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ning under fire Asian sweatshop lawsuits filed against major U.S. clothing companies

BY TRACY UBA Writer/Reporter

Barbed wire has once again become an all too concrete symbol of civil rights denied. And it's happening on United States soil.

Three lawsuits on behalf of current and former sweatshop workers were filed on Jan. 13. against major U.S. clothing manufacturers, designers and retailers who allegedly made billion-dollar profits off of products contracted from suppliers that exploited Asian employees into virtual indentured servitude in the U.S. territory of the Northern Mariana Islands near Guam.

Immigrant workers, more than 50,000 altogether and mainly young women, from countries such as China, Bangladesh, Thailand and the Philippines were lured to the isle of Saipan in the Marianas by promises of high wages and a \$6,000-\$7,000 recruitment fee only to find themselves working behind barbed fences



PHOTO BY TRACY UBA

Medea Benjamin, co-director of human rights group Global Exchange holds up a Gap sweat-shirt, just one of the major U.S. clothing brands named in the sweatshop lawsuits recently filed. Global Exchange is a plaintiff in the S.F. suit along with Asian Law Caucus and labor GROUP LINITE

under intolerable. "slave-like conditions," said plaintiffs' attorney William Lerach at a recent press conference

The long hours, low wages, unpaid overtime and physical abuse are as bad as any we have discovered in Third

ewoot. World shops," said Jay Mazur, president of AFL-CIO labor group Union of Needletrades, In-dustrial and Tex-Employees tile (UNITE), in a press statement.

As it stands, 18 popular retail and design corpora-tions. including The Gap. J. Crew. The Limited, Tom my Hilfiger, Nord-strom, J.C. Pen-ney, Wal-Mart, Sears Lane Bryant, Dayton Hudson Hudson and OshKosh B'Gosh. have been targeted in the suits for violation of various US labor laws,

specifically the Unlawful Business Acts and Practices statute, the Anti-Peonage Act and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO)

In addition to being paid only \$3 an hour in many cases and forced to work up to 12 hours a day, garment workers reported being subject to se-vere verbal intimidation and physical harm at the hands of factory managers if they refused to submit to unreasonable quotas and rules in which social activities and personal freedoms like dating are restricted

Legal documents also revealed claims that pregnant women working in the sweat-shops were threatened with the prospect of abortion or deportation

The three separate lawsuits consist of two worker class-ac-tion suits in Los Angeles and Saipan federal courts and one in San Francisco Superior Court representing UNITE and other nonprofit human rights groups based in the bay area, including Asian Law Caucus, Sweatshop Watch and

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CA discrimination suit hits Denny's as chain launches diversity ads

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Denny's restaurant was slapped with another discrimination lawsuit the same day the restaurant chain launched a \$2 million anti-racism cam-

paign. The suit accuses Denny's employees at a San Jose restau-rant of making a group of 17 people, all but one of whom is Hispanic, wait as other patrons were seated, refusing them service and summoning the police

to have them ejected. The suit, filed Jan. 12 in Santa Clara Superior Court, seeks in 1997 a group of largely

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Asian and Asian American students in Syracuse, N.Y., also filed a discrimination lawsuit againt Denny's. The students are accusing the restaurant of racial discrimination after allegedly being refused service and then being attacked by a group of white patrons in the parking lot while two of Denny's hired security guards watched. In their lawsuit, which is still pending, they are seeking an unspecified amount of damages.

Five years ago Denny's paid \$45.7 million to settle a racial discrimination lawsuit by black customers.

"What we're trying to do through all the lessons we have learned - obviously difficult lessons — is to get people to talk about race," said Jim Adamson, chief executive of Denny's parent company, Ad-vantica Restaurant Group Inc.

The ad campaign, slated for broadcast networks and cable, features three different ads. There are some people who

never notice another person's color. But most of us do," says a color. But most of us do," says a black youth in one ad. "And that's O.K. Don't feel guilty. Noticing a person's color doesn't make you racist. Acting like it matters does.

"Diversity, it's about all of us," an announcer says at the end

an announcer says at the end as the Denny's logo appears. David Margulies, a Dallas-based expert in crisis communi-cations, said the ads seem aimed more at the company's 50,000 workers than at selling

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Judge gives final approval to Mochizuki settlement

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

The bittersweet saga of the Mochizuki vs. United States class-action lawsuit is proving to be more bitter than it is sweet as a federal judge gave fi-nal approval to the settlement

an approval to the sectlement agreement at a fairness hear-ing on Jan. 7. Atthough the settlement ap-proved by Judge Loren A. Smith provides for a presidential letter of apology to all of the surviving former Japanese Latin American World War II internees and their immediate families, it now locks like only half will receive their \$5,000 redress payments.

"That's the problem with most things the law does. Fair-ness is a relative concept," said Judge Smith as he signed the settlement agreement. Still, he believes the agreement is "a step in the right direction of addressing injustices throughout history

er paying out more than 80,000 payments of \$20,000 to former Japanese American WWII internees from the \$1.6 billion fund set up in the 1988 billion runa set up in the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, there jūst is-n't enough money left to pay the 676 eligible JLAs. With only \$2.82 million remaining in the Civil Liberties Fund to pay the remaining eligible JA and JLA cases, it would take \$3.38 milcases, it would take \$3.38 mil-lion to pay all of the 676 JLAin-ternees. Currently, the plan is to begin paying the eldest JLAs first. The Department of Jus-tice is estimating that between 375 and 400 JLAs will be able to receive their \$5,000 redress navments

The Mochizuki case was orig inally filed in 1996 on behalf of former JLA internees seeking to be included in the '88 Act. Although more than 2,200 JLAs had been kidnapped and forcibly interned in American concentration camps during WWII by the U.S. government, they had been excluded from the '88 Act because they were not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents at the time of their internment, an eligibility

The majority of internees have chosen to accept the Mochizuki settlement ba sed on the initial assurances of sufficient redress funds and the belief that the U.S. president and Congress would secure addi-tional funding if necessary," said Grace Shimizu, project director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and daughter of a JLA former in-ternee. "Many internees feel it is better to compromise and get

"That's the problem with most things the law does. Fairness is a relative concept."

Judge Loren A. Smith

requirement of the Act. In all. close to 120,000 JAs on the West Coast, most of them U.S. citizens, were placed in camps during the war. In June of last year a prelim-

inary settlement was reached in the case to provide an apolo-gy and \$5,000 redress payment to the JLAs as long as the monies were available. At the time, government lawyers had been optimistic that enough funds were available to make the payments. President Clin-ton had promised to seek more funds if monies for the JLAs were to run out and currently the Justice Department has in-dicated that they are looking into additional funding. Still, Congress has yet to act on that something as soon as possible rather than to get nothing. All internees expressed strong support for continued efforts which would ensure that all JLA internees receive equal treatment with JAs, including redress payment of \$20,000."

Last August the redress pro-gram came to an end and the Office of Redress Administra tion closed its doors forever. Still refusing to end their fight, various former JLA intern various former JLA interness are taking it upon themselves to remedy the wrongs commit-ted against them by the U.S. government during WWII. Many have chosen to opt out of the settlement and pursue oth-

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rn. reb. 19—Day of Remembrance program, 7 g.m.; Bradley Hills Pesbyteria Church, 6601 Bradley Block Bethesda. Info., transportation: Laura Nakatani, 703/519-9378.

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CHICAGO CHICAGO Sat, Feb. 20-Day of Remembrance program, "Is This a tradition Worth Keeping", 2 p.m.; The Field Museum. Info: Alice Murata, 773/463-4631. NOTE-Joint sponsor, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, IASC, MCL, Sam Ozaki, moderator; lidet anforchmatch

Pacific Northwest SFATTIE

Sat, Jan. 30—Seattle' chapter 77th Anniversary Celebration atd Installa-tion Dinner, 5:30 p.m. reception, 6p.m. dinner; The Atrium. Info: 206/ 722-2266. NOTE—Keynote speaker, state supreme court justice Charles Z. Smith; M.C., KING-TV anchor Lori Materiawa

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NATIONAL BOARD Fri.-Sun., Feb. 12-14-National Board Meeting, San Francisco. DISTRICT COUNCIL

7-District Council Meeting, Stockton; hosts, French Camp chapte see Community Calendar re special

BERKELEY

Sun. Jan. 24 Joint Berkeley/Diablo Valley Installation Luncheon, 12:30-



The **Midwest**

BRANSON, MO. Mon.-Sun., May 17-23-"Branson

'99" tribute to Japanese American vet-erans: Info: Hy Shishino, 562/926-8159; travel, hotel & tout info: Eiko amoto c/o Chase Travel Service, 800/304-5100.

Northern Cal

FRESNO Sat. Feb. 20-National Baseball Re-

Sat. Project. Reunion Luncheon, *100 Years of Baseball,*10 a.m. mixer, 12 p.m. lunch; Pardinis Restaurant, 2257 W. Shaw. RSVP by Feb. 1: 209/ 222-5763 OAKLAND

-19th Annual JASEB Crah Sun, Feb. 7-Sun, Heo. 7—15th Annual Aseb Crab Feed, 4-7 p.m.; Albany Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1325 Portland Ave @ Ramona. Tickets: Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258. NOTE—Take-out avail-

able SAN FRANCISCO

SAN HAANCISCO Sun, Feb. 7—Bay Area Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, noon-4 p.m.; 558 16th Ave. Info: Tets Ihara, 415/221-4568, Kay Yamamoto, 510/ 444-3911. NOTE—Men and women welcome t. Feb. 20--National JA Historical

Society Day of Remembrance cere-mony honoring the Coram Nobis mony Legal T al Team, 6 p.m.; Radison Miyako tel, 1625 Post St. Info: NIAHS, 3:30 p.m.; Tsing Tao Seafood Res-taurant, 200 Broadway, Oakland. Info: Jane Ogawa, 925/299-1161. CONTRA COSTA

Oakland, for details.

DIABLO VALLEY Sun. Jan. 24-Joint Installation Lun-cheon: see Berkeley notice.

FLORIN HURIN Sat. Jan. 23—Multi-racial documen-tary & discussion, Doubles: Which Box Do I Check?, 3-5 p.m., Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929

Franklin Blvd., Sacramento. Info: Sue Hida, 916/429-2579. Sat. Jan. 23-Florin chapter Installation Dinner, 6-8 p.m.; Andiamo Restaurant, 3145 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento. Info: Rick Uno, 916/424-3330. NOTE-Prof. Curtis Takada Rooks, speaker.

RENO San, Jan. 24—installation Podluck, noon; Knight of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. by the UNR campus. Info: Stephanie Forbes, 775/849-1022. NOTE— Award-winning presentation on intermment camps by student John Myers; presentation of a U.S. flag by WWI veteran James Inmar; Color of Honor documentary. to be shown. Guests of honor: Reno chapter's 42ch veterans. 42nd vet

442nd veterans. SAN FRANCISCO

SAN HRANCISCO Fri-Sun, Sept. 3-5—8th National JACL Singles Convention. Info: Georgeann Maedo, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981. SAN MATEO

Thu. Jan. 28-Discussion on assisted Initi Jan. 28—Discussion on assisted living for the elderly conducted by Nancy Hikoyeda, MPH.1 p.m., JACI, Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 415/343-2793. SONOMA COUNTY

Sorroma COUNT Sat. Feb. 20—Day of Remembrance Forum, 9 a.m.-noon; Memorial Hall. NOTE—Free to all; educators espeencouraged to attend; finger cially foods to be served

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sat. Feb. 27-District Councill Meet

415/921-5007

Fri. Feb. 26---Yu-Ai Kai 25th An-niversary Dinner: Fairmont Hotel. Info: 408/294-2505. STOCKTON Sun. Feb. 7—Panel discussion & slide

show about the WWI! draft resisters, Radisson Grand Hotel, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd. Info: 4115/921-5225 ext. 26. (To be held after the NCWNP nct Council meeting.) Dis

Southern Cal

IMPERIAL COUNTY

IMPERIAL COUNTY Sat. Mar. 13—Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion, 6 p.m.; Barbara Worth Colf Resort & Convention Center, 2050 Country Club Drive, Holtville. RSVP by Feb. 1: Tim Asamen, 760/344-2627.

