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Comedian Silverman Under Fire for 'Chink' on 'Politically Incorrect'

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

To comedians, race and culture are not only fair game but fodder for cheap laughs. After all, Chris Rock dishes the dirt on ignorant black folks, Margaret Cho squints her eyes and mimics her Korean mother and Jeff Foxworthy takes potshots at fellow rednecks.

But when former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Sarah Silverman told a joke involving the word "chink" on a recent episode of NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," she crossed the line, even for a comedian, say outraged Asian Americans.

Guy Aoki, president of the Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), recently squared off with Silverman at an Aug. 21 taping of the ABC TV show "Politically Incorrect" to address her use of the racial slur and its impact on AAs.

"Calling a Chinese person a 'chink' is like calling a black person a 'nigger,'" Aoki said on the show. "This is the way we take it, and we don't think that racial slurs should be used in this kind of off-the-cuff kind of way because it gives more permission for people to use it in less appropriate situations."

Panelists Aoki and Silverman were joined by Anne-Marie Johnson, actor and chair of the Screen Actor's Guild (SAG) Ethnic Employment Opportunity Committee, comedian David Spade and "Politically Incorrect" host Bill Maher for a frank and heated roundtable discussion on race relations.

For those who weren't aware of the controversy, Maher asked out Silverman to retell the joke, which originally aired unedited July 11 on O'Brien's show and is part of her current comedy routine.

"It's a joke about getting a jury duty notice. And you gotta fill out this form, and you send it in, and you're randomly selected, and I don't wanna do jury duty," Silverman said. "So I'm filling out the form, and my friend says, 'Why don't you write something really inappropriate like I hate chinks, you know?' And I'm thinking yeah, but when you think about it, I don't want people to think that of me. You know, I just

wanna get out of jury duty. So I just filled out the form, and I wrote 'I love chinks.'"

The joke elicited immediate criticism from MANAA, a media

gize, defended her position on "Politically Incorrect," saying she believed her joke was not racist but "points a finger at racism" in a comedic way.

But Johnson, an African American actor and activist, illustrated the impact racist words can have by citing the case of Kenneth Chiu, a 17-year-old AA student from Laguna Hills, Calif., who just last month was stabbed to death by a white neighbor who allegedly had scrawled "chink" on the victim's car.



PHOTO: SAM CHU LIN
Sarah Silverman, Anne-Marie Johnson, Bill Maher, Guy Aoki and David Spade pose after a heated debate on race and racial slurs on ABC's late night TV show "Politically Incorrect," which aired Aug. 22.

watchdog group, which sent e-mails to both Silverman and O'Brien requesting apologies. O'Brien, acknowledging the offensiveness of that word, did apologize and said he would edit "chink" out of any future airings.

Silverman, rather than apologize in our society, we have to talk about it," Johnson said, noting that as a black person she's been pulled over by the LAPD for driving a nice car.

Maher called it "a cheap political trick to link that horrific crime (Chiu's murder) to a joke."

Aoki disagreed: "Here's Sarah Silverman going on 'Politically Incorrect' a few weeks ago saying that this term didn't really hurt me. That was worse than what she said on Conan because she revealed herself to be someone who is very ignorant and very insensitive. I wanted to say, 'Look, this is a word that someone felt against someone else and he killed him.'"

In a previous guest appearance on "Politically Incorrect," which aired July 26, Silverman said she'd been "hurt" by Aoki's attempt to link her name with racism in various media publications. Former "Martial Law" co-star Kelly Hu was a panelist on that same episode but made no comment on the show about the offensive nature or history of the word "chink."

Other AAs, however, had a strong reaction to Silverman's joke and were angered even more by how she attempted to justify it on the show.

"She just wasn't big enough to say sorry," said Yas Gohata, who attended the recent taping as a member of the San Fernando Valley JACL.

"Moreso I think it has to do with how it plays to the non-Asians," said Gohata's wife Nancy. "That scares me the most."

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JACL Urges Boy Scouts to Reconsider Stance Against Homosexuality

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—A resolution commending the Girl Scouts for their stance against discrimination was easily passed at the recent national board meeting Aug. 18-19 but ironically a resolution asking the Boy Scouts of America to reconsider their discriminatory policy against homosexuality was heatedly debated.

Commending the Girl Scouts and the group's president Connie Matsui for standing firmly behind their commitment to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, the JACL also encouraged "all other such organizations to adopt similar policies that are inclusive and foster a healthy, positive environment."

But when Ken Inoue, PSW governor proxy, submitted a resolution asking the Boy Scouts to reconsider their stance against allowing homosexuals in their membership and leadership, some board members voiced their opposition.

JACL president Floyd Mori was opposed to the resolution, pointing out that many JACL chapters

sponsor the Boy Scouts' activities.

"This could be very divisive among some of our members," he said.

IDC Governor Larry Grant voiced his agreement with Mori, pointing out that the Boy Scouts of America have a right to exclude whomever they want since they are a private organization. "I would not want JACL to have to accept someone who is anti-JA," he said, adding that a resolution commending the Boy Scouts on their courageous stand should be passed instead.

But several of the board members stressed their strong support for passage of the resolution. "We need to look at this issue as a civil rights organization and not whether it will be a divisive issue in JACL," said Gary Mayeda, vice president of membership.

"If we don't bring it up in our community, who's going to?" asked Inoue. "It's the price we pay as our role in the community. It seems very wrong for us to say that it's okay to discriminate."

The Boy Scouts stance has been hotly debated in the media, especially in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision upholding the organization's right to exclude homosexuals in their membership and among their leaders.

But the Supreme Court's decision does not make the Boy Scouts position against homosexuals right, said Mayeda. "The Supreme

Increase in Membership, P.C. Fundraiser Help Decrease Projected Deficit

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL's current financial crisis has been top news and on the minds of the national organization's leaders and membership for several months now and things were no different at the recent national board meeting, Aug. 18-19.

Reporting on JACL's current financial status, Art Koga, national treasurer/secretary, described the

outlook as containing "some good news and some bad news."

The good news is that since the last national board meeting in May, national JACL has had a boost in membership revenue and is expected to surpass the budgeted amount by more than \$62,000. The national fund-raiser through the Pacific Citizen that began in mid-June has so far generated more than \$65,000.

John Tateishi, national executive director, reported on additional funding developments that include: \$30,000 from Lowe's for updating the JACL curriculum guide; \$50,000 from the Ford Company for JACL's hate crimes program; and \$10,000 from Farmer's Insurance for general operations.

A possible \$50,000 donation from State Farm for the hate crimes program is currently being discussed. As a result of JACL's decision to turn down Philip Morris monies, letters of support and some donations have also been coming in, said Tateishi. AB 1512, a bill sponsored by Rep. George Nakano, D-Torrance, is still awaiting final decision. Originally set at \$1 million, the bill now includes a funding amount of \$250,000 to go towards a state-wide hate crimes program to be run by the JACL for the AA community.

In addition, Tateishi reported

that both the JACL, Washington, D.C., office and national headquarters have rented out office space to fellow AA organizations that will help to offset some expenses. Lucy Kishiue, membership and fund development director, has been developing a comprehensive revenue generating plan that includes corporate funding, foundation and grant funding and planned giving. Other areas Kishiue is exploring include funding from Japanese companies and the larger JA community, and membership development.

So far, close to a third of the expenses outlined in the original 2001 budget, has been cut and current expenditures are being kept to a minimum. Currently, there is a freeze on all unauthorized travel for board and national staff and a freeze on hiring.

But even with all these adjustments and changes JACL is still projecting a deficit for 2001 of approximately \$119,000, but it's a figure about \$20,000 less than that projected at the May board meeting. Investment income, grants and fundraising revenues are lagging behind budgeted amounts by a combined total of more than \$370,000.

Although authorized by the na-

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COMMENTARY Mid-Year Campaign Enters Final Stretch

By JOHN TATEISHI
Nat'l Executive Director

By the time this article appears in the Pacific Citizen, we will have arrived at the final stretch of the mid-year annual giving campaign. And as of the writing of this column, we've raised \$65,251.

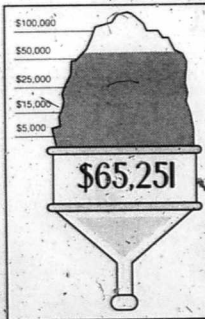
When we sat down to discuss whether we should do a mid-year campaign given our fi-



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Sun., Sept. 16—Trip to the Iamu Noguchi Garden Museum; 2 p.m.; sponsored by New York JACL. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors.

