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Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Fri.-Tue, March 26-30—JACL/OCA Leadership Conference: Double Tree Hotel. Info: Kim Nakahara, 703/522-4231; Laura Nakatani, 703/519-9378.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Fri.-Sun., March 5-7—District Council Conference, 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, 1:15 p.m.; Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, 29955 Ridge Rd., Wickliffe. Info: Steve Vano, 216/348-3059. Program will include multimedia presentation, music, dancing.

TWIN CITIES

Sun. Feb. 28—Chrysanthemum Banquet & Installation Program, noon social hour, 1 p.m. lunch; Holiday Inn West, 9970 Wyzata Blvd., Minneapolis; County Attorney Amy Klobuchar, speaker. RSVP by Feb. 22: Kathy Koch, 612/884-1560.

Sat. March 13—Deadline for high school graduates' scholarship applications. Info: Pam Dagobert, 612/557-2946.

Mountain Plains

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

HOUSTON

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

NEW MEXICO

Sun. Feb. 28—Installation/General Meeting/Potluck, 1-3 p.m.; Amerisuites Hotel, 6901 Aranda Ave. NE.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat. March 6—National JACL Credit Union annual meeting: 6 p.m. social hour, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 entertainment, 8 p.m. business meeting/elections;

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK

Sat. March 13—Day of Remembrance program/potluck, "A Memorial 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.

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: Eiko Yamamoto c/o Chase Travel Service, 800/304-5100.

Intermountain

SNAKE RIVER

Fri. Feb. 26—Film, *Visions of the Spirit*, a portrait of Alice Walker, 3:30 & 7 p.m.; Performing Arts Theater. Free. Info: 889-8191 x14.

The Northwest

TACOMA

Sat. March 6—Day of Remembrance Forum, 6:30 p.m.; Tacoma Public Library, 11 St. & Tacoma Ave. South. Info: Library, 253/591-5666, or Lellani Taniguchi, 206/878-0701. Co-sponsored by Puallup Valley JACL Temple Beth El, Tacoma Public Library, Tacoma Community College.

Northern California

SACRAMENTO

Sat. March 6—Time of Remembrance program, 7 p.m.; Florin Buddhist Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd. NOTE—The theme will be "Unfinished Business: Continuing the Quest for Justice";

Little America Hotel, 500 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. RSVP: 801/355-8040, 800/544-8828.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Fri. Feb. 26—Public Forum & Panel Discussion on WWII internment camp at Lordsburg, N.M., 7-8:30 p.m.; Univ. of Washington, Kane Hall Rm 110. Free.

NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—Tri-District Conference, Scottsdale, Ariz.
CONTRA COSTA
Sun. March 7—Senior Appreciation Scholarship Awards luncheon, Maple Hall, San Pablo.

FLORIN

Sat. March 6—Florin Chapter Day of Remembrance program; see Community Calendar for details.

HONOLULU

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 Kaihoro, Forester is on Japanese Latin Americans' redress denial.

S.F. BAY AREA NIKKEI SINGLES

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—8th National JACL Singles Convention; Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Info: Georgeann Maeda, 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. March 13 (date change)—District Council Meeting; hosted by Fowler chapter.

Fri. March 26—CCDC scholarship deadline.

Sat. March 27—CCDC Golf Tournament, Fresno.

Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—Tri-District Conference, Scottsdale, Ariz.

FRESNO

Sun. Feb. 21—Day of Remembrance reception; see Community Calendar.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun. Feb. 28—District Council Meeting, JACL Cultural & Community Center. Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—Tri-District

keynote speaker Grace Shimizu, Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project chair. The historical exhibit is open 1 p.m., also Sunday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: Christine Umeda, 427-2841.

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

SAN FRANCISCO

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

STANFORD

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 26-27—Play, *The Gate of Heaven* by and with Lane Nishikawa & Victor Talmadge, 8 p.m.; Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford. Tickets: 650/725-ARTS.

Central Cal

FRESNO

Thu. Feb. 19—Day of Remembrance Exhibit Opening Reception, photographs by Bob Goldstein, "Manzanar—An American Concentration Camp," 4-7 p.m., hosted by Fresno JACL; Spectrum Gallery, 1306 N. Wishon Ave. Info: 559/266-0691.

Mon. March 1—Free film showing, *Visas and Virtue*, the true story of Chiune Sugihara, 7 p.m.; CSU Fresno Satellite College Union, 278-3002.

Guest speakers: Film's director Tim Toyama and director of the Nisei Baseball Research Project Jerry Nakagawa. Free parking at Maple & Banstow and along Woodward Ave. Videos of film will be on sale for \$20.

Southern California

IMPERIAL COUNTY

Sat. Mar. 13—Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion, Banquet 6 p.m.; Barbara Worth Convention Center, Holtville.

Conference, Scottsdale, Ariz.

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.

Sun. April 18—Scholarship Awards Banquet, 1 p.m.; Ramada Valley Hk Resort, 6850 Main St., Scottsdale. Info: Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434.

ORANGE COUNTY

Fri.-Sun., June 25-27—1999 National Youth Student Conference: University of California, Irvine. Info: hush@uci.edu.

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GREATER LA SINGLES

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Eighteenth National JACL Singles Convention. Info: Georgeann Maeda, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981.

LAS VEGAS

Sat. Feb. 20—Singles Luncheon, 12 noon; Showboat Hotel Buffet, 2800 Fremont. Info: Rhea Fujimoto, 702/254-8060.

Mon. March 15—Deadline for chapter scholarship applications. Info: Don Frazer, 702/878-2472.

RIVERSIDE

Sat. March 13—New/Old Board Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.; Inaba residence. Info: 909/682-8116.

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; 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 (phone 415/921-5225). 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.

Info: Tim Asamen, 760/344-2627. Rebus from Los Angeles: Nancy Matsumoto Matsuda, 323/888-9922.

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

LOS ANGELES

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 19-20—Day of Remembrance Programs at the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Featuring Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, Peter Irons, Atsuko Yasui family representative. Call 213/625-0414 for subjects and schedule.

Sat. Feb. 27—Nikkei Student Union 13th Annual Cultural Night, 7 p.m.; UCLA Royce Hall, enter at Hilgard & Westholme. Admission free, but tickets required (available from Feb. 24: 310/284-4650; email: nikkei@ucla.edu). Show includes Shinkendo (styles of samurai swordsmanship), NSU Kyudo Taiko, Odori, Japanese dancing, the tsunoboshi Fable, modern dance.

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.

Arizona - Nevada

PHOENIX

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

Sat. Feb. 27, Tue. March 2, Thur. March 4—Kufawasa Film Festival. Free. Titles, locations: 602/915-0000.

Competing Branson tours raises questions

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erans and their family members, and to offer the participants a memorable experience. To that end, a committee was formed where members are overseeing such projects as party favors, T-shirt designs, arranging hospitality suites, ensuring that veterans from the same companies are roomed close together, and organizing a widows' tea.

In comparison, the A.V. Travel tour created in response to Chase Travel's higher price, is a standard tour with focus on Branson entertainment, said Sakai.

The result? Some, who believe A.V. Travel benefitted from all the footwork done by Chase Travel, are upset.

"A.V. is piggybacking on this," said Kiyo Yamate, who also fought in Company E with Sakai.

"You can call it that or not. I don't know," said Sakai.

"We just did a standard program."

The idea to organize a Nikkei veterans tribute in Branson began in October 1997, according to Hayao Shishino, a Branson Tribute committee member. At that time, Shishino was in Branson, as part of a tour organized by Anesetti and Yamamoto, both from Chase Travel. At one of the shows, the entertainers recognized veterans in the audience, and Shishino recalled Anesetti bringing up the idea of inviting the Japanese American veterans to Branson to have them recognized.

"I thought Branson would be a great place for a tribute," said Anesetti, who leads several tours to Branson each year. "It would educate the nation about what happened to the Japanese American veterans during World War II."

A few weeks later, Anesetti pitched the idea to Branson officials, including the Branson Chamber of Commerce and mayor's office. She received support from both.

Anesetti then enlisted the help of Yamamoto and Shishino to put together an organizing committee comprised of veterans and their supporters.

To ensure that there would be interest from the actual Nikkei veterans, Anesetti and Yamamoto attended various veterans' meetings to receive their endorsements.

Yamate, president of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association in Southern California, remembers Anesetti's and Yamamoto's presentation. "They approached the 100th/442nd about a year ago to ask for our approval and the board gave them an endorsement," said Yamate. "At that time, they were still in the talking stages."

Anesetti and Yamamoto also went before the Southern California MIS and the 100th/442nd MIS Memorial Foundation board of directors. They received both endorsements.

"Chase Travel has the endorsements of all three veterans associations in Southern California and the memorial foundation," said Yamate.

Initially, the committee had pitched a Branson tribute for 1998, but Yamate recalled advising against it since many veterans were already committed to attending a gala 55th veterans reunion in Honolulu in July 1998.

The committee complied and started making arrangements for a May 1999 Branson tour date. Hotel and banquet rooms were reserved; entertainment, booked; Branson officials and dignitaries, contacted; and publicity sent out.

To reach as wide an audience as possible, Anesetti and Yamamoto even ventured to the

55th veterans reunion in Hawaii. But it was at this event that Sakai made a pitch for A.V. Travel. Until then, the committee was not aware of A.V. Travel's plans.

"I know this is a free country, and he [Sakai] can do whatever he likes but I wish he wouldn't have done that," said Anesetti.

"I wish A.V. Travel had talked to us," said Shishino. "I think we could have worked together, worked something out."

In his defense, Sakai said he arranged a separate tour because several E Company veterans had complained that the Chase Travel package was too expensive. Sakai personally felt Chase Travel was "gouging" the veterans and found "fault" with the 100th/442nd Veterans Association in Southern California for

amount Sakai quoted was \$2,500 to the 100th/442nd MIS Memorial Foundation and another \$2,500 to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. She remembered these figures because she had suggested that for another \$500, A.V. Travel could have their names inscribed on a donor wall.

