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## Lee Supporters Stage National Day of Outrage

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

The U.S. government's handling of Dr. Wen Ho Lee's case has become a flashpoint for national Asian Pacific American mobilization despite claims by the U.S. Department of Energy that APAs are not being unfairly targeted.

On June 8, APAs in 12 cities staged a national Day of Outrage to denounce racial profiling and to demand due process for Lee, a former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist who is being charged with mishandling classified documents. The June 8 date marked the six-month anniversary of Lee's incarceration.

In response to the rallies, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who is on the short list as a possible Democratic vice presidential running mate, issued a written statement, denying racial profiling at the DOE.

"I have zero tolerance for racial profiling," said Richardson. "The Department of Energy will neither commit nor tolerate racial stereotyping. The pending criminal case involves one individual charged with serious breaches of national security. This case is about the illegal handling and copying of U.S. nuclear weapons secrets. The case is not based on racial profiling, and no assumptions may be drawn about any other individuals on the basis of the charges against this individual."

"He will be tried in a court of law in due course," continued Richardson. "In the meantime, it is important that this individual's civil rights as a pre-trial detainee be protected. I have been assured that his rights have been protected, in-

cluding access to his family and his ability to speak in the language of his choice."

But Phil Ting with CARE (Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating), a San Francisco-based group which organized the national Day of Outrage, said the Lee case was "one example of absolute, systemic discrimination," and refuted claims that there was no racial profiling within the national labs. He pointed to a report issued in January by the DOE's own Task Force Against Racial Profiling, which found that APAs cited a hostile working environ-

ment since Lee's firing.

Kathy Feng, an attorney with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALCSC) who spearheaded the Los Angeles Day of Outrage, pointed to the questionable reclassification of Lee's data after he was fired.

"Apparently the classified information that he downloaded that were officially, originally called the crown jewel of our nation's nuclear secrets turn out not even to be highly classified. They're low security information that they reclassified after Dr. Wen Ho Lee was arrested in order to make the charges

stick," said Feng.

The Lee case is the latest in a series of events such as the campaign finance scandal and the increase in APA deaths in hate-related crimes which have galvanized the community into action. A broad cross-section of local and national organizations have turned out to endorse CARE's call to stop racial profiling, including the National Lawyers Guild, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Organization of Chinese Americans, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the Association of Asian American Studies and JACL.

"Anytime there is an infringement of civil rights of Asian Americans, JACL will be deeply involved in that," said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi.

In New Mexico where Lee once worked, Alex Achmat led the Albuquerque Day of Outrage where about two dozen supporters carried signs that read "Never Forget Executive Order 9066" and "New Mexico C.A.R.E.S., Free Wen Ho Lee." Participants marched three blocks to the U.S. Attorney's office to deliver the last of a total of 3,000 signatures on a petition demanding that Lee receive fair treatment and due process. Achmat said the first 2,000 signatures had been delivered on March 9 with no word, "not even a form letter," from the U.S. Attorney's office.

Achmat said he became involved in Lee's case after attending a bail hearing. "I was so shocked at the testimonies," said Achmat. "There were huge exaggerations and the atypical efforts (by the prosecution) to make even ordinary, everyday actions (by Lee) as somehow sinister."

In turn, Achmat cast doubt on the credibility of the witnesses who testified against Lee in the bail hearing. He noted that in comparing testimonies from Dr. Stephen Younger of LANL who testified in December and Dr. Paul Robinson from the Sandia weapons lab, whole phrases of their testimonies were almost identical.

In addition, both Achmat and Sei Tokuda, president of the New Mexico JACL chapter which participated in the rally, questioned why the top government officials involved



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Dr. Paul Chow, a physics professor at California State University, Northridge, symbolically chained and gagged himself to protest Dr. Wen Ho Lee's present living conditions in a federal penitentiary.

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## By the Board Preparing for the Next Biennium Budget

By DAVID K. HAYASHI  
Nat'l JACL Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER DELEGATES!!! If you have not received your copy of the National JACL 2001-2002 Biennium Budget, please contact your chapter president and/or national headquarters. I urge you to look it over, cover to cover, now.

At first glance, it is overwhelming, if not scary! Then, you hear all of the side comments — "We cannot support a dues increase!" "Too much soft-money!" "Too many programs, who's gonna do all the work?" "Hire more staff? No way!" Well, I will now confirm the following for the record:

• Yes, the current budget, as pre-

sented, calls for a \$3 per member dues increase.

• Yes, there is a very aggressive plan for seeking foundation and corporate grants, as well as plans for increasing other fund-raising efforts.

• Yes, there are more initiatives/programs/areas of focus being defined and presented in this budget than ever before.

• And yes, if the program budgets are approved, we will hire more staff in order to execute the plans in an efficient and effective manner.

So, are you convinced and ready to vote it down? Before you let your emotions take over, I ask you to

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## Lindsey Kagawa Shines at Stanford

By LINDSEY SHINODA  
Writer/Reporter

She grew up playing little league baseball with the boys, basketball, dancing, and volleyball. Luckily for the Stanford University Cardinal, Lindsey Kiyoko Kagawa chose to stick with volleyball.

The 21-year-old Hapa Yonsei from Albany, Calif., was the starting setter and co-captain for the Stanford women's volleyball team this past season, leading them to the final game NCAA Championship, where the Cardinals fell to Penn State.

Stanford was ranked number two in the nation by a USA Today/AVCA poll. Kagawa helped the

Cardinal effort with 13.18 assists per game. Her team ended the season with an impressive record of 31-3 overall and 17-1 in the tough PAC-10 conference, competing against UCLA, USC, and Arizona.

Kagawa, who stands at 5'9", started playing organized volleyball in elementary school, and even back then, coaches knew she was good, picking her to play on the sixth-grade team as a mere fifth grader.

"I got a lot of positive reinforcement at a young age," said Kagawa. "Competition wasn't foreign to me."

Her babysitter at the time was the setter on the volleyball team at Albany High School, and her father Doug coached basketball there as well. Needless to say, Kagawa was in the constant realm of athletics. So it was no surprise when she received accolades throughout her high school career, earning her a full ride to Stanford.

She was also recruited by the University of Pacific, UCLA, Duke and the University of Hawaii, but chose Stanford for its reputation in athletics and academics, as well as its proximity to her family.

Kagawa has lived in the Bay Area suburb of Albany her entire life, and considers her parents, Doug, a Sansei teacher/coach/counselor at Albany High and Debra, a European-American sales manager, to be her biggest role models. Her younger brother Scott just graduated from high school, and will continue his studies at Northwestern after receiving the Berkeley chapter JACL scholarship.

Her parents and grandparents are season ticket holders and con-

stant fixtures at all of her volleyball games.

This season was her third year at Stanford and her first as the starting setter, where she received honors such as Academic All PAC-10, Honorable Mention All PAC-10, and All Region.

"From not starting one year to go to that was pretty neat," said Kagawa of her achievements this season. "What I like best about volleyball is the team aspect. Having stars helps, but one person can't do everything, because weak links get exposed," she continued. "I like my personal role, being the sort of quarterback. I'm kind of the extension of the coach because I determine which plays we run."

Her volleyball matches have taken her around the country, but she'd love to travel to even more exotic places like Africa and Japan. But ideally, she'll be in Virginia next fall for the final four and ultimately, an NCAA championship ring, which would be a nice way to finish off her college career.

After college, Kagawa, a political science major and studio art minor, plans to go to law school and would like to find a career that she'll love while making a difference.

"I like learning about people's struggles, civil rights, the study of government, and how it affects our daily lives," said Kagawa. "If there was a pro league here, I'd play, but I don't want to go abroad. There's more for my mind here in America."

