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JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON

Sat., Jan. 20—Washington JACL in-
stallation dinner: 5 p.m., Far East
Restaurant, 5055 Nicholson Lane,
Rockville, Md.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Thurs., Jan. 18—TV showing, "Con-
science and the Constitution" pro-
duced by Frank Abe; 11 p.m.,
WJTV/PBS Channel 25. Info: <www.
wlv.org/conscience>

MILWAUKEE

Sun., Jan. 21—Wisconsin JACL in-
augural banquet: 5:30 p.m. cock-
tails, 6 p.m. dinner; Klemmer's
Banquet Center, 10301 W. Okla-
homa Ave.; **RSVP by Jan 13:** Sheri
Fujiyaki, 414/223-1408 or Kevin
Miyazaki, 414/277-7082.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND

Through Jan 31—Exhibit, "Nihon-
machi: Portland's Japantown
Remembered"; Fri-Sat., 11 a.m.-3
p.m., 12 noon-3 p.m., Oregon
Nikkei Legacy Center (ONLC), 117
NW 2nd Ave. Free. Info: 503/977-
7781.

Sun., Feb. 4—Portland JACL's
"Mochitsuki 2001": 1:30 p.m.,
Portland State University, Smith
Memorial Center Ballroom, fea-
turing Portland Taiko, Tanuki Taiko,
dance by Sahomi Tachibana, story-
teller Robert Kikuchi-Yngyog; co-
sponsors: PSU Institute for Asian
Studies, Portland Taiko and ONLC.
RSVP ASAP: PSU box office,
503/725-3307.

SEATTLE

Sat., Jan. 27—Seattle JACL installa-
tion banquet; keynote speaker Bill
Hosokawa, 1958. Biennium
awardee. **RSVP ASAP:** Ines Mary
Namba 206/784-3424.

Through April 8—Exhibit, "Through
Our Eyes: Twentieth Century Asian
American Photography in the Pacific
Northwest"; Wing Luke Asian
Museum, 407 S. 7th Ave. Info: 206/
623-5124. www.wingluke.org.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sat., Feb. 10—Toru Saito in concert;
3:40 p.m.; Northbay Community
Church Social Hall, 941 9th
Alameda; reception and raffle fol-
lows; to benefit Japanese Peruvians
interned at Crystal City, Texas, during
WWII. Tickets: Campaign For
Justice, 510/528-7288.

LODI & STOCKTON

Sat., Jan. 20—Joint Lodi & Stockton
JACL installation dinner; Elkhorn
Country Club. (See Stockton)

MONTEREY

Fri., Jan. 19—Monterey Peninsula
JACL installation dinner; 6 p.m. no-
host bar, 7 p.m. dinner, Monterey
Beach Hotel. **RSVP:** To George
Uyeda or Jeff Uchida.

OAKLAND

Sun., Feb. 11—JASEB crab feed: 4:
5:30 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m.,
Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388
9th St., 2nd Floor; to benefit JASEB's
seniors' programs.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mon., Jan. 15—Martin Luther King Jr.
annual civil rights march down
Market Street; 11:30 a.m. start from
Yerba Buena Garden, 3rd St. be-
tween Mission and Howard; carry
"Justice for Wen Ho Lee" sign or
banner. Info: Cecilia Chang,
<Cecilia00@home.com> or
<WenHoLee.org>

Thurs., Jan. 18—CCLPEP grant-writ-
ing workshop: 4-6 p.m., informa-
tional meeting, 6-8 p.m.; Japanese
Cultural & Community Center of
Northern California, 1840 Sutter
Street, San Francisco; 4-8 p.m. Info:
916/653-0125, E-mail: <mpires@li-
brary.ca.gov>

Fri., March 23—Asian Law Caucus
29th anniversary celebration; Grand
Hyatt Hotel; Union Square. Info:
415/391-1655 ext. 13.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Jan. 21—San Mateo JACL in-
stallation of officers: 5 p.m., The
Horn Flower Lodge Restaurant, 51
Millbrae Ave., Millbrae; keynote
speakers: Hon. Karyl Matsumoto

and Dean Ito Taylor of Nihonmachi
Legal Outreach. **RSVP ASAP:** Ted,
650/356-3332, or Mary Jo, 650/593-
7358 or sign up at the JACL
Community Center.

Sun., Jan. 28—Matinee movie, "Bir-
mese Harp"; 1:30 p.m., JACL Com-
munity Center, 415 Claremont St.,
1956 black & white film with sub-
titles directed by Kon Ichikawa. Info:
650/343-2793.

Thurs., April 26—San Mateo JACL
Community Center to attend Giants
vs. Cincinnati Reds game at 12:35
p.m. at Pac Bell Park. **RSVP ASAP:**
Info: Henry Hiraki, 415/343-2893.

SANTA CRUZ, WATSONVILLE
Fri-Sat., Feb. 23-First over U.S.
Race Rave; Friday evening and all
day Saturday; University of Cali-
fornia Santa Cruz; to explore racism
and develop a framework for a truth
and reconciliation process; parking
and food provided; registration fee
based on ability to pay. Pre-registra-
tion required. **Register ASAP.**

Registration materials: Chris Ballin,
510/548-1166, e-mail: chrisballin@
knobhill.net. Info: 831-515-4144.

Sun-Mon., March 11-13—Watson-
ville-Santa Cruz JACL seniors trip to
Reno. **RSVP ASAP:** Carmel Kami-
gawachi, 722-1930, or Shig Kizuka,
728-2693.

Thurs., May 17—Fairfield Area se-
nior trip; Jelly Belly Factory tour,
Anheuser-Busch Fairfield Brewery
tour, lunch at Todai Restaurant in
San Jose. Info: Carmel Kamiga-
wachi, 722-1930, or Shig T. Kizuka,
728-2693.

SANTA ROSA
Sat., Jan. 13—Sonoma County JACL
New Year's community party: 5:30
p.m., Enmanji Community Hall;
food, fun, entertainment

STOCKTON

Sat., Jan. 20—Lodi and Stockton
JACL joint installation dinner; 6 p.m.
no-host cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner;
Elkhorn Country Club, 1050 Elkhorn
Dr.; guest speaker John Tateishi.
RSVP by Jan. 14: May Saiki, 465-
8107, or Debbie, 477-6905.

Central California

CLOVIS

Sat., Feb. 3—Clovis JACL/CCC
shrimp dinner.

FRESNO

Sun., Feb. 18—Day of Remem-
brance program; United Japanese
Christian Church, time to be an-
nounced; readings by Lawson F.
Inada and Patricia Wakida.

MERCED

Sun., Jan. 13—Livingston-Merced
JACL installation and recognition
banquet; no-host social time 6 p.m.,
dinner 7 p.m.; The Branding-Iron,
640 W. 16th St.; featured speaker,
Deirdra Howard, Hapa Issues Forum.
Info: Steve Teranishi, 383-6577 ext.
13 or Bob Taniguchi, 383-5161.

Southern California

BUENA PARK

Sat., Jan. 20—SELANOCO JACL in-
stallation luncheon and 35th an-
niversary special event; 11 a.m.-4
p.m., Amada Club, 7025 Firestone
Bldg.; Hon. Judge Richard Hanki,
emcee. Info: June Fukushima,
562/865-5039.

CALABASAS

Sun., Feb. 25—Wild Food Walk: 1-4
p.m., Soka University, 26800 W.
Mulholland Hwy. Free. **RSVP:** 818/
878-3763.

GARDENA

Fri., Jan. 12—Greater L.A. Singles
JACL meeting/program: 8 p.m., Gar-
dena Valley YWCA, 1341 W.
Gardena Blvd.; speaker Ingrid Tsu-
yama, candidate for Gardena City
treasurer; the public is invited. Info:
Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

INDUSTRY

Sat., Jan. 20—Chinese New Year
Celebration, 1-4 p.m.; Puente Hills
Mall, Azusa Avenue exit, 60
Freeway; lion dance, martial arts,
Asian arts and literature, lucky en-
velope give-aways, etc. Info: 626/912-
2719.

LOS ANGELES

Thurs.-Sun., Jan. 18-28—Film se-
ries, "Battles Without Honor &
Humanity: The Films of Kinji
Fukusaku"; Lloyd E. Rigler Theater at
the Egyptian, 6712 Hollywood Blvd.;
tickets: 323/466-Film, Schedules:
www.egyptiantheatre.com.

Sat., Jan. 20—Japanese American
Korean War Veterans 4th annual in-

stallation dinner, "Changing of the
Guards"; 5 p.m., Golden Dragon
Restaurant, 960 N. Broadway (213/
626-2039); memorial of Korean revisit
tour and JAKWV memorial dedica-
tion, entertainment, raffle drawing,
etc. **RSVP:** Victor Muroaka, 818/
897-1714.

Thurs., Jan. 25—CCLPEP grant-writ-
ing workshop: 4-6 p.m., informa-
tional meeting, 6-8 p.m.; Japanese
American Cultural & Community
Center, 244 S. Sag Pedro Street, Los
Angeles, CA 90012, 4-8 p.m. Info:
916/653-0125, e-mail: cmpires@li-brary.ca.gov

Thurs., Jan. 25—Cold Tofu Improv
comedy special for the New Year;
7:30-9 p.m., Japanese American
National Museum (JANM), 369 E.
First St., Little Tokyo. **RSVP:**
213/625-0414.

Sat., Jan. 27—Children's concert:
1:30-3 p.m., JANM, 369 E. First St.,
Little Tokyo; stories and music, taiko,
Japanese sweets and a special toy
for children 4 and older. Tickets:
310/954-4300.

Sun., Jan. 28—Workshop, "Dis-
covering Your Family-Tree" with
Chester Hashizume; 2-4 p.m.,
JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo.
RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Feb. 10—Little Tokyo walking
tour; 10-11:30 a.m. **RSVP:** JANM,
213/625-0414.

Sun., Feb. 11—Second Sunday for
Families, "Art on the Courtyard":
Explore, Imagine, Create"; JANM,
369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. **RSVP:**
213/625-0414.

Through Feb. 11—Exhibit, "Allen
Say's Journey: The Art and Words of
a Children's Book Author"; JANM,
369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info:
213/625-0414.

Sat., Feb. 17—Day of Remem-
brance 2001 program; 2-4 p.m.,
JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo.
Info: 213/625-0414.

Through Feb. 18—Exhibit, "More
Than a Game: Sports in the Japanese
American Community"; JANM, 369
E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info:
213/625-0414; 800/461-5266; Web
site: <http://www.janm.org>.

Sun., Feb. 18—UCLA Nikkei
Student Union's 15th Annual
Cultural Night; 7 p.m., UCLA Royce
Hall; drama, Kyodo Taiko, odori,
dance by NSU Modern; admission is
free but tickets are required. Tickets:
nikkei@ucla.edu. Info: <www.stu-
dentgroups.ucla.edu/nsuninfo>

Through May 1—Special display,
"For a Greener Tomorrow: Japanese
American Gardeners in Southern
California"; JANM, 369 E. First St.,
Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Through May 1—Exhibit, "Re-
visioning Manzanar: Selections from
the Permanent Collection"; Legacy
Center of the Historic Building,
JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo;
featuring works by Ansel Adams,
Robert Hasuiki, Masumi Hayashi,
David Alan Yamamoto and others;
JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo.
Info: 213/625-0414; 800/461-5266;
Web site: <http://www.janm.org>.

Through May 6—Exhibit, "Super-
flat," organized by Takashi Mu-
kami with MOCA; Pacific Design
Center, 8687 Melrose Ave., West
Hollywood; art, animation, fashion
and graphic design by 19 Japanese
artists. Info: MOCA, 213/626-6222;
<www.moca.org>

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PASADENA
Sun., Jan. 21—Qi Gong demon-
stration; 2 p.m., Pacific Asia Museum,
46 N. Los Robles Ave. Free. Info:
626/449-2742 ext. 31.

Mon., Feb. 26—Book-signing and
discussion, "Father of the Four
Passages" with author Lois-Anne
Yamanaka; 7:30 p.m., Pacific Asia
Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.
RSVP: 626/449-2742 ext. 20.

POMONA

Sat-Sun., Jan. 13-14—Asian Ameri-
can Expo; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fairplex
4, 5, 6 & 7; parking at Gate 14 on
White Ave.; preferred parking at the
Sheraton Suites Fairplex on
McKinley Ave. Info: Alan Kao,
626/280-8588.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., Feb. 10—Riverside JACL in-
stallation luncheon; 12 p.m., Chan's
Oriental Cuisine, 1445 University
Ave.; WWII veterans to be honored.
RSVP by Feb. 3: Info: Irene Ogata,
909/485-7212.

SAN DIEGO

Fri-Sun., June 1-3—Poston Camp III
10th reunion; Mission Valley
DoubleTree Hotel; Friday night
mixer, day trip to Viejas Tribal
Casino, city tour, San Diego Zoo,
golf tournament, exhibit of camp
memorabilia, Sunday sayonara
breakfast buffet, etc. Info: Ben
Segawa 619/482-1736, e-mail:
BGSegawa@aol.com; Arnold Seko,
619/427-7116, e-mail: Samsel1@
hotmail.com; Mich Himaka, 619/
660-9865.

TORRANCE

Sat., Jan. 20—UCLA Nikkei Student
Union 20th anniversary banquet; 5
p.m., Torrance Holiday Inn, 19800
S. Vermont Ave.; keynote speaker
Warren Furutani. Info: 310/824-
0491, e-mail: nikkei@ucla.edu.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Wed-Thurs., April 4-5—Minidoka
Reunion; Caesars Palace. **Registration
deadline Jan 31.** Info: registra-
tion: c/o Tak (Yokoyama) Todo,
15537 - 32nd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA
98155-6530, e-mail: <cmkawachi@
hotmail.com>

RENO

Sun., Jan. 21—Reno JACL installa-
tion potluck; 12 noon, Knights of
Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. Info:
Bud Fujii, 775/852-0559.

SUN., MARCH 11

—Reno JACL annual
teriyaki scholarship fund-raiser
lunch/dinner; 12 noon-4 p.m.,
Washoe County Senior Center, 9th
and Sutro; Info: Bud Fujii, 852-0559.

FRI-SUN., APRIL 20-22

—JACL Tri-
District Conference: Central Cali-
fornia, Pacific Southwest and Nor-
thern Calif.-Western Nevada-Pacific;
Peppermill Hotel and Casino,
880/648-6992.

TEMPE

Sat., Feb. 3—Teacher's seminar on
the use of the JACL Curriculum
Guide and speakers with internment
camp experience; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
Arizona Historical Society,
1300 N. College. Info: Joe Allman,
602/942-2832, or Mike Steinberg,
480/292-2217.

Permanent Exhibit

—About Arizona
during WWII; includes internment
camps; Arizona Historical Society,
Marley Center Museum, 1300 N.
College, Tempe. Info: 800/929-0292;
Tour info: Mike Steinberg, ext. 137. ■

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Education is the Key to Our Future

During the past few weeks I have been impressed at the impact that history has upon us as individuals and as an organization. There is one important facet of JACL where history is the critical factor. That fact is our function of educating



By
FLOYD MORI the kind of

Mori Memo JACL National President

history that I feel is significant to us, but it may be to those who look back in the year 2050.

The education committee of JACL produces one of the most significant products that the organization offers. The committee provides us an increasing treasure of glimpses into the events that create the present for JAs.

Although the teacher workshops and curriculum guides that the committee provides to the educational community are designed to train and acquaint teachers with the role of JAs in the historical fabric of our nation, they also should be an ongoing

reminder of where each of us has come from and who we are.

