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Ammy Awards 2000 Celebrates AAs in the Media

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif.—Like the Emmys, high fashion and celebrity skin set the stage for the Ammy Awards 2000, the very first live awards show to celebrate the achievements of Asian Americans in the entertainment industry.

Co-presented by aMedia and the Asian Professional Exchange (APEX), the Ammys hosted film and television stars such as Lucy Liu, Lauren Tom and Lisa Ling along with the evening's emcees Tamlyn Tomita and Dustin Nguyen at the Hilton Universal City and Towers on Oct. 7.

"The historic aspect of this event is that it showed—with the sell-out, overcapacity crowd of 1,200—that we do have a viable community that needs to be heard. They need to be encouraged and supported in saying that there's no excuse for being quiet about the depiction of Asian Americans in film and TV," said Tomita.

"One of the key things that both of our groups (aMedia and APEX) believe in strongly is making sure



that Asian Americans have a role in entertainment," added APEX president Mark Yee. "It's been amazing to see how much progress we've made in society, from a time when Asian Americans were always depicted as racial characters in movies. Now, we're getting more and more serious roles, and we're excited to be a part of it."

"I think it's about time we have

something that celebrates us," declared actor Tzi Ma, who was one of the evening's presenters.

Other presenters included Dante and Dion Basco, Nicole Bilderback, Rosalind Chao, Tsai Chin, Von Flores, Christine Toy Johnson, Michelle Krusiec, Clyde Kusatsu, Lisa Ling, Lucy Liu, Chi Muoi, Lo,

Tim Lounibos, Marie Matiko, Sandra Oh, Cary Hiroaki Tagawa, Lauren Tom, Rick Yune and Garrett Wang.

Liu, who was a nominee in two categories, received Best Female Actor in a Cinematic Production for her work in the Jackie Chan action-comedy flick "Shanghai Noon."

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National Board Looks at Projected Deficit Due to Shortfall in Revenue

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—In anticipation of a year-end deficit due to a shortfall in projected revenue income, the national JACL board voted at the Oct. 6-9 board meeting to streamline its operations, including decreasing *Pacific Citizen* publication, and to pursue more corporate donors and foundation grants.

National Treasurer Art Koga reported that all national staff, including the *PC* staff, are operating under budget, but that lower-than-expected income, in large part from fund raising, grants and membership fees, are to blame.

To offset the estimated \$117,786 year-end deficit, JACL will dip into a \$200,000 reserve fund.

In addition, the board accepted the finance committee's recommendation to return *PC* to a semi-monthly publication indefinitely, starting this month. The finance committee consists of Koga, National President Floyd Mori and National Executive Director John Tateishi.

Ken Inouye, *PC* editorial chair, laid to rest rumors that *PC* was to blame for the deficit, saying the paper had spent \$30,000 less than budgeted year-to-date, and had

more than doubled its advertising revenue within the past five years. And while *PC* grossed \$70,000 last year in a fund-raising campaign to return the paper to a weekly, *PC* still found itself in a deficit because its budget is contingent upon membership, which has fallen far short of what was projected due to attrition and lagging new member sign-ups.

To eliminate *PC*'s financial dependency on fluctuating membership numbers, the board also accepted the finance committee's recommendation to designate and fund *PC* as a JACL program. Under this term, *PC* will be budgeted a straight sum of \$240,000 for the year 2001.

Although the most visible impact of the membership shortfall is seen in the decrease of *PC* publications, the shortage has affected all JACL operations.

Tateishi, who inherited the problem when he became national executive director this April, said his long-term goal was to shore up non-membership revenue sources such as in corporate donations and foundation grants.

Currently, membership fees

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Activists Push to Get Seattle Courthouse Named After Nakamura

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

World War II hero William Kenzo Nakamura died over a half century ago at the age of 22 near Castellina, Italy, fighting for a country which had stripped his constitutional rights as a U.S. citizen and imprisoned his family at the Minidoka internment camp in Idaho.

Fifty-six years later, he became one of 22 Asian Americans to be belatedly awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, bestowed on him posthumously on June 21 at a White House ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Today, the city of Seattle, where Nakamura was born, may soon honor him by naming a U.S. courthouse in his memory.

The JACL recently passed a resolution at their national board meeting Oct. 6-8 supporting this effort, while bills have been introduced into both the House and Senate. The House was scheduled to vote on the bill Oct. 18.

"We feel that it's a fitting way to pay tribute to William Nakamura, who's an American hero," said Sharon Sobie Seymour of the Seattle JACL. "At the same time, it will help raise awareness of the contributions of Japanese Americans during World War II."

It's not just the name of the courthouse that's significant, Seymour said. It symbolizes all the effects that the war and the internment had on future generations.

"There was a story in the *Seattle Times* on Memorial Day. At the end of the story was a quote from [Nakamura's] sister, saying that the city had forgotten her brother and maybe now (after receiving the Medal of Honor) they would remember him," said Steve Finley, a public affairs consultant from Bellevue, Wash., who was inspired by the Nisei soldier's story and responsible for encouraging local and

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Campaign Web Site Sparks Calls of Racism

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Nobody ever said politics is for the kind at heart, but the fight to win California's 53rd District Assembly seat is heating up to be one of the nastier elections with Republican challenger George Felando coming under fire for featuring Democratic incumbent George Nakano as a "samurai warrior" on his Web site that is being labeled racist by Asian American groups.

The site features a photo of Nakano in traditional Japanese kendo gear with the words, "Who is this man?"

"A. A Samurai warrior? B. A wanna-be Samurai warrior? C. Your current 53rd District Assemblyman? D. Someone who accepted illegal campaign contributions from federally convicted money launderers and Chinese arms dealers? Or E. All of the above?"

"The correct answer is E."

Nakano said he was offended but not surprised by his opponent's Web site. "This is racism driven and the Web site speaks for itself." He added, "He's trying to link my ethnicity with the Firestone problem. That's truly racist," referring to a section of the site that attempts to link Nakano to the recent Firestone tire recall, with the emphasis that the company is owned by a Japanese firm.

But Felando, a former state assemblyman, denies that his Web site is racist and accuses Nakano of making the Web site an issue in the campaign.

"Racism is not the issue here. The issue here is the illegal taking of funds from illegal contributors," he said, adding that every accusation he makes

against Nakano is backed up by documentation.

"They (the Nakano campaign) decided to make it a racist issue, to

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JACL Nat'l Board Addresses Resisters Resolution, Offers to Meet With Veterans

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL national board clarified its position in relation to the recently passed resisters of conscience resolution and offered to meet with veterans groups.

The national board released the following statement at its quarterly meeting on Oct. 6-8.

"The National Council of the JACL, at its biennial convention in Monterey, California, approved a resolution which recognizes the WWII resisters as a group of principled Americans and offered the organization's apology for not acknowledging the resisters' stand in resisting the military draft. The resolution called for a public education effort and an appropriate public ceremony.

"This controversial resolution has offended many WWII veterans who expressed their concern in the discussion on the resolution that the approval of the resolution was tantamount to an insult to the honor of the Nisei vets. Some even canceled their membership in the JACL.

"Floyd Mori, JACL National President, has expressed his con-

cern over the breach caused by the resisters' resolution and the discomfort and anger caused to the veterans. He speaks for the JACL National Board in stating that it is his belief that the resolution in no way was intended to offend or slight the veterans. The JACL holds the veterans in the highest esteem for the many courageous sacrifices they made during the war and their countless contributions to insure that future generations of Japanese Americans would be free of any form of discrimination.

"While the JACL will carry out the mandate of the resolution, we also extend our gratitude and appreciation to the Nisei veterans. On behalf of the national organizations, the JACL leadership offers to meet with any veteran group to discuss the resolution with the hope of assuaging any concerns about the JACL's views of the veterans. Relative to the resolution, the Nisei veterans of World War II will always be viewed by the JACL as heroes who helped pave the road to the freedoms we enjoy today."

A Letter From the Editor

It has been almost a year and a half since the *Pacific Citizen* newspaper returned to its tradition of publishing weekly. Though the long hours and pressure of deadlines were tedious at times, the *PC* staff managed to pull together and produce what we hoped was a quality newspaper.

Although the desire to remain a weekly still exists, the current financial situation at JACL no longer allows for a weekly publication of *PC*. It was announced at the recent JACL national board meeting in San Francisco on Oct. 6-9, thus starting this issue. *PC* will maintain a semi-monthly publication schedule indefinitely.

Although *PC* was under budget this year and had a record increase in advertising revenue, revenue deficits primarily in the

area of membership require cutbacks in all areas of the JACL organization. Cutting back the number of *PC* issues was recommended by the finance committee and approved by the national board.

Details of JACL's finances are included in Assistant Editor Martha Nakagawa's report that appears on this same page.

With the change to a semi-monthly schedule, the *PC* will continue to do its best to produce timely, national stories from JACL and the larger Japanese American and Asian American communities. We ask and thank you for your continued support.

Caroline Aoyagi
Executive Editor

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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

ATLANTA
Sun., Dec. 3—Annual Southeastern chapter JACL holiday dinner; 5 p.m., Sato Sushi Restaurant, Norcross, Ga. Info: Roger Ozaki, 770/979-3616.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony. Pre-registration is required. Call NJAMF, 800/607-8550.
Sat., Nov. 11—Veterans Breakfast; 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill; special recognition of Japanese American veterans. Tickets required, free for children 12 and under. Info: NJAMF, 800/607-8550.

Midwest

CHICAGO
Sat., Nov. 4—Annual JACL Holiday Fair; 3-8 p.m., Euclid Center Middle School; food, entertainment, booths, raffle, door prizes. Info: Rick Ishiyama, 216/351-4720.
Wed., Nov. 8—Premiere viewing, Frank Abe's "Conscience and the Constitution"; 6-8 p.m., Cleveland Public Theatre, 6415 Detroit Ave. Free. Info: Hazel Asimoto, 216/921-2976.

DETROIT

Sat., Nov. 4—Detroit JACL chapter to visit Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 2 p.m., 315 E. Warren; then dinner at Louis, 630 Woodward.
MINNEAPOLIS
Sun., Oct. 29—Twin Cities chapter JACL Chrysanthemum Banquet and Installation Program; noon social hour, 1 p.m. lunch, Holiday Inn West, 9970 Wayzata Blvd., Minneapolis. speaker, retired Army Capt. James Johns. RSVP by Oct. 24: Kathy Koch, 952/884-1560.
MILWAUKEE
Fri.-Sun., Nov. 17-19—Holiday Folk Fair; Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. to 7 p.m., at State Fair Park.

Intermountain
SANDY, UTAH

Letters to the Editor

Our "House"

When the resolution on the draft registers passed at the national convention, I decided it was time to give up the fight and accept the decision. While I am convinced that a referendum of the national membership allowed for in the by-laws would have overturned the decision, I decided the struggle and cost to the JACL would not be worth the results. However, the lengthy letter by Takasumi Kojima (P.C., Sept. 23-28) cannot go without response.

Kojima's long letter seems to be a mean spirited, direct attack upon the founding members of the JACL. That Kojima has no respect for his/her elders and those that have carried on the struggle before is very obvious.

As I was told years back, if you don't like what an organization stands for, then leave. It is a free country with freedom of speech and civil rights and you are free to go form an organization with those of like mind. You don't need to push your private agenda on us.

In the meantime, if you insist on staying within the confines of JACL, then at least have the decency to respect the hardwork put forward by the founding members who literally invested their blood, sweat and tears into the organization. While you are in our "house," common courtesy directs you be civil and courteous in your behavior. If you can't conform to that simple rule, please leave.

Gerald Horisuchi
Fresno, Calif.

Native Hawaiians

This letters addresses the proposal to form a separate nation for those who claim sole right for being identified as Hawaiian. The JACL

Sat., Oct. 28—Meet and Greet Open House for high school and college students, noon at Floyd and Irene Mori's home. RSVP to Terri Nakahama, 801/957-1107 by Oct. 24.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND
Sun., Nov. 5—Film Showing, "We Served With Pride: The Chinese American Experience in WWII"; 1:30-3:30 p.m., Portland State University Smith Center Ballroom. Free. Info: Terry Low, 503/631-2505.

Northern California

BAY AREA
Sun., Nov. 5—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting; both men and women are welcome. For time and place call: M. Kusaba, 415/343-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.
BERKELEY
Fri., Nov. 3—Lecture, "Charged With Being Ethnic Chinese: Ramifications of the Wen Ho Lee Case," by Prof. L. Ling-Chi Wang of UC Berkeley; 12 noon-2 p.m., Badé Museum, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave.; refreshments. Info: PANA Institute, 510/849-8244, <pana@psr.edu>.

FAIRFIELD
Sun., Nov. 5—NC-WV-Pacific JACL district council fourth quarter meeting; hosted by Solano County.
MONTEREY
Sat., Oct. 28—Fashion Demonstration with Asian Accents (Kanajo); 1 p.m., Del Monte Hyatt Hotel.
SACRAMENTO
Sat., Oct. 21—Annual Florio JACL Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo; 5:30-7 p.m., Florio Baptist Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd. Tickets, Info: James Abe, 916/363-1520, or Bob Ueyehara, 916/689-9610.

SAN FRANCISCO
Sat., Oct. 21—Clothing collection for Filipino veterans; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1765 Sutter St. Info: Greg Marutani, 415/641-1697 evenings.
Thurs., Oct. 26—NAAATA (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@naata.org.

SAN MATEO
Sun., Oct. 22—Matinee Movie, "Kimi No Na Wa"; San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

FRI., OCT. 27—Workshop, "Memory and Aging"; 1-3 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

SANTA ROSA
Sat., Nov. 18—Annual Sonoma County JACL Sushi Nite; 6 p.m., Ernanyi Memorial Hall. Pre-orders by Nov. 16. Info: Alyse Sugiyama, 762-7283, Margarette Murakami, 824-8665.

