Health Insurance Now Available for Non-Cali. JACL Members

National JACL recently announced that they are now able to offer major medical insurance for members outside of California. This comes after years of successfully providing medical, dental and vision insurance for its California members.

“We are very pleased to be able to finalize a major medical insurance plan to the member-ship on a national basis,” said John Tatsuhira, national executive director. “When Seabury Smith proposed a major medical insurance program to us we were very excited, especially since their long-term care and catastrophic insurance programs have been well-received by our JACL members.”

With this new benefit, JACL members can choose a medical plan customized and flexible enough to fit a wide variety of medical needs.

No Arrests Yet in S.F. J-Town Shooting

San Francisco Police have in-terviewed more than 25 witnesses— including Febr. 24, police detectives said, that the death of Kenji (Ken) Hamamoto, 21, of San Francisco, and two new witnesses have been made and police have been established as of press time, according to In-structions for the police who arrested the case.

Hamamoto was shot to death outside the Denny’s restaurant in San Francisco’s Japantown area. According to Tomoe, Hamamoto and his friends had been socializing at the Sonko karaoke bar in Japantown. According to Tomoe, who was in- volved in a verbal fight with an- other customer, when this woman slapped the woman from Japan, the JACL group then left the karaoke bar and was yelling around outside the Denny’s restaurant when the other woman and several male friends confronted Hamamoto’s group. Hamamoto apparently stepped in as a peacekeeper but was himself shot and pronounced dead by the time the ambulance arrived. The other people involved were not im- plicated, said Tomoe.

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Candidates Vying to Be First APA on New York City Council

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—This city, as diverse as it is sprawling, has been both a black mayor and two Jewish mayors. Its city council includes members elected for life and others of the Dominican Republic.

Yet, for all its complexity, the Asian American Pacific Islander community has ever served on the council in any significant way. In the unique "be all you can be" situation, one candidate says, considering that nearly one in 10 New Yorkers are of Asian ancestry, and with new city term limits forcing incumbents out of office in droves, 2001 offers the best opportunity yet for APAs to break through.

For the first time in New York City's history, you've got to run. There's term lim-
its, and this Asian American and Ewing Hwu, a political novice who is one of three Chinese American candidates running for city council in Manhattan's First District. An-
other three Asians are running in the 20th District in Flushing, Queens, and a few are running in other districts in Queens, the city's most ethnically diverse borough.

John Liu has raised the most money of any council candidate in any district so far—$137,370 of his January filing with the city Cam-
paign Finance Board— and is considered a lock to win in the 20th District. Liu said he's checked there's never been an Asian on the city council, but adds, "We've tried before."

But APAs have yet to exercise political muscle. Many are not cit-
izens, others are not registered voters and still others do not regu-
larly follow politics. But the 1997 mayoral race, just 4 percent of the voters were APA, up from 2 per-
cent in 1993.

Party affiliation is another fac-
tor. Since the city is overwhelm-
ingly Democratic, the race that re-
ally counts in most city council dis-
trict is the Democratic primary. Of APAs who have traditionally not regis-
tered Democratic is high num-
bers as other ethnic groups in New York such as blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

Margaret Fung, executive direc-
tor of the Asian American Defense & Education Fund (AALDEF), said APAs have "registered as independents, not re-
alizing they would be prevented from the ballot, and by the time we've sent out mem-
bers for the primary, the opportunity has passed."

UPS Donates $15,000 to National JACL and its Youth Programs

By TRACY UWA

L.A. 80-20 Endorses Candidates After Holding APA Political Forum

By TRACY UWA

After hosting an Asian American candidates forum on March 6, the L.A. 80-20 Political Action Committee announced its endorsements of political candidates in the southern California, representa-
tive of the Asian American, Latino and Filipino American communities, who are vying for seats in the city council.

Gauging each candidate on their commitment to serving the needs of the APA community, those endorsed by the L.A. 80-20 for March 6 election were: Martin Gallegos, 24th California State Senate; Gloria Romero, 24th Cali-
fornia State Senate; Judy Chu, Monterey Park City Council; David Lee, Monterey Park City Council; Chris Kuei, Monterey Park City Council; South Pasadena City Council; Judy Wong, Temple City Council; Bong Won, West Covina City Council; Se-Yao Hsu, San Marino City Council; Eugene Sun, San Marino City Council; Laura Lee, Cerritos City Council; Sonny Nguyen, Carlsbad City Council; Michael Mitoma, Carson City Mayor; and Victor King, Glen-
era City Council.

The L.A. 80-20 PAC also en-
dorsed four female Asian American candidates—Robert- Nakahara, Richard Polanor and Michael Lee, all for the Asian American community at a recent Los Angeles 80-20 candidates forum, as L.A. City Council candidate Robert Nakahara, and Carey B. Wissel, for the primary elections.

