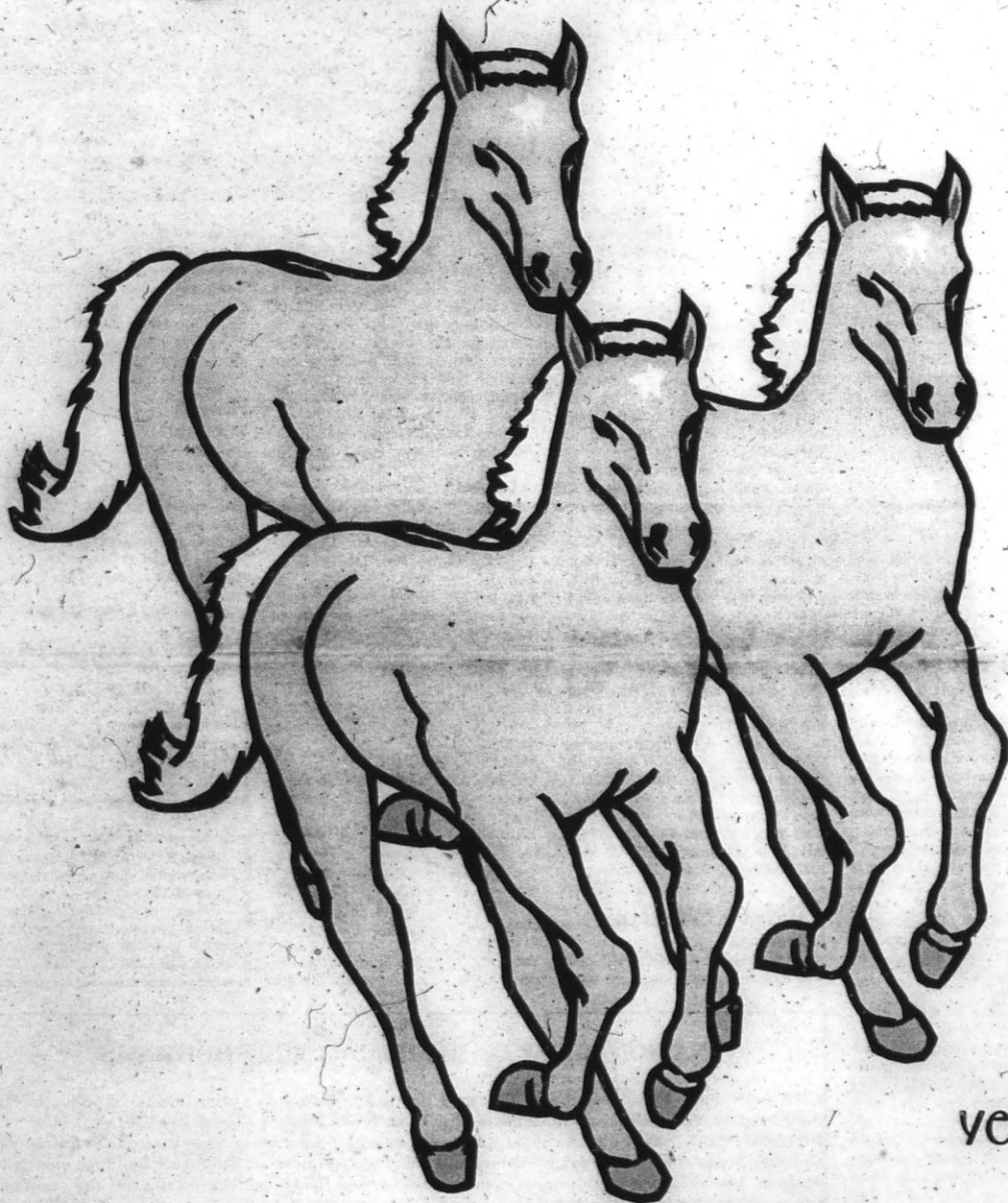


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JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast NEW YORK

Thurs., Jan. 24—Japan Society panel discussion: "Racial Tolerance in Times of Crisis: The Japanese American and Arab American Experiences"; 6:30-8 p.m.; Japan Society, 333 E. 47th St.; sponsored by JACL, Columbia University and the Arab American Institute. Tickets at the door, or call 212/752-3015.

PHILADELPHIA

Through May 26—Exhibit, "Hands On: Japanese Craft and Design of the 20th Century"; Philadelphia Museum of Art; featuring furniture, lighting, lacquer, textiles and ceramics. Info: 215/684-7364.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., Jan. 19—Washington, D.C., JACL installation dinner; 5:30 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda.

Fri.-Tues., April 12-16—JACL/OCA Leadership Program; **Applications due by Feb. 11.** Forms and info: Kristine Minami, 202/223-1240; fax 202/296-8082; e-mail: dc@jacl.org.

The Midwest DAYTON, Ohio

Sun., Jan. 20—Cincinnati and Dayton JACL installation dinner; Tomato's Banquet Center, 110 N. Main St.; keynote speaker, author Frank Wu.

MILWAUKEE

Sun., Jan. 27—Wisconsin JACL inaugural banquet; 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon luncheon; Klemmer's Banquet Center, 10401 W. Oldham Ave. Info: Sherri Fujihira, 414/423-1408; Sandy Van Engel, 262/242-3628; Margaret Igowsky, 414/643-5999.

Pacific Northwest PORTLAND

Sun., Jan. 20—JACL oshogatsu party; 5 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church.

Sun., Jan. 27—Mochitsuki 2002; 1:30-4 p.m., Portland State University, Smith Memorial Center Ballroom; story-telling by Robert Kikuchi-Yngogo; Japanese dance by Sahomi Tachibana; taiko by Tanuki and Portland Taiko; sponsored by JACL, PSU, ONLC and Portland Taiko. Tickets: 503/725-3307.

SEATTLE

Thurs., Jan. 24—Panel discussion: "Superflat Pop Culture + Art + Anime"; 2 p.m.; University of Washington Henry Auditorium; co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan; clips of key Japanese anime will be shown along with discussion. Info: 206/682-9107 ext. 134, www.henryart.org.

Sat., Jan. 26—Free video showing of Japanese anime film, "Castle of Cagliostro," directed by Hayao Miyazaki; University of Washington Henry Auditorium; co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan. Info: 206/682-9107 ext. 134, www.henryart.org.

Sat., Jan. 26—Seattle JACL 80th installation banquet; 5:30 p.m.; DoubleTree in SeaTac, 188th & International Blvd.; keynote speaker Byron Noriyoshi Kuniwasa, president and CEO of Cultural Solutions, Inc. Info: May Namba, 206/784-3824.

Through February—Exhibit, "If Tired Hands Could Talk: Stories of Asian Garment Workers"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. South. Free with museum admission. Info: 206/623-5124 ext. 114.

Northern California ALAMEDA

Sat., Jan. 26—Forum, "Nikkei Ball Leagues and the Game," by Dr. Rebecca Chiyoko Kinkaid, author of "Beauty Pageants, Baseball and Being Japanese American"; 9 a.m. registration; presented at the Northern California Japanese Christian Church Federation annual meeting, Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 2311 Buena Vista Ave. Lunch included in registration fee. Info: Roger Morimoto, 650/948-6806.

BAY AREA

Sun., Feb. 3—Nikkei Widowed Group's monthly meeting; new members, both men and women, are welcome. Info: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

CAPITOLA

Fri., Jan. 18—Teacher training workshop; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 809-H Bay Ave.; keynote speakers: author-historian Sandy Lydon, author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, Medal of Free-

dom recipient Fred Korematsu. Info: Mas Hashimoto, 831/722-6859, hash79@earthlink.net.

LODI

Sun., Jan. 20—Lodi and Stockton JACL installation dinner; 5-8 p.m.; Omega Restaurant, 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.
Through February—Georgiana White display at the Lodi Library: documents, photos, and archives from CSUS JA Archival Collection; also free documentary screenings: "A Family Gathering," "Days of Waiting," "Honor Bound," "Uncommon Courage," "Conscience and the Constitution," "A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi v. United States." Times and locations: Robin Knowlton, Lodi Arts Commission, 209/368-8269.

MONTEREY

Fri., Jan. 25—Monterey Peninsula and Salinas JACL installation dinner; 6 p.m.; Embassy Suites Hotel; keynote speaker John Tateishi.

SACRAMENTO

Sat., Jan. 26—Exhibit opening, "Henry Sugimoto: Painting an American Experience"; 6:30 p.m. reception; Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: 916/264-5423. Exhibit runs through March 24.

Through Feb. 3—Play, "Leilani's Hibiscus," by Jon Shirota; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays; InterACT Theatre, 2809 T St. Tickets and info: 916/452-6174, www.iactripod.com.

Through March 3—Exhibit, "Traditions Through Craft: Japanese Culture in California"; Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m.; Golden State Museum, 1020 O St. Info: 916/653-7524, www.goldenstatemuseum.org.

SAN FRANCISCO

Through May 4—Exhibit, "Bridges," works by contemporary Korean American and Japanese American women artists; National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St. Info: 415/921-5007; www.njahs.org.

SAN MATEO

Sat., Jan. 26—San Mateo JACL installation dinner; 6 p.m. cocktails, 6:45 p.m. dinner; South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd.; recognizing Naomi Patridge, former mayor of Half Moon Bay; keynote speaker: Cressey Nakagawa. RSVP and info: 650/593-7358 or 650/574-2641.

Sun., Jan. 27—Sunday matinee movie, "Makioa Sisters" (Sasami Yuki), in color with English subtitles; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont. Info: 650/343-2793.

WATSONVILLE

Sat., April 27—A re-enactment of the WWII Japanese American internment by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL: "Liberty Lost...Lessons in Loyalty"; Vet's Memorial Hall and Mello Center. Volunteers, actors and donations wanted. Info: Mas Hashimoto, 831/722-6859, hash79@earthlink.net, or www.jacl.org.

