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CJACL Develops Agreement in Support of Bill to Preserve J-Towns

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

As California state Senate Bill 307 — a bill to preserve the remaining three Japantowns in the state — makes its way to the state Assembly after pushing through the Senate by one vote on June 6, representatives from the California

particular a clause on conditional moratoriums on development.

The bill's clause in question reads: "... a moratorium on all building or development that the city, or city and county, determines is inconsistent with any specific plan being considered for adoption that affects an existing Japantown



Once a Buddhist temple, this building now houses the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Japanese American Community Leadership Council (CJACL) hammered out an agreement June 11 so as not to jeopardize the bill's future.

Although it was CJACL, a statewide network of JA organizations, which first brought up the idea for the bill and garnered the support of state Sen. John Vasconcelos, D-San Jose, to sponsor it, a CJACL member voiced concern over amendments to the bill, in

within its jurisdiction."

At the June 11 Sacramento meeting, CJACL members proposed an alternate wording that supports a review process on new development in the three cities. Alan Nishio, CJACL facilitator, said consultant Georgette Imura will work with legislators to come up with exact wording and then will discuss this with Vasconcelos.

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eBay's Use of 'Jap' on Auction Site Criticized

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI**
Executive Editor

Like more than 18 million on-line users around the world, history professor Richard Imon, 37, of Las Vegas was browsing the popular eBay auction site when he decided to look up Japanese World War II memorabilia.

After a few seconds of downloading he was shocked to see the word "Jap" appear on his computer screen. His shock soon turned to anger as he realized that in addition to the racist term, some online users were using the site to espouse anti-Japanese sentiments alongside the sale of their goods.

"It's unacceptable. eBay is not a forum for political bashing or country bashing," said Imon. "The term 'Jap' is used by people who can't distinguish between Japanese Americans and what happened during World War II."

A recent search of the popular site shows more than 2,600 instances of "Jap" or "Japs" on eBay. The site uses the derogatory terms as abbreviations for Japan and Japanese when they list the items being auctioned such as "Jap WWII flag," "Jap DVD," "Jap anime," and "Jap CD."

The abbreviations can also be found in the descriptions for the various items and some eBay users are using this section to espouse anti-Japanese rhetoric. One WWII veteran from Florida selling a

Japanese army sword writes: "... those murderous SOBS ... the Jap didn't need it anymore."

eBay, founded in September 1995, is the world's most popular shopping site according to Media Metrix and has 18.9 million registered users in 150 different countries, including Canada, Europe, Australia and Japan. More than six million items are currently listed on the site, with users wanting to sell and buy everything and anything, from antique goods and

area." The customer service department handles the complaints case by case, item by item, on a first-come, first-served basis and relies heavily on its own customers to police the site.

eBay customer service agents have returned Imon's e-mail complaints with varying responses. Some immediately deleted the questionable item whereas others said that they did not see a problem with the use of the term "Jap." But so far, Imon's request to have

all the racist references taken off the site have been denied.

Kevin Pursglove, eBay senior director of

'eBay's refusal to eliminate the use of "Jap" from their site is unconscionable.'

John Tateishi, JAACL national executive director

sports memorabilia to automobiles, and computers.

For seven months now Imon has been conducting a one-man offensive against eBay, sending so many e-mails he's now lost count and handwritten letters that have yet to be answered. He wants eBay to stop using "Jap" and "Japs" on their site and use the more appropriate abbreviation of "Jpn." He also wants eBay to stop people from using their site to espouse racist views.

"It's outrageous. [eBay] is promoting racist terms in society," said Imon. "The term 'Jap' perpetuates hate against Japanese Americans in general. By the constant use of it, people become accustomed to it." eBay has an investigations arm that has a section on miscellaneous offenses that includes "using language that is racist, hateful, sexual, or obscene in nature in a public

communications, said he was not aware of the use of "Jap" on the site but acknowledged that he considers such a term to be derogatory. He agreed to look into the item being sold by the veteran in Florida who made the anti-Japanese remarks and eventually had it taken off the auction site.

According to Pursglove, if eBay is notified of racist or hateful references they will remove it but if the language is found to be historically accurate or part of an official name or title, they will not. "If it is in a derogatory or demeaning manner we will remove the item," he said.

"But we can't anticipate each and every item and intent." But since each case is handled item by item by customer service agents whose interpretation of what is racist is highly subjective,

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L.A. City Council to Revisit Little Tokyo Gym Proposal July 6

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

Supporters of a proposed Little Tokyo Recreation Center (LTRC) in Los Angeles were able to get a 30-day delay on city development action in order to formalize other options to keep the project alive.

After hearing testimony from members of the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) and Centenary United Methodist Church, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously on June 8 to postpone decision on a proposed move of the Children's Museum onto a site currently designated for LTRC.

The proposed move of the Children's Museum, an item listed on the city agenda for which no public hearing has been held, came as a surprise to LTRC backers, who scrambled to appear before the city council.

The new site for the Children's Museum contradicts a May 18 letter written by Children's Museum Chairman of the Board of Trustees Douglas Ring to LTSC President of the Board Dave Nagano, which indicated that "I would like to assure you that the footprint of the Children's Museum proposed facility and adjacent open space will not extend onto the footprint of the current 'tinker toy' parking structure on the corner of Temple and Judge John Aiso Streets thereby not precluding the development of a multi-generational sports, recreation and service center (the Generation's Center Gymnasium) on the North of First Street."

Emphasizing that LTSC supports the Children's Museum's move, LTSC Executive Director Bill Watanabe said, "We are concerned, however, over the lack of public hearings on this motion. ... If approved as currently written, this motion would make it very difficult to build the Little Tokyo Recreation Center, and in effect, nullify seven years of time, work and resources dedicated to this

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Pitching in for Progress

One of my business mentors has often said that in order for progress, an institution must experience some kind of crisis over which it has no control. This requires ingenuity, a maintenance of key principles and courage on the part of the institution and the members thereof. JACL is at one of those crisis



By **FLOYD MORI**
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Mori Memo JACL National President

times when all will be required to pitch in for the progress and betterment of the organization.

I am urging all of the members of JACL to contribute any amount they can in order that we can maintain a minimal level of service. All funds will go directly to the general

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JACL Nat'l Bd. Votes to Support JLA Redress

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

At the May 19-20 national board meeting, the national JACL board voted to publicly support House Bill 619, the Wartime Party and Justice Act of 2001 introduced this February by Congressman Xavier Becerra, D-Calif.

If passed, HR 619 would provide redress equity for Japanese Latin Americans forcibly brought to the United States during World War II to be used in hostage exchanges between the United States and Japan, provide redress to Japanese Americans who were initially denied compensation due to technicalities and narrow interpretations of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and authorize \$45 million for educational funding.

The national board unanimously supported the motion to endorse HR 619 and to recognize the value of the bill and of the JLA's. The move was made by Vice President of Membership Gary Mayeda, seconded by ESWD Gov. Craig Osaka.

This same issue had been brought before the national council as Emergency Resolution 4 at the

2000 national convention in Monterey, Calif. Roughly two-thirds of the national council voted against the resolution following a lengthy debate. What ultimately tipped the scale was National Executive Director John Tateishi's explanation that JACL, in fighting to keep the Mochizuki lawsuit from being dismissed, promised officials in the Department of Justice, White House and Senate that the organization would stand by any settlement agreed upon. The Mochizuki case ultimately reached a controversial agreement, which provided an official apology and \$5,000 in compensation to eligible JLAs.