When not studying American politics or pounding volleyballs, Kagawa enjoys cooking, reading,

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### National

**Mon.-Sun., June 26-July 2**—36th Biennial JACL National Convention; Doubletree Inn, Monterey, Calif.; special rate for JACL conventioners. Reservations: ASAP: 831/649-4511, www.doubletreemonterey.com. Info: Larry Oda, 831/758-7107 days, 831/375-3314 eve., e-mail: tsuneo1@msn.com; or Kaz Matsuyama, 831/649-0704, e-mail: KAZNMN@aol.com.

### Eastern

**PHILADELPHIA**  
**Sun., July 30**—JACL Chapter baseball outing, Phillies vs. Dodgers; 1:30 p.m., Veterans Stadium. **RSVP by June 24:** Teresa Maebori, 215/248-5544.

### SOUTHEAST

**Sun., June 25**—Annual JACL Picnic; 1-6 p.m., Milam Park, Pavilion #2, Clarkston, Ga. Info: Roger Ozaki, 770/979-3616.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Thurs., June 22**—Reception for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; see Community Calendar.

### Midwest

### WISCONSIN

**Fri.-Sun., June 16-18**—Asian Moon Festival; see Community Calendar.

### Mountain Plains

#### NEW MEXICO

**Sun., June 25**—Chapter Picnic; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Holiday Park, 11710 Comanche NE.

#### NC-WN-Pacific

#### MONTEREY PENINSULA

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

#### SAN FRANCISCO

**Sat., June 24**—First San Francisco JACL Youth Fishing Derby; see Community Calendar.

### Pacific Southwest

#### PSW DISTRICT

**JACL 2000 Convention** T-shirts, sweatshirts and pins are now available: T-shirts \$12, sweatshirts \$20, pins \$5. Order now from the PSW district office: 213/625-4471.

#### SONOMA COUNTY

**Sun., June 25**—Community Picnic/Potluck/BBQ; Finley Park, Santa Rosa. Info: Margaret, 707/544-9638.

#### RIVERSIDE

**Sun., June 18**—Annual Community Picnic and Father's Day Celebration; 11 a.m., Sylvan Park, Redlands; Bingo, volleyball, games, races, special Dad's Day prizes, raffle. Info: Miko Inaba, 909/682-8116.

## COMMUNITY Calendar

### East Coast

#### CLARKSTON, GA.

**Sun., June 25**—Annual JACL Picnic; 1-6 p.m., Milam Park, Pavilion #2, Clarkston, Ga. Info: Roger Ozaki, 770/979-3616.

#### PHILADELPHIA

**Tues., June 20**—Philadelphia City Council public hearing on Chinatown stadium site; 2-10 p.m. Info: 215/922-2156.

**Fri., June 23**—Book Presentation: "From Legacy to Liberation" about the Asian American activist movement. Wooden Shoe Bookstore. Info: Philadelphia Direct Action Group, 215/557-1455, or Scott Lamson, 215/29-0210.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Thurs., June 22**—Reception to Honor the 21 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor; 6-9 p.m., Washington Hilton Hotel Ballroom, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW. \$60 per person. RSVP to JACL, 1001 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 704, Washington, DC 20036. Info: 202/223-1240; dc@JACL.org.

**Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11**—National Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony. Pre-registration required: NJAMF, 800/607-8550. (Hotel reservations accepted up to Oct. 15.)

### The Midwest

#### CLEVELAND

**Sat., June 17**—Asian Heritage Day Festival; Lakefront Festival Grounds on Lake Michigan; food, entertainment, taiko. Info: Sherri Fujihira, 414/423-1408; Margaret Igowsky, 414/643-5999.

**Fri., June 23**—"Passport to Japan," a day camp for ages 6-11; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Whetstone Public Library, 3909 N. High St., Columbus. RSVP: Japanese American Society, 614/292-4002.

#### MILWAUKEE

**Fri.-Sun., June 16-18**—Asian Moon Festival; Lakefront Festival Grounds on Lake Michigan; food, entertainment, taiko. Info: Sherri Fujihira, 414/423-1408; Margaret Igowsky, 414/643-5999.

**Sun., June 18**—Asian Moon Festival; Lakefront Festival Grounds on Lake Michigan; food, entertainment, taiko. Info: Sherri Fujihira, 414/423-1408; Margaret Igowsky, 414/643-5999.

### Northern California

#### 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 J. 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., June 24**—Youth Fishing Derby; San Pablo Dam reservoir; for youngsters 8-12 years old. Free. Call JACL at 415/273-1015 for application.

**Fri.-Sat., Sept. 8-9**—Tulelake Reunion; Doubletree Hotel and Resort; Friday: registration and gala mixer; Saturday: Sayonara banquet. RSVP early: Tulelake Reunion, P.O. Box 22877, Sacramento, CA 95822.

**Sun., Sept. 10**—Greater Sacramento Valley Region-wide Reunion; Doubletree Hotel; 11 a.m. fellowship/mixer, 1 p.m. buffet lunch; keynote speaker Cherry Tsutsumida of the NJAMF; the historical book of the Sacramento region will be available. Info: Toko Fujii, 916/421-6968.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

**Through June 18**—Exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," California Historical Society, 678 Mission St.; Karen Ishizuka, curator; featuring the Threads of Remembrance quilt. Free. Info: 415/357-1848 ext. 16.

**Sat., June 24**—Nisei Fishing Club Youth Fishing Derby; San Pablo Dam; for ages 8-12. Applications, info: San Francisco JACL, 415/273-1015.

**Fri., June 30**—6th Annual Northern California Nikkei Open Golf Tournament; Shakespear Course, Char-donnay Golf Club, Napa Valley; 10:30 a.m. registration; 6:30 p.m. dinner and raffle. Fee, \$175. **RSVP by June 27:** Chris Hirano, 415/567-5505; e-mail: chihano@jccncc.org.

**Sat., Oct. 28**—Reunion, Topaz High School classes of '43 and '44, and others who wish to attend; 2-10 p.m., JACCC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco; Info: Mas Kawaguchi, chairman, 415/731-2658; Fumi Manabe Hayashi, secy, 510/524-1048.

**Tues. & Thurs., June 20 & 22**—"55 Alive" safe driving class; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 343-2793.

**Sun., June 25**—Sunday Matinee Movie, "The Funeral," a comedy by Juzo Itami; 1:30 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont. Info: 343-2793.

### Central California

#### DELANO

## 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.

**Sat.-Sun., July 15-16**—10th Delano Nisei Reunion; Delano Elks Lodge. Info: Toshi Katano, 661/725-8660.

#### FRESNO

**Fri.-Sat., Oct. 13-14**—Fifth Jerome Reunion; bus available to Los Angeles. Info: Hiro Isogawa, 559/222-7083; Ship, Rosie Okajima 559/875-3878.

### Southern California

#### LOS ANGELES

**Sat., June 17**—"Know Your [Patients'] Rights" annual Japanese American Bar Association seminar; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple, 505 E. Third St., Little Tokyo. Info: Janet Hasegawa, 213/473-1602 (Japanese), or Julia Harumi Masu, 626/796-7555 (English).

**Sat., June 17**—Guitar concert by Antonio Koga; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets, info: 626/799-4167.

**Through June 18**—Exhibit: Ceramics by Dora De Larios, Mexican American artist influenced by Japanese culture; Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 626/799-4167.

**Sun., Sept. 24**—63rd L.A. Roosevelt High School Class of 1937-38 Reunion; Montebello Country Club, 901 Via San Clemente; music by "The Time Machine," mariachi, Aztec dancers, TV coverage; cost \$50; send checks to Dave Brenner, 1700 Bagley, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Reserve early: 310/837-6582.

#### WEST COVINA

**Sat., June 17**—"Millennium 2000 Casino Night" 6-11 p.m., East San Gabriel Valley JCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; Las Vegas-style gambling, bingo, silent auction, raffle, etc.; to benefit Sabers/Sabernettes Youth Basketball. Tickets, info: 818/552-2867.

