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Community Honors Alberta Lee

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

For more than nine months, as story after story appeared about jailed nuclear scientist Dr. Wen Ho Lee, it was his daughter Alberta who faced the cameras, answered the tough media questions and humanized her father's story for the world to see.

At the age of 26, Alberta was the one who answered the call to fight the injustices faced by her father and for this, the Asian Pacific American community is proud of her.

On Sept. 28 the community had a chance to thank Alberta as she was honored with an image award at the Organization of Chinese Americans - Greater Los Angeles chapter's ninth annual Image Awards banquet at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. Lee received the inspiration award while the community achievement award was given to author Helen Zia and United Parcel Service (UPS) received the corporate achievement award.

"What I've done for my father, I really feel that any daughter would have done for their father," said Alberta. And, she emphasized, "what happened to me, could really have happened to any of you."

Forced into the spotlight as family spokesperson since her father's arrest in December 1999, Alberta has emerged as an outspoken community advocate in the fight against racial profiling.

"Racism should end. Racial profiling should end," said the UCLA graduate who currently lives in San Francisco. "We should come together as a community and have a stronger voice."

During her father's incarceration,

Alberta and her family were restricted to weekly, hour-long visits. Not only were the conversations monitored by the FBI, she and her family were prohibited from speaking Chinese.

Disturbed with the injustice faced by her father, she turned to her community for support. She organized a National Day of Protest, garnering the support of

a number of organizations, and spoke at rallies across the country.

The experience, she said, taught her a lot about how the media works but also demonstrated how strong the APA community is.

"I'm relieved that it's over," she

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Photo Courtesy of Tom Eng, OCA

Alberta Lee speaks at the recent OCA-GLA Image Awards banquet.

Mari Holden Clinches Silver Medal

By Associated Press
and P.C. Staff

SYDNEY, Australia.—Mari Holden was denied a spot on the Olympic team four years ago. After making the team for Sydney, she was denied the chance to finish the race after a crash and series of mechanical problems.

But on Sept. 29, she was no longer denied.

With one ride in the women's time trial, Holden made it count by winning the silver medal for the United States.

"I was really disappointed after the road race," said Holden, a Hapa who grew up in Ventura, Calif., and now lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. "I had three wheel changes, a bike change and crash, then to be told I should stop racing and save myself for the time trial."

"It was discouraging because this was my first Olympic experience, but it was the right decision. I was definitely motivated today. I was just hoping for no flats."

Leontien Zijlaard of the Netherlands capped a magnificent performance in Sydney by winning her third gold medal to go with another silver, covering the 18-mile course in 42 minutes flat.

Holden finished in 42:36, powering her way through the two laps, which were run over part of the road course.

"When I saw the course, I was excited," Holden said. "I knew it was very technical and having done so many criteriums in the U.S., it was a benefit for me. I thought I had as good a chance as anyone."

Jeannie Longo-Ciprelli of France won the bronze in 42:52. Karen Kurreck of Los Altos Hills, Calif., finished 16th in 44:33.

By her split times, Holden clearly was in the medal chase. But since she was the fourth of 12 riders in her flight, the only question was whether her fast times would withstand the challenge of later riders.

Holden rode with purpose, pumping her pedals hard along the course. She wore a determined look each time she came around the start-finish area, curled over her handlebars and going hard.

"Every race Mari did this year was focused to this time trial," said Sean Petty, director of the American team. "She went all out and that's what she had to do. In the time trial, the strongest riders were rewarded."

It was the second cycling medal for the United States, coming after Mary Nothstein's gold in match sprint.

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AA's Say TV Ad Depicts Racial Stereotypes

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Rich Abajian, general manager of a car dealership in Las Vegas, says he did not intend to offend anyone of Asian descent.

Yet despite his intentions, a TV ad for Findlay Toyota in Henderson's Valley Auto Mall continues to draw criticism from local Asian Americans, who say it perpetuates a racial stereotype.

"It was in no way intended to stereotype Asian Americans," said Abajian. "We are a multicultural organization, we have every type of nationality from black to Chinese to Vietnamese to Middle Eastern and we value our employees."

"We're not trying to be role models, we're trying to sell cars," he added. "It's to try to entertain people. I've learned to laugh at myself and not take myself too seriously."

Mel Ozeki, publisher and editor of *Ohana*, a Las Vegas-based Hawaii travel and leisure magazine, came across the ad while watching the Olympics on the NBC affiliate station, KVBC Channel 3, and reported it to the Las Vegas JACL chapter.

"The first time it came on," Ozeki said, "I was kind of dumbfounded. The second time, my wife said, 'Hey, that's almost racist.' And I said, 'You're right.'"

Ozeki described the character as having a stereotyped accent and moving his mouth slower than the dialogue, as if to make fun of Asian films poorly dubbed

into English.

"It was a very disparaging, demeaning ad. For me, as well as others, it was the last few seconds of the ad when the Caucasian had an Asian person in a headlock," he said.

According to Abajian, the ad depicts a crime-fighting duo, John Barr, who stars in all of Findlay's ads, and Bitty Barr, played by a 5-year-old, confronting Evil High Price, an Asian villain and martial arts expert who is beaten up by the good guys by the end of the spot. The song "Kung Fu Fighting," changed to "High Price Fighting," plays in the background.

It was intended to spoof the Jackie Chan, Bruce Lee, James Bond and Austin Powers movies, said Abajian.

The characters were played by several of the dealership's own employees. The Caucasian "hero" was played by sales manager John Barr, while the Asian "villain" was played by Tom Phan, another sales manager who is Vietnamese-American. Thomas Wong, one of Findlay's sales consultants, supplied the voice of the villain.

"We did it to bring customers in. I don't see any problem with the ad when I did it. Some people look at it in a different way," said Phan, responding to the criticism from the AA community. "We're all Asian Americans, but some people take it in the wrong way."

To those who were offended,

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Civil Rights Groups, Including JACL, Want Independent, Bipartisan Probe of Lee Case

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Civil rights groups are calling for an independent, bipartisan investigation into government handling of the Wen Ho Lee case and whether the scientist was a target of racial profiling.

Victor Hwang, managing attorney for the San Francisco-based Asian Law Caucus, said the groups are not satisfied with congressional inquiries so far. Hwang and representatives of two other groups wrote to President Clinton last week asking for a more thorough and less political probe.

"We believe that a thorough public accounting of this incident is absolutely necessary," said the Sept. 25 letter signed by Hwang, Laura Kingsley Hong, president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), and Ted Wang, policy director of Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA).

"Our concerns center around the impact this case has had on public trust and national security interests — specifically, the adverse effects it has had on our nation's research machine through the attrition of talented Asian Pacific Americans working in our labs who may feel unjustly scrutinized because of their ethnic identities," they said.

