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JANM Pavilion ushers in new era

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The weather was balmy, the temblors were silent, and there wasn't a riot in sight. By all accounts, the Japanese American National Museum's Phase II Pavilion opening the week of Jan. 22-24 was picture perfect.

This was in marked contrast to JANM's Phase I opening in April 1992, which occurred the day after the "not guilty" verdict was handed down in the Rodney King

American as our neighbors." I think we have to have something to constantly remind everybody that we are Americans and that we have a proud heritage to show, he continued. "This museum represents what all of our Issei forebears sacrificed to get us to the point of where we are today. And that has to be exhibited on a regular basis."

Daniel Inouye, U.S. senator and JANM's board of governors chair, could not attend the opening due to the impeachment trial

The Phase II Pavilion. The granite, steel, glass and sandstone structure of JANM's Phase II Pavilion sits on the northeast corner of Little Tokyo. The curved structure faces JANM's existing building in the renovated Nishi Hongwani temple.

According to JANM Executive Director Irene Hirano, exhibits at the Nishi Hongwani building have been serving about 10,000 visitors a year. With the new \$22 million structure, they hope to at-



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beating trial. At that time, seats went empty and attending guests were more concerned about getting home safely.

This time around, an estimated 35,000 people participated in the three-day gala affair. The guest list was a veritable who's who of public officials, community leaders, artists and corporate presidents.

For Norman Mineta, Lockheed Martin Corp.'s vice chairman and JANM's national campaign chair, it was not uncommon to take time out of his busy schedule to fly down to Los Angeles for a day to meet with potential donors. That's how important the JANM project was to him.

"We're proud to be Americans, and we're proud of our Japanese ancestry," Mineta told the *Pacific Citizen*. "But for whatever reason, no matter how many generations we live in this country, we're still not treated as fully

But in a written statement, Inouye said in part: "This extraordinary accomplishment is the culmination of a dream that was nurtured by many thousands who have preceded us. It was a dream of a museum to tell a story of a people with all its moments of pain, suffering and struggle. But equally as important, this museum will also show moments of great glory, love of country and many successes. Our predecessors wanted a museum of a unique American experience. That dream has been fulfilled."

Pride was what Lon Hatamiya, the first Nikkei to be appointed to a California governor's cabinet, exuded. "I can't express adequately the pride I feel here today," said Hatamiya. "What a way to finish my first week as [California] trade and commerce secretary and to culminate it with this glorious celebration."

tract more than 250,000 guests per year. The \$22 million was part of the \$45 million expansion campaign for construction, programs and endowment.

Designed by Gyo Obata of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, Inc., who formalized the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in the nation's capital, the Phase II Pavilion adds 85,000-square feet, thereby increasing the museum's size by 300 percent.

As head of one of America's

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Supreme Court shoots down statistical sampling in Census

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

In a narrow 5-4 ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that America's next census cannot use statistical sampling to make up for an expected undercount of minorities.

The federal census law bars use of statistical methods intended to make next year's national population count more accurate, the justices said in a divided ruling that could have a major effect on money and votes nationwide.

When the census law was amended in 1976, "At no point ... did a single member of Congress suggest that the amendments would so fundamentally change the manner in which the [Census] Bureau could calculate the population for purposes of apportionment," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

The nine-member Supreme Court is dominated by conservatives. Dissenting justices said the federal census law did not bar the government from adjusting the figures.

The JACL has been closely following this issue, in light of the fact that ancestry had been used against the Nikkei community during World War II, according to National Director Herbert Yamanishi. To support statistical sampling, JACL had even written an *amicus* brief, said Yamanishi.

"The ruling is unfortunate," he continued. "They [the justices] don't seem to have taken a long-term view."

There is, however, a glimmer of hope, according to JACL Washington, D.C., Representative Bob Sakaniwa, who has been attending census hearings. He noted that the JACL and various other organizations have been studying last week's ruling and have come to the conclusion that the justices have kept open the possibility of using statistical sampling to draw electoral districts and for distributing federal aid.

"While the recent Supreme Court ruling on the use of scientific sampling may seem like a setback to those who feel that we

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JACL seeks answers to remaining redress questions

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) prepares to close down operations on Feb. 6, the JACL is working to ensure that there will be adequate funding to satisfy the terms of the *Mochizuki* settlement.

"In anticipation of the Feb. 6 closure, we are currently in discussions with administration officials, the Department of Justice and ORA to find out what plans are in place to complete the processing of remaining Japanese American claims under the Civil Liberties Act, as well as those of Japanese Latin Americans under the settlement agreement," stated JACL Washington representa-

tive Robert Sakaniwa. "It is critical that no eligible recipient is excluded from receiving their payment and governmental apology simply because ORA as we know it ceases to exist on Feb. 6."

John Tateishi, consultant to the JACL, added, "Meeting with government officials is vital in determining the status of the funds remaining in the program and how much is needed to shore up any shortfall."

The JACL is very concerned about the pending closure of ORA and is meeting with its contacts in the federal government to gain a clear picture of what to expect as the Civil Liberties Act winds down. ■

Search continues for missing INS attorney

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Despite national coverage by the TV show "America's Most Wanted," which aired on Jan. 23, there are no new developments in the disappearance case of Joyce Chiang, according to an FBI official.

"There has been nothing new in the past few days," said Elisa Foster, FBI spokeswoman. The FBI is involved in this case because Chiang is employed by the federal government.

Chiang, 28, an Immigration and Naturalization Service attorney, has been missing from Washington, D.C., area since the evening of Jan. 9.

Chiang's brother, John Chiang, a member of the California Board of Equalization, said there had been three phone calls since the airing of the show but that "there has been no additional developments."

Chiang's mother, Judy, said all the family could do now is wait. "It's been difficult," said the mother. "We keep waiting for

new information."

Both the brother and mother, however, expressed deep appreciation for the outpouring of concern and support they have been receiving. Two weeks ago, concerned friends and family members held a simultaneous vigil in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles. More than 200 people attended the D.C. gathering, and 80, in Los Angeles.

The D.C. vigil was organized by the Smith College Club of Washington, where the 1992 graduate had served as student government president and later served on the college's board of trustees. Among those who attended were INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, D.C. Council member Jack Evans, Rep. Brad Sherman, and JACL Washington, D.C., representative Bob Sakaniwa. Chiang's younger brother, Roger, and mother were

also present.

In Los Angeles, where the event occurred spontaneously as INS colleagues traded interoffice e-mail and posted flyers, Chiang's older brother attended.

Family, friends and INS colleagues have been trying to piece together what occurred before Chiang's disappearance on Saturday, Jan. 9. That day, Chiang had showed up at her office in INS headquarters around 2 p.m. She later went out with two female friends to see a movie. The two friends then dropped Chiang near Connecticut and R Streets in Dupont Circle.

She was last seen at Dupont Circle, near La Tomate restaurant, around 8:20 p.m. She was headed westbound, across Connecticut towards a Starbucks cafe.

Since Chiang lives two blocks from the drop-off point, in the 1700 block of Church Street NW, it was believed that she was planning to walk home after stopping at the coffee shop.

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Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fri. Feb. 19—Day of Remembrance program, 7 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Info., transportation: Laura Nakatani, 703/519-9378.
Fri.-Tue., March 23-16—JACL/JOCA Leadership Conference; Double Tree Hotel.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., March 5-8—District Council Meeting, Indianapolis.

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 sponsors, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, JASC, JACL, Sam Ozaki, moderator; light refreshments.

CLEVELAND

Sat. Feb. 20—(date change) General meeting, "How the Chapter will Achieve its Goals," 1 p.m., Buddhist Temple.

Sat. Mar. 13—Day of Remembrance Luncheon, 1-5 p.m.; Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, 29955 Ridge Rd., Wickliffe. Info: Steve Yano, 216/348-3059.

Mountain Plains

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sat., March 19-20—District Council Meeting, Houston.

HOUSTON

Sat.-Fri., March 20-26—Houston Capar Invitational Golf Classic. RSVP by March 1: Mas Yamashita, 281/370-1503.

NC-WN-Pacific

NATIONAL BOARD

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 12-14—National Board Meeting, San Francisco.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun. Feb. 7—District Council Meeting, Stockton; hosts, French Camp chapter.
CONTRA COSTA
Sun. Feb. 7—19th Annual JASEB Crab Feed; see Community Calendar, Oakland, for details.

Fri. Feb. 19—Scholarship application deadline. Info: 415/201-9869.

Sun. March 7—Senior Appreciation/Scholarship Awards luncheon, Maple Hall, San Pablo.
HONOLULU

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK

Sat. March 13—Day of Remembrance program/potluck, "A Musical Memoir," 2-5 p.m.; Japanese American Association, 15 W. 44th St. Info: Amy & Jon Funabiki, 210/447-4976; Julie Azuma, 212/807-8104; Courtney Goto, 212/353-9146.

PHILADELPHIA

Sat. Feb. 20—"Finding Ourselves," panel discussion on multi-racial Asian American identity, 2-5 p.m.; Germantown Friends School, 31 W. Coulter St.; panelists: Stewart David Ikeda, Loraine Ballard Morrill, Alan Tu.

The Midwest

BRANSON, MO.

Mon.-Sun., May 17-23—"Branson '99" tribute to Japanese American veterans. Info: Hy Shishino, 562/926-8159; travel, hotel & tour info: Elko Yamamoto, c/o Chase Travel Service, 800/904-5100.

CLEVELAND

Fri. Feb. 19—(Day of Remembrance) Channel 5 News; former intern commemorates the issuance of EO9066, 5 p.m. or 11 p.m.

Northern Cal

OAKLAND

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

SACRAMENTO

Sat. March 6—Time of Remembrance, Florin Buddhist Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd. NOTE—The theme will be "Unfinished Business: Continuing the Quest for Justice"; keynote speaker,

Sat. Feb. 20—Annual Day of Remembrance and general membership meeting, 10 a.m.; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, 2454 S. Beretania St. Info: Kyle Kahiro. Focus is on Japanese Latin Americans' redress denial.

SACRAMENTO

Sun. Feb. 7—Benefit premier showing, *Children of the Camps*, The Documentary, 3:30 p.m. seating, 4-4:30 program, 4:30-5:30 showing; Crest Theater, 1013 K St. NOTE—Part of proceeds to fund Sacramento JACL Scholarship.

S.F. BAY AREA NIKKEI SINGLES

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—8th National JACL Singles Convention; Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Info: Georgeann Maedo, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981. Golf, bowling, workshops, mixer, banquet, dance, brunch, side trips. Co-sponsored by Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter.
SONOMA COUNTY
Sat. Feb. 20—Day of Remembrance Forum, 9 a.m.-noon; Memorial Hall. NOTE—Free to all; educators especially encouraged to attend; finger foods to be served.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat. Feb. 27—District Council Meeting; Fowler, Calif.

FRESNO

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

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun. Feb. 28—District Council Meeting, JACL Cultural & Community Center.

ARIZONA

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 27-28—Matsuri; Heritage Square, Phoenix. Info: Doris Asano, 602/997-0679. NOTE—Donation & consignment items needed for Flea Market Booth.

Mon. March 1—Deadline for Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship applications. Info: Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434.

Fri.-Sun., June 25-27—1999 National Youth Student Conference; University of California, Irvine. Info: Patricia Tsai Tom, 559/496-6815, JACLcal@aol.com; Hiromi Ueha, chair, hueha@uci.edu.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri. Feb. 12—Meeting 8 p.m.; Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd. NOTE—Speaker: Rafe Shimpso "Horse's Mouth" columnist George Yoshinaga.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Eighth National

JACL Singles Convention. Info: Georgeann Maedo, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981.

