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Dayton Community Groups Endorse 'Solidarity Resolution'

In response to the growing number of bias-related incidents against Arab Americans and others nationwide but also locally, 27 Dayton, Ohio, area organizations have endorsed a "Solidarity Resolution," which calls for the protection of civil rights of those who have been targeted or victimized since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The groups supporting the resolution represent a pan-minority and interfaith coalition and include the Dayton JACL, Greater Dayton Islamic Association, Sikh Society of Dayton, Dayton Human Relations Council, Indo-Pak Muslim Cultural Association, Dayton Area Korean Association, Dayton Association of Chinese Americans, Vietnamese Association of Greater Dayton, Dayton NAACP and Dayton League of Women Voters.

"Arabs, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, those of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent and members of other minority groups have all talked about their feelings of shock, disbelief, sadness, grief and anger resulting from the attacks," said Ronald Katsuyama, president of Dayton JACL.

Katsuyama presided over meetings of the Asian American Council, which drew up the resolution after discussing ways in which different local, ethnic communities could work together to

combat hate-related backlash incidents.

"Among the innocent people killed in the September 11th attacks were many Arabs and Muslims," said Khursid Ahmad, a Wright State University professor who has lived in both India and Pakistan. "Although we grieve for fellow Americans who lost their lives, we are disheartened by the reported experiences with harassment, threats and violence aimed at our community. Even members of my own family have been affected."

"Like other Americans," added Darshan Sehbi, president of the Sikh Society of Dayton, "we value freedom and equality and are proud of what America stands for. It is a terrible irony that some Sikhs in other areas fell victim to hate crimes simply due to their outward appearance, sporting a beard and wearing a turban. There is clearly no connection with Osama bin Laden. Broadly profiling groups such as ours only hinders efforts to find those that would attack us," Sehbi said.

The council recently presented the resolution as well as a list of endorsers and specific recommendations for the local government to the City of Dayton Commission and are working to present them to 19 other Dayton area city councils and commissions. ■

Solidarity Resolution

WHEREAS, we share with our fellow Americans and with others throughout the world the grief over the tragic loss of innocent victims in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, we hold in highest esteem the heroism of public safety personnel and ordinary citizens who lost their lives while saving or protecting countless numbers of others; and

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Hate Crimes Panel Addresses Rise in Attacks Against Arab and South Asian Americans

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Like most Americans these days, Michel Shehadeh was not looking forward to flying to Washington, D.C., for his business trip.

But unlike most Americans whose main concern may have been a repeat of the recent terrorist attacks, Shehadeh's fear was being mistaken for a terrorist.

"Whenever you turn your face, all eyes are on you, and this is the most uncomfortable feeling you can ever have," said Shehadeh, who described himself as having "the Arab look."

Shehadeh's fears were quickly realized when he was told to get out of the boarding line at John Wayne Airport in Orange County, Calif., had all of his bags opened by security, was body searched

and asked a slew of questions, all in full view of the other passengers waiting for their flights.

"I was uncomfortable before because people were looking at me anyway, but after I was treat-

unpleasantness of racial profiling, not only from his recent airport experience but as the Western Regional Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), a national civil rights group that has been monitoring the recent rise in hate crimes against the Arab American community and has heard dozens of stories mirroring his own ordeal.

Since the horrific Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Arab American community has faced a siege of fallout anger, with dozens of reports of harassment, threats, assaults and even murders committed by fellow Americans whose misguided revenge has been directed at this group and others

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(L-r) Michel Shehadeh of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) joins Ra-Id Faraj, director of public relations for the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), and Hamid Khan, executive director of the South Asian Network (SAN) on the panel, "The New Epidemic of Hate Crimes Against Arab & South Asian Americans."

ed like a criminal, or a suspected criminal, and treated differently. I became more self-conscious," said Shehadeh, who was eventually allowed onto the plane. Shehadeh knows too well the

risks of being targeted and treated differently. I became more self-conscious," said Shehadeh, who was eventually allowed onto the plane.

National Board Looks to Balance JACL's Financial Future

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The majority of the Nov. 9-11 JACL national board meeting, held in Los Angeles, centered around JACL's financial future.

Following lengthy discussions, the board accepted a revised 2002 budget submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Art Koga. The new budget reflected the estimated \$120,000 in investment income that did not materialize when the Legacy Fund failed to reach the \$7.9 million distribution threshold voted by the national council at the 2000 national convention.

The revised budget also included the board's authorization of

National Executive Director John Tateishi to hire a fund developer, with the recognition that this added personnel cost would be offset by income brought in by this new hire.

No cuts were made to personnel, although prior to the board meeting, it was announced that CCDC Regional Director Patricia Tsai Ibm would be resigning at the end of the year. It was decided that the CCDC regional office will close and that the NCWNP regional office would be moved back into the headquarters office. The CCDC office closure is indicative of the shifting demographic needs of JACL and the greater Japanese American population, and much of this was dis-

cussed during the Blue Ribbon Committee presentation.

The remaining staff will have priorities shifted to focus more on national programs and fundraising. The board also voiced their appreciation of the staff during this trying time.

David Hayashi, investment policy committee (IPC) vice chair, reported that their last meeting was Sept. 18, shortly after the market opened after the terrorist attacks. The meeting, held via teleconference, did not have a

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2nd Annual Army Awards Celebrates AAs in Entertainment



Ang Lee, director of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," claimed the Best Hollywood Picture prize at this year's AAs held Nov. 10 at the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles. "Crouching Tiger" co-stars Michelle Yeoh and Chow Yun Fat, both unable to attend the event, were named best female and male actors in a cinematic production. See more Army coverage on page 5

PHOTO: TRACY UBA

AA Candidates Score Big in New York, New Jersey

By Associated Press
and Wire Reports

A Taiwan-born immigrant made history Nov. 6 by becoming the first Asian American to win a major elective office in New York City.

John C. Liu, 34, a Democrat from Queens, won a New York City Council seat and the opportunity to become, he said, "a direct voice for Asian Americans at City Hall."

No AA in New York has ever served as mayor, on the city council or in any citywide office.

"We made history tonight," Liu declared in his victory speech. "We are in a new era, where all the people of New York City will finally have equal representation."

Liu, the son of a banker and a garment worker, declared victory over Republican Ryan Walsh in the 20th District. Early returns showed Liu with 61 percent of the vote.

Earlier in his campaign, Liu garnered support from his party and U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham

Clinton.

"I've had the opportunity to work with John Liu and have found him to be intelligent, hardworking and committed to getting results," Clinton said in her endorsement. "John is a tremendous asset to our community and our city."

Liu immigrated to Queens at the age of 5, attended public schools and studied physics at the State University of New York in Binghamton. He later became a community activist, opposing a solid-waste transfer station in downtown Flushing.

Currently a manager at Price-waterhouseCoopers LLP, Liu will now represent Flushing, a neighborhood that has become a magnet for entrepreneurial immigrants from China, Korea, Taiwan and India. The district is almost 50 percent AA.

"I do realize that I am breaking a barrier," he said, while shaking hands with voters outside a Flushing polling station. "There will be very high expectations, a lot of responsibilities to fulfill,

and I'm ready for it."

Several other AAs in New Jersey and other states claimed victory in the Nov. 6 general elections as well.

Former Franklin Township Mayor and City Councilman Upendra J. Chivukula, won his bid for the New Jersey State Assembly, 17th District. Chivukula helped organize the Congressional Indian Caucus and Caucus on Indian Americans.

Two other Indian Americans from New Jersey, Democrat Parag P. Patel and Republican George James, won city council seats in Edison and Westwood Township respectively.

In Texas, Houston City Councilman Gordon Quan was re-elected, while in California, Mark Pulido was elected to the Cerritos School Board and Wen Chang was elected to the Diamond Bar City Council. Meanwhile, a large field of APA candidates in Monterey Park, hoping to fill the vacancy left by State Assemblywoman Judy Chu, lost their city council bids. ■

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JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast NEW YORK

Sat., Dec. 1—New York JACL annual holiday bazaar; Japanese-American United Church, Seventh Ave.; potluck dinner and live/silent auctions.

Through Fri., Jan. 11—Exhibit, "Coming of Age in America," art and video by Samoan artists Jewel Castro and Dan Taulapapa McMullin; NYU, AP/PA Gallery, 269 Mercer St., Suite 609. Info: www.apa.nyu.edu.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sun., Dec. 9—Washington, D.C. JACL Mochitsuki; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.

Sat., Jan. 19—Washington, D.C. JACL installation dinner; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.

The Midwest DAYTON

Sun., Dec. 2—Dayton JACL annual Christmas party, 2-6 p.m.; United Methodist Building, 601 W. Riverview Ave.; potluck dinner, games, crafts, gift exchange and clothing donation. Info: Chieko Fisk, 278-5594.

GREENFIELD, WIS.
Sun., Dec. 9—Wisconsin JACL annual holiday party; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Zablocki Park Pavilion, 36th and Howard Ave.; potluck lunch, games, crafts, gift exchange and canned goods donation. RSVP by Dec. 1. Info: Shern Fujihira, 414/423-1438.

Tues., Dec. 18—"Batting Backlash: Immigrants in Times of Crisis"; reception 5:30 p.m., panel 6-8 p.m.; Northwestern University School of Law Thorne Auditorium, 375 E. Chicago Ave. Panelists include John Tateishi, JACL national executive director. Info: Tammy Spath 312/726-3869 ext. 235 or www.cctn.org.

Intermountain KEYCHUM, Idaho

Thur., Nov. 29—Lecture and play reading by Japanese Canadian author Joy Kogawa ("Obasan" and "Naomi's Road"); 7 p.m.; Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. East. Info: 208/726-9491.

Through Sat., Dec. 8—Exhibit, "Whispered Silences: Remembering America's Japanese Internment Camps," art installation, photographs, letters to Miss Clara Breed; Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. East. Info: 208/726-9491.

Pacific Northwest OLYMPIA

Sat., Dec. 8—Olympia JACL installation/potluck dinner and holiday party; 6:30-9 p.m.; Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St. N. Info: Satoshi Ichita, 360/943-1201 or 800/676-4114, or email Bob Nakamura at sgimilehibob@att.net.

PORTLAND

Through Sat., Jan. 12—Exhibit, "Hidden Places, Silent Spaces: Japanese American and Japanese Canadian Concentration Camps" by Masami Hayashi; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave. Free admission. Info: June Schumann, 503/224-1458.

SEATTLE
Thur., Dec. 13—Children's book reading, "Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story" by Ken Mochitsuki; 7 p.m.; Frye Museum, 704 Terry Ave. Free passes available at 6 p.m. Info: Alan Kurimura, 206/795-6900.

Northern California BERKELEY

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 24-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16—Exhibit, Lewis Suzuki watercolor art; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Suzuki Studio, 2240 Grant St. Info: 510/849-1427.

CONTRA COSTA
Sat., Dec. 8—Contra Costa JACL annual installation luncheon; Yoshi's in Jack London Square.

SACRAMENTO
Thur., Nov. 29—Sacramento JACL anniversary dinner. Info: NCWNP office, 415/345-1075.

SAN FRANCISCO
Through Fri., Dec. 28—Exhibit, "The Enemy Alien Files: Hidden Stories of WWII"; National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St., Japantown; photos, oral histories, artifacts documenting wartime treatment of Japanese, German and Italian immigrants. Info: 415/921-5007.