With a new Bush administration in place, Tateishi said at the board meeting that JACL's obligations no longer existed.

"We should support this," said Tateishi, in referring to HR 619. Tateishi also added that he has been getting calls from German and Italian Americans, who are interested in attaching themselves to the bill. Because JACL is not taking the lead in this case, he has been referring the calls to Campaign for Justice. ■

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NEW YORK CITY
Through July 1—Sculpture exhibit by Thomas Matsuda, "Searching for the Buddha in the Forest"; New York Buddhist Church, 311 Riverside Drive between 105th and 106th. Free. Info: 212/864-7424 or 678-0305.
Fri., July 20-Sat., July 28—24th Annual Asian American International Film Festival; French Institute/Alliance Francaise. Info: Asian Cinevision, 212/989-1522. <acvinfo@yahoo.com>

The Midwest

CHICAGO
Fri., July 27—Chicago JACL golf tournament/fund-raiser; 9th annual tea ceremony; \$75 includes cart, lunch, refreshments; 50-golfer limit. Sign up ASAP; JACL office, 773/728-7171.
CINCINNATI
Thurs.-Sun., June 28-July 1—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference; Weston Hotel; "Train the Trailers" workshop; panel discussion, "Education: Past, Present, Future"; Professor Frank Wu, banquet speaker; concurrent Tri-District Youth Conference at Garfield Suites; for special hotel rate call 513/621-7700. Registration, \$70; Friday teacher training workshop only with materials and lunch, \$40; Saturday banquet only, \$42. Info: Hiroko Nishiyama, 513/631-7885 or www.jacl.org.

CLEVELAND
Sat., July 21—Obon at Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 1753 E. 214th St.
Sun., July 22—Cleveland JACL scholarship luncheon; 1 p.m., Shinano Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Blvd., Richmond Heights. Info: Hazel Asamoto, 216/921-2976.
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL
Sun., July 15—Twin Cities JACL annual summer picnic; Rosland Park, Edina; meat grill by John Nakosone; children's races, bingo, softball, volleyball, etc. Info: Carolyn Sandberg, <cmsandberg@mediaone.net>, or Cheryl Hurata-Dulas, 952/925-2429.

Mountain Plains

Thurs.-Sun., June 28-July 1—JACL Tri-District Conference; see Midwest.
ALBUQUERQUE
Sun., June 24—New Mexico JACL annual picnic; Holiday Park.
CHEYENNE
Thurs.-Sat., June 21-23—Educational Workshop, "Protest & Resistance: An American Tradition"; Little America; sponsored by Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation and the Universities of Wyoming and Colorado, Boulder, among others. Info: spwolle@wave.com.net, <ctak@cei.cduver.edu>; <pteroiph@mail.rsn.com>

Intermountain

BOISE
Thurs.-Sun., June 21-24—Boise River Festival; Boise Valley JACL will be volunteering at the World Showcase featuring the culture of Japan; koto, taiko, etc.; and the Northwest: martial arts, flower arrangement; bonsai, etc.; also featuring a 50-ton sand sculpture, seven stages of entertainment, fireworks, parade of giant inflatables, etc.
SALT LAKE CITY
Sat., Sept. 15—Utah JACL chapters annual golf tournament; Wingpointe Golf course; fund-raiser for scholarships. Info: Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287.
2002: Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 30-Sept. 2—Heart Mountain Reunion 2002; Info: Raymond Ufio, 801/355-0284.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE
Fri-Sun., July 13-15—JACL National Youth/Student Council Conference; Seattle University Center; Info: Gerald Kato, 213/626-4471, <youth@jacps.org>
Thurs.-Sun., July 12-15—JACL PNW-IDC Bi-District Conference; Best Western Executive Inn, 200 Taylor Ave. N (Seattle center); keynote speaker Gen. Eric K. Shimske (invited); workshops, video screenings, Mariners baseball, Tacoma Bon Odori; Wing Luke Museum, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Art Museum, etc. **Rooms are limited — make reservations ASAP;** mention JACL for special conference rate: 800/351-9444. Registration fee is \$150 before July 1, \$180 after July 1. Info: Tamiko Ward,

360/754-5899, <tamiko.ward@GTE.net>, or Elaine Akagi, 206/772-7192, <ReikoA@aol.com>

Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO
Sat., June 23—Second Annual JACL Youth Fishing Derby; San Pablo Reservoir; for ages 8-12; lunch will be provided. Free. Call ASAP for application: 415/273-1015.
SAN MATEO
Thurs., June 21—Conference, "Staying in Charge: Focusing on Financial and Elder Abuse"; 8 a.m., Hotel Sofitel, Redwood Shores; sponsored by the San Mateo County Commission on Aging; lunch and brunch will be provided. Free. RSVP: San Mateo JACL Community Center, 343-2793.

Fri., June 22—Workshop, "Taking Care of Our Elders in the Japanese American Family" with Dr. Kellie Takagi, clinical psychologist; 1-3 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; sponsored by Stanford/VA Alzheimer Disease Research Center. Free. Info: 650/343-2793.

Sun., June 24—Sunday movie matinee: "Eat Drink Man Woman"; 1:30 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Chinese with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

Sat., July 28—San Mateo JACL annual family potluck 5-8 p.m., San Mateo Senior Center. Info: 650/343-2793

SONOMA COUNTY

Thurs., July 19—Sonoma County JACL has tickets available for JA Day With the Giants; 6 p.m.; Giants vs Colorado Rockies. Tickets: Lucy Kishaba, 707/823-0376.

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ

Sat., June 23—15th Japanese Cultural Fair; Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES
Sat., June 23—Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) awards ceremony; 6 p.m. program; 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. awards reception; Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, 7000 Hollywood Blvd.; honorary co-chairs Mike Honda and Nita Song. RSVP by June 16: 213/344-4433.

Sun., July 29—Venice Community Law Day; 1-4 p.m., Venice

Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; certified financial planner will cover estate planning, health care rights, IRAs, etc.; co-sponsored by Venice-Clayton JACL. RSVP requested; Dianna H. Nishiura, 310/838-9862, or Hitoshi Shimizu, 310/391-8628.

Sat.-Sun., June 30-July 1—Taiko Jam 3:00; 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; showcase of North American taiko drumming. Tickets: 213/680-3700.

Fri., Aug. 3—"Salute 2001," Nikkei veterans and family event; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP by July 10. Info: JANM, 213/625-0414 ext. 2240.

PASADENA
Fri., June 29—L.A. Taiko Festival; 7 p.m., Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd.; L.A. taiko groups plus guest groups from Japan and San Francisco. Tickets: 626/577-2557 or 800/888-7287. Info: www.taikola.com or www.koshintaiko.org.

REDLANDS

Sun., June 24—Riverside JACL community picnic; 11 a.m.; Sylvan Park.

WEST LOS ANGELES

Sun., June 17—West L.A. JACL 2001 Scholarship Brunch; 11:30 a.m., Premier Room, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 6333 Bristol Parkway, Culver City; first-time award of the Chiyo Hattori Memorial Medical Scholarship. Info: Jean Shigematsu, 310/207-3688, fax 310/ 826-2859, or Mike Nagai, California Bank & Trust, 310/477-8211.

Arizona - Nevada

RENO
Sat., July 14—National Conference for Community and Justice 3.5-mile Walkathon; 9 a.m.; Wingfield Park.