Midwest

CHICAGO
Thurs., Sept. 13—Forum with Paul Igarashi, EEOC vice chair, on how Asian Americans are faring in the new administration and more; 7:30 p.m.; JACL Midwest Regional Office, 5415 N. Clark St. Info: Bill Yoshino, 773/728-7170.
Sat., Sept. 15—Osaka Garden Festival; traditional arts, martial arts, music and dance, children's activities; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., pre-festival bird walk at 8 a.m.; Jackson Park. Free admission. Info: www.osakagarden.org or call 312/744-8074.
CLEVELAND
Sat., Sept. 15—Japanese Cultural Festival; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval Dr., University Circle; taiko, dance, kendo, screenings of "Princess Mononoke" and "Uprooted: The Japanese-American Internment Experience." Info: 216/231-1177 or 800/317-9155 ext. 279.

MINNEAPOLIS
Sun., Sept. 16—Headwaters Fund 6th Annual "Walk for Justice"; 11 a.m.; pledges collected by Twin Cities JACL to benefit chapter programs. Info: Leilani Savitt, 763/377-5602 or Cheryl Hirata-Duins, 952/295-2429.
Sun., Sept. 23—Twin Cities JACL Golf Tournament; 12 noon; Francis A. Gross; golf course, 2201 St. Anthony Blvd.; entry fees: \$10 JACL members, \$12 non-members. **Registration deadline:** Sept. 11. Info: Jay Yamashiro, 651/686-7283.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY
Sat., Sept. 15—Utah JACL chapters annual golf tournament; Wingpoint; Tund-raiser for scholarships. Info: Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287.

Pacific Northwest

OLYMPIA
Sat., Sept. 29—Reunion with pre-1942 students of Southbay Elementary School; trying to locate former Nikkei students. Info: Joan, 360/459-2449 or e-mail: olysugarbear@aol.com.
SEATTLE
Fed., Sept. 19—"Health & Wellness Forum," 9 a.m.; Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. South. Sponsored by UW Kame Project, Nikkei Long Term Care Study and Nikkei Concerns. Info: Greta Hoshibata, 206/326-2409.
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 21-23—"Aki Matsuri 2001; Bellevue Community College; karaoke contest, anime, video showing of "JACL Eastside Japanese American History" project; sponsored by Eastside Nihon Matsuri Assn. Info: 425/861-9109 or visit www.enma.org.

Northern California

CONTRA COSTA
Fri., Sept. 28—"College Planning"; 7:30 p.m.; East Bay Free Methodist Church. Info: Contra Costa JACL co-presidents James Oshima, 234-8437 or Esther Takeuchi, 223-2258.
FLORIN
Sun., Sept. 29—25th anniversary celebration for Florin, Buddhist Church; 1:30 p.m.; guest speaker TV newscaster Sharon Ito. Info: Myrtle Funakawa, 916/283-0116 or Teri Mizusaka, 916/981-0849.

SACRAMENTO

Sat., Sept. 15—Jan Ken Po Gakko Annual Arts and Crafts Fair; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd.; fund-raiser for JA summer school program. Free admission. Info: Lynn Tashiro Chan, 916/684-3240.
SAN FRANCISCO
Sun., Sept. 9—Nikkei Widowed Group's monthly meeting. Info: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190 or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.
Sat., Sept. 15—National AIDS Memorial Grove Workshop; 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; sponsored by San Francisco JACL. Info: Gen Handa, 415/282-2803.

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 15-16—"Ghost Festival I: Guiding Spirits," Hawaiian/Japanese music and storytelling with Keela Beamer (slack key), Mark Izu (jazz), Brenda Wong Aoki (story) and Kenny Endo (taiko). Sat. shows, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sun. matinee, 2 p.m.; Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theatre. Tickets: \$19, advance, \$23 door, \$15 students, seniors. Info: 415/221-0601 or e-mail: melani@tristvoce.org.

SAN MATEO

Fri., Sept. 21—Volunteers Appreciation Lunch; 12 noon; Martin Luther King Recreation Center, Monte Diablo; guest speaker Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Supervisor.
Sat., Sept. 22—See Ichiro at the Seattle Mariners/Oakland A's game; 1:05 p.m.; Oakland Coliseum; sponsored by the San Mateo JACL Community Center. Tickets: \$16, transportation not included. Info: Roz Enomoto, 650/343-2793.

SANTA CLARA

Sat., Sept. 8—"Sounds of Hawaii" concert at Paramount's Great America theme park; 10 a.m. cultural activities; 7 p.m. luau and concert; headlines include Kalapana, Na Leo, Ten Feet and Obion Tickets: 510/704-4430 or online purchase at www.production-sinc.com or TicketMaster. Prices from \$40-\$65, includes theme park admission. Tickets for concert only also available.

Central California

FRESNO
Sun., Sept. 16—16th Annual Shinzen Run; 6 a.m. registration; Woodward Park, to benefit the Nikkei Service Center and the Shinzen Friendship Garden at Woodward Park. Info: Bobbi Hanada, 559/434-1662 or Fresno JACL, 559/486-6815.

Southern California

GARDENA
Sun., Sept. 16—Book reading, "Growing Up With" by Dr. David Uyo; 1-3 p.m.; NVF Post 1982 Unit; sponsored by Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. Info: 310/324-2875.
LOS ANGELES
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 21-23—API Festival at L.A. County Fair; cultural entertainment, free health screening, crafts, food, representing 15 Asian countries. Discount tickets: \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12. Ticket outlets: East West Bank, 888/668-6392; Golden San Gabriel Optometric Vision Center, 626/288-8023; Marukai Markets, 310/660-6300 (Gardena), 626/430-0900 (West Covina). Info: The Titan Group, 626/279-7979.

Sun., Sept. 30—Inekari Harvest Celebration; blessing of rice by Konkō Church, classical dancing, manju demonstration; 1 p.m.; JACC Plaza; free admission. Info: 213/368-2725.
PASADENA
Sat., Sept. 22—Ikebana workshop at Pacific Asia Museum; 1:30-3:30 p.m.;

46 N. Los Robles Ave.; pre-registration required; \$16 for museum members, \$20 for non-members. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19.

TORRANCE

Wed., Sept. 12—Hosenojo Dance Troupe; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows; Torrance Armstrong Theater. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, students. Box office call: 310/781-7170.

Sat., Sept. 22—JACL PSW Awards Dinner; Torrance Marriott Hotel; 6 p.m. cocktails/silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner; keynote speaker Norman Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation; community leaders honored; proceeds support PSWD JACL youth programming. Ticket prices, donations, information: 213/626-4471.

Tues.-Mon., Sept. 19-24—Tomihiro in L.A. Inspirational Art Exhibit; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Community Hall, 3333 Civic Center Dr.; \$7 adults, \$5 children under 12. Info: www.hoshinotomihirousa.org or Mikko Haggott-Henson, 310/378-3550, e-mail: mhaggott@aol.com.

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 26-28—Rohwer Reunion III; Torrance Marriott Hotel. **Registration deadline:** Sept. 30. Info, Southern California: Betty Horikiri Oka, 714/636-8207; Toshi Kusumoto, 213/382-5712; Peggy Hayashino Yuruta, 310/323-6337; Helen Yoshimura Takata, 626/968-2966; or Jikko Kimoto Sato, 323/733-3435; Northern California: Lillian Uyeda Inouye, 510/235-6042; Asako Horimoto: Mayeda, 510/832-2275; Yone Kimura Asai, 925/828-2086; Gary Shiota, 916/381-2081; Ben Nagatani, 661/725-0483; or Miyako Kosaka Sunakawa, 209/462-1124.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS
Sat., Oct. 20—Yucca Mountain Tour; 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; meet at YMCA, 4101-B Meadows Lane by 6:45 a.m.; tour is free; box lunches available for \$6; must bring photo ID and wear sturdy clothes; no cameras. **RSVP by Sept. 20:** Rhea-Fujimoto, 702/254-8060.

Mon.-Wed., Sept. 24-26—Manzanar High School Reunion; banquet dedicated to the late Shiro Nomura. **RSVP ASAP:** Kazie Nagai, 212/380-2611; Sam Ono, 310/327-5568; Bruce Kaji, 310/327-7790 ext. 12; or Arnold Maeda, 213/398-5157.