### Arizona - Nevada

#### LAS VEGAS

**Through July 9**—Exhibit, "Asian Art Now"; Las Vegas Art Museum, 9600 W. Sahara Ave. Schedules, info: 496-3763.

**Mon., Aug. 28**—Memorial Service at the Poston Relocation Camp; by Nichiren Buddhist priests from Japan; 11 a.m. Info: Nichiren Buddhist Temple, 323/262-7886.

**2001: Wed.-Thurs., April 4-5**—Minidoka Reunion; Caesars Palace. Info: Tak (Yokoyama) Todo, 15537 - 32nd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98155 6530; e-mail: kmkachi@hotmail.com. ■

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## □ Congress Moves to Ban Shark Finning

**WASHINGTON**—The practice of slicing off a shark's fins and leaving the fish to die would be outlawed in U.S. federal waters under legislation passed by the House in a 390-1 vote on June 6.

The legislation, which now goes to the Senate, is aimed mainly at Pacific Ocean fishermen profiting from markets in Asia, which pay as much as \$40 a pound for dried shark fins.

The Commerce Department in 1993 took administrative action to halt finning in Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico waters after it became apparent that it was affecting shark populations. But finning has continued in the western and central Pacific, particularly off Hawaii, where the effects on the blue shark are being disputed.

The National Marine Fisheries Service argued that finning is wasteful but has met with resistance from the federal Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council in Honolulu, which says there's no evidence the blue shark population is being depleted.

The Hawaii state legislature also recently approved a no-finishing bill, which now awaits the governor's signature.

The Ocean Wildlife Campaign says the number of sharks killed by Hawaiian longline fisheries climbed from 2,289 in 1991 to 60,857 in 1998, with 98 percent of the sharks killed for their fins.

## □ Protest Against Stadium Draws 700

**PHILADELPHIA**—Hundreds of protesters gathered June 8 to denounce a proposal to build

a baseball stadium near Chinatown. It also prompted the first business shutdown by local merchants in more than a half-century.

At least 700 people marched through downtown Philadelphia, blocking traffic and banging drums, while merchants closed a majority of Chinatown's 110 stores for the afternoon, the community's first shutdown since a demonstration during World War II against Japanese imperialism in China.

Chinatown residents say the stadium will clog their neighborhood with traffic, crowds and litter, while supporters say it will increase attendance at games, expand the city's business district and revive the area.

Mayor John Street's proposal to build a new Phillies ballpark must be approved by the City Council.

## □ Affirmative Action Case Appealed

**AUSTIN**—The state's public universities return to court June 7, hoping a legal hassle over attorneys fees and damages will open the door for restoring affirmative action policies for admissions, financial aid and scholarships.

Three federal judges from the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans will hear arguments over the legal fees and damages awarded to four white students who were denied admission to the University of Texas School of Law in 1992.

The students in the Hopwood case said the school gave preferential treatment to less qualified Hispanic and black applicants. A judge found the university had an unconstitutional admissions policy and awarded the students \$1 in damages.

Their attorneys are seeking damages closer to the \$5 million

they originally requested.

Meanwhile, the state wants the appeals court to reconsider giving Texas universities the flexibility to weigh race when making admissions decisions. "We think that is the best way of preserving academic excellence and also getting reasonable diversity," said UT law professor Douglas Laycock.

## □ Minority Students Thank Bill Gates

**SEATTLE**—Microsoft co-founder and chairman Bill Gates choked back emotion as recipients of his scholarship program expressed their thanks on June 8.

The Gates Millennium Scholar Foundation is a 20-year commitment to provide \$50 million in financial aid a year to 1,000 high-achieving minority students. Formed last fall, it provides scholarships to pay for all financial needs not covered by other sources.

The United Negro College Fund, the Hispanic College Fund and the American Indian College Fund partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to administer the program and review the 16,000 applicants.

This year's inaugural class excelled in disciplines ranging from biostatistics and engineering to medicine and pastoral ministries.

In addition to being high academic achievers, eligible applicants must show community leadership and come from low-income families.

## □ Proposed Memorial Disputed in Little Saigon

**WESTMINSTER, Calif.**—A proposed war memorial depicting an American and a South Vietnamese soldier standing side by side is dividing Little Saigon,

home to about 200,000 Vietnamese Americans.

City officials and residents, who have been raising money for the privately funded statue, are fighting over what it should depict, where the 10-foot bronze figure should be erected and who should get credit for it.

The project is expected to cost \$500,000. So far, about \$350,000 has been raised.

Problems began earlier this year after the artist, Tuan Nguyen, unveiled a model and one group wanted it changed to depict the fighting.

City Councilman Tony Lam and community activists came out against the Vietnam War Memorial executive committee, saying it did not represent all groups in the community. Both sides have solicited donations but have accused each other of fraud.

Meanwhile, some Westminster residents oppose the use of city property for the memorial. Its groundbreaking last month was canceled after a location couldn't be agreed on.

## □ Cayetano May Ax "Field of Dreams"

**HONOLULU**—There is no evidence that Japanese and Korean professional baseball teams would conduct their spring training in Hawaii if the state built a \$16.5 million facility for them in Kapolei, Gov. Ben Cayetano said June 6.

Senate President Norman Mizuguchi, D-Moanalua Valley-Aiea-Pearlridge, and JA baseball legend Wally Yonamine have been pushing the project for more than a decade.

Last year, Cayetano held up the then \$27 million project despite his earlier strong support.

Mizuguchi charged it was political revenge for the Senate's rejection of Cayetano's reappointments of Margery Bronster as attorney general and Earl Anzai as budget director.

A lesser amount for a scaled-back facility was put back into the budget this year, but Cayetano has still expressed skepticism and may veto it again.

## □ School Pulls Book After Parent Complaints

**MAKAWAO, Hawaii**—Officials at a Maui public school have pulled a book about AIDS from a student reading list after a parent complained about its profanity and implied acceptance of homosexuality.

Mokihana Akahi, the mother of a seventh-grader enrolled in a reading program at Kalama Intermediate School, criticized the school's inclusion of Paul Monette's "Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir," the story of how Monette watched his partner of 12 years, Roger Horwitz, die from the disease. Monette himself died in 1995 at age 49 as a result of AIDS. His book was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award.

Kalama Principal Stephen Yamada said he was not aware of the book's content or that it was on the reading list until Akahi called him.

Kalama's book list is provided by Advantage Learning, whose Accelerator Reading Program is used in about 45,000 schools in North America and Hawaii.

Spokesman Bob Scheidt said the company considers length and difficulty when it evaluates books.

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## JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

## JACL Selects JA of the Biennium Awardees

JACL recently announced that Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Assemblyman Mike Honda and Paul Akio Kawata will be honored with the Japanese American of the Biennium Award at the JACL national convention on July 1, in Monterey, Calif.

This award recognizes those Americans of Japanese ancestry whose outstanding achievements in different fields have received regional, national or international recognition and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and enhanced the quality of life in our society.

## Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi — education/humanities

Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, a native of Seattle, is well known among advocates of civil rights and constitutional law for his stance during World War II. He refused to obey Executive Order 9066, which ordered persons of Japanese ancestry to vacate their homes and be interned in desert concentration camps. He was a principal in the 1943 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Hirabayashi v. United States*, and in 1983 successfully petitioned for a writ of error *coram nobis*, which overturned his 1943 wartime convictions.

Hirabayashi has authored numerous books and articles documenting his decision to challenge the curfew and exclusion orders and his struggles to reverse the charges against him.

He has taught at the University of Washington, American University of Beirut, American University in Cairo and, today, is a professor of sociology at the University of Alberta.

Hirabayashi has been a recipient of various fellowships/appointments (1949-81) and numerous awards and degrees from different universities. At present, he is honorary chair for the Washington Coalition on Redress (1980-present). As Washington State Rep. Kip Tokuda has stated, "His legacy did not end in the courtroom

but continues in communities throughout the country."

Most recently, Hirabayashi was honored by the University of Washington College of Arts and Sciences at its tenth annual Celebration of Distinction dinner. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to him for his acts of courage and his efforts to eliminate social injustice. Proceeds from the celebration will be used to establish a Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Professorship for the advancement of citizenship.