That phone conversation ended with Seki offering to send brochures and information on the veterans memorial after she realized Sakai knew little about it.

According to Col. Young Kim, who heads the 100th/442nd MIS Memorial Foundation in Los Angeles, he was not even aware of any arrangements with A.V. Travel or Seki.

"I'm not aware of it," said Kim. "I'm not saying he's not giving money, but if he is, he has the name wrong and I'm not aware of it."

Kim added that Chase Travel has contacted him about making a donation from any residuals from the Branson tour.

A similar agreement has been forged between Chase Travel and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. According to Executive Director Cherry Kanoshita, the foundation agreed to run a short press release in their September newsletter on the Chase Travel Branson tour. In return, Chase promised to donate any leftover proceeds.

"There's no solid agreement," said Kanoshita. "It's that loose.... But every little bit helps us."

The foundation was not aware of any Branson tour other than the one being organized by Chase Travel.

Sakai told the P.C. that A.V. Travel intends to donate funds to the Washington, D.C., memorial if more than a 100 people sign up.

Connell appoints Beth Renge as deputy controller

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—State Controller Kathleen Connell announced on Feb. 11 the appointment of Beth Renge to Deputy State Controller. Renge will represent Connell on several boards and commissions, including the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS). Together, PERS and STRS represent more than \$200 billion in assets for California. Renge will also represent the Controller on the state's Tax Credit Allocation Committee and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee.

Renge, 39, of Los Angeles, was the founder and president of Renge Securities & Co., Inc., a San Francisco and Los Angeles-based investment banking firm—and the nation's first Japanese American woman owned brokerage company. She served as vice president for Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc. from 1985 to 1991. Prior to that she was employed at Dean Witter Reynolds & Co., Inc. from 1982 to 1985.

Renge earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of the Pacific in 1981 and holds four securities licenses with the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD).



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Hayao Shishino

endorsing the Chase Travel tour.

"They [veterans] were sold a nice story and they bought it," said Sakai.

But Anesetti refuted those claims, saying that a tour that offers more is naturally going to cost more. "You get what you pay for," said Anesetti.

Sakai has also come under fire for a full-page advertisement that ran in the P.C. since the Jan. 22-Feb. 4 issue. In it, the ad indicates that A.V. Travel will donate a portion of the proceeds to two Nikkei causes. It reads: "This is a fundraiser for the National Veterans Monument in Los Angeles and the National Japanese American Monument in Washington D.C."

During a phone interview, Sakai told the P.C. that the "Nikkei Veterans Monument in Los Angeles" refers to the 100th/442nd MIS Memorial Foundation monument. He noted that his contact at the memorial foundation was Sumi Seki, a volunteer at the foundation office.

Seki, for her part, confirmed that she had talked to Sakai, but that was after she phoned him on Feb. 3 to inquire about the A.V. Travel package. During that conversation, she asked Sakai which veterans memorial in Los Angeles A.V. Travel intended to donate to, whereupon she was told it was the one associated with Kiyo Yamate, hence the 100th/442nd MIS Memorial Foundation monument.

Seki recalled that the donation

WASHINGTON

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nature of those rights. It is an important chapter of American history that must be told."

Tukuda and Santos emphasized that the community's active support is needed to ensure the successful passage of the Washington State Civil Liberties Public Education Act during the current legislative session. They need bipartisan support in a house that is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats and a separate with a slim Democratic majority.

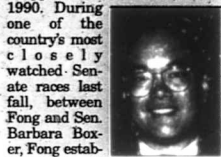
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California Civil Liberties Public Education Act: Assembly member Mike Honda's office, 916/445-8243 or e-mail at hondam@asm.ca.gov.

Former California State Treasurer Matt Fong returns to private practice

Former California State Treasurer and recent Republican U.S. Senate candidate Matt Fong has joined the California law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton as counsel.

Fong was previously with Sheppard Mullin, from 1985 to 1990. During one of the country's most



close ly watched Senate races last fall, between Fong and Sen. Barbara Boxer, Fong established himself as one of the GOP's rising stars. A prominent political figure in California for many years, he brings a national and international breadth and depth to his transactional law practice.

"I would characterize my value to clients as being a strategic consultant," said Fong. "My goal is to use my intimate understanding of the government process and the relationships I have forged over my years in government to help clients solve their business problems. I envision myself as my clients' strategic business advisor on a wide range of foreign and domestic issues."

"Matt brings a tremendous wealth of experience and resources to our clients—particu-

larly in the areas of banking, health care, real estate, aerospace, labor and foreign trade," said firm chairman Richard W. Brunette Jr. "Matt's national network of relationships and understanding of the government process will be extremely valuable to our clients."

Fong served as California's state treasurer from 1995 to 1998. As such, he invested a \$32 billion portfolio. He led global investment missions as the chief financial officer for California, which is the world's seventh-largest economy. In Washington, D.C., he served on the National Economic Growth and Taxation Commission.

Prior to serving as treasurer, he served as vice chairman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) from 1991 to 1994. He oversaw tax appeals from the Franchise Tax Board and the BOE, and administered the sales tax system for the state.

Fong is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and currently holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the USAF Reserves. A graduate of the Southwestern University School of Law, he received that university's Distinguished Alumnus for Pepperdine University, where he earned his master's degree in business administration.

Dolly Gee nominated for federal bench

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) recently announced her request that President Clinton nominate Chinese American attorney Dolly Gee to the Federal District Court for the Central District.

If nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate, Gee would become the first Chinese American woman in the United States and the first Asian American woman on the mainland to serve on the federal bench.

"I am so pleased to make this recommendation," said Boxer. "Dolly Gee is a first-rate attorney with strong ties to the Los Angeles community. Her and her family's story of hard work and personal triumph are proof of the power of the American Dream."

After receiving her law degree from UCLA, Gee, the daughter of Chinese immigrants, clerked for

U.S. District Judge Milton L. Schwartz. She then worked in civil litigation as a labor and employment attorney in large part due to the conditions she witnessed in the Los Angeles garment industry where her mother worked as a seamstress.

Serving on both the state Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE) and the Federal Service Impasses committee, Gee is the past president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association as well as the co-founder of both the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles and the Multicultural Bar Alliance.

Her community service efforts have been recognized by the City of Monterey Park, the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission and the California State Bar.

Gee is currently with the law firm Schwartz, Steinsapir, Dohrmann and Sommers.

Groups file civil rights suit against UC Berkeley

In a suit filed Feb. 3 by a coalition of civil rights organizations, the University of California at Berkeley was accused of stacking its admissions process against blacks, Latinos and Filipino Americans.

The suit claims that the top public California university places too much emphasis on SAT scores and assigns too much weight to honors and advanced placement courses. Because of this, the suit says, African American, Latino and Filipino American applicants are being denied admission even if their grade point averages are at 4.0 or better.

The suit avers that these special courses are typically more available at high schools with largely white enrollments. Kimberly West-Faulcon, counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund said that a merit based system should not reward applicants with slightly higher SAT scores solely based on their having special access to

advanced placement courses.

Last fall's first freshman class, the first admitted to the University of California system since the implementation of California's 1996 anti-affirmative action measure, did indeed reflect a 12 percent drop in the number of black and Hispanic admissions throughout the system. At Berkeley, of 3,735 freshmen and 271 were African American and 271 were Hispanic, compared with 257 African Americans and 472 Hispanics the previous year.

Civil rights organizations had tried unsuccessfully to block the anti-affirmative measure. Now, based on these statistics, they are claiming that the new "race blind" policies are actually resulting in discrimination against

minorities. UC Berkeley's Chancellor Robert M. Berchiel has said that the school is doing all it can to attract a racially diverse student body given the legal limitations now placed on its admissions process.

Hosokawa's role as honorary consul general of Japan earns hearty tribute

BY HARRY HONDA
Editor Emeritus

DENVER—A gala tribute was heaped upon William K. Hosokawa for his over 25 years as honorary consul general of Japan for Colorado at the Westin Hotel on Feb. 5. Pre-dinner openers featured the lid of a Hakushika barrel hammered down and remarks by *Denver Post* editor Dennis Britton, the 1999 president of Japan America Society of Colorado, and from acting Japanese consul general Katsuhiko Kubo.

Among the dignitaries delivering their tributes were Vice Minister Shunji Yanai of Foreign Affairs from Tokyo, Consul at San Francisco General Hitoshi Tanaka, Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers, and Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. Tom Masamori and Gil Asakawa read messages from the Japanese American National Museum and National JACL respectively. And Hosokawa's son Michael, now teaching at the University of Missouri, recalled how it was growing up in the Hosokawa family.

A 20-minute video showed glimpses of his prewar life in Seattle, wartime in Heart Mountain with his late wife Alice and Michael, and postwar in Colorado, of snapshots as the *Denver Post's* first war correspondent in 1950 in Korea, and sample front pages of the *Empire Magazine* that he edited during his 40-year stint at the *Post*.



Bill Hosokawa shares a laugh with *Pacific Citizen's* Editor Emeritus Harry Honda at a recent gala tribute in Denver, Colorado.

A flurry of congratulations and reminiscences from friends and family, including Dick Lamm, former governor of Colorado; Gov. Kazuo Takahashi of Yamagata (sister-state of Colorado), noted farmer Bob Sakata, and daughter Susan Boartright, ended the video portion of tributes.

An hour of live tributes and gift presentations followed, with Hosokawa, 84, finally rendering his comments around 10 p.m. More than 300 were present.

The tribute had been planned to coincide with his birthday, Jan. 30, but with the Denver Broncos in Miami for the Super Bowl XXX championship the next day the program was postponed for a week. As it hap-

pened, among the tributes, resolutions, plaques and encomiums was a limited edition football signed by Bronco wide-receiver Ed McCaffrey.