RENO

Sun., Sept. 16—Fish Fry; 12 noon; Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St.; sponsored by Reno JACL. ■

Letters to the Editor

TV Network Promotes Stereotypes

This is in response to Tracy Uba's article entitled "JACL, MANAA, Air Concerns 'Over Banzai'" published in the Aug. 17, Sept. 6 issue of the Pacific Citizen.

I often wonder why racism and stereotypes towards Japanese and Asians are considered okay. In "Rush Hour 2," I lost count of how many times Chris Tucker made jokes about Chinese people.

On "Banzai Movie Fridays," Japanese people are mocked by having old, goofy Asian men act like idiots, hold stupid contests and

have an announcer with a very racist, fake Japanese accent.

I can't imagine what the Hispanic American and African American populations would do if the USA Network had a "Soul Brother" or "Mexicano" movie night, complete with stereotypical hosts with bad "jive" and Spanish accents. For some reason, that would be considered unacceptable, but "Banzai" is not. I find it very ironic that a TV network entitled "USA" would be airing "Banzai."

The USA Network "Banzai" homepage had a disclaimer saying it was "not meaning to insult or offend." I thought about it and wondered, if they really were not meaning to insult or offend, why would they show things that would easily be considered insulting and offensive to Japanese Americans?

I am a 16-year-old high-achieving student in the Midwest, and attend high school where minorities make up less than two percent of the student body. Because of that, encouraging acts of racism and stereotypes at school does not surprise

me. However, a national TV broadcasting network displaying acts of racism and stereotypes does.

Daniel Shigeji Ostrovich
Crown Point, Ind.

Aoki Impressed on 'Politically Incorrect'

I was very impressed by the excellent job done by MANAA (Media Action Network for Asian Americans) President Guy Aoki on the show "Politically Incorrect" that aired on Aug. 22.

Comedian Sarah Silverman had dismissed Aoki's complaint over her use of the word "chink" in one of her jokes. On a previous show with Silverman and others, Aoki was made out to be an isolated complainer, out to make a name for himself. It was only after Aoki complained about being talked about without having a chance to defend

himself that the show's host Bill Maher asked him to be on the recent show with Silverman.

Aoki was heartened that about two dozen Asian Americans showed up at the taping to demonstrate that he was not alone in being offended by the use of the term. (This included staff members from the *Rafa Shinjyo* and *Pacific Citizen*.) There are many in this country who would laugh at Silverman's racist joke and side with her in defending it, so it was good to see the subject being discussed. In fact, it presented a great opportunity for Aoki to air on national television some of our concerns as AAs.

The community owes Aoki thanks for his assertive rebuttal. I was able to affirm the value of being identified as an AA, and he made me proud to bear this identity.

Phil Shigezumi
Civil Rights Caucus
San Fernando Valley JACL

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Vandalism of Bainbridge Cemetery May Be a Hate Crime

Authorities say the vandalism of 69 grave markers in a Bainbridge Island cemetery may have been a hate crime.

Headstones in the Port Blakely Cemetery were uprooted, overturned and cracked apart on Aug. 10, according to the *Seattle Times*. Police are still investigating whether there was a pattern in those targeted.

Most of the gravestones that were knocked over appear to have belonged to early Japanese, Slovakian and Swedish immigrants. Names on some of the headstones destroyed included

Uyeno, Ellefsen and Wade.

Bainbridge Island police said even identifying the ethnic group being targeted has been difficult because the vandalism crosses all races and religions.

The Port Blakely Cemetery was established in 1880. Bainbridge Island has been home to an array of ethnic groups, from the Issei pioneers and Native Americans to Filipinos and whites.

Locals say except for the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, the island has been a relatively toler-

ant place.

However, police are investigating a recent string of incidents this month as possible hate crimes, including racist fliers posted downtown and signed by the "Bainbridge Island Liberation Front," vandalism of Jewish grave markers, swastikas painted near the entrance of Blakely Cemetery and "White Pride" painted near the recently renovated Filipino American community hall.

"They are very disturbed, they are very unhappy," Rudy Rimando told the *Seattle Times* of his community's reaction to the racist graffiti. "They keep asking, 'What is the next move?' Our building is becoming our pride, and people here are wondering if it's the next target."

Rimando serves as president of the Filipino American community hall.

"Every now and then fliers are distributed in town," he said. "One of the Aryan leaders lives in Poulsbo. We need to send a message that we will not tolerate this."

Such incidents are not new to the area. Eight years ago, the FBI began tracking a racist skinhead group called White Aryan Youth after the Tacoma NAACP office and a Seattle gay bar were bombed.

The group was found to be based on Bainbridge Island. Individuals responsible for the bombings were from Tacoma and South King County. ■

JACL Supports Mineta Program Aiding Minorities and Women

The JACL signed onto an amicus brief in the *Adarand v. Mineta* case presented to the U.S. Supreme Court that supports a Department of Transportation (DOT) program offering incentives to contractors who work with businesses owned by women or people of color.

The DOT, a federal agency headed by Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, is being challenged in court for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

"The JACL fully supports Secretary Mineta and the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Enterprise Program as a method to ensure that all people are given a fair look when federal contracts are awarded," said Ryan Chin, JACL national vice president of public affairs.

"We must take the utmost care in guaranteeing that we are not discriminating when awarding contracts and that we give all people a chance to partake in these investments in our nation. We commend President Bush for supporting diversity by filing this

brief before the U.S. Supreme Court," Chin said.

Bush's position on this issue came as a surprise to many minorities since he had previously stated his opposition to affirmative action programs.

Attorney General John Ashcroft consistently voted against affirmative action legislation while in the Senate, and some conservatives are criticizing Bush for his stance in this case.

"The truth is that affirmative action is not about quotas, but a way to allow different people to have the mere opportunity to bid for business," said Chin.

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, said JACL's support of the DOT's position on the *Adarand* case is a continuation of its seven-decade history of supporting the rights of individuals in this nation, in particular those who have been excluded from opportunities afforded to whites only.

"I believe strongly that diversity is the strength of this nation, and *Adarand* opens an important door to those previously excluded," Tateishi said. ■

Chinese American Groups Oppose Racist Geographic Place Names

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance passed resolutions at their respective national conventions, urging the U.S. Board on Geographical Names to change the names of racist geographic landmarks such as "Chink's Peak" in Pocatello, Idaho and "Jap Road" in Houston, Texas.

For four years, Micki Kawakami from the JACL Pocatello chapter has been spearheading efforts to have "Chink's Peak" renamed to "China Peak." National JACL has also been actively involved.

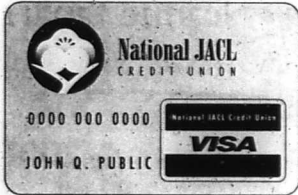
"It is about time the Organization of Chinese Americans takes steps toward amending the derogatory and offensive nature of such a name like Chink's Peak and Jap Road," said Christine Chen, OCA executive director. "Changing the names of these places will set a precedent and encourage others to fight to change the derogatory references to Asian Pacific Americans in names like Chink Creek in Baltimore County, Maryland, Chinks Point in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and Chinamen's Hat in Hawaii."

"Racial slurs are terribly hurtful to our community," said George M. Ong, OCA national president. "They have been used to dehumanize people of color and remind us of a shameful but very real part of American history. Asian Pacific Americans have made huge strides in the struggle for equality, but the use of such name devalues our progress and illustrates

how much further we have to go. It is imperative that all Americans get behind this effort to change discriminatory names so we can put such blatant discrimination behind us."

In August, a multicultural coalition wrote a letter to Robert Payne with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, urging the board to change "Chink's Peak" to "China Peak." The coalition consists of: American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Asian American Institute, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Asian Law Alliance, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Chinese For Affirmative Action, Committee of 100, Hmong National Development, Indian American Center for Political Awareness, JACL, Korean American Coalition, Lao-Hmong Association of Nebraska, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, National Federation of Filipino American Associations, Organization of Chinese Americans, Rock the Vote, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, Wilderness Society — Idaho Office. ■

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Report Details CIA Warning About Lee

WASHINGTON—The FBI "fumbled an extraordinary opportunity" to recognize its Wen Ho Lee spy investigation was off the mark after receiving a CIA analysis in September 1997 that challenged the underpinnings of the probe, secret sections of a government report show.