SAN MATEO
Thur., Dec. 13—San Mateo JACL holiday lunch for seniors; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas; food, music, gift exchange and Santa. Cost: \$5.

SONOMA
Sat., Dec. 15—Sonoma County JACL Mochitsuki.

Central California HANFORD

Through Sat., Dec. 22—Exhibit, "Unfolding the Edo Spirit"; Japanese screen and scroll painting from 1615-1868; Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art at the Clark Center, 15770 Tenth Ave. Free admission. Gallery hours and info: 559/582-4915.

STOCKTON
Sat., Dec. 15—Christmas party; 3 p.m.; Buddhist Church gym; potluck dinner, crafts, bingo and Santa.

Southern California LOS ANGELES

Sat., Nov. 17—Book signing "By Order of the President: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Internment of Japanese Americans" by Greg Robinson; 1:30 p.m.; JANM, 369 E. First St.

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 24-25—Japan Expo 2001; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.; L.A. Convention Center, West Hall A, 1201 So. Figueroa St.; anime, arts & crafts, custom car show, food, more. Tickets: \$10 general, \$8 online at www.japanexpo.org; \$8 seniors and students. Info: 213/741-1151.

Southern California Supporters Fete Completion of National JA Memorial



Cressley Nakagawa (left) and George Aratani (right), on the board of directors, toast the completion of the Washington, D.C., National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism at a Los Angeles reception at the Japanese American National Museum Nov. 2.

Fri., Nov. 30—"Caprice: Guests from the Dark," butoh performance by Min Tanaka and Takason; 8 p.m.; Japan America Theatre and JACCC Plaza, 244 So. San Pedro St. Tickets and info: 213/680-3700.

Sat., Dec. 8—Greater L.A. Singles JACL installation and holiday dinner dance; 6:30 p.m.; Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo; proceeds benefit Little Tokyo Senior Lunch Program. Cost: \$35 by Nov. 30. Registration and info: Miyako, 310/839-1194.

Sat., Dec. 14—Early entry deadline for VC FILMFEST's 17th Annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival. Final postmarked deadline for entries Jan. 11. Entry forms, fees and info: 213/680-4462 ext. 68 or www.vcfilmfest.org.

Thur.-Fri., Dec. 27-28—Oshogatsu workshops for kids ages 6-12; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; JACCC, 244 So. San Pedro St.; mochi-pounding, papermaking, shime kawa, more. Cost: \$20 JACCC members, \$25 non-members. Info: Kym Aoki, 213/628-2725 ext. 112 or visit: www.jacc.org.

Sun., Dec. 30—Little Tokyo Mochitsuki; 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; JACCC Center Building; traditional rice cake punting for New Year. Info: Kym Aoki, 213/628-2725 ext. 112 or visit: www.jacc.org.

PASADENA
Through Sun., Jan. 13—Exhibit, "Bamboo Masterworks: Japanese Baskets from the Lloyd Colegan Collection"; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. Reservations and info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19.

SANTA MONICA
Sat., Nov. 17—9th Annual Asian American Performance and Visual Art Festival presents "I Was Born With Two Tongues," pan-Asian spoken word from Chicago; 8:30 p.m.; Highways Performance Space, 1651

18th St. Tickets: \$15 general, \$13 seniors and students. Reservations and info: 310/315-1459.

Sun., Nov. 18—Book signing "By Order of the President: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Internment of Japanese Americans" by Greg Robinson; 2 p.m.; Midnight Special Books, 3rd St. Promenade.

Sun., Nov. 18—9th Annual Asian American Performance and Visual Art Festival presents "Mosaic," hip-hop/rock collaboration with Glenn Suravech, Shin Kawasaka, Jose "Flipchild" Saenz and DJ Abel; 8:30 p.m.; Highways Performance Space, 1651

18th St. Tickets: \$12 general. Reservations and info: 310/315-1459.

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 23-25—9th Annual Asian American Performance and Visual Art Festival presents "Three Lives," Alex Luis's solo piece as he escapes from Saigon as a refugee; 8:30 p.m.; Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St. Tickets: \$15 general, \$13 seniors and students. Reservations and info: 310/315-1459.

Arizona - Nevada TEMPE

Sat., Feb. 2—Teacher workshop; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College; open to teachers 4th-12th grade. Limited to 50 participants. Fee: \$15. Registration and info: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832 or Mike Steinberg, 480/929-0292 ext. 137.

LAS VEGAS
Sat., Dec. 15—Las Vegas JACL Mochitsuki; Spring Meadows Presbyterian Church; 1600 E. Oakes. Cost: lunch \$6, mochi \$3/bbox or \$5 for two boxes. Info: Betty Atkins: 221-0414.

RENO
Mon., Dec. 16—Reno JACL holiday potluck. Info: Jeanie Onitsuka, 747-0762.

Letters to the Editor

Re: Resisters Resolution

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* "Short expressions" on public issues, usually one or two paragraphs, should include signature, address and daytime phone number. Because of space limitations, letters are subject to abridgment. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

This is in reference to Mr. Hugh Burleson's letter in the Pacific Citizen, Oct. 5-18, in which he states: "Your resolution speculates that widespread negative 'Nisei' demonstrations might have caused very negative results. Hypothesizing an alternative history is always risky. Could one not speculate with equal validity that a unified stand for restoring your civil rights before signing up might have shaken loose our judiciary's and (public's) blinders about the unconstitutionality of the internment and led to a wartime correction of that grievous wrong?"

In response to the above statement, I should point out that civil rights legislation was not passed until 1964, 23 years after Pearl Harbor. During World War II, the only recourse any individual had at the time was the U.S. Constitution. Three Nisei contested the curfew and evacuation under this Constitution. Minoru Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu. The three lost their cases and received a felony conviction. They appealed the convictions but the U.S.

Supreme Court upheld it.

The course of action taken by the then-national JACL board, under the circumstances at the time, was in the best interest of all Americans of Japanese ancestry, leading to the magnificent historical record of valor displayed by members of the 100th and 442nd in Europe. The action taken by JACL and achievements of the 100th/442nd greatly facilitated the passage of redress, the apology from the president, civil rights legislation 24 years later, other legislation benefiting minorities and the respect which we JAs enjoy today.

As stated in our resolution, we Sacramento Nisei, VFW Post 8985, recognize the right of the "resisters of conscience" to take the stand they took and hold no grudges for it. We also have no problems with the JACL's extending an act of "forgiveness and the giving up of old grudges" towards the resisters as an act of reconciliation. However, we do take issue with the JACL of today extending an apology for the actions of national JACL leaders over 60 years ago!

Throughout WWII, the national leaders and members of the JACL believed in and had been governed by the Japanese American Creed composed by Mike Masaoka in November 1940, which encouraged us Nisei to become "better Americans in a greater America." Any actions taken by JACL leaders after Pearl Harbor were based upon this creed. All the WWII veterans volunteered or served with this creed in mind, and we feel that there is no need for the JACL to apologize 60 years later to anyone for actions taken or not taken by JACL leaders subsequent to Pearl Harbor.

In those days, just as Ben Kuroki of Nebraska, a highly decorated WWII Air Force bombardier, was reported to have said, "We had to prove our loyalty." Following the JACL's lead, the veterans of the 100th/442nd and MIS did precisely that!

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San Jose City Council Votes to Name Airport After Mineta

The San Jose City Council voted Nov. 6 to rename the San Jose International Airport after Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, a native of San Jose, former city councilman, mayor and U.S. Congressman representing the area.

By a 10-1 vote, the city council changed the airport's name to the "Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport."

Mineta said he felt "overwhelmed" and "very pleased" that the council would honor him in this way.

"Renaming our highest profile transportation facility for Norm Mineta is both proper and a fitting recognition for a son of San Jose who has had a major impact on both local and national transportation policy and infrastructure," said Mayor Ron Gonzales. "Although we will honor Norm Mineta with this action, it is he who has honored us. His has been an exemplary career that demonstrates the highest principles of public service, leadership and effectiveness that are models for our community and the nation."

National JAACL President Floyd Mori lauded the city council's action on behalf of the organization, saying, "The renaming of the San Jose airport to honor Secretary Mineta recognizes not

only the Secretary's dedication to public service throughout his career, representing the people of San Jose and the nation, but also the significant impact he has had over the past four decades. His commitment to issues of diversity, civil rights, safety and infrastructure development have made him a national leader and role model for every American. The JAACL congratulates the Secretary, and I look forward to my first flight into the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport."

While Asian Americans, have voiced support for the renaming of the airport, others have expressed opposition, including several at the public hearing portion of the Nov. 6 city council meeting.

Sharon Sweeney, former chair of the local airport commission, said that while she has nothing but respect for Mineta, there is still "substantial opposition" to the proposed name change, which indicates that more study needs to be done.

Councilman Chuck Reed, representing District 4, cast the only dissenting vote, saying an informal study showed that three-fourths of his constituents opposed the action.

Prior to the vote, hundreds of AAs e-mailed letters of support to the mayor and city council, pointing out that future generations will be able to see the name and learn not only about San Jose's history but about the contributions made by AAs to this country. ■



Norman Y. Mineta



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National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Radio Historians Say Pearl Harbor Coverage No Comparison to 9-11

NEWARK, N.J.—Historians at a radio convention which ended Oct. 28 say that media coverage of the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack was "vastly different from that of the recent Sept. 11 terrorist attacks."

Nearly 60 years ago, most radio stations didn't interrupt their programming after the Dec. 7 Japanese attack. In New York, a WOR broadcaster read the news at 2:25 p.m., then returned to the Giants game. Others broke in with occasional bulletins, then returned to Jack Benny, musical programs and commercials.

Unlike the commercial-free, 24-hour programming that dominated radio and television for days after Sept. 11, the media's coverage of Pearl Harbor was far less complete and accurate, historians say.

CBS, for instance, went 93 executive hours covering the World Trade Center and Pentagon disaster without a commercial break, said CBS spokesman Dana McClintock.

Skidmore College professor Tom Lewis said television and other technology has brought an immediacy to coverage today that did not exist back then, so that Americans can now experience events as they unfold.

Children's Books Display More Diversity

NEW YORK—More and more children's books appear to be incorporating different ethnic races into their stories.

"It is self-evident that the need is there because the country is getting more diverse," said Philip Lee, co-founder and publisher of Lee & Low Books, an independent children's book publisher specializing in multicultural themes.

Author Patricia Polacco says it's vital for children to read and see different people and characters so they appreciate cultural differences and also realize that fundamentally we are all the same.

Her book, "Mr. Lincoln's Way," tells the story of Mr. Lincoln, a hip elementary school principal in Michigan who has to disarm a bully who targets kids because of their race. "Mean Gene" isn't bad, just ignorant, and with the help of a courtyard full of mallards, Mr. Lincoln is able to get through to the boy and shatter his prejudices.

The Children's Museum of

Manhattan in New York City is featuring the work of Asian-American author and illustrator Ed Young through Jan. 11. From Jan. 19 through February, spanning Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month, the museum will host the work of African American illustrator Jerry Pinkey and son Brian.

Jury Doesn't Convict Teen of Hate Crime

SHAWANO, Wis.—A jury convicted Jeremy S. Martin, 19, of New Franken, Nov. 2 of participating in an attempt to run an Asian American couple off the road but ruled it wasn't a hate crime.