RIVERSIDE

Sun. Feb. 14—Installation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. social hour, 12 p.m. luncheon; University Club, 900 University Ave. RSVP by Feb. 5: Junji Kumamoto, 909/684-0864.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun. Feb. 7—1999 Installation Luncheon, Thousand Oaks Inn, 75 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd. Info: Kate Kuniyoshi, 805/484-0676; Keni Nakano, 818/889-4652; Marcia Miyasaka, 805/499-2117. NOTE—Keynote speaker: Professor Mitch Maki, UCLA Dept. of Social Welfare.

National Scholarships

Important: JACL membership is required to be considered for a JACL scholarship. Membership must be held by the applicant or the applicant's parents only; extended ties do not qualify. Student memberships are available. Applicant must also be planning to be or is enrolled in a college, trade/business school, etc., in the fall of 1999. For details, applicants should write (enclose a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope) to National JACL Headquarters. Please request an application from the following categories: Entering Freshman, Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative and Performing Arts, and Hagiwara Financial Aid. General deadlines with postmarks no later than the particular date cited are: (1) March 1, 1999: Entering Freshmen (high school graduates) applications to a JACL Chapter scholarship committee; (2) April 1, 1999: All other applications with supporting documents. Awards are to be announced July 1, 1999.

DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATION

is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis. Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

Fenton, a play by Jason Fong; East Los Angeles College, Inglewood Auditorium, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park; Info., schedule: 310/217-1714.

Sat. Feb. 27—Nikkei Student Union Cultural Night, 7 p.m.; UCLA Royce Hall, enter at Hillgard & Westholme.

Admission free, but tickets required 310/288-4530; e-mail: nikkei@ucla.edu.

Sat. Feb. 27—All Camp Canteen Dinner Dance, honoring Sue Kunitomi Embrey, 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. NOTE—Proceeds to benefit Manzanar Committee and Project TEAM educational programs.

Sat. April 24—30th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. Info: Sue Embrey, committee chair, 310/662-5102.

Sat. June 10—WWII 100th/442nd MIS "Go For Broke" monument unveiling ceremonies/luncheon, Central Ave. bet. 1st & Temple, Little Tokyo. Info, tickets: 310/327-4193.

Arizona - Nevada

PHOENIX

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 27-28—Matsuri; Heritage Square Inn: 602/262-5029. NOTE—Taiko, Ondo, dances from Japan, karaoke, musical groups, fashion show, candy sculpting, much more.

NOTICE

JACL is now a member of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). When someone representing the CFC asks you for your payroll deduction or donation to the CFC, remember that you can now designate the JACL as a recipient for your contribution. The JACL is the only Asian Pacific American organization in the CFC dedicated to service in the United States.

Contributions to JACL will help assist its chapters and further its mission as a civil and human rights organization.

er, Grace Shimizu, chair, Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project.

Fri. Feb. 19—Day of Remembrance TV premier, *Children of the Camps*, The Documentary, 9 p.m.; KVM Channel 6.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat. Feb. 20—National JA Historical Society Day of Remembrance ceremony honoring the Coram Nobis Legal Team, 6 p.m.; Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St. Info: NIAHS, 415/921-5007. NOTE—MC: Wendy Tokuda, speaker, Warren Furutani.

Fri. Feb. 26—Yu Ai Kai 25th Anniversary Dinner: Fairmont Hotel. Info: 408/294-2505.

STOCKTON

Sun. Feb. 7—Panel discussion & slide show about the WWII draft resisters, Radisson Grand Hotel, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd. Info: 415/921-5225 ext. 26.

Central Cal

FRESNO

Thu. Feb. 19—Exhibit opening: "Manzanar—An American Concentration Camp"; photographs by Bob Goldfeder; Spectrum Gallery, 1306 N. Wishon Ave. Info: 559/266-0691.

NOTE—Day of Remembrance reception hosted by Fresno JACL, Sunday, Feb. 21, 4-7 p.m.

Southern Cal

IMPERIAL COUNTY

Sat. Mar. 13—Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion, Banquet 6 p.m.; Barbara Worth Convention Center, Holtville. Info: Tim Asamen, 760/544-2627. Rebus from Los Angeles: Nancy Matsumoto Matsuda, 323/888-9922.

Sun. Mar. 14—Tri County Golf Tournament, 8 a.m.-start; Barbara Worth Country Club, Holtville. RSVP by Mar. 3: Bruce Sanbornmatso, 760/356-1659, 760/353-6660.

LOS ANGELES

Tue. Feb. 9—Amnesty International information meeting, 7-8 p.m.; 9000 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City. Info: 310/815-0450.

Through Feb. 14—(weekends only)

OSC: fighting job bias

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The U.S. Justice Department is sending a message—they're serious about protecting legal immigrants from workplace discrimination.

The Justice Department's efforts come amidst the Clinton Administration's plan to restore a number of welfare benefits to legal immigrants which had been cut during the welfare overhaul these past few years.

John Traskina and Jennifer Chen with the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices under the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, is meeting with community organizations nationwide. In Los Angeles, they visited the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC-SC), where several groups, par-

"It was good to see a government agency do outreach to let people know these kinds of protection exists."

Eunsook Lee of the National Korean American Service Education Consortium hopes for follow-up sessions. "This meeting was very important for the community," Lee. "We really need to talk about strategizing and holding informational sessions to reach out."

Inbo Sim with the Korean Resource Center hoped OSC will be able to help them in not only educating workers but also small business owners.

"A lot of companies need education also," said Sim. "A lot of Korean shops hire Latinos and local kids, and these companies need to know what their workers' rights are."

What Does OSC Do?

The OSC has been existence since 1987 and protects immi-

grants many openings. That's when Asconeguy filed a complaint with OSC and won a \$16,500 settlement.

Like Asconeguy's, most OSC cases, according to Traskina, involve illegal hiring and firing practices. These may include employers unreasonably turning down a valid employment eligibility document (i.e., U.S. passport, green card, driver's license, etc.) or requiring U.S. citizenship status to work (except in limited cases where federal law mandates U.S. citizenship).

Once a case is settled, Traskina noted that the company in question is monitored for up to three years to ensure that there are no retaliation against employees, who have either filed a complaint or served as witnesses.

OSC's Expanding Role

Due to support from Attorney General Janet Reno and Civil Rights Division head Bill Lann Lee, Traskina said OSC has been able to expand into areas of immigrants' rights not strictly related to employment.

A program OSC is keeping an eye on is the Immigration and Naturalization Services' (INS) Quick Response Team (QRT), which will go into effect this fall. Congress had allocated \$21 million to develop 35 Quick Response Teams that will be on call to assist rural law enforcement officers across the nation who are dealing with immigration problems.

"Whenever local law enforcement starts doing INS work or immigration law enforcement, we get concerned because for victims of crime or witnesses, it becomes an extra barrier if the police could turn around and be an INS law enforcer," said Traskina.

Traskina pointed to a recent case in McGee, Mississippi, where local police began rounding up potential "illegal" aliens. Of the 40 arrested, 14 were legal.

"Why the local police arrested people for civil infractions of working unauthorized is unclear," said Traskina. "It was not tied to any drug raid or particular crime. The only issue was the work authorization. I think we may see more of this situation if we have these Quick Response Teams."

To prevent similar incidents, Traskina said the Civil Rights Division will be conducting training sessions with INS staff.

In addition, OSC is keeping a close watch on various other bills in Congress. One in particular was authored by Congressman Brian P. Bilbray (R-San Diego) which advocates children born in America to non-U.S. citizens not be given U.S. citizenship. ■

Asian man sends hate e-mail

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES—A Chinese American man who e-mailed racist remarks and death threats through the Internet to Hispanic professors, students and officials across America was recently charged with violating federal hate crime laws.

Kingman Quon, 22, of Corona, Calif., agreed to plead guilty to seven misdemeanors, U.S. Attorney Alejandro N. Mayorkas said Jan. 28, at a news conference.

He will plead guilty to seven counts of interfering with federally protected rights, specifically threatening to use force against his victims with the intent to intimidate or interfere with them because of their national origin or ethnic background, Mayorkas said.

Quon, using a fictitious address, sent the same racially derogatory e-mail to 42 professors at California State University at Los Angeles, 25 students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), employees at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Indiana University, the Xerox Corp., the Texas Hispanic Journal and the Internal Revenue Service, authorities said.

His lawyer, Joseph T. Gibbons, Jr., said that Quon has been a

student at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, although he is not attending this semester.

"He put a great deal of pressure on himself in terms of his 'hate standing,'" Gibbons said. "He does not have an inherent hatred of Latinos, but he seemed to snap under all the pressure he was placing on himself."

Quon is scheduled to enter his plea on Feb. 8. Because the seven charges against him are misdemeanors, the maximum possible sentence is seven years and a \$700,000 fine. Under the negotiated plea agreement, he is facing approximately two and a half years in prison.

Quon's prosecution, only the second in the nation for such a crime, follows the case of Richard Machado, the 21-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from El Salvador who was convicted last year of sending threatening e-mail messages to 59 Asian and Asian American students at the University of California at Irvine. At the trial, several of the students testified that they feared for their lives, while others thought it was simply a bad joke.

Machado, who served a year in jail while awaiting trial, was sentenced to a year probation, fined \$1,000 and ordered to attend racial tolerance counseling. ■



PHOTO BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Asian Pacific American Legal Center Director Stewart Kwok with OSC Special Counsel John Traskina and Special Assistant Jennifer Chen.

ticularly those catering to Korean immigrants, attended.

"Newcomers aren't going to rush to the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. for assistance," said Traskina. "But they will come to a place like the legal center or MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund) or their union and other community organizations. We really piggyback and depend upon the credibility you have amassed over the years."

Case in point: Josefina Arreola, a U.S. citizen of Latino descent, applied for an assembler's job. She was denied the position after the company rejected Arreola's U.S. passport as legal proof of her eligibility to work. She complained to CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrants Rights of Los Angeles) which in turn notified OSC. Acting on Arreola's complaint, OSC obtained a \$4,080 settlement for Arreola and a \$1,000 civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury.

"Ms. Arreola would not have come to the Office of Special Counsel. She probably didn't even know we existed," said Traskina. "But she does know about CHIRLA. That is why community organizations are the critical link for us."

Feedback from attending groups was positive. Tori Kim with the Korean Immigrants Workers Advocates (KIWA) felt OSC's bilingual pamphlets were informative.

"Since we know more and have more material now, we can keep an eye out for these kinds of problems," said Kim.

grants from employment discrimination based upon citizenship status, national origin, language, accent or similar factors.

The OSC handles all discrimination cases based on citizenship status over companies that employ four or more employees. Citizenship status discrimination is defined as unequal treatment based on citizenship or immigration status.

The office covers national origin discrimination with businesses that employ four to 14 employees. National origin discrimination refers to unequal treatment due to nationality, such as place of birth, appearance, accent and language. Companies with more than 15 workers are handled by the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission).

Mabel Asconeguy's case highlights an example of discrimination based on a person's accent. When Asconeguy called a law firm to interview for a clerk-typist position, she was told it was already filled. Suspecting discrimination due to her Latino accent, Asconeguy had her American-born daughter, who spoke perfect English, call for the same position. Asconeguy's daughter was offered an interview and told there

enforcement starts doing INS work or immigration law enforcement, we get concerned because for victims of crime or witnesses, it becomes an extra barrier if the police could turn around and be an INS law enforcer," said Traskina.

Traskina pointed to a recent case in McGee, Mississippi, where local police began rounding up potential "illegal" aliens. Of the 40 arrested, 14 were legal.

"Why the local police arrested people for civil infractions of working unauthorized is unclear," said Traskina. "It was not tied to any drug raid or particular crime. The only issue was the work authorization. I think we may see more of this situation if we have these Quick Response Teams."

To prevent similar incidents, Traskina said the Civil Rights Division will be conducting training sessions with INS staff.