I think that all of us who are post Nisei generation need to review this history on a regular basis. Without maintaining this perspective, we can begin to think that we are making waves in the year 2001 only because of our own clever brilliance.

While I am on the subject of the education committee, I must commend the committee members for their dedication and hard work in getting our story into the schools of our communities.

The committee is in need of more member support in accessing local school districts and state education departments. We need the chapters and members to become more effective salespeople and to become involved in the best of what JACL has to offer the public. The eight members of the committee cannot cover the nation by themselves.

I would ask that those who are involved in education and for who that see the value of educating the public contact me by e-mail at 4thforrest@msn.com or by phone at 801/556-4117.

I will begin forming an education council that will give support to our education committee with ideas, vision, and financial resources. I am hoping that I get many who want to help and get involved. Let's make some great history in the year 2001. We owe it to the future. ■

COMMENTARY

On the Front Lines

By **JOHN TATEISHI**
JACL Executive Director

Season's greetings to JACLers across the country.

Turning the calendar to a new year always brings thoughts of the past year and to the past, and this year is no different except that we find ourselves in a new century and a new millennium.

Reflecting on the past year with the JACL, I can say that it's been interesting and challenging, not always easy but always gratifying. This year, we held our biennial convention in Monterey, highlighted by Attorney General Janet Reno as our keynote speaker at the sayonara banquet. In the days preceding, the national council passed the resolution offering an apology to resisters of conscience, the subject of discussions and debates that continue six months later.

During the year, our offices in the regional districts dealt day-to-day with issues like hate crimes and discrimination, and here at national headquarters, we took an early position calling for the fair treatment of Wen Ho Lee and took on the challenge to fight discrimination issues across the country.

This morning the JACL issued a statement from San Francisco opposing President-elect Bush's nomination of John Ashcroft for Attorney General of the United States. We do this with the same conviction that we support the nomination of candidates like Norman Mineta and Bill Lann Lee.

In the near future, we will contemplate joining legal challenges on voter's rights issues that trouble the nation, and we will step up our hate crimes program to combat the spread of race-based violence against Asian Pacific Americans.

Through the course of all this — both the good we continue to do, as well as the criticism we seem always to be under — I thought

about how much the JACL does for the Asian American community, how dedicated the staff are to their commitment to make life better for all people.

I know the JACL motto, "better Americans for a better America," seems hokey to a lot of people (me included), but I have to tell you that that is exactly what we do, what this organization is all about. Day in and day out, our members and staff are out there fighting to make sure democracy is rendered to everyone who lives in this nation.

It's the future I'm more concerned about. Today, the JACL is facing some serious financial crises, with our membership numbers dropping daily from attrition and our revenues shrinking as a result. We're working to shore up our financial base through foundation and corporation giving programs and through the generosity of our membership through our annual giving program and membership drives. Times will be difficult for a while, but I'm confident we'll get past this and will continue the good work we've always done and are doing now.

Just think what would happen if the JACL should be unable to continue because our support dried up. Who would be out there on a daily basis throughout the country fighting for the well-being of AAs? And who would challenge the government to look closely upon itself in times of need? And who would be there to confront hate groups in communities across the country where AAs are threatened by violence?

Yes, there are others for certain, and some really good people. But I can tell you that our absence would be greatly felt if we weren't there. The JACL has been on the front lines fighting discrimination for over 70 years, through the hard work and sacrifices of many. This is a great organization that does great work, and we can all be proud of the JACL's achievements throughout the years.

I'm looking forward to a great year and look forward to working with all of you in this first year of a new and exciting millennium. ■

APAs Congratulate Mineta on Nomination as U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Asian Pacific Americans across the nation extended their congratulations to Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta on being nominated by President-elect George W. Bush to serve as Secretary of Transportation. Bush made the announcement on Jan. 2, in Austin, Texas.

Mineta became the first APA to serve in a president's cabinet last year after President Clinton nominated him in July to lead the Department of Commerce.

Bush said that his administration recognizes talent and that Mineta is a "talented American." He also stated that he and Mineta share similar perspectives on transportation.

In a statement following the announcement, Mineta said that he was honored to be asked to serve in the next administration, stressing that "there are no Democratic or Republican highways, no Democratic or Republican traffic congestions ... that there is a bipartisan goal for the Department of Transportation — to give our economy the tools and infrastructure for growth and prosperity."

Floyd Mori, JACL national president, applauded the nomination. "We dedicated the JACL to electing Bush for selecting Secretary Mineta to serve in his cabinet," said Mori. "Not only is Secretary Mineta exceptionally well-qualified for the position, but he is a man of great integrity who is widely trusted and respected. Secretary Mineta will be a strong leader for the department."

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, voiced similar sentiment. "The JACL congratulates Norman Mineta on his nomination as the Secretary of Transportation by President-elect Bush. Once again, Mineta has made Japanese Americans and all Asian Americans proud of his achievement and has again

set the bar so that no future president of the United States can ignore Asian Pacific Americans for potential cabinet positions.

"We appreciate the sacrifices Mineta will be making to join the Bush cabinet as the lone Democrat and applaud his courage in doing so," said Tateishi. "Especially with a new administration where we may have some concerns about civil rights issues and perspectives on the Asian American community, Mineta's presence will be extremely important. Our kudos to Norm as well as our congratulations."

"Secretary Mineta has a long and distinguished record of public service to this country," added Kristine Minami, JACL Washington representative and director of public affairs. "We are very excited at the prospect of continuing to work with Secretary Mineta in the next administration."

Freshman Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, who now represents the 15th congressional district once held by Mineta, said, "It's great that he's been nominated as transportation secretary. People recognize that Norm has the qualifications, and he also has the respect of the leadership of both parties. He's no window dressing. He's a tried and true public servant."

Elaine Chao, who had been named as a possible candidate for the position and was a former deputy secretary of transportation during the senior Bush's administration, said Bush had made a wise choice. "Secretary-designee Norm Mineta has a long and distinguished career as a

public servant and is an excellent choice to head the Department of Transportation," she said. "I wish him well and success."

Matt Fong, former California State Treasurer and former Republican senatorial candidate, also praised Bush's nomination. "President-elect George W. Bush continues to demonstrate his commitment to keeping his campaign promises," Fong said. "He has picked the best people without regard to race and gender, and in this case, a Democrat, an Asian American, Norman Mineta, who has a distinguished career."

Daphne Kwok, chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAAPA) and executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), felt the nomination was a step towards unifying the country. "After such a divisive election, Secretary Mineta's nomination is a move towards unity," said Kwok. "Secretary Mineta is extremely qualified for the position, having chaired the House Public Works and Transportation Committee when he was in Congress."

Charles J. Kim, executive director of the Korean American Coalition, concurred that Mineta's nomination signaled a positive step. "By offering Secretary Mineta a place among his innermost circle of advisors, President-elect Bush has demonstrated his willingness to seek bipartisanship, which will be good for our nation," he said. "More importantly, he has demonstrated the importance of having Americans of all backgrounds participate in our government."

Clayton Fong, executive director of the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging said, "We are pleased that this cabinet is the most diverse in history."

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JACL Opposes the Nomination of Ashcroft to U.S. Attorney General

The national JACL announced this week that the organization is opposed to President-elect Bush's nomination of Missouri Senator John Ashcroft to the position of Attorney General of the United States.

"As a nonpartisan organization, we do not base our objection to the nomination on ideological differences with the nominee but on what we view as a consistently dismal record of ignoring the basic constitutional principle of equal justice under the law," said National JACL Executive Director John Tateishi.

Floyd Mori, JACL national president, issued a statement from his home near Salt Lake City. "We are greatly troubled by the nomination of John Ashcroft as the nation's law enforcement officer. Senator Ashcroft, during his tenure in the U.S. Senate, demonstrated that he cared little about the critical and important principle of equal justice under the law. The JACL has existed for 72 years combatting injustice and inequality, and we take this position today to insure that all Asian Americans and all Americans are afforded equal justice and opportunities. We do not feel those qualities will be fairly dealt with by this nominee."

JACL joined more than 80 organizations at a press conference in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 9 publicly denouncing Ashcroft's nomination. Among the groups represented at the coalition press conference were the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, National Association for the Ad-

vancement of Colored People, National Organization for Women, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) and the Organization of Chinese Americans.

Kristine Minami, JACL's Washington representative, who attended the press conference at the Mayflower Hotel, said, "It is important for the JACL to take this stand because John Ashcroft has clearly demonstrated in the past that he is extremely conservative on civil rights and justice issues. We do not feel confident that he represents the interests of all Americans and that he would enforce equal opportunities and justice for all."

Karen Narasaki, executive director of NAPALC, urged the Senate to take a hard look at Ashcroft's voting record.

"The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium opposes President-elect Bush's nomination of John Ashcroft for attorney general and urges that the Senate thoroughly scrutinize his record during the coming Senate confirmation process."

Tateishi pointed out that Ashcroft was among those who spearheaded the opposition to block President Clinton's nomination of Bill Lann Lee to the position of assistant attorney general for civil rights in the Justice Department. Ashcroft was among those who criticized Lee's support of affirmative action, which Ashcroft views as favoritism.

In addition to blocking Lee's nomination, Tateishi noted that

Ashcroft also opposed the following:

- blocked the nominations of Dolly Gee and Susan Oki Mollway to federal judgeship positions;

- blocked the appointment of Ronnie White, a Missouri Supreme Court judge of African American descent, for a district court judgeship;

- opposed the Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and

- opposed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, designed to end discrimination in the workplace.

Regarding Ronnie White's case, Tateishi pointed out that during White's confirmation hearing, Ashcroft, a death penalty proponent, distorted White's judicial record, painting him to be soft on crime, when in fact, White had voted far more times for the death penalty than against it.

"He does not measure up to the high standards of an attorney general," said Tateishi. "The person who holds this position is the key person to protect the rights and freedoms of Americans, especially those most vulnerable. Our concern is that this is someone who has looked the other way."

Narasaki said Ashcroft's opposition to the Hate Crimes Prevention Act was disturbing. "That legislation was very important to the Asian Pacific American community, given the rise in hate crimes against our commu-

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Working Together

I thought it might be somewhat useful for me to share some insight and opinions gathered after working in this organization for four years. Some of the comments I hear from our "grassroots" members just show me they have NO idea of the hard work, hard decisions and great dedication board and staff have given and continue to give.



By
GRACE
KIMOTO

I was appalled to hear a person (actually two!) imply that we were wasting money and USING IT FOR OURSELVES! That is so far

transportation, in rain or fog and through delays and canceled flights. And since teleconferences save expenses, having to clear personal agendas to be available at the exact time of the conference call. Since many of our board members are employed in companies and schools, they have to synchronize their time to be available for the conference call.

Of course district council and local JACL chapter work is the most important work and you will find the very same persons working on chapter and district activities. A fact faced by the board is that there is never enough money in a nonprofit organization even to pay a decent salary to our well-deserving staff.

What shocked me most is the seeming unawareness and unappreciation shown by some members. These officers (volunteers) make the sacrifices I have mentioned above AND spend funds from their own resources as they serve the members and the organization.

How can we ever realize and appreciate the many, many sacrifices of our early members and leaders? Through those difficult times, the Nisei (and Issei) have hung in and accomplished much and made huge sacrifices. They did their best at a different time. They had passion and loyalty and even today, they continue to show commitment.

The recent dedication of the

Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C., attests to this Nisei power. We had some 1,500 Nisei and Nisei veterans from all over our country proudly attending, many with their grandchildren. Many are at an age when traveling is physically difficult, yet they came. They knew it was important to be there.

So where are we now? Some of our Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei are awakening to JA and Asian Americans' needs in the community and our country and are starting to give back by fighting for worthy causes.

Many have been serving their communities for a long time, but many have not. We have many Asian groups organized to fill needs and these should be celebrated.

So will we be working for the good of the mass together? Or will we continue to pick apart our own and thus further the time when we will all take our ethnic or multi-ethnic place proudly to make America truly multicultural?

So that's what JACL is about. People doing their best to look out for civil rights and education of civil and human rights as we enjoy who we are together in our communities and in our country, the United States of America.

There is still so much to do. I invite more persons to work in this mission. It is worth your time and energy and it could be a lot of fun. Do it! ■

JACL's Strength Lies With Chapters

It is rare indeed that anyone gets to welcome in a new century, let alone a new millennium. We are in a truly unique position to twice celebrate the beginning of a new millennium. Last January, we celebrated the beginning of the year



By
LARRY
GRANT

2000. This year, we celebrate again, the real beginning of the millennium.

In Utah, for the past couple of weeks, we have awakened to fog

By the Board IDC Governor

and poor visibility as a long lasting temperature inversion has trapped cold air, clouds and pollution in the Salt Lake Valley. This is not uncommon in our area. JACL is also experiencing an inversion of sorts. As we look to the future of JACL, we see much fog and poor visibility. Just as we need to be cautious and use all the tools at our disposal to safely travel through a real fog, JACL must use caution and reach for every tool available to survive this financial fog.

Our present financial crisis has too many causes to attempt to enumerate. The stock market decline, declining membership and inaccurate budget assump-

tions are often cited as major factors. Solutions will require short and long term planning and changes in the organization. In the short term, we, on the national board, are cutting every possible expense and are looking for new revenue sources.

I have always believed that the true strength of JACL lies in the membership and chapters. When I joined JACL, I did not look at the national organization for what it could do for me. I looked for an active local chapter with good people and activities. In short order, the chapter members involved me in local activities and on the chapter board. The rest, as they say, is history. From chapter board member, I became chapter president, a district officer and now district governor. I still look to the chapters for my most satisfying experiences in JACL.

I believe the solution to our present financial crisis is to return to a reliance on individual chapters to strengthen and restore JACL.

Well-planned, meaningful chapter activities will attract and keep members. Chapters must rely on the national organization for certain programs, but must develop their own programs and activities to build the organization.

I have great confidence in our national leaders. We will make it through this crisis. With careful budgeting, planning and much blood, sweat and tears, we will survive. As a result, JACL will be a stronger and more influential force in the United States. ■

By the Board CCDC Outgoing Governor

from the truth that I have to remind our members this is a voluntary organization and any person who volunteers or even works on our staff (OF THIS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION) truly must believe in the mission of the organization and serve somewhat selflessly.

Imagine the many three-day weekends away from their spouse, their children and their interrupted social life. Imagine having to prepare for board meetings, studying the items of board business, setting up

Keeping JACL Alive

First and foremost, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow JACL members, and constituents, who voted for me to serve as vice president of general operations. Your trust and support is truly appreciated.

I'd like to share with you the story of the "dangling" half-vote I received in the election. I'll have you all know that I received



By
DAVID
KAWAMOTO

a number of votes with a half, not because of a split with some chapter (after all, I did run unopposed) but because someone from my own

chapter president, I had a hard time coming up with things to write in our quarterly newsletter. Does this problem sound familiar to any of you current chapter presidents? I remember how I shared this lament with then SELANOCO Chapter President Ed Shiba, and we talked about sharing our articles. Since I have a larger constituency now, I'll take credit for that idea (sorry, Ed), but we never did get around to sending each other the articles.

organization. And, actually, I think this is good. How many national organizations have a membership base that is aware of its function and concerned with fiscal and management issues? It's good that the membership stays aware through the PC, their district governors and national officers. I welcome members' questions and concerns. I'm glad that the membership is concerned.

I've been involved in JACL since the 1960s and my long-

"... let's all start this New Year by resolving to ask people to join JACL."

By the Board JACL V.P. of Operations

San Diego chapter (whom I will not name in this column) overslept and did not vote.