Southern California BUENA PARK

Sat., Jan. 19—SELANOCO JACL 36th anniversary installation luncheon,

11:30 a.m. social, 12 noon lunch; U.S. Armada Club, 7025 Firestone Blvd.; keynote speaker: U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Nakazato. Info: 714/220-1549.

HOLTVILLE

Sat., March 2—Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion; 5:30 p.m. registration, 6:30 dinner; Barbara Worth Resort and Convention Center. **RSVP by Feb. 1:** \$25 per person to Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion, c/o Tim Asamen, P.O. Box 428, Westmoreland, CA 92281. For charter bus from Los Angeles-Gardena, call Nancy Matsuda, 323/888-9922.

LOS ANGELES

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 19-20—West Coast folk dance premier: "21st Century Hisho-Flying Across the Pacific" by Warabi-za ensemble from Japan; Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. performance, 5-7 p.m. workshop. Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets and info: 213/680-3700.

Sun., Jan. 20—Book discussion and signing: "My Country Versus Me" by Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee, with journalist Helen Zia; 1 p.m.; UCLA James West Alumni Center, 325 Westwood Plaza. Info: UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 310/825-2974.

Sat., Jan. 26—Panel discussion: "Civil Liberties and the Need for National Security: Does One Negate the Other?"; 2-4 p.m.; JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; presented by Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCCRR). Info: 213/680-3484.

Tues., Feb. 5—Art talk: Chinese Wood Panels from the Qing Dynasty; 5:30 p.m.; Dan Gallery, 7966 Melrose Ave.; 200 Bonsai trees also have been placed in and around the exhibit, which runs through Feb. 28. Info: 323/782-0080.

Through Feb. 24—4th Annual Shikishi Exhibition: "Awakening"; JACCC, George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 So. San Pedro St. Info: Kym Aoki, 213/628-2725 ext. 112.

PASADENA

Sun., Jan. 20—Authors on Asia book-reading: "Tibetan Rescue" by Pam Logan; 2 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Robles Ave. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 20.

Sun., Jan. 27—Performance by Nepalese Tantric Buddhist dancer Prajwal Ratna Vajrachara; 4 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Robles Ave. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 31.

POMONA

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 2-3—Asian American Expo; L.A. County Fairplex. Info: Alan Kao, 626/280-8588.

REDONDO BEACH

Fri., Jan. 25—"AMP" Asian Metro Professional Mixer; 6 p.m.-2 a.m.; Legacy Restaurant and Piano Bar, 1701 S. Catalina Ave.; live acoustic music during happy hour, dance music by Creative Sounds, dress code, must be 21 or over. RSVP and info: 213/251-5050, e-mail happyhour@click2asia.com.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., Feb. 9—Riverside JACL installation luncheon; 12 noon; Chan's

Oriental Cuisine, 1445 University Ave.; Chinese buffet, prizes; honoring Satoshi "Mike" Mikami's 100th year. **RSVP by Feb. 2:** Junji Kumamoto, 34-0864.

THOUSAND OAKS

Sun., Feb. 3—Ventura County JACL installation luncheon; 12 noon-4 p.m.; Sunset Hills Country Club, 4155 Erbes Rd.; keynote speaker: author Naomi Hirahara. **RSVP by Jan. 25:** Info: Ange Chilcott, 805/492-0146; Chuck Kuniyoshi, 805/484-0676; Joanne Nakano, 818/991-0876.

TORRANCE

Tues., Jan. 29—Japan America Society New Year's reception; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Benihana Torrance, 21327 Hawthorne Blvd. **RSVP by Jan. 25:** 213/627-6217 ext. 202; fax 213/627-1353.

WEST COVINA

Sat., Jan. 26—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center installation dinner; 6 p.m.; California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. **RSVP:** 626/960-2566.

Arizona - Nevada LAS VEGAS

Wed.-Sun., June 26-30—National JACL Biennial Convention.

RENO

Sun., Jan. 20—Reno JACL installation potluck; 12 noon: Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St.

TEMPE

Sat., Feb. 2—Teacher workshop on use of the curriculum guide, plus speakers with interment camp experience; 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, luncheon included. Registration and info: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832 or Mike Steinberg, 480/929-0292 ext. 137.

Hawaii HONOLULU

Fri.-Sun., March 8-10—Eighth Annual Honolulu Festival; celebrating the arts and culture of Japan: Uozu Tatsumi Matsuri, Uneme Giant Taiko Matsuri, Takasaki Daruma Mikoshi, Akita Kantou Matsuri, street jazz from Sendai, Osaka pro wrestling, arts & crafts, music and dance, grand parade, fireworks, more. Info: 808/294-3328, www.honolulu-festival.org.

Correction

The notice of Mr. Michihiko Handa's passing (Obituary column, Nov. 2-15 issue, page 11) incorrectly listed his first name as Michiko.

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS

CHICAGO, Sun., Feb. 17—4-6 p.m.; Chicago Historical Society; author Studs Terkel will speak on "Civil Rights and the Media: A Response in Times of Crisis." Info: Sherri Fujihira, Chicago JACL, 414/423-1408.

FRESNO, Calif., Sat., Feb. 16—10:30 a.m. ceremony and recognition of Nisei veterans at Fresno Fair Grounds; bento lunch, films and workshops at Fresno State University Education Building; storyteller Megumi, koto demonstration, presentation by poet Lawson Inada; exhibits throughout the afternoon; program arranged by JACL Central California District chapters. Info: Bob Taniguchi, 209/383-5161.

LOS ANGELES, Sat., Feb. 16—2 p.m.; "1942 and 2001—Without Due Process: From Japanese American Internment to Arab American and Muslim American Detention"; Aratani Central Hall, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; presented by the JACL PSW district council, Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress, and JANM; reception follows. **RSVP:** JANM, 213/625-1414; Info: NCCRR, 213/680-3484, or JACL/PSWDC, 213/626-4471.

PHILADELPHIA, Sat., Feb. 16—2-4 p.m.; "From Cambodia to Philadelphia: One Story of an Escape to Freedom"; Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, 7th & Market Streets; speaker: Chiny Ky, Philadelphia School District Office of Language and Equity Issues; lecture, slides, discussion, refreshments. Free. Info: Joyce Horikawa, 856/427-9431, or Miiko Horikawa, 610/525-6620.

SAN MATEO, Calif., Sat., Jan. 26—"Day of Remembrance: Lessons for Today: 60th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066"; program in conjunction with the San Mateo JACL annual installation dinner (please see calendar notice above for details).

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 15-Feb. 22—School presentations at Golden State Museum, Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations for teachers: 916/653-3476.

FLORIN, Calif., Sat., March 2—Florin JACL program, including an oral history exhibit and literature table, 2-4 p.m. at the Florin Buddhist Church, 7235 Pritchard Rd.; also an historical exhibit at the YBA Hall at 2 p.m. on March 8. Info: Christine Umeda, chair, 916/427-2841.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sun., Feb. 17—2-4 p.m.; Washington, D.C., JACL program: film screening, "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights," the Fred Korematsu Story, followed by Sansei and Yonsei presenting information they have garnered via interviews with older JAs in "Passing on Our History to a New Generation"; George Washington University Marvin Center Amphitheater. Info: Craig Uchida, 301/438-3132. **Tues., Feb. 19**—3-5:30 p.m.; Panel discussion: "Americans Alienated: 9066 and 9/11"; Carmichael Auditorium of the American History Museum; followed by a reception; sponsored by JACL and the Smithsonian Institution's APA Studies Program; panelists: internee Karen Ebel; Dr. Chirimeev Kathuria, Sikh American; author Frank Wu. Free. Info: 202/223-1240.

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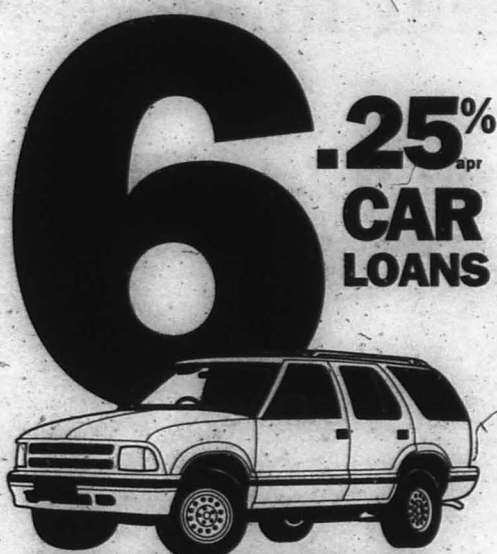
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A Bright Future

The past year brought with it certain undesirable events and resulting anguish to many in our nation and around the world. I am sure that many of you had some personal experiences that you would like not to have happened or friends and relatives who may have suffered in some personal or economic manner.



By
FLOYD MORI
 In times of stress and anguish, it is nice to have

Mori Memo JACL National President

those who are sensitive to our feelings and provide welcome comfort and hope for the future. As we embark upon this New Year, I am hoping that we as individuals and as an organization can remember the times when others gave us solace and hope. As we remember, may our thoughts turn into the same kind of actions toward others who are

in need at this time.

The War on Terrorism will bring with it some abuses of basic human and civil rights with which we must contend. But more importantly for us, it provides an opportunity to be supportive to those who have suffered injustices and to stand by their side in times of trial. It is our role to help those who have suffered, so they may maintain faith and hope in their choice to become Americans. We must continue to help build a better America for others.

We also face a great deal of organizational stress in JACL. Our membership was declining and financial problems were becoming acute, but this can be a time of opportunity to strengthen our organization both structurally and financially. Signs of resurgence are appearing, as we see for the first time in several years an increase in membership numbers. This attests to the strength and leadership in our many chapters. This also shows us that the younger generations feel the need to participate and, to some degree, "pay back" to the community some of the good of which they have been recipients.

