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JACL Action Acknowledges WWII Resisters

National JACL recently released the following statement regarding the passage of the resolution acknowledging and apologizing to the World War II resisters of conscience.

"On July 1 at its 36th Biennial Convention in Monterey, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) adopted a resolution titled 'Recognition and Apology to the Nisei Resisters of Conscience of World War II.' The resolution calls on JACL to recognize the World War II Nisei resisters of conscience (a.k.a. draft resisters) as a group of principled Americans and offers an apology to them for failing to acknowledge their civil right to protest the forced evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans.

"During the war, 315 Japanese Americans, the majority detained in the government's internment camps, resisted the military draft and refused to serve unless their constitutional rights were restored. Tried and convicted, they were sentenced to federal prison and received no support from the JACL.

"Proponents of the resolution made it clear in the debate that the resolution was not intended to diminish the extreme sacrifices and contributions of the Nisei veterans, who as principled Americans, volunteered or were drafted into military service. The resolution states that the Nisei veterans hold 'a place of honor and respect in the

history of Americans of Japanese ancestry.'

"While the paths were different, veterans and the resisters alike were exercising their rights under the U.S. Constitution — the right to choose how they would fight the injustice of Executive Order 9068. As the resolution points out, there is no easy and 'correct' response to a civil rights violation as massive and destructive as the evacuation and internment; and that the various forms of protest by innocent and loyal Japanese Americans to overwhelming injustice are deserving of respect today."

"Floyd Mori, newly-elected JACL National President, stated, 'The National Council of the JACL not only voted to issue an apology for failing to recognize the right of the resisters to take a stand, but just as importantly, was the need to foster the process of mending some deep-rooted wounds that have existed in our community since World War II.'

"As the largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization, JACL must take a leadership role in closing an agonizing chapter in the history of Japanese Americans," he said.

"While a similar resolution had been adopted by the JACL at its 1990 convention, the current resolution differed significantly in offering an apology to the resisters."

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Rep. Xavier Becerra Introduces Redress Bill

Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., formally introduced H.R. 4735, the Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2009, on June 23 which serves to provide redress to Japanese Latin Americans and Japanese Americans whose civil liberties were violated during World War II but have been denied redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Becerra, along with 23 original co-sponsors, are committed to bringing justice to those who lost their freedom at the hands of the U.S. government during the war and who continue to struggle for proper acknowledgment and redress. H.R. 4735 would also authorize \$45 million for educational funding to fulfill the mandate of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 so that this painful chapter in our nation's history will never be forgotten.

"I believe the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was the right thing to do to bring fairness to these Americans," said Becerra at a recent press conference held in D.C. "However, justice demands a full account. The same attitudes that precipitated the internment of our own neigh-

bors brought us to unjustly strip away the civil liberties of a whole group of people in nations not even participating in the war."

Delegates of Campaign for Justice, a community coalition which seeks redress for JIAs and who has led this legislative redress effort, recently went to Wash., D.C., to lobby for the bill. The delegates included: Grace Shimizu of El Cerrito, Calif.; Mariko Nakanishi, of Los Angeles; John Amerson, of Coppell, Texas; Hiroshi Dohdora, of Lusby, MD., and other supporters in the D.C. area. The campaign will be seeking additional co-sponsors for the bill, especially Republican supporters in Congress.

Gary Hayakawa, a JA Republican from Fountain Valley, Calif., who was born in the Crystal City, Texas, camp, expressed his support of the bill. Hayakawa also served in Vietnam. "This is an important issue that affects every American and needs bipartisan support," stressed Hayakawa.

"We would like to thank Rep. Becerra and the original co-sponsors of this bill for taking action on what our country stands for," said Mariko Nakanishi of Campaign for Justice. "As a nation we must continue to speak out against such grave injustices. We urge Congress to support this legislation so that we can be proud of the legacy of redress we leave behind."

The original co-sponsors of H.R.

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NPS Stands By Its Support of Masaoka Quote

The United States National Parks Service has reiterated its support for the inclusion of a quote by Mike Masaoka on the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C.

During the past several months, controversy has surrounded the decision by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation to include a quote by Masaoka, former JACL Washington, D.C., representative. Masaoka supporters praise him as a civil rights leader who paved the way for Japanese Americans today while his critics accuse him of cooperating with the U.S. government during the evacuation of tens of thousands of JAs during World War II.

The quotation in question written by Masaoka in 1940 is: "I am proud that I am an American of Japanese ancestry. I believe in this nation's institutions, idealism and traditions. I glory in her heritage. I boast of her history. I trust in her future."

The NJAMF board has voted approval of the quotation several times, most recently by a 27 yes, six no, and one abstention count. But a small group of dissident board members, outraged with the inclusion of Masaoka's quote, formed a group called JVoice.com, recently sending a protest letter to the NPS with over 700 signatures.

In response to the protest, a letter was recently sent to Rita Takahashi, one of the NJAMF board members who disapprove of including Masaoka's quote on the monument, by Robert Stanton, NPS director, who restated the department's support of all the inscriptions.

In his letter to Takahashi, Stanton stated, "First, Mr. Masaoka was a key civil rights leader in this country for 50 years during which he successfully fought for the rights of Japanese Americans."

"Second, the Board of the Foundation, which is creating this memorial and is composed of Japanese Americans, has considered this matter and voted on numerous occasions to include Mr.



Masaoka. We must respect their views.

"Third, the research about this period in our history is ongoing and it is possible that current historical thinking may change. However, this should only occur after the

NJAMF Moves Ahead With Inscriptions

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The controversy has been set in stone—literally.

During a slide show at a July 6 board meeting in San Francisco, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) board members viewed a slide presentation, which showed the quote from controversial figure Mike Masaoka, who was JACL's national executive director during World War II, inscribed into marble and set into place in the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C.

Masaoka's panel was one of

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standards of scholarship have been applied to the research. Thus, although Mr. Masaoka has been charged with making some statements, which are offensive, these must be the subject of further research and, in turn, must be judged in the context of his other achievements during his lifetime.

"Fourth, this is a complicated story and cannot be completely told in a memorial. Thus, we believe that pamphlets should be produced which will give more information to the visitor. Such a pamphlet can be changed over time if the scholarly research indicates a change in the traditional narrative of the story is required."

"For these reasons, we have determined that Mr. Masaoka and his quotation should be placed on the memorial."

Masaoka's quotation will be inscribed together with quotations from Sen. Daniel Inouye, former Sen. Spark Matsunaga, Congressman Robert Matsui, former Congressman Norman Mineta, and former Presidents Truman and Bush.

Rear Admiral (ret.) Mel Chiojioji, chairman of the NJAMF board, said, "The mission of the NJAMF

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NAACP, JACL Call for Investigation of Philadelphia Police Beating

By TRACY UBA Writer/Reporter

At the urging of minority communities and national civil rights organizations including the NAACP and JACL, the U.S. Department of Justice launched an investigation July 13, after a news helicopter videotaped a black suspect being beaten by Philadelphia police officers following a stolen car chase and shootout.

A dozen officers, both black and white, were involved in the July 12 beating of Thomas Jones, 30, an alleged carjacker who led police in a car chase, then exchanged gunfire, shooting one officer, before being caught.

Black city leaders recently met with Police Commissioner John Timoney and urged residents to stay calm while the incident was being investigated.

"As inflammatory as this tape might be, we have to keep in mind that the police were in the process of apprehending a criminal suspect who had resisted a number of attempts to arrest him and who had shot a police officer," said Philadelphia Mayor John Street, who is black.

"We cannot judge whether excessive force was used on Mr. Jones by simply viewing the videotape," added JACL National President

Floyd Mori. "However, a thorough investigation must be undertaken in the public interest and in the interest of the Philadelphia police force."

As JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi assured, "Our call for a thorough investigation of the Philadelphia incident in no way is intended to make a judgment or to ignore the circumstances of the incident. We do, however, believe that an incident of this nature warrants an investigation to insure that the rights of citizens are not being ignored."

The Jones beating has touched an especially sensitive chord in the local black community, which served witness to a time when Philadelphia had one of the most notorious police forces in the nation under Police Commissioner Frank Rizzo in the 1960s and '70s.

"It comes out of a history of violence and brutality in this department for over 30 years and that's what Commissioner Timoney and the black clergy and the NAACP have been resisting for a long time," said J. Whyratt Mondesire, president of the NAACP Philadelphia chapter.

appears to be the primary concern in this case.