Martin was convicted of two counts of being party to first-degree reckless endangerment but the jury ruled he did not pick his victims because of race. Prosecutors had contended Martin made statements about "white supremacy" after the incident, District Attorney Gary Bruno said.

According to the criminal complaint, the incident occurred Nov. 4, 2000, on state Highway 29. Robert and Cindy Lee pulled their vehicle to the side of the road to switch drivers. A black pickup truck skidded to a stop and Martin and Grant Heim, 19, asked the Lees if they were "right."

After the Lees drove off, the truck sped at their vehicle twice, causing them to swerve onto the gravel as Mrs. Lee talked to police on a cell phone.

Sheriff's Deputy Chris Gamm said when he asked Heim if they followed the car because the occupants were Asian, Heim replied, "Yes, this is our country, and they shouldn't be out here anyway."

As part of the plea bargain reached in August, Heim pleaded guilty to two counts of being party to reckless endangerment. His sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 13, and his convictions include the hate crime penalty enhancer, according to court records.

No sentencing date for Martin has been set yet.

Senate President Matsunaka Enters Governor's Race

DENVER—Colorado Senate President Stan Matsunaka, D-Loveland, announced his bid for governor, kicking off his campaign Oct. 31 with calls for improvement in health care, education, transportation and growth control.

Matsunaka, 48, was scheduled to make campaign stops in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Grand Junction and Loveland. If elect-

ed, he would become the state's first Japanese American governor.

He is the third Democrat to announce plans to seek the party's nomination for the 2002 election, joining Boulder businessman Rollie Heath and state Sen. Bob Hagedorn.

Republican Gov. Bill Owens, whom Matsunaka has disagreed with on such issues as statewide student testing and health care access in rural areas, is expected to announce that he will seek a second term.

A random telephone poll of Colorado residents conducted by Ciruli Associates in late June indicated 51 percent support for Owens compared to 26 percent for Matsunaka. Pollster Floyd Ciruli said Matsunaka faces a tough challenge trying to unseat the incumbent because the public is focused on supporting their politicians since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Families of Shooting Victims Sue Xerox, Uyesugi and Doctors

HONOLULU—The families of seven Xerox Corp. workers shot to death in 1999 have sued Xerox, the convicted gunman and doctors who examined him, before the shootings.

Byran Uyesugi, 42, is serving a life prison term without parole for the killings at a Xerox warehouse.

His attorneys contended in last year's trial that the copier repairman could not control his actions because he suffered from possibly schizophrenic delusions that the men were conspiring against him.

Three separate lawsuits filed Oct. 31 by relatives of the victims accuse Xerox of failing to take sufficient steps to protect the employees even though company officials knew Uyesugi had anger problems, kept an extensive firearms collection and had told supervisors he was afraid to bring the weapons to work for fear he might be tempted to use them.

The lawsuits also allege various Oahu hospitals, clinics and doctors, who treated Uyesugi for mental health problems, did not do enough to prevent the shootings.

"We certainly understand that the tragedy of two years ago deeply affected the seven families, as it did the entire Xerox family," said Christa Carone, a Xerox spokeswoman in Rochester, N.Y. "We regret that the families found it necessary to take this action, however. Xerox denies any wrongdoing and intends to defend its position." ■

Two California Women Named Masaoka Fellows

Allison Kiyomi Kato, 22, of Los Angeles, and Miho M. Takeshita, 22, of San Francisco, were named the 2001-2002 recipients of the

Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship, announced fellowship fund chairman Dr. H. Tom Tamaki.

Kato will serve her fellowship in the office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Takeshita has been assigned to the office of Rep. Robert T. Matsui, D-Calif.

"We are very pleased with the two outstanding fellows who have been selected to serve in the nation's capital," said Tamaki. Kato will serve her term in the fall of 2001, while Takeshita will begin her term in the spring of 2002. Each will serve approximately three-and-a-half months

in Washington, D.C., and will receive a stipend of \$7,500.

Kato received her B.A. degree in political science from the Uni-



Kato

versity of California, Davis, in 2001. She was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, a national political science honors society, and interned for both Sen.

Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and California State Assemblyman Scott Wildman, 43rd District.

Takeshita is a 2001 graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz with a B.A. in political science and East Asian studies. She

was a member of the Asian Pacific Islander Association at Santa Cruz. In addition to her student activities, she worked as a legal

assistant at the San Francisco law firm Chan, Doi, Marshall & Leal and studied a year abroad in Japan.

The fellowship grants awards to educate and train recipients for leadership in public service.

Those interested in applying for a 2002-2003 Masaoka Fellowship should contact National JAACL Headquarters at 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115; call 415/921-5225; fax 415/931-4671; e-mail JAACL@JAACL.org; or visit their website at www.jaacle.org.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2002. ■



Takeshita

Blue Ribbon Committee Presents Final Report to Nat'l Board

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

The national JACL board reacted favorably to the Blue Ribbon Committee's (BRC) report presented at the recent board meeting Nov. 10-11, which will be used as a blueprint to chart JACL's future in wake of changing demographics.

BRC members consisted of Tom Iino, Bill Imada, Alan Kumamoto, Henry Ota, Beth Renge, Sandy Sakamoto, Trina Toyota, JACL National President Floyd Mori and JACL national secretary/treasurer Art Koga.

Mori reiterated that the BRC was an all-volunteer group comprised of people from diverse backgrounds. John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, pointed out that even JACL board members Mori and Koga paid out of their own pockets to cover BRC expenses.

ERC Gov. Clyde Nishimura said the Philadelphia chapter, which participated in a BRC focus group, really appreciated and was impressed by BRC's efforts. While he admitted initial misgivings of the BRC, Nishimura said he now has "no strong criticism" and described their work as "outstanding."

The board requested a copy of the report via e-mail or disk.

Koga moved to accept and move forward with the recommendations of the BRC. Seconded by Alan Teruya, NCWNP governor. Motion passed unanimously.

Koga also moved to have the president appoint a task force or working committee to develop an implementation plan for the long-term recommendations in the BRC report. Seconded by Reiko Yoshino, MPDC governor. Passed unanimously.

BRC's Report Presented to the JACL Board

• Demographic Profile & Research

Imada pointed out some of the issues facing JACL, particularly the declining Japanese American population. Between 1990 and 2000, the JA population declined by 7.77 percent. But while the overall JA population is declining, there is growth in the Shin-Issei population. Other points include: JAs have one of the highest income per capita; JAs speak English very well but have little knowledge of the Japanese language, while Shin-Issei can speak and understand both English and Japanese; and JAs have a high median age.

• Focus Group Findings

Two focus groups were conducted, one in Northern California and a second in Philadelphia. A total of 30 people were interviewed. The purpose of the focus groups was to get input from a cross-section of JACLers. Key findings were: members cannot define JACL, mission statement and objectives unclear; members finding it difficult to recruit new people; the youth, mixed-race people and Shin-Issei pose a unique recruitment challenge; little is known about the broader JA community; and membership offerings are not well-defined.

• Focus Group Recommendations

Develop a clear vision for the organization; reorganize to improve efficiency/effectiveness; create programs that attract younger members and Shin-Issei; focus on core values of JACL such as civil rights and enhancing culture; focus on three key

program areas that JACL can be known for, share best practices for membership recruitment; recruit talent for leadership positions; and consider new, more contemporary JACL logo.

• BRC's Overall Recommendations

Redefine mission and vision; restructure where appropriate; initiate a "new civil rights" agenda with 1-3 specific initiatives; create a "cultural values agenda" with 1-3 specific initiatives; and create a resource initiative.

• Organizational Structure/ Governance

Proposed new vision statement: "JACL protects the civil rights and honors the cultural value of Americans of Japanese ancestry."

Koga moved to accept the vision statement as stated by the BRC, seconded by Ben Ezaki, MDC governor. Motion passes with two opposed.

Teruya moved to add an amendment to the motion by including the phrase "of all" to the vision statement. Seconded by David Masuo, PNW governor. Vote split 7-7, and Mori cast the deciding vote in favor of adopting the amendment.

The new vision statement reads: "JACL protects the civil rights of all and honors the cultural value of Americans of Japanese ancestry."

Proposed new mission statement: "The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice."

The leaders and members of JACL also work to promote cultural values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

Ezaki moved to accept the mission statement as stated by the BRC, seconded by Koga. Motion passed with two opposed.

Masuo moved to add an amendment to take out the phrase "Japanese Americans and all others" and to change it to "of all." Seconded by Chin. Motion

failed through a voice vote.

• Restructuring Recommendations

Chapter Restructuring — No recommendation on redistricting; too complex and requires additional discussion.

Staffing/Regional Offices — Centralize/decentralize; consolidation options (i.e., consider JACL's needs and priorities and do not base it just on financial state); and staff priorities for fund development.

Board of Governance Committee — Replace nominations committee; identify and recruit prospective board members; organize board orientations; conduct annual evaluations; and modify, as needed, board descriptions.

National Officers & Board — National officers to be president, vice president and secretary/treasurer; three vice presidents to become board members at-large; and structural changes to mirror other major national and regional organizations.

• Specific Initiatives

President's Council — Iino is working on this with Mori. The council's mission would be to support JACL, and the goal is to raise \$1 million for the national endowment. Members would consist of those who are willing and can raise funds; have a regional, gender and generational balance; and be national in scope.

• Communications and Public Relations Recommendation

Develop a comprehensive communication and public relations plan; communication strategy is equally as important as fund development; need to link membership drives with national communication and PR initiatives; may require restructuring of staff tasks.

Koga moved to have the national executive director develop a communication and public relations plan as specified by the BRC, utilizing available staff. Seconded by Yoshino. Passed unanimously.

• Pacific Citizen

Mission would be to enhance

the overall financial viability of the PC, and the goal to successfully market the PC to potential advertisers and marketers. The desired result would be for the PC to be financially independent and generate revenue. Recommendations included: develop a media kit; produce a demographic profile of readership; recruit interns and formalize it as part of JACL's internship program; enlist chapter support for ad sales; partner with other JA publications; and hire marketing and sales personnel with incentives.

Koga rescinded his first motion, requesting the PC to review and implement as much as possible the BRC's recommendation. Koga changed his motion to have the PC evaluate the feasibility of the suggestions by the BRC and report back to the board at the next board meeting, seconded by Masuo. Motion passed unanimously.

• Resource Initiative

Mission would be to conduct research, gather data and secure demographics to support JACL. The goal would be to coordinate data collection efforts; consolidate existing programs (i.e., scholarships); support communication strategies and fund development. Those involved would be as national advisory group or staff, interns and/or volunteers.

• Nakama Project

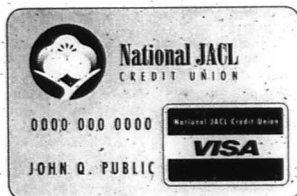
This would be an outreach effort to Japanese nationals and Shin-Issei. The mission would be to assist Japanese families adjust to American society and to preserve cultural values. The goal would be to provide a network of contacts for services (i.e., how to get a driver's license) and a social network of activities for these families.

An example of a cultural exchange could include an adopt-a-family program. JACL could work with Japanese companies to sponsor various programs. More details are forthcoming by the end of the year.