Sat., July 14—Sierra Foliadite Festival; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wingfield Park; Reno JACL will have a snow cone booth. Info: Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 853-8850.

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

Letters to the Editor

Courage

Wouldn't it be nice if the hassles regarding the so-called "no-no boys" could be resolved? If people would just quit calling them "draft resisters" and think about the wording of the questionnaire they were required to sign ("Do you forswear all allegiance to Japan?") and realize that not having any allegiance to Japan; they couldn't forswear it?

Had my family been uprooted after 50 years as law-abiding residents of my home state, my savings confiscated, dumped into lodgings less desirable than the cattle had at my home, and then my son subjected to the draft, I would certainly not have had the patience and resignation demonstrated by the evacuees. They were smarter than I would have been!

I was much interested in the let-

ter by Hisashi Ishizaki in the May 15-31 issue of Pacific Citizen.

Except for all the hurt feelings and the hassles about the "no-no boys" imagery termed "draft resisters," I think that all the resultant emotion is most unfortunate.

Even if they were genuinely "draft resisters" — under conditions existing at that time I think it is most remarkable that ANY Nisei volunteered for military service — I would have been "mad" enough not to comply! Veterans will resent this, but I think resisting the draft took courage comparable to that shown by the men in service, although of a different kind.

It is no wonder that emotions rise over the issue of evacuation. Those emotions will not be dissipated until the World War II generation has passed away.

The present almost universal acceptance of Japanese Americans into the larger community is a tribute to their fine character and to their patience in adversity. I am very proud of the friendship I share with my many Nikkei friends.

David C. Moore II
Phoenix, Ariz.

Tobacco Monies

The national board met on May 19 to decide on a proposed ban against accepting contributions from tobacco companies. I introduced a resolution in favor of such a ban similar to one passed by the NCWNP district council on May 6. The national board adopted an amended version.

Since we will confront this issue again at our 2002 national convention, the issue must continue to be discussed and debated throughout all the chapters.

While a position against accepting financial support from tobacco companies stands on its own merits, the debate on morals and ethics of the ban is only alive because we are in troubled financial waters.

If we were fiscally strong and confident, it would have been easy to turn away possible contributions from companies with questionable practices or products. Instead, our financial weaknesses are creating dis-

sent on issues unrelated to the core mission of JACL.

Our membership is diverse and principled. It is healthy for us to differ on and debate issues that relate to our mission statement as an organization, but we must not let an unrelated issue create a division between us because of our weakened financial state.

Steve T. Okamoto
NCWNP Executive Board
Member

Correction

Suzanne Ito of Hilltop High School and Matt Kawahara of University City High School each received \$300 scholarships from the San Diego chapter JACL and should have been included in the June 1-14 JACL Cover.

Also, Lisa Oka of West Hills, daughter of Aiko and Mary Oka, received \$500, not \$300.

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Judge to Appoint Special Master in Lee Defamation Case

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—An outsider with a high-level security clearance should decide what classified documents can be given attorneys for Wen Ho Lee in a defamation suit the former nuclear scientist filed against the government, a federal judge said June 1.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said he wants to appoint a special master by July to supervise handling of documents requested by Lee's attorneys. Many of the documents probably will contain sensitive information about U.S. nuclear weapons programs.

"I think it's a virtual certainty that some of the (documents) are going to be classified or highly classified," Jackson said.

Lee, sued the Justice and Energy departments for allegedly leaking information to the media to portray the Taiwan-born scientist as a Chinese spy. The leaks, some of which were inaccurate, violated Lee's privacy and that of his family, his attorneys claim.

Lee was investigated on accusations he used his job at the nation-

al weapons laboratory in Los Alamos, to give nuclear secrets to China. Lee was charged with 59 felonies for downloading classified information to portable data tapes, but the indictment did not allege he gave information to China.

He eventually pleaded guilty to one felony count of downloading sensitive material. The judge in that case said he was misled by prosecutors and apologized to Lee for nine months he spent in solitary confinement.

On June 1, Jackson denied the government's request to dismiss Lee's claims of inaccuracy. Justice Department attorney Anthony Coppolino argued Lee had not identified specific documents that contained inaccuracies but was basing the claim on newspaper reports and statements by then-Energy Secretary Bill Richardson in a television interview.

The judge said Lee's attorneys made a valid case that inaccurate, private information was leaked.

"This is their only avenue to get back at the government for, in their judgment, making disclosures that should not have been disclosed," Jackson said. ■

Court: FBI Sharpshooter Horiuchi Can Be Tried

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—A federal appeals court ruled June 5 that an FBI sharpshooter can be tried for manslaughter in the slaying of white separatists Randy Weaver's wife during the 1992 Ruby Ridge standoff in Idaho.

In a case testing whether federal agents are immune to state prosecution, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cleared the way for Idaho prosecutors to charge agent Lon T. Horiuchi in the death of Vicki Weaver, 42. The federal government declined to prosecute him.

"When federal officers violate the Constitution, either through malice or excessive zeal, they can be held accountable for violating the state's criminal laws," Judge Alex Kozinski wrote in the ruling.

The court agreed with Boundary County, Idaho, attorney Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. attorney general who argued in December that immunity cannot be granted until there's a trial to determine if Horiuchi acted unlawfully.

"When federal law enforcement agents carry out their responsibilities, they can cause destruction of property, loss of freedom, and as in this case, loss of life—all of which might violate the state's criminal laws," Kozinski said.

There was no immediate comment from Clark.

The standoff in northern Idaho prompted a nationwide debate on the use of force by federal agents. Ruby Ridge, where the Weaver family lived, has become synonymous with high-profile clashes, including the Branch Davidian siege near Waco, Texas, the Freeman standoff and the Oklahoma City bombing.

The standoff began after federal agents tried to arrest Randy Weaver for failing to appear in court to face charges of selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns.

The cabin had been under surveillance for several months when the violence began with the deaths of Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan, Weaver's 14-year-old son Samuel and the Weaver family dog Striker.

During the standoff, Horiuchi

shot and killed Weaver's wife and wounded family friend Kevin Harris. Witnesses say the sharpshooter fired as Vicki Weaver held open the cabin door, her 10-month-old baby in her arms, to let her husband, their daughter and Harris inside.

Horiuchi said he didn't see Vicki Weaver when he fired at Harris, who was armed and was ducking inside the cabin. He also said he fired to protect a government helicopter overhead.

A wounded Harris later surrendered, as did Weaver. Both men were acquitted of murder, conspiracy and other federal charges. Weaver was convicted of failing to appear for trial on the firearms charge.

The Justice Department last summer settled the last civil lawsuit stemming from the standoff. The government admitted no wrongdoing, but paid Harris \$380,000 to drop his \$10 million civil damage suit.

In 1995, the government paid Weaver and his three surviving children \$3.1 million for the killings of Weaver's wife and son. ■

Calif. Assembly Approves Nakano's Hate Crimes Legislation

Legislation stipulating the establishment of a statewide information database and education program on hate crimes within the Asian Pacific Islander community unanimously passed the California State Assembly on June 5.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1312, authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, appropriates \$250,000 to the State's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) to develop application criteria and institute a competitive-bidding process open to nonprofit, community-based organizations. The application period closes at the end of July 2002.

In speaking of the need for such a program, Nakano said, "Knowledge is the single most important resource for people who are the target of a hate crime. In the API community, a lack of information and

access to already available resources has meant an underreporting of incidents to law enforcement agencies."