Hwang said Sept. 29 that the congressional inquiries have been intent on "finger-pointing" and "nit-picking."

The congressional oversight panels should demand materials previously sought by the Lee defense that would show how the government singled out Lee for

prosecution when others were not prosecuted, Hwang said. The defense dropped its petition for those materials as part of Lee's plea bargain.

"We've talked to staff of both Republican and Democratic legislators on these committees. They should be asking for these documents," he said.

Some documents indicating racial profiling were released during pretrial motions. Those include statements by current and former government officials that profiling existed in the Lee case.

Materials previously sought by the defense included a report on mishandling classified information on insecure computers at the State Department, an Energy Department counterintelligence training video and supplemental reports that support the Energy Department's own January 2000 study that concluded ethnic profiling existed at national laboratories.

U.S. District Judge James Parker ordered the government to turn over those materials by Sept. 15, but he withdrew that order with the plea settlement two days before the deadline.

Since Lee was freed Sept. 13 after a guilty plea to one of 59 national security counts, Hwang said he believes more than ever that Lee was a victim of selective prosecution. Lee admitted downloading restricted nuclear data to computer tape.

"I think the plea agreement is what in many ways convinced me that there was racial profiling," Hwang said, adding he believed

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National

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—National Board Meeting: San Francisco.

Mountain Plains

CLEVELAND
Mon., Oct. 5—Board Meeting: Cleveland Buddhist Temple; 7 p.m.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE
Sat., Oct. 21—Tanoshimi No Yoru Scholarship Fund-Raiser; see Community Calendar.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat., Oct. 21—District Council Meeting: Olympia; raffle drawing for fishing charter donated by Alaska chapter.

NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sun., Nov. 5—Fourth Quarterly

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

PHILADELPHIA
Through Oct. 29—Exhibit, "The Arts of Hon'ami Koetsu (1558-1637), Japanese Renaissance Master"; Philadelphia Museum of Art, Benjamin Parkway at 26th St. This is the first exhibit in the West devoted to Hon'ami and will feature the celebrated "Crane Scroll." An illustrated catalog with scholarly essays is available. Info: 215/763-8100 or www.philamu-seum.org.

NEW YORK
Through Dec. 22—Exhibit, "Assumed Identity"; Asian Pacific American Studies Institute, 269 Mercer St., Suite 609; explores issues related to being a Korean adoptee and an Asian American. Info: 212/992-9653 or www.apa.myu.edu.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Through Nov. 19—Philip Kan Gotanda's play, "Sisters Matsumoto" at the Clark Street Theatre. Special rate of \$13 per person for JACL members. RSVP to Laura Nakatani, 703/519-9378; make checks payable to Washington DC Chapter JACL and send to 119 N. Peyton St., Alexandria, VA 22314 by Oct. 16.

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

Mountain Plains

CLEVELAND
Sat.-Sun., Oct. 14-15—Japanese Food Sale; Oct. 14 from 1-7 p.m.; Oct. 15 from noon to 6 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, East 214th and Euclid Ave.; Info: 216/592-1509.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE
Sat., Oct. 21—Tanoshimi No Yoru Fun Night: 5-9 p.m., Salt Lake Buddhist Church; dinner, Bingo, sushi, children's games, T-shirts, Japanese jewelry, raffle.

SANDY
Sat., Oct. 28—Meet and Greet Open House for high school and college students at Floyd and Irene Mori's home, 10713 Maple Hill Circle, Sandy, UT. RSVP to Terri Nakashima, 801/957-1107 by Oct. 24.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND
Through Jan 31—Exhibit, "Nihon-machi: Portland's Japantown Remem-

District Council Meeting hosted by Solano County.

BERKELEY

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 27-29—JASEB/JACL L.A. Trip: Visit the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) the Getty Museum, etc. **RSVP ASAP:** Laura Takeuchi, 510/848-3614, or Jim Duff, 510/559-8528.

FLORIN

Sat., Oct. 21—Annual Scholarship Fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo; see Community Calendar.

MONTREY

Wed., Oct. 11—Macy's Benefit Day Fund-Raiser: 10:20p discounts, pre-shopping from Oct. 1; tickets \$10 from any board member.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sun., Oct. 22—District Council Quarterly Meeting: United Japanese Christian Church, Clovis.

Pacific Southwest

ARIZONA
Sun., Oct. 22—Tribute Luncheon to

Joe Allman: 12:30 p.m., Glendale Civic Center. Info: Michele Namba, 623/572-9913, Marilyn Inoshita Tang, 602/861-2638.

LAS VEGAS

Sun., Oct. 15—24th Annual Luau Fund-Raiser; see Community Calendar.

RIVERSIDE

Fri., Oct. 13—Performance, Satori Daiko: 8 p.m., UC Riverside, University Theater. Tickets, info: UCR Dept. of Music, 909/787-3245, or Professor Deborah Wong, 909/787-3726.

Sat., Oct. 14—Potluck Luncheon, Program, "Sharing Nisei Veterans' Stories"; 12 noon, UC Riverside, Highlander Hall, Rm. 200, 1200 University Ave. ■

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bered"; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun., noon-3 p.m., Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (ONLC), 117 NW 2nd Ave. Free. Info: 503/977-7781.

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., Oct. 8—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting: men and women welcome. Time, location: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sat., Oct. 21—Mountain View Japanese American Oldtimers' Reunion Luncheon; Michael's Restaurant, Shoreline Park. **RSVP by Oct. 7:** Kiyo Abe Nikkei, 650/488-4839.

SACRAMENTO

Sat., Oct. 21—Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo: 5:30-7 p.m., Florin Buddhist Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd. Tickets, Info: James Abe, 916/363-1520, or Bob Ueyama, 916/689-9610.

SAN FRANCISCO

Oct. 21—"Sensei Live!" a benefit for Kimochi: 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; San Francisco Design Center-Galleria; 101 Henry Adams Street. Info: Al Gordon, 415/931-2294 or e-mail: agordon@kimochi-inc.org or visit the Web site www.kimochi-inc.org.

Thurs., Oct. 26—NAATA (National Asian American Telecommunications Association) Gala 20th Anniversary Banquet; Yank Sing Restaurant, 101 Spear St., Rincon Center; Info: 415/863-0814 ext. 113 or e-mail: albert@naatanet.org.

Sat., Oct. 28—Topaz High School Reunion: classes of '43 and '44, and others who will attend: 2-10 p.m., JACNS, 1840 Street Street; teachers Eleanor Girard Sekaruk and Koji Kawaguchi to be honored; songs by Toru Saito, line dancing by Gil Chun. Reservation deadline was Oct. 3 but call Mas Kawaguchi, 415/731-2658; Fumi Manabe Hayashi, 510/524-1048.