The final words from Hosokawa — after being overwhelmed by an evening laden with praise and recognition — included a look at the state of U.S.-Japan affairs, saying that "nothing more is important now." He plans to continue to work in this area. As a Nisei who understood and valued the importance of maintaining bilateral relations of the two nations despite the trade imbalance, he noted that Japan is a cornerstone of world peace and a vigorous democracy. ■

Construction begins for "Go For Broke" monument

Digging for the "Go For Broke" monument in Los Angeles began on Feb. 5. Located on Central Avenue near Temple Street, the monument site is situated north of the Geffen/MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art).

The 40-by-40-foot area allotted for the monument began to take shape as jackhammers broke through the existing asphalt and large Caterpillar trucks began to haul away debris. Soon, the foundation for the monument site will be laid and the actual granite construction for the monument will begin at the end of March.

Bruce Kato, project engineer of the monument site, is lead-

ing the construction team on a March completion schedule. A Sansei, Kato was unaware of the story of the Nisei military servicemen during World War II. Working with the veterans on the "Go For Broke" monument, Kato has learned the importance of their legacy and to the project.

He and his crew continue to work diligently to bring the "Go For Broke" monument from dream to reality. For questions concerning the monument site or its unveiling ceremony scheduled for June 5, please write to the 100th/442nd MHS Memorial Foundation at P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247. ■



Groundbreaking begins for the "Go For Broke" monument in Los Angeles. Located on Central Avenue near Temple Street, the monument site will be situated north of the Geffen/MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art).

Lt. Col. Richard Sakakida posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Medal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii) participated in a ceremony to posthumously award the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM), the nation's third highest military award, to the late Lt. Col. Richard Motoso Sakakida. The United States Army, Pacific, conducted the award and retreat ceremony at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, on Feb. 17, where Sakakida's widow, Cherry, accepted the medal. The DSM is a long overdue recognition for a true American hero and his amazing wartime service to our nation.

The award ceremony culminated eight years of work by Sen. Akaka, in concert with the Hawaii congressional delegation, to honor the heroic wartime service of Sakakida, a U.S. Army underover agent and intelligence officer during World War II. Sakakida, a second-generation Japanese American and former Hawaii native, was recruited by Army military intelligence before

the attack on Pearl Harbor to conduct undercover activities in the Philippines.

Then-Sergeant Sakakida served in the Philippines from 1941 to 1945, first as a covert operative spying on the Japanese community, subsequently as a military intelligence staffer for General MacArthur, and still later, after giving up a seat on an escape aircraft to a fellow Nisei, as the only Japanese American prisoner of war captured by the Japanese during that conflict.

Last year Sen. Akaka offered an amendment to the 1999 Defense Authorization Act that would waive statutory time limitations for awarding the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal to deserving veterans.

The amendment seeking due recognition for Sakakida followed a provision of law (section 526 of Public Law 104-106) that requires the services to review the merits of an application for an

award regardless of statutory time restrictions, if a member of Congress submits an application. Under the measure, if the military determines that such an award is merited it may request a waiver from Congress to make the award.

In March 1998, pursuant to section 526, Sen. Akaka made application to the Army asking review of Sakakida's record to determine if he deserved the DSM. In May, the Army responded positively to the request and officially recommended that Congress grant the late veteran a waiver from all time limits pertaining to the award. The amendment grants this waiver, clearing the way for the Army to confer the DSM to honor Sakakida's meritorious service.

"This is long overdue recognition for a true American hero and his amazing wartime service to our nation," Akaka said. "For the Late Colonel Sakakida and his wife Cherry, this has been long in the making. This award means a great deal not only to his widow, but to Nisei veterans, the military intelligence community, the Japanese American community and all those who honor military service to their country."

"This ceremony crowns the efforts of many Nisei veterans, including members of the all-Nisei Intelligence Service, and other supporters whose enthusiasm sustained Sakakida's case," continued Akaka. "I want to single out three individuals without whose hard work the Army would never have considered Sakakida's case: Wayne Kiyosaki, who wrote the definitive biography of Colonel Sakakida; Ted Tsukiyama, who served as a key historical resource; and, most importantly, Colonel Harry Fukuhara, whose tireless advocacy in behalf of the late hero reflects his own dedicated service to his nation." ■

Sakata inducted into Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame

DENVER—The farm management team of Bob and Joanna Sakata was inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame on Feb. 11, one day before their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Sakata, who came to Colorado from the Topaz war relocation camp in Utah in 1943 as a high school student, is president of the farming operation in Brighton that grows vegetables on more than 3,200 acres. Joanna is controller, secretary and treasurer. Their son, Robert Jr., is vice president and in charge of research and development.

The Hall of Fame honors those who have devoted their lives to the success of the Colorado's agriculture industry. Others inducted into the Hall of Fame this year were the late E.L. "Shag" Hatcher, a wheat and cattle producer,

and Alton L. Schofield, dairyman and educator.

Sakata Farms stretches out for more than 30 miles along the Platt River. The company grows and processes corn, broccoli, onions and cabbage, which are shipped throughout the nation in Sakata's own fleet of refrigerated trucks.

In addition to serving on the boards of various local organizations, Sakata was president of the National Sugarbeet Growers Association, is a director of the National Onion Growers Association and a member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Credit Advisory Board.

Sakata is also co-chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. ■



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Washington, D.C., chapter's 53rd annual installation

FORT MYER, Va.—The Washington, D.C., chapter held its 53rd annual installation dinner on Jan. 30 at the Fort Myer Officers Club. Past national president and current chapter treasurer K. Patrick Okura served as master of ceremonies. The evening's program included installation of the 1999 board, special chapter recognition of the education committee, and the presentation of a chapter donation to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF).

Keynote speaker Matthew Finucane, Deputy Director of the AFL-CIO's Civil Rights and Human Rights Department, spoke eloquently of the relevance of JACL's work in today's political environment. Retired Rear Admiral Melvin Chiojioji, USNR, gave an update on

NJAMF's fundraising efforts, and as chair of the foundation, accepted the chapter's check for \$5,000. Of these funds, \$500 were raised at the Mochitsuki White Elephant chaired by Julia Kuroda and Claire Minami.

Past national president and current eastern district council governor Lillian Kimura installed the board: Carol Izumi, Amiko Matsumoto, Kim Nakahara, Laura Nakatani, Clyde Nishimura, Sumiye Okubo, Lily A. Okura, and K. Patrick Okura.

Susan Rumberg, chair of the education committee, was honored for her leadership in the successful implementation of the Washington, D.C., chapter's Civil Liberties Education Fund project. Along with education committee members Yuka Fuikura, Carol Izumi, Julia Kuroda, Fumi Nishi, Clyde

Nishimura, Mary Toda and Betty and George Wakiji, Rumberg developed and distributed a curriculum on the JA experience to local middle and high schools. Their resource kit and curriculum have been well received. All education committee members received a certificate of appreciation for their work.

The participation of several longtime JACL members contributed to the success of the evening. Julia Kuroda framed the program with a thoughtful invocation and benediction. Dinner guests were treated to a musical interlude by singer Mays Aaron Nakashima. Installation dinner chair Lily A. Okura worked with Susie Ichijoji, Barbara Nekoba, Clyde Nishimura, Yasue Redden, and Etsuko Smith to coordinate the event. ■



PHOTO BY STEVE NAGATA

Washington, D.C. chapter board members present a \$5,000 chapter donation to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF). (Front row, l-r): Amiko Matsumoto, Lily A. Okura, Sumiye Okubo, Kim Nakahara, Cherry Tsutsumida, executive director of NJAMF; and Rear Admiral Melvin Chiojioji, chairman of the board, NJAMF; (back row, l-r): Clyde Nishimura, Carol Izumi, K. Patrick Okura, and Laura Nakatani.

Sonoma County chapter's Day of Remembrance

The Sonoma County chapter, supported by the county's Office of Education and the Commission on Human Rights, will present a program on Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Enmanji Memorial Hall in Sebastopol to observe the Day of Remembrance.

In keeping with the recently passed California Legislature's resolution declaring Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance in this state in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II" and to "educate the public about lessons learned from the internment to ensure that it never happens again," the event has been organized to include the larger community, particularly those in education. Programs have been mailed to educators through the county's office of education system and to key people within the civil and human rights community.

The program, chaired by Rod Sugiyama, will feature panelists recounting three separate and distinct camp experiences as well as the role of the JA military in WWII; Libia Yamamoto will discuss the Latin American experience, Mei Nakano the U.S. experience, and Judith Ono Whitman the Canadian experience. Shiro Nakano will round out the discussion with a recollection of his experiences in the Military Intelligence Service, for which he had been drafted out of camp.

"I think it is important to educate the public not only about the egregious breach of constitutional rights the U.S. government perpetrated on its citizens, but how it arrogantly maneuvered to violate the human rights of Japanese Latin Americans, a chapter in our blemished history that is little known," said Mei Nakano, organizer of the event. "Also, we think the audience will likely be aston-

ished to hear the Japanese Canadian wartime experience, which, in some ways, was even harsher than our own. We're lucky to have Judith in our midst to tell that story."

The chapter plans to disseminate a wealth of information regarding the concentration camps at the event, including an impressive display of books and audio-visual materials collected in their library and to distribute a locally developed curriculum guides. In addition, Lisa Hirai Tsuchitani, recently named education director of national JACL, will be on hand to inform attendees of other resources available.

The program, which will be opened by the Sonoma County Taiko Drummers, is free, but sponsors strongly recommend that those wishing to attend register to hold a place in the limited seating. To register or for information, call Marie Sugiyama, 707/544-4824. ■

Eden chapter installs officers

The 1999 Eden Township JACL and Eden Youth Group officers and board members recently installed are as follows:

Officers: Co-presidents, Moses Oshima and Ron Sakae; vice president, Yo Kawabata; co-treasurers, Ted Kitayama and Shig Naito; recording secretary, Ada Wada; corresponding secretary, Dick Sasaki; membership, John Yamada; historian, Tomi Miyamoto; 1000 Club, Tetsu Saki; scholarship, Robert Saki; official delegates, John Yamada and Tomi Miyamoto; insurance commissioner, Shig Naito; JASEB representative, Yo Kawabata, alternate, Janet Mitobe; Holiday Is-

sue/P.C., Kimi Kitayama; newsletter/publicity, Tomi Miyamoto; civil rights, John Yamada.