In addition, OSC is keeping a close watch on various other bills in Congress. One in particular was authored by Congressman Brian P. Bilbray (R-San Diego) which advocates children born in America to non-U.S. citizens not be given U.S. citizenship. ■

Utah's English-only initiative defeated

STAFF REPORTS

SALT LAKE CITY—The Utah legislature recently defeated an "English as the Official Language" initiative on Jan. 21, making it the third time in three years state lawmakers have rejected such proposed legislation.

By a 43-31 vote, the House of Representatives killed the voter-initiated petition, sponsored by Rep. Tammy Rowan (R-Orem), which would have required all government agencies, with a few exceptions, to conduct business and print information in English only.

Rowan obtained 39,783 signatures in her petition drive, with the help of volunteers as well as signature-gatherers paid by U.S. English, a national organization (founded by the late California Sen. S.I. Hayakawa) which seeks to make English the official language at all levels of government.

The Intermountain District Council (IDC) along with all three of Utah's JACL chapters joined the ACLU, the Utah Coalition of La Raza and Utah's eight American Indian tribes to oppose Rowan's measure, arguing that it

fostered intolerance and anti-immigrant sentiment.

"I'm pleased that [the English-only bill] was defeated," said IDC Governor Larry Grant. "Maybe now we can move on and apply our resources to more productive areas."

According to the Salt Lake chapter's Civil Rights Committee spokesperson Sherrie Hayashi, "JACL believes that positive approaches should be used to encourage and assist individuals in learning the English language which do not have the adverse consequence of creating barriers for those same individuals in participating and accessing government."

The U.S. Census reported that 99 percent of Utah's population already speaks fluent English, a fact which had several House members, both Democrat and Republican, questioning why there was a need for such a measure in the first place.

Despite this defeat however, Rowan has announced that she will attempt to gather an additional 27,405 signatures in order to bring the issue to the November 2000 ballot. ■

National JACL praises attorney general's civil rights initiative

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL praised California Attorney General Bill Lockyer for his five-point initiative on civil rights, which he announced Jan. 15.

"As the newly elected attorney general, Lockyer's initiatives present a promising and refreshing sign that California will once again be putting an emphasis on civil rights instead of civil wrongs," said Lori Fujimoto, JACL's national vice president for public affairs.

The attorney general announced a civil rights plan that includes:

- Increasing civil rights staffing by 200 percent.
- Elevating civil rights activity to be headed by a senior assistant attorney general.
- Mandating advocacy for curiae briefs at state and federal levels; investigation and prosecution of civil rights cases; and community outreach.
- Creating citizens' civil rights commissions for hate crimes and

anti-defamation acts.

● Conducting an internal assessment on equal employment opportunity and reviewing the policies, procedures and recruitment efforts.

"The initiative is probably the most positive governmental effort to come along in many years, anywhere in the country," stated JACL National Director Herbert Yamanishi. "Across the nation, for the last several years, there have been only attacks and reversals of civil rights policy. This gives hope and promise that the decades of struggles to obtain civil rights policies will not have been a vain effort."

"The increased focus on civil rights matters should help to improve the record on civil rights," said Fujimoto. "By the turn of the century the nation's minority population will be nearly 30 percent. With strong civil rights leadership, California and America can become the world's models for democracy in a diverse nation." ■

Mile-Hi JACL installation

The annual installation dinner for the Mile-Hi chapter of the JACL was held at the Renaissance Denver Hotel on Jan. 16. Among the guests on the program were Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, newly appointed Denver County Court Judge Melvin Okamoto, Hon. Katsuhiko Kubo, acting consul general of Japan, and Bill Hosokawa, who was honorary consul general until the Japanese government opened its Denver office recently.

The program also recognized community volunteers with the annual *Katsusho no Hi* (Day of Appreciation) awards. This year, Kiyoko Kita was honored for her many years of demonstrating Japanese cultural aspects such as tea ceremonies, ikebana and crafts to numerous schools and groups. Tom and Bonnie Tuggett were honored for their tireless work in the community, especially on behalf of the Denver Botanic Gardens and other



UL MASAMORI PHOTO

1999 board officers (from left): Standing: Tom Masamori, legislative legacy; Maria Salto O'Reilly, vice president; Sumi takeno, membership/hospitality; Thomas Migaki, civics; Mark Yamasaki, at large; seated: Mark Shimoda, past president/member at large; Herb Okamoto, at large; Gil Asakawa, president; Richard Hamai, treasurer. Officers not shown: Andrew Hamano, scholarship; Jim Hada, singles; Lan Donovan, fundraising; and Katherine Nakazono, youth.

city facilities — they are recognized as authorities on the wild mushroom through their work in the Colorado Mycological Society.

Long delayed recognitions were made to Dr. Frank Sakamoto, who

received a ruby JACL pin for his years with the MDC and Chicago chapter, and Tom Masamori was presented a sapphire JACL pin for his years as officer with the MPDC and Mile-Hi chapter. ■

JACL/OCA Washington, D.C., leadership conference

The 1999 JACL/OCA Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference has been scheduled for March 26-30, Double Tree Hotel at 1515 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington D.C.

A total of 16 people (two from each district) may be enrolled from JACL chapters. Districts interested in sending more than two people should contact Bob Sakaniwa at the Washington, D.C., office to determine if the additional candidate can be accommodated. Otherwise, the additional person will be considered an alternate.

The following are deadlines for the application process:
 Leadership Conference
 — March 26-30
 Payment to National JACL
 — March 1
 Application to National JACL
 — February 26
 Application to District Governors
 — February 19

Applications should be sent to national headquarters with a copy going to the Washington, D.C., office. The copy to the Washington, D.C., office may be emailed.

For further information, contact Washington, D.C., Representative Bob Sakaniwa at 202/223-1240, ds@jocl.org, or National Director Herb Yamanishi at 415/921-5225, jocl@jocl.org. ■

Japan America Society pays tribute to Bill Hosokawa

DENVER—In recognition of more than 25 years service as honorary consul general of Japan to Colorado, *Pacific Citizen* columnist Bill Hosokawa was honored by a group of international, national and local leaders at a tribute dinner Feb. 5 at the Westin Hotel Grand Ballroom, sponsored by the Japan America Society of Colorado.

Honorary co-chairs of the event were U.S. Senators Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Wayne Allard; Colorado Governor Bill Owens; Denver Mayor Wellington Webb; Japan Ambassador Kunihiro Saito; Japan Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Shunji Yanai; Japan Consul General for San Francisco Hitoshi Tanaka; and Governor Kazuo Takahashi of Yamagata, Japan.

At Hosokawa's request, monies raised from the event will go to the JASC, whose mission is to promote better understanding between the people of Colorado and the people of Japan through educational, cultural, public affairs and art programs. ■

Leaders sought for Okura Mental Health seminar/internship

The Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation is seeking promising young Asian Pacific American leaders and potential leaders for a one-week leadership seminar in Washington, D.C.

The "Week in Washington" for 1999 is scheduled for April 11-17. It includes all expenses (transportation, lodging and meals) during the one-week internship.

All persons of APA ethnicity engaged in the fields of social work, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, mental health, substance abuse, health and human services, and related fields are eligible. They must be between 26 and 39 years of age and should be interested in assuming a leadership role in the community and nationally.

The seminar will consist of:
 ● Meeting top administrators and directors of mental health, substance abuse and human service programs, and discussion of programs.

● Meeting national leaders in the fields of administration, policy-making, philanthropy, politics, human ser-

vices and civil rights.

● Meeting and being briefed by the foundation's APA congressional delegation on Capitol Hill.

● Participating in workshops and briefings provided by APA leaders in government and private industry.

● Briefing with the White House Office of Public Liaison.

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For information regarding application forms, write, call or fax:

Lily A. Okura, Executive Director, Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, MD 20817, phone 301/530-0945, fax 301/530-0522.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 13, 1999.

The Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit, tax-exempt public foundation incorporated in the state of Maryland in 1988. ■

Annual SELANOCO installation



JEM LEW PHOTOS

Bruce Dannemeyer accepts a special recognition award on behalf of his father, Congressman William Dannemeyer. Presenting the plaque to him were Hiromi Ueha, national JACL youth council chair and Selanoco chapter historian, and Nicole Inouye, national JACL youth representative and Selanoco board of directors.



Gary Meyeda, JACL national vice president for planning and development, inducts the 1999 Selanoco JACL officers at the Buena Park Hotel on Jan. 12. The new officers are: Karen-Liane Shiba, president; Frank Kawase, vice president; Jun Fukushima, treasurer; Evelyn Herik, membership; Todd Hasegawa and Alice Ishigame-Ito, recording secretaries; Pat Kawasaka, corresponding secretary; Ken Inouye, programs; Hiromi Ueha, historian; Frank Kawase and BJ Watanabe, newsletters; Kuriko Nakagawa, insurance; Jun Fukushima, Legacy Fund; Hiroshi Kamel, 1000 Club; Clarence Nishizu and Kuriko Nakagawa, P.C. reps; Hiroshi Kamel, scholarship awards; BJ Watanabe, Chir-no-Gakko; Eimi Tomimatsu, Tong-No-Kai; Ross Dornen, youth; Karen-Liane Shiba and Ken Inouye, PSW delegates.

\$5,000 received for JA historical book project

At the Sacramento JACL chapter's recent installation dinner, a grant of \$5,000 was presented to the chapter by Ed Johnson, president of East Lawn Memorial Park and Mortuary, to be used for the Japanese American Historical Book of the Greater Sacramento Valley project.

This publication, the final major project of this century, is expected to cover Sacramento and all of its sub-communities as well as the outlying areas of Yolo County, Marysville, Placer County and Lodi, and to be completed in the year 2000.

East Lawn, Inc., has been a major supporter of many Nikkei projects in this area, including the Asian Community Nursing Home and the South Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Building Fund, and was a major underwriter of an outstanding exhibit "on the story of the Nikkei of the Sacramento Valley in 1992."

Members of the Sacramento Japanese American Advisory Board for East Lawn include Tom Fujimoto, Sally Taketa, Kuni Hironaka, Jack Tsuchida, Royce Makishima and Paul Ito, Ralph Sugimoto and Toko Fuji. ■

Las Vegas mochitsuki



On Dec. 19 the Las Vegas chapter had its mochitsuki at the Las Vegas Academy high school in downtown Las Vegas. Pictured are (from left) Carol Kawamoto, national JACL education chair; David Kawamoto, PSWD governor; Beth Au, Las Vegas chapter; Herb Yamanishi, national JACL director; and Ben Nakagawa, Las Vegas chapter. ■

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Sue Kunitomi Embrey to be honored for 50 years of community activism

The Manzanar Committee and Project TEAM (Teach and Educate America for the next Millennium) will be honoring Sue Kunitomi Embrey, with a dinner/show/dance reminiscing the '40s from 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Venice Japanese Community Center. Embrey will be recognized for 50 years of service to the Japanese American community and the greater community.



Kunitomi Embrey

Embrey, a local Angeleno, received her bachelor's degree at California State University, Los Angeles, and her master's degree in education from the University of Southern California.

With a love for writing, Embrey was a reporter for the *Manzanar Free Press* and later rose to the editor's position. During the camp years she spent her time assisting the Maryknoll Sisters in founding a school.

An accomplished writer, Embrey has published four books including *Reflections*, a cooperative effort with Manzanar Committee members funded by a Civil Liberties Public Education Fund grant.

Known for her work on the Manzanar Committee and holding the position as chair for 30 years, Embrey and the committee led successful efforts to

have Manzanar designated a State Historic Landmark and a National Historic Site. In 1998, the committee and the greater community successfully urged the government to add an additional 300 acres to the site.

Embrey has been a member of the Heart Mountain Foundation, past president of the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women, Friends of the Little Tokyo Branch Library, Japanese American Historical Society, National Japanese American Historical Society, Echo Park Community Coordination Council, a delegate to the United Nations Mid-Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen, Denmark, the JACL, and many more.