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monterey park city councilwoman judy chu talks about her campaign at the asia pacific america forum in monterey park, california on april 10, 2001. (photo: tracy uwa)

PHOTO TRACY UWA

woman Judy Chu, who is seeking a second term, spoke of her efforts to promote cultural sensitivity in the city, where highly concentrated Chinese American populations have lived for generations. In the country to introduce translation services, offering managed language services, offer-
ning multilingual public service announcements and Census questionnaires and fighting Eng-
lish-only, Chu said, she has en-
sured affordable senior housing for elderly APAs, started an Asian youth center and allowed commu-
nity organizations to maintain their use of public facilities.

In the next few months, L.A. 80-20 endorsement will mani-
fest itself through both media ex-
posure and financial backing, said committiehein Cheng Yu.

"We will be supporting the can-
didates on a money front through ads in multilingual news-
papers, flyers and through indi-
vidual donations for the primary and gen-
teer. These candidates will be able to feel the power of our unil-
ited support," he said.

Community Asked to Continue their Support of Minidoka Camp Site

SAN FRANCISCO—It is im-
portant to continue voicing sup-
port for the protection of the Minidoka Site, a former World War II inter-
dominance Japanese American relocation center site, to Dan Sakura, former White House staff member of the Coun-

Sa kur a a c epted an invit-
ation to come speak at the national JACL board meeting where he shared about the be-
coming a publicist for the Camp Minidoka site in January under the Antiqu-
ities Act of 1906.

In 1996, Sur laet and Aoki, former director of Congress-
ional Affairs in the Department of Interior, who were surprised by the amount of public support for the Inter-
gress, which not only approved their funding request but included ad-
ditional dollars. He credited the government-published book, "The Minidoka Years: An Overview of World War II Japan-
ese America Relocation Sites," written by Jeffery Burton, Florence Lord and Bernard Weiss, in providing the histori-
cal information for their propo-
osals.

But Sakura noted that with the new Bush administration, threats to protect Camp Minidoka may lose its protective status. There is a sense that the Bush administration has new priorities.

"He explained that although the current president cannot change the law, Congress has the power to do this if they feel the Minidoka site is not being managed properly. Sakura likned the situ-
ations with the Indian Reservations where the in-
fant mortality rate is highest, demonstrated. To prevent Minidoka from los-
ing its protective status, Sakura provided the following recom-
mendations:

—continue having the Idaho chaires voicing their support since the Idaho congressional delegations support the site. There is no local interest.

—include the Pacific Northwest and Alaska get involved since many of the Nihons now reside in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska; get the nations to support the Minidoka site in various ways.

—take advantage of opportunities at community events to gather support.

—continue to support of evipme-
ntal and national conservation efforts.

Kristine Minami, JACL Wash-
ington, D.C., representative and the current JACL chairwoman, has been in contact with the Idaho congressional delegation and plans to continue monitoring the sit-

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Rep. Becerra Announces H.R. 619 for JLA Redress at DOR

Conradson Xavier Becerra, D-California, introduced the bill to the United States be in use in housing exchanges between the United States and Japan.

- provide redress for Japanese Americans interned during World War II
- provide redress to Japanese Americans
- the act had been prompted by the United States
- provide redress to Japanese Americans and for the Act of 1988.

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During the Los Angeles Day of Remembrance ceremony at the Japanese American National Museum on Feb. 17, Fred Okrand, director emeritus of the AGLU of Southern California, accepts an award from NGHR on behalf of pro-bono attorney Alex Mak, Lisa Komen, Julia Mast, Reggie Chun and Christopher Pinne (standing behind Okrand).

Assemblymember Nakano Leads California Legislature in a Day of Remembrance

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The day paid special tribute to the two California state legislators who spoke against E.O. 9066 in 1942, state Sen. Ralph C. Dills and John Shelley. Dills, who retired from the legislature in 1988, was present on the assembly floor to receive a special resolution from Nakano's son, Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley, accepted for his father. Nakano also acknowledged the two members of Congress who publicly opposed the measure, John Coffee of Washington and Jerry Voorhis of California. I want to salute those brave elected officials who stood publicly to oppose the Internment of Japanese Americans. I thank them for their courage to stand up for justice," said Nakano.

Nakano, who as a young child spent four years in the camps with his family, also acknowledged the members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, some of whom watched the proceedings from the assembly gallery.

"It is only in this country that we can talk about our past mistakes, learn from them and work toward the future so that something like this does not happen again to any group of people," said Nakano, who served in the California Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserve. For additional information or to order a photograph, please contact Becky E. Nakano's office at 310-792-1833.