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGLES Tue, Jan 26...-Poetry & Prose Readings, "Cup of Culture: The Asian American Writers Workshop," 4 p.m.; Café LA, Cal State LA. Student Union. Info: Cross Cultural Programming, 323/343-5247 5247

Through Feb. 23-Exhibit: "Ben Sa Luckman Fine Arts Gallery, Cal State LA Free. Info: 323/343-6604.

LA Free Into: 32/343-5604. Sat-San, Jan. 23-24—Opening cele-bration for the new pavilion of the Japanese American National Museum; First & Alameda Sts, Little Toloyo; Opening ceremony; 10:30 a.m., com-munity luncheon 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. concert, stage performances, shops/demonstrations; story-

workshops/demonstrations; story-telling, Info: 213/625-0414, NOTE— The Heart Mountain Barracks, re-turned from the Ellis Island Im-migration Museum in New York, will

PACIFIC CITIZEN, JAN. 22 - FEB 4 1999 ing; proposed location, Fresno City College.

FRESNO

Sun. Feb. 21—Day of Remembrance Reception, 4-7 p.m., Spectrum Gallery, 1306 N. Wishon Ave.

Pacific Southwest

ARIZONA . Thu. Feb. 4

-Scholarship fundraiser Thu, Feb. 4—Scholarship tundraiser performance, "Miss Saigon," & p.m., Gammage Auditorium. Tickets. Kathy Nakagawa, 602/965-0582, Adelada Severson, 602/965-0079. NOTE-575 ticket: includes reception with cast complete the four before more ontinembers, \$60 performance only iat-Sun, Feb. 27-28-Matsun, Hen-

tage Square, Phoenix. Info: Dons Asano, 602/997-0679. NOTE-Do-nation & consignment items needed for Flea Market Booth.

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GREATER LA, SINGLES Fri-Sun, Sept. 3-S—Eighth National IACL Singles Convention Into. Georgeann Maedo, 415/753-3340, Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981. SOUTH BAY

Sun. Jan. 31—South Bay chapter Installation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.;

Ports O', Call Restaurant, San Pedro Info: Diane Tanaka, 323/934-0712. Ed Mitoma, 310/377-8581. NOTE—Irene Hirano, JA NM, speaker. VENTURA COUNTY Sun. Feb. 7—1999 Installation Lunch-

eon, Thousand Oaks Inn, 75 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd. Info: Cate Kuniyoshi, 805/484-0676; Ken Nakano, 818/889-4652; Marcia Miya-saka, 805/499-2117, NOTE-Keynote speaker: Professor Mitch Maki, UCLA Dept. of Social Welfare.

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Japanese Festival. Through Feb. 7—Exhibit "Coming Home: Memories of Japanese Ameri-can Resettement," JANM, 369 E. Is v. Little Tokyo. Info: 213625-0414. Wed. Feb. 10—"Walk of Remem-brance," 12 noon, beginning at Cass Heiwa, 231 E. 3rd St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/264-2645. ■

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tates. Contributions to JACL will help st its chapters and further its ion as a civil and human rights organization.



Latest updates on English-only and bilingual education controversies

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

The outcome of California's roposition 227, the anti-bilin-ual education measure, may Proposition 227, the answer gual education measure, may have already been decided in last controversy over English-only legislation and bilingual education is heating up in many states.



Official English to preserve an English-only amendment requiring all government employees to conduct business in English,

The amendment, which de clared English "the language of the ballot, the public schools and all government functions and actions," argued that the govern-ment has the right to control its own speech.

The amendment, which had passed in 1988, barely passed by

a 50.5 percent margin. The U.S. Supreme Court jus-tices agreed with the Arizona supreme court which ruled last April that the measure was unconstitutional - a violation of free speech, equal protection, the right to petition the government and the right to participate in the

Arizona supporters of Califor-nia's Prop. 227 have recently be-gun rallying to initiate a similar sure to end bilingual Arizona me

political process.

education. education. Currently, classes for non-Eng-lish speaking students are taught in Spanish for several years until they can be gradually introduced to English. The group English for the Chil-dren Arizona, co-founded by Maria Mendoza and Hector Ay-the horizon and the initiative

ala, has proposed an initiative, almost identical to California's armost identical to California's Prop. 227, which would place non-English speaking children into "sheltered English immer-sion" programs so that they may be integrated into regular cl as soon as possible.

According to state elections di-rector Jessica Funkhouser, the group has until July 6, 2000 to n 101,762 signatures in order to get the me are on the November ballot.

Ayala noted that a recent poll aled that 72 percent of Arireve zona's voting population favors an initiative similar to Prop. 227.

Utah

The Legislature is slated to discuss Rep. Tammy Ro-wan's (R-Utah Orem) Englishonly 'initiative on Jan.

21, which, like Arizona's bill, would designate English the official language of Utah and prohibit government agencies from conducting business or printing materials in any other language. The bill makes exceptions for foreign language and English as a Second Language classee in public schools, foreign language books in libraries, court interpreters, law anforcement and emergency personnel who work

preters, law enforcement and emergency personnel who work with inco English-speaking om-munities, and tourism and eco-nomic development programs. According to Salt Lake JACL Civil Rights Committee member Sherrie Hayashi, local JACL chapters (the Wasatch Front, Sah Lake and Mt. Olympus) and the Intercomments District the Intermountain District Council (IDC) along with the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) have joined together in coalition to fight Rowan's English as the Official Language mea-

"The issue is not whether Eng-lish should be the unifying lan-guage of Utah and the United States," said IDC Governor Larry "but whether government Grant ought to be restricted from accommodating the linguistic needs of individuals in a diverse society whose fistory is largely built on the foundation of immi-grants."

Legislators will also consider the English Plus resolution, sponsored by Sén. Pete Suazo (D-Salt Lake) which is alt Lake), which, in opposition to English-only, encourages mul-tilingual proficiency. Utah's eight American Indian tribes have also come out in sup-



port of English Plus.

California

Besides ending the state's 30-ear bilingual education system year bilingual education system in favor of a one-year crash course in English for foreign-speaking students, Prop. 227 in-cludes a lesser known provision which will provide an estimated \$50 million a year statewide to classrooms with non-English speaking adults.

This funding is intended to go which requires adult students who have gone through their courses and shown sufficient skill in the English language to then help children with limited English backgrounds.

Exactly how this program will be implemented and

adults will be train

nouncertain at this point and has some questioning its visibility. The funding per school district is to be based on the number of limited English-speaking stu-dents enrolled in schools throught the section schools thout the respective district throu as of late March

This year, school districts will receive double payment. Because of the midyear passage of Prop 227, the state will send last year's and this year's funds at the time.



U.S. China investigation leads to kidnapping arrests

Associated Press

U.S. law enforcement officials and community leaders fear that the recent kidnapping of a Taiwanese developer's son may be the first of many such crimes targetting the children of wealthy Asians.

"Parachute kids," named be-cause they are left in the Unit-ed States while their affluent parents pursue overseas business interests, become vulnera-ble to the Asian criminal syndicates and gangs who work on both sides of the Pacific Rim, the officials said.

Such was the case for 17-year-old Kuan Nan "Johnny" Chen who was kidnapped at his San Marino house nearly four weeks ago. He was held in a Temple City home until an unusual joint investigation be-tween American and Chinese authorities led to the arrest of two men in So. Calif. and two in China, authorities said.

"This is exactly the kind of problem you fear will occur with these parachute kids," said Paul Crowley, vice mayor an Marino.

The two Chinese-born sus The two Chinese-born sus-pects, Xu Lin Wang, 27, of Them-ple City, and Xue Han Wang of New York, have allegedly con-fessed to guarding the boy in exchange for \$40,000.

Both men, arrested Jan. 4, were ordered held without bail by U.S. District Judge Arthur Nakazato until arraignment on Jan. 8.

FBI agents found the teen-age boy chained and gagged. The boy is the son of Fu Shun Chen, a wealthy developer with homes and businesses here and in Taiwan.

We have initiated communi-

ty outreach programs to get across the message that people should contact the FBI" when kidnappings and extortions oc-cur, special agent Robert Messemer said. "All too often, especially with these kidnappings, we get a phone call when it's too late."

Two days after the boy was abducted, the kidnappers con-tacted Chen's father in Taiwan and demanded \$1.5 million. Chinese authorities bargained with the kidnappers to buy time until American investiga tors found the home where the boy was held, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Larson.

Two other Chinese immi-rants. Tian Wu Wong and grants, Tian Wu Wong and Xiong Zi Wang, were named as fugitive suspects in the case, ac-cording to an affidavit filed by the U.S. attorney's office. Wong was the alleged mastermind of the kidnapping plot.

The boy was reunited with his mother and is in good physical condition, authorities said.

Often, Asian parents are wary about involving the police. Instead, they pay the ransoms so that their children can continue their education in Ameri-ca and avoid the mandatory Taiwanese military draft, au thorities added.

Chen's father had delivered \$500,000 ransom to the kidnap-pers' accomplices in the Chi-nese province of Fujian, where Chinese authorities arrested them during the money ex-

According to the affidavit, "Fujianese organized crime members commonly engage in narootics trafficking and kid-napping of children of wealthy Asian businessmen in order to extort money from the family."

Martin Luther King Junior Day still controversy in some states

Associated Press

Although efforts to honor Martin Luther King Jr., with a per-manent holiday have failed in the New Hampshire Legislature for the past 10 years, supporters are predicting success this year.

For now, New Hampshire re-tains the distinction of being the only state without a King holiday. A bill to honor the civil rights leader has been defeated in the Legislature since 1979

everal individuals hoping to change this gathered in Por a fundraiser recently. They are aising support to get commemo-ative license plates issued by the tate. If the effort succeeds, New rai rative licen Hampshire would be the only state to issue plates bearing King's image and his words, "Let

dom Ring." "We may be the last state to adopt the holiday, but we could be the first to do this," said the Rev. Arthur Hilson of New Hope Bantist Church.

Hilson preaches from the same pulpit King spoke from 46 years ago, when he was a guest speakt the Peoples Baptist Ch urch

Jane Faust, who still lives in Jane Faust, who still inves in Portsmouth, remembers hearing the young preacher. 'His words were true,' Faust recalled. 'He really had a way of just making, you feel good." But Faust added that "subtle

cism still persists in New ampshire. "It's hard to get peo-Hampshire. Tit hand to get peo-ple to come together," she said. "Children get along with each other, they don't see color. If some parents would just take a hint, radism would stop. The Lord puts us here together to live hore together." Bea Goodwin was a tenange mother, when King spoke in Portsmouth. T have a sense of pride that I was in the same building as he as," she said. Tits

special to know he was there and I did get to see him and hear him, and I get to instill that in my children and grandchildren.

Sen. Beverly Hollingworth (D-Hampton) and Rep. Laura Pan-telakos (D-Portsmouth) each sponsored bills this session to add King's name to their Civil Rights holiday. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, like oth-

er governors in the past, added King's name to this year's holiday roclamation

In a separate move, South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges an-nounced he wants the state to oberve Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a permanent state holid ay.

Hodges, newly sworn in as the first Democratic governor in 12 rs, made his remarks at a University of South Carolin breakfast honoring the slain civil rights leader.

State law allows employees to pick a day of their choice pick a day of their choice as an optional holiday. From 1978 until 1984, employees could choose to take three of four optional holi-days that included King's birth-ic and the second second second second second take three of four optional holi-days that included King's birthert E day, Confederate Gen. R

day, Confiderate Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday, Confederate Menorial Day and Confederate President Jeffirson Davis Birthday. A bill calling for King's day as a required state holiday passed the Democratic-controlled Senate last year, but failed in the Repub-lican controlled Harson

last year, but failed in the Repub-lican-controlled House. Blacks overwhelmingly turned out in November's election to help Hodges defeat Republican Goy. David Beasley. One issue that hurt Beasley with black vot-ers was his backslide on a promise to take down the Con-federate flag from atop the State-bouse. Beasley's plan was op-oned by flag supporters, who arplan was opd by flag supp

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gued that the flag symbolized ritage, not race. But Hodges said he does not

expect to meet those protests with the holiday. "I don't think with the holiday. they see the Martin Luther King holiday as in any way threaten-ing their heritage," he said.

Meanwhile in Arizona, former Meanwhile in Arizona, tormer Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham is still defending his decision to can-cel the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday 12 years ago. The holiday was reinstituted in 1992.

