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## Breaking the Code of Silence

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

A six-figure settlement wasn't enough to silence a Los Angeles Sheriff's officer who continues to urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to set up a civilian review board to improve working conditions within the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD).

Despite a \$138,000 settlement from Los Angeles County, Sgt. Brian Moriguchi, flanked by several civil rights organizations including the Pacific Southwest District of

the JACL, called for the adoption of an independent review process to handle discrimination and harassment complaints.

"The reason I'm here today is because there's a lot of other officers out there who have suffered the same as I have, who have gone through what I've gone through but are afraid to come forward," said Moriguchi. "What I'm hoping for is that there will be some type of review process that other members of the Sheriff's Department will

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## Rapid Growth of APA Community Reveals Increasing Complexity of U.S. Race Relations

Asian Pacific Americans have emerged as a distinct voice in the ongoing debate over race relations in the United States; expanding the issue of racial identity beyond the traditional framework of black-white relations, according to a new report released recently by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Asian American Studies Center.

The report examining the status of APAs, who have doubled in population each decade since 1960 and are expected to reach at least 20 million by 2020, documents for the first time racial attitudes toward APAs, residential patterns, including integration and isolation; and immigration and national race policies. It also analyzes racially motivated violence against and by APAs and offers an overview of

hate-crime policy.

Released on March 1 at a briefing in Washington, D.C., "The State of Asian Pacific America: Transforming Race Relations" is the fourth major public policy report produced by the LEAP Asian Pacific American Public Policy Institute and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. The report's authors examine the growing complexity of race relations in the United States, document how racial identity is created and reflected in individual attitudes and institutional practices, and argue for policies that go beyond the traditional racial order.

Among the key findings are:

- Race-bias crimes against APAs are severely undercounted because many APAs, especially immigrants, are reluctant to report such crimes. However, of the 1,166 race-

bias crimes reported in Los Angeles County from 1994-97, APAs were victimized equally by Latinos and whites (35 crimes perpetrated by each group) and less frequently by African Americans (12 reported crimes). In contrast, the racial group most victimized by APAs was African American (14 of 23 total crimes perpetrated by APAs). Nationally, the number of reported race-bias crimes against APAs averages 500 per year.

- APAs are divided about affirmative action. While APAs are above parity in education, they suffer from quotas. However, the discrimination and prejudice experienced by APAs is often more benign than that experienced by other minorities. For example, APAs suffer from employment discrimination,

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## NPS to Decide on JA Memorial's Controversial Inscription

By SAM CHU LIN  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

The National Parks Service (NPS) is expected to make a final approval of the inscriptions to appear on the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation's memorial, according to an NPS official.

John Parsons, NPS associate regional director, said he and his staff are ready to make a decision within the next week.

"There's been no final approval, but it's imminent," said Parsons, adding that he will most likely notify all concerned parties of his decision in a formal letter next week "so everyone has the same words."

But he first plans to meet this week with NJAMF Chairman Melvin Chigiopolis, NJAMF Executive Director Cherry Tsutsumida and historian Akio Herzog to correct factual errors.

"I don't think the [NJAMF] board is interested in further debate," said Parsons. "It's over for

them as far as they are concerned. The choice is now ours."

Parsons noted that he was aware of the controversy surrounding one particular inscription quote: that of Mike Masaoka, JACL's national director during World War II. He said he has been talking with both the people who want Masaoka's quote taken off and those who are pushing to have it included.

"I'm not sure what can be done to heal this wound because it is so easy in hindsight to say anything of this nature to evaluate," said Parsons. "What Norm (Mineta) has conveyed to me and others in his same circumstance is — what was going on in 1941. Although we take for granted what is civil rights now, looking at it through 2000's eyes, it seems amazing that people would do this, but the discrimination that they were suffering was incredible. The fear of deportation and so forth, and their leaders being locked up. This 23-year-old kid singularly took the leadership and did

what he thought was the right thing. That's Norm's point of view and to look at it now and say, 'Gee, he didn't do the right thing. He should have laid down in front of the soldiers' — is difficult."

At last month's NJAMF board meeting held in San Diego, the board had taken another vote on whether or not to include a quote from Masaoka. The result was 27-6 in favor with one abstention.

Parsons did not favor "a neutral third party" hearing to resolve the Masaoka controversy as proposed by attorney Frank Sogi, one of the dissident NJAMF board members who has threatened to take legal action against the foundation over the Masaoka inscription.

