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PSW votes to support 'same-sex' marriage

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest District Council (PSWDC) of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) voted at a recent meeting to support the concept of same-sex civil marriage, reported District Gov. Ruth Mizobe. "The Pacific Southwest District Council, as a coalition of chapters, is on record as supporting the rights of gay men and lesbians to legally marry and no longer be denied the rights, benefits and privileges of civil marriage," Mizobe said after the meeting. "I take great pride in being a member of PSW JACL because the membership was able, to move



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beyond the moral debate and see that the issue before them as the categorical denial of civil rights for the gay and lesbian community."

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Photo: GEORGE WAKUI

PARTICIPANTS—Posing for a photo are attendees of the 1994 JACL-OCA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. In front row, from left, are: Geoffrey Tani and Craig Minami. Second row, from left: Liou Hong (standing), June Arima Schumann, Valerie Nao Yoshimura, Leah Hamachi, Rep. Norman Mineta, Alice Yang, Yu Yee Wu, and Gary Mayeda. Third row, from left: Yoshi Takeda, Russell Matsunami, George Chai, Tom Miyaki, Shirley Fong, Carole Kawase (just below Fong), Neil Sugimoto, Vickie Shu, Michael Lynn, Kimberly Miyazawa, Tina Moy, Kimi Yoshino, and Philip Huang, and David Fung.

1st JACL-OCA leadership conference focuses on networking, D.C. politics

Legacy Fund grants available at headquarters

Applications for the 1994 Legacy Fund Grants Program are still available. Contact national headquarters, Legacy Fund Grants Program, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115 for information and applications. The committee will only accept applications received or postmarked by June 1. More than \$16,000 in awards is available.

PC, JACL board meetings scheduled

The Pacific Citizen board meeting will be held Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at PC's offices, 2 Coral Circle, #204, Monterey Park, Calif. Information: 800/966-6157.

The JACL National Board meeting will be held Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 21, and Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon, May 22, at headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco. Information: 415/921-5225.

By KAREN NARASAKI

WASHINGTON—Hearing congressmen, senators and leaders of major civil rights organizations talk about their respect for JACL and OCA and the need for input from JACL and OCA on major issues, tells me that I have to work harder to inform our community on these issues and achieve consensus on them," said PSW Representative Craig Minami.

Minami was one of a total of 27 participants, 14 from JACL and 13 from OCA, who came from across the country to participate in the first joint Japanese American Citizens League and the Organization of Chinese Americans leadership training program held Feb. 27-March 2, 1994. Participants said they were "energized" and had "a better sense of focus" on JACL's and OCA's national policy advocacy efforts. EDC participant, John Hayakawa-Torok, stated, "One thing that this training has done is to make me reaffirm my commitment to the production of relevant scholarship that can be used for civil rights advocacy efforts. Overall, it was a marvelous informative experience ... an awesome job of pulling together and an intensive seminar that included both issues and skills training, as well as an introduction to the legislative process."

The participants were unanimous in their recommendation that JACL and OCA continue the program as a joint program. PNW participant, June Arima Schumann said, "The experience of joint sessions with OCA was the highlight for me. I appreciated the collegial atmosphere and the sharing across cultures, generations and personal histories." MDC participant Valerie Yoshimura com-

mented, "The best part of the conference? Working jointly, JACL and OCA! It has been wonderful to work together, to realize our commonalities as well as our differences."

One OCA participant noted, "I strongly recommend that you continue the combined leadership training of OCA and JACL. The relationship and friendship building between the members of the two organizations is very important to our future." Another OCA participant said, "The joint effort provides a chance to work together as Asian Americans, not just Chinese or Japanese Americans." The program, as in past JACL-OCA Leadership conferences, was jam-packed and participants were kept busy every minute of each day. For JACL participants, the program began with a visit to the Smithsonian internment exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," guided by curator Tom Crouch. JACL Past National President Patrick Okura and his wife, EDC Vice Chairwoman Lily Okura, hosted a dinner at their Maryland home. EDC had provided the funding for the dinner and members of the Greater Washington, D.C., Chapter were on hand to meet with the participants. JACL National President Lillian Kimura presented her view on the "Future of JACL" and discussed concerns and answered questions raised by the participants. From there, the JACL participants rushed back to Virginia to meet informally with OCA Board members and participants.

The next morning, the program began early with a presentation on the history of redress by Leslie Hatamiya, aide to Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) and author of Right-

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PANELISTS—Participating at the "Strength and Diversity" exhibit at the Gene Autry Museum in Los Angeles are, from left, seated, Mei Nakano, Rosalyn Tonal and Karin Higa; Standing, from left, are Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Maisey Nakamura, Chizu Iiyama, Carey Caldwell and Michael Duchemin.

JA women is focus of museum exhibit

Staff report

LOS ANGELES—The exhibit "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990" and the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles may seem an odd match. But as museum curator Michael Duchemin put it, the story of these women takes place primarily in the West and should be woven into the fabric of the larger history. Thus the photos, artifacts and a videotape of Japanese American women sit easily alongside that of other pioneers of the West in this museum.