At the beginning of his term in At the beginning of his term in 1987, Mecham rescinded an offi-cial state paid holiday honoring King proclaimed by Gov. Bruce Babbitt, now secretary of the Dethe Interior. partment of the Interior. Mecham said Babbitt's proclamation was illegal. Since then, the holiday had

been rejected by the state Legis-

ature every year for a decade. "I was totally opposed to down-grading Washington's and Lin-coln's birthdays to a generic Presidents Day and giving it to King, am told the Arizona Republic in a published interview.

puotic in a published interview. However, Mechamis action in-stigated bad press that escalated into what he called "an avalanche this state has never seen the likes of before or since."

As a result, he proclaim King and Civil Rights Day the third Sunday of every January. "I thought this will take the ha-

tred out of everyone's heart. Those who want to recognize King can do so, and others won't anyway," Mecham said. But the Sunday holiday did not

But the Sunday holiday did not appease his critics. Demands for an official state holiday swelled to the point that in 1992 Arizona be-came the only state to establish the holiday by popular vote.

ac'to JACL holds Community Service Recognition dimen

More than 300 people attended the Sacramento JACL's annual Community Service Recognition and installation dinner held re-Con cently at the Radisson Hotel.

following four people were Th recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the commu-nity: Ralph Dills, Hiroko Ninomiya, Larry Nobuya Takai and Art Venegas. State Sen. Dills, who was first

elected to the California State Assembly in 1939, saw many of his riends in Gardena co close f nfined behind barbed wire during World War II. He, along with then As-semblyman Shelley of San Francisco, were the only voices in the California state legislature that ia state legislature that

California state legislature that called for fair treatment of Japanese Americans during the war hysteria years. Ninomiya was singled out for her many decales of contribu-tions to the Matsuyama-Sacra-mento Sister, City Corporation, the Sacraménto JACL, and the Ladies Auxiliary of Nisei Post

8965 VFW. Takai was commended for his 40 years of service to the Boy Souts of America. He was intro-duced by Eagle Souti Douglas Sugimoto, who flew up from Los Angeles. During Takai's tenure as ecoutmaster more than 50 are the rank of Eagle

Scout, a record unmatched by Any other scout leader in the Golden Empire Council. Sacramento Police Chief Venes who relocated from Fresno five years ago, pushed into na-tional prominence the program of community policing. He also gave minority members of the police department more opportunity for advancement.

Following award presenta-tions, Sacramento JACL's 1999 officers were installed by Jerry Enomoto, U.S. Marshal and for-Enomoto, U.S. Marshal and for mer president of national JACL. Enternovo, U.S. maristan and es-mer president of national JACL. Installed were: Miyoko Sawa-mura, president; Toko Fujii, first vice president; Genevieve Shiro-ma, second vice president; Erin Komatsabara and Ranky Imai, secretaries; Ralph Sugimoto, treasurer; Dick Fukushima, past president.

Board of directors are: Keith Adachi, Lori Fujimoto, Tom Fuji-moto, Mike Futamase, Gary Hatano, Kuni Hironaka, Mike Iwahiro, Gene Itogawa, Gary Kikumoto, Kazuo Ninomiya, Dean Okimoto, Suzanne Sasaki, Mike Sawamura and Shig Shimazu

Rev Bob Oshita of the Sacra to Buddhist Church delivered the invocation and Rev. Nobu Hanaoka of the Sacramen-to Japanese United Methodist Church gave the benediction

Leading the pledge of alle giance was Commander George Kihara of Nisei Post 8985 VFW. The master of ceremonies was Miyoko Sawamura.

Corporate sponsors for the event were Union Bank of Cali-fornia and Tate, Propp, Beggs & ng corpora-Sugimoto, an accounti tion.

JACL Fremont Board appreciation/installation dinner



(From left) T, Shigemasa, M. Yamasaki, J. Handa, M. Kasama, E. Tor. D. Endo, A. Mikuni, F. Nakasako, T. Inouye.

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Fremont JACL held its board appreciation and installation din-ner on Dec. 10 at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church

Fremont JACL president Alan Mikuni welcomed the 50-plus guests and served as master αf ceremonies. The event was to show appreciation to the many who helped in fund-raising activ-ities in the past two years and to install board members for the coming year.

Special guests were: Patty Wada, Regional Director, NCWNP District Council, Tom Shigemasa, NCWNP District Council member, Mrs. Mss. Shige-masa, Mr. And Mrs. Mas Hatano, Tom and Heidi Kitayama, and Ms. M. Yasuda representing Sumitomo Bank

After a wonderful repast of gourmet Japanese. Chinese and

American foods, guests were treated to a slide presentation by Mas Hatano titled "Japanese and Railroads in America." Hatano volunteers as a docent at the Sacramento Railroad Museum where he researched the history of early Japanese working for railroads in the United States

Tom Shegemasa administered the oath of office to officers for 1999: Alan Mikuni, president Ted Inouye, vice president, senior advisor, 1000 Club, official dele gate, Redress; Diane Endo, vice president for activities; Eleanor-Toi, treasurer, activities; Eleanor-Toi, treasurer, activities; Frank Nakasako, recording secretary June Handa, historian, Mas Ya masaki, education, public rela-tions; Gail Tomita, scholarship Mary Kasama, correspondence secretary; June Hashimoto, ex of ficio; and Jim Yamaguchi. Blue Shield

Sacramento's Community Service Recognition Dinner - Honorees include (from left): Sacramento Police Chief Art Yenegas, Hiroko Ninomiya, Larry Takai, and California State Senator Ralph Dills

Lake Washington honors contributors to JA causes

BELLEVUE, Wash .- At its annual installation dinner held at the Tam O'Shanter Golf and Country Club on Dec. 5, the Lake Washington chapter gave special recognition to several Washingcontributors.

Former chapter president and current PNW district representacurrent PNW district representa-tive James Arima presented a certificate of appreciation to Shin Issei kirie artist Aki Sogabe for generously donating time, talent and effort to JACL projects in the Seattle area. She has prepared panels commemorating the early Nikbai fermare for permanent Nikkei farmers for permanent display at Seattle's Pike Place, has provided her cut-paper works for Seattle's Nikkei Manor, and donated her time and works to JACL fund-raisers. Also honored was Jan John-

son, owner of the Panama Hotel in Seattle's "J town," for initiat-

ing preservation of the botel, and making the old sento and un-claimed belongings left by Nikkei evacuees in 1942, available for public viewing on the 1997 walk-

social studies teacher Paul Fras-er was recognized for her effectiveness in working the Nikkei internment experience into curriculum on the Constitution inviting Nisei speakers, and hav-ing her students use the internent theme in poetry, stories, m drama and art work.

Also honored was Bellevue Historical Society for joining with Inisorical Society for joining with the Lake Washington chapter to create photo panels of the prewar Nikkei in the Bellevue area and showing the panels at local events, in addition to creating a traveling exhibit, and recording Nikkei oral histories.

The 1999 chapter officers were stalled by PNWDC co-governor Elaine Akagi. They are: presi-dent, Rose Nohara; vice presi-dent/membership chair, Hugh Burleson; secretary, Rachel Iwamoto: treasurer Don Maekawa; PNWDC representa tive, James Arima; communications, Yoshiko Tokita Tsuji; fundraiser, James Nohara; historian and 1000 Club, John Matsumoto; board members, Paul Ishimitsu and Carol Ann Yamamoto.

The invocation was by Paul Hosada, Alice Ito reported on the Eastside Japanese American Oral History Project and Peter Okada reported on the National Japanese American Memorial Featured speaker was state Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos. Shor Tokita was master of ceremon Music was by Dan and Lin Broussard.

Stockton and Lodi JACL installation

The Stockton and Lodi chap ters of JACL held a joint installa ters of ACL heid ajoint installa-tion on Jan. 15 at the Elkhorn Country Club in Stockton. Speakers /were past national JACL president Cressey Naka-gawa and Roger Minami of the National Japanese Amperican Memorial Foundation. Oral his-ter back tory books were presented to four participants from the Stockton chapter and two from the Lodi Headin ch

ading the Lodi chapter is Ron mainted by Dennis Morita, trea Arleen Mataga, recording secre H JACT

gawa, Yoshi Yaimauchi, Tom Kurahari Bill Hinkle, Kuni Kawamura, Stev Pujinaka, Brian Kanegawa, David Mo rimoto, and Mary Takeda. John Pujiwill serve his second terr as president of the Stockton chapte and term

president of the Stockton ssisting him are Nelson Na ice president; Bill Shima, se resident of finance; Chinuy a chapter. agai, first cond vice, Sabet vice pr president of finance; Chin third vice president of acti Matsumote, corresponding Kelle Kele s; Am retary; r; Fujii and Aeko Vesley Hashi

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da and Richard Yoshikawa. Committee chairs are; George Mat-sumoto and Mark Tahochi, insurano, commissionew; Ruly Dehana, mem-bership; Gladya Murakami, historian, George Bata, 1000 Chib and Legnoy. Tad' Shibata and Tad Agari, cholar-ahip; Dobra, newsiletir and polabidiry. Nei-bohana, newsiletir and polabidiry. Nei-bohana, newsiletir and polabidiry. Nei-dob Nagai, civil rights and outraech. Taddy Sahi, George Bata and Bidde Murakami, waterana affairs; Dorothy Murar, social: Asho Pession and Paul





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PHOTO BY HERO SHIOZAIO Jayce Getz stands beside the granite monument he set up at Fort Missoula to help remeriber 1,000 Japanese, 1,000 Italians and 22 German nationals in-terned during the 1941-1944 years. The bottom four lines read: "This memor-al is dedicated to those men who were interned and held at Fort Missoula" without that during World War II. May this event be remembered."

San Mateo JACL seeks 1999 scholarship applicants

The San Mateo JACL chapter and the Tomodachi Senior Women's Group of the San Mateo JACL Community Center have announced they are seeking appli-cants for their annual scholarship program.

Organizations will award two \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships to deserving high school seniors from San Mateo County who are planning to attend a trade school, business school, university or insti tution of higher learning in the fall of 1999.

Scholarships are open to national JACL members and their families

Applications are available from San Mateo County high schools, San Mateo Buddhist Temple, Sturge Presbyterian Church and San Ma:

Presbyterian Church and San Ma-teo JACL Community Center. After selection of the local recipi-ents, the top three will be submit-ted to national JACL for further judging in the national program, which will award more than 40 scholarships totalling over \$40,000. Applications must be post-marked no later than March 1 and

should be sent to: Scholarship Chairman, San Mateo JACL, 415 S. Claremont St., San Mateo, Calif 94401-3323



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Montana youth sets up WWII intemment monument

MISSOULA, Mont. – Jayce R. Getz, a high school sophomore at Big Sky High and an Eagle Scout candidate of Troop 1910, set up a stone monument at Fort Missoula dedicated to the Italian-, Japanese- and German-Americans interned there during World War II. The unveiling ceremony was held on Nov. 17. "Not a lot of Missoulians kn

people were interned at the fort and that the government had no and that the government had no eason to intern the Japanese," said Getz. "I want to make sure scople know, so it doesn't happen

again." Part of the inscription on the stone reads: "This memorial is dedicated to those men who were interned and held at Fort Missoula without trial during World War II. May this event be remember

More than 1,000 Japanese, 1,000 Italians and 22 German nationals were interned at Fort Missoula from 1941 to 1944 Getz worked on the dedication stone with Western Monument

and landscaped around the area with help from a local nursery. The project was part of Getz's Ea-gle Scout project. There are also plans to restore a camp barrack in front of the

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monument. Getz was first exposed to the history of internmeist during his eighth grade when his teachers at Target Range School received a U.S. West grant to establish an internet and the stablish and the stabl internet page on internment

For the internet project, Getz had spoken with two former fort Italian internees and with Dr. Homer Yasui, Portland JACLer, whose father was interned at Miegonia

Getz discovered that Italian seamen and nationals were de-tained because U.S. officials were afraid if they were allowed to return they would join forces fighting against the Allies. Japanese Americans were never charged with espionage but, as a result of internment, lost their homes and property.

At the dedication, Pocatello At the dedication, Pocatello-Blackfoot JACLer Here Shiozaki recognized the four Target Range teachers — Mrs. Siegle, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Langlas and Mrs. McAtee — who had sought the initial grant that had sparked Getz's interest

Shiozaki added that books and videos on the subject are avail-able, and national JACL has published its own guide, A Lesson in American History: the Japanes American Experience, (1996) \$15.