Board of Directors: Robert Agawa, William Asai, Masa Fukuimizu, Lance Gima, Mary Ann Hamasaki, Yas Ishida, Yo Kasai, Gary Kawabata, Yo Kawabata, Kimi Kitayama, Yutaka Kabori, Judy Lim, JoAnne Mar, Kunio Okui, Natalie Shew, Fred Shimasaki, James Takeuchi.

Ex Officio: Dick Sasaki, Karen Shinoda, Janet Mitobe, Victor Fuji.

Eden Youth Group: co-presidents, Daniel Fukuchi and Christine Kawabata; secretary, Kimi Utsumi; treasurer, Sammy Wong; membership director, Lori Taniguchi; publicity director, Aivy Cordova; social director, Chris Iijima; community service director, Thomas Ide.

Installing officer at the installation dinner was Tom Shigemasa of San Jose, who was also the guest speaker and is a board member of the NCWNP District Council. Entertainment was provided by the Eden Aoba Taiko group, and Victor Fuji was general chairman of the event. ■



Eden Youth Group 1999 co-presidents Christine Kawabata and Dan Fukuchi

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Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion scheduled for March 13

An Imperial Valley Nikkei Reunion will be held on March 13 to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Japanese American Gallery in the Imperial Valley Pioneers Museum. The gallery is a 720-square-foot exhibit dedicated to the area's Issei pioneers.

Gallery coordinator and reunion chairman Tim Asamen says, "There are hundreds of photographs and artifacts that show the significant contributions the Issei made to the development of the Imperial Valley, particularly in agriculture."

In 1930, the County of Imperial had the largest Nikkei population in the southern half of California (with the exception of Los Angeles County); there was also more farmland under Japanese cultivation in the Imperial Valley than any other region in Southern California. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there is a \$2 admission charge.

The reunion banquet, which will begin at 6 p.m. on March 13

at the Barbara Worth Convention Center in Holtville, is attracting people from across the country. Asamen stated that reservations are coming in from as far away as the states of Washington, Texas and Illinois.

Although the event is being called a "reunion," and most of the attendees will be former Nisei residents, Asamen hopes that Sansei and Yonsei who have never been to the Imperial Valley will also attend to learn about the area where their parents grew up. According to Asamen, "No matter where they live now, Imperial Valley Nisei share a unique bond which I hope is imparted to future generations."

Banquet tickets are \$22, and reservations must be made by Feb. 5. For more information, contact Tim Asamen, 760/344-2627. A bus has been chartered and will depart from the Los Angeles area. To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Nancy (Matsumoto) Matsuda, 323/888-9922. ■

Guy Kawasaki shares his secrets to starting a revolution

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Guy Kawasaki, who recently spoke at the Selanoco JACL installation luncheon, shared a secret: he had no idea what he was going to be when he grew up.

"None at all," were the Sansei's exact words.

As a kid, Kawasaki, viewed as the Apple personal computer evangelist, didn't tinker with electronics, didn't immerse himself in mathematical algorithms and he certainly had no interest in computers, which, at the time, were still using punch cards.

In 1972, the Hawaii native ventured to the mainland to attend Stanford University where he majored in psychology because "it was the easiest major."

After graduation, Kawasaki returned to Hawaii where his father encouraged him to pursue law. Kawasaki promptly did this, entering the University of California, Davis law school. But after two weeks, Kawasaki quit. Law wasn't for him.

Instead, Kawasaki entered a masters of business program at the University of California, Los Angeles. To pay for his tuition, he worked in the marketing and sales department of a jewelry company.

"I think I learned about marketing and sales here than anywhere else," said Kawasaki.

Then it happened. One of Kawasaki's former Stanford classmates showed him a Macintosh prototype. Within 30 seconds, Kawasaki was a convert.

"I knew. This was it," said Kawasaki. "I was sold from the very beginning."

Joining Apple, a small, upstart company at the time, entailed a lot of "learning as you go," recalled Kawasaki. But he and his

colleagues learned fast, and with that, they ushered in a personal computer revolution that has literally changed the world.

In the past decade, Kawasaki has also made a name for himself as a speaker, columnist for *Forbes* magazine and author of several books which include: *The Macintosh Way*, *Database 101*, *The Computer Curmudgeon*, *How to Drive Your Competition Crazy*, *Hindsight* and *Selling the Dream*.

Today, Kawasaki, a veteran of two revolutions—the Macintosh and the internet—left Apple to become CEO of garage.com, a business that aids high technology startup companies find seed capital using the internet.

He also came out with his seventh book titled, *Rules for Revolutionaries*, which imparts knowledge Kawasaki has amassed during his days in the trenches. The following is a Cliffnote version from the book:

1) **Jump or create the next curve.** "Too many want to fight it on the curve they're already on, to make what's already in existence better, faster, cheaper," said Kawasaki. "If you truly want to be a revolutionary, you have to jump to the next curve or create the next curve."

As an example, Kawasaki pointed to the once lucrative ice harvesting industry during the 1800s where workers cut huge chunks of ice from frozen lakes and shipped them around the world.

But ice harvesters were replaced by ice factories that had the ability to freeze water in any city, any time. In turn, the ice factories became obsolete when the refrigerator was invented.

"The refrigerator companies went the next step," said Kawasaki. "The interesting story

is that none of the ice harvesters became ice factories, and none of the ice factories built refrigerators. Now, none of the refrigerator companies are looking at biotechnology, but the threat to a refrigerator company today is not another refrigerator company. It is biotechnology."

2) **Paraphrasing a popular Bobby McFerrin's song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy,"** Kawasaki said



The revolutionary: Guy Kawasaki.

revolutionaries should "Don't worry, Be Crappy."

Kawasaki noted that in hindsight, the first Apple computers were not very good. It had only 128K of memory, no hard drive, no color, no software variety, and cost \$2,500.

"And yet it revolutionized the computer business," said Kawasaki. "The reason is that it jumped to the next curve. But it (Apple) was not perfect in its first permutation, and the lesson I learned here is that when you are 10 times better than what exists already, it's time to ship. Don't worry about making it perfect."

But when do you, ship? Kawasaki threw out the following analogies: the laser printer is 10 times better than the daisy wheel; the telephone, better than the telegraph; toilet paper, better

than crumpled leaves.

"When you have a product or service that is what existing toilet paper is to crumpled leaves, it's time to ship," said Kawasaki.

3) Kawasaki borrowed his third point from a Black Panther slogan, "Burn, baby, burn." In Kawasaki's case, it was "Churn, baby, churn," meaning revolutionaries have to "revve the revolution."

"It's okay to ship something lousy albeit revolutionary," said Kawasaki. "It's not okay to stay lousy."

4) **Prepare to break down barriers.** When the Macintosh came out Kawasaki thought it was clear to everyone that it was a better computer than what was out there. But due to high prices, sales and marketing neglect and general inertia, Macintosh sales did not sky rocket as Kawasaki imagined.

One way to break down barriers, according to Kawasaki, is to allow consumers to test drive the product. "By doing this, you're saying to people that 'I think you're smart and because of that, I'm not going to bludgeon you to become our customer. Instead, I'm going to let you test drive my product and have you make your conclusions,'" said Kawasaki.

5) **Make evangelists, not sales.** "At the start of a revolution, it's more important to get people to believe in your product and service, and to go out and proselytize," said Kawasaki. "That is more important than making sales."

Kawasaki pointed to a Nike advertisement for women's sneakers. The ad, rather than promote shoe design, associates Nike with power and strength. "What evangelists do," said Kawasaki, "is turn fact into emotions of power, creativity, productivity."

6) Kawasaki's sixth point came from Chairman Ma, who said, "Let a thousand flowers bloom." Kawasaki interpreted this to mean that revolutionaries should welcome, not resist, users from adapting a product or service into their own needs.

Case in point: Kawasaki noted that back in 1984, Macintosh developers, including himself, believed they had it all figured out. They thought computer users needed a spreadsheet (Lotus 1-2-3), a data base (dBase) and a word processor (Word Perfect).

"But what saved the Mac was Pagemaker," said Kawasaki. "This created a whole field of flowers called desktop publishing. Now, if truth be known, no one at Apple planned desktop publishing. That's what I learned. If you have a really great revolution, people are going to adopt your product or service into things you never anticipated, and you should welcome and embrace it."

7) **Eat like a bird but poop like an elephant.** According to Kawasaki, birds eat roughly 50 percent of their body weight, and elephants, on average, poop 170 lbs. a day. Revolutionaries, Kawasaki said, should eat information like a bird and spread it like an elephant.

On gathering information: Kawasaki recommended using amateurs, not professionals. He pointed to a Japanese computer company, that wanted to learn how Americans purchased electronics. Rather than hire a consulting firm, the company had their executives fly to America, stand in computer stores and watch what people were buying.

"An amateur market researcher can pick up a lot more

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More proof. It was a lifelong Japanese American friend, Takashi Moriuchi, who guided Suye and Sumi to their new home, which complements their personal, social, and physical needs. That friend lives there too.

It matters to all of them where they live. Their new home is one of many Quaker-sponsored retirement programs affiliated with Friends Services for the Aging (FSA).

For Sumi, the Quaker connection was important. It was a Quaker organization that helped her leave a World War II relocation camp and attend college at Drew University. So, the involvement of Quakers left an impression upon Sumi that has lasted into retirement years.

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Catching car chases through PursuitWatch Network

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

On a TV set near you — It's PursuitWatch Network.

Diehard fans of live TV broadcasts of police pursuits won't have to miss a thing. Whenever there's a car chase in progress, they can now get paged and flip on the tube.

The brainchild of Ken Kuwahara, 33, a law enforcement officer in Los Angeles County, PursuitWatch was launched on Jan. 1, 1999, and already has a customer base of more than 300 subscribers.