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Judge Itchis Speech Topic After Listening to Resisters' Story

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lance Ito tore up a prepared speech on youth involvement at the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California's installation dinner on Feb. 25 after listening to Heart Mountain resister Yuki Kurokawa speak, and saying, "Conservatism and the Constitution," Frank Abe's documentary on the Heart Mountain resisters. The resisters' issue was not new to Ito. He had done independent research on the topic, and had changed it last year during his keynote speech at the Heart Mountain reunion in Seattle. For this, he said, he was told not to speak for a few weeks.

Ito, however, felt that all factions make the Japanese American community believe that the JACL made the right decision for that time, that the veterans were to be commemorated for sacrificing their lives for the good of the nation, and that the resisters also made the "right decision for the nation." The decision based on constitutional and moral grounds.

Go For Broke Foundation Receives $500,000 Grant

California Assemblyman George Nakano (D-Torrance) presented the 100th/42nd/MIS World War II Meritorious Foundation with a check for $500,000 to continue the foundation’s efforts to educate the younger generation on the contributions of the Japanese American soldiers.

"Today we celebrate American heroes, including some of the same soldiers who bravely fought for our country under incredibly dif- ferent circumstances and because the most decorated unit in U.S. military history for their distinguished length of service,” said Nakano.

Nakano presented the check at South Torrance High School, where several teachers, who participated in California's Education's History and the California Association of Historians, said they were moved to tears.

$500,000 grant, administered by the California Arts Council, funds a statewide teacher training program.

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Go For Broke Co-Chair Robin Morishita, Executive Director Christian Kato, California State Assemblymember George Nakano, JACL Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Arnold Flank and South Torrance High School Principal John O'Brien present the check to Nakano.

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The grant program was created to help organizations that are engaged in preserving the culture and values of Japanese Americans, and promote understanding between all social and ethnic groups.

Applications should be submitted by March 15 for funds to be disbursed by May 15, and by Sept. 15 for funds to be disbursed by Dec. 15. For information, contact Co-Chair Jean Ogawa at 925/299-1161 or write to Berkeley JACL, Attn: Grant Committee, P.O. Box 7609, Berkeley, CA 94707-0609, or e-mail: BerkeleyJACL@e-mail.

Ventura County JACL Holds 20th Installation

The Ventura County chapter held its 20th installation luncheon on Feb. 4 at the Casa Sirena Hotel. Over 70 people attended, including JACLers from the San Fernando and SELANCOO chapters, to hear guest speaker Sgt. Brian Moriguchi of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Anne Chilcott served as master of ceremonies.

Moriguchi, a 15-year veteran of the department, spoke about his service and difficulties he encountered after filing a lawsuit regarding offensive material he uncovered in one of the field offices. After filing a complaint, he found his car with three flat tires, his computer files deleted, and his girlfriend was followed by members of the department.

Moriguchi was advised that his "career was over," and was shipped to Lancaster as punishment. Later, the Internal Affairs Bureau investigated his case. An injunction prevented retaliation against Moriguchi and he received a promotion.

"There is a prevailing attitude that Asians are quiet, submissive, and don't make waves," said Moriguchi, who ended his speech by urging the audience to be more vocal, and thanked the JACL for its support.

Although he feels his career was hurt substantially, Moriguchi said he would stand up for his principles if faced with the same situation again.

Chapter officers for the 2001 term were installed by Harry Kojima, past national JACL presi
dent.

Officers include (photo above): president, Catie Kuniyoshi; vice-president/secretary, Anne Chilcott; vice-president/insurer/newsletter, Chuck Kuniyoshi; treasurer, Joanne Nakano; secretary, Maria Miyasaka; advisor, Ken Nakano; student advisor, Keni Morimoto; Sogi manager, Shigeki Abe; Janet Kajiura, Sumiko Sato, David Harada, Mia Miyasaka, Ken Silver, and Ruby Sumino.

San Jose Chapter Installs Officers

Richard Tanaka recently installed the officers for the 2001-2002 board of the San Jose JACL. Tanaka was the chapter's first Sanseis president, who served in the 1960s. He is also continuing for an open seat on the San Jose City Council. Tanaka currently serves as a trustee on the San Jose Credit Union Board and has given 29 years of public service.

Pictureed in the box below: (left) Judy Nishida, Hon. Richard K. Kuniyoshi, Shigekichi Shimizu, Sumiko Uyehara, Carl Fujita, Mark Kobayashi, Keri Kenoga, Tom Oda, Ken Nakano, and随 Nakano. (Photo by Hiroshi Bar

San Jose JACL, Chapter Installation

"Bridging Differences, Building Understanding," Theme for Seattle Installation

The Seattle chapter's annual installation took place on Jan. 27 at the DoubleTree Suites in Takoma. Cherry, a keynote speaker Bill Hoshaw was unable to attend due to a medical emergency. President Morti, national JACL president, delivered the keynote address.