"We saw the tape. We saw that there were as many black officers kicking and punching and jumping as white," he said. "We are not questioning that. We are concerned about the whole brutality."

The confrontation was captured on videotape by a WPVI-TV news helicopter and broadcast around the nation. It shows a dozen men, some in uniform, some in civilian clothes, kicking and beating Jones for about 30 seconds. He was then handcuffed and led away under restraint.

Some say it was reminiscent of the 1991 Rodney King case which ignited rioting in Los Angeles after four white officers were acquitted of state charges. Two of those officers were eventually convicted on federal civil rights charges.

"For people to start making comparisons to Rodney King, I just think is outrageous," Timoney said on television. "[The suspect] is resisting throughout. Now, does that justify the force? We won't know until we interview the officers."

An officer who was shot was listed in good condition July 13 at Hahnemann University Hospital, while a second was treated and re-

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JACL Calendar

Eastern

NEW YORK
Sun, July 30—Summer outing to the studio of Toshiko Takezu in Quaker-town, N.J., and the Hunterdon Museum of Art; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. RSVP: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

Midwest

CINCINNATI
Sun, Aug. 13—Annual Potluck dinner; 1:30 p.m. board meeting; 4 p.m. social hour; silent auction; 5 p.m. potluck dinner; 6 p.m. entertainment; 7 p.m. door prizes; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. and Hyde Park Ave.

Detroit

Sun, Aug. 6—Detroit JACL Picnic; Parkland Shelter, Hines Park.

Intermountain

MOUNT OLYMPUS
Sat, Aug. 5—Annual August Outing; 6:00 p.m., Evergreen Park, 2230 E.

Evergreen Ave. Info: Jeff Nakashima, 957/1107.

SALT LAKE CITY

Mon, July 24—Matsumoto Sister City Picnic; 12 noon-5 p.m., Jordan Park, 1000 S 900 W; lunch, dances, races, games, etc. RSVP: Larry Grant, 544-7975, Jeff Imai, 583-6789, Alice Kasai, 359-2902.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND

Sun, Aug. 20—Nikkei Community Picnic; see Community Calendar.

NC-WN-Pacific

RENO

Sat, July 29—Sierra Folklife Festival; see Community Calendar.

SAN MATEO

Sat, July 29—Community Potluck; see Community Calendar.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ

Sun, Aug. 13—Annual Community Picnic; see Community Calendar at Aptos.

WEST VALLEY/Next Generation

Sat, Aug. 19—Daruma 2000 23rd Daruma festival; see Community cal-

endar, San Jose.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun, Sept. 17—15th Annual Shinzen Run and Walk; 6 a.m. registration, Woodward Park; to benefit the Friendship Garden and Nikkei Service Center. Info: Randy Aoki, 559/278-0415, or Bobbi Hanada, 559/434-1692.

Pacific Southwest

LAS VEGAS

Sat, July 29—Summer Picnic/Potluck; 10 a.m. setup, Cathedral Rock Picnic Area, Kyle Canyon; games, prizes, etc. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper goods, soft drinks provided by JACL. RSVP with number of guests: 382-4443 or 598-2362. ■

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

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

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

PHILADELPHIA
Sat, July 29—Exhibit Opening: "The Arts of Hon'ami Koetsu, Japanese Renaissance Master"; Philadelphia Museum of Art, Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. at 26th St. Info: 215/684-7860.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

The Midwest

MILWAUKEE
Through July 30—Exhibit, "Currents 28: Hiroshi Sugimoto"; Milwaukee Art Museum, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Info: 414/224-3200, <www.mam.org>.

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The Northwest

AUBURN, WASH.
Sat, July 29—Bon Odori Festival, 3 p.m., White River Buddhist Temple, 3625 Auburn Way N.; martial arts, dancing, Matsuri Tanka.

PORTLAND

Sat, Aug. 5—Obonfest 2000: A Gathering of Joy; 2-9 p.m.; Oregon Buddhist Temple; 3720 SE 34th Ave. and Powell; ethnic foods and gifts, dance, taiko, martial arts, children's activities, raffle, etc. Info: 503/234-9456, 503/254-9536.

Sun, Aug. 20—Nikkei Community Picnic; noon-5 p.m., Oaks Park. RSVP: Connie Masuoka, 243-3291.
Sat.-Sun., Sept. 2-3—Pacific NW Nikkei Golf Tournament: Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. Entry deadline: July 30: Fred Kimura, 252-2580.

Northern California

APTOS

Sun, Aug. 13—Annual Community Picnic; 11 a.m., Aptos Village Park; races, senior Bingo, BBQ steak, chicken, hot dogs, chili beans, raffle, taiko, karate-do, etc. Info: Marcia Hashimoto, 722-6859.

BAY AREA

Sun, Aug. 6—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, both men and women are welcome. For time

and place call: M. Kusabe, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat, Oct. 28—Topaz High School Reunion, classes of '43 and '44, and others who wish to attend; 2-10 p.m., JACNC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco; Info: Mas Kawaguchi, chairman, 415/731-2658; Fumi Manabe Hayashi, sec'y, 510/254-1048.

SAN JOSE

Sat, Aug. 19—Daruma 2000 23rd Daruma festival; Saratoga Lanes parking lot; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., children's games; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; taiko, koto, food, farmer's market, crafts, dance, entertainment. Free admission. Info: <www.pgsgroup.com/darumafestival>.

SAN MATEO

Sat, July 29—Community Potluck; 5-8 p.m., San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas; food, games, prizes, door prizes, songfest, raffles; scholarship winners will be introduced. Info: 650/243-2793.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sun, July 23—Nisei Week Annual Kohaku Uta Gassen; 1 p.m., JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; karaoke concert. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

Through July 23—Exhibit, "Contemporary Japanese Architecture: 1985-1996"; George Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/628-2725.

Sat, July 29—Nisei Week Queen's Coronation; 7 p.m., JACCC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

Sat.-Sun, July 29-30—Nisei Week Street Arts Fair; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; food booths, arts and crafts, entertainment; 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

Sun, July 30—JACCC & Nisei Week taiko gathering; 11 a.m.-4 p.m., JACCC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

Sun, July 30—Courtyard Kids Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; musical performances, stonelling, hands-on workshops, sports-related activities. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sun, July 30—Nisei Week Parade; 4 p.m., Streets of Little Tokyo. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

Sun, July 30—Origami Workshop, noon-3 p.m., Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden, Cal State Long Beach; open to children and adults; Free. Info: 562-985-8885.

Sun, Aug. 6—Exhibit Opening and

place call: M. Kusabe, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

Artists' Reception with Stone Ishimaru, photographer, and Ichiro Uehara, painter; 3-5 p.m., LA Artcore Center, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; Exhibit runs through Aug. 30. Info: 213/617-3274, fax 617-0303, <www.laartcore.org>.

Sun, Aug. 6—Nisei Week Film Festival: "Snow Falling on Cedars," 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.; "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," 1:30 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Special group rates available. Info: 213/680-3700.

Fri, Aug. 11—13th Annual Akimatsu Golf Tournament; 1 p.m. shotgun start, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. RSVP by July 26: East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 626/950-2566.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Mon, Sept. 11—8th annual Japan America Golf Classic; Yorba Linda Country Club, 19400 E. Mountain View Ave. RSVP by Aug. 25: 213/627-6217 ext. 207.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Sat.-Sun, July 29-30—Obon Festival; 12 noon-8 p.m., bon odori at 7:30 p.m.; Vista Buddhist Temple, 150-B Cedar Rd., Hwy 78, off Vista Way; between College & Emerald exits; food, produce, plants & flowers, games, taiko, silent auction. Info: 760/941-8800.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat, Aug. 12—Obon Festival; 12 noon-5 p.m., Cimarron-Memorial High School, 2301 N. Tenaya Way; pre-paid bento lunches, sushi, desserts, bon odori, raffle, etc. Info: Dale Ito, 702/869-0557.

RENO

Sat, July 29—Sierra Folklife Festival; 12 noon-6 p.m., Wingfield Park, downtown. Info: Mimi Stricker, 853-8850, Tracie Sasaki, 856-4004. ■

Correction

The winner of the 2000 Min Yasui Oratorical Competition pictured on page 3 of the July 14-20 issue was Brian Arai of the NCWNP District (not Brian Odame).

Correction

The statement by President Roosevelt endorsing Nisei military service, mentioned in Bill Hosokawa's column "From the Frying Pan" (July 14-20 issue), was issued on Feb. 3, 1943, not 1942.