The award-winning exhibit, originally developed and staged by the Women's Exhibit Committee of National Japanese American Historical Society

(NJAHS) of San Francisco, was co-chaired by Chizu Iiyama and Rosalyn Tonal. It is now traveling under the aegis of the Smithsonian Institution. From its initial run at the Oakland Museum in 1990, it has attracted unprecedented crowds due primarily to the rare, original artifacts on display and the uniqueness of its story. Beginning roughly with the immigrant "picture-bride" era, on through the desolate camp experience to the present-day era of the successful Sansei, the exhibit depicts with telling accuracy and feeling the history of three generations of Japanese American women.

The large crowd of museum-goers who attended the See WOMEN/page 4

2 men arrested in murder of Japanese students

Less than a week after the shooting deaths of Takuma Ito and Go Matsura in San Pedro, Calif., Los Angeles police arrested Mar. 30 two gang members in connection with the slayings, reported the *Los Angeles Times*.

Raymond Oscar Butler, 18, of San Pedro and Alberto V. Reygoza, 20, of Long Beach had been under round-the-clock surveillance after police found physical evidence which linked them to the crime.

Investigators determined that Butler was the lone triggerman in the slayings. He has been charged with two counts of murder with special circumstances of murder during a robbery and multiple murder, two counts of robbery and one count of carjacking. If convicted, Butler could face the death penalty. Reygoza was charged with receiving stolen property and being an accessory to the crime. If convicted, he faces a maximum

sentence of three years and eight months.

Reacting to the arrests, Shuji Matsura, father of one of the students, said, "This is the news we have been waiting for."

The father said the families would wait for developments in the prosecution of Butler. "We will quietly wait for your decision," said Matsura. Matsura and Ito's murders sparked outrage in Japan over violence in America.

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Calendar

The Midwest Chicago

Mon. April 11—Lecture by Prof. Larry Shigeta, "Culturalism and the Future of the Japanese American Community." 7:30 p.m., JASC, 4472 N. Clark St., Chicago. NOTE: The CSU-Sonoma has predicted that "by the fifth generation (Gosei), the Japanese American community may disappear."

Indianapolis

Through April 10—Photo exhibit, "Children of the Detention Camps, 1942-45." Children's Museum, 3000 N. Meridian St. Information: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505

The Intermountain

Salt Lake City

Sat. April 16—JACL Mt. Olympus Fund-a-Rama, 6:30 p.m., Central High School.

Nevada

Las Vegas

Fri.-Sun. April 22-24—Poston III Reunion, Flamingo Hilton Hotel, Information: 641 E. Kip Patrick Dr., Reedley, CA 93654. NOTE—Friday mixer, Saturday dinner, Sunday brunch.

Arizona

Phoenix

Sun. April 24—JACL Arizona scholarship awards banquet, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 2532 W. Peoria. Phoenix information: Takaki Inoshiki, 602/937-5434

California

Sacramento Valley

Week of April 17-23—UC Davis Asian Pacific Cultural Week and Film Festival, "Building Bridges, Connecting Worlds," information: event schedule 916/752-4936. NOTE—On-campus lectures (MUJI in the Memorial Union), music (Mon. noon, Wed. Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Kleiber Hall #3; Fri. 7 p.m., Freeborn Hall), nine films (Sat.-Thu. 7 and 9 p.m., free, Chemistry Bldg 194) and Cultural Faire (Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Quad). LECTURES—Topics / Speakers—Immigration, Mon. 6:30 p.m.; Film-maker Ken Kashima, Tue. noon; Capt. Bruce Yamashita USMC, Tue. 6:30 p.m.; Native Hawaiians, Wed. noon; South Asian Women's Collective, Thu. noon; Domestic violence, Fri. noon. FILMS—Sun. 7 p.m. "Women from the Lake of Scented Souls (China)," 9 p.m. "Soyongye (Korea)," Mon. 7 p.m. "Cannes UNESCO winner, 'Boatman from the River Padma (India),' Tue. 7 p.m. 'Muddy River (Japan),' 9 p.m. 'The Cyclist: Iran 1989,' Wed. 7 p.m. 'Iron and Silk: US/China 1990,' 9 p.m. 'Southern Winds: Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, 1992,' Thu. 7 p.m. 'Praying with Anger (India),' 9 p.m. tentative - 'Pushing Hands (Taiwan)'.
Sat. Sun. April 23-24—Sacramento Rebels Youth Organization 12th annual invitational basketball tournament. Information: Ken Miyao 916/446-2689; Janet Okino 916/422-7211. NOTE—Open to Asian high school athletes, men and women teams in 8 divisions, with tournament date and social for parents and coaches. Teams expected from Northern, Central and Southern California.

San Francisco

Sun. April 10—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moniwaki 510/482-3280.
Fri. April 15—Cherry Blossom Festival, Preview, noon, Justin Herman Plaza. Photo exhibit: Japanese American Rural communities (through April 15 & April 22 weekends), 10 a.m., Kinokuniya Bldg.; Art exhibit (through April 24), 11-4 p.m., Galerie Voyage.