## Paul Akio Kawata — medicine

Paul Kawata, who is currently executive director for the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), is a dedicated individual who provides public service and leadership to both lesbian and gay Asian and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS. As an openly gay Sansei, Kawata is considered a nationally visible role model for minorities touched with this epidemic.

Kawata's AIDS work began in the early 1980s when he went to work for the mayor of Seattle (1982-85). There, he developed and implemented HIV programs and policies. In 1985, Kawata served as executive director for the National AIDS Network Management until his appointment as executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council in 1989.

As executive director of NMAC, Kawata provides leadership in the fight against AIDS and seeks equality for communities of color to obtain HIV funds and services. He has spoken nationwide to community-based organizations as well as to non-governmental organizations worldwide. He is also closely involved with governmental agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"I have seen Paul Kawata's commitment to addressing healthcare disparities in this country," said Eric Goosty, director of the Surgeon General's Office on HIV/AIDS Policy. "Paul has been an important colleague in our struggle to reduce and ultimately eliminate the tragic impact that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is having on racial and ethnic mi-

norities. He is well-deserving of this award."

## Assemblyman Mike Honda — politics/public affairs

Mike Honda's involvement in politics began in 1971 when he was appointed to the City of San Jose's planning commission. As an elected official for over 35 years, he has dedicated his career to public service. He has made a difference not only as an elected official, but as a teacher, principal, administrator and school board trustee.



As an administrator in the San Jose Unified School District, he devoted his time to juvenile crime prevention and to working with at-risk youth. Honda has also provided leadership in addressing such issues as health and human services, housing, land use/open space, transportation and law enforcement.

As a California assemblyman, he has championed legislation such as AB 1915, the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, which continued the work of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund; ACR 32, which addressed the ownership of the Japanese YWCA in San Francisco; and AJR 26, which reaffirmed that Asian Pacific Americans should not be falsely characterized or stereotyped in light of the recently alleged spy scandals at the country's national laboratories.

Honda's involvement with the JACL dates back as far as 1967 when he joined the San Jose chapter to become active in his community. He not only served as a chapter board member but also as chapter president from 1974-76. Honda helped plan and develop programs addressing education, youth activities, community involvement and senior citizens. He also served as the NCMWP district redress chair in 1976 and on the district redress board from 1976-78. At this time, he serves as a member of the San Jose JACL advisory board.

Currently, he is preparing to run for U.S. Congress in November 2000. If elected, he will join Robert Matsui, Patsey Mink and David Wu in representing AAs in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"We invite JACLers and other community members to join us at the Sayonara Banquet to pay tribute to these outstanding individuals," said Helen Kawagoe, JACL national president. "It promises to be an evening to remember."

The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, from 7 p.m.-midnight at Monterey's DoubleTree Hotel located at Two Portola Plaza. The cost of attending the banquet is \$75. For more information, contact Larry Oda at 831/375-3314 (evenings) or Kaz Matsuyama at 831/649-0704.

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## Ross Hopkins to Receive JACL's Edison Uno Civil Rights Award

The national JACL will present Ross Hopkins with the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award on Friday, June 30, at its 36th Biennial Awards Luncheon in Monterey.

This prestigious award is named in honor of the late Edison Uno, who was an independent thinker, a risk-taker and a spirited and outspoken advocate for human and civil rights.

Ross Hopkins served as superintendent of the Manzanar National Historic Site (MNHS) and was instrumental in making this project become a reality. When the MNHS was created by Congress in 1992, there was no staff, no budget and the land had not yet been acquired by the federal government.

It was Hopkins who steered the development of the MNHS through the maze of federal bureaucracy, endless meetings, historical and archaeological research, mounds of paperwork and the halls of Congress.

While heading up this project, Hopkins became the target of numerous attacks, both verbal and written, by those who were opposed to the creation of Manzanar as a national historic site. For his fierce dedication to this project, he was confronted with challenges to his character, his integrity, his livelihood and his family's safety.

"As Ross Hopkins retires this year, the JACL is pleased to honor him with the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award," said JACL national president Helen Kawagoe. "We deeply appreciate his dedication to establishing the Manzanar National Historic Site — a site that shall forever serve as an important part of civil rights history."

Also presented during the JACL awards luncheon will be the 1998-2000 JACLer of the Biennium Award. This award, presented in memory of past JACL national president Randolph M. Sakada, honors a JACL member who has con-

tributed to the strength and growth of the organization over the past two years. The announcement of the honoree will be made at that time.

The George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award will also be announced during the luncheon program. Established in 1968 in memory of Inagaki, a past JACL national president, this recognition is given to a JACL chapter whose activities have promoted better citizenship for a better society. The Venice-Culver JACL raises the funds for this award and will be making the presentation.

The Mike Masaoka Congressional Fellows, Nicole Inouye and David Namura, will be introduced by Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, who oversees the program. This fellowship is a living tribute to Masaoka, who as the JACL Washington, D.C., representative, was a stalwart lobbyist for the Nikkei community. As this year's fellows, Inouye and Namura receive hands-on experience working as interns for current members of Congress.

Serving as emcee for the JACL awards luncheon will be veteran television journalist Jan Yanehiro. An Emmy Award-winner, Yanehiro hosted San Francisco's "Evening Magazine" on KPDX-TV for 14 years and can currently be seen on Home and Garden TV's "Appraise It!" and KCSM-TV's "Women of Vision." She is the author of two books, "Having a Baby" (1984) and "After Having a Baby" (1988) and is in the midst of working on a third book on women and leadership.

The JACL awards luncheon will take place from noon-2 p.m. in the De Anza Ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel in Monterey. The cost of attending is \$50 per person. For more information or to make reservations, contact Larry Oda at 831/375-3314 (evenings) or Kaz Matsuyama at 831/649-0704.

## 2000 Min Yasui Oratorical Competition

The JACL presents the 2000 Min Yasui Oratorical Competition at the 2000 JACL national convention in Monterey, Calif., on Friday, June 30, at 2:30 p.m. in Steinbeck Forum at the DoubleTree Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf.

This year, six districts held regional competitions where numerous contestants answered the question, "How would the Japanese American community differ today if Japanese Americans were not interned during World War II?"

The six district finalists who will be competing at the JACL national convention are: Benjamin Akina, Central California District; Brian Arao, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District; Karen Koto, Mountain Plains District; Randy Nakagawa, Pacific Southwest District; Mayumi Namekata, Pacific Northwest District; and Stewart Shimizu, Intermountain District.

The sponsors of the event are national JACL, Northwest Airlines, and United Parcel Service. First prize is two round-trip tickets to

Japan and a plaque from national JACL, and second prize is two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the United States. All contestants will receive honorable mention.

The competition is named in honor of Min Yasui, who hoped to continue to inspire young adults to discuss current events affecting the Asian Pacific American community. Yasui was famous for being one of the three Nisei who challenged the wartime incarceration of JAs.

During World War II, Yasui challenged the constitutionality of the curfew law imposed on JAs and subsequently was found guilty of violation of the curfew law, served a nine-month prison sentence, and nearly lost his citizenship. After the war, Yasui practiced law as a civil rights attorney in the Portland, Ore., area. He was honored as the JACL's Japanese American of the Biennium in 1982 and in 1979 was appointed chair of the JACL Committee on Redress. He traveled the country advocating for redress for JAs who were interned during WWII.

## Igasaki to Speak at Monterey Convention

Paul Igasaki, former acting chair and current vice chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, will address the national council at the JACL's convention in Monterey.

He will also participate in the EEOC workshop on the Friday schedule of the convention along with Bill Tamayo, regional attorney for the EEOC's San Francisco office.

JACLers will remember Igasaki from his days as the JACL's Washington representative, during which time he played a key role in the redress legislative effort and also worked on issues

like the 1991 Civil Rights Act and immigration reforms. Prior to his appointment to the EEOC, he served as the executive director of the San Francisco-based Asian Law Caucus.