Retired now from 40 years of teaching in the Los Angeles Unified School District, Embrey lives in Los Angeles. She has two sons, Gary Kinya and Bruce Takeshi. Her two grandchildren, Monica and Michael Tetsuo, live in Chicago.

Project TEAM, also a CLPEF grant recipient, produced a short docudrama film, *12-1-A* by Wakako Yamauchi. The film with a curriculum guide will go to schools for teachers to utilize in their classrooms.

Project TEAM and the Manzanar Committee will put proceeds from the event towards education, oral histories, and the archiving and restoration of art, books, photographs and documents.

The event donation is \$40. For more information and to attend, call 310/822-7470.

Original Minidoka camp barrack located

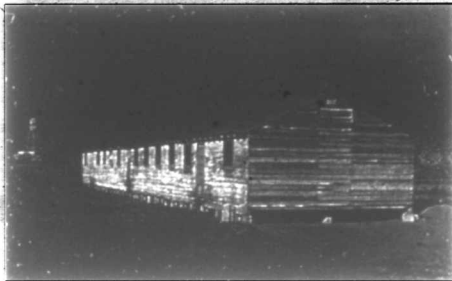
JEROME, Idaho—For over 50 years, the Jerome County Historical Society has saved artifacts, newspapers, school annuals and pictures from the Minidoka Internment Camp at Hunt in Jerome County.

The society's present museum, a small building with storage in the basement susceptible to water damage, planned this past year to move to a working "Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum." Ralph B. Peters, director of the Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum, and Francis M. Egbert Jr., president of the Jerome County Historical Society, said it will feature an original barrack from Minidoka as a permanent historical exhibit.

The barrack is situated at the new museum site at the crossroads of two major highways, north-south Hwy. 93 and east-west Hwy. 84. The actual Minidoka Camp is approximately 18 miles away.

"We feel it is important to have the [barrack] as part of our museum since the internment camp is part of our area history. As time goes by, little will remain unless we preserve; few will know there was a camp here unless we educate future generations," the two officials declared.

The museum will honor the Nisei from Minidoka who served in the war, tell the history of Minidoka and the story of Japanese Americans who lived there as well as the history of farming, ranching and importance of water to Magic Valley, as this region is called.



IDAHO FARM & RANCH MUSEUM PHOTO

An original barrack from Minidoka internment center stands in place at Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum at crossroads of Hwy. 94 and Hwy. 83.

Other original buildings on site include a log building built in the 1920s for the poor, the Canyon-side Church, later used as a woman's clubhouse, and the "prove-up" shack used by early settlers to show improvement to land in order to obtain a patent from the federal government. A rural fire station will be built, and a guardian lives on site to prevent loss and vandalism.

The annual "Live History Days" will be held at the Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum on June 12 where displays, demonstrations of old farm machinery, wagon rides, candle making and other entertainment are on tap. Support from the county commission, the College of Southern Idaho, Rotary and chamber of commerce have been obtained.

To carry on the work, a call has been made to former Minidoka families for tax-deductible contributions to the Jerome County Historical Society "for Minidoka," P.O. Box 50, Jerome, ID 83338; Peters 208/224-4683.

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Chile to host 10th PANA convention July 28-31

SANTIAGO, Chile—"Unity without Frontiers in the next Millennium—*Unidos sin fronteras en el proximo milenio*" is the theme of the 10th biennial convention of the Pan American Nikkei Association July 28-31 at Hotel Sheraton San Cristobal.

Delegates' registration, golf tournament and PANA board of directors meeting highlight the first day, followed by the opening ceremony Thursday and refreshments.

The convention committee has yet to announce the workshop topics for Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The evening reception Thursday will be held at the Japanese Embassy. Lunch at a local restaurant, workshop summaries and closing ceremony on Friday end with Friendship Night festivities.

Saturday is devoted to sightseeing and lunch at Viña del Mar, meeting with community Nikkei residents, and returning to Santiago for the Sayonara banquet. The Japanese Society will host a Chilean barbecue for youth.

Registration fees are \$350 for adults, \$175 for students and those up to age 24 before May 31, \$380 and \$190 respectively after May 31.

PANA was founded in 1981 after National JACL joined, representing the U.S. Nikkei and the English-speaking component of persons of Japanese ancestry along with Canada. Nikkei leaders in Peru, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil had long hoped for a U.S. connection. The initial contact was made through Charles Kubokawa of Palo Alto, Calif., then NCWN.

PDC governor, when he met Carlos Kasuga in Mexico City in 1979.

PANA-USA members from Los Angeles depart on July 26 for Santiago and post-convention tours, and on July 27 for the four-day convention only. Two post-convention tours, beginning Sunday, Aug. 1, have been prepared, one for first-timers to South America and another for previous PANA convention delegates, according to Ernest Hida, American Holiday Travel, 312 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/625-2232, fax 213/625-4347.

Ron Uba, secretary for PANA-USA East, New York, added Hida can also assist in convention registrations and departures from the East Coast.

For further information, contact PANA-USA, Noritoshi Kanai, 431 S. Crocker St., Los Angeles, CA 90013; PANA-USA East, c/o Ron Uba, 333 Grand Ave. 4-F, Palisades Park, NJ 07650; phone/fax 201/947-8116.

Rohwer Reunion II update

The response for the Saturday night banquet for Rohwer Reunion II scheduled for April 17 at the Torrance Marriott has now reached 650 people. The capacity of the hotel is 800. Those who have yet to sign up should do so immediately.

Saturday will also have a reunion for students in classes of '43, '44, '45, and '46. The reunion will be from morning to 3 p.m. in the hospitality hall on the second floor.

For reservation forms or additional information, contact:

Southern California—Peggy Tsuruta, 310/323-6337; Frank Yamaguchi, 310/329-2547; Chuckie Watanabe Seki, 213/935-3027; Betty Oka, 714/636-8207; or Helen Takata, 626/968-2966.

Northern California—Nelli Utsumi Noguchi, 415/387-5265; Asako Horimoto Masuda, 510/832-2275; Lilian Uyeda Inouye, 510/235-6042; Yone Kura-mura Asai, 510/828-2086.

JAKWV's third annual installation dinner

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) will hold their third annual installation dinner on Feb. 20. All Japanese American veterans of the Korean War era, families and friends of those who died in Korea, and the general public are cordially invited to attend.

The installation of new officers, all repeat performers, will be administered by David Miyoshi, Esq., legal counsel of the JAKWV. The dinner will highlight future events scheduled for 1999 and major plans for the year 2000, marking the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

President Robert Wada announced that year 2000 committees are being organized for a national JA veterans reunion which will feature a tribute to the only living JA Medal of Honor recipient, Hershey Miyamura. Preliminary plans also include paying tribute to JA KIA's of all wars, a golf tournament, banquet, tours and many other activities.

The JAKWV also has plans to build and dedicate a memorial in Seoul, Korea in 2000. The memorial will list the names of the 246 JAs who sacrificed their lives during the war.

"We hope that the building of this memorial in Korea will help the people of Korea realize that there were thousands of Japanese Americans who served in Korea during the war and the men with Japanese surnames named on the memorial and others of mixed Japanese heritage paid the supreme sacrifice in defense of the freedom of South Korea," said Wada.

Further details and information on year 2000 events will be presented at the installation dinner, which will be held at the Golden Dragon restaurant located at 960 N. Broadway in downtown Los Angeles. The attitude adjustment hour begins at 5 p.m. and the dinner commences at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person.

There will also be a drawing for the first of 11 monthly \$500 raffle prizes, culminating with a \$2,500 prize in January 2000. For advance ticket information, call Sam Shimoguchi at 310/822-6688.

For dinner reservations, mail checks to Victor Muroaka at 14714 Clymer St., Mission Hills, Calif. 91345-2214. For advance reservations, call Muroaka at 818/897-1535 or FAX: 818/897-1714.



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A letter to MIS/100th/442nd veterans, friends

In October 1997, I took a trip with a group of seniors from the Southeast Japanese School Community Center in Norwalk to Branson, Mo., led by Phyllis Anesetti, a travel broker, and Eiko Yamamoto, a travel agent.

While in Branson, Phyllis told me that the town of Branson honored all veterans who visited the city each year on Veterans' Day. Attending veterans are invited to all the shows free of charge and their wives are allowed in for half price. Phyllis remarked that she had heard about the exploits of the 100th/442nd in Europe and thought it would be a great idea if Branson honored them for their heroic actions during World War II.

When our tour group was leaving for home, Jo Ashing, the hotel manager of the Victorian Palace Hotel where our group stayed, asked Phyllis when she was bringing the next group of Japanese Americans. Apparently, Ms. Ashing felt the Japanese Americans were her best guests, saying they were always on time, hardly complained and left the rooms clean.

The week after we returned to Norwalk, Phyllis took another group to Branson and stayed at the same hotel. Phyllis then told Ms. Ashing about her idea of having Branson honor the 100th/442nd. Ms. Ashing, who was a member of the Branson Chamber of Commerce, promised to bring the subject up at the next board meeting.

Soon after, Phyllis received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, backing her proposal

and offering their assistance and support. Phyllis also received a letter from Branson's mayor, saying that he would welcome an official town salute to the Nikkei veterans whenever he was notified of a firm date.

The following week, several entertainers called Phyllis, telling her that they had heard of her proposal and wished to be included in any 100th/442nd veterans' tribute.

Phyllis then talked to me about organizing the event. Eiko and I presented the idea at a meeting of the 100th/442nd and at a MIS board meeting in Los Angeles in November 1997.

In December 1997, Phyllis, myself, Eiko, Kiyo Yamate, George Nishinaka and Ben Tonooka met to discuss the feasibility of this endeavor. This group became the advisory committee.

After several meetings, it was decided to seek volunteers to help as tour leaders, banquet organizers and committee planners.

Phyllis and Eiko attend the July 3-5, 1998, veterans celebration in Honolulu and met with various leaders of the 100th/442nd.

Although Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hershey Miyamura and his wife were invited to Branson in November 1998 to participate in a Branson tribute to all living Congressional Medal of Honor veterans, Miyamura decided not to attend last year's event and told Eiko he would rather come to Branson with his 442nd friends in 1999.

Eiko has also been in contact with General Eric Shinseki and has invited him to be a guest speaker. Senator Daniel Inouye told Eiko that if his schedule permitted, he would try to attend the gala banquet planned at the Chateau on the Lake, a five-star hotel.

The advisory committee has been able to reserve Chateau on the Lake, the only hotel with a banquet room capable of accommodating a large gathering, thanks to Phyllis. Because the hotel charges a \$10,000 renting fee, Phyllis has committed to reserve 135 rooms which rent for \$300 a week more than standard rooms. I told Phyllis such a commitment could cause her to work 16 months and still lose money, but she is determined to see this event happen.

Other travel agencies have learned of this event and tried to copy it, but this committee is the only one that has been approved by the 100th/442nd Nikkei Veterans Association and the 100th/442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation.

Veterans of each unit will stay at the same hotel and share the same bus. Each of the participating hotels will provide a hospitality room where friends can gather during their free time.

Anyone connected with another travel agency will miss the opportunity of staying with their company comrades and will not participate in the gala banquet attended by several dignitaries and town officials.

—Hayao "Hy" Shishino

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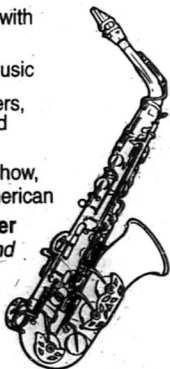
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A Bridge Across the Pacific

By Emily Murase

The scoop on our community press

Those of us who live in San Francisco, and more generally Northern California, should consider ourselves very lucky. We have in our midst two of only three remaining Japanese vernacular daily newspapers in the continental United States! The *Nichi Bei Times* has been "keeping the community connected" since 1946 and the *Hokubei Mainichi* celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1998. The third newspaper is, of course, the Los Angeles based *Rafu Shimpo*.