Thank you to all members for

your support of JACL. We can all help the organization continue to grow and be effective by encouraging our families, friends, and associates to also become members of JACL.

Although the basic JACL mission is the same, it will be necessary to approach this millennium with new attitudes and a new organizational structure. We have begun looking at new ideas with the appointment of the Blue Ribbon Committee. This reform committee has given the national board several good ideas for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of JACL. It is my hope that you will support the implementation of some of the recommended reforms. These changes will be discussed and debated between now and the national JACL biennial convention this June in Las Vegas.

I submit that we have only great opportunities this coming year to improve ourselves, our families, and JACL. We have had some symptoms of sclerosis of the organization. However, a healthy dose of hard work and hope in the future will cure any potential for long-term chronic paralysis. We have a great year to look forward to. ■

COMMENTARY

Continuing Our Mission

By **JOHN TATEISHI**
 JACL Executive Director

Happy New Year to all of you, our JACL members and friends.

As we embark on a new year, invariably we reflect on the past year, and this past year in particular because 2001 was such a monumental year. None of us will ever forget that awful moment when we each learned about the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. And despite whatever else happened during 2001, this was the one event that stays with us and defines the year.

For JACL, the year in many ways was defined for us by our financial situation. 2001 was a year in which we struggled with our finances because we, like everyone else, were victims of a failing economy and weak market, besides which we saw the loss of some of our Nisei members, many of whom were our strongest supporters.

In response to our financial situation, National President Floyd Mori appointed a select Blue Ribbon



Committee, whose task it was to undertake an in-depth examination of the JACL and to make recommendations to reshape and redefine the organization. In short, the BRC's task was to suggest ways in which the JACL could more effectively continue its mission into the 21st century. The BRC's recommendations, when implemented, will provide a fresh look at the organization. Our goal was to change the way we do business so that we can continue to carry on the proud legacy of the organization.

It is a proud legacy, one that has contributed enormously to making life better for all of us. In 2001 alone, we continued to take principled stands on issues that are important to all of us.

For the first time in JACL's history, we opposed a president's nomination when we opposed the confirmation of John Ashcroft for U.S. attorney general because of his record against civil rights and racial equality. When the movie "Pearl Harbor" opened we reminded Americans about the Japanese American experience and the heroic contributions of the Nisei soldiers during World War II. The government, after a two year battle, agreed to JACL's demands to change the name of a mountain in Idaho from "Chink's

Peak" to "China Peak." The list of accomplishments and involvements in 2001 is long, but none more meaningful than our responses in September.

On Sept. 12th, the JACL was the first national organization to issue a public statement, as we cautioned the nation's leadership against inciting hysteria against the Muslim and Arab communities in this country. And we've taken positions against the administration's initiatives on military tribunals, against the prolonged detention of suspects, in support of the constitutional right of due process, and a position critical of the administration's attempt to subvert the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). At a time when criticism of the administration has been unpopular, we have criticized because we believe it is our obligation to do so lest we let happen to others what happened to us in 1942.

"We will continue to carry out our mission to ensure the civil and human rights of all Americans, but we need your continued support to do so. Your support and commitment in 2001 have been important to us, and your continued support is important as we fight for the rights of all Americans and forge new beginnings into the 21st century. ■

JACL Gravely Concerned With Subversion of FOIA

The JACL is gravely concerned with what appears to be an effort on the part of Attorney General John Ashcroft and the administration to undermine the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

While recognizing the need for accountability by government to the American public — the essential purpose of FOIA, which was created as a consequence of Watergate — the attorney general notes that the government, under the current administration, is also committed to "safeguarding our national security, enhancing the effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies, protecting sensitive business information and, not least, preserving personal privacy."

In and of itself, safeguarding such public interests is obviously important and expected of our

government. However, the attorney general also states, "When you carefully consider FOIA requests and decide to withhold records, in whole or in part, you can be assured that the Department of Justice will defend your decisions unless they lack a sound legal basis or present an unwarranted risk of adverse impact on the ability of other agencies to protect other important records."

While JACL supports efforts by the Administration to protect the public interest and shares its concern for the security of the nation, the organization believes this recent tactic has little to do with safeguarding national security. JACL is alarmed that the attorney general is using the guise of national security to deny the public's fundamental right to know what the government is doing. Classified documents are not sub-

ject to FOIA and requests made of such documents can and should be denied. Such documents are not available to the public. The threat of terrorism and the need for public safety have nothing to do with denying FOIA requests. Limiting public access and demands for accountability have serious implications on FOIA and the nation.

In JACL's view, this is a serious and dangerous blow to the democratic institution of government where open access to information is fundamental and critical. FOIA has long been one of the public's most effective and important means of keeping the public informed when government has remained silent. JACL believes access to information is the key element in government accountability, and denying that access has a chilling effect on our form of democracy. ■

2001 Photo Diary: The Year in Review

All photos by Martha Nakagawa unless otherwise noted

Sept. 11: The Day That Changed the World

In remembrance: in the United States and around the globe, people mourned the tragedy of Sept. 11, a day — like Dec. 7, 1941 — that will long live in infamy. While the family of David Seima Aoyama (below right), a passenger aboard American Airlines Flight 11, the first plane to hit the World Trade Center, mourned his loss, Arab and Muslim Americans spoke out against the racial profiling and hate crimes that had swept the nation in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

Pictured (clockwise from top right) are Aoyama's children Emily and George who remembered their father at a Sept. 15 memorial service in Los Angeles; Aoyama's wife Machiko thanked about 1,600 funeral attendees for their support; Richard Katsuda and Ayako Hagihara, of NCRR, joined Michel Shehadeh, western regional director for the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee, at a Sept. 28 candlelight vigil in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo; NCRR Sept. 11 Committee members joined hundreds who turned out for an Oct. 27 peace rally in Los Angeles; an estimated 500 people remembered victims at a Sept. 20 candlelight vigil in San Francisco's Japantown; two women show their solidarity by lighting each other's candles in Los Angeles; and Karen Narasaki, executive director of NAPALC, speaks at a unity rally Sept. 19 in front of the National JA Memorial in Washington, D.C.



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In Civil Rights and Politics

Asian American Students Accuse Seattle Police of Racial Profiling



Busted: Seventeen-year-old Thao Le (above) shows the \$38 jaywalking ticket she received after she and 14 other APA high school students were lined up against a wall and detained for 45 minutes by Seattle police for attempting to cross the street after the Major League Baseball All-Star game on July 9. The group alleged that officers asked them whether they spoke English and harassed them, while other pedestrians continued to cross the same street. At left, JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi joins the students at a July 13 press conference after they filed a civil lawsuit against the Seattle Police Department for racial profiling. Tateishi called it "the worst case of racial profiling against an Asian American group seen in a long, long time." Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske apologized after the incident, and the lawsuit was eventually settled.

The New Administration: President Bush Names Norman Mineta and Elaine Chao Secretaries of Transportation and Labor



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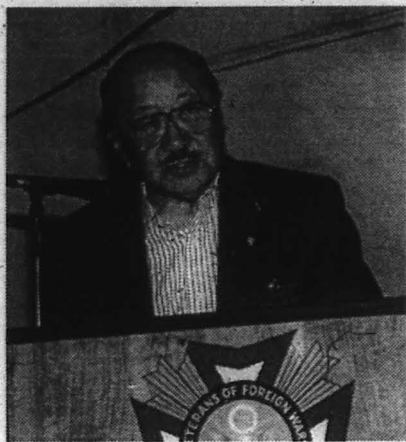
A watershed year for APAs in politics: former Congressman and Mayor of San Jose Norman Mineta first made history in 2000 when he was appointed commerce secretary by President Clinton, making him the first APA ever to be named to a president's cabinet. When President Bush tapped him for Secretary of Transportation in 2001, Mineta became the lone Democrat in an otherwise all Republican administration. In November, the San Jose City Council voted to rename the San Jose International Airport in his honor. Mineta is shown here at the President's AAPI Advisory Commission swearing-in ceremony Nov. 28.



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Highest ranking female APA: shown here at the GOP Convention in Philadelphia last January, former Peace Corps Director and United Way President Elaine Chao became the first APA woman — and first Chinese American — to serve in the Cabinet when she was confirmed as Secretary of Labor. Chao is the daughter of immigrant parents and is married to Kentucky Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Veterans, Resisters and the JACL



Apology Question Stirs Debate in Sacramento

Let the dialogue begin: JACL leaders met with Nisei veterans Jan. 14 in Sacramento to discuss JACL's controversial resisters resolution and the issue of apology, which a number of vets and vet supporters strongly opposed. At left, Yoshimi "Shim" Hiraoka, a Nisei vet from Fresno, addressed the audience, while at right JACL National President Floyd Mori took a moment to speak with Fred Hirasuna, the organization's oldest living member.



Resisters Symposium Held in Wyoming



Of sound conscience: more than 100 people from Massachusetts, North Carolina, Arizona, Utah, Washington and California attended an educational symposium in June, focusing on the draft resistance movement by Nisei men during World War II. The event was sponsored by the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Pictured (l-r) are resisters Mitsuru "Mits" Koshiyama (Heart Mountain), Takashi Hoshizaki (Heart Mountain), Jimi Yamaichi (Tule Lake), Frank Emi (Heart Mountain), Ken Yoshida (Topaz), Yoshito "Yosh" Kuromiya (Heart Mountain) and Noboru Taguma (Amache).

Nisei Medal of Honor Recipients Recognized



PHOTO: TRACY UBA

War heroes: World War II and Korean War Medal of Honor recipients, including (l-r) Yukio Okutsu, Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura and George T. Sakato, were honored in August at the 61st Annual Nisei Week Festival in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. They spoke about their war experiences while kicking off a commemorative MOH exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum.