When the PC asked the national board members to write for the New Year's edition, I really was at a loss as to what to write about. This may come as a surprise to some members. I recall a few years ago when I was PSW governor, JACLers actually expressed to me that they liked "my column" in the PC. I didn't think I wrote in the PC. That often, but I guess I did have a few things I wanted to express back then. It's remarkable to me that people like Harry Honda and Bill Hosokawa can regularly come up with pertinent and interesting columns. When I was the San Diego

I am often asked if there is still a need for JACL. Usually, the essence of this question is because our community realized constitutional redress for the World War II relocation. I am quick to point out pertinent issues like the glass ceiling and the present movement against affirmative action. Clearly, there is much work to be done for our Asian American community and JACL is best situated to do the job.

I was thinking about my goals and visions for JACL; what I'd like to see from JACL in the future. Issues like increased membership, a more visible presence in the political arena and diverse fundraising came to mind. But aren't these issues that have been discussed before? I would guess that if we looked back at an issue of the PC from 30 years ago we would find similar concerns about our

time mentor, Mas Hironaka, taught me that "JACL is an organization of volunteers." My main concern now is that the pool of volunteers seems to be diminishing. The solution to the decreasing membership is at the chapter level. All chapters and their boards need to evaluate the needs in their communities and find out what it will take to get people to join JACL. I've found that the answer can be as simple as someone asking them to join.

So, let's all start this New Year by resolving to ask people to join JACL. We members know the significance of JACL, and we need to share this information and encourage others to get involved, or to at least support us with their membership. Please join me in this resolution. The work we do is important and needed. Let's keep JACL alive. ■



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JACL Opposes Ashcroft Nomination

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nity reported in NAPALC's 1999 "Audit of Violence Against Asian Pacific Americans." Further, Senator Ashcroft has consistently voted to eliminate affirmative action programs, such as the Transportation Department's highway program for disadvantaged business enterprises. That program requires recipients of federal transportation monies to have equal opportunity programs for women and people of color."

Ashcroft's term as attorney general, if confirmed, "would create some profound concern to us in the civil rights community," said Ryan Chin, JACL's vice president for public affairs, "because the gains we made in the last eight years could potentially be undone if this nominee enforces civil rights laws consistent with his past record."

A synopsis of Ashcroft's voting record can be accessed through a Web site set up by "Issues 2000." The following are some of Ashcroft's stands:

- opposes all abortions, even for rape and incest cases;
- opposes affirmative action;

- opposes laws protecting a person's civil rights based on sexual orientation;
- opposes federal funding for more health coverage;
- opposes linking human rights to trade with China;
- opposes reducing spending on missile defense;
- opposes continued foreign aid to Russia, Israel and other countries;
- opposes spending resources to stop global warming;
- supports organized prayer in public schools;
- supports privatizing Social Security;
- supports school vouchers;
- supports the death penalty;
- supports mandatory "Three Strikes" sentencing laws;
- supports absolute right to own guns;
- supports making income tax flatter;
- supports expanding free trade;
- supports tougher laws against drug users; and
- supports allowing churches to provide welfare services.

Audit Shows Hate Crimes Against APis Increased in 1999

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) and its affiliates, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), the Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund (AALDEF) and the Asian Law Caucus (ALC), released the 1999 "Audit of Anti-Asian Violence: Challenging the Invisibility of Hate" on Jan. 12, with a renewed call on the media to increase its reporting of hate crime incidents.

The audit reveals that nationally there were 486 reported incidents of violence against Asian and Pacific Islanders in 1999, representing a major increase over last year's reported figures. In Los Angeles County, the numbers of hate crimes reported against APis increased from 33 to 34.

Despite the increase in reported hate incidents against APis, APALC found local media coverage of hate crimes targeting APis conspicuously lacking, considering the murder of Joseph Ito, a Filipino postal worker, following a high profile attack on the North

Valley Jewish Community Center in August 1999 by a self-proclaimed white supremacist.

Nora Ramos, APALC's hate crimes education outreach coordinator, stated, "The audit's focus this year is on telling the human story of the many APis whose lives have been forever changed by the devastation of a hate crime. We have sought to give voices to slain victims of hate crimes — Joseph Ito, Naoki Kamijima, Thien Minh Ly and Won-Joon Yoon — through the words of their families and friends."

"The low rate of hate crimes reporting continues to be a challenge, especially in immigrant communities," said APALC Executive Director Stewart Kwok. "APALC is committed to working with the Ito family and the L.A. County Human Relations Commission to proactively outreach to Los Angeles' most underserved communities."

As part of that effort, APALC will host a San Gabriel Valley Hate Crime Prevention Conference on Feb. 10, at the City of

Monterey Park's Clubhouse. Conference attendees from local community-based organizations will receive training in identifying and responding to hate crimes, providing direct assistance to victims of hate crimes, and will hear presentations from representatives from the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

Providing the victim's perspective on hate crimes at the conference will be Ismael Ito, brother of Joseph Ito.

"Now, more than ever, it is important for community-based organizations to pull together to address hate crimes," Ito said. "I also challenge our nation's leaders, especially President-elect George W. Bush, to fulfill the promise to work across partisan lines, and pass the much needed Kennedy-Specter Hate Crimes Prevention Act."

For a copy of the 1999 "Audit of Anti-Asian Violence: Challenging the Invisibility of Hate," or for more information on the Feb. 10 conference, contact Nora Ramos at 213/977-7500, ext. 224. ■

People In the News...

NATIONAL Awards

Among the 28 recipients of the Presidential Citizens Medal awarded by President Clinton on Jan. 8, was David Ho, an AIDS researcher from Chappaqua, N.Y.

Presidential Citizens Medal honorees are recognized for their remarkable service and accomplishments in a variety of areas, including civil rights, medicine and health, human rights, religion, education, sports, disability advocacy, government service and the environment.

The award was established on Nov. 13, 1969, by Executive Order 11494, and is awarded by the president in recognition of U.S. citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of service for our nation.

"I am honored to recognize these talented and dedicated individuals who in remarkable ways have risen to America's highest calling — active citizenship," said Clinton. "In giving freely of themselves and their time, they have undoubtedly inspired others to do the same."

Ho is the scientific director and CEO of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center. Under his direction, researchers at the Diamond Center have published groundbreaking studies on HIV/AIDS.

AAPI Advisory Commission

President Clinton announced his intent to appoint Ginger Ehn Lew to serve as a member of the Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Lew of Arlington, Va., is CEO and managing director of the Telecommunications Development Fund, which invests in early-stage communication technology businesses.

From 1996 to 1998, Lew was the deputy administrator and chief operating officer of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Prior to joining the SBA, Lew was the general counsel at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Currently, Lew serves on the board of directors of the Czech Slovak American Enterprise Fund, and on the Listing and Review Council of the NASDAQ. She is also active in several community organizations including the Asian Pacific American Women's Leadership Institute.

A native of California, Lew received a bachelor's degree from

UCLA and a juris doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley.

CALIFORNIA Court Appointments

California Gov. Gray Davis announced on Dec. 28 the appointment of Dale Ikeda as a judge of the Fresno County Superior Court, making him the only Asian American to hold a seat on the Fresno County bench.

Ikeda, 49, is a native of Fresno and a former legal counsel for JACL. He currently works for the law firm Dowling, Aaron & Keel, following a stint as partner and president in the firm Blumberg, Seng, Ikeda & Green from 1981 to 1997.

Previously, Ikeda served as a deputy city attorney in Fresno from 1977 to 1981 and also a judge pro tem for the Fresno County courts. He is the founding president of the Central California Nikkei Foundation and an adjunct professor at the San Joaquin College of Law.

Ikeda, who earned his bachelor's degree from Stanford University and his juris doctorate from the University of California, Davis, fills the vacancy left by Judge Gary Ray Kerkorian, who stepped down to retire.

Ikeda has been a past JACL CCDC governor, Clovis chapter president and Clovis scholarship chair.

Davis also named Fred J. Fujioka, 49, of Los Angeles, to take the place of retiring Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Sherill David Luke.

Fujioka is a partner at Gomez, Fujioka & Furukawa, and his specialty is in criminal defense and mental health law.

From 1977 to 1984, he worked in the Public Defender's office and has also served as a staff attorney for the San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services.

He is the founding member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association and also headed the Japanese American Bar Association.

Beginning Jan. 1, Superior Court judges were to start receiving a salary of \$133,051.

Airport Appointments

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the aviation authority for Los Angeles, announced the appointments of David Honda and Jonathan Kaji to its newly formed business council. They

will provide advice and guidance to the agency as it faces the challenges of providing a modern, efficient airport system serving the nation's gateway to the Pacific Rim.

Honda is president of D.S. Honda Construction Inc., a construction firm based in Northridge, Calif. He currently serves as president of the Los Angeles Asian Business Association and is also chair of the board of the California State University, Northridge Foundation.

Kaji is president of Kaji & Associates, a real estate consultancy based in Tokyo and Los Angeles. The company provides real estate counsel to clients on the disposition of real estate assets in both countries.

Kaji is also the immediate past director of the State of California Office of Trade and Investment, Tokyo, Japan. He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, former vice president of the American State Offices Association; an active board member of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp., American Chamber of Commerce, Japan, Urban Land Institute; and a member of the Foreign Trade Association of Southern California and the Japan American Society.

Air transportation is a critical business issue in Southern California, where increasingly the area's economic prosperity is linked to how far and how fast people and goods can be moved. LAWA created a business council to develop a planning process for LAWA's four airports — Los Angeles International, Ontario International, Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys.

Presently, there are 53 members on the council representing some of Southern California's premier companies and organizations.

COLORADO Mayor's Millennium Award

Among the 17 Coloradans recently recognized by Denver Mayor Wellington Webb with the "Mayor's Millennium Award" were the late Ralph Carr and Minoru Yasui.

Carr, who was governor of Colorado during World War II, sacrificed his political career when he allowed Japanese Americans to settle in Colorado over the opposition of many residents.

Yasui, who spent his WWII years in a U.S. concentration camp, was honored for his work as a civil rights lawyer. ■

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Exhibit Features Heart Mountain Story

"The Heart Mountain Story — Photographs by Hansel Mieth and Otto Hagel of the World War II Internment of Japanese Americans" is now on exhibit until Feb. 28 at the Forbes Mill Museum of Regional History, 75 Church St., Los Gatos, Calif.

In January of 1943, *Life* magazine sent Hansel Mieth and Otto Hagel on assignment to northwest Wyoming to photograph conditions at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, where nearly 11,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated for reasons of military necessity. The photographs were not published during the war, and most were hidden from view until September of 1997, when they were exhibited at the de Saisset Museum of Santa Clara University.

A dozen families of Japanese ancestry residing in Los Gatos were evacuated by the U.S. Army in May of 1942 and subsequently shipped to Heart Mountain. Their stories are told in an accompanying display that includes wood carvings, an ironing board, crocheted articles and embroidery made while incarcerated. Also on display is a quilt titled "Piecing Memories," which was made by members of the Japanese American Services of the East Bay under the direction of Bess

Kawachi Chin and depicts feelings and memories of the evacuation and internment experience.

A separate display documents the lives of Hansel Mieth and Otto Hagel, who immigrated to the United States from Germany during the Great Depression. Mieth was hired as the second woman staffer for *Life* magazine, and Hagel was a freelancer whose work appeared in several national publications. Exhibited are other examples of their work, including photographs, books, and photo essays published in *Life* magazine.

For further information, contact the exhibition curator: Mamoru Inouye, 15680 Canon Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95030, telephone: 408/354-2894. Museum hours are noon to 4



PHOTO: HANSEL MIETH, JANUARY 1943
Behind Barbed Wire—A young couple gazes at Heart Mountain, elevation 8,123 feet and located eight miles to the west. Home was another world in a warmer climate a thousand miles beyond the fence.

p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Telephone 408/395-7375. Admission is free. ■

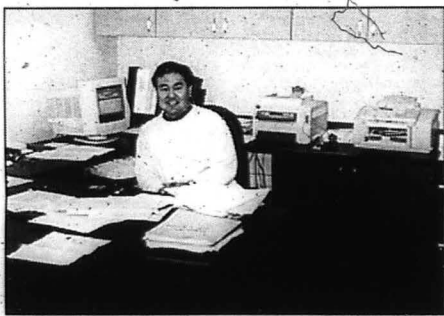
Chicago-MDC JACL Office Acquires a New Face

PHOTO: HARRY HONDA

The JACL Midwest District office recently celebrated the renovation of their office building located at 5415 N. Clark St., in Chicago. Since 1972, the Midwest District office has been working out of this building, which had once housed a bakery.

Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, credited the late Shig Wakamatsu for spearheading the remodeling project. "It's important to note that the late Shig Wakamatsu was the driving force behind the effort to keep the building and to raise funds for the renovation project which totaled over \$230,000," said Yoshino.

Ben Honda was the architect



for the remodeling project; Janice Honda consulted in the interior design; and Shizuo Hori oversaw the interior renovations. ■

Sacramento JACL Hosts Annual Community Service Recognition Dinner

More than 400 people attended the Sacramento JACL's annual community service recognition dinner held recently at the Holiday Villa banquet room.

Those recognized included Sally Taketa and her late husband, Henry, both of whom gave 50 years of community service; Frances Lee and the Asian Community Center; George Okie, Sr., for his leadership in the nursery industry worldwide; Sacramento Mayor Jimmie Yee for his support of the Asian American community; and East Lawn Inc., for their record of generous support to the Nikkei community.

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, was the keynote speaker for the evening. He noted that the JACL and all Asian American organizations must be vigilant at all times to counteract the increasing anti-Asian American incidents across the nation. He

praised the Sacramento JACL for their proactive approach in combatting hate-mongers who have been active in the Northern California region.

Sacramento chapter 2001 officers who were installed were as follows: president, Dr. Richard Ikeda; first vice president, Toku Fujii; second vice president, Gary Kuwabara; secretary, Tim Tanaka; treasurer, Ralph Sugimoto; historian, Gene Itogawa; youth coordinator, Suzanne Sasaki; past president, Dean Okimoto; directors at large — Keith Adachi, Lori Fujimoto, Tom Fujimoto, Calvin Hara, Randy Imai, Michael Iwahiro, Gary Kikimoto, Christina Kishiyama, Erin Komatsubara, Hiroko Ni-nomiya, Debra Oto-Kent, Miyoko Sawamura, Michael Sawamura, Shigeru Shimazu, Genevieve Shiroma, Diane Tomoda, and Elaine Yamaguchi. ■



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COMMENTARY

Our Future Is Bright ... a Final Word on the 36th JACL National Convention

By LARRY ODA

Greetings!

As JACL 2000 general chair, I would like to thank the many delegates, boosters, guests and friends who took part in the 36th JACL National Convention held at the DoubleTree Hotel in beautiful Monterey. From the congratulatory letters and other positive feedback we have received, it is evident that everyone had a wonderful time!

"An Endless Wave of Leadership" was the theme for this convention. The committee chose these words out of our desire to emphasize the importance of creating opportunities to maintain leadership continuity and to highlight the efforts of JACL to recruit, train, and promote a new era of leaders. In guiding the generations of Japanese Americans that worked together over the more than 24 months of planning and implementing the convention, the spirit of these words was put into practice.

It has been over five months since the convention concluded and I, for one, have not given the proper recognition to those who were most responsible for the success of the convention. I apologize for the delay and want to take the opportunity to publicly express my appreciation to all those who worked

diligently to make everyone feel welcome.