Fiscal constraints as a result of the energy crisis forced the Assembly Appropriations Committee to remove the \$3 million originally allocated to develop the program over three years. However, the first step in the process is funded.

"We can begin the process of developing this program upon final approval by the governor, and I'm optimistic that within the next two years we will see funding for implementation of whichever proposal OCJP chooses," said Nakano, chair of the Legislature's Asian Pacific Islander Caucus.

The bill will need to pass the state Senate before heading to the governor's desk for final approval in the fall. ■

JACL Opposes Airing of Racist 'Bugs Bunny' Cartoons

Weeks before airing a series of "Bugs Bunny" cartoons as part of their special summer programming, the Cartoon Network decided not to show 12 episodes that contained racial slurs, blackface and other negative depictions of people of color. However, the JACL is concerned that the network may decide in the future to run episodes which have such titles as "Bugs Nips the Nips."

In a recent letter to the Cartoon Network and its parent companies, AOL Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc., JACL Vice President of Public Affairs Ryan Chin said, "Some may underestimate the damage that cartoons can cause, regardless of their content, since these drawings do not contain real people. However, the truth is quite contrary to that miscon-

ception, since cartoons target children as their primary viewing audience. Children are easily impressionable, and therefore subject to thinking that the racist behavior demonstrated by a famous character is readily identifiable as acceptable."

"June Bugs" is an annual programming event put on by the Cartoon Network that is geared towards children on summer break. This year's "June Bugs" was supposed to include every "Bugs Bunny" episode ever created.

"Bugs Bunny" has evolved over time, from looks to personality. Early episodes of the cartoon include a Bugs who mocks people of color, while modern Bugs demonstrates more compassion and an understanding of diversity.

"Recent incidents highlighted

by the media demonstrate how kids often fail to distinguish between what is a television program and what is reality. Permitting young viewers to witness wanton acts of racism such as those in the Bugs Bunny cartoons would not only be irresponsible, but it would be destructive to the fragile mentality of millions of young viewers. In essence, such cartoons would only encourage young children to disvalue the diversity that should be considered one of the greatest strengths of our society," said Chin.

"There is no place for blatantly racist shows such as some of the Bugs Bunny ones that the Cartoon Network is thinking about showing," he said. "Exposing children to these cartoons contaminates our most valued assets, our children." ■

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JACL Corner

JACL Holds 49th Annual Junior Olympics

Over 250 young athletes from Northern California participated in track and field events at the 49th annual JACL Junior Olympics held on June 3 in Byronnigame, Calif.

Among this year's highlights: the San Jose team, coached by Tom Oshidari, won the team trophy which had been East Bay's for the previous five years. Stephanie Wilcox from San Jose was named Outstanding Athlete of the meet. Teams from Watsonville and Berkeley participated for the first time in many years.

Other winners included: Men's Division 1-4: Stefan Litrownik of East Bay; (tie) Ryan Ahern, San Mateo, Michael Crooks, San Jose, and Cesar Contreras, San Francisco; Jason Ichimaru, Sequoia; Hyuma Nagase, San Francisco. Boys' Division 5-6: Bryan Finney, San Jose; Taylor Jung, San Francisco. Women's Division 2-6: Carrie Rowe, East Bay; Julia Chiang, East Bay. Girls' Division 4-6: Kristin Hirabayashi, Sequoia; Mari Ichimaru, Sequoia; Kellie Ishisaki, Eden.

The Junior Olympics began in 1953 by members of the San Francisco chapter who wanted their youth to learn the joys of participating in track and field events. Plans are currently underway for next year's Golden Anniversary meet.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Announces Scholarships

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter recently announced this year's recipients of the Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarships. They

are Brooke Suda Kondo, daughter of Patricia Suda and Dr. Gerald Kondo, a graduate of Ap-
 tricia Suda and Richard Kadotani, son of David and Je-
 anni Kadotani. Each re-
 ceived \$1,000.

Kondo is a graduate of Ap-
 tricia Suda and will major in biology at UC Santa Barbara before pursuing a medical career. She is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation, National Honors Society, Admirals Club, and is a recipient of the California State Senate Scholastic Achievement Award.

Kadotani is a graduate of Watsonville's Monte Vista Christian High School and will major in mechanical engineering at San Francisco State University. He has earned letters in basketball, football and track and field, was a member of the marching band, coached youth basketball and has participated in community fund-raising events.

Eden Township Presents Scholarships

The Eden Township chapter presented scholarship awards to six graduating high school seniors at a potluck dinner on May 5.

Foothill High senior Kari Kadomatsu, daughter of Gary and Marilyn Kadomatsu, was given the Eden JACL award. She will attend UC Irvine and study either business or law.

Castro Valley High senior Eric Hanabusa, son of Gerald and Barbara Hanabusa, received the Eden Japanese Community Center award. He will attend UC Irvine.

Castro Valley High senior Chris



Chicago chapter 2001 scholarship winners. (l-r) front row: Joyce Shimada, Rachel Matsumori Waters, Emiko Morimoto, Ayako Emoto, Kathleen Mitomi; back row: Christopher Koji Naka, Misuzu Naganuma, Kohki Yamaguchi; not present: Kate Miyamoto, Megumi Nakamura.

Iijima, son of Ted and Joyce Iijima, received the Tom Kitayama Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

St. Joseph of Notre Dame High senior Koji Jitosh, son of Osamu and Beverly Jitosh, received the Eden Community Center extracurricular award. He will enter CSU Sacramento to pursue a career in criminal justice.

Lick-Wilmerding High senior Zachary Gima, son of Lance and Pearl Gima, received the Union Bank-San Leandro Branch award. He will attend Tulane University in New Orleans.

Alameda High senior Thomas Ide, son of Gordon and Kathy Ide, was awarded the Shigenobu Sam Kuramoto Memorial Scholarship. He plans to attend the College of Alameda.

Berkeley Holds 11th Annual Scholarship Banquet

The Berkeley chapter held its 11th annual scholarship awards banquet at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland on May 20. Thuy Vue, co-anchor of ABC7 Sunday Morning News served as guest speaker, while scholarships were given to six students from the East Bay Area.

Skyline High's Emily Teruya will attend UC Berkeley to study business; Las Lomas High's Emily Neveu will enroll at UC San Diego

as an undeclared major; Albany High's Trina Nagakura will attend UC Santa Cruz; Albany High's Amy Taguchi will enroll at UC Irvine and is interested in economics; and Sayre Yamasaki Lafin will attend UC Berkeley to major in architecture.

The chapter also recognized Tony Yokoyuki and Frank and Toshiko Yamasaki (posthumously) with its 2001 "Pioneer Award" for their distinguished service to the community and to the JACL.

Chicago Hosts 44th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

The Chicago chapter held its 44th annual JACL scholarship awards luncheon at the Terrace Garden Restaurant of the Wilmette Country Club. Ten high school graduates received awards for academics and community service.

Ayako Emoto, Jack Y. Nakagawa Memorial Scholarship; Kathleen Mitomi, New Horizons Scholarship; Megumi Nakamura, Chicago Chapter JACL Scholarship; Rachel Matsumori Waters, George Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship; Kohki Yamaguchi, Thomas Masuda Memorial Scholarship; Kate Miyamoto, Taihei and Hatsu Matsumaga Memorial Scholarship; Emiko Morimoto, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship; Misuzu Naganuma and Joyce Shimada, Southside Nisei Mixed Bowling League Scholarship; and Christopher Koji Naka, Mas Nakagawa Memorial Scholarship.