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JA Republicans Lobby Congress to Preserve WWII Internment Camps

By ROGER MINAMI
Special to the Pacific Citizen

The Japanese American Republicans (JAR) is taking a proactive role in lobbying Republican legislators to fully support a funding request by the White House for the Department of the Interior in the Fiscal Year 2001 budget to preserve the internment camp sites of World War II.

The money will be used to build a visitor's center at the Manzanar internment camp in California, extend federal protection to the sites of the former camps throughout the United States, fund educational materials on the internment experience, and other provisions.

Thus far, the House Subcommittee on the Interior Appropriations Committee agreed to approximately \$4.3 million of the \$4.8 million sought by the White House.

"Our organization does not agree with all of the philosophies/policies of the Clinton administration and our involvement in this matter certainly does not constitute an endorsement of Vice President Gore in his quest for the presidency. However, we feel that this funding request will benefit not just Japanese Ameri-

cans, but all Americans," said JAR president Gary Hayakawa.

"The executive board of JAR felt the need to put our political philosophies aside and work with Japanese American organizations, such as JACL, to lobby the Republican majority to fully fund this request. Without the support of the Republicans in both houses of Congress, it is very unlikely that the request will be fully funded."

Recently, Hayakawa sat down with the chief of staff to Congressman Christopher Cox of Newport Beach, Calif., regarding this issue. "Chris Cox is the policy chair in the House so his endorsement of any legislation carries much weight among his fellow Republican colleagues. We had a very productive meeting."

"The congressman wants to ensure that the internment camps are preserved for future generations and his office is willing to work with us in reaching out and communicating with fellow legislators the need for this. Hopefully through the efforts of Congressman Cox and others, we will have enough support for this critical effort to preserve American history."

For more information on JAR, please contact Gary Hayakawa at threearn@aol.com.



By the Board

Program For Action

By David Kawamoto
National V.P. General Operations

At our 36th biennial convention, the message brought forth from the chapters to the Program for Action committee was to make the Program for Action a more meaningful document.

JACL's Program for Action had become a "wish list" of items that are important to the membership. However, it was pointed out that there were items listed that were never addressed.

With the limits to our organization's time and finances, goals and objectives are prioritized and some have to be put on the "back burner." This is not unreasonable and my experience is that sound judgments are being made by the national board and staff in setting these priorities.

At issue is the fact that our Program for Action remained laden with concepts and ideas which saw no "action." Cognizant of this fact, the national council

has spoken and voted unanimously to make the Program for Action committee a standing committee which will modify our national organization's Program for Action to keep it in line with JACL's finances (budget) and current priorities.

This meaningful document will show that JACL is an organization that "walks the walk," and doesn't just "talk the talk."

Please join me in thanking the current Program for Action committee for their insightful and focused leadership. The members are Randy Aoki (Fresno), Laura Nakatani (D.C.), Walt Sato (Idaho Falls), Ben Ezaki (Twin Cities), Lucy Kishibe (San Francisco), Amy Matsumoto (New York), David Masuo (Alaska), and Ken Iwuye (SELANOCO). I hope that they will each be chosen by their districts, and are willing to continue their work with the Program for Action.

With the changes in the biennial budget voted into effect by the national council during our last business session, there will be an allocation of additional funds and the budget will be revised in the coming months.

This budget will also take into account the initial Program for Action priorities passed by the national council. This process will probably take several months to complete. Therefore, the original plan of revising the Program for Action and getting it to the chapters within a few months will not happen. The revisions will have to await the new budget. When the budget is revised, the new Program for Action will be written.

If anyone has any questions on this or any matters, please don't hesitate to contact me. My home telephone number in San Diego is listed in the telephone directory, and I can be reached via e-mail at dhkawamoto@aol.com.

National

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

Richetti Gets Weekend Jail Time for Racial Assault

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—One of three former Binghamton University students charged with beating Asian American student John Lee, 19, in a racial attack was sentenced to eight weekends in jail.

Nicholas Richetti, 19, pleaded guilty in June to attempted assault. He began serving weekend jail time on July 7. He also received probation and was ordered to pay half of Lee's uninsured medical expenses which amounted to \$2,600. Lee suffered a fractured skull.

Authorities initially charged Richetti and two other members of the university's wrestling team with gang assault in the early morning attack on four AA students Feb. 27.

Richetti was expelled. Chad Scott, 18, was suspended from the school for two years and still faces trial on an assault charge. Christopher Taylor, 20, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

AA groups have demanded that the U.S. Department of Justice look into whether the attack violated federal civil rights laws.

Prosecutors say racial slurs were shouted during the attack, while Richetti's lawyer said the attack was fueled by alcohol, not race.

Playground Rededicated to WWII Vets Ikefugi and Liotti

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.—A playground on Winter Avenue, New Brighton, named after two World War II heroes — a Japanese American and an Italian American — was rededicated July 5 after its bronze plaque had been painted over.

The site was named the Liotti Ikefugi Playground in 1963, in honor of soldiers Carmine Liotti and Lloyd Ikefugi, both killed in Europe in April 1945.

Members of both families, including Ikefugi's brother Alfred and Liotti's sister Mary Seip, placed wreaths at the plaque, which has been restored to its original condition. The ceremony was co-sponsored by Granito-Smith Post, American Legion and the city Department of Parks.

Part of the rededication ceremony was conducted to honor all those who fought in the nation's wars in the 20th century.

Kristi Yamaguchi Weds Hockey Player Bret Hedican

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—Figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi, 28, wed Florida Panthers defenseman Bret Hedican, 29, in Hawaii on July 8, and are planning a reception in San Francisco where Yamaguchi lives.

In addition to building a new home on the lake near Brainerd in central Minnesota, the couple plans to keep their homes in California and Florida.

Hedican, a North St. Paul native, played for St. Cloud State from 1988-91. He met gold medalist Yamaguchi in 1992 when they represented the United States in the Olympics in Albertville, France.

Hedican went professional after the Olympics as a 10th-round pick of the St. Louis Blues. He was traded to Vancouver in 1994 and was sent to the Panthers during the 1998-99 season.

While in Vancouver with the Canucks, he crossed paths again with Yamaguchi, who had been hired to perform at the opening of GM Place, where the Canucks play their home games.

Judge Agrees Lee Should Have Computer Security Audits

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—U.S. District Judge James Parker has ruled the government must give fired Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee computer security audits for a nine-year period.

Lee, who is charged with 59 counts of breaching security, has been battling over what material that is deemed classified by the government can be produced during his trial, set for November.

Prosecution and defense lawyers met behind closed doors with Parker on July 12, and his July 13 order, ruling on a variety of motions, ordered prosecutors to give Lee's attorneys access to computer security audits and information or computer security reports from the Department of Energy's Office of Oversight from Jan. 1, 1990, through March 8, 1999, the date Lee was fired from Los Alamos.

The judge also granted Lee's request that certain documents be reviewed by the court in private.

The judge denied Lee's request for documents about computer codes used by China to model and design nuclear weapons. He delayed ruling on Lee's motion for a nuclear weapons blueprint until he

receives further information.

Defense attorneys are opposing prosecution efforts to substitute summaries of the classified data — which the government has said includes the "crown jewels" of U.S. nuclear weapons science — saying in a brief filed last week that the "best evidence" rule would require the original files, rather than substitutes such as summaries.

The prosecution, in response filed with Parker the day of the hearing, said, "It is now abundantly obvious that Lee's position is that his defense at trial will require nothing short of full and public disclosure of the very classified information he has already compromised."

Parker gave prosecutors until July 21 to consult with government experts and then identify what classified information the government believes meets the Classified Information Procedure Act (CIPA) standards.

Man Dead After Racially Motivated Fight

OCEAN SHORES, Wash.—A 20-year-old man was fatally stabbed and two men were arrested July 4 after a group of local white men began yelling racial epithets at three Asian Americans from Seattle at a gas station.

Christopher A. Kinson, of Olympia, was pronounced dead July 4 at Grays Harbor Community Hospital, while twin brothers Minh Hong and Hung Hong, both 26, of Seattle, were held in the Grays Harbor County jail at Montesano for investigation of homicide, said Police Chief Rich McEachin.

McEachin said the incident started shortly before 2 a.m. when three AA men, who were visiting the popular resort area stopped for food at a Tuxaco gas-line station market.

