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Anti-sweatshop protesters gather in New York, California

Associated Press

NEW YORK—Protesters across the country demonstrated Saturday outside stores they say sell clothing made in sweatshop conditions.

In San Francisco, as many as 300 activists crowded in front of the Gap flagship store in the busy downtown shopping district. Police arrested 16 people after they blocked a doorway to the store, said Capt. Dennis Martel.

Several hundred activists marched up Manhattan's Fifth Avenue in the rain.

"We don't want clothes made in sweatshops," said a sign hoisted over a sea of umbrellas.

The Gap has been charged with having its clothes manufactured by indentured laborers, mostly young Asian women from China, Thailand, Bangladesh and the Philippines working on the U.S. island of Saipan.

Class-action lawsuits filed in January in California by human rights groups claim Saipan workers face beatings, forced abortions, vermin-infested quarters and armed guards — all

while making clothing tagged "Made in the USA."

In a statement, Gap company officials said they were "deeply concerned by the allegations in the lawsuits. We simply do not, and will not, tolerate the type of conduct alleged in factories where we do business."

Protester Emma Berkman, a bicycle messenger, says she no longer buys clothing "unless it says it's union-made. You can't trust anybody otherwise."

The New York rally ended in front of the Nike store on East 57th Street. The Nike corporation insists it is now monitoring factories in Asia where critics say miserably paid workers have suffered conditions that include physical abuse.

Other anti-Gap protests happened in front of Northern California stores in Berkeley, Fresno, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara.

In Cambridge, Mass., about 10 Harvard University students spent an hour in the cold weather handing out leaflets in front of The Gap and chanting, "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Gap sweatshops have to go." ■

Clinton names Bill Lann Lee as Assistant Attorney General

From wire reports and Pacific Citizen staff

President Clinton earlier this month again nominated Bill Lann Lee to be assistant attorney general for civil rights, a post Lee has held on an acting basis since his nomination was rejected more than a year ago.

Lee met at the White House with Clinton for a private ceremony despite complaints from conservative Republicans in Congress that Lee has been too zealous in enforcing affirmative action laws.

But Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, praised Clinton for renominating Lee and for not buckling under conservative pressure.

"We are extremely pleased that the president has refused to back down on his support of Bill Lann Lee, as head of the nation's

top civil rights enforcement agency. Over the past 14 months, Lee has proven himself to be an able administrator and a strong advocate for the rights of all Americans," said Narasaki.

Lee was sworn in as acting head of the Justice Department's civil rights division on Dec. 15, 1997, a month after the Republican-led Senate Judiciary Committee rejected his nomination.

White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart said Lee has done "an excellent job" as acting head of the civil rights division, and he called for Lee's swift confirmation.

"It's our hope that the Senate will look at the work he's done, will look at his distinguished record throughout his career devoted to civil rights," said Lockhart.

In a separate, written statement, the White House said Lee took an "honest, reasoned approach" to his job and has "known how and when to bring a case to close through effective, pragmatic settlements that serve the interests of all parties."

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) applauded Clinton's move. "Bill Lann Lee is fully qualified for

this position," Boxer stated in the Congressional Record. "Indeed, I believe that he is the best person for the position. His personal history and his professional credentials both make him the perfect candidate to be assistant attorney general for civil rights."

Boxer, an outspoken Lee supporter, criticized the Senate for allowing Lee's nomination to die in the Judiciary Committee during the 105th Congress.

The Japanese American Citizens League joined with other civil rights groups to commend Clinton for renominating Lee to the position.

"We are so proud of Bill Lann Lee who stands as an example of the American Dream because he is someone who has worked diligently from humble beginnings to become an expert in his chosen field," said Helen Kawagoe, national JACL president. "Furthermore, he has answered the call to public service and stands as an excellent role model for all Americans."

Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director, voiced similar sentiment. "As the acting head of

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Monterey Peninsula JACL shares rich history as it prepares for 2000 convention

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The national JACL will welcome the year 2000 with a national convention on the Monterey Peninsula, a region in California where the Japanese American community has resided for more than a 100 years.

The hosts of the national convention — the Monterey Peninsula JACL members — come from families whose roots trace back to the hardy Nikkei pioneers responsible for setting up a thriving commercial abalone, fishing and farming industry that has made a lasting impact on the area.

Yoshio "To" Tabata, 84, a charter member of the Monterey Peninsula JACL and former abalone diver, recalled that the chapter was started back in 1932 by Fresno transplant Hisashi Arie, who was a barber by trade.

"Hisashi was the originator," said Tabata. "Before he came, I've never heard of the JACL."

Prior to starting the Monterey

Peninsula chapter, Arie had been a member of the Fresno American Loyalty League, which became a part of the newly formed Japanese American Citizens League (hyphen included at the time to denote an adjective). Since one of the goals of this new JACL organization was to establish chapters in areas with a Japanese American community, Arie made his way to the Monterey Peninsula.

The Monterey Peninsula chapter was formally organized on Jan. 25, 1932, with 19 charter members. Arie was elected as the first president.

Tabata's younger brother, James, 83, was also a charter member, but in his case the chapter had to pass a special provision since he was only 16 years old and charter members were required to be at least 18.

Before the JACL chapter was founded, the younger Tabata recalled that Hal Higashi, the chapter's third president, had formed the Golden Eagle Club for the youths.

"That was the first group I was in as far as I could remember," said James. "It was just a few friends who got together for social functions."

Although both Yo and James had a difficult time remembering JACL's early activities, they recalled that the organization seemed to have focused more on social events. Their biggest function was the annual New Year's dance where people from not only the Monterey Peninsula but the outlying areas of Salinas, Watsonville and other communities attended.

members could recall their parents fund raising for the construction of the hall.

The Nihonjinkai/JACL Hall, built in 1925 but dedicated in 1926, grew out of a need for an activity center. It was, however, constructed amid some controversy after the community divided over whether to construct a Nihonjinkai building or a Christian church. Following intense and heated discussions, the issue was partly resolved when Nihonjinkai members, most of whom were Buddhists, initiated construction. That same year, the Christian

But despite the varied activities at the hall, the rift between the Nikkei Christians and Buddhists persisted well into the 1930s. One thing that helped mend the schism was the formation of the Monterey Peninsula JACL, said the older Tabata.

At the outbreak of WWII, Tabata noted, the Nihonjinkai Issei, hampered by language barriers, began depending on the English-speaking Nisei JACL members to assist them. A year before the outbreak of the war, the younger Tabata, who had been chapter president, remembered attending a JACL conference in San Francisco.

"We talked about what we should do, but we ourselves got real busy because of evacuation that came soon after," said James. "I really couldn't do too much because Monterey was one of the first places that became a restricted area, and in February the Issei had to move out of certain areas, especially those living near the coast."

It was also at this time that Nihonjinkai's legal ownership of the hall was transferred to the American-born JACLers as a precautionary measure. Since then, the hall has been referred to as the JACL Hall.

The Nihonjinkai/JACL Hall also played an important role after the war when it was used as a temporary shelter during resettlement. With the hall as a base, the younger Tabata, who had been one of the first Nikkei to return to the Monterey Peninsula, restarted the JACL chapter.

"There was a need for JACL," said James. "We had many problems peculiar to the Japanese Americans, and someone had to represent the group."

During Haruo "Pet" Nakasako's 1973 JACL presidency, the future of the JACL Hall was brought up. Some members supported the idea of razing the deteriorating struc-

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Prior to World War II, it was the Nihonjinkai, or the Japanese Association, not the JACL, that the Nikkei community turned to for guidance.

"The Nihonjinkai was much more powerful than JACL," said older Tabata. "It was how the Issei got together and solved problems."

The younger Tabata noted that "at one time, almost all Issei were members of the association."

Formed around 1920, leaders in the Nihonjinkai included some of the region's most influential and prominent Issei residents of the time. It was through the Nihonjinkai that the Issei supported each other, discussed business, and addressed community interests and problems. Many parents of the budding Monterey Peninsula JACL members belonged to the Nihonjinkai.

In fact, the current JACL Hall located at 424 Adams Street, which was once at the heart of the Monterey Peninsula's Japan town, was originally built by and named the Nihonjinkai Hall. Some of the older Monterey Peninsula JACL

congregation went their own way and started building the Japanese Church of Christ, which was later renamed El Estero Presbyterian Church due to rising anti-Asian sentiment. Both buildings were dedicated in 1926.

Larry Oda, current chapter president, recalled that his grandfather, Tsunetaro Oda, was an active Nihonjinkai member who spearheaded the hall's construction.

Frank Tanaka's father, Koichi Tanaka, was also one of the core members who raised funds to build the Nihonjinkai/JACL Hall. The younger Tanaka, 74, who joined the JACL in the 1950s and was president in 1961, noted that since the region had no Buddhist temple until 1956, the majority of the Buddhist services were held at the hall.

"It was a very active center for the Buddhist church," recalled Tanaka. "The hall held a lot of weddings and funerals."

In addition, a number of other activities took place at the hall including Japanese language classes, kabuki shows, Japanese movie viewings and kendo classes.

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Eastern

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Thurs.-Sun., July 14-17—Tri-District Conference (MPDC/MDC/EDC), "The Dream Continues: One America in the 21st Century." Roosevelt Hotel, New York City.

PHILADELPHIA

SAT. APRIL 10—Philadelphia Chapter Installation Dinner, reception 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.; H.K. Golden Phoenix Restaurant, 911 Race St. RSVP by April 2. Info: Paul Uyebara, 215/726-0964 or pmuyehara@aol.com.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fri.-Tue., March 26-30—JACL/OCA Leadership Conference: Double Tree Hotel. Info: Wash. D.C. Representative Bob Sakaniwa, 202/223-1240, do@jaci.org or National Director Herb Yamanishi, 415/921-5225, jaci@jaci.org.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 14-17—Tri-District Conference (MPDC/MDC/EDC), "The Dream Continues: One America in the 21st Century." Roosevelt Hotel, New York City.

Sun. May 23—JACL recognition Dinner, 2 p.m.; Christ United Methodist Church.

Mountain Plains

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 14-17—Tri-District Conference (MPDC/MDC/EDC), "The Dream Continues: One America in the 21st Century." Roosevelt Hotel, New York City.

HOUSTON

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

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK CITY

Tue. April 6—Piano recital, Iliyo Nakamichi, BMG Classics recording artist from Japan; Carnegie Hall. Tickets, info: CarnegieCharge, 212/247-7800.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat. April 3—Inaugural Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk, 9:30 a.m.; on the National Mall at 3rd & Jefferson St. SW, in front of the U.S. Capitol. Walk will benefit the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. Must preregister by March 20. For more info: 301/530-0048, 202/244-2149, 703/936-8185.

The Midwest

BRANSON, MO.

"99"-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.

CLEVELAND

Sun. April 26—Cultural reception hosted by the African American Museum, 6-10 p.m.

MILWAUKEE

Wed. April 26—"Gambling Junkie"; sponsored by the San Kai Kai and Wisconsin JACL. Open to members and friends. Info: Eddie Jonokuchi, 414/691-1404.

The Northwest

BAIRNBRIDGE ISLAND

Sat. March 20—Bairnbridge Island JA Community Teriyaki Dinner & Program, 4 and 6 p.m. Woodward Middle School, 9125 Sportsman Club Rd. Info: Frank Kitamoto, 206/842-4772, Susan Allan, 206/842-4238.

PORTLAND

Fri.-Sun. through April 3—"Art from Internment Camps" exhibit; features art from JAs during the WWII internment camps. Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave. Hours: Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, 12-3 p.m. Info: June Arima Schumann, executive director, 503/224-1458.

SEATTLE

Through May 2—Exhibition: "Golden Roots: Korean Americans in Washington State." Wing Luke Asian Museum 407 7th Ave. S. For more information call Byron at 206/623-5124 ext. 114.