This year's awards luncheon was dedicated to the memory of Toshi Honda for her many years of service on the scholarship committee. Guest speaker Stewart David Ikeda, author of "What The Scarecrow Said," spoke about the relevance of JACL in contemporary life.

Bi-District to Address Restlers Resolution

July 14 education forum at the PNW-IDC bi-district conference in Seattle will focus on the JACL/Nisei veterans/restlers of conscience issue. Opening the session will be National JACL Executive Director John Tateishi.

Panelists will include Bill Hosokawa, former editorial page editor of the *Denver Post*, longtime columnist for the *Pacific Citizen* and author of several books; Fred Shiosaki, 100th/442nd veteran; Frank Abe, producer/director of the award-winning documentary "Conscience and the Constitution"; and Mits Koshiyama, a Heart Mountain restler.

Since 1988, members of JACL have sought to bring closure to a painful chapter in our community's history by seeking reconciliation between JACLers, Nisei veterans and restlers of conscience (those who refused to serve in the United States Army until their constitutional rights were restored). After 12 years, the JACL national council passed a resolution last summer which in part, offered an apology for not acknowledging the restlers' stand and the pain this caused.

The resolution also included a commitment to initiate a public education effort, and the bi-district planning committee wishes to provide leadership in fulfilling the spirit and intent of that resolution by sponsoring an education forum.

Video screenings of "Conscience and the Constitution," "Children of the Camps," "Days of Waiting" and "Honor Bound" will be shown on the evenings of July 12 and 13.

The conference will be held at the Best Western Executive Inn. For room reservations call 800/351-9444. Space is limited. Contact the PNW-JACL district office for registration forms at 206/923-5088 or e-mail pnw@jacd.org.



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Upcoming Symposiums Looks at Italian and Japanese-Immigrants During WWII

Upcoming symposiums will examine the experiences of Italian and Japanese immigrants during World War II. The events are sponsored by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CALPEP).
 A new book about the WWII experiences of Italian immigrants living in the United States sheds light on the plight of those who are branded "enemy aliens" in wartime. "Una Storia Segreta: The Secret History of Italian American Evacuation and Internment During World War II," edited by Lawrence DiStasi, presents forgotten stories of arrest, internment and confiscation of property suffered by Italians based only on their ancestry and country of origin. Similar treatment befell Japanese and German immigrants.

DiStasi will appear with survivors from the Italian American and Japanese American communities at three upcoming symposiums to discuss the civil liberties violations endured by both communities during WWII. They will discuss the perils to which immigrant populations are exposed in times of national emergency and hysteria. They will attempt to broaden the analysis of the motives and rationalizations behind government actions, and bring new perspective to the history of wartime violations of civilian populations.
 "Una Storia Segreta," published by Heydey Books, includes a collection of essays and articles that grew out of a traveling exhibit assembled by the American Italian Historical Association, Western Chapter, of which DiStasi is president.

Copies of the book, which includes essays by the symposium speakers, will be available at each event.
 Santa Cruz: Saturday, June 23, 2-5 p.m., Museum of Art & History, 705 Front St. Speakers: Lawrence DiStasi, Geoffrey Dunn, Mas Hashimoto.
 Los Angeles: Saturday, June 30, 2-5 p.m., Italian cultural Institute, 1023 Hilgard Ave., Westwood Village. Tel: 310/443-3250. Speakers: Lawrence DiStasi, Dr. Gloria Ricci Lothrop, Lloyd Inui. ■

Mineta, Inouye, Matsui to Take Part in Nat'l JA Memorial to Patriotism Ceremony

Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Congressman Robert Matsui, D-California, will join members of the Japanese American community at a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism on June 29 at 1:30 p.m.
 Located some 600 yards north of the Capitol between Louisiana and New Jersey Avenues and D Street NW, near Union Station, the National Japanese American Memorial honors the patriotism of JAs during World War II. Over 30,000 JAs served in the U.S. military in the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion and Military Intelligence Service — earning over 9,000 Purple Heart medals — while over 120,000 JA men, women and children were held in remote internment camps and under mili-

tary rule in Hawaii.
 The ribbon-cutting ceremony will also include 30 representatives of the internment camps, who will each ring the memorial's cylindrical bell as a wreath is laid at the foot of a granite wall inscribed with the names of the JAs who lost their lives in battle.
 Lined by cherry trees, the memorial, designed by architect Davis Buckley, incorporates granite walls inscribed with the names of the 10 internment camps, key quotes from JA history, and names of the more than 800 JAs who died in service during WWII. A central space contains Nina Kama's 14-foot bronze sculpture depicting two cranes straining for freedom against barbed wire. A pool of moving water includes five rocks evoking both the generations of JAs and their island origins. Nearby, visitors can sound the Paul Matisse-designed cylindrical bell, a call to reflection. ■

France Honors Hawaii WWII Vets

Sixty-six Hawaii World War II veterans were honored by the French government for their part in the Normandy invasion and liberation of France.
 French authorities are issuing a "Thank You America" certificate to pay tribute to American and allied soldiers who served in France. Gerard Coste, the French consul general in San Francisco, presented certificates to Hawaii vets during a Memorial Day weekend celebration at the State Capitol on May 26.
 Jerry Ishimoto, a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, said he and other veterans were surprised by the gesture but very appreciative.
 Veterans need to register for the certificate. About 120 Hawaii veterans have registered so far.
 More Islanders could be eligible but have not yet contacted the French consulate for recognition, said Walter Ozawa, director of the state Office of Veterans Affairs. ■

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By
CHRISTINA SHIGEMURA

Stranger Than Fiction

Just as disturbing as what the trailer promised would be in the movie was what had obviously been omitted. Asian Americans are conspicuously absent in "Pearl Harbor's" Hawaii, although the islands have had a large AA population ever since the white plantation owners decided they needed cheap labor. Also, why aren't there any Kanaka Maole (Native Hawaiians) in the film? To create a movie which is set in Hawaii but does not reflect the existence of its indigenous population is to perpetuate the myth that the islands were unpeopled until white Americans settled there.

Of course, the story of "Pearl Harbor" would be quite different if it were based on the truth. The question of how American military forces came to be stationed in Hawaii, which was formerly a sovereign nation, would have to be addressed first and foremost. In the interest of truthfulness, producers

would have to scrap the dignified voice-over of FDR declaring a "day of infamy" in favor of something which reflected his real feelings — maybe a clip of him shouting "Yippee! We're in the war—now!" And an accurate story of Pearl Harbor would never be complete without footage showing the victims of the atomic bombs which were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of the war. I wonder if Faith Hill would like to write a song about that for the soundtrack.

It seems unlikely that Disney will be telling the true story of Pearl Harbor anytime soon, although Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCCR) is planning to write a letter demanding that Disney help mitigate the damage done by the film. Meanwhile, we are making our own film to tell a true story of courage during World War II, the story of Ralph Lazo, a Mexican American teenager who gave up his freedom in order to follow his conscience. When the JAs in

Lazo's Boyle Heights neighborhood were told that they must go to camp, he went with them and was interned at Manzanar. Although Faith Hill has no plans to sing for our soundtrack, we hope that teachers will use this film to teach their students about the JA internment experience and to help their students understand that one person can make a difference in many lives.