Southern California

CAMARILLO

Sun., Oct. 8—Japanese Cultural Festival: 2-5 p.m., Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley St.; Taisho Toko, Koshin Taiko, Toshindo ninja martial arts; children's activities, crafts, tea ceremony, ikebana, food tasting. Info: 805/ 655-5721.

LOS ANGELES

Through Oct. 30—Asian Festival at the Los Angeles County Fair; parade, workshops, games, food, arts and crafts, shopping, more. Discount tickets at East West Bank, Vision Laser Center, Marukai Market. Info: 626/279-7979.

Through Nov. 4—Classes in Chinese

Brush Painting: Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. **RSVP:** 626/449-2742, ext. 41.

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 13-14—Fifth Jerome Reunion; New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. Info: Helen Yoshimura Takata, 626/968-2966; Miyo Kunitake Kawamura, 714/961-1249; Dollie Nagai Fukawa, 310/235-9615; Ship, Rosie Okajima 559/875-3878.

Sat., Oct. 14—First JANN Junior Golf Day: 8:30 a.m., Dominguez Golf Course; ages 6-13; continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, instruction sessions, tee gifts, free museum visit. Info: Japanese American National Museum, 213/625-0414.

Sun., Oct. 22—Medal of Honor Luncheon, "Legendary Valor"; 11:30 a.m., Beverly Hilton Hotel, 9876 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills; Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and Sen. Daniel Inouye, speakers. **RSVP:** Info: Michiko Desjiri, 700/442-0154/WWII Memorial Foundation, 317/75-3141, e-mail: Michell@goforbroke.org.

Through Oct. 22—"Ikebana," by Velina Hasu Houston; Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave., Pasadena. Info: www.pasadenaplayhouse.org. Tickets: 800/872-8997.

ANAHEIM

Tues., Oct. 24—Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum Fund-Raising dinner; Disneyland Pacific Hotel; Guest host Bruce Asakawa of the "West Coast Garden Line" radio program. No host cocktail at 6 p.m., dinner from 7 p.m. Info: Roger Minami, 645 S. College Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454 or e-mail: rminami@netcom.com.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Mon., Oct. 9—"Go For Broke" Golf Tournament; a.m. registration, 11 a.m. shotgun start, Sea Cliff Country Club, 6501 Palm Ave.; breakfast, lunch, dinner, cart, range balls, golf shoes; hole-in-one prize, raffle, more. Info: Abe Isobori, 310/715-1700 ext. 15, or Jan Hirata, 310/715-3138.

SANTA BARBARA

Sun., Oct. 8—Japanese Community Barbecue: 12:30-4 p.m., Tucker's Grove, Kiwanis Meadows Area; Tickets, info: Jane Uyesaka, 805/964-2209, Roxanne Nomura, 805/655-8854.

WEST COVINA

Sat., Oct. 7—Aki Matsuri; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Info: 626/960-2566 or 626/337-9123.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sun., Oct. 15—24th Annual Hawaiian Luau: 12 noon-4 p.m., Las Vegas Academy, 315 S. 7th St.; food, entertainment, raffle, door prizes. Info, tickets: Betty Atkins, 702/221-0414. ■

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Close to 500 Attend Sacramento Reunion 2000

By TOKO FUJII

Sacramento Region Reunion 2000 was attended by almost 500 former and present Sacramento residents on Sept. 10 at the DoubleTree Hotel.

The reunion, the sixth in the past 20 years, drew attendees from all parts of Sacramento County as well as Yolo, Solano and Placer counties and the Delta region.

Keynote speaker Hon. Robert T. Matsui, member of Congress, was introduced by JACL National Director John Tateishi. Matsui recounted his childhood memory of the discrimination his father faced upon returning from internment. He advised constant vigilance against all attempts to deprive any American of his civil rights. He also commended the Sacramento JACL for the completion and publication of the much-awaited historical volume, "Japanese Americans of the Sacramento Valley."

Following lunch, Consul General Nobuaki Tanaka from San Francisco extended greetings to the group and asked that Japanese Americans act as a conduit between the United States and Japan for a more prosperous future.

Jerry Enomoto, U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California, introduced speaker Cherry Thutsumida, executive director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, the organization responsible for the creation and construction of the "Memorial to Patriots" in Washington, D.C., which will be dedicated on Nov. 9. Thutsumida took the opportunity to thank the people of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys for raising more than \$255,000 during a critical time in the drive to raise the funds necessary to complete the memorial, which is located in a choice spot only 600 yards from the Capitol grounds.

She mentioned that this was the

only area that conducted such an extensive grass-roots campaign, mailing out over 8,000 appeal letters to JAs of the region. She extended an invitation to everyone in the audience to make the trip to Washington to participate in the historic dedication.

Reunion committee members were Toko Fujii, coordinator; Teiko Matsui, computer support; Ralph Sugimoto, treasurer; and Kuni Hironaka, Kamie Nishijima, Tom Fujimoto, Anji Fujimoto, Dean Okimoto, Tun Yoshimiyu, Randy Imai,

Teri Makishima, Myra Kiyota, Toyoko Nakatogawa, Shig Shimizu and Genevieve Shirona.

A highlight of the reunion was the unveiling of "Japanese Americans of the Sacramento Valley," authored by Wayne Maeda, an instructor at Sacramento State University, Sacramento. The Sacramento JACL Historical Book Committee consisted of Toko Fujii, coordinator; Ralph Sugimoto, Gene Itogawa, Sally Taketa, Kanji Nishijima, Shigeru Shimazu, Tom Fujimoto and Kuni Hironaka. ■

Gov. Davis Signs Bill to Outlaw Racial Profiling in California

California Gov. Gray Davis recently signed legislation (SB 1102) authored by Sen. Kevin Murray, D-Los Angeles, that outlaws racial profiling in California.

"Racial profiling is abhorrent," said Davis, who last year ordered the only law enforcement agency under his authority, the California Highway Patrol, to keep records on the ethnicity of traffic stops for three years. "This law outlaws racial profiling in California. In addition, it will ensure that every peace officer in California will receive training to preclude the practice of racial profiling."

Noting that the legislation maintains the voluntary nature of data collection, Davis said, "I believe that local mayors, supervisors and law enforcement officials, not the state, are the best positioned to decide whether or not to collect data on racial profiling. And I strongly urge them to do so."

According to Davis, 60 percent of the state's law enforcement jurisdictions already collect racial profiling data. In addition, the City of Los Angeles will soon join the ranks of law enforcement agencies collecting data on racial profiling.

The new legislation directs the legislative analyst to conduct a

study of the effectiveness of data collection by local jurisdictions under way in San Diego, San Jose and by the California Highway Patrol. Police training also will be studied. Recommendations of these studies will go to the legislature for review by July 1, 2002.