Then-Director Louis Freeh was among the FBI officials who received the CIA report, according to unreleased chapters of the government report into the bungled spy probe reviewed by The Associated Press.

"This (CIA) report could have and should have caused the FBI to re-examine the predicate for the entire Wen Ho Lee investigation," wrote Randy Bellows, the prosecutor who conducted the review of the government's handling of the Lee case. Instead, it took three more years before a reassessment was done.

FBI Assistant Director John Collingwood said Freeh was focused on other issues — guarding against additional losses of nuclear secrets — at the time the CIA assessment was offered in 1997. But Collingwood said the bureau recognizes now it should have discovered flaws in the investigation much earlier, and has made significant changes, including those recommended by Bellows.

Suspect Charged with Hate Crime in Murder of Laotian Newmarket, N.H.—More than a dozen Asian American groups wrote to Attorney General Philip McLaughlin urging him to prosecute the murder of a Laotian man as a hate crime.

Richard Labbe, 35, is charged with second-degree murder and a hate crime in the death of his neighbor Thung Phetakoume, 62, last month.

Police allege Labbe pushed Phetakoume, who fell and hit his head in the parking lot of their apartment complex. Public Defender Joseph Welsh said that it was not murder and not a hate crime.

But police also reported Labbe

made racial comments before and after the incident. A police affidavit says Labbe called his attack "payback" for Vietnam. Ironically, Phetakoume fought in the Laotian Army on behalf of the United States during the war. The victim died of head injuries two days after the attack on July 14.

According to another police affidavit, Labbe was drunk and on cocaine at the time of the incident.

State's Foreign-born Population Doubles During 1990s

MADISON, Wis.—Thousands of immigrants drawn to Wisconsin by job opportunities settled in the state during the 1990s, nearly doubling its foreign-born population, a recent U.S. Census survey shows.

Half of the state's immigrants are from Asia or Mexico.

Shoua Xiong, executive director of the Lao Family Community Milwaukee branch, said many Lao and Thai immigrants moved to Wisconsin from California. Many already had relatives working in Wisconsin factories.

The influx of more than 100,000 immigrants pushed the state's foreign born population to 214,320 last year, estimates from the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey showed. Immigrants represent about 4 percent of Wisconsin's population.

Attorney General Defends WWII Slave Laborers

SACRAMENTO—California Attorney General Bill Lockyer defended the state's Second World War Slave and Forced Labor Victim Act, which allows World War II slave and forced laborers to sue private companies for the wages they were deprived of as laborers.

Lockyer lodged a letter with Los Angeles Superior Court defending the law's constitutionality, which recently had been challenged by Onoda Cement Co. Ltd., a Japanese company being sued by a former Korean slave laborer seeking compensation.

Lockyer also filed an amicus brief back in August 2000, telling the court that the law does not interfere with any existing treaties or foreign relations. The plaintiff in the Onoda case has asked the court to take judicial notice of the Attorney General's "friend of the court" brief.

Minorities Get Less Mental Health Care, Says Surgeon General

SAN FRANCISCO—Discrimination, stigma and poverty often contribute to minorities not receiving treatment for mental disorders, according to a report by U.S. Surgeon General Davidatcher.

Satcher urged mental health workers to use such factors as language, religion and folk healing to reach out to patients and appreciate their cultural differences.

Overall, minorities share the same prevalence of mental disorders as whites, the study reported. However, among vulnerable populations such as the homeless, the incarcerated and children in foster care, the study found mental disorders are more prevalent among blacks than whites, while Hispanic youth have a higher rate of depression and anxiety.

The report found that sparse research made it harder to predict the level of need among Asian Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaska Natives.

American Indians and Alaska Natives are 1.5 times more likely to commit suicide than the overall population, Satcher said. APIs have the lowest rate of utilization of mental health services of all groups, and those who do seek help are usually those with very severe conditions.

NAACP May Renew Threats of TV Network Boycott

LOS ANGELES—The NAACP says television networks have made scant progress in putting minorities in front of and behind cameras, prompting the group to renew threats of a broadcast boycott.

After reviewing the results of agreements negotiated last year by African American, APIs, Latino and Native American groups to improve diversity at major networks ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, the NAACP's report released Aug. 15 found that small gains were made in hiring minority actors for prime-time series, executives, corporate board members as well as writers, producers and casting directors in entertainment programming.

Possible actions include a network boycott or using federal rules and the courts to mandate opportunities for minorities. ■

National Newsbytes

Nakata to Head DNC Committee

Ted Nakata, former Deputy State Director for the Gore/Lieberman campaign, was named the new Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, announced Democratic National Committee (DNC) chairman Terry McAuliffe. Nakata will coordinate the DNC's efforts to work with state and local campaigns. His experience includes working as a senior advisor for intergovernmental affairs at NASA and as Hawaii state director for the Clinton/Gore '96 campaign. ■

aMedia President Yang Steps Down

Jeff Yang, founder and publisher of aMagazine: Inside Asian America, resigned as president of aMedia, Inc., a company which was launched in 1989 and recently merged with Internet developer Click2Asia in January of this year. Yang plans to work with the non-profit organization Asians United to Raise Awareness (AURA) and finish his most recent book, "Once Upon a Time in China," due out from Pocket Books/Simon & Schuster in 2002. Karen Wang, publisher of aMagazine, has been named aMedia's acting president. ■

Filipino Vets Receive Checks from Cedillo Bill

Efforts made by California State Assemblymember Gilbert Cedillo to seek justice for Filipino American veterans that began last year with the signing of AB 1978 have come full circle. The State Department of Health Services has confirmed that the initial round of checks has been received.

AB 1978 creates the "California Veterans Benefit" for Filipino veterans who served in the U.S. Army during World War II and who wish to return to the Philippines without a complete forfeiture of financial assistance. Benefits that are made available under the State Supplemental Program (SSP) — approximately 110,772 pesos per year — would be provided as a benefit to veterans receiving SSP.

"It is an honor to carry a piece of legislation that acknowledges a historical wrong as well as pro-

vide this special group of individuals with the recognition and honor that they so deserve," said Cedillo.

This bill is a humanitarian measure that will allow these elderly veterans to return home and comfortably live out their remaining years with their family and friends. Because of the 1946 Rescission Act, Filipino soldiers who served in the U.S. Army during WWII were prevented from receiving any sort of military benefits or pensions. As such, a majority of these veterans rely on SSI and SSP as their only source of income.

The bill, co-authored by Democratic and Republican legislators, received overwhelming support from state legislators, as evidenced by its voting record, where it received no negative votes from both houses. Gov. Gray Davis signed the bill last year. ■

JACL Opposes Funding of Faith Groups

The JACL national board unanimously voted to pass a resolution opposing federal funding of faith-based organizations on Aug. 19.

In response to H.R. 7, a Republican-sponsored House bill that allows the government to fund non-profit religious organizations, the JACL's board approved its resolution to reinforce a position taken at the JACL national convention that called for support of the separation of church and state.

"Using federal money to fund faith-based organizations is a clear violation of the Constitution, which explicitly states that there must be a separation of church and state," said Ryan Chin, JACL national vice president of public affairs. "There is no reason that Americans who believe in one religion should be forced to pay for programs put on by another religion. Forcing one to use their own resources against themselves is one of the strictest forms of oppression."

A companion bill in the Senate would similarly provide federal funding to faith-based organizations, but no such legislation has been passed yet. Failure for the

Senate to pass such legislation would eliminate President Bush's hopes of passing his faith-based initiative.

Expressing a concern about the constitutional mandate of separation of church and state, JACL national president Floyd Mori said, "We are gravely concerned about this issue, and despite some on the board and many in the organization who have strong personal religious convictions about their beliefs, we feel it's extremely important that this administration not begin to erode the very constitutional protections that provide for equality in this society."

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, said that JACL would work to "urge the members of the Senate to deny passage of this legislation because it is a critical issue to the diverse peoples of America. In their wisdom, the founding fathers understood the extreme importance of separation of church and state in the governing of a nation. It's unfortunate that some of our political leaders today are so willing to set aside such wisdom." ■

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Fire Destroys Poston Camp I School Auditorium

The Poston Camp I (Unit 1) elementary school auditorium/gymnasium was destroyed in the early morning hours of Aug. 5 by a fire which gutted the hardwood floors, stage and wood ceiling, according to the local fire department.