NCCR is ready to shoot the film at the end of this month, but we urgently need authentic-looking items from the 1930s and early 1940s, especially suitcases and trunks. We also need JAs of all ages to volunteer to be extras in the movie. If you have WWII-era props which you are willing to loan us, or if you can volunteer to be an extra, call the NCCR hotline at 213/680-3484 and leave a message. We would really appreciate the help. ■

Christina Shigemura is a teacher and a member of NCCR.

Poston Restoration Unveiled at Camp III Reunion

An innovative project by the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Council at the largest World War II internment center, Poston, Ariz., was unveiled by Dr. Raoul Roko, an engineer-consultant, at the 10th Poston III Reunion June 1-2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley.

The project aims to restore and rebuild the deteriorating school buildings and the auditorium at Camp I and build a model block on a 100-acre site that the CRIT council has agreed to set aside. Existing barracks buildings in the Parker area can be moved in and used wherever possible, the 300 folks at the reunion were told.

The model block apartments, where families were housed, can be converted to a visitor's center and exhibit areas. CRIT council mem-

bers Dennis Patch and Jon Villalobos suggested. Color slides of Poston today were also projected at the banquet. Dr. Ruth Okimoto, formerly of Block 327, of Berkeley is involved with the project.

The 11th Poston III reunion will be hosted by the Central-California group two years hence. Dates and place are to be announced.

The reunion committee included Ben Segawa and Mitch Himaka, reunion co-chairs; Ben Estes, exhibit; Joe Yamada, golf tournament; Jeanne (Marumoto) Elyea, "donations"; Bob Batchelder, treasurer; Arnold Seko, publicity; Grace Segawa, registration; Liz Yamada and Hideko "Bubbles" Shimasaki, booklet ads; Arlene (Nishida) Keiser, Block 308; and Yukio Kawamoto, Class of '44 luncheon. ■

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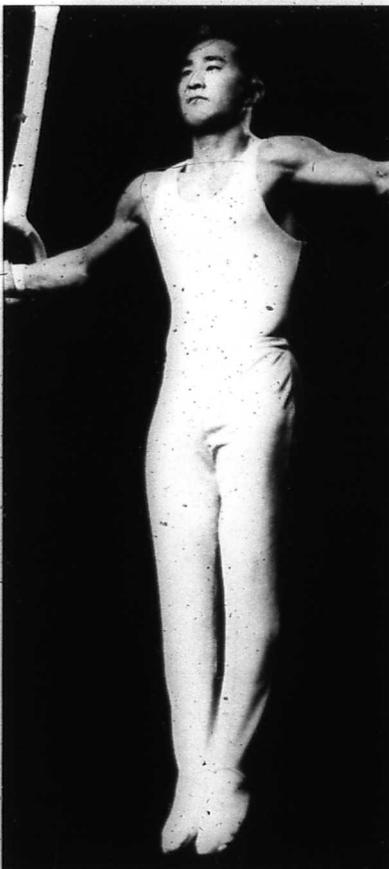
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John Quee Duong became the new executive director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced June 1.

Established in June 1999, the initiative addresses the concerns of AAPIs in a variety of areas, including health, education, labor, small business, housing and economic development.

Prior to joining the Bush administration, Duong was vice president for Bridgecreek Development, a real estate development company headquartered in Orange County, Calif. He previously served as deputy director of California Gov. Pete Wilson's Office of Community Relations.

Duong also served as a board member for the Contra Costa College Foundation, the Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board, the America Viet League and the Vietnamese American Council. He is a graduate of the University of California, Davis.

Jeannette C. Takamura, former

U.S. Assistant Secretary for Aging, was recently appointed to the Edward R. Roybal Endowed Chair in Gerontology and Public Service at California State University, Los Angeles.

Bringing her experience in international, national, state and local aging and health policies, programs and services, Takamura will be involved in translating research and academic learning into practice at the community level and preparing students for professional leadership to meet the needs of California's aging population.

During Takamura's tenure as Assistant Secretary, Congress reauthorized the Older Americans Act, and established the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Under her leadership, federal Older Americans Act programs and services also received the largest funding increases since 1972. Older Americans Act services include home-delivered meals, transportation, ombudsman, research and demonstration programs and other support assistance.

Takamura was formerly deputy director of health at the state De-

partment of Health in Hawaii and director of the Hawaii Executive Office on Aging. She is a member of the Older Women's League and the Center for Strategic and International Studies Global Aging Commission.

Former Councilman **Mike Woo** lost his bid for a seat on the Los Angeles City Council to college professor Eric Garcetti, son of former Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti, in the June 5 general election. He garnered 48 percent (13,588 votes) to Garcetti's 52 percent (14,654 votes).

Woo, an urban planner, represented L.A.'s 13th Council District for eight years up until 1993, when he ran for Mayor of Los Angeles against Richard Riordan. Out of 24 candidates, Woo came in second and received 46 percent of the city-wide vote to Riordan's 54 percent.

For the past three years, Woo has headed the L.A. office of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a national nonprofit organization which raises money from banks and provides low-interest loans for affordable housing to low-income neighborhoods. He also served under the Clinton administration overseeing AmeriCorps VISTA and other national service programs in the 10 western states.

There are no other Asian Americans currently on the Los Angeles City Council. ■

Eighth-graders Honor JA Soldiers With Quilt Project

Eighth grade students at Sunnyside and Tecumseh Middle School in Lafayette, Ind., are working on a quilt project honoring Japanese Americans, particularly the veterans.

The project is under the guidance of Leila Meyerratken, who teaches French, Spanish and Japanese.

The quilt dimensions, 19x41 feet, represents the year Pearl Harbor was bombed. Most of the images on the quilt are memorabilia donated by JA veterans. The completed project will tour the nation as an educational tool to teach others about the experiences of JAs.

Meyerratken said the inspiration to educate her students about the JA experience started when she began teaching an exploratory foreign language course.

"When I started teaching Japanese, my eighth graders comically began to pull their eyes toward their ears, push down on their noses and stick their teeth out," said Meyerratken. "I ignored it all, really, until one student shouted, 'Yeah, we nuked them.' A few students stood up and gave a high five."

GYM

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movement by hundreds of community organizations and individuals as reflected in the attached endorsement sheet."

Councilwoman Rita Walters, who represents the Little Tokyo district, was not present at the council meeting vote due to an illness, but the move to push through the item without a public hearing came a month before term limits removed Walters from office. She will be replaced by former council aide Jan Petry.

Chief Legislative Analyst Ron Deaton said that although he encouraged public discussion, he felt immediate action needed to be taken on where to move the Children's Museum.

"The problem with the Children's Museum is that in short order... the architect has to know where it will go so we need a definite location," said Deaton. "... It's a project that is funded, and the architects are ready to go so I think we need to decide on that now or in July."

The city council voted to revisit the matter on July 8 when L.A. will have a new city mayor and city council. "I believe that would at least begin to meet the concerns of the speakers this morning," said City Council President Ruth Galtner.

The LTRC has hundreds of multi-ethnic endorsers, including the Los Angeles Lakers, Sparks and the Magic Johnson Foundation. ■

I froze to the ground."

From that incident, Meyerratken knew her students needed not only a language lesson but an education on tolerance. Within a week, she distributed a packaged lesson plan titled, "The Braçolet," which described the experiences of living in an internment camp from the point of view of a little girl. Many students questioned Meyerratken on whether the historical events were true.