Los Angeles-Orange

Sat. April 9—San Gabriel Valley JACL "Day at the Races," Santa Anita Infield Picnic area #7 (use Parking Lot 6); RSVP April 2, Deni Uejima, 566 E 5th St., Azusa, CA 91702, or ESVGJCC 818/960-2566. NOTE—Proceeds for chapter scholarship fund.
Sat. April 9—"Breaking the Glass Ceiling" conference, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., JACC, Kintetsu Bldg.; Caricature drawing (through April 15 & April 22 weekends), 1-4 p.m., Kintetsu Bldg. Mall; Arts show, 1-4 p.m., Tasamaki Bldg. All Festival information: 415/563-2313.
Sat. April 16—Cherry Blossom Festival, Opening ceremony and introduction of Cherry Blossom Queen and court, 11:45 a.m., Taiiko drums, noon, Ono dancing, 12:30 p.m., Japan Center Peace Plaza; Cherry Blossom Queen pageant, 5-10 p.m., ANA Hotel, RSVP required 415/20-2366.
Sat. Sun. April 17-18—Cherry Blossom Festival, Ono dancing, 12:30 p.m., Martial arts, till 5:15 p.m., Akita dog show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Japan Center Peace Plaza; Cooking demonstration, 11 a.m., Traditional Japanese arts demonstration, 1-4 p.m., Kimono Senior Citizens art exhibit, 1-4 p.m., Tasamaki Bldg.; Hisashi Otsuka paintings, 10 a.m., Miyako Hotel Sakura Room; Origami, noon-4 p.m.; Koto & Japanese Classical dance, noon-5 p.m., Ikebana, noon, Japanese swords, 11 a.m., Chanyou, 1 p.m., Miyako Hotel.
Sat. Sun. April 17—Cherry Blossom Festival, Sketching contest, 8:30 a.m., Japan Center Peace Plaza; Kimono Gakuen program, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fri. Sat. April 22-23—Cherry Blossom Festival, Art exhibits (Kintetsu Bldg./Mall, Tasamaki Bldg.) All Festival information: 415/563-2313.
Sat. April 23—Cherry Blossom Festival, Mikoshi purification 11 a.m.; Mochitsuki, Taiiko, Awa Odori, noon, Abacus 1 p.m., Classical dance, 2 p.m., Martial arts, 2:45 p.m., Akita dog show, 10-4 p.m., Peace Plaza, Arts & craft fair, A.T.T. Phone booth, 11-5 p.m., Buchanan Mall.

Eastbay

Sun. April 10—JASEB 7th annual Bowlathon, 2-4 p.m., Lucky Lanes, 13255 San Pablo, Pacific Blvd. Information: Laura Takeuchi 510/848-3560. Pre-register by April 4.

San Jose

Sat. April 9—Tom Crouch lecture, 3 p.m., San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St. 408/294-2787. NOTE—Curator of the Smithsonian's exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," speaks on "When the Constitution Failed: the Japanese American internment episode."
Through April 10—"The View from Within: Japanese American art from the internment camps, 1942-45," San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market, San Jose, 408/294-2787. NOTE April 3—Family Sunday, 11 a.m., "Dances of Japan" by students of Mme. Bandō Mitsuta.

Fresno-Central Cal

Mon. April 11—Fresno City College lecture by UC Berkeley Prof. Ronald Takaki, 7:15 p.m., City College Theater, tickets 209/442-4600.

Manzanar

Sat. April 23—25th annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar National Historic Site, 11 a.m. Information: Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, 90026; 213/662-5102; Oasis Garden Club 626/377-5366. NOTE—Program includes dedication of Blue Star Memorial Highway marker in cooperation with Oasis Garden Club and Caltrans to honor 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team and U.S. Army MIS. Blue Star markers are posted along federal highways as memorials to those who served and are serving in the U.S. armed forces.

244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles; information Asian Pacific Legal Defense & Education Fund, Glenn Yoshida 213/241-5296. NOTE—Registration fee includes bento lunch.

Sat. Sun. April 16—Families Tell us Families, 1-3 p.m., Sat. S. readings by Sandra Mizumoto Posey and playwright Velina Hasu Houston; plus Sun. readings by Maria Kwong and her daughter Hana Vander Stuer, JANN, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.

Sun. April 10—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, Hanamatsuri services at local Buddhist temples. Information: 213/620-4200.

Thu. April 14—Deadline: Nominations for eight Nisei Week Pioneer, information: Frank Omatsu, chair, NW Office, 244 S. San Pedro St. #501, Los Angeles 90012. NOTE—Minimum criteria: Age 70, recognized as having given of themselves to the Japanese American community, and as honoree, "will the individual be sufficiently honored by relatives and friends to draw support to the Nisei Week Festival (Aug. 6-14), parade (Aug. 7) and Pioneer luncheon (Aug. 10)." Recommendations, resume and headshot required.

Fri. April 15—Deadline: Nisei Week "Sounds of Little Tokyo" T-Shirt design contest; details: Nobu Watanabe, Firefly T-Shirts, 530 E. 2nd St., 213/626-4077.

Fri. April 15—Annual Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., UCLA Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom, information: Jeff Muraikami 213/740-4999, Bill Watanabe 213/300-3729, Marge Thornton 310/825-1006, George Umezawa 213/343-3383. NOTE—Theme: Responding to race realities.