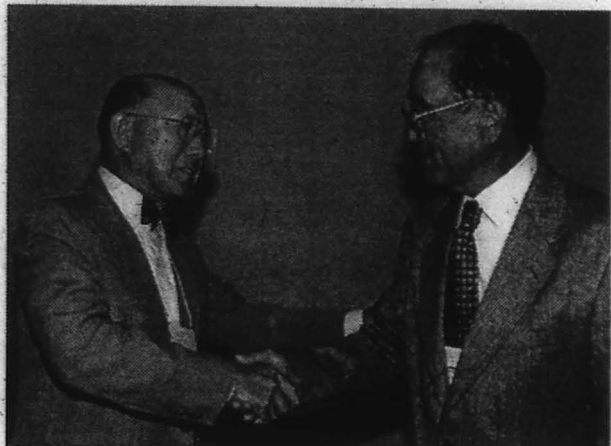
New blueprints: the U.S. Forest Service held a second ceremony in August to commemorate the addition of new educational kiosks at the Gordon Hirabayashi Camp Site, which was first dedicated in 1999. The kiosks explain the history of the Nisei draft resisters, who had been incarcerated during World War II at the former Catalina Federal Hoer Camp in Coronado National Forest, near Tucson, Ariz. The Nisei resisters came from Amache, Poston and Topaz War Relocation Authority camps. Above (l-r), Frank R. Hays, the new superintendent for the Manzanar National Historical Site, with Joe Allman, a World War II veteran and Arizona JACL president, and Nicole Branton, a U.S. Forest Service ranger.

Kiosks Dedicated at Hirabayashi Camp Site in Tucson



A tale of two resisters: Roger Nasevaema, a Hopi, resisted the draft on religious grounds during World War II but because the U.S. government did not recognize the Hopi religion, he was imprisoned for nine years. Gordon Hirabayashi challenged both the "exclusion order" and the draft on constitutional and religious grounds.

Seattle Bi-district and Nat'l JACL Youth Conference



Patriotism and protest: the Seattle bi-district conference hosted a panel titled, "WWII, JACL, Nikkei Patriotism & Protest," attended by 442nd vet Fred Shiosaki and Heart Mountain resister Mits Koshiyama, shown shaking hands at left. Panelist Frank Abe looks on as writer Bill Hosokawa answers questions at right.



Convening in the Emerald City: both the JACL Pacific Northwest and Inter-mountain bi-district and the JACL National Youth/Student Conference were held in Seattle, July 13-15. Above, Maya Hata Lemon (middle) discusses the recent designation of Minidoka as a national historic site with JACL PNW Regional Director Karen Yoshitomi (second from left) and Manzanar Superintendent Frank Hays (second from right). Above right: IDC Governor Larry Grant presents Lemon with a special recognition award for her efforts to preserve the former camp site. At right: a relatively large contingent of youth from Salt Lake City and other parts of Utah attended the biennial JACL youth/student conference, including (l-r) Valerie Mugleston, Brenda Mugleston, Branden Ushio, Darren Logan and Alex Aoyama.



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Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage



Nikkei Mecca: a replica of the historical Manzanar sign (left), which was placed on its original posts, greeted visitors at the 32nd annual Manzanar pilgrimage in April. Visitors lined up to pay their respects during the interfaith ceremony in front of the Manzanar monument.

Awards, Dedications, Signings

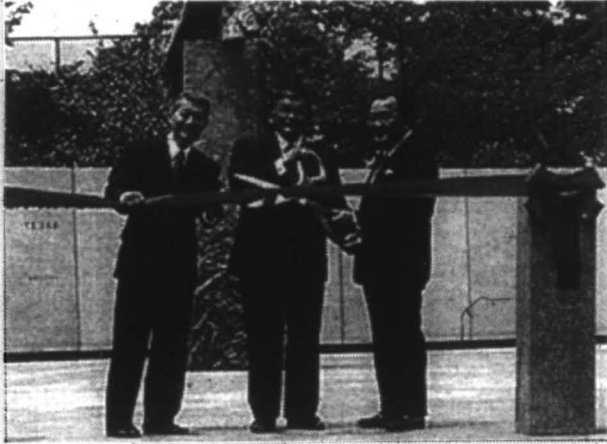


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Congressman Robert Matsui, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and Sen. Daniel Inouye joined in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 29 to officially open the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C. A 14-foot crane sculpture by Nina Akamu stands in the background.



One of several rallies held in front of Los Angeles City Hall by supporters of the Little Tokyo Recreation Center. Community leaders have been pushing for a recreation center for more than two decades.



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After lobbying by local APAs, including JACL Washington, D.C., Representative Kristine Minami, the Spark Matsunaga Elementary School in Germantown became the first in the metro-D.C. area and Maryland to be named after an APA. The Montgomery County Board of Education approved the name June 12 by a 5-3 vote after several rounds of debate.



A portion of the Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance, Calif., was dedicated to Vietnam veterans at a July ceremony. Pictured l-r are California Assemblyman George Nakano, who sponsored the memorial sign bill; Jerry Yamamoto, president of the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 53, which spearheaded the project; and U.S. Army Captain Vincent Okamoto, a Vietnam vet and the ceremony's keynote speaker.



Pacific Citizen Editor Emeritus Harry K. Honda was one of five pioneers honored at the 61st Annual Nisei Week Pioneer Luncheon in August. Pictured are Nisei Week President Tim Itatani, Honda and the 2001 Nisei Week Queen Lauren Hanako Kinkade. In the spring, Honda oversaw the move of JACL's archives to the Japanese American National Museum, where he now works.



A book signing party was held in June to commemorate "An American Son: The Story of George Aratani, Founder of Mikasa and Kenwood," written by Naomi Hirahara and published by JANM. Pictured are JANM Executive Director Irene Hirano, Aratani and Hirahara.

Help Nicole

In Seattle, there is a 4-year-old girl who has chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), a terminal disease. She needs a transplant by the middle of this year.

Nicole is a Hapa, half Japanese American and half Caucasian, who could be the grandchild of many of us. Her earliest years were the same as any other young child's. Then, suddenly one day she could not walk. To



By RYAN CHIN

By the Board V.P. Public Affairs

this day she has not found a match for the painless bone marrow transplant she needs. Unfortunately, far too many share her story.

There is a shortage of Asian Pacific American registered donors in directories, such as the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). This problem is made even more complex when we talk about people like Nicole who are multiracial.

Of the over four million registered individuals in the NMDP directory, less than two percent are considered multiracial. This statistic should shock all, but especially JAs who have an increasingly large number of Hapas.

This is an issue that affects us all. Each day, more and more people need bone marrow transplants or blood. In cases such as Nicole's, it can affect us at anytime, regardless of how healthy we seem to be. This is a disease that is not supposed to be found in someone of Nicole's age. It is usually found in adults much older than her.

So how can the JACL, one of the largest JA organizations, help Nicole and others like her?

Even though Nicole and others in her situation may not be in your city, organizations like the NMDP network can match potential donors with people everywhere. This means that regardless of your location, you can help others in desperate need.

There are a few ways to help. First, ensure that you are registered to donate bone marrow. Even if you think that you are registered, it is always good to check. You may be registered to donate blood, but not bone marrow. Also, perhaps your information is outdated. To register, contact a donor center near you and schedule a time where you can take a quick blood test. If you cannot find a location through the phone book, check out NMDP's listings by going to www.marow.org and checking their map (link on the left side of their front page, called Donor Center Map).

You can also help by having your chapter or district put on a bone marrow registry drive. This would be a great community service project for any chapter or district. The steps involved in putting on a drive include: outreach and publicity; coordinating with a local donation center (so they can bring the appropriate paperwork and draw the sample); and finding and setting up a location (chairs, tables, etc.). If you think it is a lot of work, think of the value you provide even if you help just a single person.

For more information on Nicole, bone marrow transplants, or the shortage of APA registered donors, visit these websites: Nicole Howard — www.helpnicole.org; Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches — www.asianmarrow.org; National Marrow Donor Program — www.marow.org.

While many of the problems in our society revolve around civil rights, not all do. We need to rise to the occasion and tackle all types of problems bestowed upon us. ■

Japanese American of the Year

Since this is the first column of the new year, I thought I'd name my picks for the Japanese American Man and Woman of the Year. I'm going to use *TIME* magazine's criteria more or less, where the overall impact of the person is the most important factor. Whether that impact was good or bad is not an issue. They once named Adolf Hitler their man of the year, and I



By BRIAN NIYA

Troubled in Paradise

thought it should have been Osama bin Laden this year (instead of former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani).

For 2001, the JA Man of the Year is clearly Norman Mineta. The former congressman and mayor of San Jose was named to President Bush's cabinet as secretary of transportation, an appointment most notable because (a) he was a Democrat in a Republican administration and (b) he was the first JA to be named to a presidential cabinet post. In most cases, something like this would be a big deal at the time of the appointment, then be more or less forgotten. (Can you name any previous secretaries of transportation?)

But of course in this case, such was not to be. The tragic events of Sept. 11 pushed him into the forefront of anti-terrorism efforts and into the harsh glare of the media spotlight. He received both praise and criticism for his actions in the

aftermath of Sept. 11.

But beyond the specific duties entailed in his job description, his prominent presence as a JA who had spent several years in an American concentration camp during World War II brought attention to the parallels between then and now. He has always spoken freely about his experiences in camp and about the wrongness of the mass internment. It seemed that no post-Sept. 11 mention of him went by without some acknowledgment of his camp experience. For the most part, any sort of mass internment of Arab and/or Muslim Americans has not been part of the discussion, with the precedent of the JA internment usually cited as a grave mistake. For this, he deserves some credit.

Others who merited consideration include California Congressman Mike Honda, who has continued to take on controversial issues concerning Japan and Asia that are disconcerting to many JAs; NBC television executive Scott Sassa; actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, who had key roles in two of the year's major studio movies, "Pearl Harbor" and "Planet of the Apes"; and Mike Shinoda, one of the creative forces behind the immensely popular alternative rock/rap outfit Linkin Park (more on him later).