Central California
CLOVIS
Sun., Oct. 22—Central California JACL district council quarterly meeting; United Japanese Christian Church.
FRESNO
Fri., Nov. 3—Fresno chapter JACL 51st annual installation banquet; 6 p.m., Pardini's Banquet, 2257 W. Shaw Ave.; theme, "A Tribute to Farming" with author David "Mas" Masumoto. RSVP by Oct. 23. Info: Patricia Tsai Tom, 559/486-6815.

Southern California
HACIENDA HEIGHTS
Sat., Oct. 28—SELANOCO JACL chapter's Family Fun Night; 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. potluck dinner, steak and chicken provided; Wildwood Mobile Country Club, 901 S. Sixth Ave.; line dancing, swing lessons; RSVP by Oct. 23: Pat Kawamoto, 562/926-1562, Karen Shiba, 714/220-1549, Ken Inouye, 949/586-6640.
LOS ANGELES
Sat., Oct. 21—Visual Communications 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration; 6 p.m., 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; featuring filmmakers, journalists, literary artists, actors, musicians. RSVP, tickets: 213/680-4462, ext. 58.
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: Michelle DeLo, 100/442/MS WWII Memorial Foundation, 310/715-3141.

SUN.-WED., OCT. 22-25—American Film Institute L.A. International Film Festival; new works by Asian directors, regardless of ancestry, valid residents of Hawaii are Hawaiian. But common sense is not prevalent in Hawaii. Hawaii is a state in which fraud is traditional.

Of the four representatives handling the bill in Congress, local nomenclature identifies one as part-Hawaiian. Accordingly, the other three are non-part-Hawaiian.

As a resident of Hawaii, I suggest that the mainland JACL recognize the status of the proponents of the bill and that the bill accordingly be rendered the contempt is merits.

Allan Beckman
Honolulu

Just Asking
I read the National Japanese American Memorial inscriptions that have been completed and posted on the Web site and was impressed by the overall message. However, I have questions on some points.

First, there is a statement about the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were forced to leave their homes to live in 10 remote "relocation centers." Weren't approximately 40,000 of the evacuees Iseai, Japanese nationals who were denied citizenship until 1952? I feel that this distinction and the plight of the Iseai should be acknowledged.

Second, the memorial describes the exploits of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, but I wonder why the word "segregation" is never used. We, being JAs, know that the Nisei soldiers were segregated in the 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT, but would the average American reading the memorial realize it?

Third, while the National Japanese American Memorial directors, with all sincerity and wisdom, chose to record quotations of certain individuals, why weren't Minoru Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi included? They were the first to take a stand for

Schedules, locations; 323/669-7367 or pyi@ix.netcom.com.

SAT., OCT. 28—Panel discussion and special display, "Behind the Green Maskers: How Japanese American Gardeners Transformed the Southern California Landscape"; 2-3:30 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Panelists: Prof. Ronald Tsukashima; author Kendall H. Brown, Ph.D.; Reiko Nagumo, Naomi Hirahara. Info: 213/625-0414.

SAT., OCT. 28—Japanese American Historical Society community heritage awards banquet; 5 p.m., Torrance Marriott Hotel. To honor Tak Yamamoto, Takeshi Nakayama, Lillian Nakano, Chris Aihara, Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. RSVP: Iku Kiriayama, 310/324-2875.

SUN., OCT. 29—Venice-Culver JACL chapter's famous Santa Maria BBQ luncheon; 12 noon-3 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Brookdock Dr.; JACL National President Floyd Mori, special guest speaker. RSVP: Sharon Kumagai, 310/719-2364, Hitoshi Shimizu, 310/391-8628.

Correction
In the Oct. 6-12 issue, page 4, display of the JACL 2000 scholarship winners, Jennifer Namb's picture inadvertently appeared instead of Stacy Yamaoka's.

Correction
The correct spelling of the Ray Okumura Memorial Scholarship winner's name is Chris Yamasaki (Houston JACL, Aug. 11-17 issue). Risa Nishimoto was awarded the George Hada Memorial Scholarship.

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Americans of Japanese descent against the unconstitutional action of the U.S. government, and were imprisoned as a result.

And finally, wouldn't it be appropriate to include on the memorial something about Sadao Munemori, the only JA soldier of World War II to, until recently, receive the Congressional Medal of Honor?

Anyways, thank you for listening to someone who is just asking.

Abi Yamaoka
San Jose, Calif.

Supporting Our Youth
I had the opportunity and pleasure of working with the national youth and student council at their planning retreat during the weekend of Sept. 16-17. They came from across the country and had a successful and productive weekend under the planning and direction of NY/SC Board Chair Matthew Nakata, National Youth Rep. Amy Matsumoto and PSWD Youth Coordinator Gerald Kato.

If the future of our organization includes people such as these, then we are in good hands. Representing a span from high school through college and into their first careers, these young people represent us at our best. They show genuine concern for the issues consistent with a nationally recognized civil rights organization while bringing back the fun and enthusiasm that has subsided across most of the organization. To overcome the distance that separates them, they use the latest tools to communicate and keep up with the issues.

National President Floyd Mori came by to observe and discuss his directive that each chapter actively recruit a youth representative for their board. Please welcome one onto your board.

Douglas Wata
Riverside Chapter Member and LEAP Training Consultant via e-mail

Asian American Groups Seek FBI Probe of Ocean Shores Stabbing

Three Asian American groups are seeking an FBI investigation into the fatal stabbing of a white man who reportedly yelled slurs and threatened an Asian man and his twin brother in Ocean Shores, Wash.

Leaders of the Asian Bar Association of Washington, the JAACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans said recently that in the days before he was killed, Christopher A. Kinison and his friends committed hate crimes by taunting other minorities.

"Based on police and media reports," the groups wrote in a letter addressed to Charles Mandigo of the FBI, "a group of white men threatened physical harm to several individuals, attempted to cause physical damage to property, and, in one incident, caused physical injury against Asian Americans and other persons of color. We believe that there is substantial evidence that these persons of color were victims targeted by their group solely because of their perceived race and/or national origin."

Karen Yoshitomi, regional director of JAACL's Pacific Northwest district, expressed her concern over the events. "There is ample evidence to suggest that over the course of the (Fourth of July) weekend Kinison and others in his group committed hate crimes," said Yoshitomi. "We believe that a pattern and practice can be established and that there were others who were also guilty of committing crimes motivated by race hatred."

"Our community is frustrated over what is perceived as the failure of law enforcement," said Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, president of the lawyers' association.

FBI agent Ray Lauer said that the agency had received the request for a probe.

Kinison, 20, of Olympia, was described as waving a Confederate flag before a fight in which he was stabbed 22 times July 4 at a gas station and convenience store

in the coastal resort west of Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

White supremacists have taken up Kinison's case, saying his rights were violated.

Minh Duc Hong, 26, of Seattle, has been charged with first-degree manslaughter but claimed he acted in self-defense in the fight, during which someone knocked off the glasses of his twin brother, Hung Duc Hong.

Defense lawyers say Minh Duc Hong stole a knife from the convenience store only for protection, but Grays Harbor County prosecutors have maintained the stabbing was an overreaction.

Minh Duc Hong is free on \$20,000 bail pending trial in December. His brother was not charged.

The AA leaders said on July 1, Kinison and his friends taunted a group of Filipino tourists, pounding on their car, after which the frightened visitors were escorted out of town by police.

They also said records show that on July 3, an African American hotel employee claimed he was chased in Ocean Shores by a group that yelled racial slurs. Police said Kinison may have been part of that group.

No arrests were made in either incident.

Maxine Chan, Seattle OCA chapter president, said that its organization is "urging Asian Americans and other people of color to think three times before taking a trip to the Ocean Shores area. We believe that there is an underlying element in that area, who, like Kinison, abhor diversity and don't like non-whites."

The groups are requesting a federal inquiry into the incidents. They have made a commitment to monitor the situation closely and assist in community action, if proactive steps are not taken to remedy these civil rights violations.

(The Associated Press contributed to this article.)

Asian Pacific American Leaders Meet With Janet Reno, Bill Richardson on Wen Ho Lee Case

Representatives from the Asian Pacific American community met with Attorney General Janet Reno on Oct. 4 and with Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson on Oct. 13 to examine the handling of the Wen Ho Lee case.

Discussed were allegations of racial profiling and selective prosecution by government agencies, measures being taken to counter bias within those agencies, the explanation of "standard procedures" as applied to Lee's conditions of confinement, testimony by FBI Agent Messer and the impact the case has had on the APA community, particularly employees of the national laboratories.

Reno expressed her concern about the case and reaffirmed her commitment to a thorough accounting of how the case was handled. She had already ordered assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Randy Bellows, to conduct an investigation through March 1999.

The Bellows report, which is currently classified, addresses law enforcement and selective prosecution issues at the Departments of Energy, Justice and the FBI, and includes recommendations for further action. Reno said she is working to declassify the report's executive summary as well as other documents related to the investigation.

"While we will have to wait until the internal investigation reports on the Lee case are released to find out how the case was handled, we did question what changes may need to be made to ensure that selective prosecution of individuals, whether Asian-Pacific American or not, is eradicated from the system," said Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, said, "The Attorney General made it

clear that she understands the gravity of the concerns that Asian Pacific Americans have been raising about the conduct of the investigation and the prosecution. We appreciate her commitment to do everything she can to make sure that we will be able to make sure the evidence being gathered in the various internal investigations."

Reno also confirmed that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the FBI are conducting separate reviews of how the case was handled through their Offices of Professional Responsibility.

In the coalition's meeting with Richardson, Nelson Dong, secretary/general counsel of the Committee of 100, said, "We conveyed the anger and frustration of the community about the handling of Dr. Lee's case and the negative impact of racial profiling on our community, especially at the national laboratories. We wanted to stress to the Secretary how Asian Pacific American personnel recruitment and retention cannot be advanced until the DOE deals with the aftermath of Dr. Lee's case."

Richardson expressed his commitment to eliminating discrimination at DOE, and outlined the department's new five-point initiative to promote diversity, which incorporates many of the recommendations made in the DOE Task Force Against Racial Profiling Report. These points include:

- Conduct an investigation through the inspector general's office to assess whether there has been any profiling of the department's federal or contract work force in security policies, processes and daily operations. The first part of the investigation, which will cover the national labs and DOE headquarters, is due at the end of this calendar year.

- Revise contractor diversity plans within 60 days to address profiling based on race and national

origin;

- Expand the DOE ombudsman's staff to bolster the department's efforts to prevent racial profiling and ensure equity;

- Direct field managers to include compliance with the revised diversity plan as a meaningful factor in determining the fee earned by contractors; and

- Develop a plan by a coalition of contractors, laboratory directors and human resource managers to coordinate recruitment and retain a diverse work force in the laboratory community.

In addition, Richardson indicated that he is working with the DOJ to have the Bellows report declassified and said he would support calls for an independent commission to investigate this matter should the Bellows report be seen as inadequate.

"There are still many questions to be answered, but we appreciate Secretary Richardson's firm commitment to a thorough investigation by the inspector general into possible discrimination by security personnel in the DOE and for working to make the Bellows report available to the public as quickly as possible," said Kristine Minami, JAACL Washington, D.C., representative.

Wonne Lee, member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, believed "this will be valuable for healing at the research labs."

Other APA leaders in attendance at these meetings included: Howard Halm, president-elect of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA); John Yang, regional governor of NAPABA; John Montoya, of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations; Jin Sook Lee, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO; and Vincent Eng, legal director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. ■

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

□ Supporters of Hate Crimes Bill Vow Fight After Setback

WASHINGTON—Supporters of expanding U.S. law to protect gays and lesbians vowed to press for legislation this year, even though a hate crimes provision was dropped from a defense bill.

A Senate conference committee working on the bill Oct. 5 voted 11-9 to drop the hate crime language, said Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The House Armed Services Committee, led by Rep. Floyd Spence, concurred Oct. 6, finishing the defense authorization bill without the hate crimes provision.

President Clinton has pushed the bill and accused Republicans of deliberately ducking it because they are worried that its provisions covering gays and lesbians might anger the GOP's conservative core of voters.

The anti-hate crimes provision would define crimes against gays and lesbians in much the same way as racially motivated crimes.

□ Supreme Court Hears Alabama English-only Case

WASHINGTON—Tacking an "English only" dispute from Alabama, the Supreme Court said Sept. 26 they will decide whether private citizens can invoke the law, aimed at fighting bias in programs that get federal funding.

At issue is Alabama's invalidated policy of offering written driver's license tests only in English. Lower courts ruled that the policy violates the federal anti-bias law, and ordered the state to offer the tests in other languages as well.

Alabama offered its written driver's license test in numerous languages for two decades, until 1991. The state Department of Public Safety changed its policy

about a year after Alabama voters added an English-only amendment to the state constitution. The amendment declared English the state's official language and instructed state officials to "take all steps necessary to insure that the role of English as the common language ... is preserved and enhanced."

Martha Sandoval, a permanent resident alien from Mexico who lives in Mobile, Ala., sued the state Department of Public Safety in 1996, alleging that the English-only policy violated a federal law under the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The judge ruled in favor of Sandoval and ordered the state to offer tests in other languages. The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that ruling last November.

□ Supporters of 'English Only' Petition Want Review Sped Up

TULSA, Okla.—A national organization that wants to make English the official language of Oklahoma has filed a motion with the Oklahoma Supreme Court to put the question on a fast track for a vote in November.

The Washington, D.C.-based group U.S. English believes the state's high court has the power to resolve the bulk of challenges against the initiative petition in time for the general election, spokesman Tim Schultz said.

The state Secretary of State's Office certified 100,666 petition signatures. Reviews by the state Supreme Court and the Oklahoma Attorney General's office are some of the steps involved before the issue can be put to a statewide vote.