Intermountain

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., July 16-18—Bi-District Conference (PNW/IDC), Salt Lake City.

MOUNT OLYMPUS

Sat. March 27—Omanju Workshop. Info: Ruth Nakamura, 216-21318

Sat. April 24—Chapter 70th Anniversary Fund-A-Rama; Cottonwood High School.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., July 16-18—Bi-District Conference (PNW/IDC), Salt Lake City.

NC-WN Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—Tri-District Conference (CCDC/PSW/NCWNP); Ramada Inn Hotel Valley Ho in downtown Scottsdale, Ariz.; \$85 per room, single or double, and \$90 for a mini-suite; only 50 rooms are available.

S.F. BAY AREA NIKKEI SINGLES

JACL, 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, banquet, workshops, mixer, banquet, dance, brunch, trips. Co-sponsored by Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter.

WATSONVILLE

Wed.-Fri., June 2-11—JACL Senior Center Tours: Grand Canadian Rockies. Info: Shig T. Kizuka, 831/724-0116 (between 6 p.m.-10 p.m.) or call Morris/Jane Kosakura, 800/858-2882.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri. March 26—CCDC scholarship deadline.

Sat. March 27—CCDC Golf Tournament, Fresno.

Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—Tri-District Conference (CCDC/PSW/NCWNP).

Northern California

MORGAN HILL

Sun. March 28—39th Annual Morgan Hill Hara Matsuri Festival, noon-5 p.m.; Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Ave. Info: 408/779-9009. Traditional foods, white elephant sale, farmer's market, Northern Calif. Taiko Exhibition and more.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

April 17-May 2—Play: The Joy Luck Club; Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Castro & Mercy Sts.; Times, tickets: 650/903-6000.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. April 11—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting, 12 noon, 558 16th St. Info: Tetsu Ihara, 415/221-4568, Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911. Men also welcome.

Through June 1—Exhibit: "Inside Out: New Chinese Art; Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415/739-8801.

Ongoing—Exhibit: "Jade," over 200 works dating from the Neolithic period to the 20th century; Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415/379-8800.

SAN PABLO

Sat. March 27—Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship applications postmark deadline. Open to graduating high school seniors of Japanese American descent. Info: Yoko Olsgaard, 1830 Bonita Rd., San Pablo, Calif. 94806-4167, or call 415/201-9869.

SANTA ROSA

Wed. March 24—Elder Abuse Forum, Luther Burbank Center. Info: 707/565-5950.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat. March 20—Reading & Book Signing: The Politics of Fieldwork: Research in an American Concentration Camp with author Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, Ph.D., 10:30 a.m.; JANNA, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; Info: 213/625-5266.

Sat. March 20—"Columnists in the Community: A Discussion with Ralf Shimpoo Columnists, 1-3 p.m.; JANNA, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; Info: 213/625-5266. Featuring Ayako Hagihara, Brian Nishi, George Yoshinaka, moderator Naomi Hirahara, former Ralf Shimpoo editor.

Tue. March 23—Panel Discussion: "International Criminal Court: A Challenge to American Foreign

Policy," 7 p.m.; Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Info: 818/878-3780.

Thurs., Sat., Sun. March 25, 27, 28—Films by Bruce & Norman Yonemoto: Carage Sale (mature audiences only); Second Campaign and Japan in Paris in L.A.; Museum of Contemporary Art Ahmanson Auditorium, 250 S. Grand Ave., L.A. Schedules, info: 213/626-6222.

Sat. March 27—"Oldies Dance VI," 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. \$10 presale, \$12 at the door. Must be 21 or over. For info and song requests, call Joanie at 626/284-8192, Roy 909/595-6183 or Frank 714/890-1776.

Fri. April 2—"Evening of Gagaku and Bugaku," music and dance program, 8 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/628-2725, Box Office, 415/680-3700.

Thurs. April 8—Mirai X-Change "Night on the Ice: La Kings vs. San Jose Sharks Ice Hockey," 7:30 p.m.; Great Western Forum, 3900 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood. RSVP: 213/627-6217 ext. 200.

Fri.-Sat., April 9-10—"Hiroshima," jazz band performs, 8 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/628-2725, Box Office, 213/680-3700.

Fri.-Sun., April 16-18—Rohrer Reunion II, Torrance Marriott Hotel, Torrance. RSVP: ASAP. So. Calif.: Peggy Tsunata, 310/323-6337, Frank Yamaguchi, 310/295-2547, Chuckie Watanabe Seki, 213/935-3027, Betty Oka, 714/636-8207, Helen Takata, 626/968-2966; No. Calif.: Nelli Utsuni Noguchi, 415/387-5265, Lillian Uyeda Inouye, 510/235-6042, Asako Horimoto Maeda, 510/832-2275, Yone Kumura Asai, 510/828-2086. NOTE: Golf starting time 9 a.m.; handicap as of Feb. 1999.

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

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

ORANGE COUNTY

Wed. March 31—Japan America Society presentation: "Experience the Art of Edo through Multi-media Technology," 6:30-8 p.m.; Huntington Beach Art Center Lecture Hall, 538 Main St., Huntington Beach. RSVP by March 29: 213/627-6217.

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. (see NCWNP).

LIVINGSTON-MERCED

Mon. April 12—Livingston-Merced Golf Tournament.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., April 23-25—Tri-District Conference (CCDC/PSW/NCWNP).

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. (see NCWNP).

ARIZONA

Sun. April 18—Scholarship Awards Banquet, 1 p.m.; Ramada Valley Ho Resort, 6850 Main St., Scottsdale. Info: Kathy Inoshita, 602/337-5434.

ORANGE COUNTY

Fri.-Sun., June 25-27—1999 National Youth Student Conference; University of California, Irvine. Info: Patricia Tsai Tom, 559/486-6815, co@jaci.org or Hiromi Ueha, chair, hueha@uci.edu.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

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

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. Applicants should write (enclose a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope) to National JACL Headquarters (phone: 415/921-5225). Request an application from the following categories: Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative and Performing Arts, and Hagiwara Financial Aid. General deadline with postmarks no later than April 1, 1999. Awards are to be announced July 1, 1999.

Terminal Islanders seek public support for monument

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Assistant Editor

The Terminal Islanders Club, comprised of more than 500 Japanese American former Terminal Island residents, has begun a \$150,000 fundraising campaign to go towards the construction of a memorial in honor of the Nikkei residents who once populated the man-made island.

On Feb. 24, the club got closer to breaking ground after the Los Angeles Harbor Commission voted unanimously to approve a coastal development permit to construct the memorial.

The club's next step is getting the permit reviewed and approved by the city attorney's office, according to Dennis McCauby, a spokesman for the Port of Los Angeles. To date, McCauby has heard of no problems regarding the wording of the permit and expects the city attorney to complete the paperwork in the next month.

McCauby said the club is receiving a revocable permit, which means the land lease agreement is open-ended and could be revoked at any time. The reason such a permit was approved was because it was the "quickest, fastest route to getting an okay," said McCauby.

Last year, the club received \$148,000 from the state of California after the passage of AB 898, which was sponsored by U.S. Congresswoman but then-state Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano. The bill, which then-Gov. Pete Wilson signed in September 1998, called for the State Office of Tourism to establish a fund to finance the memorial. Assemblymen Nao Takasugi and Mike Honda also pushed for the passage of the bill.

Now, the club plans to raise another \$150,000 from private donations for a total of \$300,000, to cover construction and overhead costs such as the lease.

Chikao Robert Ryono, 79, club spokesperson, said they hope to hold a groundbreaking ceremony this summer and have the monument completed by April 2000. The year 2000 will also mark 100 years since the Nikkei set foot on

Terminal Island, said Ryono who has written a history book of the island titled, *Although Patriotic, We Were Drydocked*.

The monument will overlook Fish Harbor and will be about 500 yards from where the Japanese village actually stood. Initially, the City of Los Angeles and the Port of Los Angeles had proposed a site in San Pedro, but after club opposition the monument was moved to Terminal Island.

"At first, they wanted to put the monument in San Pedro where the Maritime Museum is," said Yukio Tatsumi, club president. "But we're from Terminal Island, and we felt it had to be on Terminal Island or it wouldn't be worth it."

The memorial was designed pro bono by Michael Enomoto, a partner at Gruen Associates whose late grandfather was from Terminal Island. Enomoto said his initial introduction to the project was by way of his uncle, Robert Ryono, who had asked him to look at some sketches. But as the Sansei artist learned more about the island's history, Enomoto felt compelled to become more involved.

"I really think it was unfortunate about what happened there," said Enomoto. "It bothers me from a conscience standpoint. What happened should be remembered so that it doesn't happen again. This once thriving community which played a big part in the local economy disappeared overnight for purely political reasons, and if we don't preserve the history, it's going to be completely forgotten in 10 to 15 years."

Enomoto, wanting more than just a statue stuck out in the middle of a parking lot, said he and Gruen's lead designer Craig Biggs spent about two months to conceptualize the memorial idea.

"I wanted a memorial where my kids and their kids and other people could go down there and learn something," said Enomoto.

The result: Visitors will climb up a ramp through a torii, or archway, where a bronze statue of two fishermen mending nets will be situated. The standing statue



As visitors walk up the memorial ramp, they will be greeted by a fisherman statue and the view of where the Japanese village once existed.

partly faces the former village so that visitors can "see where it was and where the boats were once tied," said Enomoto. The standing figure, representative of the strength and power of the Issei, is also meant to greet visitors.

The squatting fisherman, who directly faces the former village, has a facial expression meant to convey the feeling of reflecting upon yesterday's village as well as looking forward to tomorrow's catch, said Enomoto.

Lining the area will be interpretive plaques with historical background information and photographs etched into either metal or stone. Currently, club members are in the process of selecting a dozen or so pictures to be used.

The idea to build a Terminal Island memorial was first proposed in the early 1980s by Tamikazu Hamazaki, said Ryono. But Hamazaki never saw his dream come to fruition. He passed away at the Los Angeles Keiro Nursing Home in October 1998.

Nikkei Terminal Islanders share a unique history. At its peak in the 1930s, more than 3,000 Japanese Americans resided on the island, which was once referred to as Rattlesnake Island for the rattlesnakes that washed down the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers after rainstorms. Many residents worked as fishermen, cannery workers and merchants.

The island included Japanese Christian and Buddhist churches, a Boy Scout troop, a Japanese school, a community center, a baseball team, a Japanese Association, a Wakayama Kenjinkai, a Fukei Kai, a Japanese version of a PTA and a Japanese Fishermen's Union or Nihonjin Gyogyo Kumiai.

Terminal Island had two elementary schools, one of which was the Mildred Walizer Elementary School. Ninety-eight percent of the 439 students at Walizer were Japanese Americans. In contrast, all the teachers and administrators at Walizer were Caucasians.

On Feb. 9, 1942, 10 days before President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, all Terminal Island Issei with commercial fishing licenses were rounded up and taken to detention centers administered by the U.S. Justice Department.

A few days later, on Feb. 26, all Nikkei Terminal Islanders were given 48 hours notice to evacuate their homes, and they became the first community to be removed en masse. The only other Nikkei community to be forcibly removed on such short notice was of those living on Bainbridge Island in the Pacific Northwest.

After the removal of the Nikkei residents, many of their homes were looted and their boats repossessed. Eventually the entire Nikkei fishing village was built

dozed to make way for a military base.

As a result, after the end of World War II Nikkei Terminal Islanders, unlike other Nikkei communities on the West Coast, could not return to the island and rebuild their community.

"Terminal Islanders were the only group that had no place to go home to," said Minoru Tonal, a memorial committee member who was 7 years old when he was evacuated from the area. "About 3,000 people were uprooted but nobody knows this community existed. Japanese Americans don't know it existed."