Saturday, April 16—University of California, Riverside is hosting the first annual Asian Pacific youth conference for Riverside and San Bernardino high school students. UCR campus, 9 a.m. Entitled "Opening the Minds of a New Generation," the conference will include workshops on racism and prejudice in high schools, strengthening Asian and Pacific Islander clubs, inter-racial relationships and how to apply and get money for college. Participants must pre-register and have signed a waiver of liability. Cost: \$5. Information: Roland Coloma or Grace Yoo at 909/787-7272 or 909/787-7274.

Sat. April 16—Calif. Lawyers for the Arts Film and Video Lab seminar for artists, 9:30-3:30 p.m., Westside Pavilion Community Room, Los Angeles, 310/955-8693. NOTE—Pre-register by April 8 for discount.

Sat. April 16—Tissee Women: Through Harsh Winters," talk by Dr. Akemi Kikumura, 2 p.m., JANN, 213/625-0414. Sat. April 16—Orange County Sanele Singles Spring Fantasy dinner-dance, 7 p.m.m., Sequoia Conference Center, 7530 Orangeflower Ave., Buena Park, RSVP by 213/725-1817, 310/862-5529, 818/441-4114.

Sat. Sun. April 16-17—Little Tokyo Spring Festival, 16th annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Japanese Village, Plaza, Little Tokyo; 213/620-8861.

Sun. April 17—"History of Fujikuni in America," talk by Terry Nakawata and Eiso Kanegawa of Senshin Buddhist Temple, Fujikuni, 2 p.m., JANN, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.

Sun. April 17—Koreisha Chushukoku 18th anniversary banquet, 5 p.m. social hour, dinner at 6, New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles, Los Angeles, RSVP 213/680-9173. NOTE—Rose M. Ochi, Nisei Activity Club and lunch program volunteers with over 10 years to be honored.

Sun. April 17—Jodoshu Betsuin Fujikuni fashion show, 12:15 p.m., Jodoshu Betsuin, 442 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles. NOTE—Featuring Kanajo USA's "Kimono: past, present and future."

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ing a Wrong, a definitive book on the passage of the Civil Liberties Act. Hatamiya provided a comprehensive overview and shared many inside stories she had collected from JACL redress leaders such as Grayce Ueyehara and Cherry Kinoshita. At lunch, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Executive Director Ralph Nease, NAACP Washington Bureau Chief Wade Henderson and National Council of La Raza Vice President Charles Kamasaki shared their insights with the participants and members of the OCA National Board on the civil rights challenges facing Americans in the '90s. All three panelists told the participants that this was not a time for people concerned about civil rights in this country to become complacent. Kamasaki focused on the anti-immigrant legislation, stating that this was the worst political climate NCLR has ever seen for immigrant scape-goating. Henderson outlined NAACP's concerns about the Senate Crime Bill proposal and other civil rights and civil liberties issues in legislation before Congress.

After lunch, Asian Pacific American Bar Association President Ivan Fong provided attendees with an understanding of the legal system and how litigation can be used as a form of advocacy. A former Supreme Court clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Fong had many interesting insights into the workings of the

court. The participants finished up the program for the day with a discussion of Asian American issues by well known leaders. Dennis Hayashi, director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Department of Health and Human Services, discussed health care reform and issues of discrimination his office handles. OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok talked about the multitude of anti-immigrant proposals pending in Congress, and how immigrant bushing had reached such levels that legal permanent residents of the U.S. were now being targeted for discriminatory legislation. Laura Eford, legislative director to Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), talked about education reform proposals going through Congress this year and Stuart Ishimaru, acting staff director for the Commission on Civil Rights, talked about civil rights issues facing Asian Americans, such as "The Justice for Wards Cove Act."

Sunday concluded with a reception sponsored by the local JACL and OCA chapters to honor the Clinton Administration Asian Pacific American appointees and the conference participants. More than 200 people attended the event. The appointees enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with the local JACL and OCA members and with the Leader-



ROUNDTABLE—Discussing APA issues were, from left, Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative; Dennis Hayashi, director, Office of Civil Rights, Health and Human Services; Laura Eford,

legislative director to U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink; Stuart Ishimaru, acting staff director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization of Chinese Americans.

ship Program participants. National OCA President Ginny Gong and National JACL President Lillian Kimura opened the reception, conveying their excitement at formally working together on a national level. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) spoke about the importance of developing Asian Pacific American leaders and recommended the appointees for embracing the opportunity to serve the country.

The next morning session began early with Washington D.C., Chapter President John Nakahata and staff director for Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), cit-

ing the legislative effort to pass the 1992 Amendments to the Civil Liberties Act to outline the legislative process and providing practical "how-to" advocacy tips to the participants. They learned how much more weight personalized letters have than form letters or post cards and how to approach their representatives.