A group of 10 local young white men, who were standing around outside, saw the men leaving the food area, and Kinson began yelling white supremacist slogans such as "white power" and "gooks go home," McEachin said.

A fight ensued, but police are unsure who brought the knife into the struggle. Authorities said one of the AA men used it to stab Kinson, who died en route to the hospital. They have not recovered the knife.

Meanwhile, a third Seattle man was questioned and released, McEachin said.

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JACL's 36th Biennial the Best Yet

MONTEREY, Calif.—With a picturesque-Blue Pacific for an inviting backdrop to welcome and entertain the visitors, the JACL 36th biennial national convention, without a doubt, recorded one of the best gatherings ever for this premier Asian American civil rights organization.

Besides, there was never a more melodramatic, newsworthy week like this, in the remarkable annals of the Nikkei — maybe not since the momentous days of December 7. The storybook run was dramatically ignited by President Clinton's presentation of the nation's highest combat medal award, the Medal of Honor, on June 22 to World War II heroes — 20 Japanese-Americans, one Chinese-American, and one Filipino-American for valor under fire. This was subsequently climaxed by the marquee appearance at the conventions' DoubleTree Hotel along Fisherman's Wharf by Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, Secretary of Commerce nominee, Norman Mineta (an automatic shoe-in) and finally the visit of Attorney General Janet Reno, fresh from strategically directing the spectacular 53-second rescue of little Elian Gonzalez in her hometown of Miami, Florida.

The attorney general rose to the occasion with her down-to-earth demeanor and thoroughly captivated the convention's capacity Sayonara banquet crowd with a moving message to JACLers. In her keynote speech, Janet Reno eloquently recognized the JAs unique, extraordinary civil record as exemplary law-abiding citizens and challenged them to help her fight and improve the country's justice system with the same kind of per-

sonal interest for all Americans.

The impressive spectacle of Gen. Eric Shinseki, Friday evening was another thrilling event. The Hawaii-born four-star officer paid a sombering tribute to the Nikkei vets of wars and thanked them for their heroic deeds, acknowledging that it played an influencing role in his elevation to the top of the Pentagon, led alone for all JAs to-day. Like all good GIs, the MIS of Northern California coordinated this great event, and playing a big role were President Marvin Urasu, Rudy Tokiwa and Col. Harry Fukuhara.

The Monterey confab also served a dual purpose for many delegates and boosters, turning the week into a nostalgic homecoming for former Californians and in particular, a return for some to this familiar Central California coastal region. One of them was Joe Ichijima, prewar Pacific Grove resident, who did double duty by manning the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation booth with his better half, Suzie. The upcoming NJAMP's super dedication Nov. 10 in Wash., D.C., could realistically turn into a last-time nationwide final-final get-together for many Nisei.

Retiring President Helen Kawaguchi's last official action was a lofty \$100,000 fund-raising project during the convention's opening night Welcome Mixer at the fabulous Monterey Bay Aquarium. Called "Club 100," the fund-raiser called for 100 JACLers to kick-in a grand a piece to jump-start her vaunted "Program for Action" deal. True to form and with no surprise, prominent Salinas benefactors, George and Janice Higashi, heads of East-on Enterprise, one of the country's

biggest grower-shippers of lettuce and vegetables, helped to get the ball rolling and not only responded to Helen's call, but matched it with another \$2,000 check for the Mike Massaka Scholarship. Mike's brother, George Higashi is a former Los Angeles native (Inglewood) and is in charge of the resurgent membership program for the Salinas Valley chapter.

Newly elected President Floyd Mori is a member of Utah's Mt. Olympus chapter. A graduate of BYU, Mori just finished a stint as JACL v.p., general operations. His public service includes mayor and city councilman for Pleasanton, Calif., and as state Assemblyman for Alameda County. Past JACL presidents in attendance were New York City's Lillian Kimura, Sonoma County's James Murakami, Pat Okura from Wash., D.C., Portland, Oregon's Dr. James Tsujimura, Judge Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City, Spokane, Washington's Denny Yasuhara, U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto from Sacramento, and Floyd Shimomura, also of Sacramento.

After missing the Philadelphia biennial two years ago, Fred Hirasuna, the JACL legend from Fresno, made it to Monterey — looking good as ever. A trio of today's top Nikkei journalists — Pacific Citizen Editor Emeritus Harry Honda, *LA Rafu Shimpo's* colorful columnist and the "Voice of the Southland Nisei" George "Horse" Yoshinaga and Stockton scribe Barry Saiki, who covered the newspaper beat from Rohrer, Ark., to Tokyo's Ginza were covering the convention's activities. Some of the more popular members from the JACL's distaff side

taking in the Monterey scene — Gracey "Mrs. Legacy" Ueyehara from the City of Brotherly Love, Penn., Mollie Fujikura of Diablo Valley east of Oakland, Daisy Satoda, secretary to the late director Mas Satow, Lily Okura from D.C., Pharm. D. Mae Takahashi, representing the Clovis chapter in Central Cal. and San Jose's Claire Omura, the NCWNP liaison to the P.C. editorial board.

Perhaps the youngest member to ever grace the national board is Ryan Chin, new v.p. of public affairs. Ryan is associated with Anderson consulting in Seattle. However, his notoriety is better connected to his mother's side, whose sister is none other than Wendy Tokuda of Seattle-San Francisco-Los Angeles prime-time TV broadcast fame. Supporting Chin's campaign were Evergreen State delegates Elsie Leilani Taniguchi of the Puysallup Valley chapter, and Hugh Burleson, U.S. Foreign Service authority on Japan with the Lake Washington chapter.

Toko Fujii, the all-purpose personality to Sacramento Nihon-machi, made it to Monterey. Dependable George Babe from Stockton, one of the regular conventioners. And of course from Sac'too, Tom Fujimoto, stumping for daughter Lori in a nip and tuck run-off election for the presidential post. Fresh from San Francisco, barrister Marshall Sumida, who played a key investigative role in uncovering and bailing out JACL headquarters from financially going down the disastrous drain a decade ago. Remember?

It's hard to imagine that the highly charged controversial "Draft Resister" settlement won't leave a lasting scar, when the ripple effect hits the chapter level — like the devastating nearby San Andreas earthquake fault. The 36th biennial will be remembered as the con-

vention where JACL literally let the Nisei and especially their wartime vets down. A and generational conflict. An unfortunate failure to precisely understand and recognize the unprecedented, uncertain conditions of the tragic wartime evacuation and relocation period, that the Sansei and Yonsei never experienced. JACL national executive director, John Tateishi, will have his hands full for the league's daunting, foreseeable future, as he carefully directs — tip-toeing through the delicate tulip field to keep his fractured membership from further disintegration. A monumental task faces Tateishi and President Floyd Mori, in trying to close the ruptured rank, mend the damaged fence and, hopefully convince their constituents — that it's time to move on! They will need to focus on the "big picture" as their top priority which is to protect the civil rights interest of all the JAs — member or not. JACL is still the only Nikkei group with the overall resources to act in a watch-dog position in Washington, and this hasn't changed since 1952!

The host of this successful confab, the Monterey Peninsula chapter along with the support from their four neighboring groups — Gilroy, San Benito County, Watsonville and Salinas Valley, just simply rose to the occasion and proudly outdid themselves by offering a superb, stylish Golden State flavored affair. Co-chairpersons Larry Oda and Edith Ichijima managed to pull off the best biennial meeting ever.

Our Stetson hat off to the hard-working crew of Pet and Helen Nakasaka, Frank and Kay Tanaka, George Uyeida, Ann Nagao and David Yamada. Also Jeanne and Gordon Nakagawa, Jeff Uchida, Otsu Kadami, Mitsu Sonoda and Kazuko Matsuyama among others.

On to Las Vegas! ■

Discrimination, Hate Crimes Among Hot Topics at Convention

By LYNDSEY SHINODA
Writer/Reporter

MONTEREY, Calif.—It is not uncommon for an Asian American to be discriminated against in their place of employment. How often something is done about it is an entirely different issue. These thoughts and ideas were addressed in the workshop "Discrimination in the Workplace" held during the JACL national convention on June 30.

Bill Tamayo, a regional attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and Paul Igasaki, vice-chair for the EEOC, hosted the workshop to discuss what the EEOC does. They also spoke about what the definition of employment discrimination is and what can be done about it.