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APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Matt Kelley, 22, founder and CEO of the Mavin Foundation, was awarded a "Points of Light" award by President Bush for "helping to solve serious social



problems through volunteer service." Kelley's magazine **M AVIN**, which he launched in 1998, celebrates multiracial and racially adopted people. He also serves as vice president of the Association of MultiEthnic Americans (AMEA) and volunteers for Seattle-based Childhaven and the Seattle Art Museum's development initiative for communities of color.

Kirk H. Nakamura, 46, of Yorba Linda, Calif., was named a judge of the Orange County Superior Court by Gov. Gray Davis. He is a partner in the Santa Ana law firm Beam, Brobeck, West & Sullivan, which he joined in 1985, specializing in the defense of construction, personal injury and insurance coverage disputes. Nakamura is a former president of the Orange County Asian American Bar Association and is

a member of SELANOCO JACL.

Sharon Linh Nguyen, of Anaheim, Calif., was appointed by U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao to the Youth Advisory Council to the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities. The council, comprised of 15 members ages 14 to 28, will advise Chao on education, training, employment, health and rehabilitation and independent living issues affecting young people with disabilities. Nguyen currently works as a Vietnamese outreach coordinator for the Parent and Information Training Center.

James Okubo, Medal of Honor recipient and 442nd RCT member, was posthumously given Bellingham High Schools inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award. Okubo was a 1938 graduate who died in a car accident in 1967 after having served as a medic for the U.S. in Vosges, France during World War II. His wife, Nobu, accepted the award on his behalf and about a dozen 442nd members attended the ceremony. The Okubos, including James parents, Kenzo and Zuyu, who ran the Sunrise Cafe at 523 W. Holly St., were among an esti-

mat@d 33 Japanese American residents of Whatcom County who were forced out during the war.

Julie Su, 32, litigation director at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles, was one of 23 recipients of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant for 2001. She is the second APALC staff member to receive the grant, following Executive Director Stewart Kwoh in 1998. In 1995, Su filed a landmark federal lawsuit on behalf of 70 Thai and 23 Latino garment workers in El Monte, Calif., recovering monetary compensation for her clients and earning them legal immigrant status. She will receive \$500,000 over five years.

Erica R. Yew, 41, of San Jose, Calif., was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis as a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. She has been a partner at McManis, Faulkner & Morgan since 1999, where her emphasis was in insurance defense. Yew serves on the California State Bar Board of Governors and the Asian Alliance Board and formerly served as president of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley. ■

2001 Ammy Awards Roles Out the Red Carpet for Asian American Entertainers



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Among the winners and presenters at the 2001 Ammy Awards were (top row, l-r): co-emcee and comedian Amy Hill; Best Male Actor in a Televised Production for "Oz," B.D. Wong; Best Female Actor in a Televised Production for "Gilmore Girls," Keiko Agena; co-emcee and "Star Trek: Voyager" actor Garrett Wang; (bottom row): presenter Marie Matiko; presenter Clyde Kusatsu; Lifetime Achievement recipient Tsai Chin; and Miss America 2001 Angela Baraquio.

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JACL National Board Looks at Organization's Finances

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quorum.

Relocation of assets was discussed but the issue was tabled to the January meeting due to too many current economic uncertainties. They are also updating a set of criteria to evaluate the performance of the investment manager. Jim Masamori had a third party at his company evaluate JACL's portfolio. The conclusion was that it was underperforming but the recommendation was "no drastic or big moves at this time," said Hayashi.

Hayashi asked the board to review the requirements for investment income because that is what will drive what the fund manager is directed to do.

Hayashi also pointed out that Ted Tsukahara's and Grace Uehara's term will be up at the end of the year. Tsukahara plans to stay on but a new person will be needed to fill in Uehara's seat.

• Finance Committee

Traditionally the finance committee (FC) has been made up of the national director, national president and national secretary/treasurer. Hayashi made a recommendation to add the IC chair and to make the national director a non-voting participant in the FC to eliminate any conflicts of interests. Hayashi said the FC is not formalized in the constitution and bylaws, and does not stipulate who should be on the FC, except for the national director, which they are recommending become a non-voting member. JACL National President Floyd Mori asked Koga to come up with a resolution.

• Legacy Fund & National Endowment

JACL Business Manager Clyde Izumi reported that as of Sept. 30, 2001, the Legacy Fund was getting close to its historic dollar amount of \$4.9 million. They have about a \$12,000 cushion. As a result, all LF earnings have been frozen and will not be distributed to prevent invading the corpus.

Floyd Shimomura, legal counsel, said under the circumstances, LF investments should be conservative and the goal should be to protect the principal rather than to generate income. Hayashi said he will report this back to the IPC. In Hayashi's opinion, the LF is not invested in aggressive stocks.

With the national endowment fund, Izumi said they are about

\$130,000 above the historic amount of \$285,000.

• Revised 2002 Budget

There is a projected \$200,000 deficit for 2001, which includes an estimated \$120,000 loss from non-withdrawal of LF monies and \$89,000 from the adjusted 2001 budget.

The board revised the 2002 budget to account for the 2001 deficit and to include expenses associated with getting approval and implementing the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations.

Shimomura advised against borrowing from LF because the board was the trustee of the LF and it would be imprudent to touch the historic \$4.9 million to make a loan to the organization. If the loan cannot be paid back, the board opens itself up for possible lawsuits.

Shimomura suggested trying to survive until the national convention, where the national council will have more tools to bring in income such as voting to increase membership dues or lowering the \$7.9 million distribution threshold for the LF.

Ben Ezaki, MDC governor, suggested converting some of the LF equities to bonds. Koga asked the IC to continue discussions with Ezaki and Shimomura.

Koga moved to accept the 2002 revised budget, seconded by David Masuo, PNW governor. Passed unanimously.

• Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

Masuo moved to adopt the recommendations. Seconded by Nishimura. A friendly amendment from Ryan Chin, vice president of public affairs, was accepted to vote on each point separately. Motion passed with one abstention.

1) Dues increase — regular members would go from \$43 up to \$55; family membership to \$100; student membership from \$14 to \$20; 1000 Club from \$70 to \$100; and Century Club from \$140 to \$175.

A ballot will be sent to the chapters. Shimomura said in order to pass the motion, a majority of chapters must return the ballots, and of those returned, a majority is needed to approve the dues increase.

Chin moved to have the current national board, exclusive of the youth council and youth representative, take the lead and upgrade their JACL membership to Century Club, seconded by Ma-

suo. Chin rejected a friendly amendment from Masuo, who suggested that this upgrade be a recommendation rather than mandatory, but Chin amended his motion to be a one time upgrade to either 1000 Club or Century Club. Motion passed with one opposed.

2) Three recommendations to the IC — reallocation of LF assets to 75 percent bonds, 20 percent equities and five percent cash; rewrite investment policy; have the portfolio checked every six months, and the rebalance and reallocation checked once a year.

Reiko Yoshino, MPDC governor, moved to direct the IC, seconded by Amy Matsumoto, national youth representative. Passed unanimously.

Hayashi will review the new board's charge with the IC and will discuss this with the FC before making any changes.

3) No more withdrawals from the national endowment fund. No board action is needed to implement this.

4) Work with each district to hold a fundraiser for national. A motion was not made, but Mori asked each governor to bring back fundraising ideas to the next board meeting.

• Hire a Fund Developer — Koga asked the board to authorize the national executive director to hire a fund developer. Tateishi felt he could hire someone on a contract basis with built in incentives so that the person, at minimum, would raise \$50,000. Motion was made by Bob Taniguchi, CCDC governor, seconded by David Kawamoto, v.p. of general operations. Chin's friendly amendment to specify a time frame for the fund developer was not accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

• Repairs to Headquarters

Koga moved to authorize the national executive director to repair the leaking roof at headquarters with costs not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Kawamoto. Passed unanimously.

Other Board Action

• Future Board Meetings — Mori said some people have brought up the idea of having less face-to-face national board meetings and conducting business via teleconference as a cost cutting measure. Izumi said each face-to-face meeting costs about \$4,000-\$6,000, excluding staff expenses. The sentiment of the board was that they were open to a teleconference meeting but that more investigation was needed in order to make a decision. The

board also felt a February face-to-face meeting was important since it was the only board meeting before the national convention. Mori appointed Masuo to look into the details of conducting a teleconference meeting of up to 20 people.

• Response to Sept. 11 — JACL came out with a public statement on Sept. 12, and days later, issued an action memo to all the regional directors (RD) and chapters, asking them to assist targeted communities of hate crimes. Tateishi said he was proud of the RDs' and chapters' outreach efforts. Responding to 9-11 took the majority of Tateishi's time for about three weeks following the terrorist attacks, and he and the staff continue to be involved in related issues to 9-11. Tateishi is also talking with the Department of Justice, voicing concerns over the more than 1,000 individuals currently being detained.

Chin moved to issue a press release stating the position of the JACL national board as sensitive to the needs of national security but at the same time concerned about how this is impacting individual civil liberties. Seconded by Micki Kawakami, IDC governor. Passed unanimously.

• New Chapter — Through the leadership of Kawakami, a new chapter will be chartered in Idaho. Other possible new chapters

in the works include one in Florida, Utah and a Shin-Issei chapter in San Francisco.

Mori also discussed consolidating or eliminating non-active chapters because they affect the national budget through liability insurance fees, mailings and other cost factors.

• Legacy Fund Grants Program — Karen-Liane Shiba, v.p. of planning and development, moved to have the deadline for submission of Legacy Fund grant applications changed from Oct. 1 to April 1 of each year, to move the deadline date for distribution of awards from Dec. 1 to June 1 of each year; and to combine the 2000 and 2001 distributions. Seconded by Matsumoto. Motion passed with one opposed.

• Restitutions Ceremony — Due to JACL's current financial state, there are no funds available to carry out the mandate in the restitutions resolution passed at the 2000 national convention. However, Tateishi said the least they can do is devote staff time in organizing a public ceremony.

Alan Teruya, NCWNF governor and co-chair of the committee in charge of putting on a ceremony, asked the board for assistance. District Gov. Chair Clyde Nishimura said the governors have agreed to support Teruya in any way possible.

• The next board meeting will be held Feb. 9-10, 2002. ■

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, we join with others that seek meaningful ways to reach out to those suffering from personal injury or loss of a friend or loved one and support the many national and local leaders who have spoken out in efforts to heal our country and our communities; and

WHEREAS, past experiences such as the internment of over 110,000 innocent people of Japanese descent during World War II have taught us that the constitutional rights of citizens can be violated when suspicion and animosity are misdirected toward a group of individuals solely on the basis of their descent; and

WHEREAS, Arabs, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, those of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent, as well as other minority groups have become targets of harassment, abuse, and violence in misguided reprisals against their communities; and

WHEREAS, by protecting our civil rights at home and respecting human rights everywhere, we believe that America can show the world that its true strength lies, not only in military and economic might, but in its moral and spiritual leadership;

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HATE CRIMES

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who are mistakenly identified as Arab or Muslim.

In response to the recent explosion of hate crimes, the California Assembly Select Committee on Hate Crimes decided to focus their day-long hearing on the recent attacks against the group that not only includes Arab Americans but also Sikhs, South Asians and Latinos.

Chaired by Assemblywoman Judy Chu, this first hearing of the select committee was held on Nov. 5 in Monterey Park, Calif., and included several speakers representing law enforcement, government, families of hate crime victims and civil rights groups.