This basic session was then followed by a panel consisting of Paul Cardus, legislative assistant to Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Chris Strobel, legislative director to Congressman Mineta (D-Calif.), and Ben Wu, legislative assistant to Rep. Connie Morello (R-

Md.). The participants seemed to enjoy being able to talk to these congressional staffers and get their insider views. Using the "Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act" as an example, the panelists delineated how the legislative process works in action and provided more tips on how to effectively approach legislators. Even the participants who already knew about the Wards Cove case said they got new insights about the case and about how legislation works.

The lunch session was an introduction into working with the See **LEADERSHIP**/page 5

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Los Angeles, CA 90012
Sat., Apr. 23—9am-2pm

Hawthorne Memorial Center
3901 El Segundo Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
Fri., Apr. 15—9:30am-1pm

YWCA of Santa Monica
2019 Fourteenth Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405
Sun., Apr. 17—10am-3pm

Japanese Institute of Sawtelle
2110 Corinth Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90025
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Fri., Apr. 15—9am-3pm

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3751 Katella Avenue
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Sat., Apr. 16—9am-4pm

Parkview Community Hospital
Medical Center
3865 Jackson Street
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LEADERSHIP

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media. Like last year, the mock interview with the journalists, Leona Hirao, formerly an associate editor with the *New Republic*, Peter Hong, a reporter with the *Washington Post*, and Shari Macias, an anchorwoman/reporter for NEWSCHANNEL 8, was a big hit. OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok graciously served as the interviewee. One participant noted, "This was one of my favorite presentations. I liked that the three types of journalists (newspaper, editorial and television) were grouped together for easy comparisons of each type of media's focus. I also thought that the mock interview and subsequent explanations were very effective."

The Communications Consortium, Inc. (CCI), a professional media consulting group, provided the participants with a donated media training session. Maria Ibanez and Philip Sparks, the CCI presenters, provided some interesting background information about handling the media and conducted role-playing sessions with the participants.

Monday ended with dinner with Rep. Mineta, which was cited by all of the participants as an exhilarating high point. Rep. Mineta sat at different tables throughout the evening, getting a chance to talk informally with each of the participants, and then give formal remarks about the roles organizations such as JACL and OCA play in Washington, D.C., and telling the participants how he got started in politics.

JACL National President Lillian Kimura held a special strategy session after the dinner with Rep. Mineta. The JACL participants said they enjoyed having the opportunity to share their issues and discuss strategies with each other and with the National President.

Tuesday morning began even earlier with the participants going to the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Education to meet with Deputy Assistant Raymond Pierce and Director of Policy Jeannette Lim. The participants heard what kinds of civil rights issues the office handles and what they can be doing on a local level.

The next stop was a visit to the Old Executive Office Building, which serves as an extension to the White House, where participants met with Doris Matsui, deputy director of the Office of Public Liaison. Deputy Director

Matsui explained what her office does to reach out to communicate with the public about the administration's goals and talked about the important role that JACL and OCA play in helping to shape national policy. The participants found her speech to be "inspirational."

The participants were impressed with the luncheon speaker, Department of Commerce General Counsel Ginger Lew, one of the highest ranking Asian Pacific Americans in the Clinton Administration. She previously served in the State Department under President Jimmy Carter. Lew discussed the glass ceiling and the importance of building professional and personal networks, as well as our obligation to help nurture others.

A session on coalition building to fight hate crimes followed with Richard Foltn, the legislative director for the American Jewish Committee. This session was followed by a new experimental workshop. Participants were divided into two groups and given hypothetical situations to work on. The participants rated this session highly saying it was "very effective." They enjoyed having the opportunity to work together and have some "hands-on" interaction.

Tuesday ended with dinner with Rep. Matsui. He also sat at different tables so that each of the participants had a chance to talk with him informally. He was very candid and his formal remarks laid out a pretty tough assessment of the need for the APA community to build up its political muscle. Many of the participants found his remarks sobering but inspiring.

Wednesday morning began with a tour of the Capitol led by Rep. Matsui's top aide, Tom Kenney. The participants ran into Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) on his way to the Senate floor. They later watched him speak about health care reform. Just as they were about to leave to rush to their next meeting, Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) began speaking against the anti-discrimination provisions of the Immigration Reform & Control Act,



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PRESIDENTS—JACL President Lillian Kimura, left, chats with OCA President Ginny Gong at the leadership conference.

noting that one of his constituents had been fined for violating these provisions which bar discrimination based on immigration status. The coincidence is that Sen. Murkowski was complaining on behalf of the Wards Cove Packing Company, the same corporation for whom he won an exemption from the Civil Rights Act of 1991, so that 2,000 Asian Pacific Americans and Alaskan Natives could not challenge the corporation for discriminatory employment practices under the 1991 Act. He is considered a senator who is blocking the efforts of JACL and OCA to pass the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act that would remove the discriminatory exemption.

The participants said they were fired up for their meeting with Rep. Jay Kim (R-Calif.), the first Korean American elected to Congress. They asked him to support the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, which he agreed to do. Rep. Kim discussed the need to elect more Asian Americans to Congress and shocked many of the participants by strongly advocating against working in "rainbow" coalitions.

The formal program ended with the participants meeting with Sen. Akaka. They were able to discuss foreign policy with him.

After the farewell lunch, the JACL participants visited the Office of Redress Administration where ORA administrator Paul Suddes and his staff briefed the group and gave them the inside story on how ORA functions.