Only the adobe brick walls were left standing, but the fire chief reported they are too hazardous and must be torn down.

Built in 1943 by interned Japanese-Americans during World War II, the building was one of the last remaining large-scale adobe brick school structures in Poston, Ariz.

The Poston Relocation Center, one of 10 concentration camps in the United States, which held over 120,000 JAs, sat on the Colorado River Indian Reservation and was separated into three distinct units (Camps I, II and III), each a mile apart. Poston's population eventually reached over 17,000.

There were a total of 54 adobe school structures in the three camps made by internees who worked in an adobe brick factory.

Immediately after WWII, the

Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and the Parker School District used the auditorium for educational programs and community and sporting events.

The Camp II and III school buildings were demolished years ago, while the Camp I auditorium and several adobe classroom buildings have stood empty and unused for the last two decades.

The Arizona Preservation Foundation had recently placed the auditorium on its "Endangered Building" list.

Last February, the CRIT Council passed a resolution to preserve and reconstruct the remaining Camp I structures and other Poston artifacts still on the reservation.

The preservation and restoration plans will move forward despite the fire, said former Camp III internee Ruth Okimoto, who is serving as a liaison between the CRIT Council and the Poston community.

Okimoto, along with Dennis Patch, CRIT councilman and education director, and Jon Villalobos, director of the Ahakvah Preserve,

are meeting with former internees to solicit support and volunteers for various committees.

They are asking former Poston internees and community members for donation of artifacts, including high school annuals, photographs, diaries, books, newspapers, newsletters, church and school items, clothing, art work done in camp, furniture or other Poston related items.

Oral histories of individuals and families are also needed for the barrack-museum, in which visitors will be educated about the Poston experience.

For more information, or if you wish to volunteer with the Poston Historical Preservation Project, contact Ruth Okimoto at 510/849-9375 or e-mail: ryokimoto@home.com. ■

JACL PSWD to Fete Community Leaders at Awards Dinner Sept. 22

The JACL Pacific Southwest District announced that five community leaders will be honored at its 2001 awards dinner being held Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott Hotel in Torrance, Calif.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta will serve as keynote speaker.

Those being honored are: Sue Kunitomi Embrey, chairperson of the Manzanar Committee; Fred Y. Hoshiyama, community activist and consultant to the national YMCA; Kent Nagano, Grammy Award-winning music conductor; Robert Scheer, *Los Angeles Times* contributing editor, who covered the Wen Ho Lee case; and the Oliviers, athletic club and community organization for young Nikkei

since 1916.

"This year, the PSWD JACL chose to recognize five highly commendable individuals and organizations, who in their unique way inspired and championed our community," said PSWD governor Craig Osaki. "Each are heroes in their own right, and it's only fitting to publicly honor them for their significant contributions at our awards dinner."

The Torrance Marriott Hotel is located at 3635 Fashion Way. Dinner proceeds will go towards the continued development of youth leadership in JACL's PSWD.

Tickets for the event are \$100. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the PSWD office at 213/626-4471. ■

Chicago to Unveil '100th-442nd-MIS Way' Street

A new street in Chicago's Northside named "100th-442nd-MIS Way" will be unveiled Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. at a dedication ceremony, which will also feature a showing of "Uncommon Courage," the 90-minute documentary about the Nisei MIS role in the Pacific.

Among those invited to attend are Alderman Eugene Schuler, members of the Japanese American community, veterans organizations, the Japanese consul and civic, business and political leaders.

The sign post is located on the eastside of Clark Street between the 4400 block of Montrose and the 4500 block of Sunnyside, near the Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) building.

"In California, you rename highways, but in Chicago only one or two blocks receive honorary street names," said Allen H. Meyer of Chicago Nisei Post 1183. "We are less than a mile from Wrigley Field on a very busy thoroughfare." ■



TWIN CITIES—Cheryl Hirata-Dulas (l) and Connie Fukuda (r) show off the cookbook from which their recipes were selected for "America's Best Recipes — A 2000 Hometown Collection."

Livingston Holds Nisei Reunion

Over 150 Nisei from as far away as Hawaii, Boston and Denver gathered in Livingston, Calif., for a reunion in their old home town, the Yamato Colony. Attendees, including Shuki Hayashi, Dr. Albert Ishihara and Takashi Mouchi, were treated to sushi bento and a trip to the Livingston Museum, which highlighted the early Issei settlement of the area since 1906.

Merced Awards Scholarships to Southeast Asian Students

The Merced County Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF) awarded \$37,000 in scholarships to 34 Southeast Asian high school graduates back in May and recently awarded four more alternates with a remaining \$2,000 in scholarship funding.

The alternate recipients were Kang Thao, Gong-Lee, Kou Yang and Phoua Xiong.

Bay Area Chapters Cooperate in PBS Pledge Drive

Bay Area JACL chapters, including San Francisco, Contra Costa, Berkeley, Diablo Valley and San Mateo, participated in the first-

ever, multi-chapter public service effort by conducting a PBS pledge drive on Aug. 4 at KQED studios in San Francisco.

The drive raised over \$158,000 and brought out 56 JACL participants to solicit pledges. Another cooperative pledge drive is now in the works for March 2002.

Twin Cities Cookbook and Videotape Receive Honors

"Bridging the Generations," the Twin Cities JACL 50th anniversary recipe book, was one of 176 cookbooks featured in "America's Best Recipes — A 2000 Hometown Collection," published by Southern Living magazine. To order a cookbook, contact Kathy Ohama Koeh at 952/884-1560.

Meanwhile, "Japanese Cooking from Generation to Generation," a two volume videotape edited by the Twin Cities JACL cooking classes which feature instructions on preparing sushi, sukiyaki, mochi and manju — was selected by the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minn., to be archived in their permanent videotape collection. To order the videotapes, contact Kathy Hara at 763/420-9562. ■

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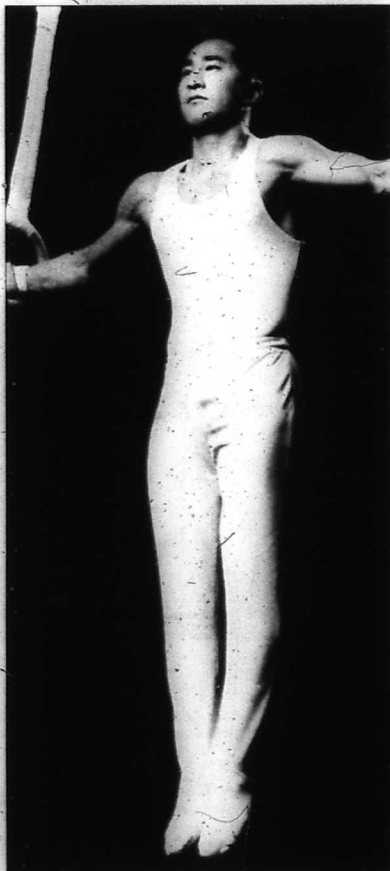
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Auditioning

It's been almost exactly five years since I moved to Hawai'i. Having lived my entire life in Southern California, up to that time, it was a difficult adjustment.



By BRIAN NIYA

While there are many things to like about Hawai'i, I missed much about Los Angeles, from good Mexican restaurants to the varied cultural scene to the variety of

roots is probably wired into us somehow at birth. Having a family undoubtedly accelerates that impulse. And so, we find ourselves looking for a house to buy.

It has been an educational process. Although we have owned property before, the rules here are quite different. Prices are high and the number of properties available is small. Given what we can afford, houses located closer to town tend to be old, poorly constructed, and either small or badly expanded. There are newer, larger houses in outlying suburban communities, but these also require commutes that are significantly worse than what one typically faces in Los Angeles. There are also political issues to consider. We found out that one area we were considering was once a battleground between developers and a coalition of native Hawaiians, environmentalists, and farmers, resulting in evictions of the type we once fought against in Los Angeles. And what does it mean to buy property in a place where there is an indigenous peoples' movement built largely around the issue of land ownership?