The reading was supplemented with class discussions, a reading of the book "Heroes," and a showing of the video "Honor Bound."

The materials generated heated discussions about the meaning of Executive Order 9066. Later, Meyerratken's students became so adamant about educating the larger community that they made a presentation before their courthouse, created poems and artwork, and even built a Japanese garden in the school's courtyard in memory of the 442nd/100th veterans.

To create the garden, students collected thousands of dollars and donated their time and labor.

But the garden almost didn't happen. After the students and their parents and grandparents



A student at Sunnyside Middle School in Lafayette, Indiana works on calligraphy for use in a Japanese American quilt to be displayed at the rededication of the newly completed Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C. June 29 & 30.

had helped dig a six-foot pond, the insurance company disapproved of the depth, telling them to fill the area to a 12-inch depth. By then, the students had 24 tons of dirt hauled away and were not willing to settle for a "puddle." They contacted attorneys and insurance agents and went through the Internet to argue their point: Meyerratken's students got their way.

Then, during the year 2000, the students undertook the quilt project to honor the JA soldiers who fought in World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

For information or to donate memorabilia, contact Meyerratken at Sunnyside Middle School, 2500 Casson St., Lafayette, IN 47904-2807. ■

Aki Komai Awards to Be Presented at JANM

In honor of the late Aki Komai, postwar publisher of the *Rafu Shimpo* and founder of the Southern California Nisei Athletic Union (NAU), awards will be presented to five individuals at the Second Annual NAU Reunion on June 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum.

The Aki Komai Memorial Awards Committee announced the recipients of this year's "Maestro" awards: Misa Fujisawa, co-founder and supporter of the Imperial Women's basketball program; Harry K. Honda, editor emeritus of the *Pacific Citizen* and member of the 1947 NAU board of control; the late Yoichi Hosozawa, organizer of the Marutama High School Basketball Tournament and supporter of the Hollywood Dodger organization; Dr. William Johnston, former Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District in the 1970s, credited with providing greater access for JAs to school sports facilities; and Slim Sugiura, co-founder of the Tigers Youth Club and supporter of the Community Youth Council (CYC).

Komai helped revive JA sports in Southern California with the founding of NAU in 1947. Starting out humbly as a basketball league for young adult males, NAU would one day encompass fast-pitch softball and baseball. Komai reported on the league's results and scores under the pen name "The Maestro" in his column, "Dis 'N Dat" which appeared weekly in the *Rafu Shimpo*, the largest Japanese-English daily newspaper in the continental United States.

A group of NAU players created the Aki Komai Memorial Awards Committee in 1999 to pay tribute to Komai's memory and to recognize individuals who, like him, worked behind the scenes to provide JAs a place to play sports.

Donation for the event is \$10 per person and can be sent to P.O. Box 29595, Los Angeles, CA 90029-0595.

For more information, call Bob Umemoto at 323/661-8769; Florence Ochi at 213/830-5652; or Chris Komai at 213/830-5648. JANM is located at 369 E. First Street, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Goto, Chikako, 79, Pasadena, May 8; San Francisco-born; survived by husband Masaji; sons Kenneth, Douglas (London); daughter Eleanor, 2 g.c.

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Harada, Ritsu M., 99, Golden Valley, Minn., March 23; Fukuko-born; survived by son Kei and wife Reiko; daughters Mariko Tashiro and husband Jack, Ruriko Matsumaya and husband Ted; 6 g.c., 8 g.g.; predeceased by husband Shikazo, son Kenji Mark.

Kawano, Thomas Toyomi, 79, Honolulu, May 3; San Pedro-born; survived by wife Yuri; son-Douglas Y.; brother Shoji and wife Atsuko; sister Hanako-Rivers.

Kinsley, Masao (Martha), 95, Hayward, May 20; Nagoya-born; survived by daughters Dewi Adachi (Oakland), Kayko Iyemura (Hayward); son Ed Takao (Hayward); 9 g.c., 6 g.g.; predeceased by brother Yoshihiro, sister Shigeko, son Taul Takao.

Kobayashi, Chie, 101, San Clemente, May 10; Fukui-ken-born; survived by son Toru Tom and wife Christine; daughters Tsutako Annie Isomoto and husband Tadao, Fujiko Mary Nishifuji; 10 g.c., 1 g.g.g.; two sisters in Japan.

Kojima, Elaine, 80, Woodland, May 24; Suisun-born; Gila River internee; longtime resident of Chicago; survived by sister Frances Katsura and brother-in-law Lester Katsura (both Walnut Creek); sister-in-law Ayako Onoda (Woodland); predeceased by husband Harry.

Masuda, Ichi, 99, West Los Angeles, May 8; Kumamoto-ken-born; survived by son Minoru; daughters Yuriko Nunokawa and husband Frank Tetsuo, Haruyo Nakashima and husband Akira, Tomiko Nakao and husband Saburo; 14 g.c., 14 g.g.

Masumura, Helen Fusako, 86, Whittier, May 7; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughter Jane Inouye and husband Tom; son Robert A. and wife Marian; 3 g.c.; sister Mary Tachibana; brother George Shoji Hattori.

Matsuoka, Tom, 98, Vancouver, Wash., March 9; Hawaii-born, raised in Japan until age 16; imprisoned by Army until he could establish his citizenship; then interned at Tule Lake; 50-year Montana resident; survived by daughters Rae Takekawa (Vancouver), Rilee Stallman (Rockford, Ill.); sons Tyrus (Bellevue, Wash.), Tats (Greenfield, Ind.); Ted (Moscow, Idaho); predeceased by wife Kazue.

Mitsuuchi, Fumiko Mary Tanaka, 85, Lakewood, May 9; Berkeley-born; survived by sons Thomas Tanaka and wife Frances, Dr. Terry Tanaka and wife Naomi, Frank Tanaka, daughters Betty Shibusu and husband Dr. Yoshindo, Lily Bryant, Lucy Komura, Peggy Tanaka; 17 g.c., 8 g.g.

Miyagi, George Zensei, 89, Glendora, May 10; Nago, Okinawa native; survived by wife Mitsuiko; son Jin Mickey; daughter Yumiko Joy.

Miyauchi, John Jun, 71, Los Angeles, May 17; Los Angeles-born, UCLA graduate and graphic designer; survived by daughter Jackie Miyachi; sister Yuki Takayama (Sacramento); former wife Margaret; predeceased by parents Jishiro and Koma.

Nagatani, Kametaro, Ph.D., Rowland Heights, May 8; Mollili, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Shizue; daughter Kasumi Hifumi and husband Yoshihiro; 1 g.c.; sister Fusano Hagihara; brother Tsubun Nagatani of Japan.

Ohta, James Kimio, 92, Honolulu, May 8; longtime Maui resident; first Asian American to serve as Boy Scouts executive; developed a camp for boys with Hansen's disease and led fund-raising for Kepanikai Park; survived by wife Mary; son James; daughters Char-

lotte Muraoka, Marilyn Johnson; g.c., g.g.; sisters.

Shirakawa, Chiyoko, 77, Los Angeles, May 11; Garden Grove-born; survived by son Danny; daughter Susan; brother John and wife Hisako.

