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## Confessions ruled admissible in temple murders

The confessions of two teenagers charged in the killing of nine people at the Buddhist temple outside of Phoenix were ruled legal and admissible as evidence in the upcoming trial, according to an Arizona Republic story.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Gregory Martin ruled Nov. 19 that the incriminating statements made by Jonathan Doody, 18, and Alessandro Garcia, 17, were obtained legally.

The two youths each are charged with nine counts of both first-degree murder and armed robbery in the murder of six monks, a nun and two temple workers Aug. 10, 1991.

The court has not announced which defen-

dant will be tried first. A tentative trial date has been set for March 29, 1993. The second trial will begin about 60 days after the conclu-sion of the first. 

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## Longtime D.C. leader Key Kobayashi dies

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—Memorial services for Key Kiyokazu Kobayashi, 70, were held

for Key Kiyokazu Kobaya Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Murphy Funeral Home. His remains were placed this past Tuesday at the columbarium in Arling-ton National Cemetery with military honors. He died on Nov. 15. A three-term Washing-ton, D.C. JACL chapter president (1964-65, 1992) and a JACL Silver Pin awardee, Kobaysshi was active with the Go For Br



active with the Go For Broke Nisei Veterans See KOBAYASHI/page 3

# His day in court

ARLINGTON, Va.— Armed with recently released evidence of a pattern of racial discrimination in the Marine Corps, Bruce Yama-shita Nov. 19 ap-pealed his disen-rollment from the Corps before a five-member Naval Dis-Review

Speaking to the Pacific Citizen, Ya-mashita said he thought overall the hearing went well. The witnesses were

very powerful, very convincing. It was no cake walk. (The Marine Corps) came to expose reasons to expose reasons
other than race
caused the higher
washoutrates of minorities."
Witnesses for Ya-

mashita included

Stanley Sue, UCLA psychology profes-sor; David — MOREON YAMASHITA-Takeuchi, University of Hawaii pro-fessor; Lt. hearing-page 3

Malcolm Woolfolk and Lt. Michael Wagner. Woolfolk and Wagner, fellow

Bruce Yamashita and other witnesses testify before Naval board, relating stories of widespread discrimination against minorities . . .

By GWEN MURANAKA Assistant editor



1/ was no cake walk Bruce Yamashita

minority candidates at the time Minority candidates at the time Yamashita was disenrolled, provided the panel with corroborating testimony that the Corps-singled out minorities. They provided testimony on how they were treated unfairly, said Yamashita. These two guys are really couraged. See YAMASHITA/page 3

## Accusers must go public, says Inouye

The election's over but the con-

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, one of the mainstays in Hawaiian politics since its statehood back in 1959, may have thought he survived the accusation by a Honoluly hairdresser of sexual misconduct after he won his recent bid for reelection.

Now, nine more women have made

similar allega-tions, but have not come forward to identify them The latest round

of charges came Nov. 10 when Nov. 10 when State Rep. Annelle Amaral said she ad received calls from nine women claiming they were



sexually harassed by Inouye. But ac-cording to the Honolulu Advertiser, Amaral says that all nine do not wish to come forward publicly. Inouye called the charges outrageous

Inouye called the charges' outrageous and said that Amaral and the media were irresponsible for publicly making anonymous charges.

What I've heard is outrageous, Inouye was quoted in the Nov. 11 Advertiser. This is just guilt by innuendo and guilt by anonymous allegation. I, for one, demand that Miss Amaral release the said of the control of the said those nine names if she has them, bewhose nine names if she has them, be-clayse I want to know who is accusing me. If I were hiding something I would not be making that demand, I assure you. I can tell you right now that I have never abused any women, sexually

or otherwise.

Amaral said that she knew the identities of only two of the nine women. In response, Inouye said, "So it's an anony-mous caller, then? That's irresponsible."

The state representative then retorted that 'If the senator thinks by intimidation he can bully people to come forward, the senator is mistaken."

The controversy first began when Inouye's former hair stylist Lynette Kwock accused the senator of sexual Kwock accused the senator of sexual harassment in a secretly recorded tipe that was released just before the elec-tion by Inouye's Republican opponent in the Senate race, State Sen. Rick Reed. Inouye denied the charges and Reed publicly apologized for running the ads but stood by Kwock's accusations.