Recently, I had the chance to speak with English editors Kenji Taguma (T), with the *Nichi Bei Times* (T), 1995, and J.K. Yamamoto (Y), with the *Hokubei Mainichi* since 1987 you may remember J.K. as an assistant editor with the P.C. from 1984-87, about the history, goals, and challenges of their respective papers.

(M) What is the history of your paper?

(T) Many people confuse us with the *Nichi Bei Shinbun* which operated between 1899 and 1941 and was started by Kyutaro Abiko, the legendary founder of the Yamato Colony. While a number of staff members from the *Nichi Bei Shinbun* were among the founders of the *Nichi Bei Times* (including Kyutaro Abiko's son Yasuo), the *Times* was set up as an independent corporation in 1946.

I talked to Tsutomu Umezu, one of the six original founders who only just recently passed away, about the origins of the paper. He explained that, with the dispersal of the Japanese American community as a result of the war, we needed a means to reconnect with family, friends, and neighbors. Our paper has become "the glue that holds the community together" ever since.

(Y) The *Hokubei Mainichi* was started with seed money donated by Buddhist church members in Northern and Central California. It was first published in 1948 on a printing press borrowed from the *Shinshin*, a paper that was published since 1946, though only sporadically. Longtime staff member Michi Onuma came to the *Hokubei* from her position as English editor of the *Shinshin*.

In those days, the *Hokubei* contained five Japanese pages and one English page and was published six days a week. And, until 1977, each Japanese character required a separate piece of type. Today, everything is typeset on computer and we publish the 8-page paper (2 English pages and 6 Japanese pages) five days a week.

(M) Why is it important to have Japanese vernacular community-based papers?

(T) We're the only broad source for disseminating information from community organizations since

they're not going to get the same press from mainstream papers. Programs such as redress would not have been so successful without publicity in the community based papers. Last year, we played a role in the effort spear-headed by Michi Weglyn to gain redress for the Japanese American railroad and mine workers. By printing letters from family members of workers who lost their jobs after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, we gave them a voice that they didn't have before.

(Y) You can't rely on the mainstream media to keep up with community activities. For example, we print regular updates from the Office of Redress Administration. Also, we make space for bowling and basketball scores, church news, and obituaries.

It's clear that although the media is more sensitive to Japanese American issues these days, there are still problems. We cover stories about communities protesting Asian stereotypes in a TV show or movie. We can also raise issues about mainstream press coverage, or lack thereof, of key community issues.

(M) What are your biggest challenges at the moment?

(T) Working 80-100 hours a week while maintaining a personal life! Seriously, we face an aging and declining circulation. My biggest chal-

lenge is having people realize how important the community press is.

(Y) Staying in business. Subscriptions are on the decline. As we lose older readers, we don't get younger readers. Nisei have always been interested in our content, but this is less true of Sansei and Yonsei.

In talking to people, I find that people want to read the paper, but don't want to pay for it. They'll wait to get a copy from their parents or workplace. So our readership is much greater than our subscription figures would suggest.

(M) If you could ask the community for one thing, what would it be?

(T) The obvious thing would be for people to subscribe. People go to a number of community dinners a year, costing \$50 or more per event. A subscription to the *Nichi Bei Times*, while it may seem "expensive" to some, is only the cost of two to three of those dinners, and the

Nichi Bei not only empowers those organizations, but many others as well.

Secondly, for people to contribute their thoughts and talents to the community press. I have grand plans for creating something that the community can learn to appreciate and partake in, but it's going to take a lot of community participation. 1999 will be an evolutionary, if not revolutionary year for the paper.

(Y) We just need more community support. The existence of all these papers depends on how much JAs are interested in other JAs. If the fact of being JA doesn't mean anything to you, then you won't be interested in the Japanese vernaculars. Unfortunately, this phenomenon is beyond our control. In some ways, we share the same challenges as the JACL, in terms of instilling a sense of community among JAs.

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Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda



How do we stand? ... 'We can do it!'

MID-MONTH IN JANUARY proved to be a moment of truth as our reminiscences of World War II as an army veteran were re-tired on two occasions. The first jolt was raised by Los Angeles attorney Don Tokunaga. The Southern California area fund-raiser for the JANMF monument in Washington, D.C., has been intensified by the upcoming August 1999 deadline to meet the overall \$8.6 million goal. Since so many have asked him, "How do we stand?", he sought our help to get some revealing figures in print, showing how 16 areas stand as of Nov. 30, 1998—to provide some answers.

foundation gift for those contributing \$100 or more, so JACL president Helen Kawagoe says as she shows wherever it she goes. That looked like hard-to-decipher *hiragana* was finally explained to me as names of the ten WRA camps with the letters inscribed vertically with a sumi-e brush.

A good time to show Los Angeles area support comes when the JANMF Board meets March 19-20 at the JANMF Pavilion.

THE SECOND JOLT (actually a "joy" instead) stems from a running race rendered at the 39th annual 100th-442nd Veterans Association luncheon in Turrance Jan. 16 by Col. Young O. Kim (ret.) of the progress the 100-442-MIS World War II Memorial Foundation campaign has made for the "Go for Broke" monument about to be unveiled June 5 in Little Tokyo's new Central Avenue Art Park. "We do have enough money to put up the monument. Now, our effort is toward the educational/maintenance fund. And as much as we can raise," Kim explained. A co-worker whispered at least \$2.5 million.

The foundation staff and volunteers have fund-raising nights, golf tournaments and other functions on line to assure this fund remains liquid enough for teacher workshops on an ongoing basis, a project that JACL has undertaken through a CLPEP grant into regions outside California where, the importance to tell the "American Story" is paramount.

In fact, JACL education committee chair Carol Kawamoto of San Diego related the "American Story" theme as guest speaker at the Jan. 16 luncheon. She was the first Nisei woman to address the veterans. Half of the attendees included wives and widows of 100-442nd veterans. Carol said in closing, "My community, our community, is a tiny minority of the American population, just as you (the Nisei GIs) were a tiny minority of the United States Army in World War II. But the efforts of Japanese Americans to make sure that the civil rights of Americans are never again put aside by an ignorant government will be an American story."

As we all know, the GFB Monument here in Los Angeles will have the names of over 16,000 Nisei who served overseas during World War II (Dec. 7, 1941 - Sept. 2, 1945) engraved on the wall of the round black granite which will rise to a peak on one side to signify the mountains where the 100th-442nd fought.

This cultural plaza with a Japanese garden across the street from the Ed Roybal Federal Building on Temple Street is still in the early stages and likely to stir the imagination of many.



Troubled in paradise

By Brian Niiya

Positions of power

RECENTLY, the Honolulu chapter became aware of a troubling situation at the University of Hawaii. The university was not planning to hire a new Japanese American specialist in the ethnic studies department to replace the departed Franklin Odo. (Franklin had ably held the position for many years and had left to take a position at the Smithsonian Institute.) Given the prominent role JAs had played in the history of post-colonialization Hawaii and their percentage of the population (once over 40 percent, it is still around 25 percent today), it seemed odd not to have a Japanese American in a department dedicated to the study of Hawaii's peoples.

According to the university, the position was not being renewed for fiscal reasons. Given the moribund state of the local economy, major budget cutting had taken place over the last few years. For us, the questions were: Why cut this position? And even if the money wasn't there, why wouldn't the university promise to restore the position when funding did become available?

For those of us with some experience in university ethnic studies, this sort of thing sounds like an old story. The history of ethnic studies has generally been one of struggle to get universities to change long standing ways of doing business. Getting ethnic studies in the first place often required student protest and community pressure in the face of intransigent university administrations.

About a decade ago, when I was a graduate student at UCLA, a tenure battle took place which I believe shaped much of the history of Asian American studies in the universities since that time. It involved Don

Nakanishi, one of the most highly respected Asian Americanists in the country. After a three year battle involving students, the Asian American community, the AA/ethnic studies community, the courts, and, eventually, some of the leading forces in California politics and education, Nakanishi was granted tenure. It was a monumental fight. But it was worth it. Since that time, Nakanishi has become one of the most powerful figures on campus, the numbers of AA and Asian Americanist faculty at UCLA have dramatically increased, and AA studies programs have been inaugurated at many universities large and small across the country.

Of course that doesn't mean battles don't continue to this day. Just recently, for instance, Mills College announced that it wasn't even granting a tenure review to its only full-time Asian Americanist faculty member, economist Masao Suzuki. Suzuki, who has done some fascinating quantitative research on prewar JA immigration and economic status, is fighting his termination, but may face an uphill battle in the hostile environment at Mills.

Which brings us back to UH. When the chapter heard about the situation, we wrote letters to the administration, put op-ed pieces in the local papers, and mobilized AJA community leaders—including Nisei veterans, religious leaders, and a newspaper editor—to meet with the administration. Initially rebuffed, the university seemed to abruptly change course when approached by leading figures in the AJA community. The position was quickly restored. A national search for a new JA specialist is underway.

While my account of this

episode is greatly simplified, the contrast with what took place at UCLA ten years ago is striking. AAs in Southern California had to mobilize support across all segments of society in order to have a chance at winning at UCLA; just the threat that JACL in Hawaii might do something was enough for the University of Hawaii's administration to reconsider.

Among other things, it illustrates the relative power of JAs in Hawaii. For a university seeking greater support and more money, it would have been unwise to alienate a group such as the AJAs who wield so much political and economic power.

But there's something else here as well. Opposition has always been a part of being involved in AA studies. It was about trying to change paradigms, to change education, and to change society. So, of course it was going to be a struggle.

But at UH, there was no struggle really. Which makes me wonder: have JAs become so much a part of mainstream society that we're no longer viewed as a threat to the established order of things? If that is true (and I think it clearly is), what should a JA civil rights organization be doing here? Should the Honolulu JACL even be involved here, or should we be fighting for Hawaiian studies, which in this day and age is clearly viewed as a much greater threat by the university than JA studies?

Of course I'm glad that UH restored the position and that the Honolulu JACL played a major role in it. But, I wonder where our next battle will be.

Brian is a member of the Honolulu chapter.

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- 15—Mountain Area/MT-ID-WY: 7 gifts only—\$1,985; 2% of \$100,000 goal.
- 16—Miscellaneous/Unassigned: 182 gifts, 8 pledges—\$281,853; 56.3% of \$500,000 goal.
- Grand Totals: 3,031 gifts, 267 pledges—\$4,717,076.96; 54.85% of \$8.6 million goal.

The \$8.6 million goal covers: (a) construction and support services; \$6.4 million; (b) operations and administration; \$200,000; (c) fund-raising; \$600,000; (d) education; \$1 million. What Tokunaga gave me had three more columns of figures but that would have been too much. There is a pledge-gift form on the back page of the last P.C. Holiday Issue that can be used to contribute to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 1920 N St. NW #660, Washington, D.C. 20036 (a new address since Jan. 1).

A neat-looking Japanese-looking scroll designed by Nob Yamane is a

Assemblyman Frusetta to keynote Central California's DOR

California State Assemblyman Peter Frusetta (R-28th District) will be the keynote speaker for the Central California coastal area's annual Day of Remembrance observance on Feb. 21 at the California Rodeo Grounds in Salinas.

The Day of Remembrance marks an historic World War II proclamation, Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on February 19, 1942. The shocking racially motivated disposition called for the automatic forced removal of all Japanese Americans, some 120,000, from the Pacific Coast — California, Oregon and Washington.

The California Rodeo Grounds, home of one of the nation's premier rodeo competitions, was turned overnight into a temporary, crude assembly center for residents of this region in April, 1942. They were subsequently hauled away into the bleak desert of Poston, Ariz. A sobering native boulder from the nearby Santa Lucia Range recognizing this tragic, reckless miscarriage in

human rights stands solidly today as a sad reminder, alongside a miniature Japanese Garden, at this wartime evacuation site.