There were many hard-working individuals and groups who came together to make each element of the convention a success. They include: Tony and Amy Boch, Ken and Phyllis Teshima and the San Benito County chapter - Awards Banquet; Mas and Marcia Hashimoto, Mark Mitani, Shig Kizuka and the Santa Cruz County chapter - Awards Banquet; Lily Kawafuchi, Ken Kamei, Teri Iwanaga and the Gilroy chapter - Monterey Bay Aquarium Welcome Mixer; Robert Shintaku, Fred Oshima, Bob and Mary Oka, George and Janice Higashi, Paul and Sumi Ichiji, Herb Wong and the Salinas Valley chapter - Hospitality; Karen Koto, Randy Nakagawa and Mayumi Namekata - Convention Interns.

From Monterey Peninsula there were Edith Ichiji - General Co-Chair; Kaz Matsuyama - Convention Finance Chair; Dr. David Yamada - Program Booklet; Jeff Uchida - Program Booklet Advertising; Pet and Helen Nakasako, Fudge Kodama and Frank Tanaka - Registration; Otis Kadani and Lyle Quack - Ford shuttle van drivers; Keith Kuwatani - Golf; Joanne Nishi and Rimiko Ogura - Sayonara flower arrangements; Anne Nagano, Ellen Nakamura, April Goral - Operations; and Roger Minami from Santa Maria - Public Relations Chair.

There are two other groups who contributed to the success and uniqueness of the convention. The

first is Judy Niizawa, Rudy Tokiwa, Col. Harry Fukuhara of the Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California and the San Jose Chapter - Veterans Tribute Dinner.

It was pointed out to the committee by Fred Oshima that JACL had never had an event honoring our World War II vets, and more than that, done anything to recognize the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), whose home is now Monterey. How appropriate, to honor a service that started with a group of Nisei, at our convention in Monterey.

Starting with Roger Minami gathering the support of the MIS and recruiting Judy Niizawa to chair the event, it grew into the Veterans Tribute Dinner with the unprecedented appearances of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki keynoting the event and Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta as master of ceremonies.

The other group, also from San Jose, that I would like to recognize is the West Valley JACL chapter and their Next Generation club. The Next Generation club was organized as a way for young professional adults to participate in and assist the Japanese American community in Northern California. Sara Shoji and Jim Nagareda of Next Generation organized a fun-filled tour of local wineries for the conventioners and Todd Yoshida and the West Valley JACL put together groups of conventioners that visited the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.

There were over 200 volunteers who devoted their time and effort to make the convention a success. But for all the planning and hard work, the real reason the convention was so unforgettable was something that I touched on in my comments about the vets' dinner. The real reason, with very few exceptions, is that the most influential Japanese American political figures were in attendance. Never before have we had the quality and quantity of influential JAs, experts in their field, participating as speakers, masters of ceremonies, workshop facilitators, discussion leaders, etc. Names like Secretary of Commerce Norman Mineta, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Vice Chair Paul Iwasaki, California Secretary of Trade and Commerce Lon Hatamiya, JACL President-elect Floyd Mori, educator/author Mitchell Maki, Rose Ochi, Diane Matsuda, Helen Zia, Lori Matsukawa, J.D. Hokoyama, Roy Hatori, Steve Okamoto, Dr. Gerald Kondo, Patrick Okura, Ford Karamoto, Steve Nakajo, Mark Takeuchi, Robb Mayeda, Carol Kawamoto, Gail Tanaka, Lori Fujimoto, Jan Yanehiro, and Frank Manaka.

The information, expertise and opinions that our presenters brought to this gathering just happened to create an atmosphere of learning and fellowship that is very rare to encounter and which we were extremely fortunate to experience.

Fiscally, the committee is happy

to report that the convention finished on a profitable note. Income was greater than we had anticipated, primarily due to the efforts of National Fund Development Director Donna Okubo to obtain the backing of corporate sponsors. One of the more tangible results of her efforts was the two Ford shuttle vans that Ford Motor Company provided for the convention. In addition to the unanticipated income, expenses were below what we had budgeted due to the efforts of our finance chair, Kaz Matsuyama. The result of Donna and Kaz's efforts is that there are more monies available to fund JACL programs.

I believe we will remember the month of June 2000 as very significant in JA history. The reasons that this time will remain in our memories are because of the long-overdue recognition of the 21 members of the 100th/442nd RCT and their Congressional Medal of Honor awards, the acknowledgement of the civil rights of the WWII draft resisters, the appointment of Norman Mineta to a Cabinet position as Secretary of Commerce, the keynote address to the JA veterans by U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Shinseki, and the keynote address to JACL by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

It was a magical time for JACL and I was glad to be a part of it.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to all the participants, supporters and volunteers who made JACL 2000 a memorable event. I look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas to celebrate our "Proud Past, Promising Future," JACL 2002! ■

Health & Wellness

'Carry Tiger to the Mountain' T'ai Chi Ch'uan for Health and Balance

By SUE KUNITOMI EMBREY

Many years ago, I watched my neighbor June as she silently and gracefully moved across the deck which surrounded her house. There was the sound of Chinese music in the background. One day when I saw her walking her dog, I asked her about it. She replied that she was doing Tai Chi Ch'uan, a Chinese martial art form, which took her from being an invalid to an, being an active practitioner and teacher of Tai Chi.



Soon after, when June began an extension class through UCLA, I joined her beginner class and soon learned all three sections of the long form, which I still practice today. While people may do various styles of Tai Chi for many years, they never completely learn them; there are always ways to fine-tune the movements.

Tai Chi Ch'uan has a history as long as the history of China. It is an ancient form of exercise practiced by the Chinese for good health and self-defense purposes. Each group has developed their own style, believing their traits to be superior to any other and teaching it only to members of their immediate families.

Then in 1300 A.D. a Taoist priest named Chang San-feng became interested in Tai Chi Ch'uan and devoted the rest of his life to learning the different styles. He analyzed the movements, modified, refined and consolidated them.

Master Chang was inspired by a fight between an eagle and a snake. The snake won the fight by patiently waiting until the eagle exhausted his energy in his aggressive attack. The Master believed that sound defensive movements were superior to repeated offensive

movements, softness was superior to hardness and swiftness tended to be superior.

He also believed that health was the primary source of strength, so he developed the slow movements of Tai Chi, consisting of 81 distinct forms which were carried out slowly, deliberately, smoothly, continuously and rhythmically in definite sequence.

On my first visit to China, I was told that the Chinese arrive early and do Tai Chi before going to work. So I woke up at 5:30 a.m. one morning in Shanghai and walked down to the wharf where I watched hundreds of Chinese workers silently and rhythmically doing the style I had learned.

It was quiet, with only the sound of the waves hitting the wooden supports. When they finished, they all quietly got on their bicycles or walked away. It was an impressive sight which I can still capture in my mind's eye.

The long form of Tai Chi, which I have practiced over the years along with other styles, has names for the various movements: "Cloud hands" and "grasp the bird's tail" are movements repeated in all three sections of Tai Chi, along with "repulse the monkey" and "single whip."

"Carry tiger to the mountain" begins sections two and three of the long form. The movements utilize the push and pull postures that can be used as self-defense movements.

When Tai Chi Ch'uan is done with concentration of mind and body, the fingers, hand and the entire body is relaxed. If I think of bills to pay, or all the things waiting to be taken care of, my concentration is broken and I find myself missing or forgetting the movements I was working on.

Doctors and other health practitioners recommend Tai Chi for balance. That's because a large percentage of men and women over 60 years old fall and break bones. It is considered a serious health problem in the United States.

Numerous studies have shown that Tai Chi gives one balance and equilibrium and is a gentle exercise that benefits mind and body. It promotes good posture, reduces high blood pressure, induces deep breathing and produces more energy.

Studies have also shown that practitioners of Tai Chi, as well as yoga, find they can cope with symptoms of arthritis; rheumatism and lower back pain.

As a Chinese saying goes, it is the stiff old tree that snaps strong in a strong wind; the young blade of grass that bends lives to see another day.

A student who practices with concentration to reach a high level of skill must have willing classmates and a knowledgeable teacher. But even if one feels comfortable in a posture, a good teacher will come and move the student into a more challenging and exacting position. One can never learn it all in Tai Chi Ch'uan.

But this is not to discourage those who need to achieve balance and good posture, which leads to good health for those who do very little exercising. It is a long-term exercise requiring patience and perseverance and can be done at any age. One of my classmates is 90 years old. She comes by bus, getting up at 5:30 a.m. to prepare her day.

I have lost count of the years I have been a practitioner of Tai Chi, but I go twice a week and try not to miss any lessons since I do not practice it during the rest of the week. I do other weight exercises and try to do the short warm-up exercise our class learned recently that uses nine of the movements of Tai Chi.

I encourage all to find a community center where they offer Tai Chi classes, and with a diet of fresh fruits and vegetables, and less fast-food intake, begin your journey toward better health and balance, a sound mind and body. ■

MINETA

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"He (Mineta) is highly respected by Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike," said Joe Montana, executive director of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations. "With his appointment, he brings to this job rich insights and perspectives as an American of Asian ancestry, thus enhancing diversity not only in the Department of Transportation but in the Bush administration as a whole."

Ka Ying Yang, executive director of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, hoped Bush will continue to diversify his administration. "President-elect Bush is demonstrating his support for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community by setting this precedent and we urge him to continue to add more APIs to his administration," said Yang.

J.D. Hokoyama, vice chair of NCAAP and President and CEO of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics noted that "Mineta's passion for civil rights and life-long commitment to service continues to be a model for effective Asian Pacific American leadership."

"Norman Mineta has an outstanding record of public service as a member of Congress and an advocate for the Asian Pacific American community," said Karen Narasaki, NCAAP treasurer and executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. "His nomination as secretary of transportation is well deserved."

Guy Fujimura, national president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, noted that APALA supported Mineta when he was named to head the Department of Commerce last year and they plan to continue their support. "We will once again support his nomination as Secretary of Transportation, an area in which he is renowned for his experience, expertise and leadership," said Fujimura.

George M. Ong, OCA national president, said, "Secretary Mineta is an Asian Pacific American statesman who brings integrity, experience and stature to every position he holds and he will do so for the Department of Transportation."

Raymond Wong, OCA executive vice president, felt that Mineta will serve as a positive role model and urged Congress for a speedy confirmation. "Secretary Mineta will continue to inspire APAs and will be the one who demonstrates to the next generation that they too can attain the pinnacle of public service through public service," said Wong. "OCA urges the U.S. Senate to quickly confirm President-elect Bush's selection of Secretary Mineta to become the next Secretary of Transportation."

Mineta, a former congressman from San Jose who spent his World War II years in a U.S. concentration camp, had briefly led the public works and transportation committee in the House before the Republicans took control in 1994. Two years later, he left Congress for a position at Lockheed Martin.

He made his decision to accept the nomination after he met with Bush and was assured that he would have input into the political appointments in his department.

"I don't want to be considered a 'poster child' for the Bush administration," said Mineta. "And there are a lot of political appointments to be made. I am a Democrat. I am an Asian Pacific American. And I didn't want to be the Secretary of Transportation so that they would be able to say, 'We've got a Democrat. We've got an Asian Pacific American.' I'm interested in the substance of the job."

If confirmed, Mineta would become one of a handful of politicians to serve on the Cabinets of both Democrats and Republicans. His confirmation hearing is set for Jan. 23 and 24.

Meanwhile, in the waning days as Commerce Secretary under President Clinton, Mineta flew out to Japan this week to discuss trade and whaling issues with Japanese officials. ■

A Parade of Quotables From the Year 2000

KEEPING UP with comments, as gleaned from the *Pacific Citizen* this past year, has become our annual tryst of sorts. It's been ongoing with the 1996 "quotable" parade in the 1997 New Year special. Italicized are personal comments or circumstances for the quotes.

#2896 (Jan. 1-13, 2000)—"The influential JA researcher. We owe a debt of gratitude to the efforts of this Nisei woman [Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga] with only a high school diploma and the intelligence, grace and grit to do the work *summa cum laude*."—**William Hohri.**



By HARRY HONDA

Very Truly Yours

#2897 (Jan. 14-20)—"Like the [Buddhist temple] campaign fund-raising scandal... anytime an Asian is involved somehow, it implicates every one of us."—**John Tateishi.**

#2898 (Jan. 21-27)—"When people look at television, they want to see America. But they aren't seeing America reflected on the screen. That's all we're saying."—**Norman Mineta.**

#2899 (Jan. 28-Feb. 3)—"Failure of the Senate to confirm Mr. [Bill Lann] Lee for this critical post and President Clinton's refusal to move forward on a recess appointment before Congress begins its new session is an insult to the Asian Pacific American community and all Americans who believe in equality and fairness in our society."—**Karen Narasaki**, executive director, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. Clinton had nominated Bill Lann Lee to the nation's top civil rights job in October 1997. The Senate Judiciary blocked the nomination.

#2900 (Feb. 4-10)—"It appears to me that the opposition to the inscription is a mean-spirited red herring to camouflage their true intent, which is to denigrate [Mike] Masaoka's contributions and deny him a place in history..."—**Frank Nekoba**, USAF colonel, (ret.). Much of the views appearing in the *Nikkei* media were against inscribing excerpts from Masaoka's Japanese American Creed for the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, that appeared in issue #2908: "Whether he is being mischaracterized by his actions or not, it is clear to us that the current controversy surrounding him is not going to be resolved if his name is removed from the memorial."—**John G. Parson**, National Park Service.

#2901 (Feb. 11-17)—"We salute the Administration for this effort to preserve the [World War II] Japanese American internment campsites."—**Helen Kawagoe**, "What the Administration proposes under this program will achieve what we've struggled to accomplish for decades."—**John Tateishi**. "The relocation and internment of American citizens during World War II is a vital chapter in our history."—**Vice President Gore**, *Statements made in conjunction with the National Park Service report, "Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of WWII Japanese American Internment Camp Sites."* Free copy is available: NPS Archeological and Conservation Center, 1415 N. 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705; fax 520/670-6525, Attn. Supt.; e-mail: wacc_supt@nps.gov

#2902 (Feb. 18-24)—"Yakudoshi literally means 'bad luck' years. Depending on whom you ask or what books you refer to, calamitous years for a man are 25 and 42; for a woman, they are 19 and 33. To reverse the bad luck, the person has to host a party for friends and family."—**Naomi Hirahara**, P.C. columnist.

#2903 (Feb. 25-Mar. 2)—"JACL, APA Groups Angered at [Sen. John] McCain's Use of Term 'Gook'—P.C. banner headline. Referring to his wartime North Vietnamese captors who tortured him during his five-year imprisonment; McCain later apologized."

#2904 (Mar. 3-9)—"A state may not deny or abridge the right to vote on account of race, and this law [only people with Hawaiian blood could vote for trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs] does so."—**Justice Anthony M. Kennedy** in expressing the 7-2 U.S. Supreme Court decision. National JACL has been keeping track of this issue for several years.

#2905 (Mar. 10-16)—"I'm very proud of Mike. He's so lucky to have so many friends. He's never ever lost an election!"—**Jeanne Honda**, wife of the Assemblyman who made a successful run for Congress.

#2906 (Mar. 17-23)—"We're just grateful that we've pursued our dreams... Whether anyone liked it or not, I did it with true love and commitment, and at least I can rest on that peacefully."—**June Okida Kuramoto**. The famed kotoist with the band Hiroshima.

#2907 (Mar. 24-30)—"Over the years, the 'Frying Pan' column demonstrated its willingness to discuss issues that no one else would raise, at least not openly."—**Bill Marutani**, on being stunned to read Bill Hosokawa's "Finale" in issue #2905.