Meanwhile, a number of local officials Meanwrife, a number of total chickes are calling for an investigation by the Ethics Committee of the U.S. Senate. Inouye, in Nov. 15 Advertiser story, said that he "would welcome that."

## Sony chairman visits Japanese American National Museum



Akio Morita, chairman of the Sony Coro., attended a private reception and tour of the "Issei Pioneers; Hawaii and the Mainland, 1885-1924" exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum Nov. 11. From left are Irene Hirano, director and president of the museum; Morita's wifeYoshiko; Morita; and trustees George Aratani and Henry Ota. See story page 3

## Midwest chapters gather in Cleveland for council meeting Th

By SHERRY SHIMAMOTO PRATT

Special to the Pacific Citizen CLEVELAND—Budgets, plans, and workshops highlighted the Midwest District Council meeting Oct. 30-Nov. 1

Delegates from the Chicago Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, St Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and Twin Cities Chapters of JACL convened at the Radisson Plaza Hotel to approve a 1993 budget, discuss topics to present at the national meeting, and reviewed current chapter activities and publications. Two workshops addressed discrimination against Asian Americans

Asian Americans.
Here are highlights:
Hank Tanaka, president of the Cleveland Chapter, presented the MDC Legacy Fund Report.
The district has raised \$475,372,

nearly 70 percent of its goal. Tanaka emphasized that chapters should solicit funds from every member, no matter how small or large the donation.

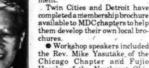
large the donation.

George Sakaguchi reviewed Rohwer project activities, list of donations and history of payments to the contractor. Although all bills have been paid except for Sakaguchi's personal expenses, the contractor recommends repairing a concrete patio around the base of the Rohwer monument.

The Bohwer convention from the large of the Rohwer monument. The Rohwer committee now will The Rohwer committee now will request personal contributions to complete the work and to land-scape the site. Ross Haranoof the Chicago Chapter suggested creating a non-profit organization to control the structure of future Rohwer project activities.

Cleveland Chapter re-ported that an ABC net work affili-ate in Cleve-land will be producing a program on internment The The pro-ducer found

a World War II propaganda film called Happy Days, which glam-orized life in camp. The producer plans to show the film to former internees, film their reactions and conduct interviews later. The Cleveland Chapter will make a videotape available to all chap-ters after the station airs the seg-



• Workshop speakers included the Rev. Mike Yasutake of the Chicago Chapter and Fujio Hosaka of the Northeast Ohio Japanese Association, Both presented information about racist behavior against minorities in Japan and its impact in the United

States.

Valerie DeCruz, director of

Affairs and assis-Valerie DeCruz, director of American Asian Affairs and assis-tant dean at Oberlin College, dis-cussed discrimination against minority students on campus. Frances Namkoong, vice president of public affairs for the national

Twin Cities and Detroit have

them develop their own local bro

Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), presented "The di-lemma of the 'glass-ceiling' for Asian Americans

Asian Americans.

David Namkoong, president of the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Council and member of the Cleveland Chapter, JACL, discussed his work on the Asian American Advisory Council at the dinner meeting.

Coordinating the meeting and activities were Kathy Akiya-Vaughn, Hank Tanaka and other members of the Cleveland Chap ter. co.

Shimamolo Pratt is a member of the St. Louis Chapter, JACL, and the Pacific Citizen board.

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ALL DRESSED UP—Kanojo models prepare for the Monterey fashion show fund-raiser-Dec. 6.

## Monterey sponsors fashion fund-raiser

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The Monterey Chapter, JACL, will sponsor a Kanojo fashion fund-raiser Sunday, Dec. 6, featuring Nina Matsuno of Nina Matsuno Designs.
Careerwear, sportswear and the Heritage Collection of evening wear will be presented.

"Most of our garments fall into the \$35 to \$120 price range," says Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick, co-owner of Kanojo.

The firm markets its fashion we through fund-raiser events for Asian American charity groups. The Monterey Chapter will use the funds to promote many of their projects.

## In fashion

WHAT: Kanojo fashion show spon-sored by the Monterey Chapter WHERE: Monterey Buddhist. Temple, 1155 Noche Buena St., Seaside, Calif.