Rancher Peter Frusetta, a native of Hollister in San Benito County and a longtime friend of the JA community along the famed agricultural empire that rims this lush Central California coast, was elected in 1994 and again last November to represent the sprawling district covering San Benito County and parts of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

The popular assemblyman will reflect on his long and colorful personal and political relationship with JAs spanning over sixty years.

The five sponsoring JACL chapters for this DOR event include Gilroy, Watsonville, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley and San Benito County — this year's program organizer, President Ken Teshima is general chairman and Tony Boch will emcee the 1 p.m. affair at 940 North Main St. The public is invited to attend. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Calling all military intelligence language teams

I am writing an article for the Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va., in reference to Nisei who served in the Military Intelligence Language Teams, attached to Marine Corps combat units in the Pacific Islands during World War II.

There were more than 100 Nisei from the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean Areas, who participated alongside Marines on Saipan, Iwo Jima, Marshall Islands, Okinawa, etc. As a marine intelligence specialist, I observed the outstanding services these men performed. Some of these language teams were awarded medals by marine generals!!

According to the reference section, History and Museums Division, U.S. Marine Corps, they could not find any information in their files relating to Nisei linguists on "TDY," temporary duty. They did not see fit to place Nisei on any official rosters!!!

Perhaps the *Pacific Citizen* could place a copy of this letter in the letters section and some of those soldiers could come forward and receive the special recognition they deserve!!!

Thank you in advance for any assistance.

Jerome P. Steigmann
Military Intelligence
Researcher-Historian
Phoenix, Ariz.

Japanese Latin Americans' dilemma

What do Japanese Americans who were incarcerated for years without a charge or a trial of any kind about their camp inmates who were from Latin America? They had committed no crime against the United States or any other country. The U.S. government kidnapped them from their homes, brought them to this country, and used most of them for hostage exchange with Japan for Americans caught in countries held by Japan at the onset of World War II.

They were declared ineligible to be included in the redress of JAs because they were "illegal" aliens when they landed in U.S. ports from American ships with American crew. They had been made illegal by instructions from the U.S. State Department, which requested the Latin American countries not issue visas to them. All visas and passports that came had from previous trips outside their countries were confiscated as soon as the American ships entered the international waters off the coast of South America.

As one victim (Art Shibayama) stated, "How can we be illegal aliens when the U.S. government seized us from our homes and forcibly brought us to this coun-

try?" After the war was over, after years of imprisonment, they were told by the State Department that they could change their status to "legal aliens" by going to Canada or to Mexico and reentering the U.S. within hours. All arrangements, they were told, had been made by the U.S. State Department for the procedure to proceed without delay.

What the victims were not told was that their entry date would now read 1954 instead of 1943, the year they were originally brought to and incarcerated in the U.S. camps. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which authorized the payment of redress and an apology from the U.S. government, they were told, did not include those brought here to be used for hostage exchanges. Now the government's position is that there is no money to pay redress to these individuals.

There are fewer than a thousand of these unfortunates alive. Most have been used for hostage exchanges to a land many did not even know. A couple of hundred in the U.S. are finally American citizens. Some had been drafted into the U.S. Army.

There are only 731 Japanese Latin American claimants seeking equal treatment with JAs who received \$20,000 redress payment for years of incarceration in the American concentration camps for only one reason — ancestry. The total amount to redress these kidnapped individuals is less than \$15 million.

Our national budget has in excess of many billions of dollars. The battle in Congress is to see how this is to be spent. A minute amount can pay the Japanese Latin Americans and bring closure to this tragic episode in American history, with some sense of justice for the victims.

Clifford Uyeda
San Francisco, Calif.

Economics of internment

I have always thought our removal to internment centers (concentration camps) was due to the mass hysteria generated by the West Coast press and radio and politicians there. More recently, we learned via the Freedom of Information Act that much information contradicting the need for our mass evacuation was suppressed while outright falsehoods were propagated by governmental leaders in our federal government.

About ten years ago, "Bob," one of my colleagues, who was quite involved in the Reagan and Bush White House administrations, said to me, "John, this evacuation was about economics — pure and simple!" I was really stunned by this comment, so upon pressing "Bob" for more specifics, he replied that some people wanted the farmlands on the West Coast.

Having served as a volunteer docent at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum this past year at the exhibit titled, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," I began to read a bit more about our past. In an old issue of the *Pacific Citizen* (March 20-April 2, 1998 edition), I came across Caroline Aoyagi's lead article, "What is a Concentration Camp?" On page six, the article refers to Franklin D. Roosevelt signing off on a memo approving placing Japanese and JAs into concentration camps dated 1936! This was five years prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor as a contingency plan! I was stunned. I wrote Ms. Aoyagi who led me to the source of this information. I called Chris Komai at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles and he confirmed this fact for me. It was not a "typo." It was fact.

Then my friend "Bob's" comments about economics fell into place. By 1939, Japanese and JAs who owned ten percent of arable farming land in California were selling 90 percent of the fresh produce in the United States. The Anglo establishment in Washington, D.C., could not tolerate this. The "yellow peril" was becoming a reality. Also, military Japan, which already overtook Manchukuo, was now going into China and planned further expansion. Great Britain and the United States found this threat as a double edged sword.

I guess there is room for debate on this overall subject matter. As our exhibit is closing shortly, I can report to the West Coast contingent that our exhibit at Ellis Island was well received by most and it was a privilege to serve as a docent. ■

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JANM

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largest architectural firms, Obata had the luxury of passing up JANM's project. But Obata, who narrowly escaped the camps during World War II, had a personal stake in the museum's success.

"This was an important, personal attempt to do something really good," said Obata. "It was my way of giving back."

Curvature became an important aspect of Obata's design. Part of this was to complement the ends of the Nishi Hongwangi temple. But on a symbolic level, Obata said, "It was the American and Japanese cultures coming together in that central spiral."

Iwao Takamoto, creator of the Scooby Doo cartoon, gave the building an A+. "They've done a wonderful job on balancing out a very, very difficult relationship with the old building," said Takamoto.

Warren Furutani, chair of the California state speaker of the Assembly's Asian Pacific American Affairs office, described JANM's layout as the "ying and yang." "I think what's most impressive is how the new building is juxtaposed against the original. It gives you a sense of where you were and where you're going," said Furutani.

At the heart of the pavilion is the National Resource Center, a library where visitors have access to the museum's collections. This ranges from oral history transcripts, photographs, documents and videos.

Building JANM

It was only 14 years ago, in 1985, that the museum incorpo-

rated and shared a brick office building with the Pacific Citizen in the outskirts of Little Tokyo. Even back then, the museum intended to expand.

"The plan was always that a new building would be built," said Hirano. "...the founders and the board believed it was important to have both an historic building and a new building to be able to fulfill the goal of becoming a world class museum."

The museum's first step was to move out of their cramped quarters. The abandoned Nishi Hongwangi temple fit the bill.

Not only did it provide JANM with more space, the building was a historical monument dating to 1925. The Phase I project came to fruition in 1992 after the museum raised \$13 million to retrofit the temple to city building code standards.

Soon after, Phase II commenced. Initially, the city had allocated JANM a smaller plot that was so oddly shaped that Obata designed a structure six stories high to accommodate space requirements.

The current pavilion site became available when Richard Riordan became mayor in 1993. Prior to this, the land was slated to be part of the First Street North project, which included plans for city office towers, a hotel, and about 300 low income housing units. But Riordan mixed the idea, and JANM lobbied for the current site.

"As plans for redevelopment in Little Tokyo started to change, the mayor and city council were very committed to seeing what

could be done to help the museum be as successful as possible," said Hirano.

With a bigger site, the project picked up steam. But in June 1996, JANM met with community outcry when it came to public attention that the museum was considering contracting with Kajima Construction Services, a subsidiary of the Kajima Corp., which has had a controversial history both in Little Tokyo and Japan. Ultimately, the board voted not to contract with Kajima.

Robert Volk, a JANM board of trustee who headed the building committee and whose background is in general contracting, admitted that from a construction point of view he regretted that Kajima did not participate.

"Kajima was our consultant in our early stages, and I think they had done a very good job," said Volk. "I was sorry to see them go. I think the problems really related to another labor matter. But the Ray Wilson Company that came in after that has done an equally fine job... I take pride in what Ray Wilson has done with the building."

Hirano said, "Kajima was engaged to do preconstruction work, and when we were in the process of picking a developer to do the construction, the board put out a bid and received multiple bids. At that point, Kajima chose not to bid, and the board made a decision based on the bids received."

Phase II began in March 1997. It was as the project got underway, JANM met another snag.

In July 1997, about 20 union members and supporters picketed JANM, alleging that some contractors on the project were non-union members who were not being paid prevailing wages and benefits. JANM refuted the claims and in a written statement said in part: "There is no basis for the Union's alleged dispute." The project moved forward.

Future of JANM

With Phase II completed, Hirano noted they can now devote their attention to expanding their archives. By the year 2010, they hope to have a \$10 million endowment fund set up to maintain the

exhibits.

Their plans include a community education program to encourage organizations to preserve materials. As a start, the museum is working with the Buddhist Churches of America in developing an archive; they plan similar projects with Christian churches.

"The community has been the strength of the Japanese American experience," said Hirano. "We want to encourage community organizations to begin collecting and preserving these materials for future generations."

Hirano is also aware that JANM's existence is linked to Little Tokyo's success. To this end, JANM has been working with local merchants and sponsoring walking tours of the neighborhood to encourage visitors.

"The museum cannot be successful if Little Tokyo is not successful," said Hirano. "I tell people Little Tokyo is a museum without walls because as you walk through the neighborhood, you see more than 100 years of wonderful history... So I hope people will see this as a neighborhood that should be preserved and that is still fun to come to and still has soul."

Another area the museum plans to focus on is their traveling exhibits. Currently, "America's Concentration Camps" is at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum and will travel to the Jewish American Museum in September. "From Bento to Mixed Plate" will open in Hawaii and then on to the Smithsonian. "Witness Our Brothers Keeper" will be shown in Washington, D.C.

California state Assemblyman Nao Takasugi, who has recovered from a heart attack, praised JANM's efforts. "I'm concerned, not so much with my children or their children learning about the experiences of 50 years ago," said Takasugi. "I'm concerned about the millions of people who don't know what the Issei, the Nisei, the Sansei, the Yonsei is all about. They need this lesson, which they will receive as they come through the museum."

Saying the pavilion ushered in a "new era," George Takei, actor and JANM board member, felt the opening "will contribute to the cultural renaissance of downtown Los Angeles."

Exhibits

"Common Ground: The Heart of

the Community" is JANM's new exhibit that explores 130 years of Nikkei history. It was two years in the making, according to Glen Kitayama, the show's curator. It features artifacts from Hawaii, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, Hood River (Ore.), Livingston (Calif.), New York, Chicago, Atlanta and Denver.

A historian by training, Kitayama said his biggest challenge was "trying to present things in a more entertaining fashion than in a history book."

Among those on display are pre-war clothing, a "Jap hunting license," a Seabrook Flaps uniform and Captain Sulu's uniform from Star Trek. A typewriter used by P.C.'s former editor Larry Tajiri is also on display, as well as a pre-war proof press from the now defunct Colorado Times.

The exhibit is complemented by computer-restored home movies, giving glimpses of pre-war and camp life. The exhibit runs through the year 2000.

In recognition of Nikkei visual artists, the mid-career works of Bruce and Norman Yonemoto titled, "Bruce and Norman Yonemoto: Memory, Matter and Modern Romance," will be on display until July 4.



PHOTO BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
George Takei explains an exhibit to Nancy Berman

"J-Town Rhapsody" is on view on an eight-screen video wall, featuring such artists as Dan and June Kuramoto of Hiroshima fame, performer Amy Hill and Asian American DJs scratching MTV-style. Intertwined are home movies from the '20s and '30s.