The bill also calls for the establishment of a five-member committee to advise the state on developing training that examines and prevents the practices and protocols of racial profiling by police officers. The committee, which includes three representatives appointed by Davis and one each by the assembly speaker and the senate committee on rules, will include representatives from community-based advocacy groups, among them, the ACLU, NAACP and MALDEF.

While there is no funding in the bill, the governor agreed to commit \$7 million in next year's budget to partially reimburse data collection costs incurred by cities and counties not now gathering data on racial profiling.

These grants are in addition to \$5 million included in this year's state budget to facilitate data collection by local law enforcement jurisdictions. ■

TV AD

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I'm sorry to them. We didn't mean to offend anyone," he said. "With ads, it's not all good, it's not all bad. You cannot please everybody, that's the way I look at it."

But Ozeki doesn't agree. "You can say I'm Asian and I didn't find it demeaning, but that still doesn't justify doing a demeaning act to any nationality. I don't agree with making fun at someone else's expense," he said.

Ozeki said he called the dealership to complain. The first time, he said his line was cut off after being put on hold. The second time, the receptionist told him no one was available to take his call.

The Las Vegas JACL held a meeting Sept. 25 to discuss whether to pursue some sort of action.

"I had gotten several phone calls from members and non-members of the community stating that they were concerned about the ad," said chapter president Betty Atkins.

Atkins, who reviewed the tape, described it as "a stupid, silly type of advertisement, which is a spoof of Jackie Chan movies."

HOLDEN

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Holden, a five-time world trial national champion, had the fastest midpoint interval of any rider except Zijlaard. Holden finished the first of two laps in 21:12 and the time held up until Zijlaard came around in 20:46.

Holden also was rewarded for her persistence. She was passed over for a spot on the Atlanta Olympic team, despite dominating the qualifying time trials, when coaches put an emphasis on the road team roster.

"I don't think I would have gotten a medal four years ago," Holden said. "Not making the team was a huge motivation for me."

Zijlaard has dominated women's cycling in Sydney. She won gold medals in the road race and 3,000-

meter individual pursuit, where she set a world record, and took silver in the points race.

"If someone would have said to me I would win three gold medals in the Olympics, I wouldn't have believed it," said Zijlaard, who missed the Atlanta Games while trying to conquer an eating disorder. "Now I've got three golds and I'm very, very pleased about it."

For time-trial courses in the United States, riders often travel to a single point, turn around and return to the start area. The Olympic course followed most of the road-race course, and the turns made the event technically challenging.

"But it's still a time trial," Kurreck said. "You can gain or lose a few seconds through the turns but it still comes down to power."

Holden is the daughter of Jim and Terri Holden of Ventura. She has one sister, Tami. ■

the ADL has received several complaints in addition to Ozeki's and will likely issue a formal letter to Findlay Toyota within the week.

"We're very sensitive to the issue. Even though the ad was done as a spoof, it does play on stereotypes and we believe that the ad was done in poor taste," she said. "Anything that plays on stereotypes, we just discourage that."

Unfortunately, Luria believes Findlay will be protected under the First Amendment since the ad was done as a cartoon spoof.

"There's such a fine line sometimes between things that are meant in humor and things that really aren't humorous, things that can hurt people," she said, adding that the ADL monitors other such satire-based programs as Saturday Night Live and South Park. ■

PROBE

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lieves the settlement came as a "direct response to the judge's order to produce documents on racial profiling."

"I think the government was under the gun to dump this case before the 15th rolled around," he said.

Other groups calling for the investigation include the Organization of Chinese Americans, the JACL and the National Federation of Filipino American Associations.

Most are members of the Coalition Against Racial and Ethnic Scapegoating (CARES), Hwang said. They also include many non-APA groups, such as the National Lawyers Guild and the National American Civil Liberties Union, he said.

The investigation should focus on profiling, but also on how to avoid repeating the mistakes of the Lee case and to regain "a climate of trust in the national laboratories," the groups said.

The probe should conduct public hearings, take testimony from scientists, civil rights groups and others and issue a public report. ■

2000 JACL SCHOLARSHIPS

Dear JACL members and friends,

The 2000 National Scholarship & Awards Program has come to a close. This year, we received numerous qualified applications and the decisions were difficult. Once again, the recipients are exceptional students and community members with promising futures. Please take a moment to look over the short biographies and note that this is only a small part of the outstanding work each winner has accomplished. Also, I would like to acknowledge every applicant because each student contributes to local schools and communities in invaluable ways.

I would like to thank the chapters for their hard work in disseminating information to local high schools and chapter members. The role that chapters play to get information out into the community is vital for the scholarship program to continue to thrive and grow.

Each year, the national JACL

attempts to expand the number of scholarships available to students. This year, it is my privilege to announce two new scholarships that have been added to the National Scholarships and Awards Program.

The Railroad & Mine Workers Memorial Scholarship was established by the families of Japanese American railroad and mine workers to pay tribute to the lives of Issei and Nisei pioneers. This scholarship memorializes the story of these workers, who were fired from their jobs after the outbreak of World War II, and their children's successful fight for recognition and justice decades later. This scholarship was created through the donations and dedication of over 30 individuals and families.

Fumi Shimada, whose father worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Sparks, Nev., states, "I think my father and all of the fired Issei and Nisei railroad and mine workers would be very proud to know that their government firing based on racial hyste-

ria will make a difference in the medical profession 58-plus years later." This year's winner, Justin Endo, will attend medical school this fall. The JACL would like to thank the railroad and mine worker families for highlighting an important piece of JA history.

The Kenji Kajiwara Memorial Scholarship was established as a perpetual trust by Chibako Kajiwara in memory of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Kajiwara deeply believed in the value and necessity of higher education to discover, encourage and develop the inherent potential of our youth. Through this scholarship, the Kajiwara family vision of higher education for youth will effect several students' lives. This year's winner, David Eldred, will attend school in Japan this fall.

Thank you to the individuals and families who make this scholarship program possible. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jadyn Kuwada
National Youth Director

clude the Eden Youth Group, Oakland Junior Young Buddhist Association and board member for College Bound.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Williams
East Los Angeles JACL
Stanford University
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Cognitive Neuroscience & Mathematics

Biographical Information:

Elizabeth has excelled in many fields of study made evident by her



numerous awards including the Intel Science Talent Search Finalist, Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, National Merit finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Presidential Scholar candidate, and Bank of America Math and Science Plaque Winner. Her school activities include the Math Club, Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Science Research Club, Advanced Orchestra and Health Living Club. Her community activities include Peninsula Fiddlers, Southern California Academy of Sciences, South Bay Youth Orchestra, Earthwatch Organization, and Research Science Institute.

Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Marc Uemura
Salinas JACL
UC Los Angeles
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

Marc has received numerous awards for academic excellence including the 1998 United States



Judo Federation Athlete/Scholar of the Year and High Honors in Written Composition and Honors in Reading/Literature and U.S. History for the Golden State Exams. Some of his school activities include the National Honor Society, the rotary club, key club, wrestling team, California Scholarship Federation, and the golf team. His community activities include judo demonstrator at the Salinas Confucius Church and Salinas Buddhist Church, Assistant Sensei at the Salinas Judo Club, and planting volunteer at the Return of the Natives at Navidad Park.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Lynsie Ishimaru
Sacramento JACL
Stanford University
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Undecided

Biographical Information:

Lynsie has received several awards for academic achievement including Presidential Spirit of Community Award, Toyota Community Scholars - second place, Re-



Entering Freshmen

Masao & Sumako Iitono Memorial Scholarship

Stephen Yano
Cleveland JACL
University of Dayton
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Computer Engineering

Biographical Information:

Stephen has received several honors for academic achievement including the Youth Theological Institute Scholarship, the American Legion's Buckeye Boys State Scholarship, the United



States Achievement Academy Foreign Language and Honor Roll Awards, and the People to People Student Ambassadorship to Western Europe. His school activities include the cross country team where he earned Academic All-Ohio and the Coaches Award, the National Honor Society, the school newsletter and drama. His community activities include Cleveland JACL board of directors, Day of Remembrance committee chairman, peer tutoring and the local soup kitchen.

Mas & Majiu Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship

Stacy Yamaoka
Eden JACL
UC Los Angeles
Level of Study: Freshman

Field of Study: Undecided

Biographical Information:

Stacy's academic awards include Exchange Club-Youth of the Month, Golden State Exams Honors in Science II and High Honors in Algebra, Excellence in Academics from the City of San Leandro and North Coast Section Scholar Athlete. Her student activities include Associated Student Body Government, President of the California Scholarship Federation, Octagon Service Club and Interact Service Club. Her community activities in-



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naissance Scholar, State Science Olympiad, SJUSD Board of Education Award of Excellence - National Science Olympiad and Achievement Award for Science Bowl. Her school activities include Student Body Supreme Court - Chief Justice, student council, Kiwanis club, varsity basketball, and research intern at Michigan State University and University of Texas Medical Branch. Her community activities include "A Book of My Own" book drive coordinator, Sacramento Buddhist Church Sunday school teacher, and Sacramento County Youth Commission District 2 representative.

Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Tanaka
San Francisco JACL
Harvard University
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Philosophy, Political Science

Biographical Information:

Aaron has been given several awards including Lincoln Douglas Debate where he ranked 5th at California State Champs, Pinole Invite where he was champion and the Stanford National Round Table where he placed second. He also received the Underclassmen Award for Leadership and U.S. History, the Lions Club Student Speaker Contest Regional Champion and the Outstanding Pianist Award. His school activities include student government, forensics, Aikido, and the Gay Straight Alliance. His community activities include the Contact Care crisis telephone hotline, East Bay Japanese School assistant teacher and the Red Cart volunteer at Chil-



dren's Hospital in Oakland.

Masao & Sumako Itano Memorial Scholarship

Keisuke Satake
Contra Costa JACL
UC Los Angeles
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Biographical Information:

Keisuke has been awarded several honors for academic achievement including Donald P. Krotz Memorial Science Award, first place in the West Contra Costa Science Fair, and high honors in mathematics and algebra in the Golden State Exam. His high school activities include the Asian Student Union, captain for the Speech & Debate Program and various leadership positions in student government. His community activities include JACL Kids Cultural Day, JACL Asian American Forum at UC Irvine and Redcart at Oakland Children's Hospital.

Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship

Erin Masuoka
Stockton JACL
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Speech Communications

Biographical Information:

Erin has received awards including Top in the Class Award in English, Top of the Class Award in Leadership, Girls State Nominee - selected girls participate in mock state government, Reflections winner, and Lodi Y2K Committee es-



say winner. She served as student body president for her junior and senior years and Lodi district board member student representative which discuss and solve district related problems. Her community activities include the Stockton Buddhist Temple mochitsuki volunteer and bazaar volunteer, and the Salvation Army Angel Tree which is a Christmas gift drive for the needy.

Yutaka Nakazawa Memorial Scholarship

Jordan Kawano
Venice Culver JACL
Pomona College
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Science, History

Biographical Information:

Jordan received high honors in algebra, geometry and reading/literature on the Golden State Exam, the Scholar Athlete Award, the



Target - All Around Scholarship, and the Culver City Elks Lodge Outstanding Eagle Scout Achievement Award. His school activities include Chirons-senior honor service organization, environmental club, tennis - captain and lettered every year, and student council secretary for four years. His community activities include Eagle Scout, American Cancer Society volunteer, Venice Buddhist Church and Friends of the Ballona Wetlands.

South Park Japanese

Community Scholarship

Scott Kagawa
Berkeley JACL
Northwestern University
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Music

Biographical Information:

Scott's awards include Albany High School Student of the Month,



Music Performance Letters, California Boy's State and the California Scholastic Federation. His school activities include student government

for four years, Instructional Improvement Council-Hapa Student Union, and - Rhythm and Blues Band. His community activities include the Oakland Youth Orchestra, Berkeley Young Peoples Symphony Orchestra, Winds Across the Bay and the Ray & Brenda Outstanding Musician full tuition scholarship.

Mitsuyuki Yonemura Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Hara
Twin Cities JACL
Vassar College
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Theatre Arts & English

Biographical Information:

Elizabeth has been an active JACL Mid-west district youth representative to the national youth/student council for the past four years. Other community activities in-



clude the West Suburban Summer School where she served as a counselor, Heart of the Beast Theatre where she was a tour guide and the Council for Asian Pacific Minnesotans where she participated in leadership training. At her high school, Liz worked as the short story editor for *Pastiche*, a literary magazine and a chorus member. At the Theatre de la Jeune Lune, she serves as a mentee in prop construction and assistant stage manager for performances. Her academic awards include the National Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind Awards - regional championship, and A and B Honor Roll for every trimester.

Gongoro Nakamura Memorial Scholarship

Erika Chiba
San Mateo JACL
UC Berkeley
Level of Study: Freshman
Field of Study: Applied Mathematics

Biographical Information:

Erika has received numerous awards including the Japanese Bay Area scholarship, Japanese Penmanship Award, high honors in U.S. history for the Golden State Exam and the Silversword Point Award



for outstanding community service. Her school activities include varsity swimming, student government, newspaper staff and yearbook business staff. Her community activities include Mills Health Center lobby desk volunteer, canned food drive coordinator, and Community Compass City Citizen volunteer. ■

JACL scholarships will continue in the next issue.