The proposed state question would be state money from being used for any translations on documents and services. It missed a Sept. 7 state election board deadline for the general election ballot.

The challenges to the petition range from violations of federal laws to ambiguous and conflicting

language in the question.

Gov. Frank Keating and several organizations have opposed the question, including leaders in the Hispanic and Asian American communities. Five American Indian tribes—Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole and Muscogee (Creek) nations—signed a resolution opposing the measure.

□ Xerox Gunman Appeals Conviction

HONOLULU—A former Xerox repairman serving life in prison for Hawaii's worst mass shooting has filed an appeal, saying he wants his murder convictions overturned because he was denied a fair trial.

Bryan Uyesugi, 40, asked the Oahu public defender's office to file an appeal. Lawyers Jerald Fonseca and Rodney Ching quit representing him in August, citing financial difficulties.

A jury in June rejected defense arguments that a bathroom disorder had convinced Uyesugi that co-workers were plotting his career, spying on him for the federal government and mutilating his prize goldfish. He was fatally shot after seven colleagues and tried to kill another on Nov. 2, 1999.

The public defender's office said the appeal, which is expected to take more than a year, will focus on improper jury selection and exclusion of evidence.

□ First APA Wins Miss America Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Miss Hawaii Aaliyah Perez Baraquio, an elementary school gym teacher, was crowned Miss America 2001. Baraquio, 24, who is of Filipino ancestry, is the first Asian Pacific American to be crowned Miss America.

Miss California Rita Ng, the first Asian American woman to win that state's title, was second runner-up. ■

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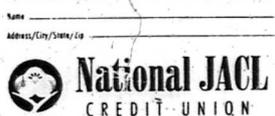


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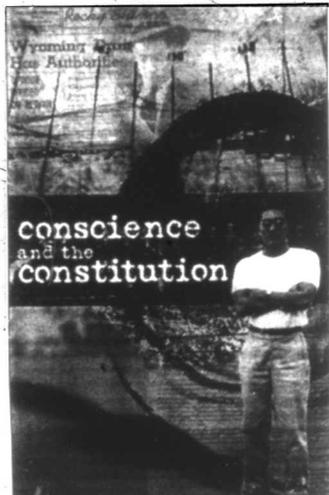


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Frank Abe's 'Conscience and the Constitution' to be Shown

"Conscience and Constitution" is the first television program to tell the complete story of the largest organized resistance to wartime incarceration — the Japanese Americans who, during World War II, resisted the draft and refused to fight for the government that was imprisoning them.

The film is an ITVS presentation



and is produced by Frank Abe, with funding provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. It will be broadcast on PBS Nov. 30 at 10 p.m.

The resisters portrayed in "Conscience and the Constitution" were willing to fight for their country, but not until the government restored their rights as U.S. citizens and released their families from the camps. Prosecuted by the government as criminals and ostracized as traitors by JA leaders and veterans, these protesters served two years in prison and were written out of the popular history of Japanese America.

The program examines the case of seven resistance leaders, including Frank Abe and James Omura, who were arrested and put on trial for conspiracy to counsel draft evasion. The leaders were found guilty and sentenced to prison, but Omura was acquitted by virtue of the First Amendment.

On Christmas 1945, the U.S. Court of Appeals threw out the convictions of the seven Fair Play Committee leaders. It ruled their jury improperly ignored civil disobedience as a defense. Emi and the others were given a new suit, \$25, and a train ticket home. However, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from the draft resisters themselves; they served more than two years and were released in 1946.

On Christmas 1947, President Truman pardoned all wartime draft resisters. Finally, in 1988, the U.S. government admitted the expulsion and incarceration were wrong and apologized, awarding symbolic compensation of \$20,000 to each internee.

"This story is about the price you pay for taking a principled stand," said filmmaker Frank Abe, a third-generation JA who lives in Seattle. "It's also about two responses to injustice: collaboration or resistance. The resisters committed an act of civil disobedience to try to clarify the rights of all JAs. Yet they not only spent two years in prison, they spent 50 years as pariahs in our own community. With this broadcast I hope they will finally be able to take their place in our nation's history."

For more information about "Conscience and the Constitution" and the broadcast outreach campaign, contact Kim Ina, ITVS, at 415/566-3487 or by e-mail at kim_ina@itvs.org. The Web site address is www.itvs.org/conscience. ■

House Grants Manzanar \$5 Million for Preservation

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed provisions that dedicate \$5 million toward project construction and development of the Manzanar National Historic Site in Southern California. The provisions are contained in the Fiscal Year 2001 Interior Appropriations bill.

This funding will pay for construction of a visitor center and administrative offices, hiring necessary administrative staff and providing information on the history of the Manzanar National Historic Site. This proposal is consistent with a general management plan, approved in 1997, that calls for renovating an auditorium at the site for the new center in order to achieve a fully operational National Historic Site.

"I am pleased to see the adminis-

tration recognize the great value in protecting World War II internment and relocation sites," said Congressman Robert Matsui. "Funding for the preservation of the internment era is of critical and national importance."

Manzanar was the first camp used during the internment of 100,000 Japanese Americans during WWII. During the war, 10,000 Americans of Japanese descent were confined at Manzanar and it is today considered highly symbolic of internment.

"When completed, these efforts will stand as a powerful testimony to the tragedy of the internment," said Matsui. "When we educate future generations of Americans, we remind them what can happen when your constitutional rights are abrogated." ■

AA Studies Fellowships Now Available

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center will again offer a fellowship for 2001-2002 to a post-doctoral scholar in support of research or creative activity on Asian Pacific Americans.

The fellowship ranges from \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year plus health benefits and up to \$3,000 in research support. The acceptance of the fellowship carries with it the commitment to make a contribution to the research activities of the AAS center, along with teaching one course and a presentation

in the center's faculty colloquium series.

Deadline for application and supporting documents is Dec. 30. For an application form (Adobe Acrobat File) or more information, go to www.sscnet.ucla.edu/aasc or write to Mr. Dennis Arguelles, Assistant Director, Asian American Studies Center, 3230 Campbell Hall, P.O. Box 951546, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546. He can also be reached at 310/825-2974, 310/206-9844 (fax) or by e-mail at dennis@ucla.edu. ■

National Japanese American Memorial to be Dedicated November 9 in D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation recently announced that the memorial will be dedicated on Nov. 9, with a ceremony in the nation's capital. The memorial will honor the patriotism of JAs during WWII, despite the internment of more than 120,000 JAs held in remote camps throughout the war for no other reason than their ancestry. The memorial will also recognize the contributions of all JAs in our nation's history, development and achievements.

According to Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta, a member of the board, "It is appropriate as we celebrate the first Veteran's Day of this century, that we also pay tribute to the diversity within the Armed Services as exemplified by the valor of Japanese American men and women who served in World War II."

The dedication ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. at the memorial site located on federal land in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, in a triangular park bordered by Louisiana Avenue, New Jersey Avenue and D Street.

The ceremony, open to the general public, will include the participation of JAs who were interned during WWII, including many who enlisted in the military from the camps and fought bravely to defend America and the Allies during WWII. Invited speakers include: President Clinton, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta, U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki and U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii). NBC "Today Show" correspondent Ann Curry has been invited to serve as the mistress of ceremonies.

The Memorial was designed by architect Davis Buckley. The centerpiece is a sculpture of two Japanese cranes entwined in barbed wire, by sculptor Nina Akamu. Akamu's maternal grandfather, who lived on the island of Kauai for more than 40 years, was the first JA from Hawaii to die in an internment camp.

"The juxtaposition of these events sends a powerful message worldwide that we are a nation that can not only praise our heroes, but also acknowledge and

make amends for our mistakes," said Rear Admiral Melvin H. Chid Rigi, chairman of the NJAMF board of directors.

Although construction delays have prevented the final completion of the memorial in time for the Nov. 9 event, the board decided to hold the dedication ceremony based on the following factors: the board wanted to observe this milestone in conjunction with the first Veteran's Day of the new millennium; with many attendees in their 80s, the board felt it was important to hold the dedication at a time when the maximum number of the memorial's WWII constituency could attend; and finally, the elements comprising the heart of the memorial will be completed by Nov. 9, including the crane sculpture and the wall inscribed with the narrative of the wartime experiences, a list of the detention camps and the names of more than 800 men who died in service during WWII. Details on the final completion of the memorial will be released at a later date.

Despite the excitement of the memorial's dedication, a new survey done by the NJAMF found that nearly one-third of all Americans polled were unaware of the U.S. government's role in JA internment. When asked about their knowledge of the internment, 32 percent answered either unsure or denied that the internment took place, according to the survey con-

ducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates.

Knowledge levels about the internment varied among age and gender groups: 38 percent of adults between 18-34 and 31 percent of adults 65 and older are not aware of the internment camps. Almost half of the women polled did not know about the camps.

In addition to the dedication, there will be two educational panel discussions taking place during the week. Tom Crouch and Jennifer Locke Jones, curators of the "More Perfect Union" exhibit at the National Museum of American History, will discuss the experiences of JAs during WWII in the context of the U.S. Constitution.

The second discussion, "Japanese Americans and Politics: Past, Present, and Future," will address the involvement of JAs in U.S. government. Featuring Mineta, Congressman Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), author Grant Ujifusa and other political analysts, the panelists will discuss the benefits and challenges of being JA in a political career and examine the role the community should play in politics.

The discussions are open to the public, but tickets are required for admission. Free tickets may be obtained by calling the NJAMF: 202/861-8845. Films by JA documentary filmmakers Gayle K. Yamada and Robert Nakamura will also be shown. ■

Filipino American Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Will Join Nikkei CMH at Oct. 22 Luncheon

Rudolph Davis, the second Filipino American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in U.S. military history, will join six other living Nikkei CMH recipients at the Legendary Valor luncheon on Oct. 22 from 11:30 a.m. at the Beverly Hills Hilton.

Davila, who served in the 7th Infantry as a staff sergeant, was among the recent medal upgrade recipients given by President Clinton. He was born in Texas but grew up in Watts, Calif., where he attended Jordan High School.

Davis hopes the CMH presentation will help educate the public

about the heroism of Filipino Americans fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

"Until I received the honor there were a lot of people who had never realized that Filipinos helped in the war in the Pacific," said Davila. "I want to use this opportunity to go to schools and tell kids about everything Filipinos contributed to ending World War II."

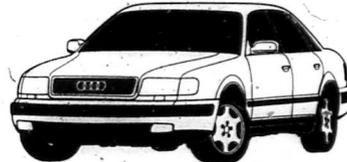
Tickets for the Legendary Valor luncheon are \$100 per person. For more information, call 310/715-3141. ■

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CCLPEP Announces Schedule of Informational Meetings

The California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) will be conducting statewide informational meetings to provide assistance to those interested in applying for funding for fiscal year 2000-2001.

The CCLPEP was created in 1998 as a result of legislation authored by Assemblyman Mike Honda of San Jose. This public education program aims to educate the California community about the Japanese American experience during World War II.

The program is currently in its third cycle of funding, and has been extended to continue for an additional two years.

The following is a tentative list of times and places where the information meetings will take place. Please call the CCLPEP office prior to each meeting to confirm the time and date as they are subject to change at the last moment. The contact person is Maria Pires Mollana at 916/653-0125 or e-mail <mpires@library.ca.gov>.

• Oct. 21, San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street, San

Francisco, CA 94102-4796, 10 a.m.-noon

• Oct. 25, San Jose Public Library, Empire Branch Library, 491 E. Empire Street, San Jose, CA 95112, pending

• Oct. 26, Sacramento Public Library, Colonial Heights Branch, 4799 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95820-4555, 7-9 p.m.

• Nov. 1, Stockton Central Library, 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202, 7-9 p.m.

• Nov. 13, Fresno Central Library, 2420 Mariposa, Fresno, CA 93721-2285, 7-9 p.m.

• Nov. 14, San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-4796, 6-8 p.m.

• Nov. 15, Marin County Library, Corte Madera Regional Library, 707 Meadowswest Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925, 6-8 p.m.

• Nov. 27, Los Angeles Downtown Library, Central Library Director's Office, 630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071, 7-9 p.m.

• Nov. 28, Gardena Downtown Library, 1731 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247-4726, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

• Nov. 29, Orange County Library, 101 N. Center Street, Orange, CA

92866-1594, pending

• Nov. 30, San Diego Public Library, 820 E. Stet, San Diego, CA 92101-6478, pending

• Dec. 4, California State Library, Library & Courts Bldg. II, 900 N. Street, Room 340, Sacramento, CA 95814, 5-8 p.m.

• Dec. 5, Santa Cruz Public Library, Central Branch Library, 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3873, pending

• Dec. 12, San Mateo Public Library, 55 W. Third Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402-1592, 6-8 p.m.

• Jan. 11, California State Library, Library & Courts Bldg. II, 900 N. Street, Room 340, Sacramento, CA 95814, 4-8 p.m.

• Jan. 18, Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, 4-8 p.m.

• Jan. 25 Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 4-8 p.m.

The last three sessions are the final rounds of meetings. The grant writing workshops run from 4-6 p.m. and the informational meeting will be from 6-8 p.m. ■

Karen Narasaki Exhorts AA Utahns to Political Activism

By KAREN OKAWA and YAS TOKITA

Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) and former JAACL Washington, D.C. representative, visited Salt Lake City to speak with the local Utah JAACL chapters (Mt. Olympus, Salt Lake and Wasatch Front) and the Utah Organization of Chinese Americans at a dinner on Sept. 30.

Narasaki spoke on "Changing Invisibility: Asian Pacific Americans and Elections 2000." She began her remarks by acknowledging the achievements Asian Americans have made in sports, arts and science. Yet, she added, statistics show AAs are still under-represented in the same occupations as Caucasian counterparts. The "glass ceiling" still exists, Narasaki said, especially for AA women.