Shehadeh was invited to speak on a panel titled, "The New Epidemic of Hate Crimes Against Arab & South Asian Americans," along with speakers Ra'id Faraj, director of public relations for the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), and Hamid Khan, executive director of the South Asian Network (SAN).

"We consider the attack of 9-11 to be an attack on all Americans, including Arab Americans," said Shehadeh. "The Arab American community is not part of the problem but part of the solution."

Since the September attacks, the Arab American community has had to mourn in hiding, fearing an attack by fellow Americans. Their fear has caused them to deny their ethnicity, telling people they are either Greek American, Italian American or Latino American, said Shehadeh. Some are even canceling their subscriptions to Arab magazines and their memberships in Arab organizations.

Faraj notes that CAIR has received more than 1,000 reports of hate crimes across the country and 100 reports in Southern California alone since the attacks.

Robin Toma, executive director of the Los Angeles County Hu-

man Relations Commission, reported that L.A. County is experiencing the largest-ever rise in hate crimes against the Arab American community. Last year there were 13 reported hate crimes against Arab Americans; since the Sept. 11 attacks there have been three times that amount.

Faraj believes that misinformation

\$30,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Karas spoke movingly of her husband as a leader in the Muslim American community who "embraced the diversity that surrounded him everyday." Although her husband was cruelly gunned down because of his ethnicity by fellow Americans, she refuses to let the perpetrators take away



State Assemblywoman Judy Chu (left) presents Assembly resolutions in honor of hate crime victims to Ismael Iletto, brother of slain Filipino American postal worker Joseph Iletto, and Dr. Randa Karas, widow of slain Egyptian American grocery store owner Adel Karas.

man and a lack of knowledge about their community is confounding the problem, especially in the media. "It's important to educate instead of turning neighbors against each other," he said.

"As long as the media portray Arabs as bad guys the public will see Arab Americans in a bad light," said Shehadeh. Although Arabs are lawyers, doctors, policemen and businessmen, Hollywood continues to portray Arabs as one-dimensional characters, usually as the terrorist, the rich oil Sikh or the belly dancer.

Also testifying at the hearing was Dr. Randa Karas, wife of Adel Karas, the Egyptian American grocery owner who was brutally gunned down in his San Gabriel Valley, Calif., grocery store on Sept. 15, in what is now being investigated as a hate crime. The perpetrator has not yet been caught and the FBI is offering a

reward in the United States.

"Like others, we could not understand the hatred that caused this. I could not imagine this kind of thing could happen in this country," she said. But "I still have faith in this country. I believe the people who murdered my husband do not represent all Americans."

Throughout the day-long hearing, several of the panelists noted the eerie similarities between the recent spate of hate against Arab Americans and the treatment of Japanese Americans during World War II, ultimately culminating in the forced relocation of JAs to U.S. concentration camps.

The Arab American community shares many of the same characteristics with the JA community of WWII, making a repeat of history a real possibility, said Calif. Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus. The Arab American community is a small enough, identifiable group that does not currently have very much political clout. "Similar kinds of conditions exist for the Arab Americans and they

become an easy target for something like this," he said.

Some of the recent rhetoric aimed at Arab Americans like, "Go back to your own country," "You don't belong here," and "Send them all to concentration camps" are an eerie echo for many Asian Pacific Americans, said Kathy Feng, project director/attorney for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC).

"The concern is if good individuals do not speak out we may have a climate of suspicion and backlash that mirrors what happened after World War II to Japanese Americans... and recently to Chinese-Americans," she said.

Many in the APA community quickly responded in a show of support for the Arab American, Sikh and South Asian communities following the 9-11 attacks.

One of the first communities to contact Shehadeh's group was the JA community, he said. Currently, he is working with Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCCR) on a program to deal with the recent spate of hate crimes.

"The Japanese American community has brought their experience after Pearl Harbor to life. They want to empower us and tell us about their experience, what

they did wrong, what they did right and give us that experience," said Shehadeh. "Their message to us, don't give up your ethnicity, don't give up your language, don't give up your culture, don't sit tight and do nothing about it, empower your kids."

Several of the panelists indicated their support for increased training for all law enforcement personnel, increased legislation for prosecuting hate crimes, early education, increased funding and more focus on the prevention of hate crimes.

Shehadeh hopes that cities across the nation will send out messages of zero tolerance of hate crimes and encouraged city councils to declare their cities zero tolerance zones.

"I think in our attempt to bring America back to normal, we must include the Arab American community because things will not be normal if this community is not feeling normal," he said. "And the way to do that is to get the message that this community is part and parcel of this American mosaic."

The next hate crimes hearing for the Assembly Select Committee will be on Dec. 6 in Santa Clara, Calif.

API Legislative Caucus Website Up

Assemblymember George Nakano, D-Torrance, chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, announced the launch of the API Legislative Caucus website at www.assembly.ca.gov/apilegcaucus.


"I am proud to have been elected chair of the state's first-ever API Caucus. It is important to have this caucus as a voice for the API community, and I hope this site will become a tool in providing information and resources to all Californians interested in current API issues," said Nakano.

Caucuses are formal organizations set up within the state legislature to allow dialogue between members with similar interests. The establishment of the API Caucus is a result of a growing API population in California that was counted in the 2000 Census at over 3.8 million.

"By visiting this website, people will be able to see who the API Caucus members are and will be able to click on links to informative API community websites that will provide a tool in contacting organizations," said Nakano.

Accompanying Nakano on the API Caucus are Assemblymembers Wilma Chan (16th District), Carol Liu (44th District) and Judy Chu (49th District). Together, they serve the diverse statewide API community that consists of nearly 30 different ethnicities.

The API Legislative Caucus website will be periodically updated with more informative links and press releases. For more information, call Nakano's district office at 310/782-1553 or visit the Assembly webpage at www.assembly.ca.gov and follow the API Caucus link on the left-hand side.



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Stranger Than Fiction

The U.S. and Afghanistan

By CHRISTINA SHIGEMURA

I wanted to do something different this time (Hence this attempt to write a rhyme)
I was feeling like I was in a bit of a rut
All of my columns were starting to sound the same but
This one had to be special; I had something to say
I searched for a strategy, I needed a way
To tell about Afghanistan — it's really tragic
So I wanted to work a little literary magic
To say that the bombing has got to stop
Because starving¹ Afghans can't plant a single food crop
International aid agencies can't distribute
While bombs drop, so hunger and fear contribute
To desperation, not conducive to democracy
Afghanistan was making progress in the 1950s and '60s
Women in the cities had access to education
They became teachers and doctors to uplift the nation
But the U.S. wanted to make Afghanistan a trap for
The USSR because of the Cold War
So the CIA funneled millions to the *Mujahidin*²
Who were successful in toppling the Soviets' puppet regime
The CIA encouraged the conversion of wheat fields to opium
As starving Afghans watched their visions of utopia
And equality between the sexes disappear
They only hoped the end was near
To Afghanistan's un-civil war in which
Seven factions within the *Mujahidin* fought each other from 1992-96
A legacy of U.S. weapons and bombed-out infrastructure added to the mix
So by the time this un-civil war reached its final hour
Starving Afghans were relieved that the Taliban had come to power
Out of the oven and into the frying pan, as they say
Afghans saw the Taliban's true colors too late
Now women are dying
Because a doctor would be punished for trying
To treat sick women
And doctors can only be men
But the Taliban can't take Afghans down without a fight
RAWA³ and others are showing their might
Calling for a return to democracy
And denouncing fundamentalists' insanity
Including the Northern Alliance
Which is known for retaliating against women's defiance
By throwing acid into their eyes
Do we really want to be allies
With the same *Mujahidin* who tore Afghanistan apart?
Americans really need to be smart
Let's urge our leaders to invite RAWA to the peace table
To help rebuild a democratic society that will be truly stable. ■

Christina Shigemura is a *Hapa* Yonsei.

¹UNICEF estimates that seven million people are on the verge of starvation in Afghanistan.

²*Mujahidin* means "soldiers of God" and refers to Islamic fundamentalist extremists.

³Revolutionary Association of Women in Afghanistan, founded in 1977.

Sacramento Kings Owner Donates to Asian Sports Foundation

The Sacramento Kings and its owners, the Maloof family, presented a \$100,000 donation to the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF) on Oct. 14 to build a cultural, community and youth recreational facility.

The SASF was chosen as the 2001 recipient of the George J. Maloof Sr. Community Cup, the Kings' first preseason home exhibition game. Each year, the Maloof family pledges \$100,000 from those proceeds to a charitable cause or organization.

A sign dedication ceremony was held Oct. 10 at the future site of the SASF's Community Cultural and Youth Sports Center located on High Tech Court in Laguna West. South Sacramento. In attendance were Joe Maloof, owner of the Sacramento Kings (MBA), Sacramento Monarchs (WNBA) and Sacramento Knights (WISL), Karen Fong Cotton, executive director of SASF, and Jimmie Yee, Sacramento City Councilman. According to Yee, who is also

co-chair of the SASF Capital Building Campaign, the foundation has already received \$250,000 in hotel tax funding and \$600,000 from the State of California.

With two full-sized basketball courts, a weight room, banquet facilities, a full kitchen, classrooms and conference rooms, the 34,000 square-foot complex will host such activities as an annual basketball tournament and other youth and senior programs. It will also feature daycare, technology and study centers, and a library.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the SASF center is scheduled for March 5, 2002. ■

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COMMENTARY

Remembering Pearl Harbor

By CLYDE OWAN

Many have compared the attacks of Sept. 11 to the attack on Pearl Harbor. I remember Pearl Harbor.

I remember Pearl Harbor because I am the son, grandson and friend of Americans who were sent to America's concentration camps during World War II. My family and others of our race were used as scapegoats for the nation's grief and anger over the Dec. 7 attack.

In the aftermath of that attack, American citizens of Japanese ancestry were stereotyped and falsely linked to security threats. They were pronounced guilty because of their race, deprived of their rights and shipped to places with seemingly innocuous names like Poston, Manzanar, Heart Mountain and Topaz.

These destinations were desolate, surrounded by armed sentries and barbed wire. Japanese Americans did not live in a land of the free, but their young men, nonetheless, volunteered for battle and heroically combated the Axis powers.

For decades, Americans of my heritage fought to force the government to apologize and admit wrongdoing. For us, it has been paramount to educate others so that this wrong is never repeated.

I know Sept. 11 will be remembered as a day when the world changed. The attacks have left me numb. It's hard for me to comprehend the contempt for human life that the terrorists held.

At the same time, I am deeply troubled by the actions and attitudes of others in our country who compound this world tragedy by employing the same mindset of hatred in their attitudes toward and even violence against Arabs, Muslims and those they merely perceive as Arabs or Muslims. Even a European friend of mine whose skin is dark in complexion is fearful for his own safety and worried about his appearance.

If we truly believe that we are different from those with little regard for humanity, then our natural feelings of outrage and anger must be coupled with wisdom and moral courage. We can-

not regard ourselves as civilized if we acquiesce when the innocent are terrorized, threatened or harassed. We must be more than the sum of our fears. We must be defenders of tolerance, fairness and compassion.

The painful and tragic experiences that my family and others endured during WWII have been imprinted on my conscience. When I look at those who have encountered prejudice or hatred because of recent events, I see reflections of the experiences my parents and grandparents endured.