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Dr. John Burden, 98, Nisei-MIS advocate

Dr. John A. Burden, who is credited with "giving the Nisei their chance to show what they could do in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service" in 1942, died Jan. 2 in Nashville, Tenn., the *Honolulu Advertiser* reported. He was 98.

Burden (c. 1942)

Ted Tsukiyama of Honolulu, a 100/442-MIS historian, said the Tokyo-born son of missionary parents was ordered shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to the MIS language school at the Presidio of San Francisco. He was

one of two haole graduates, with 40 Nisei, in the first MIS class in May 1942.

"Until he came along, these trained Nisei translators were used for menial jobs because they weren't trusted," Tsukiyama added. Burden was in charge of an intelligence team to monitor enemy communications in Fiji. While there, Admiral Nimitz sent him to Guadalcanal, and he then insisted on taking the Nisei linguists. They were probably the first MIS Nisei in a combat zone that October, with the 37th Infantry Division.

Burden's efforts "first opened the eyes of American field commanders to the immeasurable value of the Nisei linguists in the war against Japan," Tsukiyama remarked. ■

"Reggie" Okamura, Kilauea's volcanologist

HILO, Hawaii—Reginald "Reggie" Okamura, 62, died Jan. 16 following a heart attack.

A volcanologist for 34 years and spokesman for the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory at Kilauea, he once told the press that the 1959 Kilauea-Iki eruption, which shot lava 1,900 feet into the air, was the most exciting eruption he had ever witnessed.

He retired in 1992 and became vice president of Geohaz-

ards Consultants International. He also helped establish the Minority Participant in Earth Sciences program, which gave interested students vital job experience in the sciences. Long-time geology associate John Lockwood stated that "he did a lot with local kids."

Okamura is survived by his wife Jane; son Dean; daughter Lori; one grandchild; brothers Ronald and Arnold; and sisters Francine Bidal and Gail. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Doi, Kathleen Y., 65, Fremont, Jan. 15, Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by son Gary William and his wife Kay (Laguna Hills); daughters Carole Ann Yamaguchi and her husband Dr. Jim, and Nancy Karen Uehara and her husband Mats (San Jose), 7 g.c.

Endo, Fujiye, 78, Sylmar, Jan. 13, Colorado-born; survived by son Edward Hiroshi and his wife Chiyo; daughters JoAnn Yuiko Suzuki and her husband Steve, and Patricia Michio Suenaga and her husband Richard; sisters Tokiko Kawaguchi, Mitsuye, Taiko Nagasawa and Teiko Shirakawa (the latter three of Japan), and other relatives.

Endo, Homer Noboru, 81, Sylmar, Jan. 13, Colorado-born; survived by son Edward Hiroshi and his wife Chiyo; daughters JoAnn Yuiko Suzuki and her husband Steve, and Patricia Michio Suenaga and her husband Richard; sisters-in-law Tokiko Kawaguchi, Mitsuye, Yuiko Nagasawa and Teiko Shirakawa (the latter three of Japan), and other relatives.

Esaki, Minoru Jack, 81, Tiburon, Jan. 14, Seattle-born; survived by wife Sayo; sons Taro and Norio; daughter Hamako Mayeda; sister Kiiko (Japan), 2 g.c.

Fujiwara, Sadao Stanley, 81, Monterey Park, Jan. 15, Hawaii-born; survived by son Bill and his wife Jean; daughter Karen Kuba and her husband Andy; 4 g.c.

Fujioki, Kiyoeko, 79, Riverton Heights, Wash., Jan. 14, survived by husband Takao, "Jack"; daughters Susan and Marjorie; and other relatives.

Fujimoto, Teichiro, 98, Mountain View, Jan. 15, survived by wife Mitsuyo; sons Kazuyuki and his wife Eiko, and Akira and his wife Cathy; daughters Reiko and Masako and her husband Yasuo (Japan); niece Mikiko Ishizaka; 4 g.c.

Harada, Byron T., 44, Hood River, Ore., Oct. 25, survived by wife Denise (Vancouver); parents Hideo and Dorothy; brother Douglas (Vancouver); sisters Karen Salter (Gilbert, Ariz.) and Sandra Costello; and other relatives.

Hayashi, Roy Fumiya, 72, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5, Tacoma, Wash.-born; graduated from Waseda Univ. in Japan; survived by wife Kyoko; sons Roger and Eric; daughter Karen Ward; siblings Fumaki (Fukushima, Japan), Eugene and Carol Okamura, and Lillian Watanabe.

Hayashi, Tsugiko "Chic", 86, Fremont, Jan. 16, Vacaville resident; survived by sons Elmer (Winston-Salem, N.C.), James (San Jose), Richard and David (San Diego); daughter Joyce Nakatsu (Marysville); sister Ineko Mino; brother Shiro Handa.

Hirohata, Frank Takayuki, 86, Mountain View, Jan. 17, Florin-born; survived by wife Chiyo; daughter Fay Matsumoto and her husband Larry; 3 g.c.

Iseri, Sue Hideko, Irvine, Jan. 9, Long Beach-born; survived by sons Allen and Ronald; brothers Isami, Easy and Hideo; sister Fumi; six g.c.; and many other relatives.

Jo, Milton M., 63, Gardena, Jan. 3, Oahu, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Rosie; son Darin; daughter Denise Vira; mother Florence; brother Delwyn.

Katsura, Keiko Kawada, 45, South Pasadena, Jan. 10, survived by her husband Noritaka.

Kawano, Grace E., 77, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6, Del Ray-born; predeceased by husband Minoru; survived by daughters Linda and her husband Charles Valaskala and Phyllis McClure and her husband Mitchell; son John; brother Raymond Nakagawa.

Kawashima, Hiroshi, 78, Monterey Park, Jan. 8, Brawley-born veteran of WWII; survived by wife Sadao; brothers Kiyoichi, Zitsuo (Walnut Creek), Takeshi, and Keiji (Oceanside); and other relatives.

Kimoto, George, 83, Richmond, Jan. 17; survived by daughter Diana Mae (Paris); sisters Emma Himeao (Honolulu), Mary Thelma (Oakland), and Blanche Baler (Ann Arbor, Mich.); and other relatives.

Kimura, Clarence Genesi, 84, Woodland, Jan. 9; survived by sons John and his wife Linda, and Keith and his wife Lorene; 2 g.c.

Konomi, Rose Mitsui Takahashi, 91, Berkeley, Dec. 30; public health nurse; predeceased by husband P.C. columnist Jim.

Kurokawa, Paul Hiroto, 83, Santa Maria, Jan. 24, San Luis Obispo-born and educated in San Luis Obispo, Guadalupe and Tokyo; survived by wife Betty; son Brian (Guadalupe); daughters Dawn Kamiya and Betty Ann, and Karen (Santa Cruz); 5 g.c., 3 g.g.c.

Matsumoto, Jiro, 76, Gardena, Jan. 3, Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by brothers Saburo and his wife Linda, and Akio and his wife Sachie; sisters Fusako and Tamiko Higashi and her husband John; and many other relatives.

Matsumoto, Tokio Pat, 88, Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 26, California native, WWII 442nd veteran.

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Morihiro, Ayako, 97, Los Angeles, Jan. 13, Hiroshima-born Issei; survived by son Mike; grandchildren Irene, Lynne, Marian and Lori Ann; 8 g.c.

Nakamura, Yoshiyuki, 80, Redwood, Nov. 27, survived by wife Alice; sons Ken and Ron; a daughter in Seattle; stepsons Mike Sueda, Richard Sueda, Robert Sueda; stepdaughters Kaye Kana and brothers Nibo, Mich, Hideo, Mas; sisters Fusa Yamada, Haruyo Nagata, Sonoyo Nakagiri, and 10 g.c.

Nishiyama, Kiyoichi, 75, San Jose, Jan. 1, survived by wife Stella; daughter Anne Soto and her husband Michael; and sisters Hiroko Hamano and Helen Fukuda.

Nakano, Ruby Kimie, 87, Los Angeles, Jan. 12, survived by son Walter Susumu and his wife Martha; daughters Grace Soto and her husband Joseph, Eleanor and her husband Otto, and Carolyn Matsumura and her husband Robert; and many other relatives.

Nakatani, George Makoto, 36, Watsonville, Jan. 11; survived by wife Lalida; daughter Lindsey Kumiko; parents Noboru and Kumiko; sister Alice Takae; brother Chester Masaru and his wife Marilyn; and Douglas Tadashi; and nephew Nolan Noboru.

Nakayama, Dr. Joe M., Chicago, Jan. 15 service; loving son of Yoshino Nakayama; survived by wife Cherie; daughter Kyoko Hamano and her husband Robert; sisters Margaret Uyeno (Hawaii), Frances Matsuda (San Diego); 1 g.c.

Odell, Donn, 80, Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 21; survived by wife Sachie Hirotsu; daughter Carol Withridge and Robin Severson; son Lad; 10 g.c.

Oshima, Viola Hatsumi, 81, Gardena, Jan. 9, survived by sister Margaret Furukawa; sister-in-law Grace; dear friend Mas Umekubo; nieces and nephews.

Oshima, George, 84, Los Angeles, Oct. 26, Lodi-born; survived by brothers Fred (Salinas), Harry (St. Louis), Bill (Los Angeles); sisters Mary Umekubo (San Diego) and Grace Kanda (Sumner, Wash.).

Sato, Kyoko, 46, Gardena, Jan. 22, Aomori-born Issei; survived by husband Akira; daughter Wendy; mother Ritsuyo Kushi; brother Takashi Kushi and his wife Yumi; father-in-law Tada; mother-in-law Mineko; sister-in-law Yoko Takeuchi; and other relatives.

Shimizu, Lincoln Mutsumi, 82, Los Angeles; survived by wife Mary; brother Arthur; sisters Sachie Yoshida and Marie Nakamura; and other relatives.

Sujishi, Margaret Fusae, 86, Garden Grove, Jan. 23, Riverside-born; survived by daughter Linda Shimada and her husband Ron (Orange County); brother Frank and his wife Sumi, Charles and his wife Hisea (of India), Paul, and Dr. Henry Shibata and his wife Asa (Hawaii); and sister Lillian Nakaji and her husband Dr. Yosh (South Carolina).

Sumi, Jack Chojiro, 81, Garden Grove, Jan. 3, native of Japan; survived by wife Dorothy Midori; sons Richard Jun-Steven Ken, Kenneth Ken, Eugene Shien, and Paul Boy; 4 g.c.; and relatives in Tottori, Japan.

Suyama, JoAnne Fumiko, 46, Torrance, Jan. 14, Chicago-born; survived by husband Wendell; son Scott; daughter Stacy; father Bruce Mori moto; brothers William and his wife Karen, Roger and his wife Linda, and Russell Morimoto; and many other relatives.

Suzuki, Rokuro, 70, Gardena, Jan. 23, Terminal Island-born Nisei; survived by wife Hatsue Sue; daughter Sandra Michiko; brothers Akio and Saburo Motokuchi; sister Yoko Nakamoto; brother-in-law Kazuo Iizawa and his wife Anne.

Takayama, Toshio, 77, Pacoima, Jan. 11, Los Angeles-born; survived by son Duane and his wife Kathy; daughters Joanne T. Miyamoto, Patricia E., and Nancy T.; sister Yuriko Nakamura; and 6 g.c.

Takizawa, Irene Hisako, 76, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29, Alaska-born, interned at Minidoka, Idaho; survived by son Mark; daughters Marian Sada, Martha Thuro and Marie Ishii; brothers Ben and Bert Kimura; sisters Martha Kimura and Florence Hayashi; and 8 g.c.

Tanouye, Margaret, 72, Las Vegas, Washington state-born; survived by daughter Sayo.