On television, there are very few AA representations in current prime time programming. A recent study showed that only 16 percent of AA children identified characters of their race on television in comparison to 42 percent of African American children who viewed their race on TV shows.

Narasaki pointed out that part of the problem exists with television show writers who need to be educated that AA lives do not differ from the American mainstream. She added that it is up to the AA

community to make the networks aware of its dissatisfaction by writing complaint letters.

Finally, Narasaki stressed that it is up to the AA community to assert leadership by supporting local groups — whether it be the community council, legal forums or the

support he received while awaiting confirmation of his appointment to assistant attorney general for civil rights in the Department of Justice.

A coalition of Utahns, including JAACL and OCA, urged Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the



National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium Executive Director Karen Narasaki (left) met with National JAACL President Floyd Mori (right) at a Sept. 30 dinner in Utah.

PTA, and by serving on boards and volunteer activities. She encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and to become actively involved with local voter registration and campaigns.

Narasaki last visited Utah four years ago. She conveyed Bill Lann Lee's expression of gratitude for

Senate Judiciary Committee, to confirm Lee starting in 1997. The coalition continued its efforts until Lee's appointment this past August.

National JAACL President Floyd Mori also attended the event and gave a brief update on the activities of the national board since his election in July. ■

JAACL National Youth/Student Council Puts Forth Program for Action

TORRANCE, Calif.—Nearly three days of discussion, workshops, presentations and other activities yielded the blueprint for the next two years for the JAACL national youth/student council.

Governors in each district sent one to two youth/student representatives to assist in the planning efforts for the council.

Organizations which participated in the national youth/student council retreat included Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP), Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) and Asian for Miracle Marrow Matches

(A3M). Workshops in leadership training, diversity training and community organizing were just a few of the items on the agenda.

"Many of the presentations and workshops were done with the intent of keeping the goals of our organization in mind and laying the foundation for the program for action," said national youth/student council chair, Matthew W. Nakata.

Finalized on the last day of the planning retreat, the youth/student program for action includes stronger attention to hate crimes as they affect students, develop-

ment and distribution of a new youth/student specific JAACL brochure, development of a youth/student specific JAACL Web site, commitment to building stronger ties with scholarship recipients, and the development of Hapa and multicultural issue forums.

The program for action also included ideas for national youth/student conference workshops, emphasis on fostering leadership within youth/student APA communities and ways that the youth/student council can strengthen ties within the APA community. ■



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Law & Arts

Aiko Susanna Hiratsuka Performing Arts Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Deardorff
Eden JAACL
University of Arizona
Category: Performing Arts
Field of Study: Vocal/Opera Performance

Biographical Information:

As a member of the Eden JAACL, Jessica continues to strive for excellence in her study of vocal performance. She has won various academic and vocal awards including the John Vaznaian memorial award for excellence in operatic performance study, the Townsend Opera Players vocal competition first-place winner based on an audition for a forum of opera directors and performers, as well as being on the dean's honor roll her entire four years at the University of the Pacific. In 1996, Jessica won first place at the JAACL Minoru Yasui oratorical competition at the JAACL national convention in San Jose, Calif.

Sho Sato Memorial Scholarship

John Torok
New York JAACL
Columbia University
Level of Study: Law
Field of Study: Law

Biographical Information:

John has been an active member of the New York JAACL for several years. In 1990, he received the New York JAACL merit scholarship. In 1992, he was awarded the Rockefeller Humanities fellowship from the University of Colorado, Boulder Center for Studies of Ethnicity



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and Race in America. In 1998 he was awarded the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) presidential scholarship. Along with his many academic awards, John has dedicated many hours to community organizations. He served as board secretary for the New York University Black Latino Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association and Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Inc.

Abe & Esther Hoagiwara Student Aid Scholarship

Carrie Takahata
Honolulu JAACL
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Category: Financial Aid
Field of Study: Library & Information Science

Biographical Information:

Carrie has been an active member of the Honolulu JAACL for the past three years. She has also volunteered as co-editor for "Hybolics," where she is responsible for the selection of literary work (i.e., short stories, poetry). She has published several poems over the past two years in publications such as *Hawaii Review* and *Bamboo Ridge Press*. Along with her community activities, she has received several academic honors including a full tuition waiver from the University of Hawaii in 1995 and 1997.



Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Memorial Scholarship

Akira Boch
San Benito County JAACL
UC Los Angeles
Category: Creative Arts

Field of Study: MFA Directing Program

Biographical Information:

Akira has received several awards for his work in the film industry. In 1999, he received the Lew and Edie Wasserman film production fellowship as well as the Motion Picture Association of America award. He maintains a 3.95 GPA at the UCLA School of Film & Television, MFA directing program. He also volunteers as a guest artist for the LACER after-school program where he provides lessons in filmmaking to minority junior high school students.



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Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Scholarship

Lika Miyake
Pasadena JAACL
Yale University
Level of Study: Law
Field of Study: Law

Biographical Information:

Lika has conducted research around the world in places such as Japan, England, and most recently at the Japanese American National Museum. She graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa and with distinction in both her majors, political science and Japanese studies. Her community involvement includes building homes with Habitat for Humanity, performing solo and group orchestra pieces with Awaya-kai Koto Conservatory and performing as a member of a 100-member chorus with the Angeles Chorale.



Graduates

Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer Namba
San Diego JAACL
UC San Francisco
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Pharmacy

Biographical Information:

Jennifer has received several honors for her excellent academic record. Her awards include the San Diego JAACL scholarship, Gongo Nakauma national JAACL scholarship, the California Student Aid Commission Robert C. Byrd honors scholarship for academic excellence, and the University of California, Irvine, Regents' scholarship. Her community activities include peer mentoring and academic advisor at UC Irvine, clinical pharmacy volunteer at UC San Diego Medical Center, and a bible school teacher at Partnership Vacation Bible School.

Magiuchi & Shizuko Kato Memorial

Scholarship

Wendy Hara
Honolulu JAACL
University of Hawaii
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

Wendy has received numerous honors for her excellent academic record throughout her graduate and undergraduate studies. Most recently, she was awarded the Crown Prince Akihito scholarship, a scholarship supported by the Emperor of Japan to promote relations between Japan and the United States. Other honors include the American Association of University Women Pacific fellowship, a project on medical school involvement in health policy; Dr. Hans & Clara Zimmerman Foundation scholarship; Stella In Lau Scholarship for cancer research; and the Rosalind S. Chiu memorial scholarship for significant contribution to a patient education program. Her medical research on cancer has been pub-



lished in several journals and presented at conferences. Her community involvement includes chair of the Stanford University Japanese American Student Association and the American Medical Association/Medical Student Section chapter president.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Keiko Petrosky
Houston JAACL
Johns Hopkins University
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Biophysics

Biographical Information:

Keiko has excelled in her study of science. She has won numerous scholarships in the last four years including the Fay T. Barnes scholarship, Robert C. Byrd scholarship, the Minnie Stevens Piper scholarship and many more. Her achievements in physics include biophysics research "Observation & Manipulation of Giant Lipid Vesicles," atomic physics research "Driving Collapse of Bose-Einstein Condensate," and applied physics research "Radio Signal Propagation Modeling by Computer Simulation." She has also worked to

teach science to younger students by judging science fairs, holding demonstrations at the Houston Natural Science Museum's Welsh Hall of Chemistry, and organizing classroom presentations for elementary and secondary schools.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Mari Morimoto
New York JAACL
Cornell University
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Veterinary Medicine

Biographical Information:

Mari has exemplified academic excellence throughout her college career. She graduated from Cornell University



with cum laude for her senior honors thesis, "Neko! Neko! Neko!: Historical and Contemporary Cultural Representations of the Domestic Cat in Japan." She has also received the university distinction in all subjects award and the Todd Tripod scholarship from the Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity national office. Some of her work in the field of veterinary medicine includes the Aquavet Program at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., and the first student chosen for a veterinary student externship with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Her volunteer work includes Cornell student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Annual SCAVMA Auction, Web page author for the Zoo & Wildlife Society, and 1997 and 1999 special species symposiums.

Railroad & Mine Workers Memorial Scholarship

Justin Endo
Omaha JAACL
University of Nebraska
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

Justin has received several honors for academic excellence. He was awarded the Eva Benson scholarship, the President's Outstanding Minority scholarship, and dean's list throughout his undergraduate career. Along with these scholarships, Justin was awarded neuroscience research grants from the Life Science Summer Undergraduate Research Program (LSSURP) and the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). Justin has always been committed to his study of medicine. In Omaha, he volunteers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit where he observes rounds, assists recreational therapy staff and provides companionship to patients.



Chiyo and Thomas Shimozaki Memorial Scholarship

Kimmy Jong

San Francisco JAACL
Loma Linda School of Medicine
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

Kimmy has been active at UC Berkeley in a variety of ways. She was active in the biology scholar's program that offers academic and student support, the Honor Students' Society, which provided community service activities on and around campus, and a sports clinic where she taught young adults, grades 6-8, about the fundamentals of basketball and sportsmanship. Her interest in medicine was heightened after volunteering at California Pacific Medical Center where she worked in the radiology department and at UC San Francisco where she cared for and worked with young children residing in the hospital.



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Dr. Kupshi Sonoda Memorial Scholarship

Todd Asato
St. Louis JAACL
University of Missouri, Kansas City
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Dentistry

Biographical Information:

Todd has won several honors for his outstanding academic record. These awards include the Kamehameha School Bishop Estate for students of Hawaiian ancestry pursuing a graduate degree, the Dr. Hans and Clara Zimmerman Foundation scholarship for students pursuing a health-related degree, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu scholarship for academic excellence, and the Dr. Wong scholarship for aspiring dentists. He has worked several different jobs from waiter to office assistant but always continued his dental education. He continues to volunteer his time to Dental Care with a Heart, a group which supplies dental care to those who cannot afford it.



ing a graduate degree, the Dr. Hans and Clara Zimmerman Foundation scholarship for students pursuing a health-related degree, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu scholarship for academic excellence, and the Dr. Wong scholarship for aspiring dentists. He has worked several different jobs from waiter to office assistant but always continued his dental education. He continues to volunteer his time to Dental Care with a Heart, a group which supplies dental care to those who cannot afford it.

Reverend H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Cynthia Nishiguchi
Monterey JAACL
University of Michigan
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Public Health, Epidemiology

Biographical Information:

Cynthia has been an active member of the UC Berkeley and University of Michigan campuses. She is currently a member of the Michigan School of Public Health Student Association and Cultural Diversity Student group. At UC Berkeley, she held leadership roles in the Tomodachi Club, Sigma Omicron Phi sorority and Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. She has also volunteered her time as a group fitness instructor for the



American Council on Exercise and as a speaker for the American Heart Association's community outreach heart-healthy nutrition presentations. Her academic awards include a CAL Alumni Japanese American scholarship, Church of Wayfarer scholarship, Pacific Grove United Methodist Church scholarship, and a local Monterey JACL scholarship.



Ryoko has been an active community member of the greater Detroit area. She served as a board member for the Detroit JACL

and on the University of Michigan diversity panel, regarding graduate students of color. Along with her community work, Ryoko has also earned numerous academic honors as well as the publication of her research in education. Her honors include the Rackham Merit fellowship from the University of Michigan, the presidential scholarship from Loyola University and a JACL undergraduate scholarship in fine arts.

Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Ryoko Yamaguchi
Detroit JACL
University of Michigan
Level of Study: Graduate
Field of Study: Education Studies, Administration & Policy

Biographical Information:

Undergraduates

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Scholarship

Hideyoshi Delgado
Arizona JACL
University of Arizona
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Software Engineering

Biographical Information:

Hideyoshi has been awarded several scholarships including the JACL Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship, the dean's list — top 12 in the engineering department, Engineering Student of the Year and Wassaja Scholar which is awarded for volunteer work in the Native American community. His university activities include the Student Enrichment Program, Minority Engineering Program, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and the Future Farmers of America. His community activities include the Japan American Society, Student Enrichment Program, and the Native American Student Affairs.

Bradley has received several honors and scholarships over the past years. These awards include the San Mateo JACL scholarship, the San Mateo JACL Lessons Learned from History essay competition, Santa Clara University music and honors scholarships and San Mateo High School salutatorian. His interest in music has led him to participate in the Santa Clara University Jazz Ensemble, Santa Clara University Orchestra and Red Hat Band. His community activities include the Eastside Project where he volunteered for the East San Jose community, and the Caterpillar Company where he entertained senior citizens at convalescent homes.



San Mateo High School salutatorian. His interest in music has led him to participate in the Santa Clara University Jazz Ensemble, Santa Clara University Orchestra and Red Hat Band. His community activities include the Eastside Project where he volunteered for the East San Jose community, and the Caterpillar Company where he entertained senior citizens at convalescent homes.

Sam Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Suyehara
South Bay JACL
UC Davis
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Biological Sciences

Biographical Information:

Kelly has received several scholarships including the Kiichi Egashira Memorial and the UC Davis Jastro Memorial. She has worked throughout the college as the closing shift manager at Coffee Cartel and the lead shift manager at the Surf City Squeeze. More recently, she works at the UC Davis Avian Research facility where she makes behavioral observations and handles parrots. She has also volunteered at the Los Angeles Zoo's Koala House, and the Advanced Veterinary Care Center.



Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Iwafuchi
Sacramento JACL
Santa Clara University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Business

Biographical Information:

Ashley has received several honors including the Christian Brothers Scholar Program scholarship winner, Coca Cola Scholar Program national semi-finalist, presidential scholar from the University of San Diego, Bank of America liberal arts student of the year, and JACL East Lawn



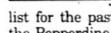
Mortuary Memorial Park scholarship. Her community activities include the Wellspring Homeless Women Shelter where she helps cook meals, Wellspring Golf Tournament where she served various roles, and St. Roberts school graduation where she played the piano.