#2908 (Mar. 31-Apr. 6)—"The Census Bureau joins in that apology [of President Clinton on behalf of the entire federal government] and acknowledges its role in the internment [implicating the denial of civil rights to U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry in 1942]."—**Kenneth Prewitz**, Census Bureau director.

#2909 (Apr. 7-13)—"What a shock to receive this type of message in this day and age!"—**Karen-Liane Shiba**, national JACL vice president, membership. The outrage stems from four Japan-bashing e-mail messages addressed to the Venice Culver, SELANOCO, Torrance JACL chapters and the PSW regional office.

#2910 (Apr. 14-20)—"It is strange that in passing that Mike Masaoka should become such a controversial figure years after his death. In 1942, as JACL's national secretary, he was made spokesman for the Japanese American community by federal authorities who had no idea who else to talk to."—**Bill Hosokawa**.

#2911 (Apr. 21-27)—"John Tateishi brings back a lot of knowledge and history of JACL that meshes really well with the newer, younger leadership so it's a good blend of old experience and new ideas."—**Floyd Shimomura**, former national JACL president ('82-'84), upon Tateishi's appointment April 14 as national JACL director.

#2912 (Apr. 28-May 4)—"No matter what happens to Japanese Americans in the future, December 7 will always be the centerpiece of our history and the

internment, and that's why we have this ultra sensitive reaction to things around Pearl Harbor."—**John Tateishi**. That's the caution JACL expressed after his meeting with Disney officials about its upcoming movie, "Pearl Harbor."

#2913 (May 5-11)—"We become more vulnerable each time this kind of racist attack takes place."—**John Tateishi**. On April 28, a white man, Richard Baumhamsers, 34, fired his gun in several suburban Pittsburgh communities, killing a person of Indian descent, two employees at a Chinese restaurant, a black man at a martial arts school and a Jewish woman who lived next door to the suspect's parents. The shootings took place in a 20-mile range during an hour span.

#2914 (May 12-18)—"While this is 'my first visit here to this very sacred place [Manzanar], I want to publicly commit that this will not be my last."—**Robert G. Stanton**, director, National Park Service, at the 31st annual Manzanar Pilgrimage April 29.

#2915 (May 19-25)—"At best, [the Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2000 - H.R. 4735, a redress bill introduced by Rep. Xavier Becerra] will be difficult to get through the Congress, but this shouldn't discourage anyone concerned about the bill because in 1978, the chances of redress for Japanese-Americans was viewed as an impossibility."—**John Tateishi**.

#2916 (May 26-June 1)—"Your mother packed you an obento instead of a sandwich."—**Emily Murase**, explaining a characteristic of growing up as a Nisei-han in California, her mother being an Issei and her father a Nisei.

#2917 (June 2-8)—"I want to tell you guys that if Asian Americans don't come together as a community now, this crap is going to happen over and over."—**Alberta Lee**, daughter of nuclear scientist Dr. Wen Ho Lee, addressing a UCLA forum on May 24.

#2918 (June 9-15)—"We're afraid this [a new baseball stadium] will be the nail-in-the-coffin that kills Chinatown."—**John Chin**, Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corp., in opposing the mayor's proposal that would strangle Chinatown.

#2919 (June 16-22)—"The current [national JACL] budget... calls for a \$3 per member dues increase."—**David H. Yashiki**, Treasurer Hierarchy, however, did not reveal here the full figures in print.

#2920 (June 23-29)—"This information may help fill in the gaps in history. Then you realize that it's much more important for the papers to be some place where people can look at it."—**Kit Forrest Kurisaki**, grandson of the prewar Japanese community leader Layle Kurisaki in Imperial Valley.

#2921 (June 30-July 6)—"They risked their lives above and beyond the call of duty. In doing so, they did more than defend America. In the face of painful prejudice, they helped America at its best."—**President Clinton**. On June 21, 22 Asian Pacific American veterans of WWII belatedly received the Congressional Medal of Honor. "Norm Mineta has always done things not for his own personal gains but in the interest of the Asian American community."—**John Tateishi**, on the news Mineta was to be appointed Secretary of Commerce.

#2922 (July 7-13)—"The registers of conscience" had the

right to object to the draft for civil rights but if they were truly sincere for that reason, they should have come out at evacuation time and said, 'We won't go.'"—**Fred Hirasuna**, 92, Fresno JACL, in expressing his disappointment over national JACL council approving an apology to the resisters.

"Although JACL vilified the resisters for taking a principled and constitutional stand against injustice during the war, for [JACL] to acknowledge this now will not mar their image. It will only make the organization stronger."—**Frank Emi**, leader of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee. "It's time they did this. We've all been educated that there are other ways to fight for your country, so I think we've all learned from the experience."—**Gordon Hirabayashi**, of Edmonton, Canada, a *Nikkei* of the Biennium awardee.

#2923 (July 14-20)—"JACL Legacy Fund distribution staves off \$3 dues increase. 'I am anxious to do what I can to help build the financial basis for the organization in order that we will be better able to strengthen our activities in legislative advocacy in Washington, D.C., and in the various states.'"—**S. Floyd Mori**, newly elected national JACL president.

#2924 (July 21-27)—"Our call for a thorough investigation of the Philadelphia incident [the July 12 beating of Thomas Jones, an alleged carjacker who, in a later exchange of gunfire, shot one police officer before being arrested] in no way is intended to make a judgment or to ignore the circumstances of the incident."—**John Tateishi**.

#2925 (July 28-Aug. 3)—"Norman Mineta's appointment to the Cabinet is an important moment in the history of Asian Americans, for it sends a signal to the public that Asian Americans are in fact an important part of this nation's fabric."—**John Tateishi**. Mineta was sworn in July 25 by Vice President Gore as U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

#2926 (Aug. 4-10)—"California Gov. Davis extends CCLPEP [California Civil Liberties Public Education Program] through 2003. 'This is one of the most comprehensive opportunities to use our educational resources relative to the experiences of Japanese Americans' during World War II."—**Assemblyman George Nakano**, author of the bill signed July 19.

#2927 (Aug. 11-17)—"The way they have treated Bill Lann Lee has been petty and steeped in partisan vinegar. It has been a direct insult to him and to all who care about civil rights enforcement."—**Sen. Patrick Leahy**, D-Vt., on President Clinton's appointment on Aug. 3 during a congressional recess, finally granting Lee "full status" as assistant attorney general for civil rights.

#2928 (Aug. 18-24)—"If we got into a conflict with mainland China, would someone question my loyalty?"—**Ben Wong**, the U.S.-born West Covina, Calif., mayor pro-tem. A comment recorded at the Democratic National Committee convention in Los Angeles.

#2929 (Aug. 25-31)—"We have to work harder to inform and to educate our people about the policies of the Democratic Party and the Republican Party."—**Dinh Le**, Vietnamese American delegate from Orange County, Calif., at the DNC convention.

#2930 (Sept. 1-7)—"Al Gore and the Democrats have done

more to advance issues of importance to Asian Pacific Americans. But both parties have room for improvement."—**Chang-Lin Tien**, former chancellor, UC Berkeley, during the 80/20 Initiative meeting Aug. 27 at Universal City, Calif.

#2931 (Sept. 8-14)—"Working without a blueprint, Bob [Bratt] was relentless in ensuring that no one was forgotten and received redress payments."—**Sen. Daniel Inouye**, in praising his leadership of four years (1988-1992) at the Office of Redress Administration. Bratt completed 25 years with the Justice Department and departed in August to work in the private hi-tech field.

#2932 (Sept. 15-21)—"A lot of Nisei are finding out the other side of the story [of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee]. Something like 'Rabbit in the Moon' shows there are two sides to every story..."—**Mits Koshiyama**, San Jose, Calif., when the Emiko-Chizu Omori TV documentary received an Emmy for Achievement in Historical Programming.

#2933 (Sept. 22-28)—"Wen Ho Lee, Los Alamos, N.M., suspected of espionage, kept in solitary confinement for nine months, was released Sept. 13 after pleading guilty to a single count of unlawful possession of defense information. The other 58 counts were dropped. U.S. District Judge James Parker apologized, saying 'Lee's detention embarrassed our entire nation'."

#2934 (Sept. 29-Oct. 5)—"What Cuba did at the time (1942) was much more cruel. They suddenly took away the main breadwinner and forced the women to work even harder to provide for themselves and children."—**Cuban Nisei Francisco Shinichi Miyasaka**, 61, of Havana, on a week-long goodwill tour of California in August.

#2935 (Oct. 6-12)—"I had three wheel changes, a bike change and crash... It was discouraging because this was my first Olympic experience."—**California-born Hapa Mari Holdren**, U.S. Olympic team road-race cyclist at Sydney Games. But she came home, to Colorado Springs, Colo., with a silver medal.

#2936 (Oct. 20-Nov. 2)—"The House granted \$5 million for development of the Manzanar National Historic Site. 'I am pleased to see the Administration recognize the great value in protecting World War II internment and relocation sites.'"—**Rep. Robert Matsui**, [The Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center is also expecting a \$500,000 federal grant.]

#2937 (Nov. 3-10)—"I didn't care if I got the Medal of Honor or not. I was thankful I came home alive."—442nd veteran and Medal of Honor awardee **Barney F. Hajiro**, 84, a draftee from Hawaii.

#2938 (Nov. 17-Dec. 14)—"It's a beautiful feeling to see that finally the country has thought of us."—**Hy Shishino**, Cerritos, Calif., among the 2,000 who gathered for the dedication of the National Japanese Memorial to Patriotism, Nov. 9 in Washington, D.C.

#2939 (Dec. 15 Holiday Issue)—"Within these [120-pages] you'll learn about heart disease and diabetes among Asian Pacific Americans, the latest finds including oxygen bars and alternative medicines, and personal stories including a man's recent loss of his wife from stomach cancer and a woman who has lived her life as a hearing-impaired individual."—**Caroline Aoyagi**.

Music, Maestro, Please

I DON'T KNOW how it is out your way, but here in the mid-Atlantic zone, on Saturday evenings on the PBS (public service) channel, the Lawrence Welk orchestra is regularly featured. With the "champagne music" introduced by Mr. Welk popping a finger from his mouth (simulating the pop of a bottle being uncorked), followed by the maestro then hissing to suggest the sound of escaping bubbly. The orchestra where everyone is attired in uniform pastel color, the men in polyester outfits and the ladies in frilly



By **BILL MARUTANI**

East Wind

dresses with hems never, or very seldom, above the knees. All participants, be they members of the orchestra, singers or dancers (often Ben Vereen with his accomplished tap-dancing) — their hair neatly trimmed, buttons buttoned, make-up generally restrained. No Tammy Bakers here. And the musical renditions featuring old favorites, chronologically focusing upon the familiar tunes of the 40s and 50s: The orchestra whose bandleader, his baton tucked under his arm, politely claps his hands and compliments a performer by declaring "Wunner-ful, that was wunner-ful." There's no doubt who tops the pecking order: everyone paternalistically addresses him as "Mr. Welk." No "Larry" or even "Lawrence."

I don't recall hearing Welk's music during my 1942 confinement at Pinedale-Tule. Sincero radios were allowed, the only avenue through which I would have heard any music would have been listening to a record at the recreation hall.

IT WAS while attending from 1942, a midwestern college, that I was exposed to Welk's music when he came to town to play a gig. (In those days, he was playing the ac-

cordion.) This was the heyday period of band/orchestras such as the likes of Tommy Dorsey and his trombone, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Woody Herman, the trumpet of Harry James, Glenn Miller (the king of them all), Jan Savitt, clarinetist Artie Shaw, Jack Teagarden and Paul Whiteman to name a few. From this competitive lineup, if someone had suggested that Mr. Welk's outfit would be the survivor, no less than five-plus decades later, I would have checked to see what the declarant was smoking. But there he is on TV, every Saturday evening through replays from tape-recordings. I guess you also noticed that Mr. Welk is light on his feet whether dancing the polka or waltzing.

ON THAT ONE and only time I saw Lawrence Welk in the flesh, I came away impressed. The presentation was clean cut and most of the tunes played were familiar to me. The program was not "Glenn Miller," but then other than Glenn Miller himself, who is? Not even Tex Beneke, the male vocalist and successor to the Glenn Miller style, can match the musical arrangement and execution that were the genius of the Master. For many Nisei, myself included, the music of the Glenn Miller band hauntingly recalls many poignant memories of the 40s.

If you're still with us, you may have noticed that I "waffled" in use of the terms "band" and "orchestra." I turned to a dictionary (Webster's Seventh Collegiate), in which "band" is defined as "a group of musicians organized for playing together." (I would hope so; the "together," I mean.) "Orchestra" is defined as "a group of instrumentalists including esp. String players organized to perform ensemble music." Then "ensemble" is defined as "concert music of two or more parts." After all this, I'm still in the woods. You'll have to find your own way out by yourself. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia.

Art Matters

One of the projects I'm working on these days is a book on Asian American artists and musicians, in collaboration with Elisa Kamimoto. We're profiling about a hundred artists and musicians as part of a series of books on "Distinguished Asian Americans" to be published by Oryx Press.



By **BRIAN NIYIA**

Troubled in Paradise

seems a reasonable question, since I suspect most of us can only name a dozen or so, if that. But as with many aspects of AA history, there is a lot more out there that not many people know about. With a little digging, we've come up with over 200 names, a number that seems to grow daily. The problem will be winnowing that list to a hundred, not coming up with enough names.

While many of these artists and musicians are contemporary, many others are historical. We've found that there is no shortage of AA artists and musicians going back to the early decades of the 20th century. The problem has not been that there haven't been outstanding artists; it's been that little has been known about most of these figures until recently.

Much of this is due to the prevailing direction of AA studies scholarship in the early years of

the 1970s and 80s. The vast majority of that early literature was on historical (particularly political and social history), social scientific or literary topics. There were also a fair number of publications on AA artists that came out of the art museum world, but most of them were not widely noted outside the art subculture.

But over the last decade, we've seen quite a change. A new generation of younger scholars with an understanding of the Asian American Studies literature have turned to art history and ethnomusicology and produced an impressive body of work, including Kazuko Nakane, Susan Asai and Karin Higa, among many others. A few senior scholars have also entered the fray, including Elaine Kim and Amy Ling.

But most of the work has been done outside of academia. Both mainstream institutions and more specialized AA community institutions such as the Wing Luke Museum and the Japanese American National Museum have featured a wide range of AA artists. Since I've worked at the latter institution for most of the last decade plus, I've been most influenced by Karin Higa's work there, beginning with the landmark 1992 exhibition, "The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-1945," which had the audacity to treat art from the JA concentration camps as art rather than ethnographic data, to last year's sprawling retrospective on the challenging video-based art of Bruce and Norman Yonemoto. She and Kristine Kim are collaborating on a retrospective on Issei painter Henry Sugimoto that will open this March.

From afar, I've become familiar with curator Margie Machida's impressive "Asia/America: Identities in Contemporary Asian American Art" exhibition and catalog at New York's Asia

Society Galleries (1994), which features the work of foreign born AA artists; "With New Eyes: Toward an Asian American Art History in the West" at San Francisco State University (1995); the national tour and catalog of the exhibition "Asian Traditions, Modern Expressions: Asian American Artists and Abstraction, 1945-1970" (1997); Mayumi Tsutakawa's "They Painted from their Hearts: Pioneer Asian American Artists" at the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle (1994); and the current "Through Our Eyes: Twentieth Century Asian American Photography in the Pacific Northwest" (2000), also at the Wing Luke, among many other overview type exhibitions.