"I didn't know what kind of response to expect," said Kuwahara. "But it didn't surprise me. I did expect to have a good response."

Presently, the service covers police pursuits in Los Angeles County where there are three or four car chases in an average month. But since more than seven percent of Kuwahara's current customers are from out of California (they receive live Los Angeles broadcast through satellite dishes), Kuwahara also has plans to offer similar services in other states such as Texas, Florida and New Jersey.

Kuwahara noted that setting up PursuitWatch outside of California won't be difficult. "It's just a matter of getting the word out," he said. Kuwahara envisions customers form each state being able to witness live broadcasts of car chases occurring in their specific state residence.

Here's how PursuitWatch works. There are two types of membership: basic and rewards. The basic membership is \$1.99 per month with a \$5 set up fee. Under the basic rate, promotional incentives include a payment of \$5 for each new member signed up through as referral program, and a free six month subscription of \$10 for any customer who is the first to notify PursuitWatch of a car chase.

The rewards membership costs a dollar more at \$2.99 per month, and rewards subscribers are eligible to receive \$100 if they are the first to call PursuitWatch about a chase.

Whenever there is a live action broadcast, subscribers are paged via mass e-mail. Most major alphanumeric paging services such as Skytel, MCI, Airtouch, PageNet, Metrocall and Nextel offer

paging systems with an e-mail gateway.

Customers signed up with a pager company that does not offer an e-mail gateway will receive pages through a dial-up process for an additional fee.

Customers can customize their messages, or the PursuitWatch default message is 911911911. Since car chases are usually televised on multiple TV stations, subscribers are not notified as to which channel to turn to.

According to Kuwahara, starting a service like PursuitWatch had been percolating in the back of his mind for a few years. Part of the inspiration came after watching how the public reacted to the O.J. Simpson slow speed chase on the eve of July 17, 1994.

As live broadcasts of police chases increased in Los Angeles County, Kuwahara decided to venture into this untapped market. "If you're ever in a TV store, people will gather around the TV, glued to the tube, watching the chase," said Kuwahara. "This gave me the idea that people liked watching reality TV shows. It's like the show 'Cops' or 'Real TV.' It's along the same line but with car chases, no one knows when it's going to happen so I thought maybe this service would tap into another market."

Kuwahara, who learned to develop and design web pages, then started PursuitWatch with an initial investment of \$2,500. "There's very little overhead involved," said Kuwahara, who bought two computers and several TV sets to keep track of the TV stations. "I can design the website so it's a matter of staying up late at night and updating it."

Once Kuwahara got his website up, he publicized the service via the internet and traditional press releases. Within weeks, Kuwahara attracted media attention and has been profiled in the Orange County Register, City News Service and 106.7 KROQ-FM radio station in Los Angeles. While Kuwahara expected a good response from the general public, he noted that he "didn't expect so much media interest."

For more information or to join PursuitWatch, visit the website at www.pursuitwatch.com or call 626/939-0363. Their last posted police pursuit occurred on January 22. ■

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Kuwahara sits ready for the next chase.

Chinese American student pleads guilty to sending hate e-mail

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A Chinese American college student pleaded guilty to federal civil rights charges that he e-mailed hate messages to dozens of Hispanic professors, students and officials around the nation.

Kingman Quon, 22, pleaded guilty to seven misdemeanor counts of interfering with federally protected activities.

He was accused of threatening to use force against his victims with the intent to intimidate or interfere with them because of their national origin or ethnic background.

Quon sent the same racially derogatory e-mail to 42 professors at California State University, Los Angeles and 25 students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It was the second federal civil

rights case prosecuted for e-mail threats, the first of which involved Robert Machado, an ex-student who targeted Asian and Asian American students at the University of California at Irvine last year.

Quon could face up to seven years in prison at his April 26 sentencing, though he is expected to receive a two-and-a-half-year sentence under a plea bargain.

Quon said outside court that he "snapped" and sent the messages in March because he couldn't stand the pressures of being "a high-achieving college student."

The former marketing major at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, apologized for the messages and asked the victims to forgive him. ■



Mixed Messages

By Milka Tanner

Beyond barbed wire? Is it possible?

Sorry to tell you folks, but Japanese Americans are no longer "in." That's right—in the realm of Asian American studies, at least, the community appears to be a quickly waning field of research, no longer cutting edge, no longer the source of trailblazing scholarly inquiry.

Now in my second quarter at UCLA's Asian American Studies graduate school program, it is very clear that a discipline formerly focused on the Japanese and Chinese American experience is trying to move in new directions, to go, as stated by UC Berkeley scholar Elaine Kim, beyond railroads and barbed wire.

And I have to say that this is a good thing. Now, with Asian America as large and diverse as it has become, there is a need to focus on the experiences and histories of other Asian immigrant groups as well.

Up to this point, AA studies have been dominated by scholars and researchers teaching and studying the Japanese and Chinese American experience. Of course, there has been a good reason for this. Until 1965 and the end of restrictive immigration laws, JAs and Chinese Americans were the largest Asian ethnic groups in the United States and the main proponents, along with Filipino Americans, in the fight for studies and the right to relevant education. And, obviously, the experiences of these groups were enough to keep most scholars busy for a few decades.

But now, the focus has noticeably shifted. The issues of Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Asian Indians, among others, have become the new and hot topics for scholarly research and debate. There is a great deal of talk about "inclusion"

and "representation," and most students and educators alike agree that there needs to be a shift from the dominance of Japanese and Chinese American studies to an emphasis on less established groups.

For a JA with a certain amount of self-interest, however, this change in focus was a little scary. To tell you the truth, given that JA studies no longer seem to be a source of excitement, I was not sure I would even be accepted into the UCLA program. The only thing I felt I had going for me was being Hapa; luckily, I thought, mixed-race studies is becoming quite in vogue.

Interestingly, the make-up of my class seems to be indicative of this shift in emphasis towards other groups: besides myself, there is one other JA student; the others are a dynamic mix of Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Hmong, Thai and Chinese Americans. Given this, however, there is not much change in the AA curriculum as you might expect.

I was surprised to discover that most of the reading and discussions in class still centered on the pre-1965 Chinese and JA experience. In one class, for instance, by the time we got to post-1965 and the emergence of other Asian groups, there was only one week left in the quarter.

I think what this indicates is that AA studies is undergoing a transition that will not smooth itself out for quite some time. It is clear that many AA groups still feel marginalized within the discipline, as was vocalized by the Filipino American community at last year's Association for Asian American Studies conference in Honolulu. Although there is general agreement that there needs to be a shift in focus

and leadership and a concerted effort to acknowledge the history and contributions of other Asian groups, it is bound to be a slow process.

Part of this is due to the fact that there are not enough scholars in these areas to make the transition happen as quickly as we would like. Likewise, there is a shortage of appropriate materials and information that can be used in the classroom. Fortunately, however, students from these newer communities are increasing in number and rising through the academic ranks.

For a pan-AA identity to survive and be politically effective, the AA community must have a level of understanding and awareness about its own members. It is true that AA studies needs to go beyond railroads and barbed wire and be inclusive about the experiences of other histories, other struggles, and other cultures. However, although this will necessarily entail an emphasis away from JA studies, the JA community need not worry that its history will be ignored and minimized. An inclusive approach means looking at the community as a whole, and the history of JAs has profoundly affected the development and structure of the AA community as we now know it.

Besides, I guess I was exaggerating a bit when I said there is nothing new in the field; many scholars are continuing to do important and exciting work surrounding the JA experience. And, of course, that experience is not simply about barbed wire. So, you see, it's not so bad. There's still a place for us Japanese Americanists out there. ■

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East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Japanese eyes, American heart

IN THE PAST decade or so, circumstances provided me a broader opportunity to rub elbows with Nisei veterans, not only from the World War II era but also Sansei vets from the Korean and Vietnam wars. I am no longer surprised to meet Sansei vets who've attained the rank of full colonel or a captaincy in the U.S. Navy or even higher. Out of Chicago there's James Mukoyama, a Vietnam vet with the rank of major general; and in Washington, D.C., there's retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Melvin Chioigi, who participated in Desert Storm. I'm informed that in Hawaii there are some eleven Nikkei who hold/held "flag rank," that is, military ranks of one star or above. Times have certainly changed for the better. (Now to open things up in the Marine Corps so that it will not continue to deprive itself of the talents of the Nikkei.)

COMING BACK to the subject of Nikkei vets of WWII. Often during an informal dinner meeting, or while lounging around after a day's session, there will be reminiscing about some humorous incident or memorable event from military service. This prompts recollections from others who provide supplemental facts or a new perspective, and the result is a fascinating account not previously revealed. More than once have I wished there was a tape recorder to preserve these accounts ere they be forever lost to the finality of time. I need not wish anymore, for a group of Nikkei out of Hawaii has done something about it. An editorial board has collected individual accounts from Nikkei as well as a few haoles (whites) and produced a 448-page book titled *Japanese Eyes... American Heart*.

THE RECOLLECTIONS are set forth in 12 chapters: (1) "Hawaii's Nisei Soldiers: Who Were They?" (2) December 7, 1941: A Morning That Changed Our Lives Forever" (3) "Boys to Men: (4) "Our Place in the Sun" (5) "Oya no Ai (Parental Love)" (6) "An Ocean Away" (7) "From the Front Lines" (8) "We Are Our Brother's Keeper" (9) "Coming to Terms" (10) "Taking Ownership" (11) "Building Bridges" and (12) "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The narrations are in the jargon of the relator,

including at times some pidgin English, which provides realism in the telling. The reader is introduced to each relator via a blended "then-and-now" picture, starting with U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the then steel-helmeted infantryman Inouye.