Elaine Aikagi, Pacific Northwest District Officer, installed the new officers and board of directors. The key officers include: Akemi Matsuoka, president; Jerry Shigaki, first vice president of operations; Arlene Oi, second vice president of civil rights; Ray Miyake, third vice president of youth; leadership development and education chair; S. T. H. Kim, national JACL president; and president of public relations; Jeffrey Hattori, treasurer; Kazue Kanayama, historian; and Suzanne Hamasu, recording secretary.

The new board of directors are: Elaine Aikagi, Shue Aiki, Ryan Oikawa, John Tanigawa, Mark Yamashita.

Livingston-Merced chapter holds JACL, Japan Remembrance 2001

Over 100 people listened to the Livingston-Merced Church Pastor Harrell Feb. 18 to hear stories from former Japanese islanders during World War II. The speaker was Professor Yasujiro of the UC Stanislaus at Turlock, a Canadian interned Nikkei; Dr. Daniel Ishii, of Pescadero heritage; and Sherman Kashi, a U.S. citizen who shared his experiences as an MSB veteran.

Yamashita spoke of his incarceration in the assembly centers and towns, where he lived in tents through the cold winters. He said that despite being British, he could not eat British food, and had to raise chickens and grow vegetables in war-time camps.

The hotel special convention rate is $95 per room per night, single or double occupancy. For information contact Victor Kato, 714/959-6606, e-mail: vakef@earthlink.net.

National JACL Singles Convention 2001 Set for Aug. 31-Sept. 1

This year's JACL singles convention, "Come Together 2001," will be held Aug. 31-Sept. 1, at the Torrance Marriott Hotel in Torrance, Calif. Join fellow JACL singles and weddings, seminars, a mixer with sine dance, and a joint convention with the Southern California chapter held in Las Vegas, Little Tokyo, the Japanese American National Museum and its friends and golf and bowling.

Reservations are accepted joint
de the Greater Los Angeles singles chapter JACL, Orange County Singles Club, Orange County Widows and Widowers, and San Bernardino singles chapter JACL.

The convention hotel is $165; $150 if received before June 30; $100 after Aug. 17. The hotel special convention rate is $95 per room per night, single or double occupancy. 000229-9290 For information contact Victor Kato, 714/959-6606, e-mail: vakef@earthlink.net.
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Yolo Causeway levee, a traditional study site for crabs.
That same month, a group of about 15 white males from the Kaspe Sigma fraternity exchanged words in an apartment parking lot with several members of Sigma Kappa Beta, a Kwanese American in- teraternity fraternity. They argued about the men who resided inside their apartment while calling them "chinks." Two of them, UCD student Erik Wyllie and former student Jeff Wyllie, were charged with five felony counts each, with hate crime enhancement, by the Yolo County District Attorney. A second confrontation at the levee in December prompted all three presidents as well as members of Kaspe Sigma, Sigma Kappa Beta and Lambda Phi Epsilon, another Kwanese American fraternity, to meet, Jan. 23 at a reconciliation forum, arranged in part by UC Davis Chancellor Robert Birgeneau. In "California Aggie" reported that while some witnesses perceived the con- frontation as being a factor in that part of campus, UCD student-life president Harold Kim said race also may have been a motivation, as several people heard the word "chink" used.
"As an educational institution, we have taken the stand with re- spect that there have been in- stances of racial slurs that this is absolutely unacceptable behavior," said Kim. "We have the first fight ever to be reported on the campus. There was an im- mediate university response at the unit level as well as an Student Affairs ofice getting in- volved."
"As a campus, we are extraordin- arily diverse," he said. "We are past having any one major group. But cer- tainly students in the Asian Ameri- can community are saying that they are looked at and stereotypi- cally perceived."
The UC Davis chapter of the Student Aff airs Office said that the university has been making efforts to improve the respon- sibility of students螄 concerns.
As far as disciplinary action against students is concerned, the two students currently charged with hate crimes claimed that the university is ready to con- duct an investigation and take any necessary action pending the out- come of the trial, which is sched- uled to begin in March.
Although UC Davis students were the only ones involved in the inci- dents occurred off campus in Yolo County, the University of Davis Police Department jurisdiction, according to Capt. Rita Spur. "The university police department has been in- volved in the investigations, but what exactly happened is still under investigation."
University President Kenyon says he has focused on his classes as usual "and I know what's going on."
Spur said no hate crimes have been reported this year to UCD po- lice. While campus police have the campus violence preven-
tion program, which mainly focu- ses on helping victims of sexual assaul-t, but they have not received re- ports of this nature," she said. "If I know of," she added, that all UCD law enforcement is monitoring the situation. "Davis has always had a reputation as be- ing a safe and clean campus, so make sure you think your kids will be safe and make sure you think your kids will be safe and keep track of when and where it's not true."
But in fact, Naguchi said, "There's been a long history at Davis of trying to get respect for Asian American students, whether it's been for affirmative action, whether it's been for the Asian American Programs implemented, whether it's been getting student groups organized. It's important that DARE and JACL and other active civil rights groups speak up when these types of incidents occur because some- times the administration takes note in community groups that have been established for many years are supporting the stu- dents," he said.
With the backing of outside groups, students associated with the on-campus student groups that are as- sociated with the on-campus student organizations for the Asian American Studies, it's shocking that the same racist attack I saw 25-30 years ago is still going on," said Andy Naguchi, president of Davis JACL, which has also been monitoring the situation. "Davis has always had a reputation as being a safe and clean campus, so make sure you think your kids will be safe and make sure you think your kids will be safe and keep track of when and where it's not true."