By contrast, there wasn't an obvious JA Woman of the Year for 2001. My choice is, Yoko Ono. Twenty years after the assassination of her famous husband, her life's work is finally getting the re-assessment and attention it deserves.

The primary vehicle has been a landmark retrospective exhibition titled "YES Yoko Ono," mounted by the Japan Society in New York and curated by Alexandra Munroe. The exhibition premiered in October of 2000 and has

traveled in 2001 to the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston and the MIT-LIST Visual Arts Center in Cambridge, Mass. It will be opening at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto on Feb. 22. There is also a beautiful catalog to the exhibition that was published by the Japan Society and Harry N. Abrams. Both the book and exhibition provide an overview to her long and wide-ranging career in avant-garde art, filmmaking, publications, performance art and music.

She also released a new album in October 2001 titled "Blueprint for a Sunrise." In recent years, she has collaborated musically with her son, Sean Lennon, who is also prominent on this release.

For this year, I'd also like to name a Young JA of the Year. ("Young" means younger than me, at least for a few more years.) My choice is the previously mentioned Shinoda, the 24-year-old lead rapper/MC for the Southern California-based Linkin Park. Their album "Hybrid Theory" was released late in 2000 and spent nearly all of 2001 in the national top ten. The group spent most of 2001 on tour. Their angst-filled sound features a seamless blend of Shinoda raps and singer Chester Bennington's heavy metal wailing on the top over DJ/turntablist Joseph Hahn's (he's Korean American) beats and Brad Delson's metal riffs underneath. It's compelling stuff. Their tour continues into the early months of 2002, so look for them in a town near you and check out their official website at www.linkinpark.com.

So there you have it: a Nisei, a post-war immigrant and a young Hapa are my JAs of the Year. It seems fitting. Happy New Year everybody. ■

Children With Hansen's Disease Were Also 'Evacuated'

KALANAPALI, Maui—It is the Sunday after the 60th anniversary of Pearl Harbor was observed by the diminishing number of survivors, veterans, military brass, New York City firefighters—heroes from a different generation—civic leaders and family at the Arizona Memorial. As in the past, a Buddhist priest from Japan rendered the final prayers. Never did this mainland dream he'd be in Hawaii on a Dec. 7 and be



By HARRY HONDA

Very Truly Yours

moved by the 21-gun salute and buglers' taps in echo fashion. It was drizzling off and on. It stopped at the end of the solemn ceremonies as if on cue, and the rain-bow appeared over Pearl Harbor.

Yet more historic (for me) was the Maui News story of the '42 evacuation. Nearly two-thirds of the children with Hansen's disease or leprosy at Kalaupapa, including all the children, who were shipped to Kalaupapa "on the feared peninsula of Molokai that still had the reputation of being a tomb, a place where people were exiled, never to return."

The hospital, across from John Rodgers Field (now the Honolulu International Airport) and a few miles from Pearl Harbor, was considered a potential target. The move to Kalaupapa took place on May 15, 1942.

Reporter Valerie Monson noted: "Had Pearl Harbor not been bombed, many of those suddenly exiled to Kalaupapa in the post-bombing hysteria might have gotten earlier treatment in Honolulu.

They might not ever have been sent to Kalaupapa." With sulfa drugs that would stem leprosy already being tested in Carville, La., (the U.S. leprosarium on the mainland) in early 1941, the lives of those afflicted were about to be radically improved.

Paul Harada, 15 (now Kalaupapa's finest fisher), and other kids saw the attack. The planes flew so low that they even remembered seeing the faces of the pilots just before the first bombs were dropped.

No one knows why officials decided finally to tell the nearly 40 patients to get ready to move. Danny Hashimoto (now in charge of delivering the settlement's mail and newspapers) said, "There was nothing you could do about it." Everyone was told they could take just one suitcase and a small bag. "It was sad, we had to leave so much behind," Catherine Puahala added. Edwin Lelepal, not quite 14 and frightened, proudly wore his Boy Scout uniform. (He grew to love the wide-open space and can't imagine living elsewhere.)

Their arrival was the biggest thing to happen since the Pearl Harbor attack. Nearly all 400 residents crowded the shore, dressed in their Sunday best, craning their necks to catch a glimpse of the youngsters. "People had not seen children for such a long time," Bernard Punikai'a (now a well-known musician and composer) remembered. "They wanted to take care of us."

And that's what happened as the kids were assigned to different group homes. The adults played key roles, teaching values, skills and lessons that continue to guide them to this day. The grown-ups started a Boy Scout troop, a Girl Scout troop and a new school. They coached baseball teams and made sure they had Christmas trees. The laughter of the children, "unheard in the settlement for ages," filled the air. Adults began to laugh with them.

When sulfa drugs were introduced in 1946, many patients began to get well. Those newly diagnosed elsewhere in the islands were successfully treated on Oahu. By the 1970s, interest grew in documenting the stories of the residents of Kalaupapa.

The community successfully lobbied to bring in the National Park Service (NPS) to help guarantee they could live out their lives in their homes and make sure their stories would never be forgotten. What was the Japanese Association house in 1942 was taken over by NPS and converted as a bookstore with displays of artifacts and pictures of life in Kalaupapa.

At their 50th anniversary in 1992, 13 survivors each gave heart-rending speeches, thanking God for their good health, family and friends. Today, there are nine surviving members of the 1942 gang.

Lelepal, a retired supervisor for the state, summarized it was the "saddest time when I had to leave my family in 1942, but in a sense it became a new beginning for us. What we went through, I never thought we'd live this long. I feel like I'm blessed to be here in Kalaupapa. Every day, we thank God for all that we have."

There is a stark painting of Father Damien at Maria Lanakila Catholic Church, Lahaina, established in 1846 by the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Congregation. This young Belgian priest, who went to Molokai in 1873, shared his life for 16 years without fear among the lepers before he died of leprosy in 1889.

We should note here that Monson did not mention "evacuate" in her story nor was the forced exile for reason of race but for health. But we can spot some similarities. Obviously, the attack on Pearl Harbor is one of the similarities. Some Japanese Americans were part of the '42 Gang — the first time I've seen in print a Nisei named with this disease. ■

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Commentary

16 Nisei Vets Organizations Object to JACL Apology to WWII Resisters of Conscience

The following commentary was submitted by Sus Satow, Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985.

The national JACL's decision to ceremonially honor and apologize to the Japanese American resisters of World War II has generated a joint response of 16 Nisei veterans organizations representing some 4,000 members to speak out as one voice on an issue thought to be forgotten and dimmed from our thoughts. The national JACL plans to hold the ceremony in the Bay Area sometime in the spring.

The undersigned veterans organizations formally convey serious objection and protest the action to be taken by the national JACL. We respectfully ask the JACL leadership to convey at the proceedings a message that the 16 Nisei vets groups request to be excluded from endorsement of the apology and ceremony.

Volumes have been written about this issue, by the protesting veterans as well as JACL supporters. Although our sights may have dimmed from the distant days of camp life and WWII, our minds, hearts, and recollections of the sheer wartime trauma and sacrifices made in the service to our country, and for our cause, have not.

This JACL action desecrates the very foundation built by the 830 heroic Nisei who gallantly fought and gave their lives, as well as the thousands of Nisei

comrades who were badly wounded. These were horrific moments and as young youth we wept when these events happened. Many came from the same internment camp as the resisters. Some were subjected to intimidation and harassment as they volunteered to serve their country.

We believed in the creed of the JACL leadership of that day, of encouraging our service with honor, patriotism and endeavors for the benefit of ourselves and of our future generations. Fortunately, most of the Nisei followed the JACL leadership and philosophy. This is what got the JA reputation to that which we enjoy today.

As we have repeatedly stated in the past, the JA veterans acknowledge the right of the resisters to resist the draft for whatever reason. The resisters knew the price that had to be paid and did so. The veterans' attitude is, "let bygones be bygones." However, when the issue becomes our national JACL ceremony "honoring and apologizing" to the resisters, our line has to be drawn.

We need to recognize that we live in a different era with different values today. Civil rights law did not exist during WWII. The JACL leaders of the wartime era had to lead a path through the wartime hysteria that existed in America at that time. To have refused to be drafted would not

have been the answer. We believe the battlefield accomplishment of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service played a key role in bringing the civil rights issue to the forefront. The action of the resisters contributed nothing. ■

The sixteen co-signers to the VFW Post 8985 resolution condemning the apology to the resisters of WWII include:

100th/442nd Veterans Association, Los Angeles, CA; Asian Pacific VFW Post 4851, San Diego, CA; Monterey Peninsula Nisei VFW Post 1629, Monterey, CA; San Fernando Valley VFW Post 4140, San Fernando, CA; Gardena Nisei VFW Post 1961, Gardena, CA; San Jose Nisei VFW Post 9970, San Jose, CA; Nisei Liberty VFW Post 5869, Hanford, CA; Los Angeles Memorial VFW Post 9938, East Los Angeles, CA; Sacramento Nisei Mem. VFW Post 8985, Sacramento, CA; Club 100 of So. California, Los Angeles, CA; Golden Gate Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9879, San Francisco, CA; Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499, Fresno, CA; MIS Asso. SoCal, Southern Calif.; Kazuo Masuda VFW Post 3670, Orange County, CA; Sadao Munemori Amer. Legion Post 321, Los Angeles, CA; and MIS Asso. NorCal, San Francisco, CA.

Letters to the Editor

JACL to Apologize?

In the spring the JACL is sponsoring a ceremony in which the draft resisters (resisters of conscience) are to be honored and an apology extended to them.

Will someone explain to me why the JACL is apologizing to the resisters? How about honoring the veterans of the 100th/442nd? They are the ones who made a positive contribution to the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry, which we enjoy today. I recently attended a Christmas party and a stranger (Caucasian) asked me if I was a member of the 442nd. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that he was familiar with the 442nd. I was proud to explain that my brother was with the 442nd while I only served in the Pacific.