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Jared Jones
Placer County JACL
Pepperdine University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Business

Biographical Information:

Jared has excelled in academics and community service during high school and currently in college. His honors include the Phi Eta Sigma national honor society, Alpha Chi national honor society and the Pepperdine University dean's list for the past three years. At the Pepperdine University Business Colloquium, he was selected to develop a program for student enrichment and mentoring with CEOs and alumni for the business division. His volunteer activities include School on Wheels program where Pepperdine students visit homeless shelters, tutoring students who are having trouble in school, and tutoring deaf students in advanced calculus and economics.



Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship

Gordon Au
Sacramento JACL
UC Berkeley
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Molecular and Cell Biology

Biographical Information:

Gordon has received numerous academic awards including UC Berkeley Regents' scholarship, Schwab-Rosenhouse scholarship, Sacramento JACL chapter scholarship and the UC Berkeley dean's list for the past three years. At UC Berkeley, he volunteers as a musical mentor for UC Jazz where he provides instruction and guidance to students. He also performs in the Wednesday Big Band, UC Jazz Sextet and the UC Jazz Quintet. He also volunteers for the Regents' and Chancellor's Scholars Association and as music camp counselor.



Nobuko R. Kodama Fong Memorial Scholarship

Melanie Honma
San Francisco JACL
Kyoto University, Japan
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Japanese Literature

Biographical Information:

Melanie has received several scholarships over the years. Most recently, she was awarded the Regents' scholarship at UC Berkeley and the National Security Education Program scholarship for overseas study. She also has extensive military experience

ranging from NSA Document Exploitation, where she translated highly technical documents, to U.S.-Japan Bilateral Military Exercises, where she served as interpreter and cultural facilitator between the U.S. Army and Japan Ground National Defense Forces. Her community involvement includes Tom Ammannio for Mayor campaign volunteer, San Francisco school volunteers classroom tutor, and Amnesty International member.



Kenji Kajiwara Memorial Scholarship

David Eldred
Snake River JACL
International Budo University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Language/Judo

Biographical Information:

David had an outstanding high school career and continues his success into college. In his senior year in high school he served his school as student body president and class of 1999 valedictorian. He received the University of Idaho top scholar award and the Ashland English Department scholarship. One of his real passions is the study of judo. He has won several awards and placed very high in competitions. In 1999, he was awarded high school All-American and academic All-American. He has also won the Fighting Spirit Award from United States Judo, Inc., and the Quentin Gregory Memorial Award.

Alice Yuriko Endo Memorial Scholarship

Jason Tajima
New England JACL
Harvard University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Psychology

Biographical Information:

Jason has received several scholarships and awards for his academic achievements. These include the JACL Mitsuyuki



Yonemura Memorial scholarship, the Harvard University dean's award and dean's list, Harvard University President's

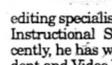
scholarship, Bank of America Award and the CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year regional award. He also has worked as a research assistant in a psychology lab and the ads manager for WHRB 95.3, Harvard's radio station. His community activities include *Rafu Shimpo* staff writer and the Harmony Program where Harvard students give music lessons to children at local schools.

Kyutaro & Yasuo Abiko Memorial Scholarship

Brent Anbe
Honolulu JACL
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Communications

Biographical Information:

Brent has continued to achieve academic success and has been on the University of Hawaii at Manoa dean's list for the past three years. He also has been very active in the field of communications as a multimedia technician and video editing specialist at the Center for Instructional Support. More recently, he has worked for the Student and Video Filmmakers Association, assisting in the shooting/editing of video projects shown on Olelo, Hawaii Public Access TV, and *UH Magazine*. He also serves as the head production assistant for Zang Pictures, Inc. His volunteer activities include tutor/instructor for Faith in Action for Community Equity, camera operator for KHET-Public Broadcasting Station, and a volunteer for both The Life Foundation/L.K.O.N. and the Honolulu Gay and Lesbian Foundation. ■



Call for Entries: NJAHS High School Creative Arts Competition

The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) recently announced its arts and essay contest titled "Locked in, Locked out: Linking Japanese American Internment to Your Rights Today." This competition is open to all Northern California high school students, ages 18 and under.

During World War II, the federal government ordered the removal of all Japanese Americans living on the West Coast and their detention in concentration camps. This act, a violation of the Constitution, still reverberates today. Or does it? Is the incarceration of JAs simply a past event that cannot be repeated? Can the internment be related to other instances of constitutional violations? If one individual or group's rights are violated, how does that affect all Americans?

Students are encouraged to express their feelings or thoughts about the internment and civil rights today in an essay, spoken word/poetry piece or visual art. "Locked in, Locked out" is comprised of three categories: traditional essay, spoken word/poetry and visual art. Cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$100 will be awarded in each category. Win-

ning entries will be selected based on their ability to express an understanding of issues surrounding the internment, originality, effectiveness of expression and technical mastery. Winning entries in each category will be displayed at the NJAHS in conjunction with an internment camp exhibition. The contest deadline is Dec. 1, at 5 p.m.

Students are welcome to enter as individuals or as groups. "This would make a wonderful class project," said NJAHS executive director Rosalyn Tbnai.

She also noted that both the NJAHS office and Web site are valuable resources for students and teachers wanting to learn more about the internment and other aspects of JA history. The NJAHS Web site is located at www.njahs.org/.

"Locked in, Locked out" is co-sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, KPXX TV and is a California Civil Liberties Public Education Project.

The NJAHS is located at 1684 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. For more information or to receive an official entry form, contact the NJAHS at 415-921-5007 or njahs@njahs.org. ■

Yoshiko Tanaka Memorial Scholarship

Gayna Nakajo
Honolulu JACL
UC Berkeley
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Legal Studies

Biographical Information:

Gayna has received several honors including the National Merit State Farm Insurance Companies scholarship, Ling Hou Hing Society Scholarship and the National Honor Society. Her university activities include the vice president of the UC Berkeley Hawaii Club and employee at the local Jamba Juice. Her community activities include Americorps academic mentor volunteer at Emerson Elementary School Healthy Start Program, Murphy Elementary School volunteer, tutor, and private English tutor for a young Japanese girl.

Mari & James Michener Scholarship

Bradley Okamoto
San Mateo JACL
Santa Clara University
Level of Study: Undergraduate
Field of Study: Music, Business, Communications
Biographical Information:

COMMENTARY

Community Rallies Support for Bob Bratt

By NIKKEI FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND REDRESS

Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR) urges Congress to investigate the actions of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) inspector general in the handling of Robert Bratt, former administrator of the Office of Redress Administration under DOJ.

Just as in the case of Dr. Wen Ho Lee, government agents could not substantiate key allegations against Bratt. After a three-and-a-half year investigation, officials came up with no criminal charges against Bratt. Their final report merely made recommendations for systemic changes in the DOJ's criminal division.

We feel strongly about the honorable character of Bob Bratt whom NCR has been in contact with for more than 12 years of the redress program. All who have had the privilege of knowing him, are shocked to hear of Bratt's treatment by the IG and the DOJ for whom he has been working diligently for over 22 years.

The IG's treatment of Bratt is outrageous. It is reminiscent of our government's tactics of unheeding civil rights by excluding and in-

cluding Japanese Americans during World War II.

The IG has interrogated Bratt about his dating and sexual habits (even asking about his sexual orientation), and also questioned his neighbors about female guests to Bratt's home.

Throughout the redress program, we were pleased with Bratt's openness to community input and his genuine concern for the needs of former internees and evacuees. He actively sought the ORA position because of his determination to deliver justice to the JA community.

Under Bratt's leadership, the ORA conducted numerous community meetings across the nation. Bratt was kind and patient with each Issei and Nisei he interviewed, although he may have had difficulties understanding the limited English of some of the former internees.

In addition, Bratt played a vital role in getting the presidential apology letter issued during the Bush Administration, and helped organize the historic October 1990 ceremony in Washington, D.C., where Attorney General Richard Thornburgh knelt before one of the oldest surviving internees to deliver the first redress check.

Bratt also organized other such memorable ceremonies in several other cities in the ensuing weeks.

We are certain that the success of the redress program was attributable to Bratt's diligence, excellent administrative skills and selection of an able staff.

Although Bratt officially left the ORA in 1992, he continued to serve as a consultant throughout the 1990s, and took calls whenever a difficult redress case arose. A good example is the Hawaii cases where redress was eventually provided to this group.

In August 1998, when Bratt flew out to Los Angeles to receive NCR's Friend of the Community Award, he had just come out of an exhaustive questioning session with the IG. The inquisition continued for two more years.

NCR supports Bratt not only for his past commitment to the JA community but also because this is another example of the government's abuse of power which cries out for justice.

NCR urges the following that Congress seek an inquiry into the IG's actions: an apology from the IG to repair Bratt's reputation; and reparations for the financial toll this has caused Bratt. ■

that we did. Individually, maybe I should start doing a little acting myself," he joked.

Meanwhile, veteran actor James Shigeta, a Hawaii native, received the first-ever Ammies Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in such productions as "Flower Drum Song" and "A Bridge to the Sun," the true story of a World War II romance between a Japanese man and a Caucasian woman, for which he won a Foreign Press Award (now the Golden Globe).

While Shigeta made inroads for today's generation of AA performers in Hollywood, fellow veteran actor Jack Ong, this year's recipient of the gMedia/ADVP Action Award, was instrumental in paving the way towards greater inclusion of minorities on-screen.

"This award is poetically very fitting because it was given to me by gMedia for my part in taking action and standing up and demanding equal rights in the media for Asian Americans and for people of color throughout the country," said Ong. "We think it is time for the networks to start portraying the American scene on the public airwaves — that is, the America with people of all colors, the America of all ethnic persuasions and sexual identities."

Describing the fact that there were no AAs in a leading role on network television last year, Ong circulated an online petition which resulted in the formation of the Asian American Coalition for Total Inclusion on the Networks (AACTION). He and other media activists demanded the hiring of more minorities in front of and behind the camera to more accurately represent the diversity of America.

"Now, ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC have appointed vice presidents for

diversity," Ong reported. "That's one step, and I think when you see the new TV season, we will see a few more Asian American faces."

Lauren Tom, six months pregnant and due to star in a new sitcom called "DAG" with Delta Burke, said what sets the Ammies apart from other awards shows is that it's not so much about competition. "It feels much more like a community. It feels like we're all in this together."

The Ammy Awards initially debuted in 1994, but not in the format of a live show. The short list of recipients was Move of the Year, "The Joy Luck Club"; Director of the Year, Wayne Wang; Actor of the Year, Jason Scott Lee; and Actress of the Year, Gong Li.

In fact, the Ammies join a growing contingent of minority-specific live awards shows, including the Latino ALMO Awards and the black Image Awards, which honor the talent in their respective communities.

According to Jeff Yang, CEO of gMedia and editor of gMagazine, Ammy winners are voted on by the audience much like the People's Choice Awards. Nominations were sent in via mail, e-mail and the Web at www.aonline.com.

"Our decision to produce these awards was motivated by a desire to celebrate our community's artists and performers — individuals who have managed to succeed despite a general lack of support from the mainstream entertainment establishment," said Yang.

"In this spirit, these awards haven't been selected by us, but by gMagazine's readers and gOnline's users. Over 2,500 votes were cast in our inaugural Ammy Awards survey. The winners of the Ammies reflect the people's choice." ■

honor. After 50 years, you really didn't know what to expect."

Oshima said she believes her brother, who graduated from Garfield High School and attended the University of Washington at the time of evacuation, would be "very pleased" with the current efforts to recognize his valor. "The Nisei, we were very loyal to the United States," she said, but more importantly, "hopefully, a lesson can be learned by everyone."

The Seattle JACL and Lake Washington YACL joined the cities of Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland, which unanimously passed resolutions in early October supporting the Nakamura courthouse effort. Similar resolutions were passed by the Seattle City Council and the King County Council.

Additional organizations which have voiced support include the Nisei Veterans Committee, Seattle chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Northwest chapter

of the Military Intelligence Service, Seattle Times editorial board and the Mercer Island, Renton and Lake Washington YFV Posts.

The bill, H.R. 6302, was introduced into the House by Rep. Jim McDermott and has been co-sponsored by the eight other members of the Washington congressional delegation. An identical bill, S. 3109, was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Patty Murray and has been co-sponsored by Sen. Slade Gorton as well as Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and J. Robert Kerrey, D-Nebr.

Although Finley said the bill has "a little horsepower behind it" with the participation of Inouye and Kerrey, both U.S. senators who have received the Medal of Honor, he is unsure whether it will reach the Senate. "The issue is, is there enough time for the Senate to address this bill before it ad-

The Senpai Gumi

LATE ONE EVE in the spring of 1989 Mike Masaoka phoned and asked that I take on the presidency of a Nikkei veterans group named "Go for Broke National Veterans Association."



By BILL MARUTANI

East Wind

something about my military service being with the MIS (Military Intelligence Service), not with the 442nd; I should not be heading up a group whose name included "Go For Broke." Mike replied "not to worry" and our conversation concluded with my agreeing to proceed to Reno for at least a look-see. Mike closed with a comment to keep expenses down because our treasury was modest. "Translation: all expenses — travel, hotel, meals, toll calls, postage, etc. — are on your own." The fiscal verity of that translation applied to all members as well as officers, a practice which held for the ensuing decade and subsists to this day.

AT RENO I boarded the airport bus headed for the Comstock. Looking around I see a fellow Nikkei whom I hadn't seen for a spell: Hitoshi "Mike" Shimizu. It was the first of the many meetings that were to follow, often four times a year. Mike, a C.P.A. (certified public accountant) by profession, was the exchequer of the outfit, a critical role that he faithfully continues to discharge to this date.