"That's why, from a historical standpoint, it's very important that people remember the contributions made by the Japanese locally as well as the United States. I don't think any memorial about the fishing industry in San Pedro would be complete without including the Japanese Americans."

In 1970, former Islanders held a reunion where more than 1,000 people attended. The following year, the Terminal Islanders Club was formed.

Tatsumi, who has been club president since 1984, noted that when the club started they had more than 1,200 families registered. Today, due to the passing of many Issei, those numbers have dwindled to about 600 registered families. At their recent New Year's banquet, Tatsumi said, only three Issei were able to attend. He hoped that the monument will be a reminder to the next generation of their once thriving community.

Anyone interested in donating to the Terminal Island monument should make their check out to "Terminal Islanders" and mail it to Yukio Tatsumi, 2040 Canal Ave., Long Beach, CA 90801. For more information about the monument or the book, contact Bob Ryono at 310/823-8737. The club recently received its nonprofit status, and donations are tax deductible.

(The PC archives, *Although Patriotic, We Were Drydocked* by Ryono, and *Japanese American History* by Brian Niiya were used for background material.) ■

Yaohan USA plans to change trade name to Mitsuwa Marketplace

Trade name switchover to take place by the end of the year.

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Assistant Editor

Yaohan USA Corp., a supermarket chain with nine locations in the United States, announced they are changing their trade name to Mitsuwa Marketplace.

Taka Kubota, assistant manager for the legal and administration department, said the trade name switchover has begun and should be completed by the end of the year. Kubota assured the public that the service and employees will still remain the same.

According to Kubota, the name Mitsuwa, which translates to mean three circles, was chosen because three is considered a lucky number and also represents the three areas where the supermarket gets its produce—the ocean, the mountains and the fields.

With the new trade name, customers can also expect a new type of bread imported from Kyoto, said Kubota. The Costa Mesa

and Torrance stores have also opened a bakery.

In 1997, Yaohan USA split with their Japan base after Yaohan Japan filed for court protection from its creditors. The Japanese food retailer, which expanded aggressively in Asia and North America during the 1980s, had more than \$1.42 billion in outstanding debts, which resulted in the collapse of the Hong Kong-based Yaohan Department Stores last year.

Last summer, Yaohan USA began restructuring and moved their headquarters from Los Angeles' Little Tokyo to Torrance, Calif.

Yaohan USA/Mitsuwa has seven locations in California (Little Tokyo, San Gabriel, Torrance, Costa Mesa, West Los Angeles, San Diego and San Jose); one in Chicago and one in Edgewater, N.J.

The store started its U.S. business in California in 1972 as a trading company. ■

Hawaii Club 100 raises more than \$130,000 for 'Go For Broke' veterans' monument

Club 100, a Hawaii-based association comprised of veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, raised more than \$130,000 in six weeks for the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation's "Go For Broke" monument in Los Angeles. Slated to be unveiled on June 5, it is the first mainland monument in the United States to honor the heroic efforts of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, as well as the 522nd Field Artillery and 1399 Engineering Company.

"Club 100 worked very hard to meet and exceed our goal of \$60,000 to pledge to the Go For Broke monument," said Bert Turner, chairman of the Hawaii fundraising campaign and son of Lt. Col. Farrant Turner, the commanding officer of the 100th Battalion. "We raised the money to provide the foundation with the means to fund education programs and such that will further remind and educate people of the fragility of civil liberties that are granted citizens of the U.S."

Since Club 100 pledged \$50,000, it will be recognized



Back row (l-r): Stanley M. Akita, Robert Takashige, Tom Tsubota, Mitsuo Nagaki, Masaharu Saito, Susumu Ota, Matak Takeshita, Albert Matsumoto, Raymond Nozaka, Alfred Arakaki. Seated (l-r): Hakaru Taoka, Kenneth Higa, Vernie Turner, Bert Turner, Hajime Yamane, Sonsei Nakamura, Mitsuo Ted Hamasu.

as a Gold Circle Donor on one of the monument's eight donor pillars. The eight donor pillars, four on each side of the monument, will list the names and companies of the monument's major sponsors under seven categories: Founder, Gold Circle, Silver Circle, Patron, Sponsor, Associate and Supporter.

"The foundation would like to thank Club 100, especially the tireless efforts of the 20 committee members, for their gracious donation to the Go For Broke monument," said Col. Young O. Kim, chairman

of the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation.

"We continue to receive pledges from Club 100's fundraising drive, which will go towards the monument's construction and the foundation's educational programs."

The 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation, located in Gardena, Calif., is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information on the foundation, call 310/327-419 or e-mail at GoForBroke@worldnet.att.net or fax at 310/715-3140. ■

Mile-Hi chapter sponsors teacher training workshop

An educational workshop about imprisonment of Japanese Americans behind barbed wire during World War II was held Feb. 12-13 at the Denver Public Library.

Approximately 80 educators, students, and members of the JA community from Denver and out-of-state representatives attended the dynamic workshop, "A Lesson in American History: The Japanese American Experience." The workshop was jointly supported and sponsored by the Mile-Hi chapter of the JACL, the Colorado Asian American Education Alliance, Jefferson County Public Schools, the JACL Legacy Grant, the U.S. West Foundation and others.

The workshop sessions were conducted by Mako Nakagawa, educational consultant from Seattle; Karen Yoshitomi, regional director of the Pacific Northwest District of the JACL; and the Seattle JACL.

Nakagawa is the creator of the Rainbow multicultural curriculum for the Seattle Public Schools. A published authority

on concepts and practices of cooperative pluralism, Nakagawa was also the former multicultural specialist for the Washington State superintendent of public instruction. Yoshitomi has been a member of the JACL since 1985 and has served as the Pacific Northwest regional director since 1990. Nakagawa and Yoshitomi also developed the *Shorai* Teacher Training Workshop for Educators throughout the state of Washington.

In addition to Nakagawa and Yoshitomi, guest speakers included Dr. Lane Hirabayashi, noted researcher/author and professor in the department of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado, and Dr. Wayne Carole, former superintendent for the Jefferson County public school in Colorado.

Hirabayashi's presentation included key information on the "Colorado connection" to the JA experience, which featured Minoru Yasui, Gov. Ralph Carr and the Apache concentration camp, which was located in southern Colorado.

The local educational planning team consisted of Sami Nakazono and Andy Hamano, Mile-Hi JACL; Carolyn Takeshita and Kathy Namura, Jefferson County public schools; and Chiyo Horiuchi, Colorado department of education (ret.).

The Colorado teacher training workshop included lectures, participant activities, videotapes and other audiovisual materials. The cost to teachers and community members was kept to a minimum due to the grants and other fundraising efforts by the planning team.

Delicious obento lunches were provided by Yoko Express and Hana Restaurant.

Summary response from the workshop participants was overwhelmingly positive. The educators and JA community members have requested the workshop be offered again.

For information, contact Carolyn Takeshita, 303/455-4987, e-mail: Carolyn_takeshita@coo.cudenver.edu; Sami Nakazono, 303/337-7979, e-mail: snakazono@aol.com. ■

South Bay JACL holds installation and awards luncheon



From left: Ted Hasegawa, Ernest Tsujimoto, and Al Muratsuchi at the South Bay JACL installation luncheon.

TORRANCE, Calif.—Over 60 people attended the JACL South Bay chapter installation luncheon on Jan. 31 at the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. Helen Kawagoe, national JACL president, installed its 1999 officers and board members. Al Muratsuchi, 1999 president and former Pacific Southwest District regional director, presented Service Awards to Ernest Tsujimoto and Ted Hasegawa for their outstanding commitment and exceptional service to the chapter.

Tsujimoto is a charter member who has served on the board for 25 years. He was past vice president and has served as membership chair since 1983. Hasegawa, charter and board member for 25 years, was the chapter's president in 1985. They have both participated in chapter activities and spearheaded the South Bay chapter's primary fundraising

event, the Torrance Bunka Sabu, each year since 1976.

Irene Hirano, executive director and president of the Japanese American National Museum, was keynote speaker and talked about the opening of its new 85,000-square-foot pavilion.

The 1999 South Bay chapter officers and board members include: Al Muratsuchi, president; Kent Kawai, vice president; Midori Kamei, vice president; ways and means; Diane Tanaka, vice president; programs; Jeff Sakurai, treasurer; and Edwin Mitoma, secretary.

Board Members include: Michiko Dawson, Ted Hasegawa, Ike Hachimori, Christine Ige, Colette Isawa, Kathy Kan, Carol Kikuma, Monica Nakamine, Lily Nakatani, Christine Sato, Joh Sekiguchi, Yoshiaki Tamura, Ernest Tsujimoto and Jeanne Tsujimoto. ■

Utah chapters hold Day of Remembrance program

SALT LAKE CITY—At a Day of Remembrance ceremony sponsored by the three Utah JACL chapters, Gov. Michael Leavitt signed a proclamation commemorating and recognizing Friday, February 19, as the Utah Day of Remembrance. More than 50 people attended the ceremony held at the University of Utah Student Union Building Little Theater.

"We have to continue to have these kinds of programs to remind people that these kinds of things can occur again, if we don't maintain our vigilance," said Judge Michael Kwan, who spoke at the event. A municipal court judge in Taylorsville, Utah, Kwan is the first Chinese American jurist in the state, and organizer of the first Organization of Chinese Americans chapter in Utah.

Judge Raymond Uno presented an overview of the camp experience, the role of the JACL in the redress movement, and spoke of various legal issues, including the plight of the Japanese Latin Americans. He then introduced the video, "Redress — The JACL Cam-

paign for Justice." After the video, Sherrie Hayashi of the Salt Lake chapter presented an address that spoke to present day and future issues facing the JACL.

Laurie Noda of the Mt. Olympus

chapter was the mistress of ceremonies. The DOR committee consisted of Diane Akiyama, Sherrie and Seiji Hayashi, Kristi Ryujin, Roger Tobari, Yas Tokita, and Judge Raymond Uno. ■



From left: Larry Grant (IDC governor), Michael Leavitt (governor of Utah), Tab Uno (president Salt Lake Chapter) and Yas Tokita (IDC governor, ex-officio).

Sacramento celebrates Day of Remembrance

BY TOKO FUJII

Sacramento JACL's Day of Remembrance for 1999 was held on Feb. 7 at the Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento, with 900 in attendance. The an-

nual event was held in conjunction with the world premiere of the powerful documentary, "Children of the Camps."

Speakers were National JACL President Helen Kawagoe from Carson, Calif., and National JACL Director Herb Yamanishi from San Francisco.

Yamanishi's talk centered on the meaning of the Day of Remembrance and the full implications of the annual observations. Kawagoe stressed the importance and urgency of the final push for funds to complete the National Japanese American Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Over \$5 million of an \$8.6 million total budget has already been raised, said Kawagoe. The remainder of the total must be raised by August of this year in order for the memorial to break ground.

The video documentary "Children of the Camps" was well received by the huge audience. David Hosley, general manager of local public TV station KVIE, indicated that the Sacramento outlet will be the introducing station, with other public TV stations throughout the country to schedule viewings in the month of May, which is National Asian Heritage Month. ■

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GLAS Hana Uno Shepard scholarship

The Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter is seeking eligible candidates for the Hana Uno Shepard Memorial scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship may be applied to any college, university, community college, fine arts or vocational school. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, member of a single parent family, resident of Los Angeles or Orange Counties, and be of Japanese ancestry.

Peru-born Nikkei heads PANA-USA

Peruvian-born Nikkei Arturo Yoshimoto heads PANA-USA's 1999 board of directors, succeeding prominent businessman Noritoshi Kanai, who served as president and PANA-USA International vice president since 1985, it was announced at the annual dinner meeting on March 5 at the Miyako Inn.