"I live job discrimination, so it's something I know all too well," said Igasaki. "Having a JA cabinet member (Norman Mineta) is the breaking of the glass ceiling that's been there for far too long." Igasaki explained that the EEOC was born out of the civil rights movement. He said that Title VII is a law which bans job discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age and disability. The employment non-discrimination act, which has not yet been passed, extends to discrimination against sexual orientation as well.

"The EEOC receives over 100,000 cases a year," said Igasaki. "They are violating the highest laws of this country. We may not catch you, but if we do, it'll cost you."

Igasaki also said that less than two percent of charges come from AAs, but as he travels around the country, he talks to many AAs who indeed have been discriminated against, but have not come forward.

"Someone has to complain for things to get better," he said.

He also encouraged people to have courage, take risks and come

forward.

Bill Tamayo talked more about the technical side of filing a charge with the EEOC. He said that the EEOC also protects employees against retaliation for complaining about unlawful discrimination.

"You have to file a charge within 300 days of the act of discrimination (in Calif.)," said Tamayo. "The largest number of cases are under Title VII, 40 percent of those are based on race discrimination or termination based on race."

The panelists on the "Community Strategies in Addressing Hate Crimes" workshop are no strangers to the topic at hand. Lori Fujimoto, JACL vice president for public affairs, James Maddock, FBI special agent in charge, Eastern District, and Arturo Venegas, Sacramento police chief, were all an integral part of the task force in Sacramento designed to prevent hate crimes in their community.

The three panelists shared their insight with the packed room of conventioners, speaking on what a hate crime is, what a chapter can do to prevent them, and whether or not they are increasing. Chief Venegas used a videotape of the news footage of the June 1999 fire bombings of three Jewish synagogues to show the stark reality of hate crimes. Footage was also shown of the previous fire bombings were followed shortly by the bombing of the Sacramento JACL offices.

"The community came together and created a task force staking out individuals' homes until the suspects had been apprehended," said Venegas of the synagogue bombings. "A community can come together to make a difference."

Venegas encouraged conventioners to know the leaders in their respective communities who can get things going, because communication is absolutely essential. He also said that it is a good idea to create a phone tree among the community.

Agent Maddock informed the audience that it is a criminal offense to commit a crime against a person based on race, gender, or sexual orientation, but it is not yet a federal offense. He said that during 1998 (the most recent recorded statistics), 7,700 hate crimes were reported to the FBI.

Hate crimes are most likely committed by strangers, Maddock said. Sixty-six percent of perpetrators are white, while 17 percent are black.

"The magnitude of the crimes is increasing," said Maddock. "There has been a recent explosion of hate Web sites designed to interact with children."

Chief Venegas said that there are close to 2,000 hate Web sites in existence today. But Maddock said that neither hate Web sites nor distribution of hate literature are federal offenses.

Lori Fujimoto encouraged chapters to be prepared before an incident happens in their communities. She said that it's important to know who to contact if an incident occurs in the JA community.

"Start building coalitions, cultivate relationships with other community organizations," said Fujimoto. "Cultivating relationships with law enforcement is critical."

Other workshops held at the convention included: "LEAP! Leadership in the 21st Century," "How to Start a Japanese Cultural Heritage Program for Your Community: A Guide to Success," "Japan Acts, and Japanese-Americans Experience the Repercussions," "How to Get Your School District to Implement 'An American Story: The Japanese American Experience,'" "The Story Behind the Redress Movement," "How Do you find a Career in the New Economy?" "Let's All Focus on Aging: Sensei, Yonsei, Gosei—Taking Care of Their Elders" combined with "Social Security: How It Relates to You," and "Planned Giving... Act Today, Give Forever." ■



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Medal of Honor Recipients Feted in Indianapolis

Despite delayed recognition by the U.S. government, the 23 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor were paid fitting tribute for their acts of bravery during World War II at a ceremony at the National Medal of Honor Memorial in Indianapolis on July 1.

The 23 recipients include 20 Japanese Americans — most of whom served in the 442nd Central Postal Directory, the 100th Infantry Battalion — one Chinese American, one Filipino American and one Hispanic American.

Although many were honored posthumously, four veterans attended the ceremony in person, including Shizuya Hayashi, George "Joe" Sakato, Rudolph Devila and Alfred Rascon. The widow of Frank Ono, a longtime resident of Indiana following the war, also attended.

Members of the Hoosier (Indiana) chapter JACL were joined by JAs from Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin as well as Nisei veterans from American Legion Post 1183 in Chicago to specially honor Hayashi and Sakato.

The honorees were presented beautifully etched glass sculptures with their name, rank, division of



PHOTO: JENNIFER SUZUKI
Ann Ono, widow of Frank Ono, accepting glass sculpture etched with Frank Ono's name and the battle associated with his Medal of Honor.

military and locale of battle, replicated after the National Medal of Honor Memorial which is located along the Canal Walk of the White River Park near downtown Indianapolis.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Indianapolis Power and Light Company (IPALCO). ■

Midwest District Education Meeting Held in Chicago

The Midwest District held its first district-wide education meeting on June 3 at the Chicago district office to discuss the role of MDC in promoting the education goals in JACL's Program for Action.

Priorities for 2000-2001 include providing assistance to chapters with coordinating teacher education workshops on the Japanese American experience, participating in state and regional social studies conferences, and creating a district-wide Speaker's Bureau.

Bill Yoshino, Midwest director, is working to put together a "how-to" guide for planning and implementing a teacher training workshop at the chapter level. In addition, plans are underway to convene a "Training the Trainers" workshop for chapter members to learn how to present teacher workshops in their local areas. This workshop will be held during the EDC-MDC meeting in Cincinnati scheduled on June 29-July 1, 2001.

On April 29, the Chicago chapter JACL sponsored a similar all-day teacher training workshop, led by Sharon Ichii-Jordan and Greg Marutani of the JACL National Education Committee. Titled "A Lesson in American History: The Japanese American Experience," the workshop featured former internees giving firsthand accounts of life in the camps.

The MDC education committee also plans to participate in the National Council on Social Studies Great Lakes Regional Conference in Bloomington, MN on April 19-21, 2001. A workshop presentation will provide teachers with lesson plan ideas on teaching a unit on the JA internment, and will include a panel of speakers who will relate their personal experiences during World War II. A portable display on JA history, being created by the committee, will be exhibited at the conference. Organizers estimate that over 1,500 social studies teachers from nine states will be attending this conference.



Participants at the Midwest District education meeting (l-r): 1st row — Karen Watkins (Cincinnati), Marie Matsunami (MDC governor, Cincinnati), Hank Tanaka (Cleveland), Cheryl Hirata-Dulas (Twin Cities); 2nd row — Laura Paige (St. Louis), Lynda Jarreau (Detroit), Al Hida (Wisconsin), Bill Yoshino (Midwest director), Larry Schectman (Chicago).

Marie Matsunami, MDC governor, concurred with the vision and purpose of the newly formed committee, stating that "MDC is committed to doing as many teacher trainings as possible with the ultimate goal of reaching states that have no JACL chapters."

The MDC education committee will meet semi-annually, and the next meeting will be held in Milwaukee on September 22. ■

Monterey JACL Carries the Stars and Stripes



The Monterey Peninsula chapter carries their American flag banner in the Fourth of July parade in Monterey. It took over 50 people to carry the 40 by 70 foot banner, which was made in 1935 by the women's auxiliary of the Monterey Peninsula chapter. After returning from internment, the flag was displayed until the mid 1950s. It was forgotten until 1996, when it was discovered in the basement of the JACL Hall.

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COMMENTARY

Participating in the 7th Annual California AIDS Ride

By RANDY YAGI

It is estimated that over 33,400,000 people worldwide are infected with HIV today. AIDS has affected nearly all of us, having taken the lives of more than 410,800 people in the United States alone. That is seven times the number of American fatalities in the Vietnam War.

Although I am a heterosexual male who has had the same girlfriend for several years and have no immediate friends or family with the HIV virus, the AIDS epidemic concerns me as it continues to spread across the country and world.

Because of the significance of the year 2000, I set out to perform several athletic events to challenge my body and spirit. Among them was my first marathon, the Big Sur Marathon. The other major event was the 7th Annual California AIDS Ride which took place from June 4-10.

Nearly 2,800 bicyclists made the 575-mile trek from San Francisco to Los Angeles, raising approximately \$11.25 million to help promote AIDS awareness. The monies were raised for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and go toward programs designed to help individuals living with HIV with housing, counseling and medical services.

Nationwide, there are four other AIDS Rides being held this summer which are expected to raise a total of \$28.5 million.