Igasaki was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1998 as the EEOC vice chair after having served for a year as acting chairman of the commission. Under his tenure as acting chair, the commission established protocols for handling cases more efficiently and to zero in on cases that have greatest impact on job discrimination issues. He also managed a major increase in funding for the agency in the FY1999 budget.

Igasaki hails from Chicago. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and received his J.D. from UC Davis.



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## BUDGET

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keep an open mind and let me provide some context that will help you understand the budget development process and some of the thinking behind what has been presented. I know that the existing board and staff want nothing more than to have us make the right decisions for the organization to move forward into the future. It is important that you make an informed and conscientious decision.

First, it is important to understand and define a budget. My definition is that a budget serves as a guide, like a road map, for the organization. It should be based on aspirations of the leaders (the national board, staff and YOC) and our vision of the potential for the organization. Much of the budget uses historical data as a base. However, we should not let history necessarily govern the direction of the organization. Then, of course, there needs to be a thoughtful approach to determining the middle ground between the aspirations and potential, the historical data and what resources (staff, volunteers, funding opportunities, equipment, supplies, etc.) are available. Finding the balance was the task of the budget committee.

I personally feel it is important to be conservative when reality dictates it, and it is okay to stretch or be aggressive when the timing is right. This is an aggressive budget. When coupled with good solid visionary leadership, thoughtfully-planned programs and program management, committed volunteers and other supporters, this overall package is a road map to take JACL to a new level, for its future, and the benefit of all our current and future members.

The process for this budget re-

ally began with the Vision 2000+ strategic planning sessions held over the past year and a half. The Vision 2000+ committee consisted of the national board and staff, as well as a few key volunteers. Alan Kumamoto facilitated our meetings.

This was a painstakingly long and thoughtful process. We discussed SWOTs (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) for the organization. We discussed, at length, our rich history, where we are now, and where we want to go as an organization. The outcome was to produce the Vision 2000+ brochure, which was mailed out to all of the chapters. I must say that it was difficult to summarize the many topics and long hours of discussion into a tri-fold brochure. The bigger accomplishment, in my mind, was that everyone that participated in this process had a greater appreciation for JACL and our potential going forward into this millennium.

The next step in the process was to define and develop programs based on the aspirations of the Vision 2000+ plan, refine them and develop a budget to go along with each. The program managers, staff and program owners all worked to accomplish this. These were then submitted to the 2001-2002 biennium budget committee, which consisted of the following people:

National President Helen Kawagoe, V.P. of Operations Floyd Mori, V.P. of Public Affairs Lori Fujimoto, V.P. of Planning and Development Gary Mayeda, V.P. of Membership Karen-Liane Shiba, Governors Caucus Chair John Hayashi, National Youth Chair Hiromi Ueha, National Youth Rep. Nicole Inouye, and myself as National Secretary/Treasurer. We also had staff representation and input, from the regional directors,

Washington, D.C., rep., youth director, Pacific Citizen editor and office manager, membership/fund development director, business manager, and national director.

After reviewing the over 50 programs and compiling all of the numbers, the committee had the arduous task of reconciling a difference of over \$1.5 million in expenses over revenues to get to a balanced budget. This process involved review, discussion, and prioritization of the programs, scrutinizing all of the individual budgets on a line by line basis, discussing all revenues and expenses, and adjusting when deemed necessary.

We also reviewed the staff allocations (professional vs. clerical, estimated hours to accomplish the task, etc.) for each program, making adjustments as necessary. The discussions engaged both staff and board in evaluating the alignment of the programs with our vision, as well as the realities of our limitations, history, and available resources. This was no easy undertaking and took us working on a Friday evening, all of the next day, well into the night (on a Saturday!) and into the next morning. The committee also worked another half a day before the April national board meeting doing a final review and making adjustments for final presentation.

As I stated earlier, a budget is like a road map, and this budget is an aggressive leap for the organization. Understand that in an ideal world, the goals would be accomplished, and the revenues needed would be raised. However, we all know that we do not exist in an ideal world. I ask though, is it not important to strive to reach for our aspirations and set our goals higher?

Setting the goals higher than ever before is not enough. This is where solid leadership and effective program management play the most important role in taking the plan and implementing it. Over the past several bienniums we have taken steps to build and

## Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarships

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the JACL recently announced the high school scholarship recipients for 2000. Each received \$700.

Teri Allyson Ikegami is the daughter of Dennis and Susan Ikegami. Teri, at Watsonville High School, is valedictorian in her class of 532 classmates and earned a 4.54 GPA. She is one of 220, of over 8,500 applicants, to be accepted into the prestigious Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

First Vice President Marcia Hashimoto, Teri's kindergarten teacher at T.S. MacQuiddy School, presented the scholarship.

Kristopher Y. Aoki, son of Lester and Michelle Aoki, is a senior at Monte Vista Christian High School where he excelled in music. He plays in the school's marching band, jazz band, brass ensemble, and various other bands. Kris is also a proud member of the Watsonville Community Band.

Kris plans to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in music with a concentration in education at California State University, Fresno. He will continue his studies in order to obtain a

Master's Degree.

President-elect for 2002, David Kadotani, presented the scholarship during the graduation day ceremony.

Kimiko Usuki is the daughter of Fumiaki Usuki and the late Vickie Usuki. Kimiko will be graduating from Aptos High School.

Not only was she an outstanding Marine in the Business, Anime, Interact, International, Art, and ASB Clubs, but she was also an outstanding leader in the Young Buddhist Association, serving as its current president. She was the recipient of the highly honored 2000 Coast District Bussei Recognition Award.

She will attend Cabrillo College, before transferring to San Jose State University.

At the Aptos High School scholarship awards presentation, Superior Court Judge Kathleen Akao, a JACLer, will present the scholarship to Kimiko, her niece.

The scholarships were made possible through the support of Keiko Kitayama, the Kitayama Foundation and the many donors of the Day of Remembrance Education Fund. ■



Ikegami



Aoki



Usuki

## A Salute to Gardena City Councilman Terauchi



A salute to Gardena City Councilman Terry Terauchi was held on June 7, at the Normandie Showroom in Gardena. Pictured from l-r: Former Gardena City Councilman Dr. Paul Tsukahara, Mayor Don Dear, Councilman Terry Terauchi, former California State Assemblyman Paul Banai and attorney Vincent Okamoto.

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## Three Degrees of Separation



## Sentimental Journey to Watsonville

By Naomi Hirahara

Many city folks romanticize the country, and I'm no exception. Practically every summer my father would lead us up in either our hard-top Chevy Impala, Oldsmobile Cutlass, or later Ford van, and drive up the coast of California to his hometown, Watsonville.

It was a home he knew very briefly. Watsonville, nestled in the Pajaro Valley, close to Monterey, was where he was born, but he had been taken to Japan as a mere toddler. He finally returned to Watsonville, living with relatives before coming to Los Angeles and making it on his own.

I don't remember the drive, but I remember waking up, bleary-eyed, to a world of expansive lettuce fields. It smelled different; I could breathe in deep, and my chest didn't ache like those days when smog alerts were regularly issued during hot summers in L.A. This world even felt different. As I got out of the car, everything seemed to rest at a calm pitch. Nothing bad would happen today.

In the middle of one lettuce field stood a huge weathered Victorian house, the home of my father's aunt. For me, it was a magical house. Wood bannisters and staircases, rooms with curved windows, doorknobs that were made out of glass. My father's aunt, tender-faced and bespectacled, would usually be in the center room, her poodle at her side.

In suburban L.A., we hardly

had any relatives, but here in Watsonville we were surrounded by kinfolk. Best of all were the girl second-cousins who shy took me around, showing me a mountain of comic books purchased for all the grandchildren, and now also me. Later in the day, we went into a shack beside the house which was stocked with cans of strawberry preserves and a huge freezer. Inside the freezer were containers of frozen strawberries, as sweet and delicious as any dessert could be.