Reno had not been totally unfamiliar to me. The first time I saw the self-proclaimed "Biggest Little City in the World" was in the fall of 1942. From the Tulelake internment camp, I had traveled by bus to board a train at Reno with my ultimate destination being a Methodist college in the Midwest. The second and third times I went to Reno were in the mid-1970s to attend courses at the national judicial college for rookie judges, to learn the do's and don'ts in man-

aging a courtroom.

SO NOW here I was on my fourth visit to Reno, attending a gathering of Nisei veterans whose goal I learned, much to my astonishment, was nothing less than establishment of a memorial on federal land in our nation's capital: a memorial to forever consecrate the spirit of commitment demonstrated by our Issei and their offspring during the World War II era. Nobly inspired as the project may be, and passing aside the monumental task of yet another fund drive for millions of dollars — did this group of veterans comprehend the monumental task they were placing upon themselves? That aside from the immediate environs of the Arlington Cemetery, no military units or contemporaneous ethnic group are identified on any memorial or monument? Didn't these GFB/NVA folks understand that their dream of the Nikkei memorial in our nation's capital — to state it plainly — was impossible, it can't be done?

A TERM known to all MIS folks is *senpai*, meaning "elder, predecessor, senior." In fact, GFB/NVA member Dick Oguro, who was with the Hawaiian contingent of the 442nd but transferred to the MIS training at Camp Savage becoming the first class to graduate therefrom — wrote a tome titled "Senpai-Gumi" (loosely translated "The Original Gang"). The GFB/NVA crew (our "senpai-gumi") doggedly stayed with the project through thick and thin; and when the Nikkei memorial project was turned over to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, there was included a transfer of some \$100,000 to jumpstart the project.

Mike Masaoka kept the dimming embers of hope for the project alive. Thanks go to those GFB/NVA members, the folks who didn't know that the memorial project couldn't be done. Also thanks to the members of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation who took up the baton and brought us to the goal.

Next month, on Nov 9 in Washington, D.C., there will be the dedication ceremony consecrating the Nikkei memorial. As our Issei might put it: *Yoku-yatta-kure-ta*. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

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"The Asian American community has been very supportive," she said, in an emotional acceptance speech. "There's a lot of frustrations, a lot of difficulties, but we should persevere and never forget where we came from."

Well known for her role as Ling on Fox's "Ally McBeal," Liu was nominated last year for an Emmy as Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series. She can be seen this November co-starring with Drew Barrymore and Cameron Diaz in the Columbia Pictures feature film "Charlie's Angels."

Other Ammy winners included Best Male Actor in a Cinematic Production, Chow Yun Fat ("Anna and the King"); Best Female Actor in a Televised Production, Kelly Hu ("Martial Law"); Best Male Actor in a Televised Production, Dustin Nguyen ("VIP"); Best Documentary, "Young Asian Rising! Breaking Down Violence Against Women" (ADVP Video Team); and Best Hollywood Picture, "The Sixth Sense" (M. Night Shyamalan).

Koji Oka, whose "Young Asian Rising!" beat out front-runner "Rabbit in the Moon" for best documentary, was shocked that his collaborative team won the award. "It's an incredible feeling. We weren't expecting it at all," he said.

Oka coordinated the film project along with eight other youths as part of a domestic violence prevention program in the Bay Area. "This is our first award. It's unreal, seeing all the stars, and it just kind of inspires me to continue the work

NAKAMURA

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federal officials to get the courthouse named after him.

"Here's a guy who was a war hero who saved the life of his platoon not once but twice in one day. He was denied justice once while his family was interned, and 56 years later he was denied justice again," Finley said. "It's just such a compelling story."

As a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Nakamura was one of 20 JAes whose Distinguished Service Crosses were upgraded to Medals of Honor, the nation's highest military award. Only seven of the 22 recent recipients are still surviving.

Nakamura's only surviving sister, June Oshima, of El Monte, Calif., accepted the medal from President Clinton on her brother's behalf, saying, "It was quite an

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COMMENTARY

Wyoming Reconciles

By IKE HATCHIMONJI

An unprecedented letter of healing from Gov. Jim Geringer of Wyoming and co-signed by James L. Milburn, mayor of the city of Powell, Wyo., was delivered to more than 600 attendees of the Heart Mountain, Wyo., concentration camp reunion held in Seattle on Sept. 16.

The letter was read by David R. Reetz, chair of the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation board. The letter, dated Aug. 30, read as follows:

"Dear Former Heart Mountain Camp Residents and Families: "We wish to acknowledge the difficulties and hardships faced by internees and the lack of consideration given to those at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.

"In reviewing the historical records from 1943 and 1944, we are all saddened to see the negative sentiments and restrictions that elected officials imposed during that time. Those officials felt compelled to adopt and enforce regulations on the internees housed at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center between Powell and Cody.

"We do not judge and cannot rectify those official decisions and actions that took place in the 40's knowing that we cannot change history, but we can learn from the past.

"Today our citizens understand more clearly that each one of us is entitled to the rights of freedom, equality, and justice, regardless of ancestry. It is our hope and prayer that a similar situation is never repeated, and that we can work together to see that it does not happen again."

To place this letter in its proper context and to appreciate its significance, it is useful to look back

in history to the early months of 1942. At that time, several western states, including Wyoming, were under consideration by the U.S. government as possible sites for concentration camps for Japanese Americans.

The background source of what follows comes from a book co-edited by Professor Roger Daniels, "Japanese Americans — from Relocation to Redress." It reads in part: "Republican governor of Wyoming Nels Smith protested against the plan to send 'alien Japanese' evacuees from the West Coast to Wyoming, and a leading Republican expressed fear 'that if the government sends these Japs to Wyoming now, we will have them on our hands after the war is over, and Wyoming instead of California will have a Jap problem.' ... He (Smith) boasted of telling a delegation of Japanese who had allegedly come to see him that 'if they bought any land, there would be Japs hanging from every pine tree.' All Japanese, he insisted, should be kept in 'concentration camps'."

"One couple from Buffalo, Wyoming, stated, 'there should be separate camps for men and women,' suggesting there would be 'deprivational genocide' of the Japanese race. 'We don't need any more little Japs' they said. ... Even the state government passed legislation in 1943 specifically directed at the Japanese. One measure denied the vote to any citizen interned in a relocation center or a concentration camp and the other was a California-type alien land act (prohibiting land ownership) except that it excluded 'Chinese nationals' from its provisions."

The U.S. Congress Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) determined in 1988 that the removal and incarceration of the Japanese

population from the West Coast was caused by wartime hysteria, race prejudice and a failure of the political leadership of the country. The CWRIC conclusions could also apply to what took place in states such as Wyoming, which, with a predominantly white population, had little or no contact with Asians.

With anti-Japanese propaganda inundating the American people, for Wyoming the sudden influx of over 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry whose country of origin was that of the enemy was alarming. In addition, Heart Mountain suddenly became the third most populous city in the state, generating a fear of these unknown people. Gov. Smith, acting on his political instincts, fanned the flames of racial bigotry. While politicians enacted anti-Japanese legislation, city councils passed resolutions that fostered popular bigotry against a people believed to be the enemy.

Gov. Geringer's honesty in expressing his state's *mea culpa* for the mistakes of the past comes as a gesture of reconciliation that hopefully expresses the feelings of most Wyomingites. The letter demonstrates the governor's courage and sense of justice. It stands in marked contrast to the hostility of a former governor whose bigotry was focused on an innocent group of people who were forced to be in his state against their will.

The efforts of the HMWF in obtaining the letter of healing is commendable. Following the letter of apology from President Bush after the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, it seems appropriate for a governor who knows the history of his state to reconcile the mistakes of the past. One may even consider the possibility of apologies from other states where camps were located and anti-Japanese feelings prevailed.

The foundation's mission is "educational opportunities for ourselves and all citizens of the world toward understanding what happened, why it happened, and the constitutional implications." Mr.

Reetz was fulfilling the foundation's mission.

For all who were interned and all Americans, the expression of regret of a governor for wrongful

acts committed in the past is admirable and should be considered as a sincere act of reconciliation for those who spent those dark years at Heart Mountain. ■

Other Camp Updates

HEART MOUNTAIN

Teacher Training: The Wyoming Department of Education, Northwest College of Powell and the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation (HMWF) recently sponsored a teacher training workshop titled, "The Japanese American Experience: A Cultural Diversity Training Workshop for K-12 Educators."

Mako Nakagawa of Seattle conducted the workshop at which teachers were able to receive Wyoming re-certification credit and/or undergraduate credit. Panelists included former internees Ruth Hashimoto, Tak Hoshizaki, Kara Kondo, Doug Sagara and Bacon Sakatani.

The next teacher training workshop will be in Cheyenne, Wyo., from June 21-23. • Honor Roll: Bacon Sakatani has been compiling names for the honor roll, but would appreciate everyone's help. The Bureau of Reclamation will store the honor roll until HMWF can build a replica displaying the names. HMWF hopes to dedicate the honor roll on Memorial Day 2001. To contact Sakatani call him at 626-338-8310 or e-mail <baconsakat@aol.com>.

• Archival Donations: HMWF board member LaDonna Zall has placed donated archives in the vault of the First National Bank in Powell for safekeeping until they can be placed on display. Recent donations came from former Heart Mountain teachers Irene Damme Radcliff and Marjorie Carter, who donated the *Sentinel* camp newspapers, school newspapers, school curriculums, pho-

tos and art objects.

• The Bureau of Reclamation is currently in the process of stabilizing existing buildings. Work is expected to be completed by mid-October.

• Web site: Diane Funada has put together an HMWF Web site, which can be accessed at <www.heartmountain.org>.

• Upcoming Projects: Projects in the works include purchasing a portion of the original camp land; building a learning center; recreating half of a block; incorporating a walking tour.

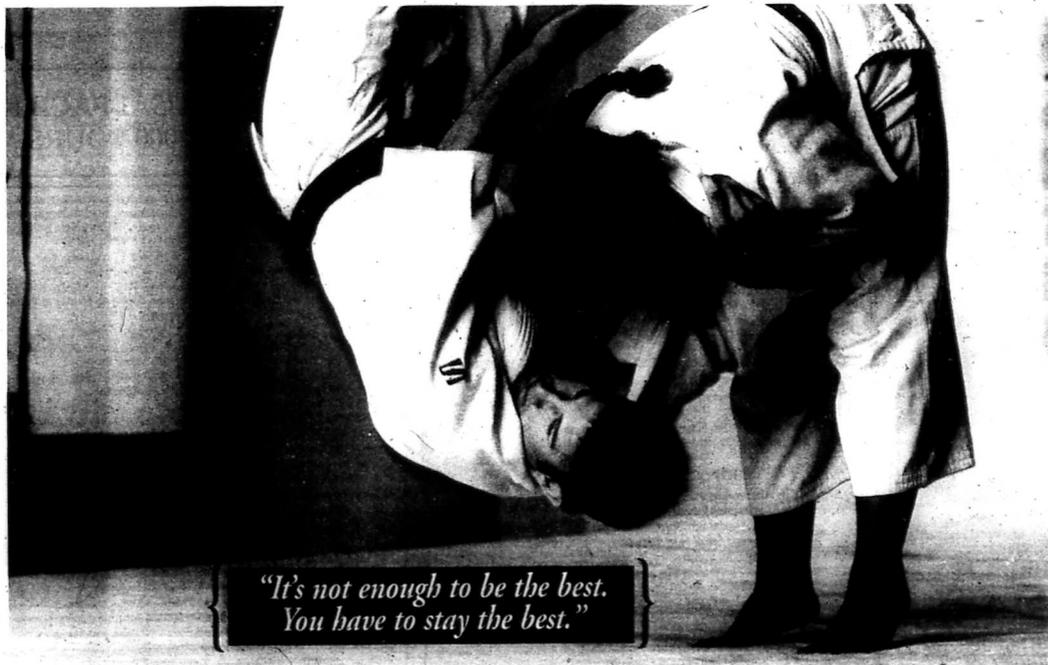
MANZANAR

• Personnel: Acting Superintendent Debbie Bird announced that they have received 20 applications for the superintendent position vacated by Ross Hopkins. The Manzanar Advisory Commission will assist the Park Service in selecting the next superintendent.

• Archival donations: Park Ranger Kari Coughlin reported that Yaeko Yokoyama, sister of the late Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Sadao Munemori, donated various photographs and the family's Blue Star banner. Jim Makino also donated shoulder pads.

• Personnel: Kristin Ohman was selected as the exhibit designer.

• The \$150,000 funding received in large part due to the efforts of California Assemblyman George Nakano will be used to replace the original barbed wiring around the camp; create a double-sided replica of the camp's front sign; and recreate the fencing around the cemetery. ■



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JACL National Board Meeting, Oct. 6-8

By **MARTEA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly elected JACL national board recently met at national headquarters on Oct. 6-8 for their last quarterly meeting for the year 2000. The following is a summary of the actions taken by the board.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Floyd Mori

• **Committees:** The education committee will be expanded into two separate entities (see education committee); the aging and senior issues committee will be revived; the U.S.-Japan committee will be reorganized; and a hate crimes task force, headed by Lori Fujimoto and Bill Yoshino, will be formed.

• **Fund-raising:** There will be quarterly meetings with the finance committee to discuss fund-raising activities. If there are any issues of concern, the finance committee will bring it to the national board.

David Kawamoto made a motion to formalize this process, seconded by John Hayashi. The motion carried.

• **Grading Legislators:** Mori feels

the JACL needs to speak out more vigorously, and one possible way is to institute a system to grade the performances of legislators.

• **Non-traditional Issues:** Mori believes JACL should look at issues not traditionally tackled by JACL such as ADA and violence against women.

• **Presidential Citation:** With this award Mori will recognize "unsung heroes," the people who help JACL but are not recognized. He urged chapters to contact him with names.