Other officers are: Fred Isamu Wada, honorary board chairman; Leo Hayashi, Henry Onodera, senior vice presidents; Ernest Hida, Augusto Miyahira, vice presidents; Seicho Fujikawa, treasurer; Larry Tokuyama, corporate secretary; Tatsushi Nakamura, Henry Onodera, public relations co-chairs; board members — Miyako Desai, Margaret Higashi, Jishu Izu, Mitsuko Kawaguchi, Shigeru Mori, Tetsujiro Nakamura, Koji Okamoto, Martha Tamashiro, Walter Tanaka, Toshi Tanaka, Ben Watanabe.

On the program this year are: the PANA-USA dinner May 15 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Japanese immigration to Peru; Whittier Narrows picnic Sept. 12; and a cooking class on Mexican tamales Nov. 1.

Donations this year for the Hideyo Noguchi School in Lima Scholarship Fund totaled \$9,720, equivalent to 27 units for 360 days per unit at \$1 per day.

Visiting from Lima is Luis Tamamoto, president of Asocia-

tion Peruano Japonesa, who said the 100th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Peru will be celebrated in Lima May 26-June 1 at the Japanese Peruvian Cultural Center. This will be followed by a Friday reception at the Japanese embassy, a Saturday visit to the government palace and Sunday ceremonies at La Union Stadium.

Travel details to Peru are available from MJ Travel, Anaheim, (714) 826-2490; 800/245-5331. Non-refundable \$100 deposit is due March 30 and full payment — \$990 package including round trip air — by April 30.

The \$300 application registrations for the 10th biennial PANA Convention, July 26-Aug. 1 at Hotel Sheraton San Cristobal in Santiago, Chile, are due March 31, with the balance by May 15. Send forms and payments to American Holiday Travel, 312 E. 1st St., #341, Los Angeles CA 90012. For more information, call 213/625-2232.

Three tours are available: "A" (8-day, convention only); "B" (16-day Buenos Aires, convention, São Paulo, Iguaçu, Rio de Janeiro), "C" (14-day, convention, Brasília, Salvador/Bahia, Rio de Janeiro); extensions: 5-day Lima, 3-day Lima-Machu Picchu. ■

JACL announces 1999 Tri-District Conference in Arizona

The JACL will hold its 1999 Tri-District Conference from April 23-25 at the Ramada Valley Ho Resort & Conference Center in Scottsdale, Ariz.

To make reservations at the Ramada, call 800/321-4952 or 602/945-6321. Conference room rates are \$80 for single/double occupancy and \$90 for a mini suite.

For more information call the PSWD office at 213/625-4471 or email paw@jACL.org.

Register before April 9, to take advantage of reduced registration fees and individual events. ■

National JACL President Helen Kawagoe addresses Sacramento JACL's 1999 Day of Remembrance crowd.

Own a piece of redress history: Buy the Los Angeles CWRIC tapes

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

"Speak Out for Justice," a set of 13 videotape recordings from the hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) conducted between Aug. 4-6, 1981, in Los Angeles, is now available for public purchase.

Of the CWRIC hearings held across the United States, Los Angeles was the only one captured fully on videotape. The unedited tapes provide 25 hours of raw footage from 153 testifiers.

The CWRIC hearings proved to be a pivotal moment in the redress movement. It was their recommendations that laid the basis for the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the law which was to redress the wrongs committed by the American government towards the Nikkei community during World War II. The act called for a governmental apology and a \$20,000 payment to each survivor of an American concentration camp.

Back in the 1980s, however, redress was a remote idea, and reactions from the Nikkei community to the hearings were mixed. Some questioned the need to publicly testify about a proven fact. Others thought it was a governmental delaying tactic.

It was in this context that Visual Communications (VC) and the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) teamed up to videotape the three-day L.A. affair.

According to John Esaki of VC, the push to video tape the hearings came largely from Du-

ane Kubo, who was then VC director and a member of NCRR.

Since it was common for VC to document community events, the hearings were not accorded special treatment.

"The historical significance really wasn't obvious until later when the redress movement got going and went through," said Esaki. "Back then, it was more like, 'Okay, we went out and taped these things. It lasted all day. Everybody's tired. Some of it was good. Some of it was not so good.' It was like any other thing we taped in the community."

Because the hearings were treated like other recordings, documentation was done on a shoe-string budget. VC provided the camera. Art Nomura lent his VTR (videotape recorder), NCRR bought the stock tapes and volunteers became technical crews.

"Nobody thought we should spend an extra thousand dollars to get high-grade cameras," recalled Esaki. "It was more like, 'Okay, we have to do this but what do we have to work with?' And because the hearings lasted all day, there wasn't any money to pay for a camera crew so it ended up being a lot of VC staff, interns and people with very little video experience actually shooting the camera."

With the quality of the tapings dependent upon the experience of the recorder, there are portions where images are out of focus or too dark. Prime example is the jumpy camera work during the infamous Lillian Baker confrontation where the late anti-redress opponent snatches a writ-



PHOTO MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Visual Communications donated to each former Los Angeles CWRIC testifier who attended the Day of Remembrance ceremony a tape in which they appeared.

ten statement from 442nd veteran Jim Kawaminami.

But technical criticism aside, the tapes bring to life the emotionally-charged atmosphere of the event.

"It's still very fresh," said Amy Kato from VC. "You see the pride as these people divulge their emotions. It really captures the essence of what people went through. You still get choked up seeing it."

Over the years, tape highlights have been used for educational purposes, but after 18 years, the VHS tapes have begun to crumble.

"VHS is not high quality to begin with, and it starts to deteriorate after about 15 years. It gradually begins to flake off, and it'll ruin your machine," said Esaki.

Concerned about tape preservation, VC searched for funding

for the project. That's when a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLEPP) saved the day.

"What enabled us to transfer the VHS tapes to digital Betacam was the \$30,000 CLEPP grant," said Esaki.

Once the tapes were transferred to digital, VC again teamed up with NCRR to create the *Viewer's Companion*, a 51-page guide to the tapes that includes summaries of all testimonies, an index and a chronology of Nikkei history. This *Viewer's Companion* project committee, headed by Esaki and Janice Harumi Yen of NCRR, included James Bechtel, Chester Hashizume, June Hibino, Maryann Ito, Richard Katsuda, Sory Katsuda, Ruth Wakabayashi Kondo, Kathy Nishimoto, Messaka, Patty and Steve Nagao.

The committee met every other Tuesday for almost three years to come up with the detailed guide, said Esaki.

Interest in the tape set and guide has been high, but to Esaki's surprise, most requests have been coming from institutions outside of California.

"We've sold to places like Louisiana State University and Bates College in Maine," he said. "There's more interest out there maybe because there's less exposure to this camp phenomenon."

Individual purchases have come from testifiers' family and friends, said Esaki. The committee's next project, pending grant approval, is to put tape excerpts onto the internet. ■

How to order: Speak Out for Justice

Each 13-tape set with a *Viewer's Companion* guide sells for \$300 individual, \$500 for educational institutions, and \$1,000 for other institutions. Add \$30 per set for shipping and handling. (Special price of \$250 for NCRR members.) Individual tapes may be purchased for \$30 each, plus \$5 for shipping and handling per tape.

Copies of the *Viewer's Companion* may be purchased for \$20 each, plus \$5 for shipping and handling per book. Make checks payable to Visual Communications, 120 Judge John Ave. Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

For more information, call VC at 213/580-4462. ■

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Program sponsors discussions of Japanese American internment

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The California Civil Liberties Public Education Program has begun its fiscal year 1999 grant cycle.

The program was created by legislation in 1998 to sponsor public educational activities and to develop educational materials to ensure that the events surrounding the exclusion, forced removal, and internment of civilians and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry during World War II will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood.

A series of informational meetings during the month of March

has begun, sponsored by CCLPEP to provide the California community with further information on the grant applications they are currently sponsoring.

By offering competitive grants to individuals, organizations, universities, and units of government, CCLPEP hopes to achieve the purpose of the legislation and to inform the California community about this important and tragic event in our nation's history.

Information will be provided at the informational meetings to explain further the purpose of CCLPEP, the list of priorities set forth under the legislation, and

basic procedures for submission.

The remaining dates for the informational meetings are: Saturday, March 20, Sacramento Public Library; Sunday, March 21, Fresno Public Library; Tuesday, March 23, Sonoma Public Library; Wednesday, March 24, San Francisco Public Library; Thursday, March 25, Oakland Library-Lakeview Branch; Friday, March 26, San Jose Public Library.

For more information as to the time and specific library location and address, please contact Diane Matsuda, program director, CCLPEP, 900 N. Street, #300, Sacramento, CA 94237-0001, telephone: 916/653-9404. Fax: 916/654-5829. E-mail: dmatsuda@library.ca.gov. ■

Memorial campaign enters critical stage

A national memorial to Japanese American loyalty is going to be built in Washington, D.C., at the turn of this century, permanently marking a chapter in United States history.

The memorial project is a symbolic mission to educate the American and international public about the injustices on the 'home front' during World War II and the struggle for justice and freedom that is relevant to people all around the world regardless of race, creed or religion. The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation is the nonprofit organization formed and authorized by Congress to construct this memorial on 35,000 square feet of federally granted land near Capitol Hill. Once completed, the foundation will be dissolved and the memorial maintained by the U.S. Park Service.

The foundation is now in the critical stages of its fund-raising campaign as it tries to meet the mandated deadline to produce the required capital for construction before the authorization expires in October 1999. Currently with about 62 percent of the \$8.6 million needed, the foundation is targeting Au-

gust as the month in which it will certify funds with the U.S. Park Service so that construction can begin.

To escalate society's current heightened awareness, the foundation has launched a multi-media campaign including TV, radio, newspapers, internet, and direct mail. Several syndications recently carried reports about the significance of the Day of Remembrance in light of the pressing deadline to raise funds for the memorial campaign.

The upcoming 87th Annual National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington will help bring awareness to a new level when, in conjunction with the festival activities, the foundation's greater capital area sub-committee will hold a walk-a-thon. Scheduled for April 3, the freedom walk will benefit from the festival's national publicity and hundreds of thousands of D.C. visitors. Participant registration will remain open until March 20 for the four-mile walk; for more information, contact David Yao at 202/333-9095. All donations are tax-deductible. ■

East Bay Nikkei Singles offers scholarship

East Bay Nikkei Singles is offering a \$500 scholarship for 1999.

Application is open to Asians of single-parent households. The members of East Bay Nikkei Singles are conscious of the plight of single-parent families and wish to reach out and give support to an aspiring young student with the hope that this small scholarship will be meaningful to such a student.

The applicant must be graduating high school and planning to attend a trade school, business school, college, university, or any institution of higher learning in the fall of 1999.

Please contact Eleanor Thi, ERNS Scholarship Chair, 46017 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538, phone 510/656-5449, for application forms. ■

Clinton renominates Bill Lann Lee to assistant attorney general

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the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice, Mr. Lee has worked hard in many areas of civil rights enforcement," said Yamani. "He has strengthened hate crime laws, improved access and opportunities for Americans with disabilities and has fought housing discrimination. The Asian American community knows the importance of having someone like Bill Lee who also understands unique issues related to the historical difficulties and obstacles we as a group have faced in this nation."

Bob Sakaniwa, JACL Washington representative, who has been working closely with the Washington office of the Organization of Chinese Americans on the Lee nomination, added, "I hope the time has come in the Senate when senators can begin a period of reconciliation with each other and work together to see someone of Bill Lann Lee's character and integrity be confirmed as the assistant attorney general for civil rights."

But Lee may have trouble getting confirmed. Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said it is unfortunate that Clinton has chosen to renominate Lee and doubted that the Senate would confirm him.

He urged Clinton to nominate "a consensus, confirmable candidate."