Anyone interested in assisting or donating to the barrack restoration project should send restoration project should send correspondence to Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Ft. Missoula, Mont. 59801. Please mark: Barrack Renovation Proiect "

Twin Cities chapter to sponsor teacher workshop

districts

BY CHERYL HIRATA-DULAS

The Twin Cities chapter is sponsoring a teacher's workshop sponsoring a teacher's workshop titled "The Japanese American Internment Experience and World War II," to be held on Feb. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bloomington National Armory in

the Twin Cities. The workshop will be similar in format to the one held in Minin format to the one need in num-neapolis last June as part of the NISEI project, funded by the Civ-il Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF). Speakers were Greg Marutani, Teresa Maebori Daniel Teraguchi and intern Jackie Kuwada. Internees Sally Sudo, Tom Ohno, Lucy Kirihara and Esther Suzuki provided at-tendees with firsthand experiences

noss. The February workshop, sup-ported by grants from the JACL Legacy Fund and American Ex-press Financial Advisors Eastpress Financial Advisors East-West Exchange Employee Network, is targeting teachers in the Minneapolis and St. Paul school

Seventy-five friends and fans

attended a recent talk and sign-ing by Bill Hosokawa, author of the newly published *Out of the Frying Pan* at the Tattered Cov-er bookstore in Denver.

The book is autobiographic, covering Hosokawa's years from

a youth to his retirement. He re-lates his family's struggle during

the prewar years, of working in the fish canneries in Alaska as a

teenager, working his way through the University of Wash

ington and taking journalism as a major, where his instructor tried to discourage him by telling him that there would be no work for him in his chosen field.

According to Sudo, Twin Cities Education Committee chair, "the workshop is timely because the Japanese American internment is a required topic in newly imple-mented grade level expectations for Minneapolis public schools grades 5, 8 and 11."

Other committee members are Sylvia Farrells, Gloria Kumagai, Jerilyn Ezaki, David Hayashi and Cheryl Hirata-Dulas. Speakers include local educators Ohno, Farrelis, Sandy Rubenstein and a panel of internees. There is no fee to attend the workshop, and continental breakfast and a bento hunch will be served.

Interest in the workshop was generated when Ohno and Sudo gave a one-hour presentation to Minneapolis Public Schools' grade 11 social studies teachers this past fall. Most teachers present had never covered the internment topic and requested additional in mation

The Twin Cities chapter is continuing in its commitment to educate the community about the JA

Shanghai just prior to the out-break of World War II.

The author tells of his return to the United States only to be in-terned in Heart Mountain Relo-cation Center, where he estab-

lished the Heart Mountain Sen-

tinel, and his subsequent jobs at the Des Moines, Iowa Register and the Denver Post.

Hosokawa's story relates his years of struggle to attain success

and the diversity of his activities, which include being a war corre-spondent in Korea and Vietnam,

eing in editorial positions at the

Denver Post and serving as hon-orary consul general of Japan for the Rocky Mountain area.

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internment. The chapter received funding from the JACL Legacy Fund and CLPEF to co-sponsor an eight-week run of the Smith-sonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "Whispered Silences: Japanese American Detention mps, Fifty Years Later," in fall 1997

internment. The chapter received

Accompanying programs in-cluded panels by local internees and veterans, and presentations by exhibition photographer Joan Myers, historian Dr. Gary Okihiro, children's author Ken Mochi-zuki, novelist Stewart David Ideda, and psychologist Dr. Donna Nagata. The Twin Cities chapter recent-

ly donated three classroom sets (105 copies total) of "Journey to Topaz" by Yoshiko Uchida for use by Twin Cities area schools. A speaker's bureau is being set up to accommodate requests for presentations by internees and veterans

For more information about the workshop or speaker's bu-reau, contact Sally Sudo at 612/835-7374.

Toma named assistant

executive director of Hu Relations Commission



Robin S. Toma, attorney in the recent lawsuit filed on behalf of former Japanese Latin American internee Joe Suzuki and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), was recently appointed to the position of as-sistant executive director at the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

A senior human relations con-sultant, Toma has been with the Commission since May, 1995, during which time he studied huuuring which time he studied hu-man relations approaches in var-ious parts of the world as part of a three-year fellowship with the Kellog National Leadership Pro-gram. While at the Commission, he also published a methodologi gram. while at the Commission, he also published a methodologi-cal Primer on Managing Inter-group Conflict in a Multicultural Workplace.

Prior to that, the Los Angeles native worked as a staff attorney at the ACLU Foundation of at the ACLU Foundation of Southern California. Toma holds a B.A. in sociology and economics from UC Santa Cruz and re-ceived both his law degree and master's degree in urban plan-ning from UCLA in 1988.



Hosokawa signs book in Denver

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AJA WWII Memorial Alliance collects \$290,116 to date

licity, the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance announced at their first Anance announced at their mist meeting of the new year that they have raised nearly \$300,000 to date on their campaign to raise \$800,000 to build a memorial wall to honor all the more than 800 Japanese Americans who were killed or were listed as missing in action in World War II.

The wall will be situated in the Veterans Memorial Court facing Veterans Memorial Court facing South San Pedro Street@at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Similar memorial walls, to the KIAs and MIAs of the Korean and Vietnam. conflicts, are already established in the court.

Often confused with the memo rial to all veterans of World War II conceived for N. Central Ave. near the Japanese American National Museum, the AJA WWII Memor-Museum, the ADA with atempti-ial Alliance memorial will be ded-icated solely to the names of Japanese Americans killed in ac-tion during World War II.

The project has strong endorse-ment by Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of California, the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council of Southern California, the Mayor's Little Tokyo Community Develop-Advisory Committee, ment

Japanese American Korean War Veterans, the Japanese American Vietnam Veterans, and numerous community organizations. Pr nent local and national fig ations. Prominent local and national figures have accepted honorary co-chair

positions with the Alliance. Octogenarian Fred Hoshiyama, noted fund-raiser for the YMCA who will be featured in a half-time spot during half time at the coming Super Bowl, has spent



ARTIST DONATES-Isei Anami, 80 (right), ceramist residing in La Canada, Calif., hands a check for \$1,700 to Kats Kunitsugu, secretary of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance, as Fred Yasukochi, retired farm executive om Oxnard and a WWI comrade of Anami in the 522nd Field Artillery, looks.on. Anami held a special sale of his ceramics to raise funds for the AJA WWI MA. from O

which hopes to erect a memorial to JAs killed in action during WWII. The memorial is set for the Veterans Memorial Court at the Japanese American Sultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles

many hours with the AJA WWII Memorial Alliance volunteers, helping them organize the fund drive. Joking, cajoling, encourag-ing and demanding, Hoshiyama has built a solid base for Drs. Roy Machida and Ha

Harada, co-chairs of the Alliance, to raise funds to bring the memorial into reality by Novem-ber 11, 1999, the date targeted for the official dedication.

Atouching letter from the Rev. George Aki, for-mer chaplain with the 442nd Regimental 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was read at the January 9 meet-ing of the Alliance, bringing tears to the eyes of hardened veters Aki told of the time near the end of WWII in Europe when he was as-signed to locate isolated graves of men in the 442nd who were hastily buried during the heat of combat.

"As my assistant and I searched for those solitary graves, these were some of my innermost thoughts: Why did they have to die so young? What were their youthhave

ful dreams of their future? What moved them to decide to fight for the country that stripped them of their birthright and literally cast them into the American-made concentration comme??

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concentration camps?" The Reverend Aki stated emphatically that "These thoughts.

phatically that These thoughts, were very real then and just as real today. These young men ... vowed that nothing, even death, would deter them from being the finest American and being an anony mous stepping stone towards a world of justice and peace. "In a world where the goal in

life is fame, fortune, personal gain and recognition, it is good to meet people who can forget themselves and unstintingly pour all honor and glory to those who died to give us life and a dream of a no-bler future," he concludes, in referring to his comrades in the Al liance who are working on the memorial wall.

Anyone interested in giving a helping hand to the aging veter-ans of the 100th Infantry Battal ion, the 442nd Regimental Com-bat Team and the little-heralded translators in the Military Intelli gence Service who form the core of the AJAWWII Memorial Alliance is asked to call Secretary Kats Kunitsugu at 213/628-2725

San Fernando Valley forms 100th/442nd/MIS Monument Foundation Committee

A committee comprised of members of the San Fernando Valley JACL chapter has been formed in support of the 100th/ 442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation. In the six months of its existence, over \$66,750 has been raised for the monument which will be erected next to the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo and is scheduled to be dedicated in June of this year.

Dr. Mary Oda, committee chair, extends her gratitude to all contributors and announces that the fundraising drive con-tinues. All donations and pledges can be sent to her at 17102 Labrador St., Northridge, Calif. 91325.

women who served their country during. World War II will take

place

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e on June 5 at 10 a.m. The ic is invited to attend

This is the first monument in

the United States to commemo-

rate the heroic role of the 100th

Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and

the Military Intelligence Service The names of women who served as Army nurses in the Woman's Army Corps will also be on the



San Fernando Valley 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Monument Foundation Committee (from left, back): Ben Tagami, Don Yamaoka, Nanoy and Yas Gohata, Mitzi Kushida, Harriet Nishizaka, Marion and Phil Shigekuni, Terry and Sam Uyehara; (front): James Oda, Col. Young Kim, Dr. Mary Oda, John Nishizaka.

'Go For Broke' monument to be unveiled June 5

The unveiling of the 'Go For monument Broke' monument remembering the Japanese American men and

Luncheon follows the unveiling ceremony at 1 p.m. at the Inter Continental Hotel. The cost o the luncheon is \$40, and 600 paces are available. A hard-bound limited edition spa

commemorative booklet will be given to each person attending the luncheon. It will also be sold the function. If will also be sold at the unveiling ceremony. Ad-vertising space in the booklet is available. A full page ad is \$1,000; half page, \$500; and quarter page, \$250. Copy and check must be submitted by Feb. 1 1999

Beginning on June 6, until June 10, 1999, there will be a Post-Unveiling Celebration/Re-union at the California Hotel in Las Vegas

For further luncheon reserva-tion information and details of the booklet and reunion, contact For further luncheon Cł stine Sato at 100/442/MIS Christine Sato at 100742/110-WWII Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, Calif. 90247; telephone number 310/ 327-4193, Fax number 310/715-3140.

Day of Remembrance program at Chicago's Field Museum

As part of their Project Millenium, the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society has joined 185 partner organizations to celebrate the coming of the year 2001. Three years of programs are planned starting with a thousand exhibits, per-formances, lectures, special events, and children's activities in 1999, with six major themes: origins, environment, discovery and technology, shaping community, new directions, and ons.

This year the Day of Remembrance program, sponsored by the Chicago Japanese Ameri-can Historical Society, JACL, and the Japanese American Service Committee, will be part of the Project Millenium celebration on origins. Activities have been planned for Feb. 20 at the Field Museum.

From 1 to 2 p.m., the historical society members and Lin-coln Park Academy students will teach children how to make colorful doll bookmarks in native costumes from Africa.

Japan, and South America in Stanley Hall.

The Day of Remembrance program titled "Day of Remembrance - Is This a Tradition Worth Keeping?" will begin at 2 p.m. The moderator will be Sam Ozaki, retired Taft High School principal. The two speakers in favor of this tradition are Barbara Finn, graphic designer, and the Rev. Michael Yasutake, executive director, Interfaith Prisoners of Con-science Project. Speakers against this tradition are Larry Schectman, president of the JACL Chicago chapter, and Jim Riddiford, chair of the Social Studies department at Lincoln Park Academy. This will be followed by testimonial videos from the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, con-tact Alice Murata at 773/463-4631 or by email at A-Mura-ta@neiu.edu.

Nikkei International Association presents \$1,000 check to NJAMF



SAN FRANCISCO-The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific (NCWNP) District Council of the JACL will trict Council of the JACL will hold an educational program on the World War II Nisei draft re-sisters at its Feb. 7 district council meeting. The meeting, hosted by the French Camp JACL, will be held at the Radie-son Hotel, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd, in Stockton.