• **Accessibility:** Mori said he plans to make himself available as much as possible to the membership, and has been visiting various districts and chapters during the past few months. However, he has been unable to meet with the veterans' groups as much as he would like to.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT — John Tateishi

• **Fund-raising:** Tateishi reported that JACL, like other national organizations, is in a tight financial situation due to membership attrition, and will be working closely with Donna Okubo, membership/fund development director, to increase non-membership revenue for JACL.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Art Koga

• **Legacy Fund:** The fund as of Aug. 31 was at \$8.3 million but since the value of the fund fluctuates depending on the market, it is difficult to predict how much the Legacy Fund will total on Dec. 31.

An ad hoc committee met on Aug. 26 to discuss how to distribute the Legacy Fund. Members who were present included Mori, Koga,

Kawamoto, Hayashi, Tateishi, Clyde Izumi and Alan Nishi.

The committee recommended the following:

1) Retain all programs as budgeted with the addition of the costs of resolutions.

2) Adjust revenue sources to meet additional budget requirements resulting from the elimination of the proposed dues increase, resolutions, increased Legacy grants and increased Legacy chapter rebates.

3) Excess appreciation from the Legacy Fund should be distributed in the following order:

Tier I — adjustment of salaries
Tier II — curriculum guide, teacher training workshops, JACL redress history project and hate crimes task force

Tier III — Program for Action and youth brochures
Tier IV — archiving and codifying JACL records

Ken Inouye requested an opportunity to discuss the feasibility of using the Legacy grant monies to replenish the reserve funds and to allow the P.C. to return to a weekly. Matthew Nakata requested that youth activities be given higher priority. Koga said the three additional requests will be discussed by the finance committee, comprised of Koga, Mori and Tateishi.

Gary Mayeda moved to postpone the discussion to the February board meeting. Seconded by Larry Grant. Motion carried.

• **Adjustment to Investment Policy:** Two amendments were made to the investment policy. Motion to accept the first amendment was made by Reiko Parker, seconded by Hayashi. The motion to accept the second amendment was made by Marie Matsunami, seconded by Elaine Akagi. Both motions carried.

• Akagi made the motion to au-

thorize the investment account by title, not by name. Seconded by David Kawamoto. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT — Karen-Liane Shiba

• **Legacy Fund Program:** Of 150 applications sent out to chapter presidents, they received 18 completed applications. They expect to make an announcement by Dec. 1.

• **2002 National Convention Committee:** The focus has been on the organizational aspect. The committee has been meeting once a month, and their latest meeting was held on Oct. 18.

• **New Personnel:** Andrea Aldridge has been hired on as executive assistant to Tateishi.

• **Scholarships:** Jackie Kuwada, national youth director, reported cosmetic and procedural changes in the scholarship application process. They now require applicants to be individual members rather than applying through their parents' or grandparents' membership.

But the board struck down a second procedural change, and the current process of initially screening applicants at the chapter level will remain.

Kuwada also said they are working on a publication which will examine the last 20 years of the scholarship program.

• **Education Committee:** Committee Chair Akagi feels the curriculum guide needs to be reprinted to include information on the newly named Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Japanese Latin Americans, resisters of conscience, Japanese Americans in Alaska, etc. The estimated cost is \$50,000, which Akagi said was a general number to cover printing and personnel.

Tateishi said while there were no funds available to hire new staff they are in the process of examining how to get the curriculum guide updated. He and Mori said they have been talking to two graduate students, who may be interested in assisting on this project.

Meanwhile, Mori feels there is a need to create a separate education committee — one to focus on the curriculum guide and teacher-training workshops, and a second

to address other issues such as higher education, glass ceilings, Asian American Studies, etc. He does not expect this new committee to impact the 2001 budget other than covering for conference calls and one meeting. He plans to appoint a chair soon.

NATIONAL YOUTH/STUDENT COUNCIL — Matthew Nakata

• **Youth Conference:** Nakata reported that the national youth/student council plans to hold a conference in Seattle, from July 13-15. Their goal is to have 200 youths or 25 youth representatives from each district.

They will not be joining the Nikkei 2000/Ties That Bind group, which approached the JACL youth group about holding a joint conference. Nakata explained that the youth council feels the Nikkei 2000/Ties That Bind targeted California college students, and they wanted to go beyond that.

GENERAL OPERATIONS — David Kawamoto

• **2002 National Convention Logo:** Kawamoto presented to the board a number of logos recommended by the convention planning committee. He moved to approve a logo, seconded by Larry Grant. The motion passed with one no vote.

• **Post 2000 National Convention Report:** Convention Chair Larry Oda said they had a total of 759 attendees registered for the convention, which was above the expected figure of 600 people. He credited the hard working volunteers and the high caliber of the speakers for the convention's success.

Preliminary financial figures indicated that the convention cost \$180,000 and came in under budget than the projected \$204,000.

• **Web Site:** PSWD Regional Director Beth Au reported that they hope to have a new web developer and designer by mid-October to improve JACL's home page and to allow the Web site to get picked up by search engines.

MEMBERSHIP AND FUND-RAISING — Gary Mayeda

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NATIONAL BOARD

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bring in close to \$1 million or 55 percent of JACL's revenue, and Tateishi hopes to reverse this so the bulk of JACL's revenue will come from external sources.

To do this, Tateishi said it will take some time since JACL will need to increase their exposure to the public and to funders. One way he hopes to interest funders is to publicize JACL's newly formed hate crimes task force, headed by former national board member Lori Fujimoto and Midwest District Regional Director Bill Yoshino.

"It's now going but we're optimistic," said Tateishi, who added that he would appreciate any corporate contacts that members can forward to the national office. ■



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OBITUARY

Japan JAACL Stalwart Ted Shigeno

Ted Shigeno, Japan JAACL chapter's "permanent" membership chair and a man who worked behind the scene to keep the chapter humming all these past two-decades, died suddenly of a stroke on Sept. 26.

PSWDC JAACL Ed Mitoma, longtime U.S.-Japan Relations Committee chair, noted Shigeno's e-mails had stopped abruptly and later was told that he was hospitalized but it was not life-threatening. Then came word from his son, Tadashi, that he suffered a stroke and had expired.

Shigeno's concerns in U.S.-Japan affairs included the U.S.-Japan security treaty, U.S. bases in Okinawa, a program for annual Japan visits for leaders of JAACL, concern for minorities in

Japan and comments on the workings of Japanese government. "He was someone who would come up with news and positions that we of JAACL should be considering," said Mitoma.

Shigeno was in Japan with the U.S. Army occupation forces, stayed on in Japan, married, had five sons and worked for Japanese securities companies. They settled in Hayama, a resort town in Kanagawa. His wife had died several years ago, so he was left to raise all his sons. He retired several years ago and last year had a pacemaker installed because of a heart problem. When he would visit the Los Angeles area, he would stay with his sister, Flo (Mits) Kawagoye in Torrance. ■

Judge Kenneth Saruwatari, 78

Retired Oahu District Judge Kenneth Saruwatari, 78, a veteran of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, died Sept. 9 in Honolulu. A Purple Heart and Bronze Star medalist, he reached the rank of sergeant.

After the war, Saruwatari attended the University of Hawaii, where he met his future wife, Vi-

van. They were married in Philadelphia in 1949.

He earned his law degree at Rutgers University, worked as a lawyer and served as a judge until retiring in 1986.

Also surviving are sons Kenn, Jonn, two grandchildren, sisters Mikiko Kishida and Evelyn Fujishige. ■

WEB SITE

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take away from the issues of the campaign—I am not the one who took money from Johnny Chung," he said.

Word of Felando's Web site spread quickly throughout the AA community, which prompted angry responses from several individuals and organizations who view the site as blatantly racist. "This is the worst kind of racism," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi. "It plays on the worst kind of xenophobic fears."

Fellow state Assemblyman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, who is currently running for a federal House seat, echoed the charges of racism and condemned Felando for his portrayal of Nakanos.

"As Mr. Nakanos's colleague, and as an Asian American, I am deeply offended by Felando's Web site which exhibits a desperate, shallow and fear-mongering candidate blatantly displaying stereotypes reminiscent of the most ignorant, asinine, vile, immoral Neanderthal of California's past," he said.

Nakanos is a fifth degree black belt in the traditional martial art of kendo and was a member of the U.S. Kendo Team in 1966. For Nakanos, the sport is an art form, said Tateishi, who also noted that the photo on Felando's Web site is the same one proudly displayed in the assemblyman's office. "George is proud of his culture and Felando turns it into a negative. He plays on racism and his accusations are purely racist."

Felando is also receiving criticism from members of his own party. Gary Hayakawa, president of Japanese American Republicans (JAR), said his group had previously donated \$500 to Felando's campaign but that JAR has never officially endorsed his campaign. They joined, with other AAs in condemning Felando's Web site.

"While it is up to the voters in the 53rd Assembly District to determine if Mr. Felando's allegations in regards to George Nakanos are accurate, JAR agrees with the opinion of the Japanese American Citizens League and others that the manner in which Felando presents the materials are highly offensive," said Hayakawa. "JAR strongly urges Mr. Felando to modify his Web site in a way that will not be offensive to Asian Americans or any other group."

Officials with the California Republican Party are currently reviewing the site, said state party spokesman Stuart DeVeaue. He added, the GOP has an "open-door policy" for people of all races.

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Felando accuses Nakanos of receiving \$10,000 in illegal campaign donations and also accuses him of receiving hefty donations from the automotive industry, and uses this to connect the assemblyman with the Japanese auto industry.

The issue of illegal campaign donations arose in 1994 during Nakanos's failed state Senate run when \$8,000 in donations were found to be from individuals later connected to the Democratic fundraising scandal. Nakanos emphasized that there was nothing illegal about the donations he received for his campaign and added that the monies were received "in good faith."

Nakanos believes the Web site illustrates that Felando does not truly understand the district he is campaigning to represent. "The vast majority [in the district] who see the Web site will be offended," he said.

The 53rd district is comprised of Venice, Manhattan Beach and Marina del Rey, and more importantly includes the area of Torrance, a city in which Nakanos served as a city council member for more than a decade and which makes up more than a third of the district. AAs in the district also have a high voter registration rate and of the AAs in the area, Japanese Americans make up the largest group.

The JACL plans to write a letter to Felando demanding an apology and removal of the Nakanos photo and accompanying text from the Web site. "He needs to look at his own way of thinking," said Tateishi. "This type of campaigning is the lowest form of campaigning."

But Felando has no intention of apologizing or removing anything from his campaign Web site, he said, and believes that the current controversy has improved his chances in the campaign. In fact, he plans to add more information about Nakanos to the site. "This has backed on them," said Felando. "They gave me a platform. People are now printing what I've been saying all along."

Recent campaign finance reports show Nakanos has \$53,628 on hand, compared with Felando's \$1,999. The California Target Book, a nonpartisan guide to state Assembly, Senate and congressional races, calls Felando's campaign a long shot.

AAs are being encouraged to voice their disapproval of the site and question Felando's decision to run the "samurai" photo and text. "Asian Americans across the country must step up and condemn Felando's tactics," said Honda. ■

Associated Press contributed to this story.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Abe, Satsuki, 93, Concord, Sept. 15, Villa Park-born; survived by son George T.; daughter Helen Y. Mori and husband Osamu (Concord); 4 g.; 2 g.g.; and brother Tadayoshi Onami and sister Masako Masumoto (both Hiroshima).

Endo, Michiyo Kobata, 87, Salt Lake City, Sept. 26; Hiroshima-born; survived by sons Jason and wife Shirley (Gardena), Jerry and wife Joyce (Santa Clara), Edward and wife Sherrine (Fresno); daughters Grace Matsumura (Roy, Utah), Linda Omori and husband Ron (Centerville, Utah), Stanley and wife Elaine (North Salt Lake); 13 g.; 5 g.g.; brothers Hiroshi, Jiro and Yoichi Kobata (all of Hiroshima); predeceased by husband Nobuo.

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Fujimori, Dr. John, 84, Stockton, Sept. 10; Calaveras County-born; survived by wife Caroline; son Steve and wife Latisha; daughter Catherine; 2 g.; sister Takako McLaughlin and husband Max.

Fukunaga, Haruko, 82, Los Angeles, Sept. 23; Oakland-born; survived by husband Kenneth; sons Fred Masakado and wife Christine; Thomas; 2 g.; brother Tsutomu Masaki and wife Bin; sister-in-law Yoshiko Fukunaga.

Hanabusa, Isamu, 66, Santa Monica, Sept. 25; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Masako; sons Masami and wife Shinko, Akira; mother Yoshiko Hanabusa; brother John Karu and wife Akiko; sister June O'Connor and husband Joseph; 1 g.; brother-in-law Masao Tobaru and wife Kiyomi.

Hosozawa, Sets, 69, Whittier, Sept. 28; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughter Lynn; sons Robert and wife Gail, Cal and wife Carrie; 6 g.; brother Jim Yokoyama and wife Sally; sister Kim Akizuki and husband Chi (San Jose).

Inouye, Atsushi, 83, Los Altos, Sept. 22; Fremont-born; survived by wife Kyo; son Victor; daughter Linda Tanaka and husband Bill (Beaverton, Ore.); 3 g.; brother Isao Inouye (Palo Alto); sister Kimiko Nomura (Los Angeles).

Ito, Yaeko, 92, Parlier, Sept. 16; Farmersville-born; survived by brother John Yukawa and wife Ruby (Reedley); sisters Peggy Suehiro (Monterey Park), Dorothy Katano (Euclid, Ohio); brother-in-law Ernest Sasaki and sister-in-law Gladys Yukawa (both Montebello); predeceased by husband Iwao Ernest, brothers Sam and Joe Yukawa and sister Tokiko Sasaki.

Kawamorita, Joe, 75, Hayward, Oct. 2; master auto mechanic, formerly of San Francisco; survived by wife Helen; stepdaughter Judy; 2 g.; brothers and sisters Dan, Eiko, Setsuko, Amy and Anna.