"I've been through a lot of these same situations the last 33 years," Parsons said. "Anytime there is the suggestion that we try to assemble a group of scholars to debate this issue, the losing side never quits. I've learned that the controversy

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Sgt. Brian Moriguchi (left) urges Los Angeles County to create an independent review board while Beth Au, JACL Pacific Southwest regional director (center) and Dan Tokaji (right) with the ACLU looks on.

## Cedillo Introduces Equity Legislation for Filipino WWII Vets

By TRACY UBA  
Writer/Reporter

Rallying behind the promise of equity, hundreds of Filipino veterans gathered at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles on March 3 to seek long-overdue recognition for fighting on behalf of the United States during World War II.

California Assemblyman Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, announced he has introduced before the state legislature a bill, AB 1978, which will grant full State Supplemental

Program (SSP) benefits to eligible Filipino former soldiers, who have never been recognized as U.S. veterans.

"This is just a profound injustice, that we would ask people to fight with us for democracy and freedom and then turn our backs on them," said Assemblyman Cedillo.

The SSP benefits total approximately \$250 a month and would be received even by those who decide to return to the Philippines, where

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## Nakano Introduces AB 1914 to Continue Calif. Civil Liberties Public Education Program

Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, has introduced AB 1914 on behalf of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program. The program, administered by the California State Library, is designed to teach the experiences of Japanese Americans before, during, and immediately after World War II.

In 1999, as a result of legislation by Assemblyman Mike Honda from the previous year, the Legislature

began annually appropriating \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the state librarian. The original legislation set a sunset, or end of the appropriation, in 2001. AB 1914 would delete the three-year limitation on the appropriation, meaning that the funds will be allocated each year for an indefinite period of time.

"There has been just a phenom-

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## Honda Wins Primary Race

By SAM CHU LIN  
Special to Pacific Citizen

SAN JOSE. — The rain didn't dampen spirits as California State Assemblyman Mike Honda stepped out of his RV and ran to his San Jose congressional campaign headquarters to face a crowd of cheering supporters.

Honda, a candidate for the 15th congressional district, led both his Democratic and GOP contenders. A tearful Honda hugged and thanked his supporters.

"We were in a sprint," he said. "Now we've got a marathon. We're going to be calling all of you to help us on a daily basis. We're going to be the homes of voters and touch their lives too so that when it's Novem-

ber 7, we're going to have the same numbers!"

"I'm very proud of Mike," Honda's wife Jeanne remarked. "He's so lucky to have so many friends. He's never ever lost an election!"

"Dad is the exception to the rule as a politician," said Honda's daughter Michelle. "He's in it for the people. He believes in what he is doing. Taking it to a higher level. I think he's going to make lot of great changes."

Keith Honda, the assemblyman's chief of staff and cousin, reflected on the victory. "We were outspent at least two to one," he said. "It was very gratifying for Mike and for all of us to see that he has the kind of support that a million dollars isn't going to make a dent in."

In a series of radio and television interviews at county election headquarters, Honda expressed his gratitude to the voters. Shortly after the polls closed, Peacock congratulated Honda.

Political analysts had predicted a closer race with Democratic congressional hopeful Bill Peacock, a former assistant Secretary of the Army during the Carter administration, bankrolling his campaign with a million dollars. The independent businessman's numerous TV ads weren't enough to compete with Honda's name familiarity and the White House's election-ere

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## Primary Election Results

Asian Pacific Americans were not a visible force outside of California on Super Tuesday.

Incumbents Congressman Robert Matsui (D) and Assemblyman George Nakano (D) won handily, as did California state Assemblyman Mike Honda who is running for a congressional seat in Norm Mineta's former district.

Those facing a tough race may be Nikkei candidate Bob Kent (D) running against Doug Ose (D) for the third congressional district seat; and Alan Nakashima (R) going up against Michael J. Machado (D) in the California state Senate race in the fifth district.

In a crowded California state Assembly race in the sixth district, candidate Carole Hayashino (D) will be facing a run off with Joe Nation (D), while Wilma Chan (D) commanded the 16th district race for state Assembly with 80.5 percent of the votes.

States that held primaries on March 7 included: California, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington.

Please see page 3 to see how APAs fared in state and federal elections. ■

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## JACL Calendar

### National

Sat., April 1—Deadline for students other than entering freshmen to submit applications to chapter scholarship committees for national JACL scholarships.