"I like him personally and would support him for almost any other position in the government, but not one that allows him to implement unconstitutional policies, such as quotas, which give preference to one group at the expense of another," Hatch said.

Peter M. Suzuki, president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, expressed concern over Hatch's remarks. "I think Senator Hatch's comments ignore much of the great work that Mr. Lee has accomplished so far," said Suzuki.

Nancy Choy, executive director of NAPABA, added, "We hope the Senate Judiciary Committee will allow Mr. Lee's nomination to be fairly considered by the full Senate."

The AFL-CIO highlighted Lee's career in fighting for civil rights for all Americans, citing the enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act, investigating hate crimes and church burnings, challenging housing discrimination and protecting the rights of immigrant workers.

"America is fortunate to have a compassionate and talented civil rights attorney like Bill Lann Lee at the Justice Department," said John Sweeney, AFL-CIO president. "It is sad that the far right has launched another unfair attack on this highly qualified advocate of fairness for all Americans. The working men and women of the AFL-CIO strongly support civil rights, and we urge the Senate to quickly confirm Bill Lann Lee's nomination so that the civil rights of all Americans can be fully protected."

Sen. Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.) said Lee has established a strong record of "fair and effective enforcement" of U.S. civil rights laws.

"Bill Lann Lee deserves foursquare treatment by the Senate, and he most certainly deserves confirmation," Leahy said.

The Organization for Chinese Americans (OCA) urged the Senate to confirm Lee, saying it was the right thing to do.

"The national support for Bill Lann Lee is overwhelming. Americans from all walks of life,

eight former assistant attorney generals for civil rights who served under Democratic and Republican presidents, the editorial boards of the major newspapers throughout the country have written that to confirm Bill Lann Lee would be the fair and right thing to do. Even Bill Lee's opponent have praised him for his character and his ability to resolve the issues. What additional qualifications and support should one need to win this position?" said Daphne Kwok, OCA executive director.

George Ong, OCA national president, noted that they "look forward to working with the Senate to complete this process in a timely manner."

Before his appointment at the Department of Justice, Lee served as the Western Regional Council for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDF), which was the civil rights arm founded by the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Lee began his legal career at LDF's New York office as an as-

sociate counsel in 1974. In 1983, he joined the Center for Law in the Public Interest where he served for five years as supervising attorney for civil rights litigation.

In 1988, he rejoined LDF. He also served as adjunct professor of political science at Fordham University, and as counsel to the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Lee was born and raised in New York City where his parents owned a small laundry. He credits his late father, who experienced bigotry despite his proud military service to his country, with providing the inspiration for a career in civil rights law.

After graduating from Bronx High School of Science, Lee won a scholarship to Yale University where he benefitted from an affirmative action program. He graduated from Yale Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude in 1971. He graduated from Columbia University Law School in 1974.

Lee is married to Carolyn M. Yee, and they have three children.

The Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice enforces laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin and disability. ■

Utahns organizing coalition to oppose Senator Hatch's second attempt to block Bill Lann Lee confirmation

It resulted in the formation of the first Organization of Chinese American's chapter in Utah. It stimulated the formation of the Utah Coalition for Justice. It has been a great classroom in forming coalitions for political action. These events have been stimulated by the senior senator from Utah, Orrin Hatch, opposing the confirmation of Bill Lann Lee to the top position in civil rights in the Department of Justice.

In late 1997, as Lee's first nomination ran into trouble with the Republicans in the Senate Judiciary Committee, the JACL with help of the Chinese American community went to battle with Hatch. The Senate Judiciary deadlocked 9-9, which technically would have sunk the confirmation, but the president appointed Lee to the position of acting assistant attorney general in the civil rights division of the DOJ.

In mid-February, Hatch warned the president not to renominate Lee for the position that he had occupied for the

past 14 months. The OCA and JACL took action. A press conference was held on March 5 in downtown Salt Lake City. The press conference was held about three hours after a private ceremony in the oval office in Washington, D.C., in which the president met with Lee, civil rights leaders and other supporters.

Those speaking in support of Lee in the Salt Lake City press conference were: Rocky Anderson via video, candidate for mayor of Salt Lake City; Rich Montano, executive director of Utah Coalition of La Raza; Pat Nielson, Utah state public policy chair, American Association of University Women; Gus Chin, president of the Utah Minority Bar Association; Yas Tokita, IDC governor ex-officio; Kuang Lee, chapter president of Utah OCA; Mike Hawley, delivering a statement on behalf of the minority leader of the Democratic Party in the Utah Senate, Scott Howell; Ted Wil-

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PRESERVE THEIR PLACE IN HISTORY

Courtesy: Pat Morita with daughter Erin and grandchildren Keri and Cameron. Photo by Norman H. Segawa

Like any doting grandfather, actor Pat Morita wants his grandchildren to grow up healthy, happy and with an understanding of their heritage. And he hopes that they add to that heritage. To ensure their place in history, Pat has placed the names of his grandchildren permanently into the Japanese American National Museum's Children's Courtyard.

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Follow Pat's example and honor those children dearest to you (age 21 and younger)—your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends. Your \$100 contribution for each individual child will place their name on a handsome stone paver near the entrance to the recently opened new Museum Pavilion.

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Retirement doesn't have to mean isolation

In fact, relationships with family members and friends can continue in the older years.

Proof. Suye, 98, and Sumi Kobayashi, 75, are a mother and daughter pair living their retirement years together at Medford Leas, a multi-service retirement community in New Jersey.

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.

Quaker retirement programs are situated in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, as well as in California, Oregon, and elsewhere in the country. The programs are diverse and include independent residential living, assisted living, boarding home, home care, adult day care, mental health, and even hospice.

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EQUAL HOUSING
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Revisiting the Lee nomination

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President Clinton won't take no for an answer on his nomination of Bill Lann Lee, and Sen. Orrin Hatch won't give yes. So, why not let a third party break the impasse — namely, the full body of the U.S. Senate?

If the Senate Judiciary Committee, which Hatch chairs, had allowed a full Senate vote 16 months ago on Lee's nomination as assistant attorney general for civil rights, this contentious debate would not be resurfacing. Either Lee would have been rejected, in which case Clinton couldn't have named him in an "acting" capacity, or he would have been confirmed, in which case he would have quietly performed his duties in much the same way his predecessor did.

But the stubbornness of both Clinton and Hatch on this issue is forcing a reprise of the Lee nomination fight of late 1997. Again, the battle lines are drawn as they were then, and again the wisest option would be for the Utah senator to release the Lee nomination from his committee and allow it to go to the floor for a vote.

The only difference between then and now is that Lee now has a 15-month record as "acting" head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. The conservative groups that have opposed him because of his position on affirmative action say that record further buttresses their point that Lee should not hold the job. Fine, but that cuts both ways. Now that Lee has a record, the

Senate has a firmer basis on which to confirm or reject; it doesn't need a committee recommendation on how the nominee may perform, because it already knows how he has performed.

What really concerns Lee's opponents is not just the nominee's position on affirmative action but the reality that a majority in Congress is not opposed to that position. Even in the wake of the 1996 passage of the anti-preferences in federal contracting failed to get out of a House committee in 1997, and last year the Riggs amendment to the Higher Education Act, which would have ended admissions preferences, was soundly defeated on the House floor.

So, lacking a congressional consensus, Lee's opponents are left with the argument that he is acting unconstitutionally on affirmative action. Yes, the Supreme Court's 5-4 Adarand decision in 1995 said that federal affirmative action programs must meet a "strict scrutiny" standard, but Justice Sandra Day O'Connor also acknowledged in her majority opinion, "The unhappy persistence of both the practical and the lingering effects of racial discrimination against minority groups in this country is an unfortunate reality, and government is not disqualified from acting in response to it."

That's what Bill Lann Lee has responded to throughout his career, and that's why civil rights groups respond positively to him. The majority of U.S. senators might also respond positively to his nomination — if they were only given the chance. ■

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son, former mayor of Salt Lake City, J.D. Williams, professor emeritus, University of Utah political science department.

The theme of the remarks was a call upon Hatch to allow Lee's nomination out of the Senate Judiciary Committee so that the entire Sen-

ate can vote upon the confirmation. The speakers spoke of Lee's exemplary professional career in civil rights and implored Hatch to show fairness. In 1991, in a similar episode in which the Judiciary Committee deadlocked, Hatch allowed a confirmation to go to the floor of the Senate. That vote allowed Clarence Thomas to become the second black Supreme Court justice. ■



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Speakers at a Salt Lake City press conference on March 5 implore Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) to show fairness to Bill Lann Lee in his nomination for assistant attorney general for civil rights in the Department of Justice.

Iijima-Hall named Glendale, Ariz., new dean of instructions

Psychologist and higher education administrator Christine C. Iijima, Ph.D., recently accepted a position with Glendale Community College in Arizona as senior associate dean of instruction. In her new position, she is responsible for the academic budget, curriculum, faculty and student issues on Glendale's 18,000-student campus.

Hall was with Arizona State University West for a little over nine years as associate vice provost for academic affairs. She served as the first female president of the Asian American Psychological Association in 1995-97, and is currently on the board of governors of the Arizona State

Bar. She has received multiple awards including the YWCA Tribute to Women Award, Distinguished Leader for Women in Psychology, and was listed as one of the 100 Most Influential Asian Americans by *Avenue Asia Magazine*.

Hall, best known for her research on multicultural identity, was one of the pioneers in the United States to study experiences of people of

mixed-race parentage. Her first national publication on this topic appeared in the *Pacific Citizen* in 1981.

Hall is the daughter of Roger and Fumiko Hall of San Pedro, Calif. ■



East Wind

The Frying Pan

By Bill Marutani



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Dim Sum

OVER THE YEARS, every so often, Harry Honda, editor emeritus of this newspaper, will ship me a clipping from some newspaper or a copy of some newly-published book. Invariably, a challenging note from Harry will be tucked in the transmission to elicit comments. One might characterize these acts as efforts to stir up the mind, a "literary Viagra," so to speak.

Well, recently, Harry did it again.

THE OTHER DAY, a package arrived from Harry containing a book titled, *Out of the Frying Pan: Reflections of a Japanese American*, authored by senior columnist of the *Pacific Citizen* (P.C.), Bill Hosokawa. As a faithful reader of his P.C. column, "From the Frying Pan," I expected that the contents of this latest book would be quite familiar to me, and I laid the book aside, expecting that I'd idly peruse it at some later time. Which is what I did.

MY PERUSAL of any book starts with leafing through the table of contents. If a label to a particular chapter catches my eye, I'll turn to that chapter to see if the contents thereof yield what my mind's eye envisioned. I did precisely that, and before I knew

it, I had read more than half of the 218 pages of the book. (I've since finished reading the entire book.) Using the framework of his life, starting with the early years in Seattle, Wash., and seamlessly incorporating some columns that had appeared in the P.C., the writer weaves a social critique of Nikkei values, philosophy and status. Along the way, thought-provoking challenges appear for the reader's cogitation.

THE SAGA of the Hosokawa clan, transcending four generations and commencing in the 1890s, touches upon themes not unfamiliar to many other Nikkei. Indeed, no less than the opening paragraph of the first chapter made me smile.

It read:

On the day I was dragged, reluctant and apprehensive, to a kindergarten class... the only language I understood was Japanese. English was so foreign to my ears that I hardly knew my newly acquired first name. Until a few days earlier, it had been Kumpei... [After consulting friends, my father added the solidly Anglo-Saxon William... My ignorance of English was so complete

that I didn't even know how to say I needed to go to the bathroom. As a result, when the class stood up and struggled out for recess, my knickers were damp and I left behind a small puddle.

