, N.M.).

Hazama, Yoshiaki, 74, San Gabriel, May 1; survived by wife Nobuko "Bo"; daughter Leslie Van Fossen and husband Mike; sons Danee and wife Alice, Davee and wife Donna, Donee and wife Debbie; 4 gc.; brothers Isamu and wife Emiko, Mitsuo and wife Shigeo.

Hikida, Yutako, 75, Boise, Idaho, April 20; Lewiston, Utah-born; survived by husband Teogo; daughter Lillie Hikida, Stamm and husband Rick (Hermiston, Va.); son Randy and wife Fay (Boise); 4 gc.; brother Lorie T. Horiye (San Mateo); sisters Lilly Y. Nakano (Hermiston, Ore.), Ayako Takasugi (Parma, Idaho).

Hirano, Minoru, 68, Los Angeles, May 1; survived by wife Kathy; mother Urano; brother Shig; sister Mitsuko Nettler and husband Ted; sons Ronnie, Ted and wife Lori; 3 gc.

Imada, Dick, 86, Spokane, May 7; Tropic, Calif.-born; WWII 7th Medical Battalion veteran; survived by wife Masako; sons Richard, Donald; 2 gc.; 1 ggc.; brother Tadashi (Hiroshima); sister Grace Hagihara (Boulder, Colo.).

Ishii, Motomu, 88, San Francisco, April 16; survived by wife Hatsumi; daughters Sharon Akiyama and husband Wayne, Suzanne Ishii and husband Scott Yokoi; 5 gc.

Itami, Thomas Teruo, 81, Ontario, Ore., April 21; La Grande, Ore.-born; Tule Lake internee; president of Snake River JACL; creator of self-propelled beet harvester; survived by sons Richard and wife Mary (Corvallis, Ore.), Franklin and wife Lucille (Manhattan Beach); daughter Margaret Itami (San Francisco); 3 gc.; brother-in-law Jim



## Nakano, Honda Proclaim May as APIA Heritage Month

Assemblymembers George Nakano, D-Torrance, and Mike Honda, D-San Jose, introduced a resolution recognizing May as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 161 was co-authored by 73 assemblymembers and passed on a unanimous voice vote on May 22.



"The Asian HONDA

and Pacific Islander American community we refer to is comprised of many ethnicities, each with its own unique language, culture and history," said Nakano, who along with Honda are the only two Asian Americans in the state legislature. "This great diversity is positively changing the face of our nation and our state."

Nakano pointed out that the APIA community has been the fastest growing minority in the United States since 1980, and now accounts for 12 percent of California's population.

ACR 161 commends APIAs for their accomplishments and service to the State of California. It recognizes the critical role played by APIAs in the social, economic and political development of California's history.



NAKANO

Nakano reminded his colleagues in the assembly that, although the APIA community has made great strides in this country, the diversity in the community means equally diverse and varied needs, ranging from accessible health care, quality education and employment training to affordable child care, adequate housing and business opportunities.

## CANDIDATES

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channel must exist between the JACL and other organizations. The JACL cannot expect help from others when we do not help them. Also, members of the JACL cannot be cognizant of every single act of discrimination occurring, therefore it is useful to have constant contact with different groups...

### V.P. for Planning and Development

Karen-Liane Shiba is a member of the SELANOCO Chapter. She works for Tatsumi and Partners, a

landscape architecture firm in Newport Beach. She attended California State University, Fullerton, where she studied Spanish, French and Latin American Studies.

### JACL Background:

- SELANOCO Chapter Board, 1992 to present
- SELANOCO Chapter Secretary, 1993-98
- JACL Credentials Committee, 1994
- SELANOCO Chapter President, 1999-2000
- PSW Vice Governor, 1995
- PSW Interim Governor, 1995
- JACL Vice President for 1000 Club and Membership Services, 1996 to present

**Leadership:** "Leadership to me is a skill that can be nurtured and developed. It is an ability to set directions and goals and to motivate people to work together towards those directions and goals. People with true leadership skills not only deserve respect, but they also respect others."



ers. Exercising good leadership means listening to and considering what others have to say, yet thinking for oneself and keeping in mind the long-term aspects and the big picture.

**Qualifications:** "With my participation on the Vision 2000+ team, I have a revitalized dedication to a strengthening of the JACL. This past biennium I have taken on the oversight of the fund-

raising and fund development duties that are the responsibility of the vice president for planning and development. Additionally, I have worked closely with JACL's fund developer over the past four years and I know that we can work together well. I understand and agree that fund development plays an important part in what and how much we can do as an organization and that it is imperative that the vice president for planning and development be able to work with the fund developer.

"In my experiences serving on the national board as vice president for 1000 Club and membership services, I have worked on programs with the youth/student council and I have attended five of the six bi-tri district meetings to meet with the different chapter members and districts, all of which has given me a wider perspective of the membership of the JACL."

"I have been involved in the national budget process for the last three biennial budgets. I have gained a much greater insight into how things function at the national office and at the regional offices. For this latest 2001-2002 national budget, I had the opportunity to make sure that the education programs had enough budget to continue and improve the curriculum guide and the teacher training program."

"In 1995, I co-chaired the ad hoc committee that studied the issue of getting the JACL online and co-authored the report that recommended developing a Web site and proposed content, procedures and guidelines of the JACL Web site. In"

our constantly changing technical world, the need to further enhance our existing Web site is imperative. I have been working with the current vice president for planning and development on ideas for creating a more inviting, informative, and user-friendly site and have recently approached Mr. George Takei about recording some voice-overs for the improved website — which he has agreed to do!"

**Program for Action:** "Without knowing what the 2000-2001 program for action is going to be, I can only describe the process that I will take to determine my course of action to implement the program for action. Once the program for action is adopted, I will go through each item and create a listing of the programs under my direction that can fall under each item. I will then set goals to develop, adapt and/or put into motion those programs which can carry out the newly adopted program for action. Once the goals are determined, I will prioritize the goals and programs. Upon completion of these procedures, I will then be ready to start implementing the program for action."

"Implementation includes writing articles for the Pacific Citizen and visiting the different chapters and districts advocating the appropriate programs which support the program for action. I will also coordinate efforts with the members of the national board and with national staff to combine efforts and maximize effect whenever possible. I am open to appointing ad hoc committees to address specific issues should the need arise."

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