In my opinion, the ones who should be honored are the Nisei who voluntarily answered the call to duty from the internment camps. They and their families were deprived of their civil rights and all their personal possessions and they, of all people, had every right to resist serving this country just as the resisters of conscience did. Yet, when Mike Masaoka and the JACL board of that period convinced the secretary of the Army and President Roosevelt to change our draft classification from 4-C (enemy alien) to 1-A (citizen subject to draft), many men from the concentration camps, most non-members of JACL, answered the call to fight for their country. These are the men who should be so honored.

Another group who should be honored are the men and women who comprised the JACL national board during the 1940s and former National JACL Director Mike Masaoka. Despite the many and varied resentments held against Masaoka and the JACL for the evacuation and the internment, the JACL forged ahead to convince the United States that the Nisei should be allowed to serve their country under the JACL motto "Better Americans in a Greater America." Against great

adversity among their own people (Nisei pro-Japanese elements), JACL encouraged enlisting in what would become the 100th/442nd, which achieved a record no other unit has ever achieved in the history of the U.S. Army!

Leo H. Hosoda
Roseville, Calif.

The Right Thing

JACL is proposing to do the right thing ... but on the WRONG DATE!

I understand that JACL National President Floyd Mori is calling for a community meeting in the San Francisco area in late April, instead of the original February date, for a public apology to those Nikkei who drew the line on the draft in the ten concentration camps, saying they would be willing to be drafted or volunteer once their civil rights were restored.

You and I know that the reason for the delay is a political one, as well as procedural on the difficulty of obtaining the desired primary speaker for the event: Sen. Daniel Inouye. Some Nisei are extremely angry about JACL making a public apology in an understandable position during World War II. As a JACLer, a former district governor, with service in the MIS during WWII with three of my brothers, and a fourth during the Korean Conflict, I fully appreciate that JACL is doing something that even the national ACLU seemingly does not have on its agenda, given its position during WWII.

Given all of the above, the OBVIOUS DATE for this event is the biennial JACL convention at Las Vegas in June of this year with the national board providing the costs for those resisters of conscience who would attend this event.

Yareba dekinu.

Paul Tsuneishi
via e-mail

Re: Holiday Issue

A commendable job on this year's Holiday Issue, especially the stories from our new generations and the autobiographies of the twins Mike and Ike Hatchimonji. Several of us could not tell the difference between the two gentlemen at the many national JACL conventions.

I would like to suggest that a biography of the JACL presidents be written. We have in our Mile Hi chapter an individual who has indicated he will donate \$3 to every \$1 our chapter makes on the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue ads. Our chapter president Dr. Mark Shimoda has donated \$3000 for the last three years. This year the Mile Hi chapter, under the great leadership of Sam Mayeda, managed to place four pages of Holiday Issue ads. Next year Mr. Mayeda promises six pages of ads. Congratulations to Sam Mayeda and his committee.

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OBITUARIES

Newsman Philip Jordan, aka 'Joe Dahn,' Passes Away

A longtime resident in Sacramento, Philip Andrew Jordan Jr., (aka "Joe Dahn" on the English side of Japanese vernaculars, the *Hokubei Mainichi* in San Francisco and *Kashu Mainichi* in Los Angeles) died Dec. 21 after a severe illness at Benicia, Calif. He was 69.

After a five-year stint in the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s, he worked in Japan with trade publications and *Asahi Evening News*, and then as a war correspondent and an Associated Press stringer in South Vietnam from August 1966 until December 1968. Meanwhile he was bureau chief for the *Overseas Weekly* publication.

For the next five years, his

hard-hitting and oftentimes educational columns, titled "Butadofu and All That Jazz" by Joe Dahn about Japan, China, Vietnam and Korea, blossomed in the *Kashu* and *Hokubei*.

Nisei readers noticed his byline. Joe Dahn, could be the Anglicized substitute for the Japanese word meaning "joke," though it was a clever and realistic Japanese rendition of his surname. Some met the columnist as a cheerful Irish American, born in Detroit, who graduated from Loyola High School and had studied at Loyola University in Los Angeles, Sophia University and the Naganuma Japanese Language Institute, both in Tokyo. ■

Chicago Spiritual Leader Rev. Seiichi Michael Yasutake Passes

The Rev. Seiichi Michael Yasutake, outspoken civil rights activist, pacifist and Episcopal priest, passed away of a massive stroke in an Ohio hospital on Dec. 29. He was 81.

Until the very end of his life, Yasutake was concerned about human rights violations, particularly in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Alarmed by the resurgence of hate crimes against people of Middle Eastern descent, Yasutake met with Muslim leaders in the Chicago area to help safeguard their civil liberties.

During World War II, Yasutake was incarcerated at the Minidoka camp. In 1943, he was allowed to leave camp to enroll at the University of Cincinnati but was soon expelled after refusing to answer the controversial "loyalty" questionnaire. He told FBI agents that he had never sworn allegiance to the Japanese emperor in the first place and should not have to sign that part of the oath, and that he was opposed to war and would not bear arms.

He then enrolled at Boston University where he earned a bachelor's degree, and received his master's degree in divinity in 1950 at the Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

In 1951, he married Ruth Tahara, a registered nurse, and the couple took up residence in Oak Lawn, Ill., where they raised three children while Yasutake served as vicar and later rector at St. Raphael's Church.

Yasutake joined the hundreds of students calling for social justice and peace during the 1960s and 1970s. As the anti-war movement progressed, Yasutake regularly visited war resisters in prison. He also earned

a doctorate from Loyola University of Chicago in 1977.

The following year, he was hired as a counselor at the YMCA Community College in Chicago and soon became director of counseling. It was here that he met Carmen Valentin, who alerted him to the plight of political prisoners in the United States, particularly those supporting the Puerto Rican independence movement. As a result, Yasutake founded ICP (Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project).

Valentin was among 11 political prisoners released in 1999 by presidential clemency after serving 19 years of her 98-year prison sentence. She largely credits Yasutake for bringing about their release.

Yasutake also fought for the civil rights of African Americans and Native Americans. Most recently, he was among 185 who were arrested for civil disobedience in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building on Feb. 28, 2000, in demanding a new trial for Mumia Abu Jamal, a journalist who was sentenced to death in a questionable trial. He also participated in acts of civil disobedience at Nevada nuclear test sites in support of land rights for indigenous people.

To involve more Asians and Asian Americans in global human rights issue, Yasutake founded the Episcopal Asia-America Ministries and served as head of the Chicago-JACL's human rights committee.

Some of the honors Yasutake has been recognized with include: a 1996 tribute by several groups supporting political prisoners in a benefit for the Puerto Rican Cultural Center; in 1998, his alma mater, Seabury Western Theological Seminary, awarded him an honorary doctorate of divinity; in 1999, the Peace Museum of Chicago presented him with their Peacemakers Award; and at the July 2000 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Denver, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship presented him with the John Nevill Sayre Award for Peacemaking.

As a youth Yasutake trained in kendo, and some 40 years later took up kendo again for exercise and discipline. He achieved the rank of 5th-degree black belt when he was 73.

Yasutake was predeceased by his beloved wife Ruth in 1998, ending a 47-year partnership. She worked as a full-time elementary school teacher and, as a key organizer of family affairs, made it possible for Yasutake to become involved in a multitude of activities.

He is survived by his children, David (Debra), Gregory (Debbie) and Sandra (Richard) Connors; eight grandchildren; siblings Tosh, Joseph and Mitsuye Yamada. ■

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In Memoriam - 2001

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Abiko, Lily Tani, 85, San Francisco, Nov. 20; San Francisco-born; Topaz internee; board member of *Nichi Bei Times* newspaper.

Adair, William S., Franklin, Mich.; president of Detroit JACL chapter, 1966.

Akaba, Jimmie Fujio, 85, Castro Valley, June 24; Stockton-born WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Akiya, Karl, 91, New York City, Feb. 8; San Francisco-born, Japan-educated economist and union organizer; author, early opposer of Japan's militarism; 1987 recipient of the Martin Luther King Award from New York City for his community work.

Akiyama, Fusa, 102, Los Angeles, Jan. 30; Nagano-ken-born.

Amemiya, Minoru, 78, Ames Iowa, Nov. 2 ('00); San Francisco-born Topaz internee and Army veteran.

Aoyama, David Seima, 48, New York City, Sept. 15 service; he was a passenger aboard the hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 when it hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Asaba, Takashiko "Taka," 86, Seattle, May 1; Port Blakeley, Wash.-born Minidoka internee, 442nd RCT Army veteran.

Beekman, Allan, 88, Honolulu, Oct. 29; Utica, N.Y.-born resident of Hawaii since 1935; prolific author of many writings about WWII and the bombing of Pearl Harbor, including, "The Nihau Incident" and "The Crisis"; Hawaii correspondent for the *Pacific Citizen* for 40 years and *P.C.* columnist for eight.

Doami, Machi, 106, Cerritos, Jan. 9; Yamaguchi-ken-born.

Endow, Sho Jr., 81, Hood River, Ore., Feb. 23; Hood River-born; decorated 442nd RCT veteran, participated in saving the Lost Battalion in France; first Nisei to become a VFW post commander (1952), his name was one of those removed from the American Legion honor roll during WWII.

Fujii, Sadayo, 101, Gardena, Aug. 23; Yamaguchi-ken-born.

Fujii, Toko, 81, Sacramento, Nov. 8; Stockton-born Tule Lake internee; JACL member since 1942; Sacramento JACL president, 1957; instrumental in starting the JACL basketball and youth baseball programs, Buddhist basketball league, Northern California Nisei Athletic Union and publication of the book, "Changing Dreams and Treasured Memories: The Story of Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Region," by Wayne Maeda.