But I think the most interesting thing has been the bewildering range of lifestyle choices that come with choosing a place to live. What sort of life would you and your family have if you lived in a high-rise condominium in town versus an expansive house with a yard in a far-flung suburb? A North Shore beach house versus an in-town fixer upper? A waterfront townhouse versus a house on a hill with an ocean view? A mostly haole and Japanese area, versus a more "local" area? In a given day of house hunting, we would look at these types of choices and many others and marvel at just how different our lives would be depending on what we end up choosing.

As I write this, we have made a choice and found a place we think will work for us. This doesn't mean we're going to be here forever, we keep telling ourselves. But that possibility certainly exists.

I guess what it boils down to is that house hunting is really not about looking for a place to live (like looking for a rental would be), but it is about auditioning different ways to live your life. Whether we end up buying or not, the process of thinking about it and looking for a place to buy helped to clarify what

The Premier Prize From Peru: A 3 Kilogram Tome

ONE OF THE lasting mementos of COPANI XI (recent PANA convention in New York, July 25-28) was handed to me from a longtime friend from Peru, Luis Sakoda,



By HARRY HONDA

who hinted it was a bit heavy, three kilograms, but enjoy. It was a tome packed with pictures in color, 520 pages thick and printed on heavy coated stock by a noted printing

ese who settled in departments (states) beyond Lima in the central highlands and jungle — all recorded in detail. One colony, El Pimental, converted jungle land by Pucallpa near the Brazilian border in the 1960s and by 1972 produced 50 percent of the domestic consumption of peppercorn. In 1980, this Japanese agriculture cooperative expanded to rice of the Korean strain and pepper after a dam was built for irrigation. New crops followed: palmetto, cashews and Brazilian greens. The colony today also engages in reforestation projects.

Presenting personal experiences of the pioneers as examples to be shared with future generations, the life of Victor K. Tateishi, the first Nisei lawyer in Peru, was recalled by his colleagues. His vocation to counsel Issei before and during the war found him unjustly shipped to the Santa Fe Internment Camp in the United States in 1944.

Nikkei identity in Peru is explored through 50 pages. Until World War II, the Nikkei were called Japonestos. After WWII, they wanted to be recognized as full-fledged Peruvians, by demonstrating their pride for Peru through sports, the arts, show biz (Ricardo Mitsuya Higa, the first Nikkei matador in the world), the media and as members of the professional community. The first Nisei general of the National Police was Gerardo Yamakawa. Two more Nisei generals have succeeded him. Ideas about the future from each generation fill the remaining pages.

The Nisei, at a two-day round table, first recalled the sad events of WWII and the discrimination they and their parents endured. One said his father was blacklisted to be deported but was saved when his friends changed his name to Chinese: Ho Yi-Uchi. One considered, "The future is uncertain because the political scenario is liable to change at any moment."

The Sansei, in their survey, agreed unity would come as work of the young people is acknowledged by the community-at-large. Another saw some Nikkei drifting away, saying, "In the future, our community institutions will have

more Peruvian members than Nikkei." One noted many Issei customs have been lost and urged, "We have to reappraise them."

The Yonsei, 10-13 years old, were asked: "What do you think of your Japanese great-grandparents?" Though most did not know them, they were proud to be of Japanese descent, aware the Issei were hard-working, honest and trustworthy. They were brave to come to Peru, unfamiliar with language and local customs. The Yonsei remembered being told of the anti-Japanese riots of 1940 and the Nikkei being mistreated during WWII. Yet, they were grateful to the land that sheltered them and their parents and grandparents, who kept and passed down their customs, principles and moral values. As for the future, the 13-year-olds in secondary school felt integration into the Peruvian culture will continue, last names will be lost in intermarriages and that one must learn Japanese to maintain the culture.

A pictorial spread of Centennial activities in the final pages is offered as "an example for tomorrow." It began on April 3, with the government proclaiming Peruvian Japanese Friendship Day, an elaborate ceremony the next day, a two day conference in Congress and the impressive Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral with blessings from the Pope.

The presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Sayako and President Fujimori May 29 at the blessing by Father Manuel Kato of the Friendship Bridge monument, inaugurated with names of the 790 first Japanese immigrants, inaugurated the formal Centennial festivities. The next day, the cornerstone was laid in the Pueblo Libre district for a new 13-story polyclinic as a Centennial "keepsake." Almost 20,000 witnessed the closing ceremonies at La Union Stadium.

Many other commemorative activities are depicted with snapshots and captions, which made this tome a joy to hold and peruse. ■

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Troubled in Paradise

the surrounding natural terrain. While I still miss those things, I've gradually gotten to like Hawai'i due in no small part to the birth our daughter three years ago.

Her impact was twofold: on the practical side, we no longer had the time or money to do things like eat out, go to concerts or movies, or climb mountains, so not having those things here became more or less irrelevant. On the more philosophical side, Honolulu would seem to be an ideal place to raise an Asian American child, a place where you don't have to worry as much about physical safety and where most of the kids look something like her. Of course we've been fortunate enough to spend around three months of every year in California or elsewhere in the upper 48, so we really have had the best of both worlds.

Lately, we've been looking to buy a home here. Now I have often said in the past that it wouldn't bother me to not even own a home. From an economic standpoint, buying a home doesn't necessarily make sense in the same way it did for our parents' generation. Whereas buying virtually any piece of property in the 60s or 70s resulted in spectacular appreciation, the last 20 years have been a different story. Indeed, in most of Hawai'i, real estate is worth markedly less than it was 10 years ago.

But of course buying a house isn't entirely — or perhaps even mostly — a rational decision. The urge to "settle down" and establish

Very Truly Yours

house in Lima and weighing about eight pounds. Title on the cover, "The Centennial of the Japanese Immigration to Peru 1899-1999" is embossed in gold on blue cloth.

Published by the Peruvian Japanese Association Commemorative Commission of the Centennial, Chairman Gerardo Maruy reveals in the preface that it was a four-year enterprise to gather the history, information, personal experiences of several pioneers and financial support from JICA (Japanese International Cooperation Agency) and the Nikkei community.

Census documents in the opening pages show that there were 20 Japanese living in Lima in 1614. Peru and Japan established diplomatic relations in 1873, allowing Japanese to travel to Peru. But the Peruvian Japanese mark the beginning of their centennial when 790 immigrants came aboard the Sakura Maru, which arrived at the Port of Callao on April 3, 1899. They comprised the first sizable group of Japanese to settle in South America.

The book contains the history of Peruvian Nikkei, the accounts from 24 Kenjinkais and summaries with facts and contributions of their civic, cultural, educational, religious and sports organizations.

It was the adventurous Japan-

sorts of things are really important to us. As such, it turned out to be a valuable exercise. Maybe that has something to do with the impulse to buy a house in the first place. ■

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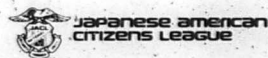
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'POLITICALLY INCORRECT'

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Phil Shigekuni, a member of the JACL Pacific Southwest District's Civil Rights Caucus, said he sent an e-mail to Silverman after the joke initially aired, expressing the impact she, as a celebrity, has on public perception.

"When a person who has a certain amount of [visibility] and respectability in the media uses a term like that, it gives license to other people to use it, particularly young people," Shigekuni said. "To have someone use that term on nationwide TV, it just opens the door, it just makes it more okay for young people and other people to repeat these kinds of words, and unless people like Aoki speak out and condemn it, it'll continue to happen."

Shigekuni said it was particularly "disappointing" that as a Jew, Silverman did not have a better understanding of what it means to be a minority.

"I think if she got in better touch with her Jewishness and realized she came from a long heritage of people who've been put upon and persecuted and slaughtered," he said, "she'd have a better feeling for what it means for someone who's been made to feel less than."

In the past, Silverman mentioned publicly that members of her own family were affected by the Holocaust and she feels strongly that her comedy is promoting dialogue, not racism.

She said she once made a joke using the word "nigger" which she claimed aired unedited on a previous episode of "Late Night." Censoring such words doesn't solve the problem, she insisted.

"Racism was a big part of my life and I like to talk about it and

keep thoughts being provoked," Silverman told the *Pacific Citizen*.

"I actually have a huge Asian fan base. I've gotten nothing but support except for from people that Guy Aoki has given my personal e-mail address to," she said. "It's not so black and white issue, and it's unfortunate I thought that Mr. Aoki was so close-minded."

Asked whether she will keep the joke in her comedy act, Silverman said, "Absolutely."