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 to 5 p.m. INFORMATION: 408/649-0704

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## JACL shows up to support Yamashita

ARLINGTON, Va.-The JACL was a visible presence at Bruce Yamashita's hearing before the Naval Discharge Review Board Naval Discharge Review Board Nov. 19. JACL members present at the hearing included: Lillian Kimura, JACL national president; Karen Narasaki, Washington D. C. representative; Bill Kaneko, vice president, public affairs, and president, Honolulu Chapter; Pat Okura, past JACL national presi-dent; Sonya Chung, JACL Wash-ington D.C. staff, and Etsu Masaoka. Helene Matsunaga, widow of the late Sen. "Spark" Matsunaga was also in atten-

YAMASHITA

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people."
While the Marines did not

present their own witnesses, Yamashita said that his team had

requested that the sergeants in-volved in his case testify to help shed light on what happened. The

five-member panel was comprised hve-member panel was comprised of two white male Marines, two white female Marines and one black Marine. Although he didn't specify which, Yamashita indicated that some of the board members seemed unsympathetic to

claims of racism in the Marines. Yamashita is seeking retroac

tive commission and an honor-

able discharge, after he was disenrolled in 1989 from the Officer Candidate School two days before the program's completion.

I don't know what's going to happen to me. Hopefully the Marine Corps will acknowledge they have a problem and will take con-

crete steps, because people are getting hurt and they should not

be," said Yamashita.

Although initially offered the

okura said that more JACL members had planned on attend-ing the hearing, but the room only wed 10 attendants Comment allowed 10 attendants. Commenting on the hearing, the past president said he was surprised by the
attitude of some of the review
board members. "I was appalled
by the attitude of some of them.
They were using the excuse that
(racial epithets) are how they need
to toughen the Marine Corps officers."

Narasaki concurred with Okura's judgment of the hearing, I was very appalled at how unsophisticated the review board is on issues of racism. It was like being back in the '50s, where the victim is the one on trial."

Speaking about JACL's help in his case, Yamashita said, "They're, the main people. This case would not have come this far without JACL. They're the organization that provided not just verbal support, but tangible support, legal counsel, and media resources. With an organization like JACL with their clout, and resources, you can take people on. By yourself, forget it. S

-GWEN MURANAKA

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and they should not be. -Bruce Yamashita

insisting that the onus was on the Marines to correct the mistake. "I want what I earned and deserved. Not only for me, but as a symbol

Not only for me, but as a symbol that the Marine Corpe takes discrimination seriously, acknowledges it and apologizes.

They're not going to tell the guy to go back and do it again. That's the message that needs to be sent to the troops. Otherwise the message is that racial dis-crimination is no big deal," said Yamashita

The next step for Yamashita is Correction of Naval Records board. That board's authority is a little different, they can change the O.C.S. record, said Yamashita. But in order to get the commission, I have to go to federal court. They don't have the authority to retroactively commis-

Despite his own experience in the Marines, Yamashita remains optimistic about the future of the military, especially given recent scandals which have caused the military to reexamine itself. Tam optimistic. It's things like optimistic, its things like Tailhook, this case, and gay rights that will force the military and Marine Corps to wake up to the nineties and realize they've really got to get their act together. "The years of big budgets are

over. They've got to get into step with society. Diversity is what makes this country great, it's something positive that should be encouraged. The military hasn't learned this," said Yamashita.

learned this, said Yamashita.
Telling of a Cambodian American who was considering becoming a Marine, Yamashita said, I
told him to go for it. Just be careful at the same time. The statisnu at the same time. The statistics show the chances of rising into the upper echelons are not good. If you're interested in becoming a colonel, it's going to be a long road."

## opportunity to retake the program after the Marine Corps found that Yamashita had been subjected to racial slurs, Yamashita refused

Sony leader -views museum exhibit

Sony Corporation's chairman Akio Morita paid a visit to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles on Nov. 11 for a private reception and view-ing of the "Issel Pioneers: Hawaii and the Mainland, 1885-1924." Morita commented to about 60 heads of corporations and com-

Morta commence to about or heads of corporations and com-munity leaders that he felt "for the Japanese Americans. I didn't realize what a hard life they had. Knowing the history of the Japa-

nese Americans . . . they are important in this country. They've done a great job for this country. In talking about U.S. Japan relations, Morita also noted that Japanese Americans will play an important part in being a "strong bridge between our two countries." Morita is an honorary co-chair of the JANM's museum's national campaign steering committee and

campaign steering committee and chair of the museum's Japan Fund Raising Campaign.