Mon., June 26-Sun., July 2—36th Biennial JACL National Convention; Doubletree Inn, Monterey, Calif.; special rate for JACL conventioners. Reservations ASAP: 831/649-4511, <www.doubletreemonterey.com>

### Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Fri.-Sun., March 31-April 4—Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference; Doubletree Hotel. Info: Tom Ehle, 415/921-5225.

Sat., April 1—Second Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk; see Community Calendar.

### Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Fri.-Sun., March 17-19—District Council meeting, Chicago.

## COMMUNITY Calendar

### East Coast

BELLEVIEW/NEWARK, N.J.  
Sun., April 9—Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival; noon-5 p.m.; classical dancing, Ikebana, origami, story time, antique auto, kendo, bonsai, etc. Info: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Sat., April 1—Second Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk; 9:30 a.m. check-in, 10:30 a.m. ceremony, National Mall at 4th & Jefferson Drive, SW; George Takei, keynote speaker. Register now to reserve T-shirt: NJAMF-301/530-0048.

### The Midwest

CHICAGO  
Tues., March 28 & Thurs., March 30—AARP-55 Alive Driver's Ed Class; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Japanese American Service Committee, 4427, N. Clark St.; Stanley Fukai, instructor. RSVP: 773/275-7212.

### Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND  
Sun., March 26—Annual Spring Mini-Bazaar; noon-3 p.m., Nichiren Buddhist Church, 2025 S.E. Yamhill St.; serving chicken donburi, chow mein; pre-order meal tickets @ \$4 each by March 17.

Through May 20—Exhibit, "The Heart Mountain Story," photos by Hansel Mieth and Otto Hagel taken for Life magazine; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave. Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13—Greater Portland Reunion; "Nikkei Futures 2000; Doubletree Lloyd Center Hotel; mixer, banquet, tours, golf tournament, picnic, etc. Info: Kenzie Namba, 503/258-0848; Kurtis Inouye 503/682-3238.

SEATTLE  
Through April—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

### Northern California

BAY AREA  
Thurs.-Thurs., March 9-16—Asian.

### NC-WN-Pacific

CONTRA COSTA, DIABLO VALLEY, TRI-VALLEY  
Sat., April 15—Teacher Education Workshop, "An American Story: From the Bill of Rights to Redress"; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Pine Hollow Middle School, Concord; \$10 registration, lunch included. Info: Cheryl Yoshimura-Thompson, 925/939-2910, Eric Tongue, 925/828-1076.

### CONTRA COSTA

Sun., March 19—Senior Appreciation/Scholarship Awards luncheon potluck; 2-5 p.m., Maple Hall, 1 Alvarado Square, San Pablo; karaoke by Mokuyo-Kai. Info: Esther Takeuchi, FREMONT

Sun., March 19—Bay Meadows outing; see Community Calendar.

### SAN MATEO

Sat., March 25—NCJASC 20th Annual Shinzen En Kai; see Community Calendar at Hayward.

### WATSONVILLE

Mon.-Thurs., April 24-27—Senior Center Tour to Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, etc. Info: Carmel Kamigawachi, 831/722-1930; Shig Kizuka, 831/724-0116.

American Film Festival 2000; AMC Kabuki 8 Theaters in San Francisco and Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley. Info: Julie Kuwabara, 415/863-0814 ext. 216; <http://www.naatanet.org/festival>.

Sat.-Tues., July 14—Tule Lake Pilgrimage; bus provided from the Bay Area. Registration by April 1. Forms, info: Las Vegas JACL, 702/381-4443.

Sat., March 18—Omatsuri Culture Night presented by UC Berkeley Tomodachi Club; 6-10 p.m., Pauley Ball Room, Martin Luther King Student Union Building. Free. Info: Shizu, 510/649-8251; e-mail: <cn2000chair@hotmail.com>

### FREMONT

Sun., March 19—Bay Meadows outing; meet at SACBC at 11 a.m., for car pooling. Info: Ted Inouye, 510/797-3075.

### HAYWARD

Sat., March 25—20th Annual Shinzen En Kai by the Northern California Japanese American Senior Centers; luncheon, entertainment, arts, crafts food items. RSVP to your local Senior Center.

### SACRAMENTO

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 8-9—Tulelake Reunion; Doubletree Hotel and Resort; Friday registration and gala mixer; Saturday sayonara banquet; details to follow.