After the taping, Maher also shared his thoughts with the *P.C.* about race relations being the topic of the show: "I thought it was highly entertaining and hopefully enlightening, which is what I hope every night is."

As far as his feelings about Silverman's joke, Maher responded, "I'm not Asian American so it didn't strike the nerve that it would. I understand that nerve, I just was trying to make the point that as awful as racism is there are some things that are even more important like free speech."

Spade, who limited his remarks on the show, simply pointed out what a comedian's job is when it comes to sensitive material: "I do agree with Sarah where on one hand ... you take risks in comedy ... you kind of offend just to shake people up, and that's the way it is. Some people get hurt, some people like it, and you move on. You're not seriously saying these things."

Views from other audience members who watched the live taping differed.

"Sarah Silverman had a point in the sense that it was a comedy act," agreed Sara Bennington, 27, of Washington, D.C. "But I don't think she necessarily was the best person to represent herself because she did get a little too emotional in addressing [Aoki] and as a result it made her look worse for wear. When she resorted to name-calling (calling Aoki a 'douche

bag'), you kind of lost a little respect for what she was saying — [that] she does have the right, it is comedy, and sometimes comedy is offensive."

Michelle Mellon, 29, of Walnut Creek, Calif., said it was good to see a dialogue on race that extended beyond the black-white paradigm.

"The panel idea was a good idea to bring together different viewpoints, especially people from different ethnic backgrounds," she said. "I think too many times when we're talking about race in America, we're talking about blacks and whites, and we forget about religion or sexual orientation or other minority groups that are so often overlooked."

"I agree that comedy does have a place and sometimes it is going to offend," Mellon said, "but as an African American, I take offense at people using slurs, whether they're of my own race or of another race."

"That is the main thing is this power relationship that people don't understand in this country," Aoki said after the taping. "There's a lot of white backlash, a lot of white people are very defensive about this. They feel they can say anything, they feel they are blamed for all the racism. Like what David Spade was saying, 'I feel that I have to apologize [even though] I wasn't around for slavery.' That is a very typical automatic response from the white community, so it's hard for us to say what we want without qualifying it by saying, 'Now, I'm not blaming everyone in the white community.' I shouldn't have to say that, but that's the way they talk it."

"That's the really tough part about having a discussion about race," Aoki said. "You need more time, you need people to not interrupt you." ■

FINANCES

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tional board at the May meeting to take out a loan of \$150,000 to alleviate expenses, JACL national headquarters decided to forego taking out a loan. Instead, they are putting efforts into raising revenues from membership, fundraising and grants. Some of the other options being explored include looking at the national endowment fund and the legacy fund.

As of June 30, 2001, the national endowment fund sits at \$605,554. The national endowment fund does not have the restrictions that the legacy fund has. Thus, the capital gains and undistributed interest and dividends above the base amount of total contributions can be used. Going over past convention minutes and other documents, it was determined that the total contributions to this fund is \$285,472.82.

The national board passed a motion to accept the national endowment fund as calculated with the provision that the memberships input be sought to ensure that no additional contributions have been unaccounted for.

The legacy fund as of June 30, 2001, is at \$5,726,100. The two-year distribution policy of the legacy fund is set to expire at the upcoming national convention. Ted Tsukahara, a member of the investment committee, suggests that the legacy fund distribution policy needs to be revisited because its current cap of \$7.9 million is unrealistic.

"Nobody in Monterey could have forecast the changes in the market to date," said Tsukahara, referring to the incredible dip in the market that has caused the fund to go from \$8 million at the end of 1999 to its current amount.

The next national board meeting will take place Nov. 9-11 in Los Angeles at which time the board members will be taking a look at the 2002 budget. Preparations are also beginning for the 2003-2004 budgets that will be voted upon at the upcoming convention in Las Vegas. ■

Coverage from the National Board meeting will continue in the next *Pacific Citizen*.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Harako, Kosome, 87, Los Angeles, July 16, San Gabriel-born; survived by sons, Bill (Dottie) and Richard; daughter, Sanaye (Bob) Kumagai; brothers, Roy (Mary) Inagaki and Yasuo Inagaki; sisters, Eiko Nogami, Hiroko Nobuki and Hideko Fujiwara, 8 g.; 1 g.

Hata, Toshiye, 69, Torrance, July 5, Portland-born Nisei; survived by husband Kouji; daughters Grace (Robert) Liebl and Frances (James) Gillis; sisters Kikuko (Akira) Hirabe; brother Hisao (Yoshie) Miyashita, 5 g.; 1 g.; predeceased by son Arnold.

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Higuchi, Takashi, 80, San Jose, native of Monterey; survived by wife Mae; daughters Judy Lindbeck and Kathy (Bowman) Ching; sister Sachi Aoki; brother George, 1 g.; predeceased by sister Yoshi.

Ishikawa, Edith Sonoye, Seal Beach, July 10, Ewa, Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by daughters Jean (Tsutomu) Umekubo and Celia (Clarence) Masuo; sister Mitsuye Hirotsuka; and sister-in-law Haruno Yamashita, 5 g.; 4 g.

Kamiyama, Masachi, 70, Los Angeles, July 2, Kohala, Hawaii-born Nisei veteran of Korean War; survived by wife Kiyoko; sons Dean, Casey and Michael; brothers Kazuyoshi, Harry and Steve; nieces and nephews.

Kanetomo, Tadao, 81, Santa Barbara; Rocky Ford, Colo.-born; Santa Barbara JACL president '48-'50; survived by wife Grace; sisters Mary Hide and Namie Hanamoto; step-sons Gary Kuroda, Francis Kuroda, Ken Kuroda and Allen Kuroda; several grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Kawaguchi, George, 81, Rowland Heights, July 2, Stockton-born; survived by wife Kazuko; daughters Hiroko (Ernesto) Kurotoji, Megumi (Dennis) Igarashi and Brenda (Brian) Jung; sisters-in-law Nancy Kowaguchi, Peggy Kawaguchi, Mineko Ando, Keiko Usami and Yoshiko Ando; brother-in-law Akira (Emi) Ando, 6 g.; many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Kawai, Kiyoshi Pete, 79, Fullerton, July 3, El Monte-born Nisei; survived by wife Kiwako; sons Bobby (Sharon) and Stanley (Leslie); daughters Irene, Jane (Wayne) Uyeta and Joanne (Marshall) Kawai-Liu; brother Yoshio; sisters Tsuneko Yamamoto and Fusako Yamamoto; sisters-in-law Mickey Kawai and Kikuko Tagawa; brother-in-law Yoshitaka Furusawa, 5 g.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Koga, Nellie Ishii, 81, Fountain Valley, July 4; Fountain Valley-born Nisei; survived by sister Rose (Kenneth) Oaki; brother Joe (Helen); sisters-in-law Kumiko Ishii and Etuko Fujimoto; nieces and nephews.

Koyama, Tazuye, 85, Spokane, Aug. 22, Joppenish, Wash.-born; Spokane JACL; survived by daughter Jackie (Ken) Wheeler; sister Toshiye (Mary) Ueyehara; brother-in-law Spady (Miya) Koyama; sisters-in-law Taiko Yamamoto, Miyo Yamamoto and Hana Howell; cousin-in-law Yuki Koyama, 1 g.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Matsui, Matsuki, 81, Los Angeles, July 12; Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by wife Toshiko; brother-in-law Kazuyoshi Kano; niece Pearl (George) Kaya; nephew Earl Matsui; grandniece Yoshiko Matsui; grandnephew Kevin Kaya; many other relatives.

Matsuoka, Nobuko, 59, Daly City, July 12, Fukuoka, Japan-born; survived by husband Takashi; son John; daughter Yuki; father Hiroshi Nomiyama; and sister Akiko Hamada.

Mibu, Teiko, 97, Gardena, July 17; Koshi-ken-born Issei; survived by husband Kiko; son Osami (Reiko); daughters Sajiko Oda and Kisako Arima; brother Tsutomu

(Toki) Nakauchi; sister Tsuya Imanishi; 6 g.; 10 g.; nieces and nephews.

Murayama, Akitsoshi, 62, July 16, survived by son Kenneth; brothers Shoichi and Junji (Tamiko); and sister Noriko Kawamura.

Osaki, Yasumi, 95, Los Angeles, July 6, Koshi-ken-born Issei; survived by son Mikio (Dorothy); daughter Fusae Okano; 10 g.; 11 g.