"I hope that this museum, much like the cherry blossoms which bloom each year in Washington, D.C., serves as a symbol of ever-lasting and friendly U.S.-Japan relations," Morita said.

Other dignitaries attending the ventincluded Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Rita Walters, Con-sul General Koichi Haraguchi, and Jim Wood, chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency.

## KOBAYASHI

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Association and looking forward

Association and looking forward to the groundbreaking and construction of a war memorial to Japanese Americans.

Commenting on his passing, Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative, said that Kobayashi will be missed not only by the Japanese American community in Washington but by the groundbreaker community in Washington but by the greater community as well. "He greater community as well. "He was very caring," she said. "He was willing to roll up his sleeves. His passing is a great loss to me personally. While he retired in 1981 after

34 years of federal government service, mostly at the Library of Congress where he was assistant Japanese section head, Kobayashi responded to a variety of so-called part-time jobs or full time volun-teer endeavors. In 1982, when the CWRIC had just opened its office, he was special assistant to the director. In 1976, he was elected to the Commonwealth of Virginia "Who's Who of Community Lead-

ers."
Little League baseball was his outdoor joy. In 1969, he was "Man of the Year" for Falls Church Little League Baseball, and enjoyed be-ing liaison officer at several Little League World Series tournaments

at Williamsport, Pa.
As an MIS WWII veteran with As an MIS will veteran with extended service in the Occupa-tion and Korean campaigns, he also laid the groundwork to the October, 1993, MIS reunion sched-uled in Washington.

The Fresno-born Nisei, whose

The Fresno-born Nises, whose parents hailed from Kanagawaken, was active with the UC Berkeley Alumni, the Kiwanis Club of Falls Church, and Fairfax County (Va.) Athletic Council.

County (Va.) Athletic Council.

He is survived by wife Kyoko, sons Forrest, Turner, Baylor, daughters Frances Turner, Teresa Oelkers, Arleen Walton, 10 grand-children, brother Itsuo and sister Tsuya Ishioka. 🕾

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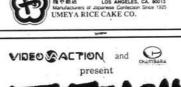
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By GWEN MURANAKA Assistant editor

Even after the election, they still care. That was the message from Christopher Hyland, Clinton from Christopher-Hyland, Clinton transition team deputy political director in charge of ethnic con-stituencies. Speaking to Pacific Citizen, Hyland said, "We just wanted tolet everybody know that we're here. You know how it is, the perception is you've won the election and then you're not going to hear from us. But we're here and we want to talk."

While the Clinton staffer wouldn't get into hard issues like family leave and redress, he said that Clinton's style will be more inclusive than the Bush adminis-The transition team is working hard to put together a team of people who are most quali-fied, but of course as Clinton said, our government is going to reflect the diversity of our country."

Hyland said that Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans have a lot to contribute to the new adminstration, particularly in their knowledge of the Pacific Rim. "The Asian American community has a mission over the next 50 years, with its dedication to educ ation, and commitment to the sciences. Their ability to stimu-

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late and engage in trade can do so much to stimulate the muscle of the America onomy.

Asked about the possibility that Clinton may get tough with Ja-pan on trade issues and how that could backlash against Japanese Americans, Hyland said, "The president must from his bully president index in a serial pulpit set a tone, set an agenda, set a moral message and I can tell you here in Arkansas, the head of the largest state agency until re-cently was Japanese American.

Clinton chose that man because Clinton chose that man because he was the best. He was the head of the department of human services. (Dr. Terry Yamauchi, 50, of Little Rock) Clinton has exemplified the selection of people based on merit and a reinforcement of racial tolerance. By example, that will send a very, very clear message," said Hyland.

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-Christopher Hyland

Speaking specifically about Ja-pan bashing, Hyland said, "It would be anathema for Clinton to do anything that would encour-age hatred toward any group. He would be distressed by any action that would be implemented against Japanese Americans based on the actions of other coun-

Asked about whether issues of racial tension have been give low racial tension have been give low priority by the Clinton camp be-cause of America's economic wees, 160 land said, "Clinton's message personfiles inclusion, diversity. No one can put aside these racial ten-sion-like the Los Angeles riots. But with the Clinton victory there is somehow, emotionally, psycho-logically a new feeling of excite-ment for the future."