Fujimoto, Toshio, 75, Torrance, Feb. 15; San Diego-born WWII veteran.

Fukushima, Tadao, 89, Bellflower, April 1; Hawaii-born; WWII veteran.

Goldwater, Rev. Julius "Kinsui," 93, Los Angeles, June 11; during WWII he allowed JAs to store their possessions at the Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles (now occupied by the Japanese American National Museum), visited internment camps in five states and turned the temple into temporary housing for returning internees in spite of censure by the temple's governing body.

Handa, Isamu Sam, 85, San Diego, Feb. 25; 442nd RCT veteran.

Haramoto, George K., 82, Gardena, Sept. 15; Utah-born WWII 442 RCT "B" Company veteran.

Hayakawa, Yukio, 72, Los Angeles, Jan. 13; New York City-born son of actor Sessue Hayakawa; Japan-educated radio, film and TV scriptwriter, founder of the first Japanese

Language TV station in Southern California, columnist for the *Rafu Shimpō*.

Hirabara, Harry Satoshi, 94, Albany, July 26; Florin-born Manzanar and Amache internee, WWII MIS veteran.

Hiratzka, Jordan F., Berkeley, May 4; Los Angeles-born Gila River internee, WWII MIS veteran; founder of Boy Scout Troop 26 in Berkeley.

Imahori, Shiro, 74, Torrance, March 15; Los Angeles-born Korean War veteran.

Ishii, Chris Kishio, 82, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., Nov. 6; Fresno-born artist and Oscar-winning cartoonist; WWII Army intelligence Corps veteran, creator of "Li'l Neebo" cartoons for the Amache internment camp newspaper; worked on Disney's "Fantasia," "Dumbo," "The Reluctant Dragon" and many Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck cartoons, as well as UPA's "Madeline," "Gerald McBoing Boing" and "Mr. McGoo."

Ishii, John David "Jack," 82, Centralia, Wash., March 18; the first lay president of Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Wash.; advisor in political and economic affairs to the prime minister of Malaysia, 1965-73.

Ishiyama, Dr. Toaru, 80, Parma, Ohio, Aug. 15; WWII veteran.

Izumi, Edwin Shinzuke, 95, St. Louis, Feb. 5; he was the last of the Issei in St. Louis who immigrated before the cut-off; interned at Tule Lake; translator for the Army at Camp Savage during WWII.

Izumizaki, James Y., 83, Watsonville, Sept. 9; member of 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT.

Kadowaki, Joe George, 82, Toledo, Ohio, May 20; California-born 442nd RCT "F" Co. veteran.

Kajiwar, Mari, 50, Tel Aviv, Israel, Dec. 25; New York City-born internationally acclaimed dancer, trained in both ballet and modern dance, especially Martha Graham's idiom; outstanding member of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the Ohad Naharin Dance Company and the Batsheva Dance Company of Israel.

Kamikawa, Paul, 76, Milwaukie, Feb. 15; Thomas, Wash.-born; 442nd RCT veteran; pioneer chef in microwave cooking.

Kamiyama, Masaichi, 70, Los Angeles, July 4; Kohala, Hawaii-born Korean War veteran.

Kanetomo, Tadao, 81, Santa Barbara; Rocky Ford, Colo.-born; Santa Barbara JACL president 1948-50.

Kanie, Gin, 108, Nagoya, Feb. 28; twin sister of Kin Narita, who died in January 2000.

Katayama, Jimmy Akira, 85, Del Mar, July 18; San Francisco-born WWII veteran.

Kato, Yo, 84, San Francisco, Feb. 25; Alamo-born; Amache internee; MIS veteran.

Kawasaki, Mineharu, 84, Los Angeles, May 15; Hawaii-born; Korean War veteran.

Kawashima, Kihachiro, 81, Japan, Dec. 25 ('00); founder and later president of American Honda Motor Co.

Kishi, Frank Riiji, 81, West Los Angeles, March 17; Los Angeles-born MIS veteran.

Kobayashi, Chie, 101, San Clemente, May 10; Fukui-ken-born.

Kobayashi, Hideo, 84, Los Angeles, April 14; Phoenix, Ariz.-born Kibei artist of Okinawan descent; pre-WWII Army veteran, Manzanar and Tule Lake internee.

Konishi, Hank, 81, Rocky

ford, Colo.; MIS veteran of the Philippines and postwar in Tokyo.

Kono, Tom Masahiro, 75, San Francisco, March 30; Sacramento-born; Tule Lake internee; MIS veteran and interpreter postwar in Tokyo.

Kora, Masa Sr., 82, Parma, Idaho, Jan. 13; Emmet, Idaho-born; Japan-educated WWII U.S. Army veteran (Australia, Philippines and Japan).

Kuroda, Ichiro Kenneth, 82, Los Angeles-born, Feb. 16; WWII veteran.

Liggett, Peggy Sasashima, 62, Fresno, March 12; Rohwer internee; attorney, Fresno JACL president, 1982 and CCDC governor, 1983-84; board chair and strong supporter of the *Pacific Citizen's* editorial independence.

Mansfield, Mike, 98, Oct. 5; longtime U.S. senator and former ambassador to Japan who considered U.S.-Japan relationship "the most important bilateral relationship in the world." He believed that the WWII detention of the Issei was unjustified, and as senate majority leader he facilitated the repeal of Title II, which had provided legal basis for the WWII internment.

Marutani, Tom Mitsugi, 58, San Mateo, Feb. 22; Kent, Wash.-born WWII Army tank corps veteran; labor organizer, San Mateo JACL president (1968).

Masamori, Tom, 79, Denver, July 1; Poston internee; 442nd RCT medic; Mile-Hi JACL president, 1985; JACLer of the Biennium, 1986.

Mass, Jeffrey, 60, Palo Alto, March 30; New York-born prominent interpreter of medieval Japanese history.

McBride, Thelma, 85, Aug. 25; registered nurse; remembered with affection by JAs interned at the Rohwer camp during WWII, for her devoted service at the center's hospital.

Minabe, Shigeo, 82, Gardena; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran.

Miyamoto, Lou Haruo, 82, Fresno, April 18; Monmouth-born 442nd RCT, OCS and MIS veteran, retiring as lieutenant colonel in the Reserves.

Morimoto, Chiye June, 101, San Francisco, March 21; Hiroshima-born.

Naganuma, Hiroyoshi "Herb," 75, Seattle, March 1; Gresham, Ore.-born; 442nd RCT, "K" Co. veteran.

Nagasawa, Ichiro, 79, Seattle, Feb. 26; Seattle-born; 100th/442nd RCT veteran; Puyallup "Camp Harmony" Assembly Center and Minidoka internee.

Nason, John William, 96, Kennet Square, Pa., Nov. 24; St. Paul, Minn.-born Rhodes Scholar, as president of Swarthmore College, during WWII, he chaired the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, which helped 4,000 students from internment camps attend institutions of higher education.

Nishikawa, Dr. Roy, 85, Los Angeles, April 8; devoted member of the JACL since 1941 - Southwest chapter president, 1948; PSWDC chair, 1949; three-term JACL national treasurer; national convention chair 1956; *Pacific Citizen* editorial board chair, 1959-62.

Okawa, Isao, 74, Tokyo, March 16; chair and co-president of video-games maker Sega Enterprises Ltd.

Okubo, Miné, 88, New York City, Feb. 10; Riverside-born, European-educated artist; author/illustrator of "Citizen 13660" describing her internment at Tanforan and Topaz.

Otsuji, George, 83, Detroit, Jan. 20; Jerome Ark. internee and WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Sadakane, Hatsuyo, 104, Los Angeles, Jan. 28; Hiroshima-ken-born.

Sadanaga, John Yoshito, 76,

Vacaville, March 13; Portland, Ore.-born 442nd RCT, "F" Co. veteran and longtime member of the U.S. Air Force; Solano JACL president, 2000.

Sekiya, Harry N., 81, Salt Lake City, June 23; Seattle-born MIS veteran of New Guinea, the Philippines and postwar Japan.

Sato, Kay M., 81, Chicago, Dec. 30 ('00) service; Seattle-born 442nd RCT veteran.

Schmoe, Floyd, 105, April 20; Quaker author, humanitarian, three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee; visited Minidoka and Tule Lake camps, caring for the internees' needs where possible; was instrumental in building the Seattle Peace Park postwar.

Shibata, Walter D., 86, Albuquerque, N.M., Sept. 10; WWII 442nd RCT veteran.

Sutow, Masao Tom, 86, Seattle, Jan. 21; president of Salt Lake JACL, 1974.

Takahashi, Dr. Toyoko Mae, 65, Clovis, March 30; Poston internee; community and JACL activist, *Pacific Citizen* board chair, 1995-98; JACLer of the Biennium, 1996; first woman to establish her own pharmacy in Fresno.

Takeshita, Jug Shiro, 80, Alameda, Oct. 15; Salinas-born WWII 552nd Battalion veteran.

Takatsui, Kentaro, 85, Tazana, April 20; Mukilteo, Wash.-born WWII MIS Army veteran.

Taniguchi, Dr. Izumi, 75, Fresno, May 22; Stockton-born Crystal City, Texas, internee; MIS interpreter for the U.S. Army postwar.

Tanouye, Tom Tamotsu, 75, Canyon Country, April 23; Parlier-born MIS and 442nd RCT veteran.

Tarumoto, Dr. George Shiochi, 88, Los Angeles, April 30; Los Angeles-born dentist, U.S. Air Force veteran.

Toyoda, Fumio, 53, Chicago, July 4; founder of the Japanese Culture Center in Chicago.

Tsuchiya, Martha, 78, Ceres, May 22; registered nurse and WWII Women's Army Corp. veteran.

Tsuchiya, Setsuko, 89, San Francisco, July 21; national JACL staff worker in Salt Lake City during WWII, and immediate postwar PSW regional director.