There have also been too many one-person shows to mention. Just in the last year or so, we've seen retrospectives on Paul Horiuchi at the Seattle Asian Art Museum, Hisako Hibi at JANM and Satoru Abe at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, not to mention national tours of exhibitions featuring the work of Kenjiro Nomura and Roger Shimomura. We've also seen new major biographical studies appear on such figures as Isamu Noguchi, Yasuo Kuniyoshi and George Nakashima.

All of this activity in the art arena has greatly influenced me and other Asian Americanists who may not have had an interest in art 10 years ago. Our community has always had its share of artists, and their lives and work provide important clues to the JA experience of their time and place.

A book like the one we're working on would not have been possible a decade ago. Thanks to all the work cited above and a great deal more that I haven't room to cite, it is today. I hope we can help to introduce many others to the lives and work of these "distinguished" artists and musicians. ■

COMMENTARY

Postwar Nikkei in Retrospect

By **TAKASUMI KOJIMA**
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

When Fred Oshima recently wrote in the *Pacific Citizen* about what little there is of the Nisei crowd, it got me thinking of where we are today at the start of the official new millennium as compared to the time of our exiting the camps in 1945.

During the past 55 years, the Nikkei community has experienced unprecedented and momentous change which has transformed its internal composition and future prospect. The Nikkei diaspora has enjoyed a sustained period of influence, empowerment and social acceptance in America. Tremendous shifts of population have also taken place with far-reaching consequences. Most of the prewar Nikkei were contained in the Nihonmachi of the western states, and they were to be dealt the most devastating blow by the Pearl Harbor event, which led to Executive Order 9066 — the removal of the Nikkei to the 10 concentration camps.

The growth of the Nikkei population since the 19th century has been spectacular. In 1880, we numbered only 148. By 1920, we had risen to 111,010, and by 1940 there were 126,947, of which 112,000 were incarcerated. Today, according to the 2000 Census, there are 1,140,000 Japanese Americans living in the United States, including those of mixed race descent.

But in the period between the two world wars, especially in the 1930s under the impact of the Great Depression — the Nikkei population actually shrank from 138,834 in 1930 to 126,947 in

1940, as many Issei and their families returned to Japan.

Since the war, Nikkei settlement has undergone significant change in terms of population. Nikkei are today concentrated in a smaller number of states than in 1940, and they are a smaller percentage of an expanding U.S. population. On the other hand, they have largely become a middle-class people inhabiting the core areas rather than the peripheral areas of the economic and political system. They are generally concentrated in cities that have higher per capita incomes, health standards, literacy rates and cultural levels. They reap the fruits of full civil liberties and a democratic way of life.

All of these positive benefits also apply to the Yonsei and Gosei, who did not suffer the same difficulties encountered by the Issei, who of ten endured penitence and struggled for existence.

When one thinks of the extraordinary economic and cultural influence of the Nikkei and their involvement in the decision-making process in the world's most powerful country, then the contrast with the Issei-Nisei conditions in 1945 is indeed remarkable. This dramatic recovery from the nadir of the concentration camps and its devastation is a stunning achievement and a genuine triumph over adversity. But what else has happened over the last 55 years?

For one, the rate of interracial marriage has dramatically increased. Seventy years ago, intermarriage was below 5 percent, but by 1970 it had leapt to 50 percent and in 2000 it stood at an all-time high of 75 percent. Between 1950 and 2000, the intermarriage rate

rose almost tenfold. When one adds to this an increasing Nikkei divorce rate (30 percent), which is still below the current rate of divorce among Caucasians (50 percent), then it is clear that the Nikkei family is beginning to fail and with it perhaps a coherent Nikkei culture.

This highly educated, successful, upwardly mobile Nikkei community has found its numbers depleting in the course of 30 years. The trends of outmarriage, divorce, low birthrate and an aging Nisei population show a downward spiral — and the end of the Nikkei culture and the remaining Nihonmachi.

It is the downside of the affluence, greater opportunities, social mobility and cultural integration which postwar modernity has offered to the Nikkei society. Low intermarriage rates before World War II reflected a society which still discriminated against the Japanese. Yet, the Japanese family was more stable, and the gulf between Nikkei and Caucasian was still considerable. In contemporary society, these factors no longer operate. There is far less opposition among Nikkei and Caucasians to intermarriage. Nikkei distinctiveness has diminished and assimilation has increased, despite the experience of mass incarceration 59 years ago.

Economic and political freedom, tolerance, pluralism and social acceptance threaten to accomplish by peaceful means what the WRA barbarism could not complete in the terror of the Tule Lake segregation camp. This is surely the greatest paradox of the postwar Nikkei society. Never has it enjoyed such optimal conditions, yet never has it looked more like an

endangered species in the longer term. Its continuity, its distinctiveness, its cultural and religious practices are seriously in doubt.

Can the people who miraculously recovered from the concentration camps, survived exile from western states, experienced selective expulsion to Japan and later withstood bigotry and hate crimes upon returning to California, possibly reconcile itself to quietly fading from the scene? Can the continuity and survival of the Nikkei be assured in the condition of freedom and affluence in the 21st century or will we become the modern equivalent to the Jews who migrated to China (Kaifeng) several hundred years ago? The Chinese did not assault the Jews, but made their culture work smoothly, gently, slowly upon them; they did not fight the Jews. Over time, they approached each other, intermarried and assimilated gradually.

This is a perplexing and difficult question for the Nikkei, who no

longer appear so distinctive in the American mosaic. The tag of perennial outsider, rootless migrant fruit harvester, wanderer between the farms, has shifted to other ethnic minorities who currently bear the blunt of racism, xenophobia and intolerance. The Nikkei, in fact, often seem more like insiders.

The strengthening of bonds in a prosperous, tolerant, pluralistic, democratic nation would be further guarantees for freedom and security of JA existence. But the survival of a meaningful Nikkei identity in the American diaspora ultimately depends on the Nikkei themselves.

Freedom, equality and wealth cannot in themselves ensure the position of Nikkei society and its future generations. It's up to us to reinforce Japanese language education, cultural study and the Nikkei conviction of our forefathers so that Japanese Americans may thrive in the 21st century. ■

Bill Hosokawa to be Keynote Speaker at Jan. 27 Seattle Banquet

Bill Hosokawa, a native of Seattle and former editorial page editor of the *Denver Post*, will be the keynote speaker at the Seattle JACL installation banquet on Jan. 27.

Hosokawa, a graduate of Garfield High School and the University of Washington's School of Journalism, pursued a journalism career despite anti-Japanese sentiment. He served as a war correspondent in Korea and Vietnam, and later taught at the universities of Colorado, Northern Colorado and Wyoming. He has published 10 books, including "JACL in Quest of Justice," and has written a regular column



for the *Pacific Citizen*, titled, "From the Frying Pan," from 1942 to last year. In 1958, he received JACL's Nisei of the Biennium award.

For more information on the event, contact May Namba at 206/784-3824. ■

Letters to the Editor

Smoke Free for 68 Years

I am impressed by the encouragement to quit smoking manifested in the Holiday Issue. I wonder if a method that succeeded for me 68 years ago might assist present addicts.

I began in childhood to acquire the vice of smoking cigarettes. Perhaps I progressed towards the addiction because though the vice otherwise seemed useless and harmful, it appeared to render prestige to the addicted. Though prohibiting me from doing so, my father and elder brothers smoked. The prohibition rendered apparent their social superiority.

Later, I was even more persuaded that smoking indicated higher status. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was to become the most powerful man in the world, impressively smoked cigarettes in public.

But when I turned 20 and was temporarily living in Los Angeles, I had achieved sufficient adulthood to reason, as almost every adult addict presumably does, that smoking is completely improper. Among other flaws related to the vice was the expense of the day — a package of tobacco and cigarette papers cost five cents and a package of 20 popular cigarettes such as Lucky Strike cost 15 cents.

Wanting to quit, as I assume almost every adult smoker does, and being able to succeed seemed unrelated. My craving for cigarettes was such that I was skeptical of being able to renounce them.

Nevertheless, I tended to contemplate means of reform, and one morning I read a newspaper article saying that drinking stimulants such as coffee contributes to the need to smoke a cigarette, which the article identified as a narcotic.

I considered and conceded to the newspaper article's claim. I had the habit of following my sipping of a cup of coffee with the lighting of a cigarette. I was only mildly addicted to coffee so I was confident of my ability to cease drinking it. But, would even the assistance gained from discontinuing coffee render me the ability to surmount the craving for cigarettes?

Uncertain of what might be the result of this attempt to quit, I compromised by experimenting abstinence from the cigarette vice for a single day — 24 hours. I tried and succeeded.

More confident as a result of gaining this initial success, I smoked for one day. I then avoided smoking for two days, then returned to smoking for one day. I then adopted this system — smoking one day, followed by doubling the preceding days of abstinence (two days, four days, eight days and so on).

Time came for a month of abstinence. At the end of that month, I found I no longer needed to compensate with a day of smoking, even though I returned to the habit of drinking coffee.

That was 68 years ago, and I have never felt the slightest inclination to re-create the habit. I have lived the last 66 years in Hawaii. In my old age, I tend to recollect and judge what I performed when young. I find one matter on which it always seems I behaved commendably — discarding the cigarette habit. Though the method I used to surmount the vice may appear immature, it obviously succeeded for me.

Surmounting the vice has rendered enormous benefits.

Allan Beckman
Honolulu

Is Anyone Out There?

Last February, when my membership came up for renewal, I transferred my chapter affiliation from Sequoia in Palo Alto to San Luis Obispo. Having recent-

ly moved here, I thought that it was more likely that I could remain involved if I switched to the local chapter.

The Sequoia chapter has been experiencing all of the worst problems that JACL is encountering. It's an aging group and the extremely high housing prices in Silicon Valley force most of the members' children and grandchildren to seek housing elsewhere. Consequently, it's been shrinking long before I joined.

I thought that I might be able to contribute to at least one local activity. Boy, was I wrong! There hasn't been a single contact with anyone in this chapter. No postcards, no letters, no event announcements, no phone calls and no visible presence! Does this chapter exist?

My renewal notice arrived a few days ago. I certainly want to continue to support JACL. It is a worthwhile organization with an excellent mission. Of course, it's not perfect, but neither am I. What should I do about my chapter affiliation? It hardly makes sense to continue with a group (if it exists) which shows no interest in me, does it? On the other hand, the people who I know and like in the Sequoia chapter are two hundred miles away. How could I ever participate in any of their activities?

I ask these questions publicly in the P.C. not to embarrass anyone, but to seek suggestions and perhaps receive some insight from others who've faced this dilemma. If I really lucky maybe one of the neighboring chapters will recruit me. So I include my e-mail address here: PHarris_4@excite.com. Correspondence and comments from other members are welcome.

Peter Harris
via e-mail

Book Shows FBI Spied on JA Families

Recently, I read a book, "Ganbatte," by Janus Kurahara. The book is an autobiography of Kurahara as he grew up in California, spent time in Tule Lake and settled in Hood River, Oregon. Kurahara was an exceptional person in that he became a prominent citizen and county commissioner in a community that was one of the most vocal pockets of hatred against returning persons of Japanese ancestry following the closure of the internment camps.

One startling revelation is brought to light in the last chapter of his book. He describes the system that the local Hood River Sheriff established in cooperation with the FBI to spy on Japanese American families. Kurahara has the records which show that as early as 1937, 164 white citizens were deputized and paid to spy on their Japanese neighbors and to guard "critical" locations in the community. If it were not for the fact that the sheriff, who discovered the document, was a very good friend of Kurahara, it could have been destroyed, as the sheriff was advised to do by his colleagues.

The fact that this kind of surveillance took place in a community like Hood River four years before the war started makes one wonder if similar networks were in place throughout the West Coast. This is probably the reason why so many leaders were picked up so swiftly after Pearl Harbor was attacked. At the same time, the lack of any subversive activity detected under this surveillance program may be the reason why J. Edgar Hoover was one of the few who felt that evacuation was not necessary.

George Katagiri
Portland, Ore.

A Timely Report

I want to thank Ryan Chin, national JACL vice president of public affairs, for his timely report, "The Quarter in Review" (P.C., Nov. 3-16). It gave us a quick, concise update that was understandable to both the initiated and your casual P.C. reader. Interest may vary from item to item, but everyone gets the idea that there's a lot going on.

Sometimes, the full-blown articles about single issues or events, while very informative, give the unintentional idea that JACL has limited scope. (Those of us who work at the chapter level know that isn't true; there are more issues to address than there are volunteers.)

It's popular to be disillusioned with the JACL. The paradox is that Japanese Americans are increasingly affected by the world we live in (hate crimes, racial profiling, anti-defamation, church vs. state, to mention only a few — it's a long list), even while they are increasingly disconnected from JACL.

I would think a better informed member is more likely to be a "connected" member. Thanks Ryan.

Larry Scheidman
Chicago

'Letter of Healing?'

Professor Eric L. Muller's acerbic observations (P.C., Nov. 17-Dec. 14) of Wyoming Gov. Geringer's "letter of healing" as a dance in euphemisms with a nimbleness that defies the realities of that dismal period, recalls a similar experience in Wyoming.

Five years ago after attending the symposium "Japanese American History: The Heart Mountain Experience" sponsored by Northwest College's history department in Powell, Wyoming, I was left with the impression that an academic protocol is often higher than truth and reality.

Furthermore, I could only conclude that Wyomingites considered us quaint exotic people, hopefully transient. (They have always been preoccupied with their Native Americans and reservations.)

It may bemuse or even amuse the readers and former Heart Mountain inmates, especially the draft resisters, to learn that Wyoming's motto is "Equal Rights" and their nickname, "Equality State."

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OBITUARY

New Yorker Min Hara, 78, MIS Veteran

A native of Terminal Island, Calif., and a World War II MIS veteran, Minoru Hara died Dec. 2 at his home in Bronx, N.Y., after being hospitalized for radiation treatment. He is survived by wife Keiko. They had no children.

His brother, Ben, instructor at the Coast Guard station in Florida, predeceased him. Memorial services were held Dec. 10 at the New York Buddhist Church, Rev. T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki presiding.

"Min" was among the eight Nisei at Poston, Ariz., who had volunteered for Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage in November 1942, and left that night after signing up that morning. He served with the 6th Infantry Division in the



Pacific Theater, participating in three amphibious landings — at Sarmi-Wadke, Maffin Bay and Cape Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea — and the final amphibious assault at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, where enemy naval bombardment was particularly massive.

"It was really a frightening sight, seeing daylight (7 a.m.) turning pitch black (from gunfire smoke)," he recalled in his July 31, 1990, Pacific Citizen profile. Postwar, he served with ATIS at GHQ Tokyo, and in South Korea, again with the 6th Infantry Division.

He was decorated with the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Asia-Pacific Campaign Medal with bronze arrowhead and two bronze service stars, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Japan clasp and Philippine Liberation Medal with bronze star. ■

Hideshiro 'Hid' Hasegawa, 78, JACL IDC Governor 1982-87

Hideshiro "Hid" Hasegawa, former JACL Intermountain District governor (1982-87), 1000 Club life member, Idaho Falls chapter president (1972-73) and board member since 1957, passed away in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Dec. 6.