It was in Watsonville where one relative would show me grafted trees, bandaged in gauze, in his backyard, and I would wonder if the branches were healing from some injury. No, my father explained, it was to produce new fruit. A new combination. My father could explain a lot about the crops in the fields. For even with the few years my father had lived in Watsonville, he understood it.

I, on the other hand, could only absorb it as an outsider. The couple of days a year in the country served as an escape, a promise that life could be simpler and kinder, filled with comic books and the sweet taste of strawberries. I was naive, not realizing the discipline, hard work, and innovations that go into the daily work of farming. I did not know the complexities of country life.

I recently returned to Watsonville. Not with my family, but on my own with a colleague for a

research trip. This time I was very much awake for the ride, winding down Pajaro Pass, through hills, trees, and dry brush. And then, there it was — even more picturesque than ever.

As we conducted interviews and read documents, I met a very different Watsonville. The world's center of strawberry production, it's also the site of simmering tension between farmers and the United Farm Workers. The downtown area is still recovering from a devastating earthquake a decade ago. Although the town is racially diverse, it is also socially segregated. There's a lot underneath the stillness.

Yet, with its rolling hills and ocean breeze, Watsonville, I maintain, is one of the prettiest spots in California. Removed from the main highway, it is protected, at least for now, from the sanitized developments that characterize Silicon Valley. Like lines on the palm of a hand, Japanese Americans have criss-crossed over the landscape of Pajaro Valley. There is a rich legacy of those who had begun as sharecroppers and migrant farm workers in Watsonville. Some of them now operate their own farms, multi-million-dollar businesses.

I tell myself if I ever made enough money, I would love to buy a second home in Watsonville where I could write and rest. But then who knows. I'm just a romantic city slicker. ■

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## BUDGET

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expedite the program budgeting process. We have one of the best nonprofit program budgeting software programs in place to aid us in tracking actual revenues and expenses by program. We have started the paradigm shift for staff to record how much time they spend each day on the various programs (a cumbersome, but necessary task). We have designed a program management tool for quarterly reporting, so the staff and board will know the status of each program. If a program is in jeopardy, due to lack of funding, overspending, not reaching planned milestones or whatever, it can be placed on hold until the board and/or staff resolve the issue.

It is important to include budgets for all of the programs for which we are pursuing foundation or corporate funding. All potential funders need to see that the infrastructure is in place to successfully execute the programs and that budgets have been developed. It is very important for you to realize that many of the programs will not be fully implemented until funding is secured. Therefore, some of the programs presented now might not actually reach fruition for several years, but it is important to in-

clude them now, or they might not ever happen. The journey of a thousand years begins with the first step.

Understanding the above and what has taken place up to this point, I would like to guide you through an outline of what I view your task is as a chapter president and/or delegate.

First: Read the Vision 2000+ brochure to gain a high-level understanding of the strategic long-term plan.

Second: Read the budget, over to record, to gain an understanding of what it contains and how it is structured.

Third: Repeat the above, because it needs to be done at least twice in order to absorb it all!

Fourth: If you have concerns and/or do not agree with something, please think it through to come up with an alternative solution. This will expedite the budget session at the convention. It will also be helpful to speak to any of the executive board members and new candidates for their perspective as the program owners.

Fifth: In the words of Stephen Covey, "Seek to understand, before seeking to be understood."

Thank you for all of your time and efforts, now and in the future, in working to make JACL a stronger and more viable organization, better prepared to make a difference. ■

## KAGAWA

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and spending time with friends. She would also like to start mountain biking and to just be able to relax.

Relaxing doesn't seem likely though, as she has to work out Monday through Saturday year-round for volleyball. This sum-

mer, she will also keep busy with an internship in the legal field in the mornings, taking summer school, and working retail sales in the evening. She also runs a volleyball camp at the Albany YMCA.

"I remember how incredible coaches were to me, and I take a lot of pride in being that kind of role model," said Kagawa. "It's kind of neat how we get to represent the Japanese American community, but also hard because there's so few of us."

Kagawa is a member of the Captain's Council, in which the team captains from all sports at Stanford organize community service events. She is also active in the Stanford University Nikkei.

Her senior year holds a lot for her, but most importantly, she wants to taste the NCAA Championship.

"I love taking a leadership role. I'm motivated, I know what I want, and I go for it," said Kagawa.

Penn State, the defending champion, better be shaking in their Nikes. ■

## Record Number of APAs to Represent Washington at DNC

At the Washington State Democratic Convention held in Spokane from June 9-11, the number of Asian Pacific Americans selected to represent Washington at the Democratic National Convention exceeded affirmative action goals.

Washington has an estimated APA population of 7 percent, and the Washington Asian Pacific American Caucus, which was restarted after close to a two decade hiatus, was able to get eight APA delegates and two alternates selected as national convention delegates. The state will be sending a total of 94 delegates and 13 alternates to the Democratic National Convention, which will be held from Aug. 14-17 in Los Angeles.

APA delegates from Washington will be: Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, James Arima, Ivy Chan, Grace Yuan, Ellen Abellera, super delegates Gov. Gary Locke, State Vice Chair Ya Yue Van and DNC member Martha Choe.

Ward and Arima are active in the PNWD of JACL.

The two alternates are Poppy Hansen and Marie Yamamoto. ■

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## Letters to the Editor

### Why JACL Needs to Get Back on the Right Track

With the upcoming JACL national convention in Monterey there is a golden opportunity to pass the resolution on the draft resisters of conscious and clean up the last remaining business of the 20th century.

Draft resisters are not a product of political whim but rather of fundamental rights won through painful struggle over 55 years — something that cannot be ignored or negotiated away.

It is not only the treatment of draft resisters which causes concern, but how we treat our own. At a time when many bemoan the declining numbers of JACLers, it makes no sense for many of the older JACLers to continue to exclude, marginalize or restrict the rights of draft resisters who see being Nikkei as central to their identity and who, in turn, are seen by the Nikkei as their own.

The defenders of draft resisters' rights and JACL are vibrant sources of social cohesion, recognizing that the Nikkei community's future depends upon harmonious interrelationships. Either we believe in equality for all Nikkei or we don't. Differences are a reason for greater protection of civil rights, not for the enjoyment of lesser civil rights.

A passage of the resolution for the draft resisters has to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Prejudice and mean-spiritedness especially from older JACLers comes in many guises, and has operated at both the conscious and the subconscious level. A dialogue and coming together of JACL and draft resisters needs to involve all those of different opinions on an equal basis.

This is one of the last times for JACL to come together and unite the Nikkei and especially the Nisei community before we pass into history. The time is of the essence. ■

**Takasumi Kojima**  
Berkeley, Calif.

### Nisei VFW Post 8985 and the Resisters

Some years ago I conveyed to a member of a veterans' group in Sacramento the misleading information they had written about the resisters in a letter to the editor published in the P.C. Unfortunately, the Nisei VFW continues to behave with shameful intolerance, holier-than-thou attitude and with their heads buried in the sand (P.C., May 19-25).

The Nisei VFW continues to bring up the 'no-no boys' as a red herring to support their position. The majority, if not all of the Heart Mountain resisters, answered questions 27 and 28 in the affirmative. It was 'yes' with the qualification that their families be "freed" from the camps.

The Nisei VFW imply in their letter to the P.C. that the draft resisters were guilty of harming their fellow relocation camp internees. I have had the honor of earning a living with many of the Heart Mountain resisters during my lifetime. They have been more responsible and contributing members of the community than most Nisei. Common sense would tell that the harm upon fellow internees at other camps brought up in the VFW letter cannot possibly be blamed upon the Heart Mountain resisters who were in Wyoming.

If the Nisei VFW would take the time to investigate, they would find that a number of the Heart Mountain resisters had brothers in the service during World War II. It troubles me that the Nisei VFW clouds the issue by insinuating that the resisters were against those who were about to serve or were serving their country. Nothing can be further from the truth.