The afternoon program will be part of the NCWNP district council's first quarterly meeting and will be held after the morn-ing business session. Featured will be a slide show on the draft

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resisters and a panel presenta-tion with professor Wayne Mayeda of California State Mayeda or Camornia State University at Sacramento, draft resister Mits Koshiyama of San Jose and Marvin Uratsu, president of the Military Intelli-

president of the Military Intelli-gence) Service Association of Northern California. "We felt it was important that we sponsor this informational program on the draft resisters," stated NCWNP governor John Hayashi. "Their story is part of our history and we need to learn about these men, their principles and the stand they irok."

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The program, which is sched-uled to begin around 1 p.m., is being organized by Andy Noguchi of the Florin JACL, Mike Kaku of the Sequoia JACL, Elisa Kamimoto of the Golden Gate JACL, and NCWNP, regional director Pat-ti Weda

NCWNP regional mircor - n-ty Wada. The NCWNP district is the largest in the JACL, with 32 chapters and over 9,000 mem-bers. The meeting and program are open to all JACL mismbers and the public. For more infor-mation, call the NCWNP re-gional office at 415/821-5225, extension 26. ■



PHOTO BY JEM LEV

GARDENA, Callf .-- The Nikkei International Association presents a \$1,000 check to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. (From left): Nikkei International Association's current Presdent Joe Shitara, incoming President Ron Shiozaid, Helen Kawag-oe and Paul Bannai of the Memorial Foundation."■



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From the Frving Pan

By Bill Hosokawa



This past winter break, my fellow Asian American Studies cohorts and I participated in a pro-ductive and thought provoking two-day retreat in order to ponder and discuss relevant Asian American issues concerning community, cultural preservation and changing fortunes in today's society.

intellectual ambi-Our tions led us to — where else? — Las Vegas, a true site of Japanese American pioneer spirit and "Go for Broke" philosophy. The first time I had been

to Vegas since I was of legal gambling age, I was at first somewhat skeptical about the kind of cultural experience Vegas could offer me. Throw my money away? Sit in front of a stupid machine for hours on end? It didn't sound like much fun at all.

I have to say that ever since I was a little kid and lost continuously at the Japanese game, pachinko, vowing never to play again, I have not been much of a gambler. No matter how small the amount, I have al ways hated to think about what I could have bought, "Five bucks"? "That's lunch!"

"Eight?

"I could have seen a movie, dammit!!"

Basically, I hate to lose. So I figured I'd go with my friends to Vegas, take in the sights, drink the free drinks and eat at the cheap buffets. Maybe I'd put a few dollars into the slot machines, but no more than that because I am a student trying to live Within "my means.

Anyway, when we got there I realized how much things had changed since I last visited. Seeing the ar-chitectural spectacle of the Bellagio and the light of the new Luxor Hotel shooting its beam of light from the top of its pyramid (the big deal about that is, it can supposedly be seen from outer space — maybe to en-tertain alien life forms?), I was struck by how much Vegas happens to think it is the center of the universe.

I suppose that, in a way, it is because if money makes the world go round, things in Vegas are pretty much spinning out of control. After taking in the high voltage splendor of the Strip, my group and I headed wntown to begin our rede search, going straight to the mecca of Japanese Ameri-can culture in Las Vegas, the infamous California Ho tel

Anybody who has ever een to the California Anybody who has ever been to the Sahfornia knows that it caters largely to Japanese Americans from Hawaii, and that its filled with gray haired *ji-chans* and *bba-chans* clutching their bucket of quarters or steically laying down stacks of chips at the roulette table.

You can hear people talk-

ing pidgin and eating oxtail soup after midnight, and feel like you are at some huge community center, except that you are surround-ed by the noisy chaos of slot machines and rattling change

Viva Las Vegas!

Lulled into a sense of fa-miliarity and comfort, my friend and I sat down at the roulette table next to a weathered-looking Nisei who had collected an impressive stack of chips in front of him. I had no idea what I was doing and placed my chips down on a random combination of numbers, but my friend wisely tried to tap into the JA gambler's psyche by shadowing the moves of the Nisei man. The strategy worked, and actu-ally both of us came out ahead, which then prompted us to feel indestructible and blow most of our winnings throughout the rest of the night.

The amazing thing to me was that I could have played till the break of dawn if my colleagues had allowed it; the Vegas bug had bit me pretty hard. Easy money —

there's nothing quite like it. Although I would now consider Vegas to be one of my hobbies, I still wonder why it is such a Japanese American cultural phenom-enon. For a relatively small ethnic group to practically

etnnic group to practically command its own hotel, the number of JA gamblers must be pretty impressive. So, what is it about JAs that make them so partial to gambling? Is it the pio-near origin in phone to be pioneer spirit inherited by the Issei, themselves gambling safety and comfort for life in a new country? Is it a form of recreation passed down from life on the plantations in Hawaii and the agricul-tural camps in California? Or is it that JAs, tired of be ing the model minority and enduring a culture of gaman and kodomo no tame ni, sometimes feel the need to let it all loose, get crazy and bet their whole stack of chips on red?

It was incredible to see the Nisei, the embodiment of frugalness and practicali-ty, cheerfully let large sums of money slip through their fingers. I've heard that ingers. I've heard that some hard-core JA gamblers save every penny they earn just so they can go to Vegas once a year and bet it all. I guess the motto, "Go for Broke," is more than just an expression of heroism on the battlefield — it's a way of life

Another interesting development that came out of our Vegas trip was the dis-covery of a "Chinatown" and an "Asian American Cultur-al Center." Seeing signs for al center. Seeing signs for such a center as we drove along the Strip, the group decided to see what it was all about.

An Asian American co munity center in Vegas? Had Asian Americans really made such an impact that they had already carved out their social and cultural networks and institutions?

By Mika Tanner

After driving around for a good 15 minutes, we finally figured out that "Chinatown^v was a strip mall much like you'd find in the heart of Monterey Park or the San Gabriel Valley in Southern California. There was a Sam Woo's Barbecue restaurant. Woo's. Barbecue restaurant, a really excellent Viet-namese Pho restaurant, a Ranch 99 market, a sushi place, and, just to let you know that you were in Ve-gas, a wedding temple.

I guess it is appropriate that in Las Vegas, a cultural center would have to do with consumerism. We suspect it was built to cater to the increasing number of Asian gamblers and casino employees - at any rate, it was packed.

For anybody who's going to Vegas and is tired of eat-ing \$3.99 prime rib, check it out; it's located about a mile and a half off the Strip on Mountain Spring Road So now I am already plan

ning my next trip to Las Ve gas, eager to continue my research and try my luck again at the tables

Maybe, in the spirit of Ve-gas and good old Japanese American gambatte spirit, I'll even let my hair down enough to raise the stakes and make things more excit-

As a precaution, however, I have instructed my friends to lock me in my room when I start talking about playing with the money I've aside for school. set

You never know - things could get pretty ugly.



Condoning Clinton's act recalls specters of 1942

illiam Jefferson Clinton, elected by Ameri-**VV** cans as their chief ex-ecutive and chief law enforcement officer, has been accused of lving under oath when quesed about his relations with a White House intern. Failing to tell the truth while under oath is perjury, a felony. A felony is a serious crime, even for the president of the United States

The American people should be deeply concerned that their president is a suspected felon. But many are not. Many consider his private sexual activity none of the public's business, would tolerate what went on in the privacy of the Oval Office and - this is the critical part would grant him the right to lie about it

What his supporters do not accept is that the issue is not what President Clinton did with Monica Lewinsky and other women. The issue is whether he responded truthfully when, under oath, he was questioned about those activities

Strangely, many Americans don't see it that way. They see a nation prospering under the Clinton administration. They see a large measure of domestic tranquility, and a president who still commands respect abroad. They see unfair political partisanship. So they ask what does it matter if the pres ident lied about his personal life? Maybe he ought to be cen-sured, they say, scolded, but let's not get carried away about this.

But others see this as sacrificing principle for expediency. And this is intensely troubling. Return with me to early 1942. The public's preoccupa-

tion then was not overcoming. the Depression? or sexual misconduct in the White House but a desperate war.

President Franklin D. Roo sevelt's advisers figured treating Japanese Americans on the West Coast as a security hazard would provide a convenient scapegoat for rallying the war effort. Never mind that they posed no danger to national security.

The politicians counseled the drastic step of imprisoning America's ethnic Japanese en masse as a war necessity regardless of their Constitutional rights as U.S. Citizens. And the American public said, in effect, never mind principle, ignore the Constitution, just do what's expedient. So laws guaranteeing the

rights of Americans were violat-ed, a shameful injustice was committed against an ethnic minority and it took a half cen-tury for the United States to admit a wrong and apologize. Fast forward to the present.

There is no doubt the president has been indiscreet but more to the point, he broke the law in an effort to avoid responsibility for his actions.

Many Americans have indicated they would tolerate Bill Clinton's sexual indiscretions - doesn't everybody do it? --and now for whatever reasons they would accept violation of the oath to tell the truth.

This is wrong. Expediency has no place in our deliberations. A matter of principle is at stake, just as in 1942.

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Isian sweatshops make casegainst U.S. clothing companies

(Continued from page 1)

Global Exchange. Although this is not the first reported incidence of alleged worker abuse in Saipan sweatshops, it is the first time formal legal action is being taken against U.S. apparel corpora-tions that do business with un-

lawful foreign contractors. Medea Benjamin, co-direc-tor of Global Exchange, made a plea on behalf of her organization and the general public to put an end to the exploitaof workers and to the detion ceit of consumers."

An estimated total of \$1 billion is being sought to compensate workers for unpaid back wages

Several of these companies denied doing business with unlawful Saipan subcontrac-tors, while others vowed to duct their own inspections of factory conditions before deciding to terminate their pa-

Pamela Rucker, spokesper-son for the National Retail Federation (NRF), argued in defense of the American retailers, saying that buying companies have no way to control the manufacturers' practices, especially foreign manufactur-ers, and that it is up to the Federal Trade Commission to regulate them. By last October, the 32

Saipan companies had shipped an estimated \$1 billion in wholesale clothing (called "hot goods") to the U.S. mainland, reported plaintiffs' attorney Alan Mansfield. Saipan's status as a U.S. territory allowed the supplying fac-tories to skirt duties and tariff laws that are normally imposed on foreign-made garments.

As a result of this exemption, the San Francisco suit charges, the manufacturers were able to sell their gar-

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ments at a higher profit mar-gin, in effect saving them more than \$200 million, explained Mansfield.

"This situtation is even more outrageous because the gar-ments sewn under such terrible conditions enter the United States duty-free carrying the Made in the USA label," added Mazur in his press statement. Asian Law Caucus attorney

Lora Jo Foo told Pacific Citizen that for the past 20 years her organization has been tracking cases of garment worker ex-ploitation. They began suing contractors in the 1980s and, to date, have represented over 1,000 immigrant Asians who were taken advantage of

In this case, however, "prac-tices [were] condemned but nothing [was] done ... because the U.S. government [couldn't] do anything about it," said plaintiffs' attorney Lerach. Last year, the U.S. Labor De-

partment began to suspect abuse in the Saipan sweatshops, but reform efforts were thwarted by the rich (mainly Chinese) businessmen who control the factories and make the bulk of the profit. In 1986, the Northern Mari-

anas, formerly a World War II trust territory of the United Nations, became a commonwealth of the United States and negotiated a covenant which left immigration, labor and minimum wage laws up to local officials. Certain industries are so

powerful that they control [the people who are supposed to be the regulators," said Lerach. "That's the perverse thing. And that's why you have to have private litigation."

Pending this litigation, none of the Saipan factories in ques-tion have been shut down, though at this point, Lerach muses, "Justice that comes late is better than no justice at all."



Get your special Sports Illustrated copy

Congratulations to the Ni generation for being in the Nov. 16 issue of Sports Illustrated. The article was written by David Davis, and he tells it like it was. For example, he refers to internment camps as prison camps and refers to the Nisei and Sansei as the prisoners. Three pages were devoted to Nisei baseball and centered around the accomplish ments of Kenichi Zenimura.

There's a catch to this story, however. It did not appear in all issues. If you are a subscriber or bought the magazine from the newsstands and did not see this in your issue, you should call 800/274-6800 and ask for Volume 89, Number 20 and specify that you would like the issue with the select story. The story was enti-tled, "A Field in the Desert That Felt Like Home," and was fea-tured in the section called "Scorecard

Ray Arifukeu Fresno Calif.