To participate in the AIDS Ride, you are required to raise at least \$2,500 in pledges. Luckily, I surpassed that amount by over \$500.

The California AIDS Ride is perhaps the most well-organized event I have ever had the pleasure of being associated with. Our volunteer staff, some 600



strong, had the arduous task of setting up our tent city, directing traffic, serving meals, providing medical support, repairing bikes and transporting our gear. Imagine a traveling Woodstock of bicyclists camping out about every 82 miles through California over seven days on its way to Los Angeles.

Beginning in Fort Mason, riders passed through the Presidio, Golden Gate Park and Millbrae on our way out of the city. About 30 miles into the ride, we reached the first real hill, up to Crystal Springs Reservoir. This is where I sustained my first injury, a sharp knife-like pain in my right quad. The injury was so severe I was afraid that it would be impossible to continue. But I pushed on and eventually rode to Santa Cruz for day two. A slight adjustment of the seat height made all the difference in the world. The pain in my quad disappeared!

Day four from Paso Robles to Oceano was without a doubt the scariest part of the ride for me.

We rode up a hill for 20 miles to an elevation of 1,800 feet through extreme heat. On our way down the steep downgrade, we encountered fog and slick roads. I put my brakes on a lot, while more experienced cyclists passed me going in excess of 50 miles per hour!

Along the entire route, there were hundreds if not thousands of people who cheered us on and offered us support by passing out food and beverages. There were people who sprayed our muddy bikes the day it rained and sprayed us the days it was scorching hot. Never in my life have I experienced so many acts of love and kindness amongst such a large group of people, whether it was comforting a rider who lost a loved one from AIDS or assisting an injured rider on the road; there was always someone there to help.

Closing ceremonies in Century City were truly an emotional and triumphant time for each and every one of us. Some 20,000 cheering friends, relatives and spectators lined the Avenue of the Stars and welcomed us as we rode the last leg of our journey. Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan led the procession by bike.

I was the 19th rider overall to complete the event. It was truly an emotional moment for me, the realization that nine months of training and charity work really paid off.

I am honored to have completed the entire journey. It was difficult and at various times quite painful, but the ride was not meant to be easy. It tests the will and spirit of individuals determined to help promote the fight against a deadly disease. ■

Randy Yagi is a Sansei living in Santa Cruz, Calif. He is a graduate of San Jose State University and a U.S. Army veteran.

INSCRIPTIONS

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three completed panels. The two others were quotes from Congressman Robert Matsui and former Congressman Norman Mineta who may become the first Asian American Cabinet member after President Clinton recently nominated him to the post of commerce secretary. In total, there will be eight people cited on the NJAMF monument, including a haiku by Akemi Ehrlich.

The NJAMF voted to include a portion of Masaka's Japanese American Creed last fall. Masaka critics say he betrayed the Nikkei community during WWII as a government informant, while supporters assert Masaka's stand paved the way for Nikkei acceptance after the war.

At the recent JACL national convention in Monterey, Calif., the national council voted overwhelmingly to support the decisions of the NJAMF board and the inclusion of Masaka's quote. In addition, the JACL national board issued a statement in support of the memorial and the NJAMF board.

Since May, a group that calls itself JAVoice.com, the Committee for a Fair and Accurate Memorial, has collected roughly 710 signatures on a resolution that asks the National Park Service to reconsider its approval of the memorial inscriptions and delete Masaka's quote. Among those who have signed onto the petition are the Hawaii chapter of the JACL and Club 100.

But with Masaka's quote etched in stone, NJAMF Chairman Melvin Chioigi felt that the issue was closed.

"As far as I'm concerned it's over," said Chioigi. "The Park Service said it's okay and that's why you saw the inscriptions cut already in stone so as far as I'm

concerned there's no controversy anymore."

In referring to the signatures collected by JAVoice.com, Chioigi said, "At the JACL convention, they voted in support of the inscription, so you've got 1,800 members there to go against the 700... I respect the 700 or 800 people who signed the petition but the fact is we are in a democracy and sometimes you don't get what you really want."

But Rita Takahashi, a NJAMF board member who has been questioning the inscription selection process and opposing the inclusion of Masaka, does not believe this is a dead issue.

"It's a grass-roots movement," said Takahashi. "I think you need to ask the concerned people in the community. There is a very strong opposition out there."

Meanwhile, NJAMF board member Shiro Shiraga reported that as of June 22, they had raised \$12.7 million. But he said the board will have to raise additional funds to cover cost overruns, which he projected to be at a minimum \$1.5 million. This included an additional \$240,000 to construct interactive computer monitors at the memorial site, which the board approved at their July 8 meeting.

Most of the additional expenses, however, are tied to unforeseen construction costs. NJAMF board member Dennis Otsuji reported that construction costs increased due to diverting and widening a sewage line under the memorial site; having to deal with three underground ducts rather than one as previously drawn on the map plans; increases in architectural fees and bonding costs; and the need to address aesthetic issues regarding the crane and bell sculptures.

The construction problems will also delay the completion of the memorial, but the dedication ceremony will be held as planned on

Nov. 9. Chioigi expects that the only unfinished portion during the dedication ceremony will be the landscaping.

At the July 8 meeting, the board also voted to raise another \$5 million to go towards an education component. Originally, the NJAMF board's goal was to raise a total of \$8.5 million to construct the monument, and \$1 million of that \$8.5 million was to be set aside for educational purposes, said Chioigi.

"The fact of the matter is we've raised almost \$13 million," said Chioigi. "We had a goal of \$8.5 million but people are continuing to contribute, and I'm hoping that with the resolution of the board in trying to have a \$5 million additional educational component that people will continue to contribute."

Margaret Oda, NJAMF board member in charge of the education committee, reported that they have been in contact with the Smithsonian Institute about doing joint projects and are exploring the possibilities of creating an internship or chairship with such institutions as George Washington University. She estimated that \$1 million will go towards the Japanese American National Museum, which will house the NJAMF papers once the office closes at the end of the year. They are also looking into educating the public through a Web site and publishing materials to be used in the classroom by teachers. ■

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and the scores of thousands who support it with their contributions have been frustrated too long. The National Park Service endorsement means we can proceed together in the mission of dedicating our Memorial to Patriotism by the November 9th target date. Let us move forward proudly and in unity. ■

Santa Maria Valley Chapter Awards Scholarships



At a luncheon held at Central City Broker Restaurant on June 10, the Santa Maria Valley chapter honored and awarded three \$500 scholarships to the following: Paul Hoyos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Hoyos, a valedictorian at Santa Maria High School who will be attending UC Berkeley; Paul Struve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Struve, an honor student at St. Joseph High School who will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; and Benjamin Uyeda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Uyeda, who completed Santa Barbara College and will be attending Cornell University pursuing his studies in architecture. ■

Florin Chapter Honors Scholars



On June 3 entering freshmen scholarships were presented to: Cristy Kim, UC Davis in pre-med; Kevin Lucas, University of Idaho in political science; Neil Lum, UCLA in the medical field; Mark Sanui, UC Davis in pre-med; Ben Wang, UC Davis in an undecided major; and Darin Chambers, who will be attending UC Davis in pre-med. Scholarship recipients were awarded \$500 to \$1,000 scholarships to further their academic studies. Vice President Walter Kawamoto emceed the dinner program. Members of the scholarship committee were Etsu Hui, Stan Umeda and Kimi Kaneko. (From left): Darin Chambers, Mark Sanui, Neil Lum, Ben Wang, Cristy Kim and Kevin Lucas. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Go For Broke Vets Support NJAMF

As the organization that launched the National Japanese American Memorial project, Go For Broke National Veterans Association (GFBNVA) has viewed with deep concern the controversy over whether a quotation from Mike Masaoka should be included in the inscription on the memorial now taking shape in Washington, D.C.

It is distressing that a small minority within the Japanese American community seeks to divide the community by casting unwarranted aspersions on the late Masaoka's integrity.

The quotation in question is: "I am proud that I am an American of Japanese ancestry. I believe in this nation's institutions, ideals and traditions. I glory in her heritage. I boast of her history. I trust in her future."

That statement was written as an article of faith in 1940 as war clouds were gathering over the Pacific. Today, that faith in America is shared by GFBNVA, whose membership is made up largely of individuals who together with Masaoka fought in defense of our country in World War II. It was Masaoka who first proposed the creation of a memorial to JA veterans in Washington, D.C., and helped found GFBNVA to undertake the project. It also should be noted that it was GFBNVA that was authorized by Congress to erect a memorial to JA patriotism.