DEATH NOTICE

JERRY SUMISU INOUE

PORTLAND, Ore. — Jerry Sumisu Inoue, 79, passed away Dec. 28. He was born in Portland and graduated from Franklin High School during WW2. He was married with his family at Minidoka in Idaho. From there he entered the army. Mr. Inoue married Grace Yoshiko Kurahara in 1947. She passed away in 1992. He had served as president of the Japanese Hotel Assn., had operated the Grunt, Everett and Drake Hotels. From 1946-1974 he owned and operated the Court Apartment. For several years he was manager of the Benihana Restaurant and then was a produce buyer for Shidechens market until retiring. He was an early board member of the Japanese Garden Society, past president of the Japanese Golf Assn., served on the board of Japan-America Society of Oregon, was past president of the Japanese Ancestral Society, was a founding member of the Sapporo Portland Sister City Assn. and an active member and supporter of the Konkō Church of Portland and Portland Japanese Citizens League. Jerry is survived by his son Kurtis, daughter Karen Sunada, Donna Akagi of Aloha, Ore., Sherrie Sparrang of Redmond, Wash., sister Kim Nakayama and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 3.

He was born in Igna, a small town near Idaho Falls. When he returned from World War II and the Korean Conflict military and

government service in the mid-'50s, he worked with the Nisei furniture-appliance outlet in southwest Los Angeles and later with

Sears in Idaho.

While IDC governor, the trunk of his car represented the IDC "regional office," filled with memos and reports from national JACL reproduced in sufficient quantities to distribute at their quarterly sessions.

His wife, Margaret, who predeceased him in April 1999, was Idaho Falls JACL's first woman president in 1968. ■

DEATH NOTICE

MARY FUSAKO HONDA

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Mary Fusako Honda, 79, passed away Dec. 11, 2000. She was born in Los Angeles, graduated from Maryknoll School and Catholic Girls High School before WW2. She was among the first Nisei in 1947 to work in the business division of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and retired in 1983. She is survived by brother Harry K. (Misaki), nephew Ted (Gayle) Kodama, Chicago, niece Patricia (Daniel) Aras, Los Altos, Calif., cousin Midori (Masao) Nagahiro, Emiko (Tom) Nogawa, and relatives. She is predeceased by her parents, Henry Senbei and Anna Shi Honda, and sister Kayoko (Misako) Kodama, Chicago. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 14 at the St. Francis Xavier Chapel (Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center), Los Angeles.

DEATH NOTICE

GLADYS SHIMASAKI

TORRANCE, Calif. — Gladys K. Shimasaki, 84, last surviving child of Zempachi and Wakiko Onoe passed away on Dec. 23, 2000. Born in Salinas on Dec. 14, 1916, she attended Salinas High School and Salinas Junior College. Gladys was a life long member of JACL beginning with the Salinas Valley, Monterey Peninsula Chapter (as it was called back in the late 1930s). An accomplished pianist, Gladys was evacuated to Poston Camp #2 in 1943, then settled in Monroe, Michigan where she soon met husband Iru. She helped organize the Washington, D.C. chapter of JACL as a charter member and served as the first secretary to Mike Masakusa in 1945. After 30 years living in Bethesda, Maryland, Gladys and Iru returned to Calif. in 1979 and lived in N. Hollywood and Torrance. Recently she was the winner of the JACL Sweepstakes at the National Convention in Monterey. She made a gift of this money to her grandson Justin who is a freshman at Stanford. Gladys was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Iru, daughters Susan (Don) Wilesson of Boca Raton, Florida, Sandra (Bill) Kitzes of Torrance and grandchildren Juhari, Dana, Kevin, Brian and Jason.

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Abe, Fred, Tacoma, Wash., June 30; Vietnam War veteran; retired in 1983 with the rank of Command Sgt. Major, the highest ranking JA non commissioned officer in the U.S. Army at the time.

Akashi, Hisano, 100, Gardena, July 27; Okayama-ken-born. **Amemiya, Dr. Minoru**, Ames, Iowa, Nov. 2; WWII MIS veteran; Topaz internnee; scientist and professor in Department of Agronomy at Iowa State University.

Ando, Takashi, 82, Seattle, Dec. 2, 99; WWII MIS Pacific veteran, postwar civilian employee of U.S. Air Force Intelligence Service in Tokyo.

Araki, Edward Hajime, 63, Los Angeles, June 15; Hilo, Hawaii-born; Korean War veteran.

Cullum, Bob, 90, Albuquerque, N.M., Aug. 19; Portland, Ore.-born; directed the final WRA study on JA evacuees; secretary for the Committee of Equality in Naturalization at the Washington, D.C., JACL office, advocating citizenship for Issei.

Doi, Kunji, 100, Redwood City, April 28.

Ebata, Duane Toshinari, 49, Gardena, May 11; Vietnam War veteran.

Field, Margery Gunderson, 74, Lodi, Nov. 25, 99; Valley City, N.D.-born; daughter of the high school superintendent at Tule Lake.

Fujii, Riyo, 102, Stockton, July 12; Yamaguchi Prefecture-born.

Fujioka, Dick Hideo, 76, Berkeley, Dec. 28, 99; Sacramento-born; WWII MIS veteran.

Fukuba, Bill, 84, San Jose, Dec. 20, 99; Watsonville-born; editorial staff member of the *New World Sun*; had numerous articles published supporting Japanese American and civil rights issues.

Futa, Kinue, 84, Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 20; Vacaville-born; interpreter for WWII Occupation Forces in Yokohama.

Hada, Masaji Roy, 82, Sept. 23; Mukilteo, Wash.-born; WWII veteran.

Hamaguchi, Ken, 77, Livingston, Jan. 9; member of the Yamato Colony pioneer family; WWII veteran.

Hara, Minoru "Min", 88, New York, Dec. 2; Terminal Island-born; Poston internnee; WWII Army linguist.

Hasegawa, Ichiro, 84, Richmond, Va., Dec. 24, 99; Renton, Wash.-born; research engineer in electronic microscopy and mass spectrometry; listed in "Men of Science."

Hayashi, Riki, 101, Monterey Park, Jan. 5; Mei-ken-born.

Hirabayashi, Kozo, 75, Lindsay, Oct. 19; Layton, Utah-born; WWII Army veteran.

Honda, Mary Fusako, 79, Los Angeles.

Horiba, Kay Isamu, 85, Cleveland, Oct. 19; Los Angeles-born; WWII 442nd RCT veteran and POW; recipient of three purple hearts, three bronze stars and a unit citation.

Horiuchi, Glenn, 45, Los Angeles, June 3; jazz pianist, shamisen player and community activist who dedicated many of his albums to the JA community.

Imada, Dick, 88, Spokane, Wash., May 7; Tropico-born; WWII 7th Medical Battalion veteran.

Imon, Mas F., 80, Las Vegas, March 10; Los Angeles-born; WWII MIS veteran, served in Amchitka, Australia and the Philippines; postwar, worked with Maryknoll Seminary in Chicago in the resettlement of JA families postwar; former editor of *Shin Nichi Bei*, new Japanese American News; also worked at

the Los Angeles *Herald-Examiner*, *Gardena Valley News*, *Whittier Daily* and, with his wife after retirement, helped produce the PC in the '70s and '80s; he later covered southern Nevada as a stringer for the PC.

Inano, Tom, 80, Amache internnee; retired as chief warrant officer after 23 years of service with the MIS.

Inouye, Minoru "Min", 68, Gardena, Feb. 7; Los Angeles-born; Korean War veteran.

Ishimatsu, I.K. "Ishi", 100, San Jose; Japan-born; farmer, landowner and developer of housing subdivisions; an early advocate of Asians for political leadership, he is credited with guiding several prominent JAs toward public office.

Itami, Thomas Teruo, 91, Ontario, Ore., April 21; La Grande, Ore.-born; creator of self-propelled beet harvester.

Ito, Sakae, 88, Hiroshima, Jan. 5; A-bomb survivor and anti-nuclear activist, co-founder of the Japanese Confederation of A-bomb and H-bomb Sufferers.

Iwana, Charlie Hozumi, 82, Gardena, Feb. 27; Stockton-born; WWII veteran.

Iwatsubo, James M., 80, Fresno, March 29; WWII MIS veteran.

Jacoby, Harold, 93, Stockton, June 18; internal security chief at Tule Lake Relocation Center; postwar organizer of the Stockton/Shimizu Sister City Association.

Kaneshiro, Kame, 100, Monterey Park, Aug. 29; Gushikan, Motobu, Okinawa-born.

Katz, Kazuo Nagai, 80, Fremont, May 31; Tokyo-born; first Japanese war bride to marry an American soldier with the sanction of the U.S. government.

Kimura, Wayne, 52, Las Vegas, Aug. 22; Manzanar-born; Vietnam War veteran.

Kinoshita, Mitsuko "Mitzi", 80, Laurel, Md., April 23; Los Angeles-born; Manzanar internnee; longtime New York City resident; former writer for *Kyodo News Service*.

Kitsuse, Nelson, 81, Chicago, Oct. 18; Clawson-born; Poston internnee; a named plaintiff in the lawsuit for redress and a leader in the Human Rights Committee of Chicago JACL.

Kodama, Hosoe, 106, Seattle, Oct. 5; Wakayama-born; founder of Ikkenbo of Seattle; practiced ikebana flower arranging while interned at Tule Lake.

Kodama, James M., 80; Chula Vista, Aug. 28; Heber-born; WWII veteran.

Komori, Arthur S., 84, Kauai, Hawaii, Feb. 17; district court judge; MIS Hall of Famer; U.S. undercover agent with the late Richard Sakakida in pre-WWII Manila; interrogated Japanese nationals and translated captured documents; was evacuated to Corregidor; later served on Gen. MacArthur's staff in Australia; taught military intelligence techniques at Camp Savage.

Koyama, Jack, 84, Spokane, Wash., March 26; Ferry, Wash.-born; president of the Northwest Black Belt Judo Association and chairman of the National A.A.U.

Kumagai, Joe Y., 79, Boise, Idaho, Feb. 23; Seattle-born; U.S. Army veteran.

Kuromiya, Kiyoshi, 57, Philadelphia, May 10; writer, civil rights, gay rights and AIDS activist; national Scabble champion; published photos of himself being clubbed unconscious by a sheriff while assisting in voter registration, which motivated President Johnson to order federal troops into Alabama.

Kyotow, George, 83, Alaska-born, WWII strander in Japan; former president of Canon Cam-

era USA and Sunstar Industries; former JACL New York chapter president.

Makuuchi, Munio Takahashi, 65, Rancho Mirage, May 29; Seattle-born; Army veteran; poet and artist known for dark etchings and lighted origami inspired during childhood internment at Minidoka.

Mariyama, Bob Akira, 77, Denver, July 1; La Junta-born WWII Army veteran.

Mason, William M., 69, Los Angeles, Nov. 15; veteran curator of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History; championed the multiethnic history of Los Angeles, from the early 18th century settlers to 20th century African, Chinese and Japanese Americans.

Masuda, Hana Koriyama, 85, Dec. 5; first president of the Nisei Veterans Auxiliary; one of the founders of Tomonokai.

Matsumoto, Shigeko, 102, Los Angeles, Aug. 16; Kagoshima-ken-born.

Minatoya, Jerry H., 71, Spokane, Wash., Oct. 13; Pasco, Wash.-born; Heart Mountain internnee; Korean War Army veteran.

Miyazaki, Jim, Wauwatosa, Wis., Jan. 24; Tacoma, Wash.-born; Heart Mountain and Tule Lake internnee; WWII veteran, former national JACL vice president of operations (1994-95) and four-term president of Wisconsin chapter JACL.

Monji, David Masami, Los Angeles, Oct. 15; Pasadena-born; WWII veteran.

Morikawa, Manabu, 79, Jamestown, N.D., Feb. 7; Maui, Hawaii-born; veteran of WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars; named volunteer of the decade by Hawaii County.

Murata, Koji, 90, Los Altos, July 3; San Francisco-born; nationally known innovator in the care of goldfish.

Empress Dowager Nagako, 97, Tokyo, June 16; widow of Emperor Hirohito; Japan's longest-living empress; dowager since Empress Kashi, who died in 1127.

Nakagawa, Ellen Ayako Noguchi, 80, Burke, Va., April 25; Tulare-born, columnist for *Rafu Shimpō* and *Nichi Bei Times* and features editor of the camp newspaper at Jerome, Ark.; was relocated to Seabrook Farms, N.J., in 1944 and served as liaison between Seabrook Farms and the JA community, former president of Seabrook JACL (1972-74); conceived Seabrook Education and Cultural Center museum; recipient of the Order of the Precious Crown, Apricot, from the Japanese government.

Nakagawa, Kunso Fred, 84, Watsonville, Feb. 23; Kauai, Hawaii-born; WWII MIS veteran.

Nakamura, Kei, 77, Monterey, Aug. 30; Reedley-born; WWII Army linguist.

Nakaso, Jiro, 79, Berkeley, Jan. 17; Alameda-born; WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Nakatsu, Joseph Daitaro, 71, Seattle, Oct. 6; Seattle-born; WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Nishi, Azuma, 70, Pasadena, Aug. 22; Pasadena-born; Gila River internnee; Korean War Army veteran.

Nishimoto, Keith, 81, Parlier, Aug. 3; WWII MIS veteran; Korean War veteran.

Nishimura, Ted Hideo, 83, Seattle, Jan. 6; Seattle-born; WWII Japanese language instructor at the University of Michigan.

Nishinaka, George Masatoshi, 76, Los Angeles, March 21; Selma-born; WWII 442nd RCT (H Co.) veteran.

Nose, James Chizumi, 75, Seattle, Dec. 11, 99; WWII veteran.

Ohno, Dr. Susumu, 71, Duarte, Jan. 13; Korea-born; pathologist of Japanese parents; clinical geneticist at the City of

Hope Medical Center; member of the national Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; published some 350 papers in scientific journals; retired from Beckman Research Institute in 1996 as distinguished scientist emeritus.

Osaki, Kenzo, 78, Los Angeles, Feb. 13; Huntington Park-born; WWII veteran.

Oshita, Saburo, 79, Sacramento, Feb. 20; Bryon-born; WWII MIS veteran.

Oyama, Joseph Tadashi, 88, Oakland, June 19; Suisun-born; editor of the *Santa Anita Pacer* at Santa Anita Assembly Center and the *Denon Magnet* at Jerome, Ark.; frequent contributor to the PC, *Hokubei Mainichi* and *Rafu Shimpō*.

Oyama, Takao "Tak", 85, Caldwell, Idaho; Dec. 4; Seattle-born; WWII veteran.

Ozawa, Tomio "Tom", 67, Vallejo, March 25; San Francisco-born; Topaz internnee; Korean War U.S. Air Force veteran.

Reel, A. Frank, 92, Norfolk, Va., April 4; defense attorney for Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita (WWII commander of Japanese forces in the Philippines) at his war crimes trial in Manila in 1946; author of "The Case Against General Yamashita (1949)."

Sahara, Michie Sakai, 53, North Hollywood, Sept. 27; Tokyo-born; Japanese jazz singer, vocal instructor and recording artist.

Sakamoto, Ayano, 101, Monterey Park, Sept. 2; Wakayama-ken-born.

Sakamoto, Calvin K., 85, Palo Alto; WWII Army veteran.

Sakamoto, Thomas, 77, Waikiki, Hawaii, March 26; WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Santo, John Teruo, 73, San Jose, Sept. 8; San Jose-born; Heart Mountain internnee; U.S. Army veteran; longtime JA community basketball coach and dance instructor.

Saruwatari, Judge Kenneth, 78, in Honolulu, Sept. 9; Oahu district court judge; WWII 100th Battalion/442nd RCT veteran; recipient of Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Sasaki, Chris Kazuo, 79, Elk Grove, June 6; Sacramento-born; WWII veteran; member of VFW Post 8985.