First Henry Sugimoto Retrospective at JANM

The first retrospective exhibiti- on of the work of Henry Sugimoto (1900-1990) will open on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. Harry Sugimoto, "Painting an American Experience" is an exam- ple of the way in which the artist's experience as seen through the lens of family, personal achievement and art were transformed by his inhar-DCIS

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For more information on any of the above plans, contact the JACL insurance administrator, Seabury & Smith, 1440 Renaissance Drive, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1400. You can also call toll-free at 800/503-9230 or visit the website at www.seaburycn.com.

Note: Coverage may not be available in all states. The market may not offer all three insurance products in your state and, due to the nature of local regulations, no coverage choices can be offered in some states.

Tule Lake to Host Teacher Training Workshop

The Japanese American Resource Center/Museum of San Jose (JARC/M), the Tule Lake Committee, and the JACL NSWNP district council will present an all-day teacher training session on March 10 at Tulelake High School in Tulelake, Calif.

The California Civil Liberties Public Education Project (CAL-PER) recently awarded a $5,000 grant to James King, a social studies teacher at Tulelake High School, to hold the workshop.

King has long been involved in educating his students about the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and wanted to take this opportunity to share his expertise with other JACL members.

The grant will allow the session to be attended by at least four school districts in the area surrounding Tulelake, so that they will be able to educate students in their classrooms.

A panel composed of Eiko Tanaka Yamashita, Jimi Yamashita, and Mas Yamashita will provide firsthand accounts of life during the evacuation and internment. Another panel consisting of Hiroshi Kashiwagi, Hiroshi Shimizu, and Jimi Yamashita will discuss how the interment camp experience at Tule Lake was different from the other nine camps, in that some of the latter was taken away from the residents in the area, and this no doubt contributed to the negative feelings about the camp in the surrounding communities. Tule Lake was also designated a segregation camp to which families awaiting repatriation to Japan were sent.

Workshop participants will participate in a hands-on tour of the camp site led by Jimi Yamashita. The Klomath Falls Herald and News featured the training session on its front page in January. More than 30 teachers and community members have registered.

The steering committee for the workshop composed of James King, JARC/M board members, and JACL representative Gary Marutani.

As in past workshops, a resource kit of books and other materials that can be used in the classroom will be given to Tule Lake High School and it is hoped that enough money can be raised to give multiple copies of some of the books to present the major contributor toward the cost of the NSWNP district council of JACL.

Applications can be sent to Tule Lake Committee, c/o Hiroshi Shimizu, P.O. Box 170141, San Francisco, CA 94113. Please mention "Resource Kit" on the check.

The workshop will be presented from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and teachers will be given the opportunity to earn continuing education units through Santa Clara University.

For more information, contact James King at 530/907-2092, or Anne Muto at 530/907-7665, at jkingschool.com on the web at www.jarc-m.org also has information regarding the interment camp website Tulelake High School also has its own website about the interment camp, www.tulelake.k12.ca.us.
Fred Wada Had No Intention of Being Incarcerated

HUNDREDS came a couple of days ago to attend a funeral: Haruo Honogunji, Los Angeles mayor, was on hand to pay respects to Isadore Wada, who died Feb. 12 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He was 70.

Remembered by many as a force of nature, Wada died peacefully after a long battle with pneumonia. It was the second death this year of a key figure of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Edgewood Heights, where he lived for 20 years.

Keiro Retiree Homestead and Immedi- agee Corporation was there 20 years ago, in 1975. Wada’s entire residence was vacant, and the workers were working in his sanctuary, she said in 1980. It was a Christmas season. "He was not happy, and he said, ‘I want to leave.’"

By HARRY HONDA

Fred Wada (right) holds freshly frozen sood in the spring of 1942 to show two California banks that it would be safe to turn over to the original Japanese-American farming cooperative at Keeley, Utah, rather than being incarcerated because of the large numbers of Japanese-Americans who had lived there and worked the land.