Hyland couldn'i besist one last

Hyland couldn't resist one last poke at the Bush administration, saying, "For the past 12 years they have been systematically saying that one group or another is not good—from single parents to Willie Horton. At the rate they were going there would have been four people in America who were okay.

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## Holiday Issue to run WWII honor roll update

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A "second draft," to be adver-tised in the 1992 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue coming off the press between Dec. 18 and Dec. 25] will carry the changes and additions submitted during the year to the Foundation, c/o 1438 Oak St., Los Angeles, CA, 90015.

More than half of- the first names by initial-only of MIS mem-bers have been identified. A Nisei Army nurse has also been identi-fied.

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being asked to identify a large group of 600 Nisei who were des-tined to join the 100th/442nd in France in 1944 and diverted to other units engaged in the Battle of the Bulge. To date, only a hand-ful has been identified. ful has been identified

"Thanks to the great out-pour-Thanks to the great out-pour-ing of letters from readers, the 1992 list, on careful examination, showsgreat progress, foundation spokesman George Nishinaka

Meanwhile, the fund-raising campaign has raised more than \$500,000 of the \$2.5 million goal. The foundation was conident the funds will be on hand by late 1993 to ensure the monument will be constructed. But continued support is needed to ensure the very best material and craftsmen are

employed

The "name dedication program" has been a popular response with relatives and friends of deceased Nisei warveterens. They are con-tributing \$200 each for dedicating the name.

The foundation, a non-profit tax-exempt corporation, was cre-ated to receive funds to be used toward construction of the monument.

The city of Los Angeles and the developer, Michael Barker, are now in the final stages of reviewing the many legal documents before contracts are signed and be set for ground-breaking during the first quarter of 1993.

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Dear Former Evacuee

In June of 1945 I had just graduated from Topaz High School, the third graduating high school class of that Utah internment center. I went on to

Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Perhaps because I didn't have to make a major effort to search for a college or seek and apply for scholarship aid, I never realized the extent of the commitment put forth by the volunteer staff at the American Friends Service Committe headquarters in Philadelphia. I recently learned that these dedicated people, along with heads of colleges, universities, and the YM and YWCAs, did much more in forming the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council in 1942 than just getting the Nisei

students to college.

In broad terms, the Council raised funds from national foundations, organizations, and institutions; identified, contacted and organized universities and colleges who would accept evacuee students; and provided these colleges with funds for scholarships to the evacuee students. They networked and identified potential college students in each of the camps, and matched students with appropriate schools. They secured proof of community acceptance once the colleges accepted the Nisei students. They even made all the arrangements to clear each one of us with the FBI so that we could leave the connect of the colleges. dents. They even made all the arrangements to clear each one of us with the FBI so that we could leave the camps (I didn't know that). I also learned of the desperate emergency Council meetings in New York City to raise additional foundation funds so that the last of the class of 1945 could have some financial aid.

Over 3,500 of us received aid, papers, or information directly from the colleges we were to attend. If you're like me, you assumed it was the schools

that were the catalyst in relocating the students. But it was the NJASRC that moved the mountains. I now know why it wasn't by accident that five evacuee students entered Bates College in that far off northeastern corner of New England.

I am glad that today, the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF) has been formed to keep alive that spirit of helping. I am glad that my teachers at Topaz High School, who helped me maintain my belief in the redemptive nature of our American society, can now be honored by dedicating funds in their names, just as much as I continue to honor my parents, that amazing and indomitable generation of Issei who made it all possible, through a NSRCF Named Fund scholarship. Several of the 1992 recipients of the Nisei Student Relocation Com-

memorative Fund's scholarship aid have told us that they in turn will continue one day to help the next generation of students. I am mindful of the parable of the mustard seed. Over \$250,000.00 has been raised, but the opportunity to help more than ten students each year remains great. So, if you are one of those 3,500 students who graduated from high

school in one of the camps and continued on to college, or if you are one who received a helping hand to successfully cope in post-camp America, won't youjoin me in keeping the spirit alive. Won't you join me in honoring those who honored each of us with their confidence, their help and their affirmation

Glenn "Rosie" Kumekawa Class of 1945, Topaz High School

P.S. To that small group of persons, who in an inspired moment started the Nisei Student Relocaton Commemorative Fund, my thanks. To my daughter, who is now a Quaker, and to the refugee recipients of the Fund's scholarships, my hopes for the future. To those who will respond to the call, thanks for keeping the spirit alive.