Sasaki, Frank Shizuo, 79, Monterey Park, June 14; Anaheim-born; WWII veteran.

Sasaki, Hideo, 80, Lafayette, Aug. 31; Reedley-born; landscape architect for the Stanford Library, the Chronicle Pavilion, Disney World, IBM, Embarkador Center in San Francisco, among others; chaired the Department of Architecture at Harvard Graduate School of Design (1954-80).

Sato, Susumu, 81, Olympia, Wash., Sept. 14; Seattle-born; Tule Lake internnee; oyster farmer; Senryu-poetry teacher.

Sewake, Minoru, 77, Hawaii-born; WWII veteran.

Shigaki, Donald Hiroshi, 76, Los Angeles, Feb. 5 service; WWII 442nd RCT (95th Infantry) veteran.

Shigeno, Ted, Hayama, Kanagawa, Sept. 26; in Japan with the U.S. Army occupation forces during WWII; Japan JACL chapter's "permanent" membership chair.

Tabata, George Kiyoshi, 68, Gardena, April 9; Long Beach-born; Korean War veteran.

Takahashi, Ellen Shizuko, 68, Birmingham, Ala. March 4; Berkeley-born pianist, scientist, artist.

Takahashi, Shigeharu, 79, Bethesda, Md., Aug. 5; San Francisco-born; WWII Army veteran; instructor at the Army language school in Monterey; served in the Japan Occupation postwar; agricultural economist with the World Bank for 26 years.

Takahashi, Dr. William Yasushi "Taki", 86, Boulder, Colo., May 26; Shikoku, Japan-born;

pediatrician and professor emeritus in child development and learning disorders.

Takehara, Tsutomu, 73, Gardena, June 8; Utah-born; Korean War veteran.

Takemori, Henry Tokumatsu, 99, Phoenix, April 30; Hiroshima-born; grocer, manager of Japanese Farmers Association, co-founder of Choju-kai, longtime reporter for *Hokubei Mainichi*, *Rafu Shimpō* and *Kashu Mainichi*.

Takeshita, Noboru, 76, Tokyo, June 19; former prime minister of Japan, known as the last "shadow shogun" of Japanese politics.

Tanaka, Toyochi, 54, Wellesley, Mass., May 20; Nagaoka-born; biophysicist/professor at MIT; pioneer of "smart" gels which are used in medicine and toxic-waste cleanup.

Tanigi, George, 75, Seattle, Dec. 8, 99; Austin, Ore.-born; WWII 442nd RCT veteran; professional artist.

Tatsumi, Kaoru Nick, 78, Gardena, Oct. 26; Hilo, Hawaii-born; WWII veteran.

Thomas, Emma E., 101, Broadmead, Md., Aug. 27; social worker at Heart Mountain; sister of Norman Thomas, founder of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Togashi, Naoye, 81, Clyvis, May 31; Modesto-born; Amache internnee; WWII 442nd RCT (F Co.) volunteer.

Togo, Yukiyasu "Yuki", 75, Yokohama, July 22; Toyota rally driver, president and chairman of Toyota Motor Sales USA (1983-92); instrumental in the creation of the Lexus automobile.

Togasaki, Dr. Yoshiye, 95, Moraga, Dec. 4, 99; medical doctor at Manzanar; postwar, served in Italy with the UN Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Toki, James Masami, 79, Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 3, 99; Tacoma, Wash.-born, WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Tsue, Yoshio, 66, Seattle, Nov. 13, 99; U.S. Navy veteran.

Umada, Ray Kikumi, 81, Los Angeles, July 13; Fowler-born; WWII veteran.

Unno, Teruo, 84, San Mateo, Oct. 27; former correspondent for the *Nichi Bei Times* and *Hokubei Mainichi*.

Usuda, Hide, 103, Hillsboro, Ore., June 14; Toyama-born; noted writer of haiku.

Wong, Barbara Jean, 75, Los Angeles, Nov. 13, 99; pioneer Asian American radio and film performer; dubbed the "Chinese Shirley Temple."

Yamada, Eiyo, 77, Waikiki, Hawaii, March 25; WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Yamamoto, Goro D., 83, Seaside, Jan. 11; Berkeley-born; instructor at the WWII MIS Language School at Camp Savage; helped form the Issei-Kai to support Japanese immigrants.

Yamane, Frank Tatsuo, 92, Torrance, Feb. 29; Kohala, Hawaii-born; recipient of the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Yanigisawa, Mackay, 87, Honolulu, June 7 service; known as the "shogun of Hawaii sports," credited with bringing the NFL Pro Bowl to Hawaii.

Yates, Rep. Sidney R., 91, Chicago, Oct. 5; Illinois Democrat for 48 years who championed during his first term (1948-50) the Issei Naturalization Bill, the Japanese Evacuation Claims Act of 1948; co-sponsored the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, repeal of Title II (1970) and was among the original nine co-authors of the House bill to redress (1980); presidential ambassador to the U.N. Trustee Council (1963-64).

Yoshida, Masamitsu "Mac", 75, San Francisco, April 1; Tacoma, Wash.-born; WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Yoshiwara, Andrew-Age, 80, Sunnyvale, Sept. 8; Andrus Island-born; WWII veteran.

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3a. China Special & Hong Kong	4/18-5/1		2,595
4. Japan Spring Ura-Nihon Tour	5/14-5/24	Ray Ishii	3,295
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6a. Islands of Pacific Northwest	8/14-8/21		1,845
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8. Splendors of Turkey	9/24-10/8	Toy Kanegai	2,395
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10. Quebec City & Laurentians	9/28-10/2		
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Health & Wellness

AANCART — Spreading Cancer Awareness in the Asian American Community

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Asian Americans have some of the highest death rates from cancer, and it is the leading cause of death among AA women. Yet community members rarely practice prevention methods or seek cancer screenings, and both patients and survivors alike are hesitant to tell their stories.

For these compelling reasons, AANCART (Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training), the first-ever national cancer prevention and control research initiative focusing specifically on this group, was formed.

"Cancer does affect the Asian American community and there are things we can do about it to reduce the burden, reduce the unnecessary suffering that goes along with the disease," said Dr. Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, co-principal investigator for AANCART-Los Angeles.

"The perception, that Asians don't get cancer is not true," added Dr. Roshan Bastani, principal investigator for AANCART-Los Angeles. The diversity of the subgroups within the Asian Pacific American community must be taken into consideration when discussing cancer, she said. "You can't lump Asians into a group and say Asian Americans don't get cancer."

AANCART was established this past April and is funded by the National Institute for Cancer. It is headquartered at Ohio State University. Of its many goals, AANCART hopes to develop and implement mechanisms for increasing cancer awareness, research, and training among AAs.

Hitting the areas with the largest APA populations, the project involves the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Boston, and New York. The insti-

tutions taking part in the initiative are UCLA, Cal State San Francisco, University of Washington, Harvard University, and Columbia University.

AANCART is also targeting several community groups within these areas, and in the L.A. area they are working with Little Tokyo Service Center, Chinatown Service Center, Korean Health, Education, Information and Research Center (KHEIR), the Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI), South Asian Network (SAN), and the Asian Pacific Health Care Venture (APHCV).

"There was a time when no one came forward to talk about cancer because there was a stigma attached to every one of us," said Jina Peiris, a seven-year breast cancer survivor and one of the many panelists who spoke at a recent cancer awareness conference sponsored by AANCART.

But things have changed for the better today, she said. As more cancer survivors come forward to share their stories, more people are beginning to realize that cancer does affect the AA community.

"Now we can all come forward and talk about this. There is no fear or stigma," said Peiris. "There are many people who have died because they didn't want to talk about this." But "If we don't come forward like this, no one is going to help us."

"I am a survivor," said Susan Espiritu Maquindang deliberately as she joined Peiris during the conference's panel discussion titled, "A Survivor's Perspective." It was 13 years ago on July 7 that Maquindang was diagnosed with uterine cancer and told by her doctor that she had six months to two years left to live. "When my doctor told me that I had two years to live, I should have said 'I'll see you in three years. I fight back.'"

Oct. 21, 1987, was an impor-

tant day for Maquindang, for that was the last day of her radiation therapy. "That was Day One of my days as a living survivor," she said. "I emphasize living because I am not counting the days until I die. But I am counting the days that God blesses me for being alive."

Although speaking with self-assurance, Maquindang admitted that even after all these years it is still with difficulty that she speaks of her cancer experience. She was diagnosed with the disease when she was 37 years old and her family history is riddled with incidences of cancer; her sister was diagnosed with uterine cancer at the age of 32 and both her parents died of lymphoma cancer.

She spoke movingly of how it has been her daughter who has helped her fight her battle with cancer all these years. "The most important part of my life that kept me and keeps me fighting back was my daughter Jennifer," said Maquindang, whose daughter was only 4 years old when she was first diagnosed with cancer. "I really don't want my daughter to live without a mother."

Maquindang emphasized the importance of speaking out in the community and having the AA community be heard. "Let's fight back," she said. "Asians should be at the table to help fight cancer. We need you all to be part of this."

In addition to the panel discus-

sion with cancer survivors, the conference also brought together a number of doctors and researchers specializing in various fields of cancer research.

Dr. Clifford Ko, UCLA School of Medicine, spoke on colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Although the rates of colorectal cancer are higher in the United States than in Asia, when Asians move to America rates among AAs become the same as other fellow Americans, said Ko, who recommended that screenings begin at age 50.

With the popularity of alternative therapies these days, Dr. Mary Hardy of Cedars Sinai Medical Center spoke of the benefits of complementary therapies for cancer patients. One example would be acupuncture for the treatment of nausea when cancer patients are going through chemotherapy. Added Dr. Hardy, complementary therapies also allow more choices for cancer patients and thus help to provide a feeling of being in control.

Forty percent of the general population today seeks alternative therapies, said Hardy, and in California people are four times more likely to practice alternative methods than the rest of the country.

With the Asian diet being so different from what AAs often consume here in the States; Dr. Gail Harrison of UCLA discussed the ways in which food can affect cancer rates.

Obesity, physical inactivity, high fat consumption, alcohol, and salt are likely huge factors in cancer, she said, whereas vegetables and fruits reduce your chances of cancer. In fact, 40 percent of all cancers worldwide re-

late to food and diet, she said, and some foods have been shown to inhibit or promote tumor growth.

Her advice, increase the amount of fruit and vegetable intake and reduce your red meat and fat consumption. "Everything in moderation," said Harrison.

Dr. Jacob Korula, USC Department of Medicine, also spoke briefly on Hepatitis A, B & C. Hepatitis can lead to liver cancer, a cancer that shows higher rates among AAs compared to other groups, he said. Currently, most of the studies are being done in Asia and thus further studies will need to be done on AAs.

Although Hepatitis A does not lead to chronic infection, some incidences of Hepatitis B (10 percent) can lead to chronic infection, and there is a high probability (85 percent) of chronic infection with Hepatitis C. Of this 85 percent, a good 30 percent will develop cirrhosis of the liver. Although there is a vaccine for Hepatitis B, currently no vaccine is available for Hepatitis C.

With the help of cancer patients and survivors, doctors, and researchers speaking at conferences like this, AANCART is accomplishing its goal of educating the AA community. But some of its other goals such as getting AAs to participate in research studies and persuading various organizations to provide funding have been a bit more trying at times.

With the low number of AAs participating in research studies, enough data has yet to be collected to show funders who provide the money to develop needed programs, said Kagawa-Singer. "We need help from the community to start filling in those blanks," she said.

With the data collected from the recent census, Kagawa-Singer is hopeful that it will show more accurate data on APAs in relation to health issues. "We desperately need the census population data to show them that, yes, it's an issue. Our populations are large enough that you cannot not pay attention to us anymore."

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Asian American Women Speak Out on Domestic Violence

What are the problems faced by battered Asian American women? What can the AA community do to stop domestic violence? What services do battered AA women need? A groundbreaking new report by the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVFP) answers these questions and more.

"(Un)heard Voices: Domestic Violence in the Asian American Community" examines the problems faced by battered AA women and outlines recommendations to improve the services available to this community.

"(Un)heard Voices: Domestic Violence in the Asian American Community" offers an unprecedented view into the needs of battered AA women, needs that have been ignored for too long," said FVFP Executive Director, Esta Soler. "The recommendations in this report provide a framework for developing effective, culturally

competent strategies to address and prevent domestic violence in the Asian American community."

The report is based on the results of focus group meetings of AA women. Focus group members were asked questions concerning AA victims and perpetrators of violence, feasible options for battered AA women, the kinds of services needed and the barriers facing AA victims; and issues surrounding the AA community's responses to domestic violence.

"Domestic violence stems from a legacy of male dominance and sexism that is widespread in many Asian American communities," said FVFP Associate Director and "(Un)heard Voices" Co-director Leni Marin. "Often, services for battered women do not address the unique cultural issues faced by battered Asian American women. We need to develop solutions to violence that can work within the

context of Asian American cultural traditions."

The report highlights the cultural, individual and institutional barriers confronting AA women who are victims of violence. Cultural and individual barriers can include a victim's lack of fluency in English, sense of fear or shame, and feelings of isolation. Institutional barriers include complex immigration policies and racism ingrained in many areas that traditionally offer protection to battered women. "(Un)heard Voices" notes that such racism limits the assistance that victim service organizations and law enforcement agencies can offer to battered AA women.

"(Un)heard Voices" calls for effective, culturally competent, national strategies to address domestic violence, raise public awareness and end abuse. It stresses the need for resources and services for battered AA women that are available in all Asian languages.

The focus groups in "(Un)heard Voices" were held during last year's Next Millennium Conference to End Domestic Violence. The FVFP coordinated the focus groups in partnership with Manavi, a South Asian women's advocacy group based in New Jersey, and the Asian Women's Center, a San Francisco-based shelter and advocacy program that provides services to all AA women through a multilingual access program. The groups' participants included AA survivors of domestic violence, AA domestic violence advocates, AA community leaders, and AA members of institutions.

"(Un)heard Voices" was written by Sujata Warrior, Ph.D., and made possible with a grant from the Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Warrior, the director of the Health Bureau of the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, also serves as the president of the board of directors of Manavi.

JACL-Published Books

SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento JACL chapter released "Changing Dreams and Treasured Memories: A Story of Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Region," a 274-page book written by Wayne Maeda, an instructor of ethnic studies at California State University, Sacramento.

Maeda has been compiling historical photographs and information on the Japanese and Korean American communities in the Sacramento region since 1983, when he was working on a database for the Sacramento History Museum.

The book not only focuses on Sacramento but also includes historical information on the neighboring regions of Vacaville, the delta (Courtland, Walnut Grove and Clarksburg) and Placer County (Loomis, Penryn Newcastle and Auburn).

The book may be purchased for \$35, plus \$5 shipping through the Sacramento JACL office, 2124 Tenth St., Sacramento, CA 95818.

For more information, call the office at 916/447-0231.

SEATTLE

The Seattle JACL chapter recently announced the publication of its updated history book called "JACL 79th Anniversary from 1921-2000."

The contents of the book include the history of the Seattle chapter, its perspective on redress, an overview of its activities, projects, awards, scholarships and tributes and information on the Puget Sound area chapter affiliations such as the Lake Washington chapter, Tacoma and Puyallup Valley chapters and Bainbridge Island Japanese community.

It also includes a list of the national officers, PNW district governors, PNW district council, Seattle chapter presidents, officers and board, JACL Legacy Fund contributors and Seattle membership.

A donation card is included in each book. For further information, call Shea Shizuko Aoki, historian, at 206/723-6061.

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