As one participant, Kimberly Miyazawa, put it, "The opportunity to view first hand some of the goings-on in Washington gave me a greater appreciation for not only the advances the Asian American community have made, but also the need to continue to work across groups to 'tackle' the many challenges that remain. I hope we will continue to make progress for

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Critical views on a PC ad

The chaplain associate of Boston University, John Michio Miyahara, has written to this newspaper to take it to task for a classified advertisement published some weeks ago. The ad invited correspondence from a "Japanese female" with an American, single, "with a view towards a permanent relationship."

Miyahara wrote that the ad reminded him of American men who go to Third World Asian countries to find wives to bring back to this country under very exploitative circumstances. He said he was not aware that *Pacific Citizen* was in the "match making" business, not aware that offering dating services through classified ads was another mission of JACL and this newspaper.

"I find it outrageous and distasteful that you have succumbed to such practices," he wrote, suggesting that PC be discontinued if it is so desperate for revenue that it must publish advertising with "the potential to exploit."

Miyahara has brought up an issue—whether to accept or reject certain kinds of advertising—that has concerned segments of the newspaper business for a long time. Some newspapers publish ads for sex mov-

ies while their editorial pages are decrying pornography. Many newspapers publish ads for sale of firearms while running stories in which citizens and civic officials criticize the ease with which lethal weapons can be purchased.

Is this hypocrisy based on the profit motive? Maybe, but it goes beyond that.

Publishers drag out the argument of First Amendment rights, contending that the right of free speech requires them to open their pages to any matter that is not illegal. Sex movies may be shown legally by licensed movie houses and handguns may be sold legally by licensed gunshops. Is it not wrong to discriminate against such legal businesses simply because we disapprove of them, just as it would be wrong to deny space to certain political views because we disagree with them? On the other hand, there is the matter of editorial judgment in which the editor must take responsibility for what is published and what is rejected.

The problem is even more complicated. TV is prohibited from showing advertising for hard liquor even though the manufacture and sale of booze is legal. Newspapers do not publish cigarette ads even though tobacco is legal. As a matter of fact, taxes on

both liquor and cigarettes are a substantial source of government income but their advertising is restricted.

I can understand Chaplain Associate Miyahara's concern. Some lonely guy's desire to establish correspondence with a "Japanese female" may be entirely innocent, but it has the potential for deplorable consequences and Miyahara is entitled to his outrage.

The revenue from the ad was probably minimal and PC can exist without it. A greater issue is whether the newspaper would be violating the right of someone to be heard if it rejected his message because it might, just might, lead to problems.

When I first saw the ad, I felt it was distasteful and wished it hadn't been published. The consolation is that whoever bought the ad was wasting his money because he didn't understand PC is no super-market tabloid for Asians and its readers aren't likely to be the kind that answer lonely hearts letters. ☐

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

Letters

Importance of pronouncing names correctly

We enjoyed (Bill Hosokawa's) column in the Feb. 25-March 3 *Pacific Citizen*. It struck a responsive chord with us.

Having lived in Hawaii for many years during the '50s and '60s, we're comfortable with multi-syllabic surnames like Kahanamoku and Kawanakoa—not to mention Mirikitani or Sakakihara. Therefore it was distressing, while watching PBS's "Washington Week in Review" awhile back, to hear its moderator, Paul Duke, make a joking remark about the unpronounceability of the name of the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

We wrote to PBS about the incident, stating our opinion that the remark was unprofessional and that Mr. Duke should have taken the trouble to learn how to say "Shalikashvili." Their reply said, in effect, "Well, that's just the way Paul is; he even had trouble with the name Dukakis."

That was a lame response, in our view. If he couldn't deal with Dukakis, how did he handle Stephanopoulos? In any event, Mr. Duke is no longer with PBS and we hope his successor will do better with names. All newscasters and commentators on radio and TV would do well to emulate the performance of the people who covered the Winter Olympics for CBS; they seemed to be making a real effort to give unfamiliar names the correct pronunciation.

Please keep your columns coming—they're PC's best feature!

David H. Green
Mitsuko Osaki Green
Great Falls, Va.

Wants facts on tariffs in U.S.-Japan articles

Your recent article related to trade friction between U.S./Japan seemed to carry the party line, that is, hype of news media.

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William Iwamoto
Berkeley, Calif.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Six lashes

All of which provides the background for this week's subject.

BY NOW, most of you have read about that 18-year old American youth in Singapore who was arrested for and convicted of vandalism. The criminal penalties for the offense include a potential flogging with a cane. Six lashes. We probably would not have heard about this incident but for President Clinton's intervention suggesting that such flogging was "extreme" and that the Singaporean authorities might reconsider that aspect of any sentencing. By U.S. standards, by adoption of our Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) the Eighth Amendment prohibits infliction of "cruel and unusual punishment." What constitutes "cruel and unusual" continues to be debated, including more recently with Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun's evolving conviction that capital punishment falls into that category, at least as to how such is administered in the United States. But we no longer band a woman with a large "A" on her forehead should she be convicted of adultery, nor do we confine miscreants to

public pillories in the town square, where they may be subjected to scorn. Which is not to suggest that Singapore practices such methods of punishment, but they do retain lashing. A half dozen. But getting back to our president's suggestion of withholding flogging, did the Singapore authorities pay heed?