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## **Opinions**



From the frying pan

**BILL HOSOKAWA** 

## Crazy over karaoke

nlike some of my friends in trendsetting centers of culture like New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, I live in a little country town called Denver, Yes, we have some modern amenities like traffic jams on the freewäyand visible air, but folks hereibouts also spend much of their leisure skiing (if they can afford a \$45 lift ticket) and sweating on mountain bikes.

Imagine my surprise, then, to discover the area's newest publication is a monthly devoted entirely to karaoke. The editor's introduction says "In each monthly issue we will strive to provide you with articles and information to keep you in touch with what is going on in the karaoke scene and where to find it."

Karaoke scene? In Denver? The magazine explains:

"Karaoke, as an entertainment form, has experienced explosive growth in the Denver and Front Range area within the last year. Although a few lounges and restaurants installed karaoke systems several year ago, opportunities remained limited until a few enterprising companies purchased equipment and began contracting

with establishments to do karaoke shows one o' two nights per week. From those beginnings, karaoke has developed into a very prominent entertainment form in this region. In little over a year the number of restaurants, clubs, lounges and bars that offer at least one night of karaoke each week has multiplied many fold."

The magazine has a long list of establishments that feature karaoke. Many lure patrons with "contests, excitement, family night, and prizes including trips to Las Vegas." The magazine also lists about a dozen companies that rent karaoke machines or stage a show for private parties.

As everyone knows by now, karaoke is an invention of the Japanese electronics in dustry. It's a device that plays recorded orchestra background music and has a microphone into which would-be singers can croon or belt out lyrics, fantasizing about being a big-time entertainer. No Japanese bar is complete without one and, the way things look, soon no American bar will be

On a recent trip to Japan I learned the latest in karaoke are cozy cubicles, just large enough for you and your party, where you can sing or whatever out of the glare of the spotlight.

I heard about karaoke a decade or so ago and in my ignorance put it off as just another Japanese fad. Failure to understand the name may have had something to do with the attitude. Kara, of course, means "empty," but I figured the rest of it was oke as in barrel. Empty barrel. It turned out oke was the Japanized abbreviation for "or-chestra," the same way apahto is the Japanized short form for "apartment." Empty orchestra = no orphestra.

Empty orchestra = no orchestra.

Indeed it was a Japanese fad that has caught on Out West where men are men and, as it turns out, enjoy singing with their

And so there went another chance to get in on the ground floor of a business that's going to make a pile of cash for some guys who knew the difference between recorded orchestras and empty barrels.

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the Denver Post. His column appears weekly in the Pacific Citizen.



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## Retired?—Not!

am now retired from my job as Associate Executive Director of the YWCA of the USA and have become an executive consultant for special assignments. (Have you ever had to clean out an office full of stuff accumulated over 12 years? It's a monumental task which I still go to the office to do.)

On the first day of retirement, I met with some board and staff members of the American Jewish Committee to share concerns and possible cooperative ventures. Then I went on the road. I've traveled to Phoenix to receive recognition from the National Board of the YWCA for 21 years of service, turned around and headed for Philadelphia for an Anti-Asian Violence Conference sponsored by Asian Americans United, of which the Philadelphia chapter, JACL, is a member. The group received a grant from the JACL Legacy Fund to help cover expenses. There were more than 250 participants including students who came from as far away as Oberlin College, Ohio and Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. Dennis Hayashi, Karen Narasaki and Sonya Chung were among the presenters.

among the presenters.

A few days later Los Angeles was my destination. While there to visit relatives, I met with the PC staff, Ed Mitoma on the U.S. Japan Relations Committee and had a session with J.D. Hokoyama of LEAP. Trisha Murakawa, Doug Urata and Jimmy Tokeshi to plan a curriculum for a pilot program to train chapter presidents. I bumped into John Tateishi, former staffer, and Irene Hirano, executive director of the Japanese American National Museum, in the Little Tokyo mall. On Sunday I attended the installation luncheon of the West Los Angeles, APAN, and SCAN chapters which was reported last week.