Going all out for the JLAs

Aware that the redress program observed its 10-year suns in August of last year but is still in operation until February 1999, I have been following your articles on the continuing plight of the Japanese Latin Americans

It is certainly a complicated is-sue. What with the Mochizuki settlement, opt-out cases, short-ages of funds and the issue of the interest-bearing account recently brought to light by NCRR vs. The United States Government, the wsuit, which affects not only the remaining redress recipients but should be of interest to all ed-ucation fund grantees such as the JACL that did not receive the full amount requested in their grant proposals. Your Oct. 16 article, "JLAs

Seek Full Redress in Latest Law suit," quotes a press release that states JACL is committed to full mentation of the Mochizuki ple implementation of the *Mochizituk* settlement, with an explanation that 'we'in good faith supported the *Mochizuki* settlement with the United States government. So in good faith we have to continue to support this settlement. It would be disingenuous of us to support or pursue this [NCRR v. U.S.] lawsuit."

As someone whose involveent with redress can e in the latter years after many individu-als in different categories were denied redress but continued their quest through various means, I don't quite understand the reasoning for this position. Just as in the initial struggle to

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there are currently several ap-proaches either being considered or being taken on behalf of the JLAs. And just as in the early years, each action taken by what-ever means will help in the overall struggle to achieve a fair mea-sure of justice for the JLAs. Certainly there is nothing neg-

ative or problematic with an individual or organization supporting more than one, if not all, of the more than one, if not all more than one, if not all, of the remedies being pursued because when you really stop to think about it, legally and morally, Mochizuki is not enough.

Full implementation of the Mochizuki settlement means an apology and \$5,000, Your, Nov 20 article titled, Judge delays fair-ness hearing in Mochizuki so sep-arate JLA lawsuit can first be heard," states lawyers for the government have confirmed that the money is not there, which raises the question as to whether and how the U.S. government. Mochizuki settlement means an and how the U.S. government will live up to the \$5,000 compromise settlement for each eligible individual. Why should JACL continue to support this settle-ment when the government ad-mits it will likely not be able to meet the settlement? It is sad that rather than work-

ing cooperatively to find a solu-tion, the government has forced those who should have long ago received an apology and redress payment to agree to a "take-it-or-leave-it" apology and partial pay-ment. Shamefully, it is taking another lawsuit to get the govern-ment to live up to the full terms of the compromise settlement forced upon the JLAs.

For the federal government to have overlooked the requirement have overlooked the requirement for an interest-bearing account for all these years while following such a strict interpretation of the Civil Liberties Act in the grant-ing and denying of redress from Day One is a disgrace. With that in mind, why not go the distance for the JLAs and support any and all efforts to obtain the justice that is so hone overhue! that is so long overdue!

> Sharon Tanihar Garden Grove, Calif.

Wasurezu-Na!

Recently re-reading our evacuation-internment experience (this time the John Hersey-Ansel Adams' Manzanar,) I was struck Adams' Manzanar) I was struck again how important it is for all Nikket to re-read books like this and keep the experience in our memories. Looking up the word memory, I found: *kipoki* (memo-ries), *kinen*, Gommemoratic as in history); and onoi desu (think about or call to mind). These words with their subtle differ-ences were not the memory. ces were not the me

was looking for so I looked up "re-member" or *wasurezu-na* (the *zu* is negative), which gives the impact and importance: do not forget

I stuck Post-it notes on almost every page. They emphasized how important it is for us Nikkei to remember and to teach our children and their children about it. If ever the words "those who do not remember. (the lesson learned) will repeat (the mis-takes) of this experience" holds true; If we forget or sweep it un-der the carpet, we surely will repeat it

John Hersey's words with Ansel Adams photographs should be part of every American history course. Especially for Japanese Americans, wasurezuna are words we must remember Particularly, as Americans, the evacuation-internment experience showed so harshly how racism misdirects, distorts, warps this, the most precious tenet of our American value of personal or individual justice and our rights, both human and civil

No other immediate event illustrates as clearly the impact of racism backed by greed (or greed backed by racism) and how easily our rights can be taken away. When the right to be charged, in-vestigated, have proof of guilt clearly shown, is denied, there can be no justice. When this right is abrogated, our whole justice tem is attacked.

So, wasurezu-na is much more than just keeping an injustice re-membered so that it may fester and build resentment and bitterness. It is much more than that: it is to protect and foster this pre-cious ideal held by all who identify ourselves as Americans.

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Coram nobis team to be honored

emoration of the Day In comm of Remembrance, the National Japanese American Historical, Society (NJAHS) will honor the Coram Nobis Legal Team at 6 p.m. on Feb. 20, at the Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., San

The Coram Nobis Legal Team, consisting of Sansei attorneys, successfully challenged the U.S. Supreme Court decisions which had validated the exclusion and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. Coram Nobis (from the Latin, meaning "error before us") refers to a seldom used legal procedure invoked only after a defendant has been convicted and only to

raise errors of fact that were knowingly withheld by the prose-cution from the judge and the de-

ourt actions were initiated by the three teams of Sansei attor-neys, representing Fred Kore-matsu in San Francisco in 1983, ale Minami as le with D ad coun sel: Min Yasui in Portland in sei, kain rasui in Pordand in 1985, headed by Peggy Nagae; and Gordon Hirabayashi in Seat-tle in 1986, under Rod Kawakami. In their petitions for a writ of error coram nobis, the legal teams argued that the War Denartment and the Justice De partment had knowingly al tered. suppressed and destroyed evi-dence that upheld the loyalty of

Attorneys and community leaders from California, Oregon and Washington will participate in the evening program. The keynote speaker will be Warren Fourteer in speaker will be Warren Furutani, prominent Los Angeles community activist and educator Wendy Tokuda, local television news anchor, will be mistress of ceremonies. Co-chairs for the ceremonies. Co-chairs for the event are William Hirose, J.D., nd Gary Kono, DDS. NJAHS was founded in 1980

and is dedicated to the preserva tion, promotion and dissemina semine. tion of materials related to the history and culture of JAs. For further information, please call 415/921-5007.

Applications available for 1999 APAICS summer internship program

WASHINGTON-The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) announced that applications are now available for the 1999 APAICS summer internship pro-

The internship program, which will be held from June 14 to Aug. 6, 1999, is open to currently en-rolled college and graduate stu-dents with an interest in public policy issues and Asian Pacific American community affairs In-American community amains, in-terns will be placed in congres-sional offices, federal agencies and nonprofit public policy orga-nizations in Washington, D.C.

In addition to working on as-signments in their respective of fices, interns will have an opportunity to attend briefings at the Democratic and Republican Na tional Committees, workshops on significant policy issues affecting APAs, discussions with APA com-munity leaders, and numerous social events and special tours.

At least 10 internshins will be available, and each intern will re

ceive a stipend of \$2,500 for travel, housing and personal expens-és. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent resi-dents, at least 18 years of age. dents, at least 10 years of age, and have a grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. Ap-plications are due Feb. 5, 1999. Since its inception in 1995, the

APAICS internship program has provided a unique Washington, provided a unique Washington, D.C., experience for 39 Asian Pa-D.C., experience for 55 Asian Fa-cific American students. Yale ju-nior Catherina Kim, a 1996 sum-mer intern, said of her experi-ence, "The APAICS internship ence, "The AFAICS internship was an absolutely wonderful, an-lightening experience that I will always remember. It creates such a unique environment that really helps APA students not only learn more about Washington but more about themselves and the role of the APA community in the larger picture.

For an application or more information about the summer internship program, contact the APAICS office at 202/547-9100 or apaics@apaics.org.

30th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage set for April

The 30th Annual Manzana Pilgrimage has been set for April 24. The theme of this year's pil-grimage will be: "All Camp Re-union: Raise the Banner."

The Manzanar Committee has come a long way from the first pilgrimage, a cold and windy day in December when a group of about 150 people, mostly young Japanese Americans, drove by car and bus to a place between Lone Pine and Independence, California

Over the years, the Manzanar Pilgrimage has been attended by hundreds of people, including teachers and students from

Teacher Jennifer Yazawa earns National **Board Certification**

Jennifer Yazawa, current member and past vice president and board member of the New Mexico JACL, is among the 924 candidates from around the country who recently earned certification

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mental agency which seeks to ass and certify K-12 teachers who demonstrate a certain commitment and excellence in teaching

The National Board Certification process takes one full school year to complete, in which time teachers are tested not only on their personal knowledge but on their classroom teaching ability.

They undergo a rigorous se ries of performance-based assessments, submitting written exercises, teacher portfolios, student work samples, videotapes, evaluations of student learning and analyses of their own devel oping skills

National Board Certification is open to anyone who has a bac-calaureate degree from an accredited institution, has com

credited institution, has com-pleted three years of successful teaching and who, if required to to to so by their state, held a valid state teaching license for those three years of teaching. Recipient Ystawa currently teaches eighth grade humanities at John Adams Middle School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has also been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers both in 1992 and, more recently, in 1998. in 1998.

For more information, visit he National Board's website at the N nbpts.org.

throughout the country. Last year the pilgrimage drew over 360 people, many who came on charter buses sponsored by the United Teachers of Los Ang the San Fernando Japane American Community Center, and the Manzanar Committee.

This year, the annual pilgrimage proposes to be the biggest event yet, seeking participation from everyone affiliated with the World War II concentration camps

The Manzanar Committee has proposed the display of large ban ners representing each camp and other organizations at the pilgrimage. These banners will symbolize the hardship suffered and the perseverance demon-strated by JAs during the internment years and the subsequent fight for justice through Redress nd reparations. The Manzanar Committee is

inviting groups to join in this por-tion of the pilgrimage by creating their own banner, representing their organization. The Manzanar Committee will be providing size specifications at later date

For information, contact Man-zanar Committee Chair Sue Embrev at 323/662-5102

Terauchi announces bid for Gardena, Calif., city council

Terry Terauchi became the first person to file his nomination papers for council member for the city of Gar-

dena, Calif., in the March 1999 election. Terauchi is president of the Gardena JACL and past presi-dent of the past

Evening Optimist Club of Gardena. He is active in many commu-nity affairs, including the Cham-Commerce, ber of Commerce, YMCA fundraising, Sister City Association, Japanese Cultural Insti-tute, Gardena Medal of Valor Committee and the Elks "Gardena is confronting a criti-

cal time in its history due to the

Margaret Yonekura wins women's rights advocacy award

Out of 52 worthy nominees in the fields of women's rights advocacy, 12 outstanding individuals, including Dr. Margaret Lynn Yonekura, are to be honored with Women of the Year Awards by the Los Angeles County Comm Women.

For the past 20 years, Yoneku-ra, the medical director of Perinatal Services for the California Hospital Medical Co enter, ha worked for the health care of worked for the nearth care of pregnant women, especially low-income, minority, chemically de-pendent or high-risk pregnancy women who've been denied ac-cess to quality prenatal services. The commission will hold its

The commission will hold its 14th annual "Women of the Year Awards Luncheon" at the Los An-geles Music Center on March 8. For sponsorship information, ticket reservations or further details, contact the comm fice at 213/974-1455.

city's fiscal problems, and the current city council is sitting on current city council is atting on its hands in attempting to work out solutions," said Terauchi. "We need fresh faces with fresh ideas on the city council."

Terauchi favors prioritizing police and fire services in the bud-get process, fair distribution of city resources throughout the city, and improvement of public education.

After a long history of Japanse American representation on the Gardena city council, Garde-na has not had a JA on the city council since the retirement of Paul Tsukahara and Mas Fukai two years ago.

Dr. Hitoshi and Marion Tamaki Scholarship fund

The University of Puget Sound at Tacoma, Wash., recently an-nounced the availability of the Dr. Hitoshi T. and Marion Tama-ki Scholarship. Dr. Tamaki grad-uated from the university in 1940 and wants to encourage stud of Japanese American descent to attend Puget Sound. Awards will be made to one or

two first-year students (maxi-mum annual award per student is \$2,500) enrolled at the University of Puget Sound who are of Americans of Japanese descent. Americans of superiors treaters as The award can be renewed as long as the student's cumulative GPA is 2.8 or better at the end of d as his or her freshman year and 3.0 or higher in subsequent years.

If you know of any students who are interested in attending the University of Paget Sound and who may be eligible for this scholarship. "please contact, Daniel R Evans, associate direc-tor of Admissions, University of Paget Sound, at 253756-3211 or 800/396-7191.