FASCINATING GEMS are interspersed throughout the book. For example, did you know that early in the occupation of postwar Japan, a Nisei lieutenant, on orders from Gen. MacArthur's staff, met privately, one-on-one with no one else present, with Emperor Hirohito? That at the conclusion of that meeting, the Emperor commented on the role of the Nisei soldiers as members of the occupation forces (pp. 318-320)? And what interchanges took place between the Nisei interpreter-guards at Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, (located then where the Sunshine City Prince Hotel stands today) and the major Japanese players such as 6-foot-tall Gen. Masaharu Honma (who having studied at Oxford, was fluent in English) and barely 5-foot-tall Gen. Hideko Tojo, who had botched a suicide attempt? I believe there's a Nisei vet dentist in Honolulu who was given Tojo's bloodied tunic. He subsequently gave the tunic to Mrs. Tojo, her husband having been executed as a war criminal.) There are firsthand gripping accounts, such as entering, unarmed, into caves to persuade Japanese holdouts to surrender; the experience of convincing suspicious armed Chinese soldiers that you, a Nisei, are an American soldier and not a member of the Japanese imperial forces; also having to convince a trigger-happy haole marine of the same thing.

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It's fascinating reading. Today and for posterity. ■

After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Chief Justice Rehnquist's take on internment

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who has been in the news in connection with the Clinton impeachment hearings, published a book titled, *The Laws But One: Civil Liberties in Wartime*. A portion of his book, dealing with the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II, was published in October's *American Heritage* magazine.

The subtitle of the article reads: "In the wake of Pearl Harbor, tens of thousands of American citizens were taken from their homes and locked up simply because of their Japanese ancestry. Was their internment a grim necessity or the worst blow to civil liberty in our history? The Chief Justice of the United States weighs the reasoning."

And that's what he does. As judges in our system are required to do, he reviews one side of the Evacuation decision and then the other. Read it. It will leave you as confused as ever.

What the Supreme Court decided in December 1944 was that the Evacuation and imprisonment had been legal but that loyal Nisei could not be prevented from returning to their homes.

Justice Rehnquist now finds there was the perception of danger from enemy attack on the West

Coast in early 1942 and the fear of potential spies and saboteurs among Japanese Americans "was not wholly groundless."

Rehnquist quotes the then chief justice, Harlan F. Stone: "... We cannot reject as unfounded the judgment of the military authorities and of Congress that there were disloyal members of that population, whose number and strength could not be precisely and quickly determined. We cannot say that the war-making branches of the government did not have ground for believing that in a critical hour such persons could not be readily isolated and separately dealt with, and constituted a menace to the national defense and safety, which demanded the prompt and adequate measures be taken to guard against it."

But Rehnquist also finds: "Even in wartime citizens may not be rounded up and required to prove their loyalty. They may be excluded from sensitive military areas in the absence of a security clearance and otherwise be denied access to any classified information, but it pushes these propositions to an extreme to say that a sizable geographic area, including the homes of many citizens, may be declared off-limits and the residents forced to move. It

pushes it to an even greater extreme to say that such persons may be required not only to leave their homes but to report and to remain in a distant relocation center

"Were the condition or conditions described by the Court sufficient to justify treating the Nisei differently from all other citizens on the West Coast? Under today's constitutional laws, certainly not. Any sort of 'racial' classification by government is viewed as suspect, and an extraordinarily strong reason is required to justify it. But the law was by no means so clear when these cases were decided."

He concludes: "It is neither desirable nor remotely likely that civil liberty will occupy as favored a position in wartime as it does in peacetime. But it is both desirable and likely that the courts will pay more careful attention to the basis for the government's claim of necessity as a reason for curtailing civil liberty. The laws will thus not be silent in time of war, even though they will speak with a somewhat different voice."

Reassuring, but not entirely. ■

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

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KAWASAKI

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on how someone buys consumer electronics than a professional researcher who cubby holes everything into their exact market research," said Kawasaki.

This illustrated the importance of another information gathering tip—"do it yourself, do it first hand." Kawasaki pointed to the success of Kelly Johnson, who designed the Skunk Works for Lockheed. Kawasaki noted that Johnson created the aircraft after flying out to American Air Force bases and asking pilots what they wanted to see in the next generation of airplanes.

"So compare Kelly Johnson asking pilots getting out of an airplane what they want out of an airplane versus waiting for the official Pentagon report five years later—Do it yourself," said Kawasaki.

Another recommendation: "Don't ask people what they're doing. Just watch." Kawasaki pointed to a boombox market research done by Phillips. The company asked a group of teenagers whether they preferred a yellow or black boombox. All responded yellow. At the end of the research, Phillips offered each teenager either a yellow or black boombox. All took a black boombox.

"When you ask people what they're doing and why they're doing it, they immediately think, 'Well, what does this person want to hear?' and 'I don't want to look stupid,' so they start fabricating sophisticated answers," said Kawasaki.

On "pooping" or spreading the information, Kawasaki encouraged using the internet, talking to colleagues and even informing your competition.

"At the start of a revolution, it's more important to legitimize the entire revolution than to fight for specific market shares," said Kawasaki.

8) **Think digital but act analog.** This, according to Kawasaki, means using technology and applying them to analog situations (i.e., people to people).

Example: The Ritz Carlton hotels maintain a personal preference database of their clientele. This means if you go to one Ritz Carlton and notify them that you are allergic to down pillows, then other Ritz Carltons around the

world will have that information. "The digital power of that computer database enables the Ritz Carlton to take this very analog action, which is giving you the right kind of pillow," said Kawasaki. "This is thinking digital but acting analog."

9) **Never ask people to do something that you yourself would not do.** A negative example related to how a Northern California bank instituted a marketing program where a computer called a potential customer, asked them to hold until a bank representative came on the line so the person could hear a sales pitch.

On a positive note, Kawasaki shared how he became an evangelist for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kauai. In 1993, he stayed at the hotel with his wife and two young sons, who, at the time, were producing an endless supply of dirty baby clothes. Kawasaki did not like using hotel laundry service because most hotels charged an exorbitant fee and sometimes did not return the correct laundry. At the Kauai Hyatt, however, Kawasaki spied washers and dryers on each wing. The added bonus was that the use of the machines were free.

"That is a positive example of not asking people something you, yourself, wouldn't do," said Kawasaki.

10) **Never let the bozos drag you down.** Kawasaki recalled how back in 1984, people all around them were saying no one would want an Apple computer. The so-called experts were telling Apple workers to focus on building bigger, faster, cheaper computers rather than devising cute little graphic icons. Of course, Apple proved the "experts" wrong.

To sum it all up, Kawasaki noted that there is no greater reward for a revolutionary than to make the world a better place.

"That is the greatest role in life," said Kawasaki.

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Letters to the Editor

A convoluted comparison

I am baffled after reading Bill Hosokawa's editorial "Condoning Clinton's act recalls specters of 1942" (*Pacific Citizen*, Jan. 22-Feb. 4, 1999). Mr. Hosokawa's comparison is so convoluted and off base, it's hard to know how to begin refuting it.

For starters, we should examine the facts: Bill Clinton lied about his extramarital affair with Monica Lewinsky. Franklin Roosevelt ordered the mass relocation of 120,000 American citizens to desolate camps, depriving them of their property and violating their civil rights.

It is far-fetched to compare these two "crimes" in terms of the magnitude of their relative injustices and impact on the American people. If I had been a Japanese American living on the West Coast in 1942, I would have lost nearly everything I owned, been incarcerated for three years in some desert barracks out in the middle of nowhere, and spent many years rebuilding my life.

In 1999, as a Nisei born to post-WWII immigrants, the only injustice to which I am subjected is the constant media barrage of Monica-gate and the knowledge that Ken Starr and Congress have squandered millions of taxpayers' dollars pursuing their partisan political battle.

Here are some more timeless realities: Humans are not perfect. All presidents and politicians lie. Men and women have affairs and lie about them.

If Clinton goes, he goes. If he stays, he stays. I just want it to be over.

The last place I expected or wanted to see Monica-gate glibberish was in the *P.C.* Executive Order 9066 authorized a wholesale deprivation of civil rights to an entire ethnic minority. Comparing internment to lying about an affair degrades and degrades our heritage as JAs.

Reparations to former internees was a long overdue effort to right a historical wrong. As far as Monica-gate is concerned, I would be satisfied if the politicians in Washington just quit their bickering and got back to doing their job of running the country.

George Tanaka
San Francisco, Calif.

On Nanking and Clinton

Evidently the Rape of Nanking is attracting a great deal of attention among some

JACL members. At the November NCWNP District Council meeting there was a move to support efforts for apology and redress for Japan's wartime atrocities.

The minutes pointed out that The Global Alliance, which put on the program, "... considers the Japanese American redress as a model for others throughout the world." It is not clear from the minutes what that exactly means, but if Global Alliance is justifying support for redress of the atrocities committed by the Japanese military in China because the United States had apologized and made redress to the JAs, that line of thinking is not correct.

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 had nothing to do with military atrocities. If we are to accept the Global Alliance's view, it is not only the atrocities committed by the Japanese military that are subject to redress. What about the My Lai incident in Vietnam, or the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? The JA redress was a recognition that the U.S. government violated the U.S. Constitution. If we clearly do not understand the distinction, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 loses its meaning.

I would like to also comment on Bill Hosokawa's piece in the Jan. 23-Feb. 4 edition of the *Pacific Citizen*. There is nothing very new in what Bill has said. It is a Republican view. What bothers me is that Bill used the *P.C.* To express a partisan view when JACL is a non-partisan organization.

It would have been more interesting had Bill made some comments on why Clinton lied under oath. Undoubtedly Clinton committed perjury in a strictly legal sense. I wonder, if Bill was put in the position Clinton was, would he have answered honestly and admitted to such sexual escapades?

When I was growing up, I used to hear about the evils of lying, but also about white lies. I believe many Americans are trying to distinguish between these lies. For the independent counsel to put the president under oath to question him about sex to me seems frivolous. I can understand a president being put under oath for something like political donations from a foreign government or sales of arms to enemy countries, but not for something like sex.