Nope.

THE AUTHORITIES in Singapore handed down a sentencing package consisting of: four months jail time, a fine of about \$2,200 U.S., plus those six lashes. (What if that 18-year old American lad doesn't happen to have twenty-two hundred dollars, U.S.? What about Nikkei American's attitudes toward imposing such a sentence? Were I to be so foolhardy as to speculate as to what their views might be,

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After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the *Pacific Citizen*.

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land Museum, Karin Higa, curator of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and Michael Duchemin, curator of the Gene Autry Museum, discussed the various aspects of developing an exhibit like "Strength and Diversity." Using the exhibit as an example, they said that collaborative efforts struck between the museums and community groups (like the NJAHS and JANM) were of primary importance. "This collaboration not only increases resources and person power, it also offers museums the challenge of cultivating a broader audience—a multi-cultural one, in this case," said Tona. In addition, it opens up the possibility of bringing to the public a veritable mine of rich artifacts and stories, never before seen. They agreed, in sum, that the process of developing and showing the "Strength and Diversity" exhibit epitomized successful collaboration between the museum and the community.

The exhibit, already seen in Oakland, Oregon and Florida, will later travel to Seattle, Chicago, Kansas, Las Vegas, Colorado and New York.

MARUTANI

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it would be along the following lines: a small minority would believe the lashing was barbaric, but a great majority would approve. "Do the crime, do the time." It's somewhat like the way of the tough sentencing judge who imposed three successive life terms upon a convicted felon. Three successive life terms seem so much more reasonable, the sentenced felon complained, "Judge, I can't do that much time." To which the judge's reply was, "Do the best you can." Six lashes.

Voices

By GEOFFREY TANI

Reflections on JACL Leadership Conference

The annual JACL Leadership Conference Program offers an excellent opportunity for members to immerse themselves in the political arm of the JACL organization and to network with equally active Asian/Pacific Islander Americans. Having just returned from the 1994 conference, held in Washington, D.C. from Feb. 26 through March 2, I would like to share my reflections on the experience.

What is the Leadership Conference?

In summary, the Leadership Conference is organized around the following goals.

1) To acquaint participants with the major political issues currently confronting the Asian/Pacific Islander American community. We covered A/P immigration, hate crime legislation, the Justice for Wards Cove Act, the Education Fund as a crucial part of Redress, and the A/P American population and health care.

2) To teach basic strategies in advocacy through lobbying, litigation, and working with the media. Along with panel discussions with representatives from other civil rights organizations working in coalition with JACL, we held several workshops involving role-play situations and team problem solving.

3) To introduce participants to A/P American politicians, journalists, attorneys and other key players based in the capital. We arranged informal discussions with Congressmen Norm Mineta,

Bob Matsui, Jay Kim, and Sen. Dan Akaka along with their respective legislative assistants. In addition, many Clinton administration appointees offered their time to discuss subjects ranging from bilingual education policy to transportation policy.

4) To give active JACL members the opportunity to exchange ideas and opinions with each other. This year's dialogue proved especially fruitful with the joint attendance of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), a very enthusiastic group representing about four thousand, primarily first and second generation members.

What did I get out of the conference?

As Senator Dan Akaka put it, I was a different person after the conference than before I began.

First, my attitude towards politics matured. Nationwide cynicism had helped discredit politics and lobbying in my eyes, but meeting informally with many political activists instilled a new respect for what our political leaders are trying to accomplish. Yes, money and ego negatively influence policy, but there are still many who have upheld their principles and need our support. We cannot afford to retreat from participation out of despair or apathy, but rather must stay involved in the political process, amending it in course. We as citizens have this responsible role to play.

Next, my horizons were broadened by meeting so many A/P

American leaders, politicians, educators, policy administrators, journalists, attorneys, while I could remotely conceive of myself serving my community in these roles. I didn't really believe that I could ever attain the stature to help run the national government. However, meeting these people and observing them all work inspired me to follow their lead. It also drove home to me that race and ethnicity matter in politics. It matters to have people empathetic to our collective histories in position of power. It matters to have A/P members in role model positions. Concurrently, these public servants add to the government's awareness of the people it represents. The government is better off because of them.

Finally, spending time with other active members of the JACL and OCA, I received a number of ideas to help make the Chicago Chapter more effective in its cause to promote and protect the civil rights of Japanese Americans. These included ideas on nurturing stronger ties with coalition partners in the Chicago area, on developing clearer channels of information distribution, and on encouraging greater involvement within the chapter membership. In this sense, the conference made me a better member of JACL.

Why should you consider attending the next conference?

Although a member of JACL for more than a year, I felt out of touch with what JACL could be and what my role in its future

should be. Only vaguely aware of issues facing the A/P community, I was ambivalent about how much of my time and effort they deserved. Finally, I was unsure of how to go about contributing to a resolution. If my story sounds familiar, then you too will find the conference valuable. It invigorated me by putting me in contact with others who are actively involved with concerns similar to mine. It inspired me by introducing me to A/P Americans who, through commitment to principle and tremendous determination, have attained leadership positions in the country. It affirmed to me that the problems challenging the A/P community in this country today are real and organizations such as JACL must persevere toward solutions.