California State Assembly accepting applications for fellowship program

California State Assemblyman George Nakano (53rd District) nced that the California State Assembly is accepting ap-plications for the 1999-2000 Jesse M. Unruh Fellowship Pro-gram. The program gives four year college graduates a unique opportunity to become full-time assembly staff members while mbly staff members while earning a stipend and 12 units of graduate course credit from Cali-fornia State University, Sacrame

Fellows are assigned to work on a committee staff or in an assemblymember's capital office Participants also engage in week-ly academic seminars with legislative members, senior staffers, journalists, lobbyists and other state government officials. Fel-lows receive a monthly stipend of \$1,792 as well as full health, dental and vision benefits.

"The Assembly Fellowship Pro ram is a rare opportunity for anyone with a college degree to participate in the legislative process," said Nakano. "The process, hands-on experience it provides could serve as the perfect founda-tion for a recent graduate or an and the a recent graduate of an important springboard for some-one looking to change careers." All applicants must have grad-

uated by June 1999. No specific major is required and individuals with advanced degrees, as well as those in mid-careers, are encouraged to apply. Applications may be obtained by contacting Jeff Maloney at Assemblymember Nakano's District Office, 1217 El Prado Ave., Torrance, Calif. 90501, 310/782-1553. Deadline is Feb. 7. Final selec-

tions will be made in May.

1999 Anheuser-Busch/Frank Horton fellowship program

WASHINGTON-The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) announced that applications are now available for its Anheuser-Busch/Frank Horton fellowship program. The program is named in honor of former Congressman Frank Horton (R-New York), who was instrumental in the passage of legislation designating the month of May as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The fellowship program is designed to encourage a college graduate who has a commitment to the Asian Pacific American community to pursue a public policy career. The fellowship lasts from June 1999 to March 2000 and provides a stipend of \$15,000 to and provides a stipend of \$15,000 to cover travel arrangements, housing and personal expenses. Medical insurance will also be

The fellowship program is The fellowship program. made possible through the sup-port of the Anheuser-Busch Com-panies, Inc. Anheuser-Busch has developed and funded a variety of programs that help meet the programs that hel needs of the APA co nunity, including initiatives in the areas of leadership development, educa-

tion, business and economic development, arts and culture, health and social services and

neurin and social services and women's programs. Devid L. Kim, Anheuser-Busch director of Corporate Relations, said, "We are pleased to continue the company's commitment to de-veloping leadership in the Asian Pacific American community

Veroping leadership in the Asian Pacific American community through this fellowship." APAICS, formerly known as the Congressional Asian Pacific American Cuicus Institute, was established in 1995 as a no tisan, nonprofit, educational cor-poration with the goal of increas-ing the participation of APAs in the public policymaking process at the national, state and local levels. The APAICS Board of Di-meters in cheined he for the conrectors is chaired by former Con-gressman Norman Y. Mineta and includes other nationally known APA leaders in business, govern-ment and convention site site. and community circles

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Applications are due Feb. 5. For an application or more infor-mation about the Anheuser-Busch/Frank Horton fellowship program, contact the APAICS of fice at 2025/479100 or apaics@ cs.org.

Norman Reyes, 73: defense witness for 'Tokyo Rose'

MANILA A co-worker with Iva Toguri d'Aquino from Radio Tokyo during World War II, and a defense witness at her "Tokyo se" trial in San Francisco in 1949, radio broadcaster Norman Reyes died in his sleep Jan. 7 at a relative's home in San Pablo. He is survived by wife Farida.

He is survived by whe randa. During the eighth week of d'Aquino's trial, the lanky, boyishly-handsome former lieu tenant in the Philippines Army corroborated other defense wites in their claim that the Nisei defendant had been a part of a conspiracy to sabotage the Zero program, over Hour which she

broadcast as "Orphan Ann."

Reyes had been captured with Major Wallace Ince during the Mayor Wallace Ince during the fall of Corregidor while operating a guerrilla radio station from Bataan, west of Manila, to rally American and Filipino soldiers against Japanese forces. He was later tried in the United States on espionage charges, but was later cleared. He testified in 1949 that "If overt acts make a treason case, certainly I, who had worked case, certaininy i, who has been to at Radio Tokyo, was as open to the charges of treason." (8/27/49 PC.) He later became a U.S. citizen and worked as a broadcaster in Hopolulu

In the 1970s, when the only ethnic food places in the city were Italian and Chinese, "it

was a real treat to have a tata

to eat," longtime Las Vegas Sun food critic Muriel Stevens

said of the restaurant. When it opened, Nakanishi brought in a chef from Japan to assure the authenticity of the dishes,

his Japan-born wife of 42 years, Aiko, said. Other Japan-

ese chefs were later brought in from Los Angeles. Nakanishi

retired a few years ago, but the family still runs the business.

family still runs the business. A member of the Las Vegas JACL, Nakanishi is also sur-vived by son Gene, daughter Joy Faas-Nakanishi, isiters Mary Sue Taguchi and Alyce Louie, brothers George (all of Las Vegas) and Jack (Culver City, Calif.). ■

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Obituaries

Araki Marian Hisako 83 Secre-Aratic, marian History, 53, Sacra-mento, Oct. 18; survived by sisters Rosie Hoshizu and Louise Isoye; brother George; and many other rela-

Asakura, Nao M., 90, Montebello, Nov. 26, San Francisco-born Nisei; survived by sons Takizumi and Allen; daughter Naomi Saito; 5 g.c., 4 g.g.c.

Besig, Ernest, 94, San Francisco, Nov. 13, founder and executive direc-tor of the ACLU in Northern Calif. roived by daughter Ann Forward fass.); and granddaughters Amy d Elizabeth. Ma

Endo, Akira R., 78, Santa Bar-bara, Dec. 11, Santa Barbara-born, surviyed by wife Sumiko; sons Mark, Carl and-Grant; daughter Fay; sisters Toshi Akamatsu (Madison, Wis.) and Keiko Goto; 2 g.c.

Endo, Nozomu, 86, Pasadena, Jan 5, Seattle-born Nisei; survived by son Edward and his wife Naomi; daughters Irene Yasuko Furuya and her husband Mal, and Cary Hideko Iwai and her husband Kar, brothers. Ain Terr Isuneo and Yutaka (of Japan); 4 nd many other relatives.

Fukushima, Dan, 77, San Jose, Nov. 23, first Nisei tb coach a Calif high school baskethall team, WWII veteran assigned to the MIS at Ft. Snelling, Minn; survived by wife Et-suko; and daughter Marilyn.

Suko, and Gaugnier Mariyin. Furukawa, Kiichi "Moose", 78, Gardena, Nov 5, Hanford-born; sur-vived by wife Kazue, sons Paul and David and his wife Nancy, sisters Nobuko Akiba, Shizuko Sally Taketa, brothers Jujiro Jim and Ben (Cleve-land); g.c. Jaclyn.

Gondai, Shigeko Susie, Fremont, Jan. 5. Sacramento-born: survived by husband Morie; son Stephen; daugh ters Sandra Kawaekawa and Iren ters Sandra Pedigo; 5 g.c.

Hoshizu, Elsie Yaoko, 82, Long Beach, Nov. 7; survived by sisters Rosie and Louise Isoye; brother George; and many other relatives.

Iwaoka, Sam Isamu, 82, Chicago Iwaoka, Sam Isamu, 82, Chorago, Nov. 21, Santa Rosa-born systems en-gineer for the federal General Ser-vices Administration, interned at Heart Mountain; survived by wife Mary, brother John; daughters Judy and Ellyn; sister Rose Okazaki; 3 g c.

Katsu, Noby, 78, Parkville, Md., Dec. 19; attended UC Berkeley, in-terned at Topaz during WWII; sur-vived by wife Lois; sons Carl (Biglerville, Pa.) and Geoffrey (Forest Hills, Md.); daughter Barbara Loftus (Columbia, Md.); and other relatives.

(Common, m.J., and other realitives, Kimura, Clarence Gensei, 84, Wahnut Grove, Jan. 9; longtime resi-dent of Woodland; survived by sons John and his wife Lenda, Keith and his wife Lorence, 2 grandchildren, all of Woodland; sister Yeiko Mikuni (San Jose); predecased by wife Hazel, brother John, sister Kuniko.

Koyano, Alice Michiko, 85, Mountain View, Dec. 17, San Jose-born; survived by husband James Hakobu; son Bill Noboru and his wife Shirley; 3 g.c., 3 g.g.c.

Kubota, Tetsuo Fred, 88, Los An minota, recear Freq. 66, DS All-geles, survived by daughters Peggy Masuzumi and her husband Paul, Mildred Castro and her husband Burt, and Kathleen Kubota-Fox and her husband Steve; sister-in-law Saeko; 4 g.c., 1 g.g.c.; and many other welching relative

Masuda, Rev. Inoru, 54, resident of Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka-ken, Dec. 24, received degrees from Ansus Pacif-ic University and California Graduate School of Theology, survived by wife Sumiko; soo Shin; daughter Takako, parents Dr. and Mrs. Takashi Masu-da; irophers Aogu and Tamo; sister Kinko Nogi; and other relatives.

Nakamura, Yaeko, 93, Osaka, Jan 2, awarded the Order of the Sa-cred Treasure by the Japanese gov-ernment in 1969 for her work, with orphans and the und erprivile

Nakano, Ruhy Kimiš, 87, Los An-geles, Jan. 12; Florin-born; survived by Son Walter and his wife Martha; daughters Grace Seto and her hus-band Joseph, Eiganor Nakano and unugmers Grace Seto and her hus-band Joseph, Elsinor Nakamo and her husband Otto, Carolyn Matsumu-ra and her husband Robert; 9 g.c., 2 g.c.; brothers Eimer, Dwird, Leo, and George Uchida; sisters Mary Kino, Sumiye Takeno (Dënyer), Eileen Fukuhara.

Namekawa, Iwao, 84, San Fran Namekawa, iwas, op. Sur - cisco, Dec. 23, former president an editor of the *Nichi Bei Times*, interne at Heart Mountain and relocated the Tule Lake camp; survived by wi rated to

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Patricia; daughter Marilyn Wong, sis-ter Kaoru Morioka (Los Angeles); and many other relatives.

Nishimoto, Ted T., 84, San Fr Nishimoto, Ted T., 84, San Fran-cisco, Dec. 18; survived by wife Toshi; zons Roger and Roy; brothers Harry and Hanako Takayama; 2 g.c., 2 g.g.c.

and rannato iaktyama; 2 g.c., 2 g.g.c. Nishimoto, Yae, 91, Monterey Park, Jan. 5, San Francisco-born Ni-sei; survived by daughlers Roberta Akiko Shiroma and her husband Takeo, and Marcia Chizuko Kyono and h er husband Tom Susumu: br er Ted Heiyu Imai; sisters Lou Aya Tsurutani, Viola Hiroko Imai and He-len Kimi Tanabe; 4 g.c., 7 g.g.c.

en nim ranao; « gc., r gc. Okazaći, Vsan Satoriu, 67, Garde-na, 67, Pintteville, Colo-born; sur-vived by wife Kinuye Ethel, daughter Terri Lyin; brothers James S., Keo-neth K. (Colo.) and Dave T; sisters Evelyn A. Kitashima (Wash.) and Sachi Funakoshi (Colo.); and other vilatione: relatives

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Ono, Rev. Akira, 81, Sacramer Jan 3, Denverborn, served in the Japanese army in WWII, graduated from Doshisha University and re-ceived a master's degree from former Fresno State University; survived by wife Teruko; son Jerry; daughters Junko and Mary Ono (Sacramento); 3

Ono, Barbara Fumiko Yan to, 80, Berkeley, Nov. 25; survived by husband Theodore; daughters Carole and Kathryn (Maine); son Peter and his wife Tina (Hawaii); 1 g.c.; and any other relatives

Otani, Rev. Canon Andrew Nao-fumi, 95, Monterey Park, Jan. 3, Pukui-ken-born Issei resident of Minneapolis, Minn.; survived by sons David N. and his wife Sylvia (Wash.), Jonathon and his wife Fumiko (Ariz.) and Richard (Ohio);1 brother and sis-ter (both of Japan); and 12 g.c.; 8 g.g.c.