My family and others like them were presumed guilty on the basis of their race. They were not judged on their own actions or the content of their character. Instead, they became symbols of injustice when a strong nation turned weak and succumbed to fear, ignorance and hatred.

I remember Pearl Harbor. I hope you do too, so that our nation will be strong and just, and all its people free and secure. ■

Clyde Owan is a *Sansei* and president of the Oberlin Alumni Association.

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JAACL to Re-enact Japanese American World War II Evacuation

By April 30, 1942, about 1,160 Nikkei residents of Pajaro Valley in Santa Cruz, Calif., had been evacuated from their homes and taken to the Salinas Assembly Center, where they later joined over 120,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated in 10 concentration camps throughout the western United States.

As a tribute to those Nikkei residents and to those in the community who came forth in support by looking after homes and property, overseeing legal affairs, sending badly needed supplies and defending JA citizens as loyal and patriotic, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JAACL

announced it will host an historical re-enactment of the evacuation and is asking the public for financial assistance to sponsor this event, scheduled for April 27, 2002.

The re-enactment, called "Liberty Lost... Lessons in Loyalty," will begin at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Watsonville, where the evacuation originally took place, and end at the Mello Center. A reception for sponsors, supporters and participants at the Pajaro Valley Historical Association and YWCA will follow.

The budget for the project is estimated for \$31,000 and will cover expenses for building per-

mits, a chartered bus, costumes and props of the 1940s, a commemorative booklet, audio-visual equipment and the reception.

Names of organizations and individuals who donate \$100-\$5,000 will appear in the commemorative booklet.

An anonymous donor also offered a \$10,000 matching fund challenge. All contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to "JAACL Re-enactment Fund" and send to "Liberty Lost... Lessons in Loyalty," c/o Watsonville-Santa Cruz JAACL, P.O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077.

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Q&A with Art Shibayama, Former JLA WWII Internee

By KENNETH TANEMURA

Art Shibayama was only 13 years old when he and his family were kidnapped from their home in Peru and interned in a concentration camp in Crystal City, Texas, by the U.S. government during World War II.

Over 60 years later, his case before the U.S. Supreme Court — *Shibayama v. United States* — is seeking redress equity for Japanese Latin Americans who, unlike their Japanese American counterparts in 1988, did not receive the same apology or compensation for violations against their civil rights.

Members of the Campaign for Justice delegation to Washington, D.C., recently provided courtroom support during an oral argument hearing before federal claims Judge Marion Blank Horn. The judge's decision on whether the case has jurisdiction in a court is still pending.

Kenneth Tanemura: What memories do you have of camp?

Art Shibayama: It was a barbed wire concentration camp. But the good thing about it was that I got to eat at home. I have Nisei friends who were in other camps, and they tell me they ate with their friends in the mess halls. They never ate with their family. So that's one good thing. I lived in a barrack, like any camp. My wife was in Minidoka at the time.

K.T.: Why did your family move to New Jersey after the war?

A.S.: To get out of camp you had to have a sponsor. Most people who wanted to get out went to Seabrook Farms in New Jersey. It was the biggest packing plant in the United States. They would sponsor anybody Japanese Americans were there too. That's the reason we were let out a couple of years before they closed the camp. That's one of the reasons why they said I didn't qualify for redress. The cut-off day was the day they closed the camp. So there were Japanese Americans who didn't qualify either, if they were sent to Crystal City.

K.T.: Did you consider going back

to Peru?
A.S.: We wanted to go back to Peru. The Peruvian government wouldn't allow us to go back. They wanted to get rid of us. The government wanted to get rid of all the Japanese but they didn't have time to because the war ended. My grandparents were exchanged for POWs in Japan. But the Peruvian government didn't want us for economic reasons. Japanese were perceived as a threat to the economy. That's why they got rid of big Japanese businesses and community leaders first.

K.T.: Why did you choose to settle in Chicago?

A.S.: We had friends in Chicago. When we went to Seabrook, there were six of us kids and my mom was pregnant. My dad couldn't support the family because he had to pay extra income tax for being an "illegal alien." We couldn't get federal aid either for the same reason. So I never went to school, and I went to work at 15.

K.T.: Did you speak English at the time?

A.S.: Well, Japanese Peruvians went to Japanese school in camp. We didn't speak English, so we had a hard time communicating with the Nisei. Most of them didn't speak Japanese. My sister had all these books. I started studying [her] books and learning English. Also, there were five or six Japanese softball teams in Seabrook. The Crystal City guys had our own team and got in the league. We played against the *hakujin*. I was able to mingle with the JAs so I learned more English. I was on the only all-Peruvian team.

K.T.: In 1988, when JAs received their redress checks, there wasn't much information about Japanese Peruvians. Why?

A.S.: It wasn't publicized much in those days. The Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project started in 1991. A lot of JAs still don't know about it today. After the project was formed, we started going to colleges and events to speak, and that's how word got around. I went to Stanford, Berkeley, Canada College. About

200 people showed up each time.

K.T.: Karen Parker, the lead attorney in your case, said half the Japanese Peruvians were sent to Japan for hostage exchanges. Is this true?

A.S.: Eight hundred were sent to Japan after the war ended. They were exchanged for American prisoners. But they were free in Japan. Only a handful returned. The ones that came back married Nisei or married *hakujin* or whatever. It wasn't legal for them to return, the United States didn't want them. Japan was devastated after the war, and the Peruvians didn't want to stay but they couldn't come back.

K.T.: Did you almost get deported?

A.S.: In Chicago 1952, I was fighting deportation and got drafted into the Army at the same time. I joined the Army because I was fighting deportation.

K.T.: When you got drafted, in what capacity did you serve?

A.S.: I was in the medical branch. I did paperwork, handled medical supplies. We weren't in a detachment. We weren't in a company.

K.T.: How did you eventually obtain U.S. citizenship?

A.S.: In 1953, I went to Chicago immigration. I just got out of the service. I was still denied citizenship because I was denied legal

entry into the United States. There was no precedent to my claim. I had to wait until 1956, while they gathered records from various states. They told me to go to Canada to pick up my letter of legal entry. I went to Canada and brought the letter back to the INS in Chicago. They said I had to wait five years to get citizenship because it was the law. But in 1970 I moved to California and got together with other Japanese Peruvians. This one guy said he got his citizenship in November 1953. The same year, the same month I was denied. Another guy said he got permanent residency in 1954 and joined the Army. They waived the five-year waiting period for him. They wouldn't waive the waiting period for me. There was no reason. These guys didn't leave the country. The INS sent me to Canada, it doesn't make sense.

K.T.: Do you consider yourself to be a Japanese American?

A.S.: I am a Japanese American because I'm a citizen. I've been here for 56 years.

K.T.: When did you start making appeals for redress?

A.S.: From the beginnings of redress, I was denied. I made three or four appeals, all denied. This lawsuit is the first I've brought. I dropped out of the *Mochizuki* settlement because the apology let-

ter didn't say anything about kidnapping us. Seventeen of us opted out of the *Mochizuki* settlement. The rest signed that settlement, and some of the others got \$20,000. My mother and one sister received \$20,000. I was never told why I didn't. The INS said they couldn't discuss it.

K.T.: How did the documentary "The Hidden Internment" get started?

A.S.: It was funded by a grant from the state. Quite a bit of it is about me. It's not done filming. It'll be done in November and premiere in Crystal City. They're having a spinach festival there, so there'll be a lot of people. Casey Peak, the filmmaker, is trying to get more grants to show it on PBS.

K.T.: What was the Campaign for Justice delegation doing in D.C. for a week after the hearings?

A.S.: We lobbied for the Becerra bill. (The Wartime Party and Justice Act of 2001 involves getting funds for public educational programming.)

K.T.: What's happening with that bill?

A.S.: Daniel Inouye is going to drop the bill in the Senate and Becerra is going to drop it in the House. The Senate is more powerful, but it would be stronger if it passed in both the House and the Senate. ■

Senate to Hold Hearing on JLA Redress Bill

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the landmark legislation that promises justice for Japanese Latin Americans who were wrongfully imprisoned in the United States during World War II, announced the Campaign for Justice.

The legislation, Senate Bill 1237, was introduced by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, in July and is the companion bill to HR 619, which was introduced in the House in February by Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-California. "Education is the key to defeat-

ing bigotry and hate, and one of the most powerful provisions in this bill is the education funding," said Becerra. "This hearing is an important step toward making this bill into law. The acts of hate violence and prejudice directed at Americans of Arab and Muslim background after September 11th sadly reminds this nation of the massive violation of the rights of Americans and Latin Americans of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor."

SB 1237 proposes to do the following:

- provide \$45 million in public

education funding to fulfill Congress' promise in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (\$50 million was the original commitment, but only \$5 million was ever funded)

- fix technical errors in the CLA that resulted in denial of redress for Japanese Americans
- give redress equity to JLAS whom the U.S. government brought by force to this country and imprisoned

Campaign for Justice (CFJ), the group spearheading the cur-

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Rep. Honda Pushes for Federalization of Airline Security

U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, joined Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., members of Congress and pilots and flight attendants across the country Oct. 31 in support of a bill to put federal law enforcement officers in charge of airport and airline security.

"Overhauling our aviation security system is not a local issue, nor should it be a political issue. It is a national security issue and Congress has a clear duty to act by putting trained federal law enforcement officers in charge of airline security," said Honda, a member of the House Aviation Subcommittee. "September 11 should serve as a huge wake-up call for all of us that the status quo is no longer acceptable when it comes to protecting the safety of the traveling public."

The bipartisan plan supported by Honda would mandate that all checked baggage be screened by explosive detection equipment. It

would also require all airport personnel to submit to background checks and the screening of all persons, vehicles and equipment, including catering and other companies, entering secure areas.

The Senate has already passed a bill by a vote of 100-0 that calls for federalization of airport security screeners nationwide. The House took up the airline security legislation on Nov. 1.

Experts say that contracting security services from the lowest bidder has created a workforce that suffers from high turnover, low pay and low morale.

The General Accounting Office and the Transportation Department Inspector General have pointed out that privately-run security screening continues to fail to catch potentially threatening objects.

Under the new plan, Honda said, federal screeners could be better recruited, retained and removed from their jobs if they fail

to perform their duties.

"Hundreds of thousands of Americans still face the economic disaster of losing their jobs because the American public has little confidence in aviation security," Honda said. "Until Congress acts to restore public confidence by federalizing and professionalizing security personnel in our airports by increasing pay, training, accountability, many workers will face more layoffs and pay cuts." ■

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rent legislative effort, is making an urgent appeal for donations to help fund those needed to testify at the upcoming Senate hearing.

"This is a critical opportunity for the Senators to hear the voices of former internees," said Grace Shimizu, organizer of CFJ and director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project. "Without funds, that won't happen."

"We are a grassroots group with a shoestring budget," said Richard Katsuda, founding member of CFJ and co-chair of Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR), formerly the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations, which had a major role in the passage of the CLA of 1988.

"It would be tragic if this bill died because we couldn't afford to get people to Congress for this important hearing," Katsuda said.

"As a community which knows firsthand the dangers of ignorance and prejudice, we must respond to this call for support," added JACL National Vice President of Membership Gary Mayeda.