A call from Bill Kaneko resulted in my going to Washington, D.C., to Bruce Yamashita's hearing before the Naval Discharge Review Board. New York Times reporter Eric Schmitt who wrote of the Tailhook scandal credits Bruce for bringing to the attention of the Marines that minority candidates drop out of officer candidate training in greater numbers than whites. Expected to last only the morning, the hearing went on for the full day. It was depressing to hear of the extent of racist behavior displayed in military. We need to thank Bruce for his courage to continue his fight for equal treatment and fairness.

Finally back at home, the New York Chapter hosted the Eastern District Council quarterly meeting and held a reception to honor the New York unit of the Asian American Journalists Association and Paul W. Suddes, the current administration of the Office of Redress Administration. Adj was presented with a calligraphy of the word—makoto meaning truth, and Paul was given a calligraphy of the word Kokoro meaning heart. In addition, Tom Kometani, vice president of the chapter, was awarded the Sapphire Pin for his many years of service on the chapter, district and national levels.

Thanksgiving Day gives me time to recover before I go off again. Let me remind you that you may reach me by writing me at 75 Grove Street, Bloomfield, N.J. 07003. That's "thirty" for now.

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## **BILL MARUTANI**

## 'Shimatsu' and 'mottai-nai'

EADAN ITEM the other day about our nation's trash-disposal situe close to completely running out of dumping space. In the past decade, more than 80% of our nation's landfills have closed, down from 15,000 to 4,000. In the last three years alone, the amount of waste has grown by 22 percent while the number of people has grown by only one percent! Here on the East Coast, they take trash out to sea to dump—often resulting in many revolting items washing up on our Atlantic Ocean beaches.

FOR SOME REASON that I've yet to figure out, we've gotten into the (disgrace-ful) "use-once-throw-away" habit of living. For example: eating (plates, cups, utensil); writing (ballpoint pens, fountain pens, refill cartridges—ever try to buy a bottle of ink lately?—mechanical pencils); seeing (flashlights), and other facets of daily life such as butane lighters, toothbrushes (particularly in Japanese hotels), and so on. I'm expecting throw-away watches to appear on the scene any day now.

EACH TIME I read about or see all this wasteful habit, I'm reminded of the admonitory words invoked by our Issei folks: "mottai-nai" and "shimatsu." While I never heard them from boyhood days in various contexts, Isensed what they meant. "Mottainai" was after-the-fact and was condemnatory, whereas "shimatsu" was before-the-act and was admonitory. After-all these decades of ignorance, I decided to look up these two terms.

these two terms.
What I found in the jiten was interesting.

THE TERM mottai-nai consists of three kanji (Chinese) characters, ending with the hiragana (\*7). While the combination means "wasteful," I was surprised that it also means "sacrliegious" as well as "unworthy of." The condemnatory aspect of the term was much more stringent than I, as a youth, had believed. As for "shimatsu," the admonitory term that I had always sensed as meaning "frugal, thrifty," the kanji character's were not quite what I had expected: the two characters consist of "hajime" ("beginning") and "sue" ("end") and together mean "management, control."

Beginning to end, keep control and man-

age well. That's quite a charge.

WHETHER I KNEW the definitions of
these terins or not, over the years I've found
myself unconsciously practicing these concepts—although Vickimay give one astrong
argument on that. Thus, in the name of

argument on that. Thus, in the name of "mottai-nai" I try (not very successfully) to refill disposable fountain pens; as for those disposable automatic pencils, I discovered that they can be refilled with lead by turning the pencil on its eraser, press down (which clicks open the locking chuck) and then insert the new lead(s) until refilled. Yes, a bit of trouble which may not seem worth it. But to toss away a perfectly operating automatic pencil is somehow...mottainai. Even though the manufacturer, distributor, etc. want to sell me another one.

WHAT WE NEED is some shimatsu and mottai nai. Before we choke on our own garbage.

Marutani is a retired judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.



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orioj, oaugmens saliohi sinida, kuniye, 2 gc. Mamura, Akira, 79, Mil Valley, Nov. 6; Mil Valley-born, survived by wife Thelma, in-laws: sisters Ruby Kobayashi, Tomoko Kawamoto, Hane Yasuda, brother-Joo Yatabo Nakamura, Akio, 88, San Jose, Oct. 18; Chiba-born, sarvived by wife Topku, daugh-ters Masako-Coutts, Keiko Nakamura,

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Katsuko, 4 gc, 6 great-gc.
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