However, the plain truth, as stated by National President Lillian Kimura is that of the 24,000 members in JACL, 6000 are aged 60 or older. The impending turnover of leadership makes it imperative that younger members take the initiative to develop their leadership skills, become familiar with how JACL operates, and guide us through the next century. Having said this, no one need feel limited by age. Participants ranged in age from 20 to 60, with everyone taking active part in panel discussions. Applications for the conference are usually accepted during January.

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the National JACL Board by Vice President for Public Affairs Bill Kaneko, was raised by Civil Rights Caucus Chair Trisha Murakawa under the Civil Rights report.

The Honolulu Chapter was the first JACL entity to officially support the concept of same-sex marriage, Murakawa said. Recently, the Hawaii State Supreme Court held in the case *Baehr v. Lewin* that the prohibition of such marriages would be a violation of the equal protection clauses of the state constitution. The court further remanded the case to the Circuit Court to apply a "strict scrutiny" standard determining a compelling state interest in prohibiting same-sex marriages that may avoid abridgment of constitutional rights.

Murakawa said that the United States is slowly starting to formally recognize the civil rights and civil liberties of gay men and lesbians. She said President Clinton's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy implemented in the United States military is one example. Murakawa said that the recent legislation authored by Congressmen Julian Dixon and Howard Berman which includes sexual orientation as a standard of federal anti-discrimination protection was another. To refute arguments that some individuals may marry to obtain legal residency in the United States, Murakawa said that this is true for heterosexual couples and that the Japanese American community had a history of picture bride marriages where spouses had never met each other but were given benefits of civil marriage in this country in-

cluding permanent residency.

Murakawa clarified that under current law, gay men and lesbians are denied marital benefits such as employee benefits, spousal communication privileges, hospital and jail visitation rights, favorable tax treatments and the ability to authorize medical treatments for their significant others. She further clarified that the issue before the court was not that of individual feelings toward gay men and lesbians, but the support of gay men and lesbians to legally marry each other as a civil right.

LEADERSHIP

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Asian American, as our advances advance all people. One of the OCA participants noted, "The combination of fun and content was a good combination that made the program better each day. It's a wonderful way to meet other Asian American leaders, learn from each other and be inspired by them. I really got a better grasp of the issues and learned the importance of them."

Valerie Yoshimura said, "The importance of networking, of establishing and maintaining relationships with community groups, the media, governmental officials was emphasized by every speaker at the leadership conference. I now have a clearer sense of how to use these contacts for the empowerment of our communities." Another participant added, "The most important aspect I learned was the national arena's view of JACL and OCA and how these organizations play a role in the national scene."

Death Notice

DR. STEVEN KATSU OMI

Passed away of cancer on March 21, 1994 at the Presbyterian St. Luke Medical Center, Denver, Colorado at age 36. He was born in Berkeley, California on April 18, 1957. Upon graduating from Alhambra High School in southern California, he received a gymnastics scholarship to the University of California, Berkeley. As an outstanding athlete he received the Olivers Club Outstanding Athlete award for Japanese American athletes. Until his illness prevented him, he was an active cyclist, swimmer, Nordic skier, and triathlon competitor.

He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in bioresource science and went on to Oregon State University to receive his masters degree in forest science. He obtained his PhD at the same university in tree seedling physiology. Although his work was abruptly terminated due to his illness, he established a research emphasis at the USDA Forest Service Center of Alene nursery (Idaho Panhandle National Forest).

He is survived by his father, Rev. Dr. Frank M. Omi who married Nobuko Lillian Matsumoto, sisters Meiko Zender, Makiko Olsen, brother Dr. Philip Omi, Dr. Sheldon Omi. His cremation will be in Denver, Colorado at the memorial service will be held at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Avenue, El Cerrito, California on April 15, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Donations in his memory can be made to Steven K. Omi Memorial Fund, c/o P.O. Box 7550, Landscape Station, Berkeley, CA 94707.

Death Notice

WILLIAM T. UTSUMI

Nov. 12, 1915 - Mar. 23, 1994. died at Guardian of Rossmore in Walnut Creek. The father of Oakland resident Oakland Public Schools before going to the University of California. He has lived in Rossmore for the last 17 years. He loved to can food to open a Service Station in Oakland and was well known for the Southern Pacific Railroad where he worked until his retirement. He was a member of the Lake Park United Methodist Church, and the JACL where he actively participated in the Church choir, golf and bridge clubs.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Ann Utsumi of Rossmore; brother, Elmer Utsumi of Oakland; daughter Mrs. Judy Oye of Orinda and two grandsons, Peter and Jamie, numerous nephews and nieces.

Death Notice

SHIGEO YAMAMOTO

101, Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1904 - Mar. 23, 1994. He was born in Seattle, survived by sons Tatsuo and Yoshimi, daughter Mary Nakazishi, 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 5 great-g.

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