Many of the Heart Mountain resisters are now gone and the majority of them hardly ever mentioned their civil rights resistance of their

youth. It has taken much thought to write this letter, and with hesitancy I am sending this. It is time for healing and for reaching out to each other. Nothing is right or wrong. We all have made mistakes.

**Hinashi Ishiyaki**

Former lifetime member of  
Sacramento Nisei VFW Post  
8985

### Fight for Redress Continues

This letter is in reference to your article of May 19-25, regarding the Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2000 introduced by Congressman Xavier Becerra of California.

As one who was denied redress, spent several years in the appeals process and finally received redress thanks to the favorable decision in the Ishida and Consolo cases (children born after evacuation), I wholeheartedly support the introduction and passage of this bill, which would accomplish something that the U.S. government and Office of Redress Administration should have taken care of a long time ago, namely recognizing and granting redress to those who clearly are deserving but, because of technicalities in the circumstances of their cases, continue to be denied this day.

Since the early 1990s, for over 2,000 individuals denied by the ORA, an apology was something to be wrested from the clutches of the U.S. government by various means, such as appeals, letter writing campaigns and lawsuits.

This bill finally cuts through all the legal mumbo jumbo and roadblocks encountered by cases with special circumstances because of the overly strict interpretation of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 by the ORA.

Thanks to Congressman Becerra for his common-sense solution, which recognizes the spirit and original intent of the CLA of 1988 — a sincere and gracious apology to those members of our community wronged by the U.S. government during World War II.

This is in marked contrast to years of manpower and money spent by the ORA in opposing appeals and defending against lawsuits by individuals clearly deserving of redress. With the ORA officially closed in August of 1998, the Department of Justice continues to carry out that effort against the current pending lawsuits. It is hoped that this bill, with its broad all-inclusive interpretation of the CLA of 1988, will stay intact as it works its way through Congress, so that it includes all the remaining qualified applicants, as Congressman Becerra intended.

The struggle for redress was a long one, but for those still denied, it has been even longer and harder, with support and interest diminishing along the way. It is disappointing that JACL made no firm commitment to this current (and possibly final) campaign in your article.

Although an important contribution, *Mochizuki v. U.S. Government* was an incomplete victory at best. Even among the plaintiffs, several called it a bittersweet victory, with its "take-it-or-leave-it" ultimatum from the government; others bravely and unhesitatingly rejected it entirely, opting out and risking their partial settlement to pursue a full measure of justice through the courts.

Rather than lending a hand on occasion, a better choice would be to fully commit the manpower and resources of the organization to support this comprehensive legislation and to show the individuals in the last remaining cases that JACL supports their long, hard-fought battle as much as it did the cause of those in the early redress years.

As members of our community, they deserve no less.

**Sharon Tachibana**  
Garden Grove, Calif.

### For a Fresh Perspective on the NJAMF

I am hopeful that the following points are welcomed as newly-made and prove helpful to those who have been following the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation brouhaha.

First, I find that part of Mike Masaoka's "Japanese American Creed," which recites "I boast of my history," just a bit hard to swallow. Is Masaoka boasting of the same history that all of us learned in school? My goodness, America's history, like it or not, is replete with oppression and marginalizing of people of color.

Second, what is often overlooked is that Masaoka, during the period of time of his most protracted advocacy, was a paid JACL staff member — a hired gun, some might say. As a result, through action and inaction of the NJAMF board, Masaoka has overshadowed the monument itself. In fairness, equally unwarranted has been the ad hominem trashing of Masaoka. Surely, his good deeds must outweigh the others for which he has been roundly pilloried.

Third, to read all of the proposed inscriptions is truly a tiresome exercise. Except for the very few words that tell it all, allow Norm Mineta's remarks for their excellence and succinctness to stand. That should then be followed by President Harry Truman's tribute to the 100th Battalion and the 442nd RCT. Lastly, close with President Ronald Reagan's remarks on the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. This makes for a concise and forceful sequence of words.

Fourth, NJAMF Executive Director Cheryl Tsumitani asserts that a savings of \$200,000 would be realized if the inscriptions are done offsite before the monument is actually installed. Those dollars could then be used to cover future maintenance and added costs.

Finally, Chairman Melvin Chigoi, as the designated leader and spokesman of the NJAMF board, has demonstrated an unfortunate propensity for sweeping generalizations. He has said that the board speaks for the majority of JAs and that those who have the audacity to speak critically against the inscribing of the creed on the monument represent only the views of a disgruntled few.

Well, this is precisely the reason I have taken on the task of informing the countless many, myself included, who were not kept abreast of what was going on. Instead, we were presented with a finished product and told, here it is!

Experience has taught me, "It ain't over 'til it's over." ■

**George Kodama**  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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## OBITUARY

### Dr. William Takahashi, 86, Mile-Hi's Six-term Chapter President (1979-84, '90)

Dr. William Yasushi "Taki" Takahashi, pediatrician and professor-emeritus of child development and learning disorders at the University of Colorado Medical School, died at the Boulder Community Hospital on May 26. He was 86.

Born in Shikoku, Japan, he was educated in the Seattle public schools, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Washington. He completed his medical degree and internship at the University of Michigan and completed his residency at Chicago's Children's Hospital and Cook County Hospital.

He married Mary Howard "Farris" Constable (short-story writer,

poet and also a contributor to the *Pacific Citizen*) on May 2, 1942, at Ann Arbor and moved to Boulder in 1947, where he began his practice. He became an American citizen in 1965.

Very active with the Colorado Medical Society, on the board of trustees in 1969, alternate and full delegate in 1984 and 1985, respectively, he also assumed the presidency of the Mile-Hi JACL, serving for five consecutive years, 1979-1984 and one more year in 1990.

An outdoorsman, mountaineer and a worldwide traveler, he also served as a consultant on Japanese swords and was a founding member of the Colorado Tokenkai. Survivors include his wife, daughters Julia DeLacey (Santa Fe, N.M.), Tama Gedeira (Ventura, Calif.), sisters Hideko Deng (Homestead, Fla.), Geraldine (Cammarillo, Calif.) and a granddaughter. ■

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Hara, Norio, 84, La Verne, May 20,** Pasadena, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Yaeiko; son, David; daughter, Karen; brothers, Mitsuo Hara and wife Sachiko, Genno Hara and wife Yaeiko; sisters, Sadako Iwasaki and husband Koichi, Sumiko Ikeda and husband Tsuguo.

**Ishitani, Yaeiko, 74, Spokane, Wash., May 22—Osaka-born;** survived by sons Harry, Roy, Joe, Jack and Adam; two brothers; 2 gc.; 2 ggc.; mother-in-law Fusae Ishitani; predeceased by husband Charlie.

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**Jio, Shoni, 73, May 20;** survived by brothers Earl Jio and wife Mitsue (San Jose), Yoshio Jio (Japan); sisters Masako Nagahara and husband Bob, Toshiko Wakayama, two sisters in Japan: Natsuko and Akiko Jio.

**Kurata, Miyoko, 71, South San Gabriel, May 27;** Hiroshima-born; survived by husband Kazutoshi; daughters Shirley Sane Kawashiri and husband Michihiro, Charlene Junko Hatago and husband Andy; 4 gc.; brother Ichio Okihara and wife Asako; sisters Tomiko Miyagishima and husband Yoshihide, Yoshiko Kaneyuki and husband Mikio, Toshino Koyama.

**Maruno, Jane Thyeko, 75, Los Angeles, May 22;** Los Angeles-born; survived by brothers Minoru and wife Mitsue, Teshio and wife Shiori.

**Miya, Jun (Juntaro Miyagishima), 82, Cerritos, May 28;** Hooper, Utah-born; survived by wife Tokiyuki; sons Lamont and Harvey; daughter Carolyn Terao; 3 gc.; brother Kaname and wife Kimiko.