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Very Truly Yours

By Harry Honda

Japanese Canadians: 'A Place of Our Own'

VANCOUVER, B.C.—A proud cross-section of Canadian Nikkei, who sensed the need for "a place of our own," had their dream come true as they celebrated the unveiling of the National Nikkei Heritage Centre on Sept. 22 — a day known as "Nikkei Heritage Day" in which Japanese Canadians celebrate the 1988 signing of their redress bill.

Other postwar Nikkei communities in North and South America can relate to the sense of accomplishment that this crowd enjoyed, seeing the beautiful structure at the corner of Kingsway and Sperling in Burnaby, the geographic center of Greater Vancouver.

The National Nikkei Heritage Center is in another world when one considers its 100-plus year old beginnings on Powell Street in downtown eastside, where today a sense of poverty prevails.

Japanese Ambassador to Canada

da Katsuhisa Uchida noted that the centre symbolizes a long-standing Japanese tradition of giving back to the community. The fact that so many Canadians are familiar with judo, ikebana and taiko, for example, is testimony to the success that Canada's Nikkei have had in maintaining and promoting its cultural heritage.

Sifting out some recent history about the facility, National Association of Japanese Canadians President Keko Miki (wife of Arthur Miki) of Winnipeg noted that in 1988 the NAJC had negotiated a redress agreement with the Canadian government for injustices suffered by the 21,000 Japanese Canadians before, during and after World War II, including an apology from the government, \$21,000 (Cdn) to individuals, and a \$12-million community fund to be used for the well-being of the community.

NAJC established the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation (JCRRF) for capital and project activities to revitalize the JC community. A \$3 million grant was given to the Japanese community of Vancouver for purchase of land for a senior residence, Sakura-Sō, Nikkei Heritage Centre, which also houses the Japanese Canadian National Museum, and soon-to-be-built Japanese Canadian Health Care Society facility. Another \$10 million was raised for the buildings.

The centre's unveiling also included the showcasing of the Japanese Canadian National Museum's inaugural exhibition, "Reshaping Memory, Owning History: Through the Lens of Japanese Canadian Redress," which continues for a year.

The exhibition begins and ends with images of the redress movement and achievements. It remembers the earliest days when "no Chinaman, Japanese or Indian shall have his name placed on the Register of Voters for any electoral district or be entitled to vote at any election." Asians could be and were naturalized in British Columbia but denied the franchise.

Remembered were the early attempts by naturalized Canadian Issei Tomieki Homma in 1900 to register as a voter. Four Canadian Nisei, representing the Japanese Canadian Citizens League, travelled to Ottawa in 1936 and spoke before a special Committee on Elections and Franchise Acts of the House of Commons. Nisei in British Columbia did not have the franchise — or full rights of citizenship — until April, 1949.

There were 12 from the United



Canada's National Nikkei Heritage Centre in Burnaby, B.C., east of downtown Vancouver, held its grand opening Sept. 22 (also known as Nikkei Heritage Day, when Japanese Canadians received their redress compensation and apology in 1988).

States on this Canadian tour, including Chuck and (Vancouver-born) Beth Kubokawa, Stanley Kanzaki of New York, Clarence Nishizu of Selanoco JACL fame, Ernest and Chizu Iiyama of El Cerrito, and Mas Yamasaki of Fremont and Big Island-born wife Helen.

Of the 12 campsites we visited nine: Greenwood, Kaslo, Sandon, New Denver, Slocan (rhymes with Spokane), Bay Farm, Lemon Creek, Popoff Farm, Rosebery, and motored over two highways: Revelstoke-Sicamous (part of Trans-Canada #1) and Hope-Princeton (part of Trans-Canada #3).

Vibrant Japanese communities in Vernon (a prewar inland community not subjected to evacuation), New Denver and Kamloops (also unaffected by wartime evacuation) provided lunch with entertainment at their center. We Americans were all overwhelmed by their hospitality.

Campsite Greenwood was the first ghost town, some 350 miles from Vancouver, which welcomed some 1,300 Japanese Canadians, who were housed in four old buildings and hotels that had been renovated earlier by Issei-Nisei manpower.

Ghost town Kaslo, remembered as the "most beautiful of the WWII campsites," groomed abandoned halls and homes for evacuees. The "Heritage" two-story Kootenay Building housed the New Canadian, the lone Japanese-English weekly during the war.

Ghost town Sandon, in the gulch between New Denver and Kaslo, restored an old house downstream which was Mary Brown's Brothel.

Campsite Lemon Creek in Slocan Valley is now a year-round resort, where Japanese Canadian

history is among courses taught to Elderhostel seniors. Nearby is a wood-fenced area where the trunks of two large pine trees hide a square pole with Japanese inscriptions over the common grave erected in May 1969.

The valley with four camps had the largest concentration, with 4,764, according to a British Columbia Security Commission (akin to WCCA/WRA combined) report, Oct. 31, 1942.

On Trans-Canada Highway #1 from Revelstoke to Sicamous, road camps were established in April 1942 for 500 Nisei men to widen portions of the road to all kinds of traffic. Three months later the road camps were being closed. The men went to construction work at New Denver, Tashme and the Hope-Princeton project. The Japanese road camps were easily spotted because of their unique *ni-honburo* (outdoor baths tubs).

A Canadian Nisei who's spent the majority of his years in the States was Yoshio Iwamoto, retired professor in modern Japanese literature at Indiana University. He was interned at New Denver, a ghost town by beautiful Slocan Lake made habitable in the spring of '42 for about 2,000 evacuees.

Today it is classified in travel brochures as a Rocky Mountain "attraction," properly known as the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, where the orchard was restored in the 1990s by the Nisei who had stayed in the region. By the map, it's about 250 miles north of Spokane via U.S. 395 and Canada Highway 6. Manzanar, also astride U.S. 395, has a long way to go to match what we observed at New Denver. ■

P.C. photos by Harry Honda.



In the British Columbia interior, New Denver Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre is a tourist attraction, a unique museum telling the story of 20,000 Nikkei who were evacuated from the B.C. coast to live in ghost towns and hastily built shacks in villages like New Denver.



Troubled in Paradise

By Brian Niya

Middlemen Redux

My first thought when I heard that Charles Ota had been appointed to be the first non-Hawaiian trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) was, "not again!" Though the specifics of this case are different, we've seen this sort of thing before.

As you have probably heard, the appointment of Ota and the other trustees to the OHA board came about through a chain of events that started with the lawsuit filed by a Big Island hale named Fred Rice. The suit claimed that allowing only those who were of Hawaiian descent to vote in OHA elections was unconstitutional, and demanded that he, as a native of Hawai'i though of European descent, should be allowed to vote in OHA elections as well. The case ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the plaintiff earlier this year.