Fred Okrand, legal director emeritus of the ACLU of Southern California and another founding member of CFJ, stressed, "The time to act is now. The time to give is now. This legislation is sorely needed. It would fulfill the promises of the Civil Liberties Act as to the Japanese Americans and recognize that equal treatment should be accorded the Japanese Latin Americans whose greater loss — actual deprivation of country — is an injustice that cries out for remedy."

To make a donation, checks can be made payable to "Campaign for Justice" and sent to: P.O. Box 1384, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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To volunteer, call Richard Katsuda at 323/664-0323 or contact NCR at rstoma@earthlink.net or jpohp@prodigy.net. ■

Oregon Nikkei Endowment Seeks Support for JA Historical Plaza

The Oregon Nikkei Endowment (ONE) announced it will renew a fund-raising campaign to support the ongoing upkeep of the Japanese American Historical Plaza in Portland.

ONE is attempting to raise \$100,000 to go towards the continued maintenance of the plaza by selling the remaining inventory of its book, "Touching the Stones," a literary and photographic chronicle of Nikkei in Oregon, edited by George Katagiri and Mark Sherman.

"Touching the Stones" tells the story of Japanese Americans in Oregon through skillfully selected photographs and text, assembled in an impressively beautiful volume," said former Denver Post editorial page editor Bill Hosokawa (*Pacific Citizen*, August 1995).

A review in the *Oregonian* (July 15, 1995) said the book "uses the

simple, subtle slabs of the Japanese American Historical Plaza in Waterfront Park as touchstones to tell the story of strangers in a strange land. The coffee-table book is graphically beautiful and emotionally powerful, using photos, haikus and excerpts from diaries, memoirs and novels to chart the history of Japanese immigrants in Oregon."

The plaza consists of 13 granite stones, designed by renowned landscape architect Robert Murase. The late Bill Naito was the driving force behind the construction of the memorial and the publication of the book.

To make a donation or to purchase a copy of "Touching the Stones," contact Nobuko Masuoka at 503/236-9623, 5504 E. Burnside, Portland, OR 97215. Prices are \$25 for the hardcover version and \$15 for the softcover. Mailing costs are an additional \$5.20 per book. ■

Community Celebrates Mineta Birthday



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORMAN MINETA—(From left): Sam Chu Lin, Randy Okamura, Norman Mineta, Reiko Iwanaga, Judy Chu Lin and Joyce Iwasaki. Missing are Amor Santiago, executive director and CEO of AACI and Hung Le Dang. Robert Handa was co-emcee.

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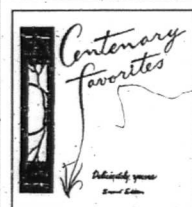
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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akagi, Hisano, 104, Torrance, Aug. 29; Hiroshima-born; survived by son, Heromu (Jean) Akagi, 3 g.; and 3 ggc.

Ando, Kazuko, 83, Los Angeles, Aug. 29; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by sons, Dr. Ken (Beatrice), Richard (Helen) and Dr. Steven (Amy); daughters, Dr. Kathryn Ando and Margaret (Stan) Tamita; brothers, Takazo (Sayoko) Ogushi and Hisakazu (Osaki) Ogushi; sisters, Misako Ogushi and Sumiko Kohama; 9 g.; and 2 ggc.

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. Text is limited to what appears in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$14 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.

Haramoto, George K., 82, Gardena, Sept. 15; Utah-born Nisei, WWII, 442 RCT "B" Company sergeant, survived by wife, Mary; sons, Danny (Dorben) and Bruce (Nancy); daughter, Jeanne (Kai) Lee; sister, Judy (Tad) Shirahama; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Watanabe, Dorothy (Tetsuo) Asato, Helen Tomonaga, Lilly and Rhoda Haramoto; 3 g.; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Hirata, Henry Hiroji, 87, Walnut Creek, Aug. 24; San Luis Obispo-born Nisei; survived by son, Thomas (Jean); daughter, Nancy (Ron) Sevier; 4 g.; and other relatives.

Imura, Harry S., 74, Houston, Texas, Sept. 14; survived by wife, Grace; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Inouye, Harumi, 83, Gardena, Sept. 4; survived by daughter, May (Richard) Kojima; son, Michael (Linda); 6 g.; and 5 ggc. Predeceased by husband, Charles.

Ishizaki, Koichi, 79, San Francisco, Sept. 5; Menlo Park-born; survived by wife, Takako; sons, Gregory and Edward (Cynthia); daughter, Audrey (Dwight) Brown; brother, Joe (Pat); and 3 g.

Ishizawa, Yoshiko, Berkeley, Aug. 23; survived by husband, Minoru; and daughter, Sandra Honda.

Kamiyama, Keiji, 102, Aug. 23; Wakayama-born Issei; survived by wife, Masako; daughters, Jane Kamiyama, Alice (Chung-Kwan) Ha and Marion (Isao) Osato; son, Ed (Sue); and 7 g.

Kato, Yoshio J., 80, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; survived by wife, Yachio; sons, Steven and Ron (Elsie); brother, George Fujimori and Saka Fujimori; sisters-in-law, Midow (Mike) Matsumoto and Mary Kato; 5 g.; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Kawashima, Miye, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 23; Sacramento-born; survived by daughters, Hideko (Ronnie) Hamamoto and Betty Ann (Chet Lewis) Honda; brother-in-law, Jiro (Sakio) Kawashima; sister-in-law, Taneko Ogawa; 5 g.; 3 ggc.

Kimura, Hank, 83, San Rafael, Nov. 1; Colorado-born; survived by sons, Skip and Tony; daughter, Keija; sisters, Marge Ota, Ike Goto and Nobuko Kimura; 4 g.; and many nieces and nephews.

Kinoshita, Sumie, 81, Torrance, Sept. 11; survived by sons, Raymond (Nancy) and Glenn (Shirley); daughter, Susan Kawamoto; 3 g.; and many other relatives.

Masatani, Kazuyo, 71, Torrance, Aug. 30; Terminal Island-born; survived by husband, Kunjo; sons, Tsumehiro (Letty), John (Bless), Roy (Daniela) and Leo (Laura); daughter, Linda (Jeffrey) Way; brothers, Ikuo (Tsugie) Maeda and Masao (Kimiko) Maeda; sister-in-law, Itsuko Egawa; 14 g.; 1 ggc.; nephews, nieces and many other relatives.

Matsumoto, Masami, 78, Gardena, Sept. 11; Palms-born Nisei; survived by wife, Rose; daughters, Kristine (Mark) Bettger, Jeanie (Ron) Oshima, Yoko (Jim)

McMillin and Linda (John) Campa; sons, Michael (Carolyn) Komai, Ted (Judy) Kotake and Paul (Diane) brothers, Isamu (Kinuko), Ben and Roy (Yumi); 14 g.; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Nakagiri, Tadao Henry, 82, Culver City, Sept. 8; Beverly Hills-born Nisei; survived by wife, Florence; sons, Glenn (Christine Hitomi), Ronnie and Don; daughter, Joan (Brian) York; brothers, Shigemi (Donna), Masaaki (Mary) and Masaru (Irene); sisters, Yaiko Ishioka, Jane Waki, Betty (Hiroshi) Kato, Margie (Mitsuru) Morikawa, Jane Shintani and June (Jim) Akio; sisters-in-law, Hisaye Nakagiri and Haruko (Bob) Chan; brothers-in-law, Hiroshi (Namiko) and Henry (Irene) Sahara; 3 g.; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Nakajima, Jurni, 96, Torrance, Sept. 11; San Francisco-born; survived by wife, Irene; sisters, Fumi Oda, Ritsu (Byron) Arison and Violet Nakajima; sister-in-law, Dorothy Nakahara; brother-in-law, Howard (Jane) Toshiura; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Nakata, Harry S., 88, Aug. 24; Montebello-born; survived by wife, Tomiko; daughter, Evelyn (Stan) Kubo; son, Sidney (Lisa); brother, Yoshio; 4 g.; 1 ggc.; and nephews and nieces.

Nakayama, Masako, 92, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Kyoto-born; survived by sons, Takeshi (Patricia), Tetsuo, Tomoki and Makoto (Lily); daughters, Yoshiko (Wally) Fong, Kikuko Nakayama and Michyo Nakayama; sister-in-law, Chizuko Kariya; 6 g.; 3 ggc.; and many other relatives.

Nishimori, Jinobu, 83, Camarillo, Aug. 23; Gardena-born Nisei; survived by wife, Hatsumi; sons, Roy, Wayne, David (Nancy), Dr. Kevin (Jean) and Jon (Janice); brothers, Nobuo (Chiyoko) and Minobu (Chiyoko); brothers-in-law, Ito (Fujiye) Yamauchi and Masayoshi (Toshiko) Tomooka; sister-in-law, Teru Namba; 10 g.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Oganeku, Shig T., 71, Gardena, Sept. 15; Fresno-born Nisei; survived by wife, Kathleen; son, Jon (Erin); daughter, Kim (Gerry) Yoshida; sister, Yoko Higashi; many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Otsuki, Tamae, 86, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; Okayama-Ken-born Issei; survived by sons, Tony (Kiyoko) and Koji (Setsuko); daughters, Shigemi (Eddie) Sanders and Setsuko (Yo) Enomoto; brother, Masaru Fujita; sisters, Yoshie Ogura and Sadame Ikeda; and 8 g.

Saito, Rose K., 87, Sept. 15; survived by her family, Philip Kobashi, Sr.; Gregory (Susan), Darlene (Leonard) Krushier, Julie (Kostas) Kobaygiannis; brothers, Art (Carol) Mokrysa, Isao (Merrily) Kobashi and Richard (Linda) Kobashi; 6 g.; many nieces and nephews.

Sakurai, Tom Toshiaki, 80, Canoga Park, Sept. 11; Seattle-born Nisei; survived by son, Rex; daughters, Regina and Mary (James) Parodi; sisters, Grace Saka and Chiyo Sakurai; and many nephews and nieces.

Shiba, Jim Yoshio, 82, N. Hollywood, Sept. 13; Idaho-born; survived by wife, Dorothy; daughter, Jean (Casey) Taguchi; son, Steven, D.D.S.; brother, Tom (Esther); sister, Tomoko Sugiyama; 1 g.; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Shitakubo, Roy Teruo, 69, Gardena, Sept. 16; Hollywood-born; survived by wife, Jennie; daughters, Karen (Fred) Matsuyama and Lori (Tak) Ishikawa; brother, Glenn (Eiko) Shimokubo; 2 g.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Suetsugu, Frank Seiji, 77, Northridge, Sept. 9; Long Beach-born; survived by wife, Fumiko; son, Hal (Linda); daughter, Sandy

(Jeff) Mitsch; sister, Helen (Duke) Mizota; brothers-in-law, George Imaizumi and William Kubota; and 2 g.

Sumi, Tsutomu Tony, 91, Los Angeles, Sept. 1; Totter-Ken, Japan-born; survived by wife, Hideko; son, Roy; daughter, Christine (Dr. Masashi) Uru; sister-in-law, Nobuko Saiki; 4 g.; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Takahashi, Kimiyo, Hawthorne-born Nisei; survived by sons, Ronald (Rosanne), Leonard (Wendy) and Kenneth (Diane) Takahashi; daughter, Jill (Jason) Saito; brother, Gary (Cheri) Hayakawa; sisters, Chiyoko (George) Masumoto, Sally Matsumoto and Itsuko (Edward) Kubo; brother-in-law, Toshio (Tetsuko) Takahashi; sisters-in-law, Chizuko Arnkawa and Teruko Takahashi; and 6 g.