A large group of people are shown standing in front of a building. One person is holding a sign that reads, "Japanese-American Community." The text is not legible.

A Troubled in Paradise

If there is some special insight and dignity that we might have on the tragedy by virtue of our race or ethnicity. It made the war worse. There had been some Japanese for instance, who had served in the United States Army and Navy, and the community for their sacrifice. As a result, it was tied to all of the unfortunates.

A couple of weeks before the March launch, the Shimizu sinking, there was a devotional meeting in the state of Gujarat in India. The number of people killed and injured there dwindled the number in the Shimizu incident. As a result, the state of Gujarat was reported to be 166,000 injured, numbers so large as to beg the question.

Being from earthquake country in California, this is something we can easily be given the distance and the differences between Gujarat and California."

The dinning room is ready for dinner.

The dining room at the JACL meeting is already sold.

Scott M. Sassa "A Sentimen-tal Journey" and will include fine dining on the deck, a performance by George Yoshida and the J-Dub Jazz Ensemble, all en- titled in honor of the late artist Dick Clark and Disney while I was a kid.

The national museum offers Awards for Excellence is presented to two individuals, one for distinguished service in the United States, the other in Japan. In 1999, there were over 200 entries from both countries, 13 winners overall, including the winners. The Lifetime Achievement Award:

Scott M. Sassa was appointed to his current position in 1999 as president of NBC West Coast, and since then has overseen all of NBC’s enter- tainment-related business and serves as a member of the board of directors for NBC Universal, NBCU Entertainment. Sassa had worked with his predecessor Don Ohlmeyer as president of NBC Entertainment and oversaw the development and production of NBC’s new programming shows such as "The West Wing," "Law and Order," and "Third Watch." He joined NBC in September 1997 as president of NBC West Coast Division.

Sassa, who grew up in Torrance and attended USC, charged his career goals in college, as "I think it’s a lot of fun. I get into going into banking," he once told an interview. "I think I’m going to be president of NBCU Entertainment, Dick Clark and Disney and I was never going to do that."
Amidst another tumultuous, historical year, the JACL continued to fight for the equal rights of all. The following are some of the highlights and lowpoints of the past few months.

Nakamura Courthouse

This past fall, the federal courthouse in Seattle was named after 442nd veteran William Kenzo Nakamura, who was one of the 22 Asian Pacific American
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By the Board

JACL fought aggressively to fulfill some of the priorities set forth by national council during the tail end of Congress, by actively supporting and lobbying for legislation articulating the political status for Native Hawaiians and strengthening hate crime-prevention statutes. However, despite JACL's dedication to fighting for passage of the Native Hawaiian Sovereignty and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, both failed in Congress. JACL will continue to fight for legislation on these issues, as well as others that combat discrimination, in the new session.

Yahoo!

JACL praised Yahoo! for taking a stand against hate on the Internet. In early January, Yahoo! announced that they would no longer allow anyone to sell hate items or material through their auctions, classifieds, and/or classifieds and shops.

Congressman Mike Honda

JACL criticized the mailer circulated by Republicans that erroneously depicted then-Calif.

Assemblyman Mike Honda was one of the House members who received the Peacemakers Franklin H. Williams Award on Feb. 21 in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes the outstanding community service of color who have served as Peace Corps volunteers.

Honda, a former educator and high-school principal in California, was named as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador from 1963-67. He was an influential figure in the San Jose, served as the first and only APA to serve on the California State Assembly before he went to Congress.

Daphne Kwok, executive direc-
tor of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) for over 10 years, announced she will leave her position in early April to become the new executive director of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Con-

gessional Studies (APASI), a na-

tional, nonprofit, nonpartisan edu-
cational organization dedicated to training and empowering APA for involvement in civic and political affairs.

While at OCA, Kwok coordinated and participated in various college affiliations representing over 100 members. In 1999, she testi-
ed before the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), and the impact of the campaign fundraising law. During her stewardship, OCA standard operating procedures and flu-

ence to be ultimately acknowled-
ge by state, local and community groups as the premier national Asian Pacific Amer-

ican organization in California.

In Washington, D.C., said OCA na-

tionals and community leaders about the impact of OCA. "On behalf of OCA, I wish Daphne the best of luck and success in her new career position.

OCA will still thrive due to Daphne's accomplishments, and we look forward to continuing that legacy.

William H. (Mo) Muramoto was overwhelmingly elected chair-

man of APASI, announced interim in 2000. Muramoto, chairman and CEO of The Interface Group, Inc., was elected in Washington, D.C., succeeds former APASI chair and congres-
sional leader, Secretary of Trans-

portation Norman Y. Mineta.