When it became obvious the memorial was too large a project to take on alone, GFBNVA under its then chairman Judge William Marutani entrusted the responsibility to a new organization, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF). He and many other members of GFBNVA now serve on the board of this memorial foundation and have had an active role in the project.

Thus, we have been distressed that one member of the board, Rita Takahashi, who neither served our country in uniform nor was involved in the 1942 evacuation, has undertaken to block the memorial project because of philosophical differences with the position Masaoka counseled in 1942 as the federal government prepared to incarcerate all JAs in the western United States.

The facts are that Masaoka, as executive secretary of the JACL, fought fiercely to avert such an outrage. Only when the government made clear that it was prepared to use force did Masaoka counsel JAs to avoid bloodshed and comply with the repugnant federal orders as their contribution to the war effort.

Dr. Takahashi's position is that yielding to an obviously unjust order was wrong, and that anyone who advocated such a course should not be honored. "It's wrong to inscribe the Memorial with his name if we are trying to promote civil constitutional rights and include a quotation that runs counter to that," she was quoted recently after the NJAMF board reaffirmed its commitment to the Masaoka quotation.

It is obvious that those who lived through that time that JAs were under intense but totally unwarranted suspicion by both our government and fellow citizens, Masaoka was well aware of our rights but he, or any other responsible JA, would have invited immediate bloodshed and long-term official and unofficial persecution if we gave our fellow citizens any reason to suspect disloyalty.

Dr. Takahashi's contention in hindsight, six decades after the event, is that Masaoka betrayed us by urging JAs to comply with government orders. Her assertion that we should have defied the government's wartime edict and stood up for our constitutional rights ignores the reality that her idealism would have been regarded as sabotaging the war effort and a fifth

column attempt to aid the enemy. We who experienced those times cannot forget the nation's anger, fear, and irrationality that hung over us.

Now, we who demonstrated our faith in America on the battlefield must denounce Dr. Takahashi's ideology as subverting the meaning of loyalty to country and degrading the price we paid to defend it. To accept her arguments is a betrayal of the comrades we honor on the memorial whose courage and sacrifice were recognized anew only a few days ago by a grateful nation in the ceremonies awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor to 20 JAs.

Let us move forward, proudly and in unity, to the completion and dedication in November of the memorial to the faith of all our people.

Tom Masamori
President, GFBNVA

A Response to NJAMF Board's Letter to Editor

On June 15 the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation sent out a letter concerning the controversy over the memorial planned for Washington, D.C.

This letter is misleading in its attempt to portray the entire controversy as the result of "the divisive tactics of a small minority within our Board trying to overturn majority decisions."

The tactics were not designed by "a small minority" within the board. As a concerned Sansei, I suggested and designed the Web site JAvoice.com (<http://www.javoice.com>) in order to coalesce what was an obvious and strong grassroots movement among Japanese Americans upset over the memorial. Many of these people, like those on the NJAMF board, had also been in the camps or fought in World War II, so clearly no one had a moral monopoly in this matter.

Like many others, I was particularly concerned about the narrow and limited scope of the memorial and its selective interpretation of history. As has been pointed out many times, it discounted the diverse views of many who experienced wartime incarceration, failed to recognize Hawaiian veterans and ignored the already well recognized efforts of many people who fought for their constitutional rights during the war. Why were these other voices missing, I wondered? Hence, the Web site's name JAvoice.com.

Rather than three board members, there are 20 people who have devoted considerable time and energy to JAvoice.com, the Committee for a Fair and Accurate Memorial. JAvoice.com speaks not only for three dissenting board members, or all 20 volunteers, but for the nearly 700 people who have signed a resolution seeking a review of the memorial. It also represents the views of the Honolulu chapter of the JACL, four Hawaiian veterans organizations, and other prominent groups. These signatures were gathered in the past several weeks.

Notably, Sen. Daniel Inouye has publicly stated twice that the names and quotes — including his own — should be removed from the memorial to resolve this controversy. Certainly, Sen. Inouye would not be among "a small minority within our Board" and yet he too has questioned what the board has done.

Essentially, NJAMF, defensive about those who question its decisions, has sought to whittle its opposition to three people and to try and shoot the messenger (JAvoice.com). This is consistent with the actions the NJAMF

board has taken thus far. It did not allow for public vetting of the inscriptions, nor does it do so now. Visit NJAMF's Web site (<http://www.njamf.org>) and you will not find a copy of the memorial inscriptions that have caused this uproar. The only place you will be able to read them is at JAvoice.com.

Samuel Fromarty
Washington, D.C.

Reader Supports Masaoka Inscription

I am responding to the article on Japanese American dissenters who are objecting to the inclusion of the name and quote of deceased civil rights leader Mike Masaoka, in the monument planned for Washington, D.C. A two-thirds majority of board members voted 27-6 to include Mike's name and quote. In a democracy, the issue ends there.

The dissenters, energized by the generation that came of age in the 1970s who questioned their parents' and grandparents' passivity while being herded into the camps, now have targeted Masaoka's leadership as "Uncle Tom" to vent their anger at the humiliation and racism.

The JACL, NJAHS (National Japanese American Historical Society) and JANM (Japanese American National Museum) should fund a reprinting of Masaoka's biography so every concerned partisan JA can read and gage for themselves what Masaoka was to the cause of the mainland Japanese communities (West Coast).

He expressed his thoughts in a short essay in the fall of 1941, as a young idealistic Christian American activist student, titled by his admirers as the "Japanese American Creed."

The creed goes on to say "Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith. For I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: aboveboard, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration."

Half of the JAs are native-descendants from Hawaii and were not forced into camps. It is healthy in a democracy for the differences to percolate out. When group leaders set policies in the autocratic mode from the old country, it will rouse dissent among the people who have suffered much from "camp to redress."

Kay Shironaka
Stockton, Calif.

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OBITUARY

Ishimatsu, "Godfather of SJ Japantown," Dies at 100

L.K. "Ishi" Ishimatsu passed away at age 100 at a convalescent home in San Jose, Calif.

An advocate of Asians for public office as early as the 1950s, he has been credited with guiding several prominent Japanese Americans, such as California Assemblyman Mike Honda and former U.S. Congressman Norman Mineta, into political office.

A teenage immigrant from Japan, Ishimatsu was a produce broker in the San Jose area in 1942. On the strength of letters from Santa Clara County officials declaring they were not spies, he and his family were not evacuated but instead moved to Utah, working there as farm laborers. After the war he returned

to California, determined to develop political leaders among the JAs. He eventually founded the Nisei Democratic Club to back JA candidates. He also helped financially to build the Yu-Bei Kai and restore the Ise Memorial Building in San Jose Japantown.

With money he made in farming, Ishimatsu became a landowner and developer of housing subdivisions; Ishimatsu Place, a street in Los Gatos, is named after him.

Ishimatsu is survived by sons Robert and Brooke of San Jose and Raymond of Indio; daughters Judy Ishimatsu of San Jose and Betty Margin of Coachella; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. ■

Harold Jacoby, 93, Tule Lake's Internal Security Chief

Harold Jacoby, longtime educator at Stockton's University of Pacific, died June 18 at a nursing home. He was 93.

Jacoby is remembered for his World War II stint as internal security chief at Tule Lake Relocation Center until March 1945, and postwar as an organizer of the Stockton Sister City Association and an installing officer for many years at Stockton JACL's annual installation dinners.

As a War Relocation Authority official, sociology professor and dean at UOP, he combined

his experiences and authored "Pacific: Yesterday and the Day Before That." A friend and associate, Dean DeCarli of Stockton, told the *Stockton Record* that Jacoby was given the Tule Lake assignment because he understood the Japanese community. Jacoby and DeCarli also lived in Japan a few years to launch the Sister City program with Shimizu (Shizuoka), Japan.

J.B. Cook, internal security chief at Jerome, succeeded Jacoby as internal security chief. Tule Lake was closed on March 21, 1946.—Ed. Emeritus ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aoki, "Ted" Tetsuo, 72, Lomita, June 4; survived by wife Dorothy Ai; son Steven and wife Judy; daughter Geraldine Mizukami and husband Douglas; 5 g.c.; sisters Momoye Tanaka, Tokio Aoki, Fujino Furuys; sisters-in-law May Okine, Hatsuho Befu, Sayoko Okine.