Tot Shigeno,
Kanagawa-ken, Japan

In response to Jerome P. Steigmann (P.C. Feb. 5-18)

Yes, I am one of many Nisei who served with various Marine units under Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean Areas (JICPOA). But I am not a war hero... far from it. However there were many Nisei who deserve recognitions and awards. We did not have any public relations officers to assist us. All of us were attached to the Marine units during the fighting, but when it was over, we returned to JICPOA for the next assignment.

We were invisible soldiers working diligently under very trying conditions, gathering vital information to give our unit tactical advantage whenever possible. I sometimes wondered how many medals or awards were given to MIS Nisei. I personally do not know of any JICPOA guys decorated by the Marine units.

I know it's too late to ask for any individual medal or award as the records and witnesses are not here to substantiate each case of so many deserving veterans who have passed away... George Inagaki, Fred Hirano, Steve Yagi, Roy Miyata, Tadashi Ogawa and others.

But as a group, we certainly deserve and merit serious consideration for recognition. I am so proud to have served with them.

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ANIMALS

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to improve upon the general animal-cruelty laws which already exist.

"Animals get the short end of the stick all the time," he said, recalling an instance in which he witnessed a fully conscious turtle get "chopped in half."

Virginia Handley of the Fund for Animals in San Francisco added, "We already have laws on how to keep and sell animals. Those laws need to be obeyed and enacted."

Debate over an import ban
The live animal markets issue first came to the attention of the San Francisco Commission on Animal Control and Welfare four years ago. After two years of hearings by the Board of Supervisors, it went to the state Fish and Game Commission which considered banning the importation of turtles brought in from southeastern regions of the United States and American bullfrogs commercially raised in Taiwan and shipped to the U.S.

Various animal rights groups rallied behind an import ban, arguing that the non-native amphibians posed a threat to the ecosystem and local native species when released into the wild and that they potentially carry diseases and parasites which may be transmitted to humans.

The California Fish and Game Commission deferred a decision on a ban last year when a pact had been taken up between the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and the San Francisco-based Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, which included the participation of many Asian market owners as well as Port Commissioner and co-chair of the No Ban Coalition, Pius Lee.

That pact fell apart just days before the negotiated guidelines were to be implemented, after which Chinese community members turned to Honda for legislative support.

"We turned to Mike Honda because he's one of the only Asian Americans in the Assembly," said Lee, who has been organizing community meetings and public hearings with the No Ban Coalition since last February. "It was

[only] appropriate that he sponsor the bill."

The reason that we support this bill, added Lee, is that "we're trying to protect both the Chinese culture and our jobs," hundreds of which would be lost as a result of an import ban, he alleges.

"The animal groups oppose [our practices] because they think the merchants are releasing animals into the wild, but it isn't true in about '95 percent" of the cases, Lee stressed. And merchants who have been doing that will now be regulated under the permit, he said.

Although the state Fish and Game Commission is now allowed to impose regulations such as the permit, Honda's bill prohibits the commission from authorizing a complete import ban, something that Handley called "outrageous" and said she is "very much opposed to."

Several animal rights groups are now planning to appeal to defeat the bill and to get the commission to revisit a possible import ban.

Honda meanwhile expressed his concern that the controversy won't end there. "If they're successful, I'm afraid they'll start going after the aquariums" commonly exhibited in the restaurants.

Cultural and ethical sensitivity

The current live animal sales debate is not the first time that issues of race and culture have been implicated in controversy involving animals used as food.

In September 1997, Robert O's article in *Los Angeles Magazine* about a Japanese culinary practice known as *ikebuzuki*, or sushi prepared and eaten while the fish is still alive, ignited a backlash from disgusted readers and activist groups across the state.

The article detailed the way in which meat is sliced from the sides of a live fish so that its organs are left intact and often remains breathing by the time it is served up as sashimi.

Letters and phone calls poured in, some of which denounced *ikebuzuki* as inhumane and unnecessarily cruel, while others attacked O personally and made racially derogatory remarks towards the Japanese and Asian culture in general. One letter read, "When it comes to respect for other living beings, you Asians are all goddam barbarians!"

It subsequently wrote an editorial piece in San Francisco-based *AsianWeek* which addressed the overwhelmingly negative response to his article. He particularly touched upon the need for people to look at certain practices within a broader context in the U.S. and not merely from the perspective of foreign countries bringing in their "barbaric" customs.

Mills, who is African American, acknowledged the seriousness of the O incident but believes that in this case, the "race card" is being unnecessarily played.

Handley agreed that this issue has nothing to do with racism. Since the 1970s, she mentioned, she has been involved in animal cruelty cases in rodeos, circuses as well as in cases of dogfighting, cockfighting and hotstripping, none of which were directed at a particular ethnic group.

"It goes beyond culture when a species is endangered," she argued. "That has to take precedence."

Honda believes, however, as many of the Asian merchants believe, that "it's an imposition of their [animal activists'] tastes and values over another community's."

And for Lee, respect for the Chinese community's culture practices is at the core of the issue despite the contention that it is simply being used as a shield to deflect attention away from the suffering of the animals.

Mills, though he is not convinced by the rhetorical use of culture as a defense, acknowledges that he comes from a tradition of slavery himself, which is why he understands an issue as touchy as this requires some cultural sensitivity. "I know the Chinese and other Asians get screwed over all the time in this country and it's horrendous."

But "when cultural tradition confronts cruelty to animals," he added, "I think culture has to give."

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JACL Gets some answers to redress program questions

WASHINGTON—The Washington, D.C., office of the JACL met with officials at the White House, Department of Justice (DOJ) and Capitol Hill last week to determine the government's plans to satisfy the terms of the *Mochizuki* settlement.

Results of the meetings helped to clarify some key concerns. While funds to pay the *Mochizuki* settlement claims are running low, the Clinton administration is committed to passing legislation this year to allow the attorney general to move monies from available sources within the DOJ's budget to the fund paying the Japanese Latin American (JLA) claims.

The recently released FY 2000 budget includes language authorizing the attorney general to move up to \$3 million to DOJ's budget towards the payment of JLA claims. "The language in the FY 2000 is critical, but it's only a first step. We must get that language into a bill that's moving so that the attorney general gets the authorization she needs to move the funds over to pay the JLA claimants," said Bob Sakaniwa, Washington, D.C., Representative for the JACL.

The community is also concerned over the impending wrap-up date for the ORA. It is clear that the ORA will no longer exist after Feb. 5. However, there will be staff within the DOJ's Civil Rights Division to follow up on any cases that require completion of ORA eligibility determination.

When legislation carrying the language allowing the attorney general to move the funds passes, DOJ will be in position to make final payments to JLA claimants. "It is imperative for potential JLA claimants to get their applications completed as soon as possible so that when the time comes, all that

the government will have to do is put an apology and check into the mail," stated John Tateishi, consultant to the JACL.

Lori Fujimoto, JACL vice president for public affairs, added, "ORA has been working hard, within the playing field that they were given, to see that as many payments as legally possible are made under the Civil Liberties Act program. Potentially eligible claimants must get their documentation in so that ORA can do its job and get the apologies and payments out." ■

Lordsburg enemy alien internment camp 'revisited'

SEATTLE—Academic focus will be shed on the Justice Department's wartime enemy alien internment camp at Lordsburg, N.M., on Feb. 26 at the University of Washington's Kane Hall 110, it was announced by the co-sponsors, the university's American Ethnic Studies Department, the Seattle JACL, and the National JACL Legacy Fund.

A panel moderated by sociologist Tetsuden Kashima, UW associate professor, will feature Lordsburg historian and teacher Mollie Pressler, 442nd Army veteran Dr. Bill Yasutake of Bethell, who, with his sister, had visited their father at the detention center, Minoru Tsubota, who was the Army interpreter for the court martial board trying an Army soldier who had fatally shot two Issei leaders; and Ken Nakano of Kirkland, investigator and historian.

The panelists will speak on the role of the FBI and military agents, the Army's disregard of Issei rights under the 1929 Geneva Convention, and the history of the Lordsburg camp, where German POWs were also confined. ■

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Shigematsu, 76, New Mexico 442nd veteran

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—George "Kotch" Shigematsu, 76, died Feb. 4 of cancer at his home at the family farm in Jarales, N.M. Born in Winslow, Ariz., he graduated with honors from Belen High School in 1941 and enlisted in the Army to serve with the 442nd, coming home with a Purple Heart. A prominent businessman in Belen, he created "Teen Town," a hangout for teenagers that

eventually became "Kotch's Cafe," which he ran until 1972. He went to work for the U.S. Postal Service until 1989.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Helen, sons George and Jim, daughter Sandra King (Lemoore, Calif.), 7 grandchildren, 10 brothers James, Charles and Noboru and sister Violet Culbreth (all of Jarales). ■

APA groups thank Doris Matsui

JACL led a group of Asian Pacific American community organizations and Asian Pacific American appointees of the Clinton administration in honoring Doris O. Matsui for her six years of service as deputy assistant to the president and deputy director

of public liaison for the Clinton administration. A reception and dinner were held in her honor on Jan. 26 at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. Among the guests honoring Matsui were Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, Deputy Chief of Staff Maria Eschaveste, Deputy Assistant to the President and Acting Director of Public Liaison Ben Johnson, and Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel Marsh Scott.



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Doris Matsui and Bob Sakaniwa at the dinner reception held in Washington, D.C. on January 26.

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Akemoto, Shigeo, 97, Gardena, Jan. 30, Hiroshima-born; survived by daughters Marie Yoshie Hollingsworth and her husband Jack, Sakaye Mikawa and her husband Henry, Margaret, Sadaye Yamada and Toshiko Ikeda and her husband Keiichi; 10 g.c.; and other relatives.

Cann, Sumiko, 71, Las Vegas, Jan. 13, Shibuya, Tokyo-born, JACL member and honored for giving 10,000 volunteer hours to Family Services.

Chikami, Jack Yoshio, 89, Los Angeles, Jan. 25, survived by his wife Riyoko; his son Ray and his wife Vicki; daughters Janet Maloney and her husband Mike, Barbara Souto and her husband Mark, and Karen Furusawa and her husband Sam; and many other relatives.