I SMILED because I, too, entered the Kent Elementary School with next-to-nothing comprehension of English. At the age of about five years or so, I was taken in tow by my mother on an extended visit to Japan (Hiroshima). Whatever English I knew was displaced by Hiroshima-ben picked up from listening. (To this day, I can recite a ribald ditty that Hiroshima playmates drummed into me.) Born in Kent, my given name was Masaharu, to which my parents tacked on "William," thereby sparing me from having to defend my first name in the schoolyard. For others of you, there surely will be passages in the book that will strike a familiar chord as well.

For those interested in purchasing the book, contact University Press of Colorado, P.O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

We went to our favorite Chinese restaurant the other day for a dim sum brunch without realizing it was Chinese New Year's. Dim sum must be part of the traditional celebration because the restaurant was jammed with family groups.

Among them were a surprising number of youngish Caucasian couples with little Chinese girls in tow. The children were bright-eyed and cute, very nicely dressed, and seemed to be enjoying the excitement. And they were all girls.

Then it occurred to me. These children were Chinese babies who had been adopted by American couples. There's been a lot about them in the papers. The Chinese government limits couples to one child because of overpopulation. The natural parents in impoverished parts of China give up girl babies, and childless American couples fly to China to adopt them. And on this Chinese New Year Day the American parents had brought their children to the restaurant to let them experience a touch of ancestral customs and old country food.

I have no idea how many Chinese babies have been brought to this country to be reared as Americans by American parents. Certainly thousands, and if the practice continues, there may be tens of thousands in a few years. And of course they will grow up as Americans.

But it is not unlikely that many American foster parents, like those at the dim sum restaurant, will want to see that their foster children will be familiar with their ancestral culture and

customs. It is also likely that because of their children the foster parents will take an interest in China that they never had before. And it is only natural that many of the children themselves will be curious about their origins and want to learn about China, as will some of the non-Chinese spouses that these girls will marry eventually.

In a couple of decades by the natural course of events there is likely to be a not inconsequential population of American voters with a substantial interest in and concern about things Chinese — customs, food, history, culture, language, art, trade, literature, economics, business, And politics. Nothing wrong with that. But there are questions.

What impact, for better or worse, might these Americans have on a China still struggling to catch up politically and economically with the Western world? Will there be enough of these people to influence, in one way or another, America's Asia policy in which Japan is now the keystone? And what might this mean to the Japanese?

What will this quiet development — the influx of many cute and innocent little Chinese girls into American homes and families — mean to the United States and the not distant future of relations between the United States and China? I pondered over this question as I munched on my dim sum.

And found no answers. ■

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

Mixed Messages

By Mika Tanner

Jargon Shmargon



This past week I read one of the most difficult, rambling, confusing and unnecessarily verbose books I have ever laid eyes on. It was for one of my classes in Asian American Studies and it was so full of unintelligible jargon and abstract theory that after reading about two chapters I began to feel intensely annoyed with the author for making me feel stupid. After struggling through a couple more I gave up, unable to torture myself any further. To make it worse, I remembered and understood very little of what I had labored to read — I felt like I had wasted hours of my time. I had missed *ER* for nothing.

Unfortunately, this kind of thing happens all too often when people try to read "important" books by "important" intellectuals. No one can understand what the hell they're trying to say and much of it seems like very self-indulgent mental masturbation. One begins to think that scholars are trying to confound even each other — if even they can't understand it, it must be good! Sadly, this kind of theory-intensive writing is what serves to give academics a bad name, including those academics who are supposedly writing about "community" issues or concepts that are for the benefit of the "public good."

Before entering graduate school, I would often hear disparaging remarks made by members in the community about academics and academia in general: they were too divorced from the community, nothing they studied made any sense in real practical terms, etc. And now, as a visitor in the highly privileged ivory tower, I have to say that this is, in

most cases, true. Even Asian American Studies, which was conceived as a community-supported and initiated movement, is detaching itself from its own down-home roots and gradually elevating — and isolating — itself into a "legitimate" academic discipline.

In saying this, however, I am not claiming that academia does not serve an important function outside the university structure. On the contrary, intellectuals in Ethnic and Asian American Studies are frequently responsible for sparking the seeds of a social and political consciousness in their students that often bear fruit in a variety of ways. Furthermore, academic support or validation is often needed in order for communities to benefit from federal funding programs that work towards meeting and addressing their various needs and issues. So, definitely, there is a place and a role for academia in the larger social picture.

I guess what I object to is that oftentimes intellectuals tend to make their work so dense and abstract that it is completely inaccessible to all but a select few. If a work is supposed to be groundbreaking or "important" and a way to work towards a more liberated, equitable society, then shouldn't it be able to affect and be understood by as many people as possible?

This is especially true, I think, since academics generally play the part of "thinkers" rather than "doers" (although, of course, there are exceptions). Academics come up with some great stuff, but do about it, but they're not usually known for doing a whole lot beyond that — they leave the

activism to the activists, the "doers" of the community. So it would seem that the great ideas of the scholars should be easily understood by the activists, since they are the ones who ground themselves in the practical, everyday world and work to implement positive changes within it. What real use are great ideas if they are only exposed to other academics, other "thinkers" rather than "doers"? Nothing would ever get done.

To be fair, there are a number of scholars and academic types who do write in a language that is easily grasped and accessible, and who ground their ideas on a practical, everyday level that is not way above the heads of most normal human beings. They write in clear, concise sentences that do not go on for three whole pages and do not require looking at the dictionary every two minutes; for that I come away both grateful and inspired.

My hope is that other academics will realize that for their ideas to have maximum currency, they need to be articulated in terms that most people can understand. That way, not only will they have a greater chance of seeing these ideas in action, but the community itself will not seem so separate and distinct from the world of academics.

And I, of course, would be forever thankful if my reading assignments were not quite so frustrating. ■

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Sex slavery museum reveals more of Japan's wartime atrocities

Associated Press

KWANGJU COUNTY, South Korea—Heikishi Matsuda stood in silence in a small room with a mattress, a metal washstand and a half-century-old condom in a glass case.

"The soldiers were barbarians. It's unbelievable," the 69-year-old Japanese businessman whispered to his wife and two friends. "They must have mothers and sisters. How could they do that?"

The four were among 4,000 people, a quarter of them from Japan, who have visited a new museum about Japanese military brothels, where hundreds of thousands of women, mostly Korean, were forced into sexual slavery during World War II.

"Each woman was forced to serve dozens of soldiers a day. Many of the women were teenagers from poor families who believed they had been recruited as factory workers," a museum guide told the tourists.

Opened in August, the Historical Museum of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery, located 18 miles southeast of Seoul, was built with private donations by South Korea's largest Buddhist order.

Taped testimonies by former sex slaves, called "comfort women" by their former masters, are played, while dozens of paintings depict their suffering.

Historians say up to 200,000 women were forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese military, but in South Korea only 152 women have registered as former sex slaves.

The Korean peninsula was a Japanese colony for 35 years un-

til Japan's defeat at the end of WWII. The Japanese government has refused to directly compensate the women, saying all wartime claims were settled through postwar treaties. Instead, it helped set up a private fund, offering \$17,000 to each victim. Most South Korean victims rejected the offer, seeing it as an evasion of official responsibility.

South Korea doled out a lump sum of \$35,800 to each victim last year and offers an additional monthly allowance of \$417.

"I understand our government is in an awkward position, but we all should do something for the women," said Matsuda's wife, Ayoko, 65.

"I feel anger over Japan's refusal to take responsibility, but I would like to thank all individual Japanese who come all the way here to listen to our stories," said 79-year-old Kim Soon-duk.

Kim recalled the day in 1937 when she, then 17 years old, was taken to Shanghai, where she was raped by 20 to 30 Japanese soldiers a day until she managed to escape and return home three days later.

Most of the other former sex slaves choose not to visit the museum and are unwilling to meet Japanese visitors.

"I feel bad when I see them," said Shin Hyun-soon, 76, who recently moved into a house near the museum after living in Buddhist temples for many years.

"But we know that this museum will keep telling people what happened, even after we all die. And we hope it will prevent a horrible thing like that from happening again in the future." ■

Voices

Ending the pursuit of President Clinton by the radical right

BY KAREN NARASAKI
NAPA, executive director

Contrary to what mouthpieces for the radical right would have us believe, the dogged pursuit of President Clinton has nothing to do with his moral misconduct with Monica Lewinsky or the fact that he was less than fully forthcoming about it. Nor is it about perjury, high crimes and misdemeanors. It is about the lengths that radical conservatives will go to roll back civil rights protections and eliminate government resources for education, arts and the environment.

The far right has a reason to hate this president. He successfully fought their attempts to eliminate the Department of Education and the programs that exist to ensure that all of America's children have access to a quality education.

While balancing the budget, he restored funding to civil rights agencies whose budgets had been gutted under Presidents Reagan and Bush.

He saved the National Endowment for the Arts from extinction, which supports programs which tell our history and our stories as Asian Pacific Americans through music, film, photography, painting and other art forms.

He spoke out against those in Congress who sought to scapegoat immigrants and he pushed Congress to restore eligibility to legal immigrants for government programs. He has defended America's commitment to seeking equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender, and when the extremists in Congress went after his nomination of Bill Lann Lee to head the nation's defense of civil rights, he stood firm.

They hate what this president stands for. They are angry at his success in stopping their agenda of turning America into

a country that is intentionally blind to discrimination and fights rather than celebrates diversity.

Asian Americans understand this. They voted to re-elect him in 1996 because of his record. That is why a majority joined other Americans in opposing the partisan efforts to remove him from office.

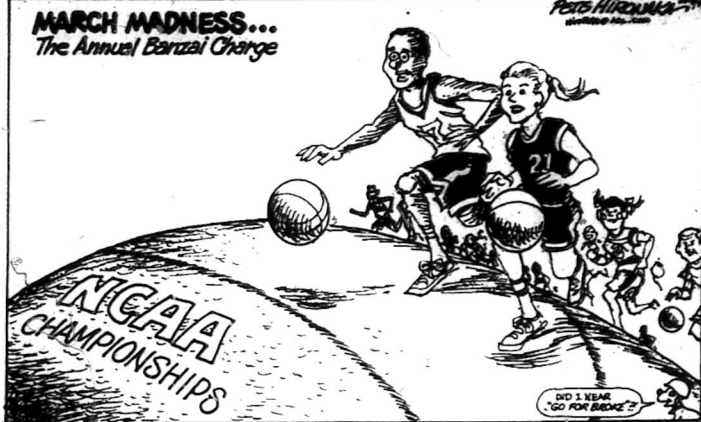
As a role model for private behavior, he is less than perfect. However, Americans have known that from the start. After all, even before he was first elected, he admitted on national television that he has been less than a faithful husband.

And "obstruction of justice" is a ridiculous label for the efforts of his lawyers to use every measure at their disposal to defend their client. "Legal hairsplitting" is not a crime.

The hypocrisy of those who solemnly pronounce that partisan politics and the upcoming presidential elections in the year 2000 had nothing to do with their call for his resignation or impeachment is clear. If it was really about principle, then why did the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives insist on making it a test of party loyalty?

Americans should care about the character of their elected officials. They should be questioning the character of those in Congress abusing our Constitution and wasting our tax dollars to pursue a partisan agenda. President Clinton may not be a saint, but the country under his watch has experienced a vibrant economy, a reduction in crime, and a renewed attention to civil rights. He is a man who has compassion for the poor, who values diversity, and who loves this country. He obviously has flaws, but many would pick him as a role model over the mean-spirited ideologues who placed partisan politics and led right-wing fringe crusades for impeachment. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Live animal markets

Thanks to reporter Tracy Uba for her informative Feb. 19-Mar. 4 piece on the live animal markets. Some clarification is in order: Assemblyman Mike Honda's Assembly Bill 238 has not been passed, only introduced, soon to be heard before the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. They need to hear from us.