Ouchi, Torazo Tom, 96, Fresno, Nov. 5, Fukushima-ken-born; sur-vived by daughter Margaret Miyauchi; and granddaughter Jackie (both of Los Ange

Ozawa, Kohei, 78, Monterey Park, Jan. 6, Hollywood-born; sur-vived by wife Bessie Hanaye; sons Ken and his wife Kathy, and Stephen and his wife Lori; sister Naoye Takata (Japan)

Sakai, Kazue, 82, San Leandro, Dec. 24, honored as one of the three generations of JA women subjects for generations of JA women surgects as the documentary, "An American Lega-cy", survived by husband Tetsuma, daughters Ann, Jean, Patricia, Ellen and Gail; sons David, Robert, William Manash, and many other relatives

Sasahara, Blanch Yukie, 92, Squirrel Hill, Pa., Nov. 16; prede-ceased by husband Harold Hango; survived by daughter Mineko S. Av-ery, son Dr. Arthur A.; sister Florence Mori (Hayward, Calif.); and many other relative other relatives

Sasaki, Frank, 70, Lodi, Dec. 17, past president of the Lodi JACL, hon-ored as the Outstanding Citizen of the year by the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce and received the Distinyear by the Lodi District Chamber of the guished Citizen award for his commu-nity work; survived by wife Joyce, sons Frank Jr. and David; daughters Kathryn Takahashi and Karen Yag; and many other rolation and many other relatives.

Sasaki, Yae Muraoka, 90, Kauai, Sasaki, rae Muraoka, 90, Kaua, Nov. 8; survived by son Clyne and his wife Dorothy (Los Angeles); James Jiro and his wife Nancy (Crete, IIL); Roy and his wife Lillian (Costa Mesa); daughter Janegand her husband Peter Hokazu (Honolulu); and other rela-tions

Shigeno, John Y., 77, Ontario, Oregon, Nov. 9, member of the Snake Kiver JACL, survived by wife Katie; daughters Tha Gibson and Ann and her hushand Mike Prancis; soos Gary and his wife Nancy. Bob and his wife Julie (Wash), and Steve ere bis wife Lynn (Gaho); and many other rela-

aven. Datahashi, Shigeru, 78, Mon-terey Park, memorial services were held on Jan. 8, Nisel veteran of WWII: survived by wife Kimiyo; som Ronald and his wife Rosanne, Leonard and his wife Wendy, and Kenneth and his wife Diane; daughter Jill Saito and

her husband Jason; and many

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Takeeharra, Yoshito, 76, Weiser, Idaho, Dec. 11, served-as a member of the 310th Intelligence Tisam; survived by daughters Marsha Beck and her husband Duane (Spokane), Charlene Hanson and her husband Mark (Ger-many), and Joan Hunt and her hus-hard Mel neur Mel and his with Alice band Mel; sons Mel and his wife Alice nd Tim and his ni (Nyssa); 6 g.c.; an

Uwate, Aiko Nishi, 75, Los Ange-les, Dec. 31, evacuated to Gila River relocation cenier, author of Japanese relocation cerifer, author of Japonese Names for Babies; survived by hus-band Matao, daughter Vivsia Haruko Nelson and her husband Mark; sons Dr. Ken Roger (of Bahrain), and Dr. Walt Jun and his wife Marilyn; 4 g.c., and many other relatives.

Uyehara, Yukuo, 98, Hawaii, Oct. 9, Japan-born professor, survived by his wife Toshiko; and daughter Kay Buhrendorf.

Wakida, Natasha Sachiko, 21, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 25; student at UC Santa Cruz; acted as school mas

Yoshida, Tad, 90, Nampa, Idaho, Dec. 1, helped organize the JACL in Calif and Wash, and was the trea-surer for the Wash. JACL in the 30s; survived by wife Michi, daughters Ann Costello and her husband Rick, Ann Costello and her husband thick, Barbara Berthiaume and her hus-band Ed; sons David and his wife Es-tella, and Bruce and his wife Carrie; 8 g.c., 2 g.g.c.; and other relatives.

g.c., 2 g.g.c.; aid other relatives. Yoshimoto, Koji Kay, 79, Pariler, Dec. 17, served as the technical sergeant of the T and Ts' platoons, hay and hays co., and the 442nd RCT, survived by wife Harumi Iriene, sons Darryl, Glenn and his wife Lynne, and Warren, brothers Takkao and Karumi; sisters Violet Hiromoto and Rose Imazumi; 2 e.c. B Rose Imazumi; 2 g.c.

DEATH NOTICE

VOSHIKO TOGASAKI HAYWARD, Calif.—Yoshiko Togasa-ki passed away on Dec. 20. She will be remembered for her grace, dignity and serenity. Predeceased by her husband, Susumu "Sim". She will be missed by her five children: Akira, Stephen, David, Motoko Grabowski, and Carolyn Claybaugh, A memorial rvice was held on Jan. 16, at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland

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S/SGT HIROSHI "DOC" TOKEDA Was stationed in USAF Lackland, San Antonio in 1947. Worked in the photo lab. Contact Alien Bonsall, 306 Ruby Lane, Horseshee Bend, AR 72512 or 670670-4760.



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Sam Nakanishi, 74: pioneer Las Vegas restaurateur LAS VEGAS-Sam Nakanrant in 1968

shi, 74, who founded the first Jananese restaurant "Osaka 30 years ago at 4205 West Sahara, died Dec. 11.

Nakanishi, member of the Japanese American Club of Las Vegas and former WWII internee, opened his restau-

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TOKYO-Armed with a base ball bat, a right-wing extremist scattered books and bashed telescattered books and bashed tele-phones at a Tokyo publisher on Jan. 8, to protest a recent book, *Our Nanking Platoon*, which de-tails the 1938 wartime murder and rape of thousands of civil-ians by Japanese soldiers in the Chinese city of Nanjing. The sus-pect, 23-year-old Susumu Yokota was arrested soon afterwards, police said. Yokota forced his way into the office of publish-er Aoki Shoten and screamed that the beok was full of lies, said employee Eizumi Shimada. Fortunately, no one was injured in the man's rampage, "but almost the man's rampage, "but almost everyone ran out of the office in fright." Many of Japan's rightist groups oppose criticism of their country's wartime conduct. Po-lice said Yokota was apparently not affiliated with a particular group.

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CHIANG MAI, Thailand-The Bangkok-based Asian Vege-tarian Union recently joined 400 other participants from 30 differ-ent countries at the 33rd World Vegetarian Congress on Jan. 10, calling on vegetarian groups all over the world to invite people to give up meat for the new millenium. Their goal is to convert at least 5 percent of the popula-tion's meat-eaters by the year 2000

"Apart from being a matter of compassion, it is in humankind's interest to adopt a vegetarian diet if we are to avoid starvation, disease, pollution and ecological damage on a vast scale," said congress official Nitin Mehta.

legates to the meeting of the 110-year-old International Vegetarian Union included doctors, nutrition experts, Indian religious gurus, Western stock brokers and animal-rights activists. Discussions ranged from the latest studies on ways to treat AIDS by herbs and a plantbased diet to how the meat industry continues to deplete wa-ter supplies and convert forest

areas into grazing lands. "We still live in a non-v "We still live in a non-vegetar-ian world," said Maxwell G. Lee, the union's deputy president, a vegetarian since the age of 12. "In a way, vegetarians are aliens, like Martians."

Lee and others agreed that vegetarianism has grown in North America and Europe, with

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most converts giving up meat for health rather than ethical or en-vironmental reasons. But affluence and copying mainstream Western ways have increased meat consumption in Asia, espe-cially among the young. Dele-gates from China, India and Japan said ways had to be found

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to counter the trend. The Asian Vegetarian Union selected an ad hoc committee to draw up a constitution and organize their first congress in two years' time. The next congress of the International Vegetarian Union is scheduled for 2000 in Toronto, Canada.

TOKYO-Speaking of food ... As long as ramen has been a tried-and-true staple of dried goodness, it seems the chairman of Nissin Food Products Co., Momofuku Ando, now 88, continues to re-envision new variations on the Chicken Ramen instant noodles he invented almost 40 years Though "instant noodles ago. have become one of the few foods originating in Japan to become popular around the world," Ando said, "we haven't made a satis-factory product yet." Satisfactory or not, he can't deny the 40 billion portions which are con-sumed worldwide per year.

TOKYO-Just how much are women investing into their chil-dren's education these days? According to a survey conducted by Axa Life Insurance Co. comparing women in three different cities (160 in each city, ages 20-39 half married) the answer varies. In Tokyo, 41 percent say their primary savings go to-wards their children's education, while New York women follow suit at 37 percent. When it comes to Parisian women, however, there is quite a steep drop. Only 5 percent cite education as the pr cipal factor, perhaps because their government provides a more generous educational fi-nancial support system.

TOKYO-The term "lifers' has taken on new meaning in Japan, according to the Health and Welfare Ministry, which re-ported that the land of the rising ported that the land of the rising sum also happens to be the land of the longest living. In 1997, in-fant girls under the age of one were enserted to live nant gris under the age of one were expected to live approxi-mately 83.82 years, while infant boys under the age of one were expected to live on an average of 77.19 years. This is the 13th straight year that Japanese straight years. This is the 13th straight year that Japanese women have claimed the world's longevity title and the second sta aight year for the men. Hmm Vitamins, anyone?

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TOKYO-With folks in Japan living longer than ever, it's no wonder that remarriages among the 50+ population are on the rise. The Health and Welfare Ministry further reported that among registered couples, among registered couples, 14,342 men who were 50 and over remarried in 1995, 6,700 more than in 1975. Meanwhile, 8,000 women in 1995 revisited the altar, an increase of 5,700 since 1975. These figures might be doubled if unregistered mar-riages/were included. Several reasons are cited for the increase in middle age remarriage whether it is loneliness, financial security, or good 'ole-fashioned l-o-v-e. KP.

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TOKYO-Here's one for the kiddies, or at least for the young at heart. From the masterminds who promoted Tamagochi comes yet another bite jized toy — lit-erally. Called Silent Sound, it is a battery-operated lollipop case which, when placed in your mouth, plays a little tune. The gadget vibrates the lollipop to conduct sound against the teeth, which then echoes into the inner ear and produces a pleasant hip-hop beat. It was created in the United States under the moniker Sound Bites, through Hasbro, Inc., and is being sold in Japan through Bandai Co. for \$10 a pop. Now, let's just hope there's no short-circuiting! A.P.

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more hamburgers and breakfasts

"It's \$2.99 grand slam breakfasts that brings people into Denny's," he said. "They want to make sure the people in their organization understand the organization has changed. It's to say to this huge, diverse work force that things have changed and if you haven't changed, you don't need to be here

The ads might help in making amends to minorities, Margulies said.

"But you would be surprised how many people, including mi-nority customers, have never heard about this and you don't want to bring the issue up again," he said. To help settle the allegations

against Denny's, what was then Flagstar Cos. Inc. entered into fair-share agreements with the National Association for the Ad-vancement of Colored People and the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility.

Now minorities make up 48 percent of Advantica's work force and 33 percent of its management. Only one Denny's was owned by a black franchisee in 1993 and now 123 are black homeo

Margulies said there may be

Mangulies said there may be a danger to the ad campaign. "If they have some uncon-verted people on the staff and they do what they did before again, then they look disingen-uous by running these ads," he said.

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er legislative routes, provisions provided for in the Mochizuki settlement

The most recent of those law suits was filed by the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR) and former JLA internee Joe Suzuki. The lawsuit, claiming the failure of the U.S. government to invest the \$1.6 million in the Civil Liber ties Fund in an interest-hearing account at a minimum of 5 percent, was dismissed by Fede aral Judge Charles A. Legge late last year. Lawyers for the plaintiffs are currently appealing that de-cision in the 9th Circuit Court. NCRR and Suzuki want the government to replace the alleged missing funds, estimated at \$200 million, so that all the JA and JLA former internees can receive their redress

"I am very worried about the funds running out so that many of all of us Japanese Latin Americans may not even receive the redress payment," expressed former internee Rose Nishimura of California, who had her state-ment read at the recent fairness hearing. "I was disturbed to hear the government had not invested the money as the law required. I hope the U.S government will correct its mistake.

"Although my family and oth ers suffered the loss of liberty, freedom and assets as a direct result of the action of the United States of America," said named plaintiff Carmen Mochizuki, "the U.S. government has com-pounded the travesty by offering to settle this case for less than was deemed necessary for oth-ers interned under the same conditions." She added, "The process of seeking justice and closure for this dark period of time has drained me."