Cohen, Sam, 75, Pleasant Hill, Jan. 19, founder of the JA Cultural Exchange program (JACEX), helped form the Diablo Valley chapter of JACL and became its first non-Nikkei; survived by wife Edythe; daughters Wendy (Davis) and Lenore (Sunnyvale); son Jay (Corona Del Mar); brother Bill (Philadelphia); 2 g.c.

DeCristoforo, Chris, Salinas, Aug. 8, active in JA community in Salinas, ashes interred at the Nagoya Catholic Missionaries in Japan and at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Calif.; survived by wife Viole.

Fuchigami, Yoshio Champ, 86, Sacramento, Portland, Ore.-born, raised in Yamaguchi, Japan; survived by wife Chiyoiko; daughter Carol Ito and her husband Sam; brothers-in-law Satoru Yokoyama and his wife Fumiko, and Masaru Yokoyama.

Fujii, Toshiye, 79, Ventura County, Jan. 31, Parlier-born; survived by husband Hitoishi; sons Dennis and his wife Jasmine (Pa.), Stanley and his wife Margaret; and many other relatives.

Fukuda, Jean Tomiko, 46, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 23, Hopedale-born, received her J.D. from the University of British Columbia and the University of Puget Sound; predeceased by father, and brother Patrick; survived by mother; brothers David and Richard (Hawaii); nephew Jason; nieces Kimberly and Maggie.

Giant Baba, 61, Tokyo, Jan. 31, professional wrestler and ex-pitcher for the Yomiuri Giants, a Japanese baseball team.

Hashimoto, Kazuo, 77, Torrance, Feb. 5, San Pedro-born; survived by son dan; daughters Keiko Nakano and her husband Tesh, and Michi Mori; mother Hamaye Miyaki; brothers Shig Miyaki and Tsutomu Miyaki and his wife Fumi; and other relatives.

Hedani, Koyuki, 101, San Francisco, Hiroshima-born; survived by children Dr. Tokuji, Kenji and Junk; daughter-in-law Emi (Gardena); and many other relatives.

Hirahara, Chizuko "Chiz", Washington, auxiliary member of NVC; survived by daughter Robert; son Bruce and his wife Shirley (Puyallup); sisters Sue Torresson and her husband Vince (San Francisco) and Charlotte Yamane and her husband George; 7 g.c.; 5 g.g.c.

Honda, Tsune, 101, Garden Grove, Jan. 23, Kumamoto-born; survived by daughter Yachiyo Fukunaga (Tustin) and Tomie (Anaheim); son Seichi and his wife Mary (Huntington Beach); 5 g.c.; 4 g.g.c.

Hongo, Sunao, 77, Los Angeles, Jan. 30, Gardena-born Nisei; predeceased by son Glenn; survived by wife Yoshiko; son Gary and his wife Lola; daughter-in-law Mary Tamaki and her husband Fred; brother Iwao; sisters Yasuko Kuriyama and her husband Shiro, and Teiko Yamashita and her husband Hiroshi.

Hoshino, Rev. Ted Teruo, 78, Paramount, Sacramento-born Nisei; survived by wife Joyce K.; sons Timothy J. and Thomas A.; daughter Joythea C. and her fiancé Terry; brother Joe S. and his wife Kamika; sisters Frances Yuge and her husband Isao, and Toshiko (Japan); many other relatives.

Ishigaki, Kikuyu, 76, Monterey Park, Jan. 31, Fresno-born; survived by son Clifford and his wife Maria; daughter Cynthia; brothers Tom Nakamichi and his wife Judy, Taka and his wife Michi, and Kasa and his wife Lillian (Washington); sister Sawang Ura and her husband George; and many nieces and nephews.

Jingu, Alice Mikiko, 81, Monterey Park, Jan. 31, Perkins, Calif.-born; survived by brothers Harry Ishii, George Hatanaka, and William Ishii; brother-in-law Kim; sisters-in-law Ruth Yamadera, Rae Naritomi, and Mabel Enkoji; and many nieces and nephews.

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Kasai, Kenneth, DDS, 55, Chicago-born, served as a dentist to the Pentagon; survived by wife Teri; sons David, Eric and Adam; daughters Kunitlyn, Holly and Tracy; parents Ayako and Kiyoshi; brother-in-law and uncle to many.

Masami, "Mac" Mamiya, Mount Vernon, Wash., Jan. 12, charter and life member of NVC; survived by daughter Penne Sakuma and her husband Steve; sister Momoyo Takakoshi; brother George and his wife Yoshi, and Sumio and his wife Haruko (all of Seattle); grandchild Ryan Sakuma; and other relatives.

Masuda, Betty Machiko, 69, San Jose, Jan. 24, Stockton-born; survived by husband James Kazuto; daughters Karen, Marsha Thomas and Shariene; sons Eric, Mel and Allen; brother K. Morita; sister Kimi Hashimoto; grandchildren Tiara and Tristan Thomas.

Matsui, Spencer Shoji, 90, Woodland Hills, Feb. 4, Fresno-born Nisei; survived by wife Georgia Hinoko; sons Tadahiro and Larry; daughters

Matsumoto, Jack Yoshio, 85, Stockton, Jan. 29, Stockton JACL; survived by wife Lila; sisters Bessie Takei and her husband Dr. Katsuto, and Catherine Gotanda.

Moriwaki, Masano, 98, Oxnard, Jan. 30, Hiroshima-born, interned at Tulare assembly center and at Gila River, Ariz.; survived by sons Norio and his wife Lita (Wash.), Noriyoshi and his wife Mae, Takanori and his wife Lillian (Ventura) and Rick; daughters Masako, Masami Azeka (Huntington Beach), and Mutsumi Nakashima; and her husband Tadashi; 12 g.c.; 14 g.g.c.

Murakami, Sadako, 98, San Francisco, Feb. 3, Hiroshima Prefecture-born; survived by sons Tokuo and Mitsuru; 9 g.c.; 10 g.g.c. and 3 g.g.g.c.

Nagai, Kazuyue, 97, Visalia, Jan. 28, Shimane Prefecture-born; survived by daughter Akiko Shiroyama; and 5 g.c.

Nagamura, Johnny Kazuto, 85, Jan. 19, Torrance, Stockton-born; survived by wife Matsumi; daughter Michiko Nakamatsu; grandson Anthony; brother-in-law Nobusato Sagawa; and other relatives.

Nakadate, Alice Tomiko, 83, Los Angeles, Jan. 31; survived by son Paul Tomio; brother Anson Fujoka and his wife Margaret; grandchildren Tracey and Jeffrey; and many other relatives.

Nakano, Taiso, 84, Los Angeles, Feb. 6, El Monte-born Nisei; survived by sons James and his wife Miyoko, and Edward and his wife Eileen; brothers Rikio and his wife Masako, and Kazuo (all of Japan); sisters Hoshiko Yamaguchi (Sanger, Calif.), and Shizuka Kato (Japan); sister-in-law Misao; 5 g.c.

Nishi, Fred Fukuki, 75, Los Angeles, Feb. 8; survived by wife Mary M.; son Martin and his wife Marian; daughter Christine Yakabi and her husband Glenn; sisters Michiko Ikoma, Teigiko Mitsui, and Elaine Matsumoto and her husband Mas; 1 g.c.; and other relatives.

Sato, Tsune, 98, San Francisco, Jan. 26; survived by son Futoshi; sisters; brothers; g.c. and g.g.c.

Shigekawa, Kiyoshi, 86, Anaheim, Dec. 2; survived by wife Misako; son Dr. Gerald; daughter-in-law Marietta daughters Mariene Godin; son-in-law Gene Godin (Oakland); Linda Todd (Los Angeles); sister Chieko Inouye; brother Toru; sister-in-law Marion (Loomis); Dr. William; sister-in-law Sharon of Maui; 1 g.c.; and many other relatives.

Takayasu, Toshiko Shirai, Gilroy, Feb. 2; survived by husband George; son John (Melbourne, Fla.); daughter Joyce (Albany, Ore.); brother Hisashi (Japan); sisters Fumiko Yamaguchi and Sachiko Kubono (both of Japan); and other relatives.

Teraguchi, Sonja, 57, Cleveland, Dec. 27; Canada-born, JACL member; curator at the Museum of Natural History predeceased by husband Mitsuo; and mother Jane Jensen; survived by daughters Dr. Keri McCoy and her husband Jeremy; and Heidi; and sister Eda Reid.

Umehara, Toki, 96, San Francisco, Jan. 24; survived by son Yoshito and his wife Beverly; niece Hisako Kumagai; and grandchild Karina.

Uyetake, Kazuko, Mission Hills, Feb. 4, Montebello-born; survived by daughters Tomiko Akahori and her husband Ted, Sue Miyazaki and her husband Fred; Kiyu Higashi and her husband Bob; son Kenji and his wife Pam; 9 g.c.; 7 g.g.c.

Watanuki, George Kameo, 78, Chicago, Jan. 26, Sacramento-born; survived by wife Dorothy Toshie; daughters Jeanne Toguri and her husband David, Betty Schoppa and her husband Ron; sons Raymond and his wife Sandee, and Gary; brothers Jimmie and his wife Flo and Eddie; 6 g.c.; and many other relatives.

Wong, Bruce Ming, 72, Lansdowne, Pa., Feb. 3, served as a rifleman in Company B of the 382nd Infantry and in the 343rd Infantry at Camp Beal, Calif., decorated war hero; survived by wife Moko Hada; daughter Dobra Yee and her husband Dr. Daniel; sisters Dr. Kiling Huang (Australia) and Shiu Wan (China); brother Wei Sing Huang (China); and triplet grandsons Stephen, Michael and Brandon.

Yokota, Ume, 100, Los Angeles, Jan. 4, Gunma-born; survived by son Masao and his wife Toyoko; daughters Eiko Kato-Magner and her husband Bill, Miki Hiroshima and her husband Kenneth; and Masako Oyama and her husband Itsufumi; 10 g.c.; 8 g.g.c. ■

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