Suzuki, Olive Yaeiko, 89, San Diego, May 9; Berkeley-born; Poston internee; survived by son Joel (San Diego); brother Ernest and wife Mabel (Piedmont); sisters Mary (San Diego), Graoe (Albany); sisters-in-law Rose (Laguna Hills), Yoshie (San Diego); predeceased by brothers George, Henry, William, Joseph, David, sisters Anna, Ruth, Elizabeth.

Taniguchi, Yoshio, 88, Riverside, in April; survived by wife Hisayo, sons Tom, Jim, Bob; daughters Hideko Shimomishi, Miyoko Hawkins; 8 g.c., 2 g.g.

Terusaki, Ben H., Chicago, April 28 service; longtime Chicago resident; survived by wife Sue Asai; son Gary; daughter Deborah Buscato and husband Erwin; 1 g.c.; sisters Mary Terusaki, Margaret Yanaigimachi, brothers Frank and wife Ina, George and wife Yuri; predeceased by brother Roy.

Taniguchi, Yoshio, 88, Riverside, April 27 service; born; survived by wife Hisayo; children Tom, Miyoko Hawkins, Jim and Bob (all Riverside); Hideko Shimomishi (San Jose); 9 g.c., 2 g.g.

Tarumoto, Dr. George Shochi, 88, Los Angeles, April 30; Los Angeles-born dentist; U.S. Air Force veteran; survived by daughters Janice Tarumoto, Beverly Shu and husband Henry; sisters Dorothy Hokoyama, Marion Hata-shita.

Wakasugi, Mamaro, 88, Bakersfield; April 29; Rolling Bay, Wash.-born; longtime Oregon Slope, Ore., farmer; survived by daughters Mary Ann Wight and husband Lawrence, Kathy Bove and husband Darryl; son Scott; 3 g.c.; sisters Natsuko, Hashitani, Harumi Yano and husband Max, Tamae Amano and husband Gish; sisters-in-law Mae Umemoto, Mary Chadwick, Manabu Yamada and wife Mary, Kimi Yamada; predeceased by wife Mary.

Yee, Kathleen L., 55, Dearborn Heights, Mich., May 22; survived by husband Ronald; mother Yone Shimamura; brother William; sister Joann Myers; nieces and nephews.

Yoshida, Masao, 78, Watsonville, May 30; Guadalupe-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by wife Mae; daughters Pamela Koo and husband Gordon, Lori Yoshida; son Perry and wife Kim; brothers Charles Yoshida and wife Rose, Tomas and wife Teruko, Edward, Byron and wife Suzanne, Paul and wife Aileen; sisters Inez Hashimoto and husband Jack, Rose Hisatomi and husband Sets, Margaret Takahashi and husband Masato, Sandra Suekawa and husband Michio, Marjorie Fiske and husband Darrel, Betsy Kichiyama and husband Yutaka. ■

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MORI MEMO

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fund of JACL for the purpose of alleviating the current cash flow problems. Being a membership dependent organization, our level of funding has a direct correlation to the level of membership renewals. A decline in membership has been one of the major causes of our dire fiscal situation.

Much of the financial problems that we face are also due to factors that we cannot control. The recent stock market decline has had a major impact in depressing investment returns from our various endowment funds. We are left with an inability to draw current cash needs that have been budgeted for this year's operations. We have all worked hard to establish various endowment funds that would provide additional cash flow for present and future programs. Although we have been successful in raising monies and there lies some \$8 million in our various funds, there are restrictions in using that money. These restrictions have been recommended by our Investment Policy Committee after careful study. I feel these restrictions are wise money management principles for our future.

For the present, the national board has already taken steps to

reduce the expenditure side of our financial ledger. Some of the emergency measures that have been adopted are: 1) a hiring freeze which has meant a loss of eight full-time employee positions; 2) elimination and reduction of many budgeted programs; 3) reassignment of staff responsibilities; 4) a 10-percent reduction in allocation of the Pacific Citizen budget; 5) possible closure of some regional offices; 6) travel restrictions for all board and staff.

On the revenue side, I have begun the process of naming a president's council that will consist of prominent leaders from business and government. Their main function will be to seek funding for JACL from corporate and foundation sources throughout the nation. This will be a medium- and long-range task.

The immediate need can be resolved by your generosity with a direct donation. Is the survival of JACL worth it? Is the upward mobility of our future generations worth it? Is the maintenance of our basic civil rights worth it? I say emphatically, Yes! I hope you will agree with me and send in a check today. ■

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EBAY

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the task of eliminating all racist references is almost never-ending, said Imon.

And this doesn't sit well with the JACL. "eBay's refusal to eliminate the use of 'Jap' from their site is unconscionable," said John Tateishi, JACL national executive director. "Regardless of how they attempt to explain this, the bottom line is that their attitude is patently racist. I'm outraged that they so cavalierly continue to rationalize their use of 'Jap' on their site and am determined that the JAOL will go head-to-head with eBay on this issue."

"In order for eBay to actually honor their policy they need to ensure that the people responsible for executing the policy are fully educated on what it means to eliminate these types of materials and verbiage from their site," said Ryan Chin, JACL national vice president of public affairs.

With the recent release of the high-profile Disney, blockbuster "Pearl Harbor," Imon has seen an increase in the number of anti-Japanese references and the use of the racist term "Jap" on the eBay site.

Like most of the recent criticism from the JA and Asian American communities, Imon believes the film fails to distinguish between national-born Japanese and JAs

who have a long and distinguished history in the United States. Many Americans are still unaware that shortly after Pearl Harbor over 110,000 JAs were forcibly put in concentration camps and that many of the young men volunteered from behind these barbed wire camps to fight in the U.S. Army.

Both of Imon's parents were sent to these same concentration camps; his father joined the war effort and was a member of the MIS, while his uncle served in the famed 100th Battalion. As a child growing up in Whittier, Calif., Imon has felt too many times the sting of being called a "Jap." "I grew up hearing that word," he said.

And that's why he continues to fight his one-man offensive against eBay. "I'm not going to roll over and do nothing," he said. ■

J-TOWNS

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Steve Nakajo, executive director of San Francisco based Kimochi and a CJACLC vice president who opposed the "moratorium clause," declined to make any statements to the Pacific Citizen. Nakajo also sits on San Francisco Japanese Planning, Preservation and Development Task Force, which had registered strong reservations over the conditional moratorium.

Following a lengthy debate at a June 7 board meeting in Los Angeles, CJACLC passed a motion to ask a subcommittee to try to achieve language acceptable to the representatives from the three his-

toric Japantowns. If an ability to strike a consensus language failed, CJACLC planned to advocate the removal of the moratorium section from the legislation.

But Paul Osaki, CJACLC corporate secretary and executive director of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California San Francisco, notes that more than 50 small business and property owners in San Francisco's Japantown have signed letters in support of the conditional moratorium.

"I think some people felt this was a blanket moratorium but it's not," said Osaki. "It's only to protect the cultural integrity of our Japantown so I was hoping that once we clarify the language, that people will be more comfortable with it."

"It's really an issue of wording," said Nishio. "The term moratorium is kind of a hot button word that strikes some people as 'anti-business.'"

The original bill proposed to preserve and protect not only the Japantowns but also other historical ethnic enclaves and to establish within the Department of Parks and Recreation an ethnic heritage site designation program. But the amended bill, now called the California Japantown Preservation Pilot Project, focuses strictly on the three Japantowns and cuts the original \$2 million proposed appropriation to \$750,000.

The amended bill passed the senate on June 6 with 27 ayes, 12 noes and one abstention. ■

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