Nor has the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ever held hearings on this culturally sensitive issue, despite recommendations for a ban on most live animal sales by its own Animal Welfare Commission. The board received many hundreds of letters in support of the ban, many from Asian Americans, who see this as a blight on their true culture. Buddhism, after all, is the predominant religion in China.

California laws rightfully prohibit the commercialization of our native frogs and turtles, yet we import them by the hundreds of thousands from elsewhere. This is crazy! When released into the wild (a common but illegal practice, generally by well-meaning Buddhist groups or animal lovers, not the merchants, as Pius Lee would have it), these non-natives displace and prey upon native species, and introduce exotic diseases and parasites into the environment. A ban seems to be the only workable solution.

At the very least, Assemblyman Honda's bill should be amended to include regulations pertaining to humane housing and slaughter practices, and a ban on any wild-caught animals. All state legislators may be written to The State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif., 95814.

Eric Mills
Coordinator, Action for Animals
Oakland, Calif.

Even fewer are familiar with the U.S.-backed kidnapping of Japanese Latin Americans during World War II. Perhaps, we should get the mainstream "to the barbed wired" by continuing to educate before we set to moving "beyond it."

I was also rather struck by the notion that because the Chinese American and JA experiences have been a frequent object of study we should now switch to other venues for study. We are in no disagreement that the issues of Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian, as well as the other Asian groups need greater study, but we should enhance our studies of these groups while maintaining the study of Chinese Americans and JAs.

Few would propose that we should no longer study the issues of the forced removal of the Cherokee from Georgia or the triangle trade of African slaves because they have been discussed before, nor should we de-emphasize the internment of JAs.

We should all be cautious not to let what's "in vogue" dictate how we go about our research. My parents and grandparents all bear the psychological scars of what can happen when the temper of the times prevails over reason.

Jonathan H. Watanabe
4th Generation Japanese American
Emeryville, Calif.

Re: Rabbit in the Moon

As a longtime member of the JACL, I have been aware of anti-JACL sentiment in some parts of the community, but until I saw the movie, *Rabbit in the Moon*, I had never heard it articulated so clearly. While it may have been subtitled, "Fall on Your Sword, JACL," to the writer's credit, people were not singled out for attack.

I finally felt more able to put myself in the place of these people who were assumed to be disloyal by some. From my latter-day perspective, I don't know if I would have joined the JACL or thrown rocks at them. Today the choice of whether to submit willingly or to rebel against an unjust government is pretty clear to most of us.

But to the previous generations who were still trying to gain acceptance and prove their loyalty to their new country, it was among the toughest of questions. And as the film remarks, even the two loyalty questions themselves changed over time.

The *Los Angeles Times* review of the film ends with the comment that "the supreme irony of the camps is that though they are a permanent blot on the history of American civil liberties, the camp may have saved some from lynch mobs." But who knows if that would have been true — or to what extent? The film also ignores the tremendous heroism of the men and women who served with such distinction in the 100th/442nd MIS and in other parts of the United States army.

The *L.A. Times* should appreciate the irony of Japanese Americans freeing Jews from Nazi death camps (Dauchau) for their own relatives were behind barbed wire in "the land of the free." They proved repeatedly that they deserved to live in "the home of the brave." The backlash against JAs during and after the war would have been much less had the U.S. government not kept the accomplishments and sacrifices of our veterans under such a cloak of secrecy for decades.

The late James Omura, the *Rocky Shimpoo* editor so often mentioned in the past because of his struggles against the JACL, stated in the film that he would like to see the two sides come together. To bridge the gap between the two, I believe that he has the right sentiment.

We must work together for our joint future. The acrimonious relationship must end or we will continue to be a "small time" community. Our only war-related sabotage has been upon each other. Must it go on until we are all lowered into our final interment?

Douglas Hatanaka
via e-mail

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ture and building a new one in a different section of town. Nakasako, who had taken 10 months to build his own home from the ground up, supported a new structure.

But many of the JACL oldtimers thank Jack Harris, a long-time JACL member and one of two non-Japanese to become chapter president, for convincing them to preserve the historical structure.

"Jack's very valuable," said Helen Nakasako, 76, who's been involved with the JACL before the war. "He got the city inspector to see what could be done about the hall, and he ran the whole repair project for us. We were very surprised to see that the building was very solid."

"Jack was the one who really pushed to get funds to repair the building," recalled Tanaka. "He was really involved and concerned."

Harris downplayed his role but added, "I didn't want to see a historical building built by the Issei turned down. I'm Irish and I've always looked myself for not knowing more of my background."

Harris is also credited for initiating the Monterey Peninsula JACL sponsored book, *The Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula: Their History & Legacy 1895-1995*.

"Jack kept pushing and pushing and pushing, and finally through Jack, we got Dr. David Miyamoto to help us out," said Gordy Miyamoto, who was involved in many youth sports activities, including the JACL-sponsored baseball team.

Miyamoto recalled that during the 1960s and 1970s, many of his evenings and weekends were taken up with youth sports. For 20 years, Miyamoto was actively involved in coaching local students.

"Other things sort of got neglected because there was no time for anything else," recalled Miyamoto. "But I don't mind. I love working with kids."

The chapter baseball and basketball teams were started in the 1960s by Jim Takigawa, Frank Tanaka, and brothers Gordy and Ky Miyamoto. Pet Nakasako, who was the little leagues' manager, remembers driving youngsters all over the area for tournaments and attending

Giants' games.

Another aspect the Monterey Peninsula JACL is known for is an American flag created by the chapter's Women's Auxiliary during the 1930s. The flag, which displays 48 stars, measures 40 x 70 and was known throughout the region at one point.

"The flag was recognized all over," recalled the older Tabata, who helped carry it at parades. "It took about 50 people to carry it, and it was so huge, it stretched across from one sidewalk to another."

Chizuko Suyama Sanda, sister of seventh chapter president Masato Suyama, credited Hal Higashi for the creation of the flag. "Hal was the one who did all the planning for that project," said Sanda. "He was the one who figured out the yardage and everything."

According to current president Oda, the flag, which was thought to have been lost, was found tucked away in a trunk last year and was carried in the Fourth of July festival. He hopes that they could again revive the tradition of carrying the flag in the annual parade.

"There has been talks of trying to carry the flag again, but we'll have to see if we can make it an annual event," said Gordy Ueyeda, 70, chapter president in 1975 and considered "Mr. JACL" for receiving virtually every JACL award.

Ueyeda is perhaps best known for chairing the redress committee during the 1980s, with Royal Manaka and Jack Nishida. Ueyeda recalled that the response from the local residents was positive and remembers setting up mock hearings at the hall to prepare for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearing.

Currently, the chapter is gearing up for the year 2000 convention where members hope they can recruit younger people.

"We would like the next generation to take over," said Helen Nakasako. "Right now, the most active are those in their 70s and older."

"We need to get new members and start recruiting younger people," said Oda. "To do this, I think

we need to maintain the JACL cultural resources but also expand to involving other nationalities."

To that end, the chapter has two active Chinese Americans and several Caucasians.

"Hopefully, the convention will be a rallying point," said Tanaka. (Some background material was provided by *The Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula: Their History & Legacy 1895-1995* and by JACL in *Quest of Justice* by Bill Hosokawa.)

Historical roots of some of Monterey Peninsula's Nikkei families

The Miyamoto Family

Noboru "Gordy" Miyamoto is the youngest son of Kumahiko and Hatsu Kato Miyamoto. His other siblings include Yoshitaka (Archie), Takahisa (Ky), Hoshio (Oyster) and Maya. Miyamoto's father was one of the first men to clear and survey the land which is now the City of Carmel. He is also credited for raising the first artichokes in the area and became the area's premier vegetable farmer.

The Oda Family

Larry Oda is the grandson of Tsunetaro Oda, who along with K. Niino is credited in opening Sea Pride Cannery in 1925, the first Japanese-owned cannery on the peninsula. To get an idea of how huge the Sea Pride Cannery was, the grandson noted that city records indicate the cannery spanned the area where the Outer Bay exhibit wing of the Monterey Bay Aquarium now sits, and the cannery warehouse was on the opposite side of Cannery Row, where the Wing Chong market now stands. The grandson still lives in the house built by his grandfather in 1927.

The Suyama Family

Chizuko Suyama Sanda is the daughter of Senjiro and Chikayo Okada Sanda. Her father took up the shoe repair trade after he lost a leg during a train accident. The business was known as the Suyama Shoe Repair and Candy Store. Chizuko later married Mike Sanda, who was once the secretary-treasurer of the Monterey Bowling Association.

The Tabata Family

The Tabata Family's Sunrise Gro-

cery store is famous in the area. Now in its third generation, the store opened as Sunrise Brothers in 1919 by Tonesuke Esaki and Tansukichi Tabata, who was the father of the Tabata brothers (Yoshio and James). At that time, the store catered to the fishing industry and sold fishing supplies as well as traditional Japanese foods. Under James Tabata's management the store expanded to include groceries and gift items. Today, it is run by James Tabata's son, Tom.

Yo Tabata partnered with Kaz Oda and ran the Las Tiendas Auto Shop.

The Tanaka Family

Frank Tanaka is the son of Kaichi and Yae Sumida. In 1903, Tanaka's father moved to an area once known as Tom Oliver Ranch in the Carmel area, where he specialized in growing potatoes. Tanaka be-

came so famous for his quality potatoes that he was once referred to as the "Potato King." Today, the farm property is owned by actor Clint Eastwood.

The Ueyeda Family

George Ueyeda, the son of Gokuchi and Ayame Ueyeda, has five other brothers — Noboru, Minoru, Jimmy, Johnny and Frank. Ueyeda's father arrived in the United States in the early 1900s and made his way to the Monterey Peninsula in 1936. There, he opened a successful truck-farm where he grew carrots, radishes, parsnips and squash. This produce was mainly sold to Safeway and Furrer's stores.

After the war, the Ueyeda brothers teamed up to open Pacific Motor Service, an automotive store. Thanks to the Ueyedas, the automotive business was opened up to the Nikkei. ■

Monterey Peninsula JACL installs officers

The Monterey Peninsula JACL chapter held its annual banquet and installation of officers at the Bayonet/Black Horse Golf Club in Seaside, Calif., on March 6. Among the dignitaries in attendance were Mayor of Monterey Dan Albert, Mayor of Marina Jim Perrine, 4th District Supervisor Edith Johnson, Linda Horning, aide to state Senator Bruce McPherson, Marina City Councilperson Ken Nishi, and Municipal Court Judge Jose Velasquez.

Following dinner, municipal court Judge Albert Maldonado installed the 1999 board of directors, which included Larry Oda president; Kazuko Matsuyama, first vice president; George Ueyeda, second vice president; and Aiko Matsuyama, treasurer. An award for ten years of exemplary service to the chapter, the JACL

silver pin, was presented to Itsuo Nakasako.

The program for the evening was the presentation and viewing of a documentary video of the Salinas Assembly Center by a graduate student at California State University at Monterey Bay, Yolanda Gutierrez. Gutierrez produced this video as part of her baccalaureate thesis and won a state-wide competition against similar projects from all the schools in the California state university system.

The video features interviews with former internees of the Salinas Assembly Center and period newspaper clippings and photographs. One of those interviewed in her documentary, Otis Kadani, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. ■

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Dennis Toyomura, 72, architect

HONOLULU—Dennis Toyomura, 72, renowned architect who encouraged the state to construct an environmentally sound, floating electricity plant, died on Feb. 7.

Toyomura's proposal generated enough interest that the state allocated \$50,000 to further examine the project. If successful, the state could produce energy from ocean currents, air currents and the sun.

Toyomura, former commissioner and chairman of the Hawaii

Housing Authority, was honored by the American Institute of Architects in 1996 for his tireless work on procurement, consumer protection, professional conciliation and tort reform. He also devoted much time to the State Foundation for the Culture in Arts as well as to the University of Hawaii School of Architecture.