Uyeda, Minoru, 88, Long Beach, Aug. 2; Gardena-born WWII veteran.

Uyehata, Roy, 83, Santa Clara, June 28; WWII MIS veteran.

Wada, Fred Isamu, 93, Feb. 12; supermarket chain and trading company operator and tireless community leader; campaigned to bring the 1964 Olympics to Japan; founded the Japanese Retirement Home and Keiro Services in Los Angeles.

Wakabayashi, Masaru "Ben," 85, Denver, Dec. 19 ('00); Fresno-born WWII Army veteran.

Ward, John "Sonny," 71, Baltimore, July 10; Owings, Md.-born U.S. Army veteran and National Park Service volunteer, who donated more than 2,506 hours in just two seasons at Manzanar National Historic Site.

Watanabe, Dr. Warren, 79, Philadelphia, June 10; San Francisco-born Topaz internee, longtime supporter and contributor to Nikkei and other civic organizations; Philadelphia JACL president, 1957; recipient of the JACL Sapphire Pin; founding member of the Mike M. Masaka Fellowship Fund Committee.

Woodward, Walter C. Jr., 91, Bainbridge Island, Wash., March 13; publisher with his late wife of the *Bainbridge Review*; only editor on the West Coast to regularly editorialize against the relocation of Nikkei during WWII; published news from the camps; was the subject of PBS documentary "Visible Target"; inducted into Washington State Centennial Hall of Honor.

Yamamoto, Yasu, 101, Los Angeles, Jan. 29; Hiroshima-ken-born.

Yamauchi, George Kaoru, 86, Pasco, Wash., Nov. 6 ('00); Pasco-born WWII veteran.

Yamayoshi, Shunzo "Jim," 75, Torrance, April 10; Santa Rita-born Korean War veteran.

Yee, James T., 53, San Francisco, March 19; Bronx, N.Y.-born; former executive director of the Independent Television Service (ITVS), first executive director and co-founder of National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA); Emmy award recipient for documentary "a.k.a. Don Bonus."

Yonehiro, George, 78, Auburn, March 25; Gold-Hill-born Tule Lake internee, 442nd RCT veteran; served as municipal court judge 1964-83 and was elected to the Superior Court in 1988. ■

DEATH NOTICE

HARUMI TANIGUCHI

SEABROOK, N.J.—Harumi Taniguchi, 99, passed away Dec. 3, 2001, after a lengthy illness. She relocated to Seabrook after the war and is survived by her seven children and their families. Her husband Kichichi predeceased her in 1948. The family includes: Hatsumi Ogata of Pittsburg, Suzie Tsutako Takata of Deptford, Kazuo Taniguchi of Gardena, Calif., Jim Torao Taniguchi and Itsuko "Iddy" Asada of Bridgeton, Natsuko "Nattie" Ciferri of San Clemente, Calif. and also locally Yasuye "Babe" Kato. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICE

ALYCE ITOW

OSCEOLA, Ind.—Alyce Hatsuko Itow, 85, passed away Dec. 2, 2001, following complications from congestive heart failure. She was born on Jan. 1, 1916 in Pasco, Wash. to Tomijiro and Ken Doi. Alyce had been a patient at the Holy Cross Rehabilitation & Care Center in South Bend for several weeks. She was the widow of Takeshi "Tuguy" Itow, whom she married in March 1940. They had no biological children of their own, but were the legal parents to Ken and his sister, "Ricky" Yoshida, Tug's nephew and niece. Alyce lived the past 50+ years in Mishawaka and moving to the adjacent town of Osceola last year. She is survived by her brothers who also live in northern Indiana, George and Sam Doi; sister, Mary Hiramatsu of Seattle, Wash.; daughter-in-law, Angie Yoshida and a multitude of nieces, nephews and their children. Alyce was a special person to many people and organizations and our beloved "Auntie" to the Doi and Itow/Yamamuro families.

DEATH NOTICE

CHRIS KISHIO ISHII

DOBBS FERRY, N.Y.—Chris Kishio Ishii, 82, artist, husband, father, grandfather, friend, neighbor, animal-lover and inveterate reader of the New York Times, passed away after a brief illness on Nov. 6, 2001. Born and raised in Fresno, Calif. and educated at the Chounard Art School in Los Angeles from 1936-1940. Until the start of WWII, he worked for the Walt Disney Studios as an animator on *Fantasia*, *Dumbo*, *The Reluctant Dragon* and numerous Disney cartoons. After EQ 9066, he was sent to the Assembly Center at Santa Anita and then transferred to Amache, Colo. In both places he worked on the camp newspapers as a cartoonist, creating the character of Li'l Neebo to amuse and boost the morale of the internees. Volunteering to join the U.S. Army, he served in the MIS as an illustrator. He met and married his wife, Ada Suffind, in Shanghai, China. After the war he briefly studied art in Paris, France and settled in New York with his family in 1952. He worked at UPA Studios on animated versions of "A Unicorn in the Garden," "Madeline," on Gerald McBoing Boing and Mr. Magoo cartoons. With two partners in 1965, he formed Focus Productions, a film production company. He became a freelance artist in 1975, and contributed the animated sequence in "Annie Hall." During his career, he won two Clio and four runner up award for his television commercials. Chris Ishii resided in Dobbs Ferry for 46 years. Ada predeceased him in 1988. He is survived by sisters, Kiyo and Sumi; brother, Jack; children, Christopher of Agoura Hills, Calif., Naka of Amherst, Mass., and Jonathan of Fredericksburg, Virg. and four grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for the Spring of 2002 in Dobbs Ferry.

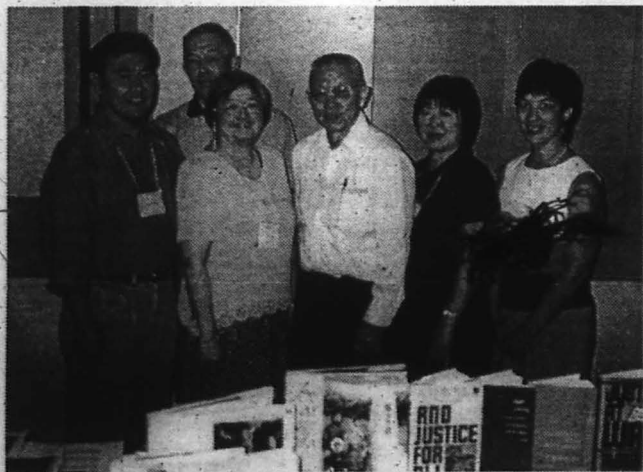
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Reno Tri-district Hosts PSW, NCWNP and CCDC



At work and at play: Kathy Ishimoto (top left) takes her chances at the slot machine at the Peppermill Hotel Casino during the Reno tri-district, April 20-22, while JACL National Membership and Fund Development Director Lucy Kishiue (top right) gives a lesson on APA leadership. NCWNP Governor Alan Teruya (bottom left), with daughter Karlie and wife Robbie, who coordinated the tri-district, pose for a family shot. Grace Kimoto (bottom right) mixes with younger JACL members, Tiffany and Megan Ikeda and Marcia Chung.

Cincinnati Tri-district Hosts EDC, MDC and MPDC



PHOTOS: CAROLINE AOYAGI

Home of the Reds: Cincinnati played host to the Eastern, Midwestern and Mountain Plains districts from June 28-July 1. Pictured at left were teacher training workshop organizers and presenters, including (l-r) Bill Yoshino, MDC regional director; Greg Marutani, NCWNP member; Elaine Akagi, PNW member and national education committee chair; Allan Hida, MDC member; Teresa Maebori, EDC member; and Sharon Ishii-Jordan, MPD member. At right, Dr. Roger Daniels, professor of history at the University of Cincinnati spoke at an education workshop, while fellow panel speaker Dr. Edwin Yamauchi, history professor at Miami University, looks on.

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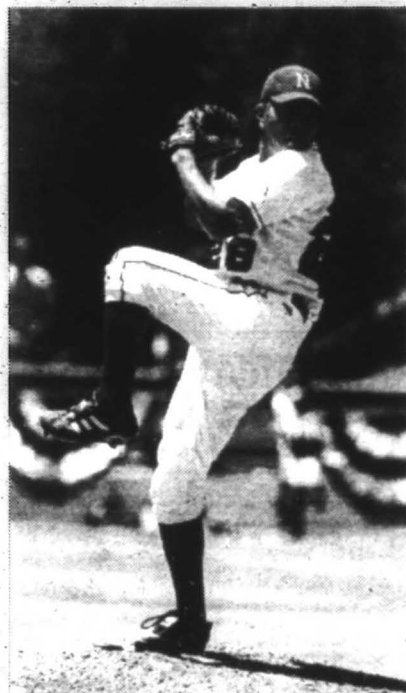


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Hey, batter batter:
University of Nebraska starting pitcher Shane Komine led his team to their first college world series, though they fell on June 10 to Tulane University, 6-5. The two-time All-American from Honolulu was drafted to the Major Leagues in the 19th round by the St. Louis Cardinals but opted to return to Nebraska for his senior season instead.



PHOTO: SAM CHU LIN

Oh, no, she didn't!: Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) President Guy Aoki talked about the harmful impact of ethnic slurs when he took on comedian Sarah Silverman (far left) on ABC's late-night debate show "Politically Incorrect," after she told what some APAs considered to be a racist joke involving the word "chink."



PHOTOS: TRACY UBA

The envelope please: At the 2nd Annual Ammy Awards held in November, Oscar-winning filmmaker Chris Tashima ("Visas and Virtue") and 2001 Miss America Angela Baraquio announced the best in Asian American entertainment, like Ang Lee who received the Best Hollywood Picture prize for his epic martial arts drama "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Earlier in March, Lee took home the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

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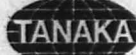
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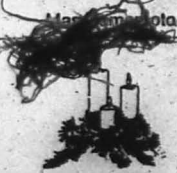
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