**Mori, Nobuki, 75, Gunnison, Utah, June 7;** survived by wife Kazuko, sons Dennis and wife Ann, Gordon and wife Aya; 5 gc.; brothers Tom and wife Betty, Floyd and wife Irene, Steve and wife Nancy, sisters Miyako Kiriama, Yuki Tawa, Selma Yagi and husband Jun-jiro, predeceased by parents, one brother and one son.

**Morinaka, Taiyo, 68, Los Angeles, May 14;** Kyoto-born; survived by wife Etsuko Morinaka; aunts Chieko Morinaka and Emi Hiromoto.

**Nagatoshi, Shigeru, 84, Sylmar, May 21;** Sacramento-born; survived by wife Tomiko; sons Roy Kazuyuki and wife Dotie, Tom Tonomi and wife Janice; daughters Nobuko Miura, Tselko Kawamoto and husband Howard, Ikuko Mizuno and husband Gary; 10 gc.;

4 ggc.; sisters Teshie Iida, Miyako Kumagai and husband Kazuo, Maysuko Yano, Teumori Iida.

**Oda, Arthur Akira, 82, Gardena, May 27;** Sacramento-born; survived by wife Sumiye Mary Oda; daughter, Elaine Laine Oda and husband Mark Mann, Kent and husband Joseph Smith, Kim and husband Enoch Evans; 3 gc.

**Ozawa, Tom, 67, San Francisco, March 25;** U.S. Air Force—Korean War veteran; survived by parents Iwao and Ayako; brother Koji; sister Sumi Sugihara.

**Sakata, Masachiko, 87, Los Angeles, May 22;** Honolulu-born; survived by son Robert Sakata and wife Frances; daughters Barbara Sakata, Suzanne Uragami and husband Stanley I., Joanne Yoshii and husband Michio, Jui Saito and husband Clark, and Joy Sakata; 2 gc.

**Shinomoto, Hitoshi, 82, Buena Park, May 26;** Santa Fe Springs-born; survived by wife Grace; son Richard and wife Becky; daughters Sachi Mendez and husband Hiroyuki, Dorothy Leventhal and husband Robert; 6 gc.; 3 ggc.; brother Shigehi Yonezawa and wife Takako; sister Shizue Sakihara.

**Watanuki, Eddie Mitsuo, 74, Chicago, May 18;** Acampo-born; survived by brother Jimmie and wife Florence; many nieces and nephews; predeceased by brother George (wife Dorothy).

**Yoshida, Masayuki, 75, Temple City, May 21;** Norwalk-born; survived by wife Michiko; sons Ed and wife Sharon, Lester and wife Miki; 3 gc.; brothers Yutaka and wife Sachiko, Toyoharu and wife Misao. ■



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## WEN HO LEE

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in the Lee case are changing. Most recently, Chief U.S. Judge John Edwards Conway removed himself from the case on June 5, canceling all hearings and most likely delaying the November trial date. Last month, Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Gorence, head prosecutor, was replaced with George Stamboulidis, and U.S. Attorney General for New Mexico John Kelley was replaced with Norman Bay.

"The characters are being thinned out and changing," said Achmat. "It might be circumstantial but it's a lot of players to change in six months. Everyone is changing except for Dr. Lee."

"It's a bad situation when all three top officials are no longer there," said Tkuda. "It's a crazy situation and it's a big concern for everybody. It's very questionable what's going on."

Tkuda, who along with Tats and Elaine Shiratori represented the New Mexico JACL chapter at the rally, said their chapter became involved because they felt Lee "lacked due process and equal protection under the law."

Tkuda felt the conditions under which Lee is being held — shackled, limited and monitored family visits, and denial of bail — was extremely harsh for someone who is charged with downloading classified information, a practice he believes is common among scientists.

Sin Yen Ling with the Asian American Legal Defense Fund said between 150-200 people participated in New York's Day of Outrage, which was a teach-in rather than a rally. Ling said the decision to hold a teach-in was based on the fact that the East Coast lacked a vibrant ethnic press, resulting in very little information of the Lee case fil-

tering down to the East Coast public. Ling said most people received their news from the New York Times, which she contended provided "absolutely wrong information" about Lee in two of its stories.

"We felt we needed to educate the people before having a rally or protest," said Ling. "That will be the next step."

Among those who spoke in New York were Lee's son, Chung Lee.

In Southern California, two separate rallies were held: one in West Los Angeles and a second in Irvine.

About 150 supporters turned out to the West L.A. rally which was spearheaded by Feng of APALCSC. The Pacific Southwest District of JACL also assisted at the rally.

Stewart Kwoh, APALCSC executive director, considers Lee's situation an abuse of human rights and said, "Due process is a cherished principle of the United States of America. It must be afforded to everyone, not just to some people."

Kwoh felt Lee should be released on bail in order for him to prepare for his defense since Lee has turned

in his passport reducing his flight risk and has also agreed to wear an electronic monitoring device.

Alfred Fung, L.A. chapter president of the 80/20 political action committee, noted that how political leaders handled the Lee case will be taken into consideration when they come out with their list of endorsements later this year. The 80/20 pact, created two years ago, aims to direct 80 percent of their 200,000 plus members' votes and contributions to the candidates of their choice based on how supportive each candidate has been to the APA community since January 1999.

"I think the Asian American community sees the 80/20 movement as a way to improve the situation as far as equal status," said Fung.

Dr. Richard Chao, representing the Southern California contingent of the 20,000 member Joint Chinese University Alumni Association of which Lee is a member, said they recently sent a donation of \$15,000 to Lee's legal defense fund and collected 5,000 signatures on a petition which will be sent to U.S. At-

torney General Janet Reno and Richardson.

"The more you study the case, the more you see the injustices," said Chao. "This is going to be a long, hard battle, and we need to fight together."

In Seattle, Mei-Ling Hsu, a member of Seattle's Organization of Chinese Americans, organized a joint press conference rather than a rally since Seattle had already held a rally/fund-raiser on May 3 where supporters donated more than \$16,000 to Lee's legal defense fund.

Speakers at the press conference included Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, president of the Asian Bar Association; Chia-Chi Li, a Taiwanese-born University of Washington student triple majoring in computer science, philosophy and applied mathematics who now questions whether he might fall victim to racial profiling; and Connie So, a UW professor.

At the Seattle press conference, Shiang-Yu Lee (no relation to Wei Ho Lee), a Boeing engineer and president of the Society of Chinese Engineers, said the case hit particularly close to home since he and the LANL scientist shared similar backgrounds. Both are about the same age, came from Taiwan and worked in the defense industry. He said Wen Ho Lee's situation felt like the betrayal of the American dream and the perpetuation of AAs as foreigners.

To remedy this situation, Hsu urged APAs to "step out of the shadows of apathy and passivity" to tell the government that APAs cannot be used as scapegoats for political

purposes.

In Spokane, where the Democratic State Convention was held on June 9-11, several delegates held up "Free Wen Ho Lee" banners during Richardson's speech.

In Detroit, Marie Weng with OCA reported that more than 70 people turned out to the rally. She noted that about half the participants were non-Asian supporters.

"It was a coalition of many ethnic representations," said Weng. "Without their support we could not have done it."

In particular, Weng said she received strong support from AC-CESS (Arab Community Center for Economics and Social Services), FAPAM (Filipino Americans for Political Action of Michigan) and New Detroit, an African American-led group. James Shimoura represented the Detroit JACL chapter.

Ting said the Day of Outrage was just the beginning, and APAs nationally made it clear that they will continue to monitor the Lee case. Achmat from New Mexico said they plan to continue appearing on radio talk shows and to hold a picnic fund-raiser July 1. In New York, Ling said they plan to hold a rally in the fall, before the start of Lee's trial. Others said they plan to write letters to Reno and their congressional representative requesting that Lee be released on bail, that he receive a fair trial, that the DOJ initiate an investigation into the circumstances of Lee's indictment and that the federal government take action to eliminate racial profiling for all Americans. ■



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