Takahashi, Shunpei, Los Angeles, Tokyo-born Issei; survived by wife, Toshi; son, Toshi; daughter, Mari (Gary) Sakaguchi; sister, Hamako (Jiro) Okazaki; 2 g.; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Takata, Albert Shinichi, 85, San Francisco-born; survived by sons, Robert (Jane) and David (Lisa); daughters, Eleanor (Massa) Watanabe and Margaret (Michael) Winkelman; brother, William; sisters, Frances Okazaki and Marjorie Yamasaki; and 5 g.

Takata, Rosella, 67, born in Lorain, Ohio; survived by husband, Sachio; sons, Kenneth and Robert; and sister, Mary Jane Thomason.

Taniguchi, Sumio, 70, Palm Desert, Sept. 15; Santa Maria-born Nisei; survived by wife, Lois; daughter, Jane (Michael) Lebbin; sons, Ron (Rebekah), Mark and Rick (Mariellen); brother Mitsuo (Yuri); sister, Michiko (Toshi) Nishino; 3 g.; many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Tateoka, Vivienne Nobuyo, 57, Monterey Park, Aug. 29; Manzanar-born; survived by wife, Hideko; uncle, Mickey (Kay) Mikuraya; aunt, Yoneko Mikuraya and Chieko Sumida; and many cousins and other relatives.

Ujihisa, Keiko, 63, Anaheim; Fukushima, Japan-born Issei; survived by husband, Satoshi; son, Cyrus (Cindy); daughters, Amy (Craig) Borden, Carol and Dora Ujiye; brothers, Ryochi (Toku) and Ryohko (Kinuko) Takami; sisters, Hiroshi Shimizu, Masako Ujiye, Yoshiko Mikami and Shizuko Takami; brother-in-law, Akira (Shigeko) Ujiye; sisters-in-law, Miki (Takeshi) Ujiye, Tsuruko Takeuchi and Ritsuko (Tomochi) Yanase; 4 g.; and many nieces and nephews.

Ushijima, Fumie, 73, S. Pasadena, Sept. 2; Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by sisters, Kimie Ege, Toshiko (Yasuo) Shishido, Yaeko (Shigeo) Kato and Sakae (Roy) Ogawa; brothers, Tadashi (Sue) Sato, Ray Sato, George Sato, Yoshiharu (Linda) Sato and Clarence Sato; brother-in-law, George Miyasaki; and many nieces, nephews and relatives.

Yamaguchi, Tokiye Akune, 87, Malibu, Sept. 20; Woodland-born Nisei; survived by son, Hi-toshi; daughters, Eiko (Hisashi) Mori and Matsuko McKellar; 2 g.; 3 ggc.; and 1 nephew.

Yamamoto, Fumiko, 75, Los Angeles, Sept. 16; Pocatello, Idaho-born Nisei; survived by daughter, Dorothy (Guy) Sakamoto; 3 g.; and other relatives.

Yanamoto, Richard "Bozo", 61, Los Angeles-born, Sept. 2; survived by sisters, Jessie (Roy) Osaka, Miyeko Oki and Joy Masuda; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Yoshida, Shigeko, 87, Gardena, Aug. 28; Kyoto, Japan-born Issei; survived by sons, Hajime, Toshiro (Anita), Nobuyoshi (Betty) and Dr. David (Robin); daughters, Ikuo Yuge, Minoru (Makoto) Oike and Kyoko (Sam) Hashimoto; brother, Kinzo (Hisae) Inoue; sister, Ichi Inoue; sisters-in-law, Kimi (Iwa) Mukuno, Haruko Saito and Kenko Hada; 18 g.; 7 ggc.; and many other relatives.

OBITUARIES

Toko Fujii, Sacramento Leader, Passes Away at 81

Toko Fujii, a leading figure in JACL and the Sacramento community, passed away Nov. 8 from complications from a head injury suffered in a fall. He was 81.

Fujii has been a continuous Sacramento JACL chapter member since 1942.

"He joined JACL in 1942, when we were at the lowest point, and he stuck with it through camp, in Salt Lake City and when he came back to Sacramento" said Richard Ikeda, chapter president. "He was deeply involved in JACL."

Fujii was born in Stockton, Calif., the son of Midori Uyeno and Ninji Fujii. Prior to the outbreak of World War II, his family ran the now-defunct Sun Hotel in Sacramento.

During the war, he and his family were incarcerated at Tule Lake where he met his future wife, Sayoko Akune. The two married in Salt Lake City, Utah, following their release from camp in 1943. In Utah, Fujii enrolled at the University of Utah as a business major.

The couple returned to Sacramento and helped Fujii's parents run the Sun Hotel. But the family was forced to close when the city embarked on a major redevelopment project in 1958 that decimated 15 blocks of Sacramento's Japantown.

He then worked as a real estate agent, insurance broker, bowling alley manager and trophy shop owner. He was also the public relations liaison in Sacramento for Union Bank.

In 1957, Fujii became the Sacramento chapter president. He was instrumental in starting the JACL basketball program, JACL youth baseball program,

Buddhist basketball league and the Northern California Nisei Athletic Union.

During the years, he also expanded the chapter's picnic advertising booklet and raffie into the chapter's biggest fundraiser.

Most recently, Fujii spearheaded the publication of the chapter-sponsored book, "Changing Dreams and Treasured Memories: The Story of Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Region," authored by Wayne Maeda, a professor at California State University, Sacramento.

Maeda, who has known Fujii for more than 25 years, said, "He was committed to the Japanese American community, he gave back with his time and efforts to make the community more visible, and he was a consummate fundraiser."

Earlier this year, Fujii spearheaded the resurrection of the showing of "A Farewell to Manzanar," which had not been shown in more than 30 years. The event was so successful that they had to turn away more than 200 people from a 1,000-seat theater.

Ikeda said Fujii was the "spark plug, the backbone of the local chapter," who not only acted as a bridge between the older and younger JA generations, but also between the JA and greater community. He noted that Fujii always made sure the chapter newsletter went out, and dropped in at the chapter office "to make sure the volunteers were well fed and happy."

At the Reno Tri-District this year, Fujii was honored by the NCWNP District.

He is survived by his wife, Sayoko; sons, Scott and Roger; daughter, Terry Fujii Kornelley; sister, Chizue Ito; and three grandchildren. Services will be held Friday, Nov. 16, from 2 p.m. at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. ■

Hawaii Writer Allan Beekman, 88, Dies

Writer and Pacific Citizen contributor Allan E. Beekman, 88, of Honolulu, passed away on Oct. 29.

Born in Utica, N.Y., on Jan. 16, 1913, Beekman moved to Hawaii in 1935 at the age of 22. He was first married to Faith Morita, with whom he had two daughters, Patricia Beekman, of Japan, and Constance Itagaki, of Honolulu. He later married Take Okawa, with whom he had a son, Bruce Beekman, of Honolulu.

With a lifelong interest in Japan and those of Japanese ancestry living in Hawaii, Beekman wrote prolifically about such topics as the bombing of Pearl Harbor and World War II. Two of his books based on those events are "The Niiharu Incident" and "Crisis." He was fluent in both spoken and written Japanese.

Beekman also collaborated with Okawa on several written works, including the short story "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun," featured in "Hawaiian Tales," which tells of the fatal shelling during the Pearl Harbor attack of Hawaii Chuo Gakuin, a Japanese language school located in Foster Botanic Garden. A commemorative plaque now stands at the site.

For 40 years, Beekman served as the Hawaii correspondent for the P.C. and for eight years penned a regular column. He had been a member of San Diego JACL since the 1960s, back when there was no Honolulu chapter.

Besides his children, Beekman leaves three grandchildren: Don

Sniegowski, of Salt Lake City; Michael Itagaki, of Urbana, Ill.; and Caprice Itagaki, of Spain. ■

DEATH NOTICE

TOMOYE "TOMMY" TSUKAMOTO

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Berkeley native Tomoye Tsukamoto, 94, passed away peacefully on Oct. 9. Wife of the late Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto. She is survived by her loving children, sons Richard (Betty), Donald and David (Mary); daughters Doris (Charles) Kobayashi and Diane (Nick) Vassallo; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Private memorial services and private inurnment have been arranged. Donations may be made in Tomoye's memory to the National JACL, 1765 Street St., San Francisco, CA 94115, Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Venable St., El Cerrito, CA 94530 or your favorite charity.



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The Gates Millennium Scholars Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education or library science.

The JACL serves on the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Advisory Committee for the Gates

Millennium Scholars Program and works closely with the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), the partner for administering the GMSP awards for the APIA scholars.

OCA is coordinating outreach information sessions for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program during the months of November, December and early January. These sessions will focus on providing information on how to apply for the scholarship and general information on FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

For further information about the APIA component of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program or about the program itself, please visit www.gmstp.org or contact OCA by writing to OCA, Gates Millennium Scholars, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Ste. 601, Washington, D.C. 20036; call 202/530-8894 or toll free 866/274-4677; fax 202/530-0643; or e-mail to gmstp@ocanet.org.

Manzanar Historic Site Announces Open Contract for Construction Project

The National Park Service, Department of Interior, is soliciting proposals from construction firms to perform restoration work on the historic Manzanar High School Auditorium. The work includes rehabilitation of the existing structure; upgrades to the architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical building systems; removal and disposal of existing wood window sash; installation of new government-furnished wood windows to match the existing windows; site work and grading, including asphalt parking lot, concrete flatwork and site lighting.

A negotiated firm-fixed price contract will be awarded after reviewing technical and price proposals. Construction is anticipated to begin early next year.

Manzanar National Historic Site was established by Congress in 1992 to tell the stories of the relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II. This project will adaptively restore the 1944 auditorium to become the Interpretive Center and Park headquarters. Design and develop-

ment of the exhibits and a 15-minute introductory movie are on track and currently under review.

The project is located at the Manzanar Auditorium Building, Highway 395, approximately six miles south of the town of Independence in Inyo County, Calif. For information, please visit the Department of Interior's National Business Center (NBC) Website at <http://deasec.nbc.gov>. Paper copies of this solicitation are not available.

Prospective contractors desiring to conduct business with the Department of Interior are requested to register at the National Business Center. The construction magnitude of this project is \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The time for completion of this project is 450 calendar days after issuance of the notice to proceed.

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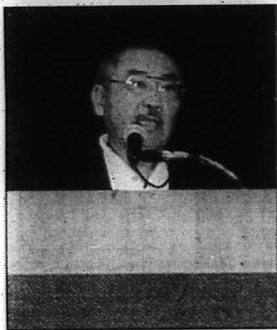
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Cypress College Hosts Panel on Racism



A forum on "Racism and National Security" was held at Cypress College in Orange County, Calif. recently. The forum focused on the treatment of ethnic minorities in wartime, from Japanese Americans in World War II to Muslims and Arab Americans today.

Pictured is John Saito, former PSWD regional director, who spoke at the event that also included panelists Ron Wakabayashi, regional director, Department of Justice, Chris Tan, ACLU attorney, Michel Shehadeh, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and Salam Al-Marayati, Muslim Public Affairs Council.

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