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Kamoto, Patricia Namiya, 52, Culver City, June 13; survived by mother Fukiko Kamoto; brother Gary Kamoto and wife Barbara; sister Kim Masumiya and husband Asao.

Kiyokawa, Tetsuo, 81, Portland, Ore., June 20; Bellevue, Wash.-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by wife Lillian; sons Stanley, Perry (both Portland); daughter Shirley Glos (Tigard, Ore.); Betty Jean Kineitha (Gresham, Ore.); 6 g.c.; brother Rihachi Itami and sister Mary Matsumura in Okayama.

Makuchii, Munio Takahashi, 65, Rancho Mirage, May 29; Seattle-born; interned at Minidoka and Twin Falls, Idaho; Army veteran, poet and artist; Seattle resident since 1964; survived by son Jamie (Denver); 4 g.c.; sister Harriet Takahashi (Chicago).

Morishita, Harry Masao, 85, Del Rey, June 16; survived by wife Dora; daughters Harriet George and husband Jim, Carolyn Morishita, Judy Inaba and husband Harley, Arlene Hainstock, son Leroy and wife Barbara, Gary, Steven; 9 g.c.; brother Irving.

Nakadate, Mary, 84, Portland, Ore., June 6; Minidoka internee; longtime Illinois resident; founding member of the Portland JACL; survived by husband Katsumi James; sons Neil (Ames, Iowa), James (Eugene, Ore.); daughters Jean Keiko (Cannon Beach, Ore.), Mary Ann (Ithaca, N.Y.); 5 g.c.; brother George Y. Marumoto (Portland); predeceased by sister Fumie Sakano.

Nakazawa, Alice Mariko, 77, Rancho Palos Verdes, June 18; Santa Ana-born; survived by husband Albert O.; sons Ken A. and wife

Dorothy Alan and wife Christine, Albert O. Jr. and wife Sharon; 7 g.c.

Nishimura, Lissa Midori, 16, Fresno, June 6; Turrence-born; survived by parents Allen and Shirley and sister Julie Keiko (Caruthers); grandparents Fred Taniguchi (Fresno), Chiyoko Taniguchi (Washington, Roy and Chiyoko Nishimura (Pasadena).

Oi, Sammy Junruke, 78, Manhattan Beach, June 16; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Evelyn Chieko; stepson David Murokawa and wife Casey; stepdaughters Ann Nishita and husband Don (Martinez), Laura Kigawa and husband Steve; 4 g.c.; sister Mary Tachiko; brother Walter Yano and wife Marjorie (Rochester, N.Y.).

Oki, Sadao, 93, San Martin, May 25; Fukuoka-born; survived by wife Fumi; sons Rei and wife Tomiko, Satoru and wife Kuniko, Teru and wife Teruko, and Naoko Sano and wife Gladys; daughters Hatsune Nakano, Junko Shinsei; 13 g.c.; 21 g.c.

Tai, Sumio, 85, Spokane, Wash., July 7; Seattle-born; Minidoka internee; survived by wife Mii Nishibue; daughters Kay Hodge (Marlborough, Mass.) Mindy Tai (Kalamazoo, Mich.), Roberta Hassel (Boothell, Wash.); 5 g.c.; brother Henry (Seattle). ■

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BEATING

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leased for a bite wound on his hand inflicted by Jones, police said.

Meanwhile, Jones was in fair condition at Temple University Hospital with injuries to his abdomen and arms.

Authorities said the incident began in north Philadelphia just after noon when officers spotted a Chevrolet Cavalier that had been broken in a carjacking July 1. Two officers stopped the car, which sped off after a confrontation, then crashed.

Police said they began a running gun battle with the suspect, who jumped into an empty patrol car. Officer Michael Livewell, 24, was shot in the hand as he reached to turn off the ignition. Timoney said it was not clear whether Livewell was shot by Jones or another officer.

The chase ended about a mile away when police surrounded the stolen cruiser.

Detectives are investigating the shooting of the officer, while two Internal Affairs probes are looking into the shooting of the suspect and whether excessive force was used.

The Police Advisory Commission of Philadelphia, an independent civilian committee which has the authority to investigate allegations of police misconduct, scheduled a press conference July 19 to announce the initiation of its own investigation into the incident.

Paul Uyehara, immediate past

president of the JACL Philadelphia chapter, said, "As a Police Advisory Commissioner, I am very concerned with the scene depicted in the TV footage. Full investigation of this incident must go forward on an urgent basis. No investigation can be complete without civilian review if the public is to have confidence in the integrity and objectivity of the process."

But according to Uyehara, the PAC cannot interview the officers involved until law enforcement has completed their investigation and the district attorney's office has cleared them. "Ultimately, if we make a decision," he said, "it will come in the form of a recommendation to the Police Commissioner."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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4735 are: Jose Baca, D-Calif., Howard Berman, D-Calif., David Bonior, D-Mich., Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., Emi Faleomavaega, D-Samoa, Bob Filner, D-Calif., Bar-

ney Frank, D-Mass., Martin Frost, D-Texas, Charles Gonzalez, D-Texas, Luis Guterres, D-Ill., Tom Lantos, D-Calif., Barbara Lee, D-Calif., Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, Ciro Rodriguez, D-Texas, Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., Pete Stark, D-Calif., Robert Underwood, D-Guam, Henry Waxman, D-Calif., David Wu, D-Ore. ■

RESOLUTION

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"The intent of the resolution is to rectify what many in the JACL now feel may have been a mistake in a tragic time in the lives of Japanese Americans," stated John Tateishi, JACL National Executive Director. "In many ways, it is an attempt for the JACL to come to an honest reckoning with its past, and I believe that's an important step for us as a national civil rights organization." ■

Mineta Keynotes Minnesota AP Banquet



Former U.S. Congressman Norman Mineta, keynote speaker at the State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans annual banquet, is pictured with Twin Cities JACL board members (from left) Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Lellani Savitt and Gloria Kumagai. The banquet, held in St. Paul, culminated a day of celebrating Asian Pacific heritage. Mineta is chair of President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and was recently nominated for secretary of commerce in the president's Cabinet.

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Chile, Chiloan Fjords & Glaciers, Strait of Magellan, Cape Horn, Falkland Islands, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro, HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE

SANTA BARBARA ORCHID SHOW TOUR MAR 24-25

GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA HOLIDAY TOUR MAR 23-30

JAPAN SPRING HOLIDAY TOUR APR 1-11

NEW YORK CITY "BIG APPLE" HOLIDAY TOUR APR 12-16

AFRICA WILDLIFE SAFARI HOLIDAY TOUR MAY 22-JUNE 9

GRANDPARENTS/GRANDCHILDREN JAPAN TOUR JUNE

ROYAL BRITAIN HOLIDAY TOUR JULY

ALASKA HOLIDAY CRUISE JULY

MT. RUSHMORE/YELLOWSTONE HOLIDAY TOUR AUG

NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY TOUR SEPT

HOKKAIDO HOLIDAY TOUR OCT

OKINAWA/KYUSHU HOLIDAY TOUR OCT

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- 8/12-8/21 Fitzgerald Canadian Rockies Lily Nomura
- 10/14-10/18 15-Day Arki Japan Tour Joe Arki
- 10/9-10/20 Yamato Exclusive Fall Foliage and East Coast Tour Lily Nomura
- 10/21-10/28 7-Day Radisson Taiti Cruise aboard the Paul Gauguin Joyce Francis
- 10/23-11/5 Yamato Deluxe Autumn Tour from Seattle to Miami Sharon Milani
- 11/4-11/11 8-Day Study Tour to Okinawa, includes opening reception to JAMA exhibit, from Seattle to Miami Sharon Milani
- 11/6-11/20 15-Day Spain & Portugal with Collette Tours Sergio Selo
- 12/6-12/12 Fitzgerald New Orleans & San Antonio Christmas Tour Lily Nomura

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- February 7-Day Sapporo Snow Festival Tour Grace Sakamoto
- 3/9-3/18 10-Day Masripour Ancient Egypt Tour Lily Nomura
- 3/24-4/5 12-Day TBI Island Sea of Japan Tour Peggy Mikuni
- 4/5-4/16 14-Day Yamato Deluxe Spring Tour to Japan Lily Nomura
- 5/18-5/31 14-Day Deluxe African Sensations with African Travel Lily Nomura
- June-July Yamato Hokkaido Tour Lily Nomura
- August Yamato Eastern Canada Tour Lily Nomura
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