Muramoto heads a boutique re-
tainer executive search firm he founded in 1973 and has been named one of the nation's nine executive rec-

ruiters in the country by several national publications.

The Santa Ana, Calif.-native was the first APA to serve on the execu-
tive level of the White House and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Japanese American National Museum, Whittier Col-

age, National Asian Pacific Center for Aging and Advisory Council for the George Washington University School of Business and Management.

APA musicians recognized at the 43rd Annual Grammy Awards cer-

emony on Feb. 21 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles included:

"Opera Recording Award to the Conductor Album (Producer) and Principal Soloists: "Boum: Divieto Frami," Kent Nagano; Kim Beg-

ley, baritone; Kamran Nadir, tenor; and Richard Croft, countertenor.

Classical Crossover Album: "Brahms: Violin Concerto in D Major," Yo-Yo Ma, violin; cellphone Myers, double bass; Mark O'Connor, violin.

Classical Album: "Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5" in D minor" with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta & Max Winton, pro-

ducer.

Producer of the Year, Classical Albums Only: Steve Petri's "Ap-

plication Epistle Movement 18: Waltz Luminous, etc." (Yo-

Yo Ma, cello; Mark O'Connor, violin; base; Mark O'Connor, viola).

"New Age Album: "Thinking of You," Kitaro."

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Heart Mountain Foundation Achieves Fundraising Goal

The Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation has achieved its fundraising goal for a future interpretive learning center as well as constructing a replica of an internment camp building.

Last month, the foundation raised funds for the purchase of 50 acres of original camp property adjacent to a 73-acre site still under federal jurisdiction. The site is located between Cody and Powell, one hour from the east gate of Yellowstone Park.

The 73-acre site is on the National Register of Historic Places and contains four original buildings. The foundation provided volunteer help to perform extensive archeological analyses of the site and the Bureau of Reclamation recently sold the land to the foundation.

The 50-acre site purchased will contain a technology-intensive interpretive learning center designed to educate visitors about the internment camp experience as well as constitutional and civil liberties issues, diversity in the internment experience, and understanding.

The interpretive learning center project received a big boost from Congress in November when $500,000 was awarded to fund facility development under the leadership and advocacy of Wyoming Sen. Mike Enzi. In addition to the learning center, the facility will feature a museum, story centers with audiovisual exhibitions, an interpretive center, a bookstore and gift shop, and an interpretive center.

To donate to the project or for more information, contact the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, 307-707-2021, Box 547, Powell, WY 82439. The foundation's website is www.heartmountain.org.
OBITUARY

Karl Akiya, 91, a Kibei Hostile to Prewar Japan

San Francisco-born Karl Ichiro Akiya, a Kibei Nisei who was sent to Manchuria in World War II, had left Japan in 1932 in opposition to its militaristic policies. After Japan invaded China, his death occurred on a shelf in 1937 in New York. An economist and university professor, he was an outspoken political activist in the Japanese American community. Akiya was a member of the 1940s political force, Tanforan, Topaz and postwar New York were remembered as inspirational leaders of the community. He taught Japanese in 1943 at the Navy intelligence school. He was married to Frances Akiya, a university professor, and the father of 11 children. His legacy is his commitment to teaching, mentoring and community involvement.

Obituaries

All the news are in California except as noted.

Akiyama, Fusco, 102, Los Angeles, Jan. 30, Nagoya-ken-born; survived by son, Dale Fusco; daughter Joanne Kakomo Nakano, married to Shigeki Nakano; granddaughter, Koori Akiyama, 72, and her husband; sister, Mrs. Mary Akiyama.

Akiyama, Hideo, 90, Tusin, Feb. 19, Tokyo-born hotelier with the Dandemonresize Hotel; survived by his children, sisters and brother.

Kato, Masahiro, 57, Eagle Rock, Feb. 17, author of this article; survived by his relatives.

Matsuyama, Teisuke, 56, Springfield, Va., Nov. 9, Ehime-born, a river artist, survived by his wife, Yoko; his daughter, Mayumi (Springfield); daughter Karen (Takamatsu, Japan); granddaughter, Mako Hasegawa; 41, and her husband.

Morii, Hisashi, 55, San Jose, Jan. 8, Watsusawa-birth, survived by his parents, his wife, Aiko; and his daughter, Aiko.

Murayama, Yutaka, 79, Oregon, Feb. 16, Summer, survived by his son, Tezuka; his daughter, Aiko; and his grandchildren.

Shinriki, Kenji, 80, Los Angeles, Feb. 17, survived by his wife, Mrs. Kenji Shinriki, and his daughter, Mrs. Yoko Shima.

Suzuki, Shunji, 77, Fanwood, April 30, 1979, survived by his wife, Mrs. Shunji Suzuki, and his son, Mr. Shunji Suzuki.