Oshiro, Roy Tadaji, 81, West Covina, July 6, Baldwin Park-born Nisei; survived by wife Misao; sisters Nancy Barrett, Marian Oshiro, Alice Kuwabara and Janet Oshiro; brother-in-law Shigeichi (Fumie) Shimabukuro; sister-in-law Sumi Asato; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Ota, Fusae, 88, Los Angeles, July 28, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Yukio and Alan; daughters, Sachiko Hirai and Akemi (Takashi) Tokubo, 9 g.; 9 g.; predeceased by son Bill.

Ota, Bill Hayao, 65, Downey, July 7, Huntington Park-born Nisei; survived by wife Sachi-ko; sons Chris (Sylvia); daughters Kathy (Greg) Gonzales and Karie Ota, 4 g.; brothers Yukio and Al (Naomi); sisters Sachi Hirai and Akemi (Tak) Tokubo; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Shingu, Fumi, 81, Seaside, July 13; Castroville-born; survived by husband Frank; sons Garrett (Linda) and Clifford; daughter Marsha (Frank) Lee; brother, Tom Yaguchi; and sister Carol Hirahara.

Sugimoto, Jim, 35, Torrance, July 17; Torrance-born Yonsei; survived by father David (Debbie); mother Eliene (Rodney) Ishizu; brother John; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Suzuki, Esther, 73, Minneapolis, Dec. 13, 2000; Portland, Ore.-born; survived by husband George; sisters Eunice Okuma and Lucy Kirihara; daughter Nami Vizanko; son John, 2 g.; and nephews Peter and Jay Kirihara.

Torizawa, Itsu, 93, Los Angeles, July 16, Kumamoto, Japan-born Issei; survived by son Shigemio (Cynthia); 2 g.; and other relatives.

Tsurui, Ray, 77, Gardena, July 27; Auburn, Wash.-born Nisei; survived by wife Tamae; daughters Rosemary (Doug) Herda and Leslie (Andy) Yonemoto; brother Akira (Ike); sisters Sumiye Onodera, Pat (George) Nakamura and May (Dr. Kai) Eng; brother-in-law Toshiyo (Minnie) Masaoka; 5 g.; many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Uyehata, Roy, 83, Santa Clara, June 28; MIS veteran; survived by wife Kiyoko; sons Douglas (Susan) and Stephen (Joan); daughters Donna and Susan (Jerry); 5 g.

Yamaguchi, Suenobu Bob, 74, Pico Rivera, July 15; Totter-ken-born Issei; survived by wife Paula; son Glenn (Kay); daughters Julia Yamaguchi and Susan Mifal; 5 g.; brother Shogo (Elizabeth); sisters Toshiko (Ray) Adachi and Mits Nakazawa. ■

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financial situation and the cost of printing, mailing, etc., I had some concerns because of the up-front outlay of cash. But I decided to try this through the P.C. only to see if we could at least get close to our usual goals for mid-year.

This has been an unusual way to raise funds because the axiom in fund raising is that personal contact is essential. But I knew that JACLers go beyond the usual when it comes to supporting the organization, and I had one of those gut feelings that all of you out there would respond and reach one again into your pockets to support our efforts. And I was right.

Thus far, we've about doubled our mid-year goals and are close to our goal of \$100,000, which seemed an overly-ambitious, crazy goal, especially given we were going to do this only through the P.C. But we thought, what the heck, let's see how far we can get, despite how we're doing this.

We also sent individual letters to Thousand Club and Life members with a special appeal, and true to fashion, many, many responded very generously and gave us a major boost in this effort. If you look back through two months, you can see where the Thousand Club/Life lip occurred with the sudden big jump in the total contribution amounts.

To all those Thousand Club and Life members, our sincere thanks for your continued support. To them, and to everyone who's been so generous in supporting this effort, my personal thanks for making this campaign a success.

Oh, and there's still time!! We're running this campaign through to the end of September, so those of you who were going to send us a check but got side-tracked, you can still get in under the wire!

On a similar note, but on a different subject, let me also thank chapter presidents and membership chairs for their supreme effort to boost membership. In the past three months, we've seen our membership numbers increase as chapters have made concerted efforts to renew lapsed members and gain new ones.

As you know, membership revenues are the bread-and-butter of our funding base, and as we lose members, our revenues begin to shrink. I'll talk more about this at another time, but suffice it to say here that your hard work at renewing your members has made a huge difference in keeping our operations going.

Thank you for that effort. Having been a chapter president, I know how much hard work it is to maintain your memberships. So with a knowing sense of the work involved, my thanks to you for your efforts.

To all of you, each and every one of you who has shown your generosity by your contribution to the

BOY SCOUTS

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Court also interned more than 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II," he said.

In fact, JACL has consistently supported same-sex issues, having passed resolutions in support of gays in the military, and opposing anti-gay issues in the states of Washington and Oregon. The PSW District also recently passed a resolution opposing the Boy Scouts policy of discriminating against gay leaders and members.

Matthew Nakata, national youth chair, found it ironic that they had just unanimously voted to commend the Girl Scouts but were debating a resolution on the Boy Scouts policy against gays.

"What justifiable reason do [the Boy Scouts] have for excluding this sector of individuals?" said Nakata. "They may be a private organization but their policy is still discriminatory."

The proposed resolution, while commending the Boy Scouts for their leadership and role in the community, asked that they reconsider their policy of discrimination and exclusion based on sexual orientation. It even

mid-year campaign and to those who have pushed to bolster membership — my personal, heartfelt thanks for helping us continue doing the important work we do in our efforts to make this a better place for everyone.

Domo, arigato. ■

tual passage with Grant the single board member voting against the resolution.

Alan Teruya, NCWNP district governor, was encouraged by the resolution but reminded the

board members that it's important to realize that change doesn't always happen as fast as we would like. "It may not happen as fast as we like, but change comes slowly," he said. ■

Boy Scouts Resolution:

"Whereas, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the oldest and largest Asian Pacific American (APA) civil rights organization in the United States, having fought discrimination and ignorance for over 72 years; and

"Whereas, the preamble of the JACL constitution states that amongst the purposes of our organization is to secure justice and equal opportunity for Americans of Japanese ancestry, as well as for all people, regardless of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation or disability; and

"Whereas, the National JACL has been on record in supporting a variety of gay/lesbian issues, including supporting gays in the military, and opposing anti-gay issues in Washington and Oregon; and

"Whereas, the JACL holds the Boy Scouts in the highest regard and recognizes the many years that the Boy Scouts of America has fostered leadership and encouraged values of civic participation for young boys; and

"Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) adopted a policy which prohibited openly-gay individuals from participating in the organization, both at the membership and leadership levels; and

"Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America's policy of discrimination and exclusion is in direct conflict with the JACL Preamble; and

"Whereas, Japanese Americans have been the victims of similar discrimination and exclusion; and

"Whereas, the Supreme Court ruled the Boy Scouts have a right to exclude gays, so too did the Supreme Court once rule that the exclusion and internment of Japanese Americans was constitutional; and

"Whereas, the JACL recognizes the legal right of the Boy Scouts of America to exclude gay boys and leaders.

"Now, therefore be it resolved, that the National Board of the JACL will send a letter signed by the National Director to the Council of the Boy Scouts of America that respectfully requests that it reconsider its policy of discrimination and exclusion based upon sexual orientation."

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SOUTH AMERICA HOLIDAY TOUR (NEW TOUR)	OCT 13-22
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GRAND CANYON/DEATH VALLEY HOLIDAY TOUR	MAR 10-15
"Laughlin, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Death Valley, Las Vegas"	
JAPAN SPRING HOLIDAY TOUR	APR 3-13
Tokyo, Lake Kawaguchi, Matsumoto, Takayama, Kanazawa, Noto Peninsula, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Kyoto	
WASHINGTON, D.C. GETAWAY TOUR	APR 25-30
Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Williamsburg	
AFRICA WILDLIFE SAFARI HOLIDAY TOUR	MAY 13-25
Nairobi, Aberdare National Forest, Samburu, Gattie Reserve, Nanyuki/Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara Game Reserve	
EAST/WEST GERMANY-AUSTRIA HOLIDAY TOUR	MAY 24-JUNE 6
Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Nuremberg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Innsbruck	
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Tokyo, Hakone, Lake Hamana, Hiroshima, Kyoto/Nara	
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