(The roots of OHA go back to annexation, when 1.8 million acres of land that had once belonged to the Hawaiian monarchy or the government of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, were ceded to the United States. At statehood in 1959, the U.S. transferred approximately 1.2 million acres to the new state of Hawai'i for five trust purposes, including the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians. In 1978, the people of Hawai'i ratified a constitutional amendment establishing OHA to effectuate that purpose of the ceded lands trust. The state legislature then designated 20 percent of the revenues from the trust to OHA for its programs. OHA uses that revenue to fund a wide range of programs benefiting native Hawai-

ians.)

As a result of the Rice decision, the sitting OHA board had technically been elected improperly, since only those of Hawaiian descent had been allowed to elect them. All nine trustees then resigned office, and Gov. Ben Cayetano took it upon himself to appoint replacement trustees to serve out the last two months of the current term, before a new board is elected in November. He appointed three of the nine resigned trustees back to the board, while the other six were replaced. One of his replacement appointments was Ota, a Maui businessman and 442nd veteran who is not of Hawaiian ancestry.

As a Japanese American, I find the appointment of Ota troubling. This has nothing to do with Ota's personal characteristics or qualifications. (Though his statement that he was "Hawaiian at heart" upon appointment struck me as unwise and insensitive.) On one level, I find it troubling that any person not of Hawaiian descent be allowed to serve on this board, especially if he or she has not been elected.

I am also troubled that it would be a JA placed in the awkward position of being the first non-Hawaiian board member. It sets up Ota and the JA community as a whole as a scapegoat and target for those opposed to OHA elections being opened up to all residents of Hawai'i. It could drive a wedge between the Hawaiian and JA communities. It also puts JAs in an awkward position if we oppose the change in composition of the OHA board, given Ota's ethnicity.

We've seen this sort of thing before. In the 1960s, a JA was named

president of San Francisco State College when ethnic minority students went on strike in support of ethnic studies. JAs as part of the Nisei Farmers League (NFL) were put at the forefront in mainstream attacks on farm worker labor organization in the 1970s, a practice which I'm told still continues. It's not hard to think of other examples. In each case, JAs may derive some small benefit in their middleman minority role, but end up taking a lot of heat, while a wedge is driven between us and other ethnic minority groups.

Ota's appointment — which is after all for just two months — also takes attention away from what could be a much more significant long term development triggered by the Rice decision: the so-called Akaka bill, whose fate will probably be decided by the time you read this. The bill, which would grant federal recognition to Hawaiians as a native people and would also presumably restore the control of OHA and other organizations to Hawaiian hands, has been approved by the House as of this writing, and is being considered by the Senate. The JACL adopted a resolution at our last convention supporting the general provisions of the bill, and JACL has been active in supporting the bill.

As JAs, I think it would be shortsighted to laud Ota's appointment as a sign of progress given the larger picture. The middleman role is a precarious one. Our long term interests would be much better served in supporting the movement for Hawaiian self-determination, as opposed to short term political gain.

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By Kristine Minomi
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Unfinished Business

If we were to make an assessment of where we are on our civil rights agenda four months after convention this past July, I think most JACL members would feel positive and optimistic, recognizing that there has definitely been forward momentum on our priority issues.

I know I feel that way. We have seen favorable developments on several of our resolutions — the legislation for federal recognition of Native Hawaiians' political status is seeing action and positive reactions on the Hill; Bill Lann Lee has been formally named and sworn in as the assistant attorney general for civil rights; stronger hate crimes legislation has been endorsed with a favorable vote in both the Senate and the House; the Hon. Norman Y. Mineta has added another first to his resume as the secretary of commerce; and Dr. Wen Ho Lee has been released.

That's pretty good progress for

just four months.

I'm not saying that JACL's work on our resolutions is complete (it's not), nor am I saying that JACL can take the credit for what has happened (we can't). I'm saying regardless of our individual or collective roles in what has happened since July, APA issues are getting addressed, and that's an encouraging trend.

However, we do have some unfinished business.

Amid the scramble to push for stronger hate crimes legislation and political status for Native Hawaiians, etc., it would be easy to relegate older legislative priorities to the backs of our brains, but we cannot let this happen.

So here's a reminder: the White House budget request to preserve the internment camps is still on the table.

This initiative received \$4.3 million in funding from the House — thanks to Jerry Lewis and Jim Kolbe. On the Senate

side, the mark was \$4.2 million because of the support of Dan Inouye, Bob Bennett, Dianne Feinstein and Patty Murray.

This is still less than the full request, and there is no reason why — especially on the Senate side — the funding amounts can't be pushed up. There's no reason why this request shouldn't receive the full \$4.8 million.

We need to remind our members and senators that we have not forgotten about the internment camps, and neither should they. Please contact your senators and representatives ASAP to urge them to support the full \$4.8 million budget request to preserve the internment camps. If you don't know how to get in touch with your elected officials, look them up at www.senate.gov or www.house.gov or call the Capitol switchboard at 202/224-3121.

This initiative is not just about our history as Americans; it's also about our future. ■



By the Board

By Ryan Chin, V.P. Public Affairs

Good Hate Crimes?

In reality, there is no such thing as a good hate crime. After all, how could an event that brings forth feelings of fear, alienation and embarrassment be good?

Hate crimes stem from ignorance, a lack of knowledge. I now know that I too bear ignorance and have had preconceptions about people without thorough knowledge of them.

The other day, while participating in a Seattle chapter board meeting, I listened to the beginning of a story I had heard before. Another person of color receiving a death threat because of physical traits they had inherited without choice. Another hate crime in a small town with few people of color. After hearing that much, I could finish the rest of the story — or so I thought.

This story bears a familiar start for many of us, but much to my delight, had an unfamiliar ending. Ferndale, Wash. is a small, rural town composed of 8,000 people. With such a small population of people of color, Ferndale might have permitted such an incident to repeat itself by labeling it an abnormality that does not pertain to the majority of its citizens.

However, Ferndale did quite the contrary. Taking a strong stance against the hate crime, the Ferndale City Council unanimously passed a proclamation declaring the city a "hate-free zone" in the council meeting immediately following the incident. Stating that the city would not tolerate discrimination of any kind, against anyone, a powerful message was sent.

Citizens of the community quickly followed by initiating and participating in events to deter any future incidents. A community fund was started to apprehend the person who had posted a racist note in the locker of the Ferndale High School student. The fund to find the culprit eventually reached over \$3,500 in donations.

Many of the citizens of the city

took part in the Diversity March which was supported by, among others, the mayor and city council, local law enforcement, local media and Ferndale High School students.

Perhaps most encouraging of all the events following the hate crime, was the leadership role that the students of Ferndale High School took against the hate crime.

The leadership class of Ferndale High School put on Promoting Educating and Celebrating Everyone

tion with a significantly smaller amount of people of color.