Yamada, Sadako, 104, Los Angeles, Jan. 29, Hiroshima-birth, survived by her mother, Mrs. Sadako Yamada; her son, Koji; her daughter, Mrs. Sadako Suzuki; her grandchildren, Sadako Suzuki, Ikuo Suzuki, and Sadako Suzuki; and her great-grandchildren.

Sato, Kay, 55, Chicago, Dec. 30, 1978, survived by his mother, Mrs. Sato; his father, Mr. Sato; his brother, Mr. Sato; his sister, Mrs. Sato; and his grandchildren.

Sato, Minoru, 80, Honolulu, Feb. 17, survived by his wife, Mrs. Minoru Sato; his son, Minoru Sato; his daughter, Mrs. Minoru Sato; and his grandchildren.

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ARCHIVES

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of this can go to the museum archives by sending a letter to the museum and we'll put it in our collection.

We have the complete set of the WRA documents. We were able to buy these books, from various libraries and through the world, through the regional office was putting out quarterly reports so I collected those too. I have a file going back to 1943, semi-annual reports from 1944-1946. If you can't get a file back to 1945, I'm not aware of it. So it's a question of what we're going to do with the WRA, that's a question of what we're going to do with the WRA. There are the minute meeting records from 1942, before evacuation goes. The archives are going to the WRA regional office. That is the we ARCHIVES and the WRA minutes are already in the collection.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings from 1942, before evacuation took place. The Planning Committee was meeting at the WRA regional office.

When we moved to 701 East Third Street, a lot of these papers were thrown out. People thought that these were over a 100,000. These papers are an entire history of the WRA which gives us a vivid picture of what happened. It's really a picture of what happened in the WRA. These papers are preserved, and I have saved them. We are now going to put them in the archives.

I set aside most of the redress money to buy the papers and I'm going to continue doing a history on this. Mie Taka hahai has been one of the people most interested in the redress issue and in the (JACL) redress history, and I've been helping out the committee from the very beginning. Mae Fugita taught both of us to get funding for this. In the meantime, Dr. Albert Makai wrote up his book ("Achieving the Impossible Dream"), which more or less covers quite a bit of what JACL did, but it's more of a general history. JACL could still tell about their story because there's a lot of stories that's not in the book. A lot of these things that we've talked about are already in the collection.

• Why is it that there are things that are in a lot of manuscripts from San Francisco like new releases, convention minutes. I was active on the planning commission back in the 1960s. I was the chair of the planning committee and one of the things I was involved in was the working out of the PC's responsibilities. I worked on the commission, on the GO and on the committee about secretary of the commission, and I was actually the first woman in the GO and my responsibility was to work out the PC's responsibilities. I worked on the commission for about five years and all these papers are there.

• The PC files basically have to do with papers like the conventions, budgets, programs, budgeting, advertising, recruiting and reports developed over the years. When Richard Suenaga was here, we had a regular staff meetings at a weekly basis. We would discuss the plans and the budget. I would write up a brief summary of what transpired and pass it around to the staff. That's all in there.

• Individual biographies: We have three file cabinets full of biographical documents and articles. Source people who have done some of the research in the papers have since died, the ones to us in the future. We have people who we've been looking for, interesting stories on individual who were of substance; who were not just people that we could say where they were in camp, whether they were in the GO, their sessions. We know that they did after the war. They come in a variety of forms, most of them, Fred Wada, founder of Kero Homes in Los Angeles who later moved to the Bay Area, and others. We have a biography on Fred Wada. (founder of Kero Homes in Los Angeles who later moved to the Bay Area). We have a biography on the founder of Kero Homes, Los Angeles which later moved to the Bay Area.

• Miscellaneous Folders: These are files I generated at home, on weekends. I would sit down and write up PANAF (Pan American National Redress Association) history for the community. I want to write a book about the Pan American National Redress Association history in all the different states. When I retired, a chapter for the first-time in the Southeast part of the United States, in Atlanta, the young people there wanted to know the history of the community. That is what I'm trying to do. Some of the stuff appeared in the "Congressional Record" of the House of Representatives of the United States. By the members of the House at the 1972, I put some of that there and it squirmed itself into this size. To me, it's not an exhaustive history, but it's an exhaustive history, for the purposes of the Atlantic chapter, where Pan American was in the forefront. It's not in the criteria back at the turn of the century. I'm still doing community history, and I'm working on that. This one on Montana is part of a 10.

• FC: What major projects are you working on right now? HH: Right now, I'm working on the JACL resolutions. I'm going through all the convention minutes and digging up all the different resolutions that were passed or rejected and who moved, who seconded, whether it carried or not. We've all already got part of it, up to 1962. Now I'm continuing with it.