Teramaye, Jay, 103, Los Angeles, Nov. 28, Wakayama-born Issei; survived by daughter Kyoko; son Takashi.

Toji, Chika, 95, Los Angeles, Dec. 25, Fukuoka-born; survived by sons Hiroshi and his wife Sharon, Masami and his wife Kate, and Masao and his wife Lorraine; daughters Utako Sawa and her husband Terry, and Kazi Kato and her husband Howard; 6 g.c., 3 g.g.c., and 3 g.g.g.c.

Uraguchi, Misao Edna, 87, Los Angeles, Jan. 7; survived by son Masao and his wife Takako; sisters Molly Ishii, Flora Nakata, and Rosie Ogura; and other relatives.

Yamada, Henry Hijiri, 63, Monterey Park, Jan. 22, survived by wife Jean Scheie; sisters Mitsuyo Fukunaga, Yori Fukui and her husband Mas, and Flora Arai and her husband Joe.

Yasunaga, Tadashi D.D.S., 77, Los Angeles, Dec. 16; survived by wife Sally; daughter Susan Akagunon and her husband Stephen; son Andrew; sister Daisie Matsuda and her husband Toshi (Cleveland, Ohio); brother Fred and his wife Haru; 2 g.c. ■

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Courts rule against sampling

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must get the most accurate population count possible, the ruling was not as bad as it may first appear," said Sakaniwa. "The ruling by the court was narrowly focused on the issue of scientific sampling when looking at the process of re-apportionment in the context of the Census Act. The court was not saying that sampling could not be used at all, but rather, it could not be used for the specific purpose of getting a population count for re-apportionment. The court's decision does not prohibit the use of sampling for other purposes such as allocation of federal funds and redistricting.

There are now proposals being drafted that would provide funding for the Census Bureau to approach the year 2000 census in two ways: one using scientific sampling and the other relying only on actual enumeration. Congress will soon be debating this issue as the funding bill for the Census Bureau comes up this summer.

Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, voiced similar sentiment.

"Although we are disappointed with the decision, we note that the Supreme Court did not pro-

hibit the use of sampling for other purposes, including redistricting," said Narasaki. "However, unless Congress acts quickly, census counts in states with large minority populations are likely to have a higher undercount and will not get their fair share of representatives."

In the 1990 census, Narasaki said Asian Pacific Americans were undercounted by 2.3 percent, compared to a 68 percent undercount of non-Hispanic whites.

Adjusting the census will likely help Democrats because minorities and inner-city residents, who tend to vote Democratic, made up a large share of the estimated four million people missed by the 1990 count.

Democratic National Committee General Chair Governor Roy Romer and General Co-Chair Designate Rep. Loretta Sanchez decried the Supreme Court decision. The Democrats support the recommendation by experts from the National Academy of Sciences who say that using scientific statistical methods will result in producing a census that is more accurate and less costly than the 1990 one.

"Scientific sampling is the best way to ensure that all Americans are counted, especially those that

are most often ignored," said Romer. "The Republican Party has clearly led the fight against scientific sampling. The question is why don't they want all Americans counted?"

Republicans oppose adjusting the numbers to make up for that undercount because people who tend to vote Republican also are more likely to voluntarily respond to the census.

Census counts have been imperfect since Thomas Jefferson oversaw the first one in 1790. All sides acknowledge that census-takers cannot expect to find every American.

At issue in the case was whether the government may use modern statistical knowledge to estimate how many people were missed.

The Constitution requires a traditional headcount, referred to as "actual enumeration," of the nation's population every ten years to help divide the 435 members of the House of Representatives among the states. Census figures also are used to draw congressional, state and local voting districts, and to distribute \$180 billion in federal funds each year.

The Clinton administration's plan would have used the traditional method to count 90 percent

of Americans and then use a second survey of 750,000 individuals nationwide to determine where people may have been overcounted or undercounted.

The House Republicans' lawyers said the Constitution and federal census law allow only a one-by-one head count. But Sanchez disagrees. "We need to stop playing politics with the census and support up-to-date technology to ensure that all Americans are counted, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, age or where they live," said Sanchez. "It is clear that Republicans want certain people to be undercounted and they are only interested in using the census to ensure their majority in Congress."

Officials believe New Mexico had the highest undercount of any state in the 1990 census, followed by Texas, California and Arizona. A number of southern states also had undercount rates above the national average such as Mississippi, Georgia, South

Carolina and Virginia.

In California, some officials estimated that the state lost about \$1 billion and a seat in the House of Representatives because more than 850,000 people were undercounted in the 1990 census.

Edward Vincent (D-Inglewood), California assembly member and chair of the assembly Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments, said, "By this ruling, the court's majority has inflicted a severe injury upon California. . . In the apportionment of congressional seats following the 2000 census, California may likely again be denied the full congressional representation to which it is otherwise entitled."

Meanwhile, in a separate move, the U.S. Census in 2000 will allow people to specify whether they are multiethnic. In the past, people of multiethnic descent were forced to choose one race, and often this meant identifying with a minority category. ■

FBI continues search for missing INS attorney

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On Jan. 10, the day after her disappearance, a couple walking near the Anacostia Naval Station found Chiang's INS identification card and a credit card. The location is about a 20-minute drive by car from Dupont Circle.

After FBI agents and Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police canvassed the area on Jan. 21, investigators turned up Chiang's hooded, thigh-length green jacket, a Blockbuster Video card, a Safeway check-cashing card and house keys. Authorities also found a pair of gloves in the same area but have not determined whether they belonged to Chiang.

In addition, the nearby Anacostia River was dredged. Although no new leads in the Chiang case surfaced, officials pulled a badly

decomposed body of an unidentified man from the river. That is being investigated separately.

Chiang is a Chinese American female, 5'3" tall, 105 lbs., with brown eyes and shoulder-length hair. She was last seen wearing light blue jeans, a black turtle-neck, a red paisley scarf around her neck, a black scarf on her head, and the recently discovered green jacket.

By all accounts, Chiang was well liked. During her high school years, Chiang worked as an intern for Rep. Howard Berman out of his Panorama City, Calif., field office. After graduating from Smith College, Chiang served as a legislative aid to Berman's D.C. office.

Chiang joined the INS in April 1992 and has been stationed in D.C., except for a brief stint last year when she was assigned to a

special project in Los Angeles.

The Washington Post is offering a \$45,000 reward for information leading to Chiang's whereabouts, and the FBI and the INS are offering rewards of up to \$20,000 each for information on Chiang.

A separate reward fund has also been set up by Chiang's friends, and anyone wishing to donate to this fund should make checks payable to "The Fund to Find Joyce Chiang, Account 126463," and send it to: Wright Patman, Congressional Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 23267, Washington, DC 20026-3267.

Anyone with any information regarding Chiang is asked to contact the FBI's Washington Field Office at 202/278-2382 or INS at 202/616-5000. All calls will be treated as confidential. ■

Manzanar — An American concentration camp

A photographic exhibit titled "Manzanar — An American Concentration Camp" will open on Feb. 19, 1999, at the Spectrum Gallery in Fresno, Calif., located at 1306 N. Wishon Avenue and will remain on display through March 21, 1999. The Spectrum Gallery is only open on weekends, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The photographs that will be exhibited are by photographer Bob Goldfeder. He describes the exhibit as follows: "In the Owens Valley of California, is the National Historic Monument at Manzanar. This marks the location of the first of ten concentration camps established by the U.S. Government in 1942, to intern Japanese American citizens following Pearl Harbor. This

photographic essay recalls the imprisonment of more than 10,000 Japanese Americans most of whom were American citizens. This exhibit examines with photographs, words, and documentation what remains from this period of American concentration camps, and is now the Manzanar National Site."

The Fresno chapter of the JACL will host the reception for this exhibit to remember the issuance of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942. This Day of Remembrance reception will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 21. Admission to the exhibit is free and light refreshments will be served at the reception. For information, call Izumi Taniguchi at 559/439-8769. ■

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3. Okinawa & Southern Honshu Sakura Tour	4/9-4/22	Bill Sakurai	3,265
4. Super China 12 days	4/20-5/1	George Kanegai	2,495
5. Music Cities	4/11-4/19	TBA	1,739
6. Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Tour	4/10-4/19	Yuki Sato	1,689
7. Australian Adventure/New Zealand	4/23-5/6	Phyllis Murakawa	3,198
8. Highlights of Scotland/England/Wales	4/29-5/7	Phyllis Murakawa	2,079
9. Tokyo Tour	4/26-5/8	Ray Ishii	\$284,000+air
10. Aoi Festival, Sanja Festival & Onsen	5/13-5/24	Tracy Taguchi	3,390
11. China Yangtze River Cruise & Japan	5/27-6/13	Kumpei Sakaniwa	2,995
12. Ozarks/Branson Show Tour	5/28-6/3	TBA	
13. Basic Europe	June	TBA	
14. Canadian Rockies Panorama	6/21-6/27	TBA	1,769
15. Pacific Northwest & San Juan Island	6/12-6/19	Michi Ishii	1,627
16. Japan Summer Tour	6/21-6/30	Ray Ishii	\$212,200+air
17. Alaska Discovery/Land & Cruise	6/29-7/5	Yuki Sato	2,302
18. Hawaii Islands Cruise (Early Book Dec 12/4/98)	6/12-6/19	Bill Sakurai	from 2,393
19. Nebuta & Tanabata Festivals & Onsen	8/3-8/13	Tracy Taguchi	
20. Japan Summer Festivals & Folk Dances	8/8-8/18	Tracy Taguchi	
21. Moscow/St. Petersburg River Cruise	8/21-8/27	Tracy Taguchi	3,665
22. Kazanero Bon Festival & Kusatsu Onsen	8/25-8/26	Tracy Taguchi	2,495
23. China Fall Tour	9/29-10/11	TBA	2,099
24. Kenya Safari	9/14-9/28	TBA	3,989
25. Eastern Canada/Nova Scotia Fall Foliage	9/15-9/29	Bill Sakurai	2,029
26. Japan Hokkaido Tour	9/17-10/3	Galen Murakawa	
27. Great Trains of Europe	9/23-10/5	Tracy Taguchi	3,512
28. Japan Alps/Urta-Nihon	9/13-9/25	Ray Ishii	\$310,000+air
29. Japan Fushimi Meguri	10/11-10/21	Roy Tekeda	3,095
30. Takayama Festival & Gero Onsen	10/7-10/18	Yuki Sato	
31. Japan Fall Foliage	10/25-11/5	Ray Ishii	\$283,000+air
32. Japan Autumn Festivals	10/14	Tracy Taguchi	
33. Chichibu Yo-Matsuri & Onsen	11/25-12/6	Tracy Taguchi	
34. Ozarks/Branson Christmas Tour	12/1-12/6	George Kanegai	

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SANTA BARBARA ORCHID SHOW OVERNIGHT TOUR	Mar 13-14
JAPAN SPRING HOLIDAY TOUR	Apr 16-24
MEXICO WEEKEND HOLIDAY CRUISE	Apr 30-May 3
ITALY HOLIDAY TOUR	May 8-20
ALASKA HOLIDAY CRUISE	May 31-June 7
CANADIAN ROCKIES HOLIDAY TOUR	June 14-24
GRANDADVENTURES/GRANDCHRONICLE JAPAN TOUR	June 26-July 4
10TH PAN AMERICAN NIKKEI ASSOC. (PAN) CONVENTION	July 28-Aug 1
EUROPEAN CAPITALS HOLIDAY CRUISE	Sept 2-17
HOKKAIDO - TOKYO HOLIDAY CRUISE	Sept 26-Oct 7
HAWAII HOLIDAY CRUISE	Oct 1-11
BRANSON/MEMPHIS/NASHVILLE HOLIDAY TOUR	Oct 23-31
SOUTHEAST ASIA HOLIDAY CRUISE	Nov
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