He is survived by his wife Akiko; sons Wayne, Gerald and Lyle; daughter Amy Tsujioka, brother Harry; and three grandchildren. ■

Workshop to focus on Nikkei funerals

OAKLAND.—Asian American views of death and funeral rituals will be the focus of a Sunday, March 20 workshop titled, "Celebrating the Culmination of Life in our Asian Communities." The event will be held at the Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson St., in Oakland, from 9:30 a.m. It will be co-sponsored by the Japanese American Services of the East Bay (JASEB) and the Pacific Asian American Center for Theology and Strategic Council (PACTS).

Rev. Donald Drummond of Christ United Presbyterian Church in San Francisco's Japantown will talk on Asian cultural thoughts on death. This will be followed by a panel of ministers from churches with a predominately Asian American

congregation. They will discuss death rituals in Asian cultures.

In the afternoon, a panel will examine the details of funeral planning. John Minamoto, funeral director for Chapel of the Chimes, will present options on funeral arrangements. Revs. Lloyd Wake and Zukei Taniguchi will explain the procedures and services of many Japanese Christian and Buddhist churches.

The \$15 registration fee covers all workshops, lunch and resource materials. Families will be given a discount and charged \$10 per person. For more information, call JASEB at (510) 848-3560. Checks should be mailed with names of participants to JASEB at 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akino, Yasu, 113, Sagara, Japan, Feb. 12; Japan's oldest person; survived by one son and one daughter.

Akutagawa, Manabu, 64, Palo Alto, Feb. 2; survived by wife Masae; son Hideki; daughter Eiko Thiess and husband Frank; 3 gc.

Campbell, Gail L., 52, Seattle, Feb. 1; Seattle-born; survived by daughters Lisa Brown and husband Bruce, and Shawna.

Fujii, Ted Satoru, 64, Sacramento, Feb. 4; WWII veteran; survived by sons Russell and his wife Linda, Wesley, and wife Diana, and Eric; 4 gc.; predeceased by wife Sallie.

Fujishin, Mike Mineo, 77, Santa Cruz, Nov. 18; Bear Creek, Mont.-born JACLer, Tule Lake and Heart Mountain internee, landscape gardener, semi-pro baseball player and youth coach; survived by wife Helen (Tsugawa); son Randy and wife Vicki (Scott) Valley; daughter Diane Sakayue and husband Stan (Redondo Beach), Melanie Cottogim and husband Tim (San Jose), Nanette Vidales and husband Hector (Campbell) and Teresa Gruber and husband Tim (San Jose); 9 gc.; sister Helen Masuda and brothers Kay, Ike and Tom (all San Jose).

Fukuda, Jean Tomi, 46, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 23; Honolulu-born attorney; survived by mother and brothers David and Richard (all of Hawaii); predeceased by her father and brother Patrick.

Goto, Kazuo, 96, Albany, Jan. 21; survived by sons George and wife Midori, and Joe and wife Grace; daughter Miyoko Uyemoto and husband Atsushi; 7 gc., 14 ggc., 2 gggc.; predeceased by husband Rokuzo.

Hirakawa, Shuichi, 82, San Francisco, Feb. 6; San Francisco-born veteran; survived by wife Yae; daughters Yayoi Ozeki, Taeko Kawamura and husband Kohei, and Rui Hirakawa and husband Gary; 6 gc., sisters Kazuo Hirakawa and husband Nakashige, and Toshiko Hirakawa.

Kakuta, Sachiko, 66, Redwood Shores, Feb. 11; survived by husband Minoru; son Thomas; daughter Misako Farm and husband Kevin; mother Kikue Suzuki (Japan); gc.; brothers Tak Suzuki and wife Atsuko and Toshio Suzuki (both of Japan); sisters Keiko Nakamura and husband Taika, Toshiko Hosaka and husband Kazuo, and Yoko Imamura and husband Seisuke (Japan).

Katsuyama, Allen, 61, Pleasant Hill, Jan. 25; Berkeley-educated employee for National Food Processor Association; survived by wife Frances; daughter Kathie Brodowy and husband Brent (Moraga); parents Harry and Alyce; brother Ronald and wife Jane (Kettering, Ohio); 2 gc.

Kawahara, Kai, Denver, survived by wife Grace; daughters Keiko, Amy Shaw and husband Abel; 2 gc., 1 ggc.

Kondo, Susan, 46, Arvada, Colo.; Denver-born; survived by parents Harry and Mary Kondo (Commerce City); daughter Jerilyn Welch and son Nathan Welch (both Arvada); sisters Peggy Ocran (Calif.), Ann Heiseick (Indiana) and Shari Renken (Aurora).

Kumakura, Harry K., 85, Seattle, Feb. 12; Tacoma, Wash.-born 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Misayo; brother Haruo Herb (Wisconsin); sister June Momoda (Bellevue).

Kuroyama, Norio Mack, 96, Los Angeles, Jan. 31; Wakayama-born; survived by sons Noriyuki and wife Jennie, Toshio and wife Mary; 9 gc., 14 ggc.

Manji, Chiseko, 103, Yuba City, Feb. 13; Yamaguchi-born; survived by sons Billy T. and his wife Helen (Yuba City), Dr. Harry and wife Claire (Moraga), Robert and wife Carolyn (Sacra-

mento); daughters Tatsuno Uchiyama (Japan), Chiyo Kobayashi and husband Iwao (Sacramento), Masako Uyeda (Sacramento), Lilian (Yuba City), Grace Mitsutome and husband Yodhi (Walnut Creek) and June Oa (Lodi); 2 gc., 27 ggc., 3 gggc.

Matsuda, Isami, 99, Penryn, Feb. 14; survived by sons Tom Tamotsu and wife Akiko, and Shinobu and wife Ritel; daughter-in-law Dr. Kumiko Matsuda (Japan); 7 gc., 9 ggc.; predeceased by son Yutaka.

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Miyao, Kiyo, 94, Carson, Feb. 15; Niigata-born Issei pioneer and naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by sons Yasuhiro and Shunobu and wife Natcha; daughters Maruko Nishimoto and husband Harry Morito, Chiyeo Mosco and husband Lawrence, and Kimiko O. and husband Minoru; 9 gc., 6 ggc.

Morioka, Tsunomiku, 79, Monterey Park, Feb. 14; Seattle-born; survived by husband Takashi; son Richard and wife Linda; 1 gc.; brother Ted Ota and wife Reiko; sister Mitsui Kojima.

Morisawa, Yukio, 74, Sacramento, Feb. 17; survived by wife Sumiko; son Yukimitsu and wife Liz; daughters Chieko Nomura and husband Walter, and Susan Chow and husband Wes; sister Yukie Hashimoto and her husband Hideki, brother Takao and his wife Midori, brother-in-law Kyoichi Matsuo, and sister-in-law Miyo Hirai (all Japan).

Mulka, Mark Mitsuru, 83, Spokane, Wash., Jan. 19; Kingston, Wash.-born JACLer and railroad worker; survived by wife Kimiko; sons Dennis and wife Jasmine (Thousand Oaks), Donald and wife Vicki (Bellevue, Wash.), David and wife Motoko (Tokyo); 7 gc., 1 ggc.; sister Mary Kosi and husband Kiso; brothers Tommy and wife Shigeko, Joe and wife Haru, and Tomoe and wife Namiko; predeceased by brother George and his wife Mineko.

Munekawa, Masuko, 97, Sacramento, Feb. 4; survived by sons Tomio and wife Tsuneko, Satoru and wife Anna, Makoto and wife Kimiye, Kiyoto and wife Kikuko; daughter Fumiko Tagawa and husband Takashi; predeceased by husband Tetsuji and daughter Kiyoko Nakamura (Japan).

Murakami, Lens Leo, Denver, Feb. 17 service; survived by wife May; son William and daughter Linda Sikkema (both of Denver); brothers Junior (Englewood) and Frank (Las Vegas).

Nagamatsu, Frank M., 85, Costa Mesa, Feb. 17; survived by wife Yasuko; daughter Norma Ichinaga and husband David; son Mark and wife Nancy (Maui); brothers Henry and wife Emily, Tom and wife Claire, James and wife Helma; sister Fumiko Iseri; sisters-in-law Chiyoeko and Reiko Nagamatsu; predeceased by brothers George and John and brother-in-law Victor Iseri.

Nakamura, Joe, 72, Sacramento, Feb. 8; Marysville-born; survived by sisters Molly Miyoko Kimura and husband Kazuo, Helen Hisako Iwasaki (San Jose), and Kazuo Sato.

Ochiai, Kikuko 'Kay', 79, Santa Ana, Nov. 24; Courtland-born Korean war Army nurse; survived by husband Tad; son Dr. Kent; daughter Ruth Kawakami and husband Tommy; 2 gc.

Ogino, Frank Kazuo, 85, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; San Diego-born; survived by wife Kazuo; sons Casey and wife Loretta and James and wife Michiko; daughter Carol Koga and husband Mikio; gc.; brother Tak and wife Jean; sister Lillie Sumi; brother-in-law William Ishibashi.

Okada, Sono, 96, Mountain View, Feb. 12; survived by sons

Hirotaka 'Hiro' and Mitsuru George; daughters Yoshiko Kathy and Akiko Mae; 9 gc., 4 ggc.; predeceased by husband Choichi and son Nobuaki.

Sakurai, John L., Denver, Shibuya, Thomas Tsutomu, 66, Arlington, Va., Feb. 8; Sacramento-born resident of Rancho Palos Verdes; survived by wife Yukiko; daughters Kris Yoo and husband Christopher (Arlington, Va.), Naomi Shibuya; 2 gc.; brothers William and Fred and wife Misuko; sisters Isabel, Laura, and Margaret Yono and husband Katsumi.

Takanashi, Shima, 96, Los Angeles, Feb. 4; Shizuoka-born; survived by daughter Miyoko Sugihara and husband Paul Toru (Laguna Niguel); daughter-in-law Patricia Takanashi; 5 gc., 6 gc.

Takata, Kiyoshi, Denver, survived by sons Ronald, Gary and wife Vickie, Wayne and wife Linda; daughters Joan, Nancy Banks and husband Leonard; 3 gc., 1 ggc.

Takehara, Tom, 77, Sacramento, Feb. 18; Sacramento-born Poston internee, prominent landscape contractor; survived by wife Toshie, sons Brian and wife Peggy and Walton and wife Michele Ann, daughter Denise Masunaga and husband Brian; 7 gc.; brother Paul, sister Bessie Hakawaki and husband Ed.

Takemori, Kay, 85, Phoenix, Feb. 19; Penryn-born; survived by husband Henry; daughters Elaine and Helene Nakamura; 2 gc.; sisters Yoshie Kato, Mitsuko Kitade and Jane Kawakami; brothers Masaru, Bob, Yoshito and Jimmy Ariyasu.

Tatsunobu, Mitsunobu 'Tatz', Japan-born graduate of Tokyo University; noted researcher in isotopes, radioactive decay systems at the U.S. Geological Survey; investigator of the first lunar samples; recipient of 'honorary degree from the University of Paris Institute of Geophysics; survived by wife Kimiko; daughter Mariko; son Kuni.

Tsuchiya, Henry Eichiro, 82, Glendale, Feb. 10; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran; survived by brother Isao; sister Sachiko Peggy Saito.

Yokoi, Chiaki, 71, El Cerrito, Jan. 21; survived by husband Morio, son Stephen, daughter Dorian, Goya and husband Glenn; 2 gc.; sister Chihiro Webster and husband Bill, and Sumiko Furukawa and husband Masayuki; brother George Kawamura and his wife Hisako.

Yonehara, Akira, 73, Buena Park, Feb. 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by brother Fujio and wife Janis (Buena Park); sister Helen Yoshida and husband George (Cammarillo). ■



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