However, I have learned. I strongly urge you to learn from Ferndale too. We must use Ferndale as an example of how to combat hate and how to educate. We must acknowledge that any community can fight hate, regardless of its composition.

Furthermore, we must realize that we can take an offensive stance to deter hate crimes, instead of always being on the defensive, simply reacting to incidents.

of hate. We can prevent hate crimes by educating people today — before ignorance builds. Why can't every day be a PEACE Day?

Thank you Ferndale, not only for the brave stand you took against hate,

but also the education you provided — hopefully to many beyond myself.

A hate crime can never be good, but if we can learn from them, they can be productive. ■

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OBITUARY

Renowned Landscape Architect, Sasaki, 80

A longtime resident of Massachusetts, Hideo Sasaki grew up on his parent's truck farm in Reedley, Calif., graduating from Reedley High and Reedley College; prewar, then attended UCLA and Berkeley.

He was interned in Poston, Ariz., and relocated during World War II to Chicago, where he graduated in landscape architecture at the University of Illinois, '46, and later earned his master's degree at Harvard Graduate School of Design. He died Aug. 30 at a hospital in Walnut Creek, Calif., and lived in nearby Lafayette.

He taught at Illinois for three years, completed 12 years as chair of Harvard's Department of Landscape Architecture (1958-1969) and was internationally known in private business with his company of designers based in Watertown, Mass., San Francisco, Sausalito,

Sacramento and Toronto. Sasaki was honored last year when Harvard's Department of Landscape Architecture celebrated its 100th anniversary, which featured his work, and was bestowed the Centennial Medal for extraordinary achievement.

Sasaki was regarded as the top landscape architect in the nation, building America's first corporate parks after WWII, putting on a new face at Boston's former Copley Square in 1968. In the 1980s, Sasaki Associates designed the block-long Dallas Museum of Art and shared honors from the General Service Administration in 1990 in the design of Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art and the adjacent Sackler Gallery.

Surviving are his wife Kise and daughters: Rita and Ann, all in Northern California. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akira, Yaeko Yamashina, 84, Laguna Niguel, Sept. 17; survived by son Donald and wife Karen; daughters Joan Macfarlane and husband Alex, Donna Kondo and husband Dennis, Jeane Sugano and husband Takashi; sister Fuki Oka and husband Harry; 7 gc.; predeceased by husband Ben Y.

Harada, Sadao, 85, Coupeville, Wash., Aug. 9; resident of Chicago; survived by son Steve Naruo and wife Kathy; daughters Keiko Ohtaka and husband Ryohei, Louise Hisayo Kasanuki and husband Seichi; 6 gc.

Hirasuna, Kiyoko, 85, San Francisco, Sept. 15; Acampo-born, Japan-educated; interned at Jerome and Rohwer, Ark.; survived by husband Eddie Noboru; sons Lester and wife Helen (Fresno); daughters Patsy Oda and husband Walter (Lodi), Delphine and Diane Hirasuna (both San Francisco); brothers George Sasaki (Lodi), Bob and Henry Nagao (both Acampo); predeceased by brothers Jim, Roy and Frank Sasaki.

Katsuki, Reiko, 71, Torrance, Sept. 14; Long Beach-born; survived by daughters Sharon Ruffe and husband Lewis (Gardena), Marilyn Katsuki (Hermosa Beach), Julie Yamamoto and husband Craig (Manhattan Beach), Frances Peterson and husband Ron (Laguna Niguel); son Kevin and wife Jo Ellen (Saudi Arabia); 1 gc.; brothers Yuki Kubota (Japan), Kiyoshi Kubota (Buena Park); sister Hisayo Okamoto (Gardena).

Nakamura, George Harukichi, 91, Los Angeles, Sept. 24; Kagoshima-born; survived by wife Kimiko Mary; sons Robert Akira and wife Karen, Norman Noboru; 2 gc.; brother-in-law Takeshi Nitao and wife Namiko (Watsonville).

Nakatsuni, Isoko, 80, Montebello, Sept. 20; Sunset, Utah-born; survived by sons William Yukihiro and wife Mary Lynn, Ray Akihito and wife Rumi; daughter Kay Keiko Ikuta and husband Ernest; 6 gc.; 2 gc.; brothers Shin, and Shiy Miya (Ogden, Utah); sister Kimi Ogino and husband Mitch; sisters-in-law Ilene Mimura and husband Harley (Ventura), Kay Mimura and husband Ted (Reedley), Toki Miya (Layton, Utah).

Nozaki, David Norito, 71, Gardena, Sept. 15; Wainana, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Helen Fukiko; son Warren Goro; daughter Irene Kimie Ichikawa and husband Mitchell; brother

Teru; sister Morime Nozaki; brother-in-law Kosei Awa and wife Ruth; sisters-in-law Misao Oshiro, Teuriko Kuwae, Kay Kanashiro.

Sato, Tadashi, 85, Monterey Park, Sept. 21; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Matsue Kathryn; sons James and wife Barbara, Ken, Robert and wife Gayle; 7 gc.; 3 gc.; brother Shig Sato and wife

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Sue; brother-in-law James Miyoko and wife Ikuo.

Sugawara, Amy, 78, Los Altos, Sept. 23; survived by husband Peter; daughters Ellen and Joy Sugawara; Kathy Rossol; son David Sugawara; 5 gc.; sister June Toshiyuki.

Tanigawa, Jack H., Lakeview, Colo.; survived by wife Florence; children Cheryl Hiraoka and husband Steve, Lari, David and husband Dobby; Marilyn Susan and husband David, John; 5 gc.; brother Tom (Seattle).

Tsuchimoto, Donn S., Littleton, Colo.; survived by wife Shirley; children Mia Kim and husband Tony; Gregg and wife Brandt; mother Mikozu; sisters Naomi Takase and husband Satoru, Sheryl Banekes and husband Paul, Peggy Longin and husband Shawn, Christine Mayeda and husband Dick; 1 gc.

Yamada, Kenkichi Tom, 79, Canoga Park, Sept. 19; Sacramento-born; survived by sons Andy K. and wife Joanne, Thomas N.; 3 gc.; brother John; sisters-in-law Hatsumi Morita, Harumi Sugawara and husband Bill N.

Yoshida, Yori, 76, Gardena, Sept. 16; Sacramento-born; survived by brothers Paul Takeo Toguchi and wife Hatsu, Thomas Toguchi, Gary Toguchi and wife Merry, Bob Toguchi and wife Nancy; sisters Toshiko Kanow and husband Dick, Haruko Tamura and husband Eddie.

Yoshino, Jiro, 68, Sylmar, Sept. 19; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Helen Setuko; daughter Gail Van Stone and husband Barry; son Gary and wife Karen; 1 gc.; brother Shoji; sisters Michi Yamamoto, Yori Fujiwara and husband Dr. Tadao. ■

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