Kusumoto, Kajizo, 86, Freedom, Sept. 25; Gilroy-born; survived by wife Emiko; sons Roy Masakazu and wife JoAnn Sadako, Fred Kenzo, Leo Eizo and wife Sanae; brother Kajizo; 1 g.; 2 g.g.

Kawahara, Steve Nobuyuki, 74, Carson, Oct. 1; Gardena-born; survived by wife Toshiiko; son Ken S.; daughters Ann A. Takahashi and husband Gene, Yoko K. Nervik and husband Ole; 5 g.; brother Haik and wife Sadako; sisters Yoehiko Shiehido, Hayako Tanaka and husband Leo; sister-in-law Sakie Kawahara.

Maeda, Niyoue, 79, Monterey Park, Sept. 14; survived by husband Minoru; daughter Teeko Sasaki and husband Ken Ichiro; sons Kokiichi, Akira; 2 g.; 1 g.g.; sisters Fumi Ikeji, Haruyo Tokunaga; brother Akikazu Nakamura and wife (Japan); sister-in-law Sakae Nakamura (San Diego); Hisako Nohira; brother-in-law Ringoro Maeda

and wife (Japan).
Matsumoto, Susumu "Sam," 90, Lakeside, Sept. 29; survived by wife Matsuye; daughter Doris Deyin; son Harold Kazuo; sister Hazue Ota; brothers Jim and George; 4 g.; 7 g.g.

Miura, Matsu Ken, 70, Los Angeles, Sept. 26; Kumamoto-ken-born; survived by sons Steve and wife Donna (New York), James and Jonathan (both Japan); daughter Michiko Renner and husband Mark (New York); 2 g.; brother Hiroshi Miura and sisters Shizue Miyazaki and Torie Kobata (all Japan).

Morikawa, Larry Mitsuru, 81, Culver City, Oct. 2; Parlier-born; survived by son Mark and wife Hope (Culver City); daughter Karole Morikawa (Sunnyvale); 1 g.

Naito, Junko, 51, Redondo Beach, Sept. 27; Japan-born; survived by husband Mas; daughters Amy Takahana, Anna; son James; mother Akiko Takayama.

Nakagami, Rose, 84, Torrance, Sept. 24; Stockton-born; survived by son Jerry (Gardena); 2 g., 3 stepg.; 1 g.g.; predeceased by her husband.

Nakahiro, Toshio, 72, Pasadena, Sept. 18; survived by wife Yoshiko; son Steven; daughter Jean Peterson and husband Joel; 1 g.; brother Fumio and wife Kiyoko; sisters Mary Karasawa and husband Richard, Frances Tamura and husband Harry, Yoshiko Kanazawa and husband Keiji, Takako Suzuki and husband Victor.

Nishimoto, Keith, 81, Parlier, Aug. 3; WWII MIS veteran, Korean War veteran; survived by wife Masako "Mickey" Fujiki; daughters Judy Nishimoto (San Bruno), Joyce Wilkinson (Van Nuys); 1 g.

Nodohara, Koshima, 99, Lincoln, Sept. 12; Hiroshima-born; survived by sons Eugene K. and wife Hatsu, Shos, Takuso and wife Atsuko, Koso and wife Sachiko; son-in-law Isamu Yoshiko; 9 g.; 6 g.g.

Okamoto, Masato, 76, Goleta, Sept. 27.

Ota, Sueko, 76, Torrance, Sept. 24; Japan-born; survived by son Bill Ko and wife Janet; daughters Carol Yukie Takagi and husband Norborn, Grace Yuko Clipping and husband Bob; 2 g.; sister Haruko Saito (Japan); brothers-in-law George Susumu Ota and wife Masako, Tom Yoshio Ota and wife Sayoko (Sacramento), Ely Yoshito Ota and wife Nadra; sisters-in-law May Natsumi Sakai and husband Joe Hideo, Mary Haruko Ota (Va.).

Otsubo, Yutaka Roy, 81, Torrance, Oct. 2; Gardena-born; survived by wife Dorothy Asako; daughters Peggy Kuroyama and husband Don, Shirley Nunes and husband Gary; 3 g.; sisters and brother-in-law Kazuko Shibata, Sumiko Komori, Chohai Ogawa and his wife.

Purdy, Misako, 50, Camarillo, Sept. 22; Okinawa-born; formerly of Upland and Whittier; survived by husband Jerry; brothers and sisters in Okinawa: Junichi and Shigeo Yamakawa, Miekko Matsuo; mother-in-law Elaine Purdy (Monterey Park); sisters-in-law Loretta Clark (Oak Glen), Margaret Purdy (Alta Loma).

Sahara, Michie Sakai, 53, North Hollywood, Sept. 27; Tokyo-born Japanese jazz singer, vocal instructor and recording artist; survived by mother Masako Sakai; aunt Takako Sakai; many friends.

Shimogaki, Suzanne Endo, 40, Bakersfield, Sept. 27; survived by husband Ben Naoto; son Ryan; parents Hihiro and Helen Chiyeo Endo; brothers David Endo and wife Debbie, William Endo and wife Wendy; Andrew Endo; sisters Catherine Chuck and husband Kent, Margaret Shimada and husband Ken, Jennifer Kawaguchi and husband Doug; parents-in-law Riki and Kimie Shimogaki (Wyo.); sisters-in-law Joyce Shimogaki (Wyo.) and Janice Curtin and husband John (Wash.).

Shiro, Setsuko, 78, Dana

Point; Sept. 22; Torrijal Island-born; survived by brother Larry Akira Kobayashi and wife Yukimi; sisters Teiko Otsubo and husband Harry, Yuriko Naimark and husband Sam.

Sunuda, Raymond, 75, Los Angeles, Sept. 18; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Setsuko; son Glenn; daughters Denise Akune and husband Steve, Audrey Lee and husband Takahashi; 4 g.; sister Marie Takahashi; brothers Robert and wife Kiku, Richard and wife Shirley; sister-in-law Fumiko Kamei and husband Toshio.

Takade, Sakuchi, 78, Los Angeles, Oct. 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Yasuyo; sons Manabu and wife Linda, Etsuo and wife Jackie; daughter Masako Ido and husband James; 4 g.; sister Toshiko Dakeno and husband Haruo (Japan); sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law in Japan.

Takahashi, Shigeru, 82, Stockton, Sept. 20; Stockton-born; survived by wife Earline; son Stan and wife Kathy; daughters Marsha Baird and husband Bruce, Judy Mizuno and husband Clark, Joyce Hashimoto and husband Scott; 8 g.; brother Tetsuo and wife Rose; sisters Helen Yoshikawa and husband Richard, Yoshiko Tanaka and husband Richard; sisters-in-law Irene and Mitsue Takahashi.

Tanaka, Michio, 71, Orange, Sept. 18; Venice-born; survived by wife Apple; sons Bruce Tanaka, Mike Huang and wife Mimi; daughters Lynda Tanaka, Vickie Haring and husband Tom, Patty Chi and husband John, Tina Huang; 4 g.; 4 g.g.; brothers Yukio and wife Toyo, Tei and wife Jane, Akira and wife Helen, Taka and wife Katy.

Tanouye, Hisako, 73, Monterey Park, Sept. 16; Hawaii-born; survived by husband Milton; daughters Lynette Tanaka and husband Frank, Lei Hiraishi and husband Kelvin; 4 g.; sister Fumiko Yoneda and husband Tsuneo (Los Angeles); sisters in Hawaii: Mitsue Miura, Misayo Ishizu and Kiyoko Kashi; brothers Susumu, Tsutomu, Satoru Kaneshige; brothers-in-law Gary, Roy and James Tanouye.

Thomas, Emma E., 101, Broadmead, Md., Aug. 27; social worker at Heart Mountain internment camp; sister of founder of the American Civil Liberties Union Norman Thomas; survived by two nephews, two nieces.

Ujita, Hatsumi Mary, 85, Los Angeles, Oct. 4; Gardena-born; survived by son Hideto Kim and wife Nobuye; daughters Joy Oh and husband Bob, Barbara Sato and husband James; 9 g.; 8 g.g.; brothers Masukawa: Tsutomu and wife Yukie, Masatoshi, Fred and wife Masao, Jon and wife Hisako, Bob and wife Marie; sisters Sakaye Sasaki, Mitsuko Naohara and husband George.

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MEETING

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- Personnel: Mayeda said they are doing a search to hire a membership coordinator.
- Health Insurance: Okubo said she is working on trying to establish a program where JACL members nationally can get health coverage.

- Fund-raising Update: Okubo said more than \$90,000 was raised for the 2000 national convention, and they for the 2002 convention in Las Vegas. A separate direct-mail campaign netted \$14,000.

She is currently working on matching potential corporate donors with appropriate JACL programs.

- Outreach: Mayeda and Okubo are doing an analysis of the membership to examine where they can strengthen their outreach efforts.

- Archives: The board accepted the recommendation of the archives program committee (Mayeda, Kawamoto, Shiba) and agreed to turn over the JACL archival documents to the Japanese American National Museum.

Grant made a motion to begin the contracting process with JANM, Akagi seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS —

Ryan Chin

- Hate Crimes Task Force — Former board member Lori Fujimoto will be working jointly with Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino and Tateishi to create a national hate crime task force. Their long-term goal is to develop a repository of information on

hate crimes.

- The national board passed three resolutions brought before them by Chin. They are as follows:

- 1) Ferndale — Motion made by Akagi, seconded by Parker
- 2) Morris Dees Jr. — Motion made by Grace Kimoto, seconded by Akagi
- 3) Ward Cove — Motion made by Parker, seconded by Nakata

- Wen Ho Lee: JACL Washington, D.C. Representative Kristine Minami reported that JACL joined five other Asian American organizations in a meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno to call for an independent investigation into the handling of the Wen Ho Lee case. Minami said Reno was responsive and promised to do all that she can to release classified information although she made no guarantees. The coalition plans to make a similar request to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson.

- Recognition of Native Hawaiians: Minami said there are two bills in Congress — one in the House, the other in the Senate. The bills would recognize Native Hawaiians on the same basis as Native Americans. National sent two letters urging the passage of the bills. It passed in the House with a voice vote but is stuck in the Senate.

- Wholotree: JACL has voiced concern to Wholotree, a company that produces language translation software. The ad publicizing its Chinese translation software depicts an angry person with a heavily painted face, holding a sword, and the narrative saying that the person will get angrier if the software is not bought. In contrast, the French translation software focuses on a romantic

woman.

- Hate Crimes Prevention Act: JACL has been part of a national coalition to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act and has been in contact with various congressmembers.

- Utah — English-Only: IDC, along with the Salt Lake City and Mount Olympus chapters, have been involved in opposing an English-only initiative on the November ballot in Utah. Efforts to pass the bill in the legislature failed twice so proponents have now placed it on the ballot.

- Oregon Anti-Gay Legislation: JACL is closely monitoring an anti-gay initiative in Oregon.

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- Wen Ho Lee: JACL filed an amicus brief in support of Wen Ho Lee.

- 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation: An acceptable resolution was reached between the foundation and JACL regarding the teacher training workshop program.

- Legacy Fund: A hypothetical question was brought up on how to distribute the Legacy Fund if JACL receives a \$1 million donation within the next few months which will push it beyond the \$7.9 million mark. Since JACL is not faced with this problem now, Shimomura said they will study the issue and discuss it before the next national council meeting.

2001 NATIONAL BOARD CALENDAR

The next 2001 national board meeting schedules are tentatively: Feb. 9-11; May 18-20; Aug. 17-19; and Nov. 9-11. ■

Chapters Asked to Send in Calendar of Events for Insurance Policy

Although the national board voted not to bill individual JACL chapters for the premium on the liability insurance policy, chapters are asked to submit a calendar of events to determine the rates to be charged by the insurance carrier.

Clyde Izumi, business manager, said 50 chapters have not responded as of the board meeting date, although three notices have been sent. The absolute deadline for chapters to submit their lists is Oct. 23.

The insurance carrier will automatically charge the national office \$200 for each non-responding chapter, according to National Treasurer Art Koga.

The insurance carrier will also charge national \$200 per chapter for active chapters that have five or more functions during the year.

and the remaining chapters will be assessed at \$100, said Koga.

A motion to bill individual chapters for the insurance premium failed after several board members voiced concern that the added cost may place undue financial hardship on smaller chapters.

The motion was made by David Kawamoto, vice president of general operations, and seconded by Grace Kimoto, outgoing CDC district governor. The motion failed to pass with three yeas, nine nos and two abstentions.

An amendment to Kawamoto's motion made by Larry Grant, IDC district governor, and seconded by Kawamoto, also failed with seven yeas and eight nos. The amendment would have required national to pay the first \$100 for chapters that were assessed at \$200. ■

NAKAMURA

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Finley?

Finley is a Vietnam veteran and former legislative assistant to Congressman Mike Lowry, who introduced the first redress bill in 1979. "When Lowry was doing the redress bill, there was a lot of misunderstanding. People were saying, 'I was part of the Bataan Death March.' That was a terrible thing, no doubt about it, but some people could not make the separation between Japanese Americans, many of whom were born here, and the Japanese military who committed these atrocities," he said.

"Thirty or 40 years from now," Finley said, "I hope someone walks

by the courthouse and says, 'William Nakamura, who the hell is that?' and maybe they'll learn about the internment."

Seymour called Finley "diligent" in his efforts to push the naming of the courthouse after Nakamura, noting that the bill has already moved very quickly through different committees and city councils. "Just the idea that it's being talked about and there doesn't seem to be much resistance, if it doesn't happen this year, it's all set up and ready for next year. That's a big possibility," she said.

"It says a lot for our community and for our city," Seymour added, especially since the city of Seattle recently named a middle school after another JA, teacher and community activist Aki Kurose. ■

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