Sun., Sept. 10—Greater Sacramento Valley Region-wide Reunion; Doubletree Hotel; unveiling of the historical book of the Sacramento region; details to follow.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Thurs.-Sun., April 27-30—Nikkei 2000 Conference; Radisson Miyako Hotel, Japantown; join students, professionals, community organizers, politicians, others to make a difference. Registration \$65 before March 24, \$100 after; students, low-income \$40. Info: JACCC, 415/567-5505, e-mail: nikkei2000@jaccn.org.

### SANTA ROSA

Fri., March 17—Play with original music, "Uncle Gunjiro's Girlfriend" by Brenda Wong Aoki; 8 p.m., Carriage House Theater; Tickets: 408/961-5858, 408/998-8497.

### Southern California

LOS ANGELES  
Thurs., March 16—Screening, "Macao: Demon Drummer from East

### Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Sun., March 12—District Council Meeting, Clovis.

### Pacific Southwest

LAS VEGAS  
Wed., March 15—Application deadline for Bill Endow Scholarship. Info: Don Frazer, 878-2472.

Sat., March 25—Singles trip to Death Valley. Info: Rhea Fujimoto, 254-8060.

Sat., April 8—Friendship Potluck Picnic; see Community Calendar.

### SAN DIEGO

Sat., March 18—Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner; 4:30 p.m., China Camp Restaurant. RSVP by March 15: 619/230-0314, or Vernon Yoshioka, 619/461-2010; e-mail: sdajcl@junco.com. ■

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

L.A. and "Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor"; discussion with filmmaker John Esaki follows; 7:30 p.m., JAHM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414; 800/461-5266; Web site: <http://www.janm.org>.  
Sat., March 18—Capturing Stories: An Oral History Workshop; 1 p.m., JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; for beginners. Info: 213/625-0414; 800/461-5266.

### WEST COVINA

Sat., March 25—"Oldies Part VIII" dance; 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., West Covina Buddhist Temple; music by High Resolution. Info: RSVP; joanie, 626/284-8192; Frank, 714/890-1776; Roy, 909/595-6183.

### Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS  
Sat., April 8—Friendship Potluck Picnic; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Floyd Lamb State Park Picnic Area #5; Hot dogs, hamburgers, Soft Drinks, paper goods provided; fishing, games, prizes. Please RSVP number in your party to: 702/381-4443.

Fri.-Sat., June 2-3—Gila River Reunion; Jackie Gaughn's Plaza; exhibit of camp relics; Friday evening mixer, Saturday golf tournament, sight-seeing tour, Saturday night banquet. Registration: c/o Hy Shishino, 16031 Sugarpine Ln., Cerritos, CA 90703.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tule Lake Pilgrimage; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology. Registration by April 1. Forms, info: Las Vegas JACL, 702/381-4443.

### PHOENIX

Wed., March 15—Lecture by artist Roger Shimamura; 7 p.m., Phoenix Art Museum, Central & McDowell roads; exhibit of his work continues through March, includes paintings about the internment camps.

Fri., March 24—Annual Japan Business Luncheon; 11:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch; RSVP ASAP: 623/915-0000, e-mail: <jas-phx@geocities.com>

### TEXAS

HOUSTON  
Sat.-Sun., March 18-19—Houston Capers XV Golf Tournament, played at a different course each day, post-game dinner also at different restaurants. Info: Mas Yamasaki, 281/866-9392. ■

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## United States President

(Open Primary Results)		
Democratic Party		
Al Gore	2,369,332	34.5%
Bill Bradley	579,303	8.5%
Lyndon LaRouche	17,756	3%

Republican Party		
John McCain	1,599,318	23.3%
George W. Bush		

	1,940,201	28.3%
Steve Forbes	12,838	2%
Gary Bauer	9,299	2%
Alan Keyes	151,961	2.3%
Orrin Hatch	8,273	1%

American Independent Party		
Howard Phillips	8,161	1%

Green Party		
Ralph Nader	101,165	1.5%
Joel Kovel	6,031	0%

Libertarian Party		
Harry Browne	18,647	3%
Dave Lynn Hollist	2,285	0%
L. Neil Smith	2,869	0%
Larry Hines	2,718	0%
Kip Lee	3,552	0%

Natural Law Party		
John Hagelin	5,298	0%

Reform Party		
Charles Collins	1,620	0%
Donald Trump	13,673	2%
Robert Bowman	4,315	0%
John D. Weber	8,535	2%
George B. Anderson	2,794	0%

## California

### United States Senate

Dianne Feinstein (D)	3,398,533	51.4%
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Michael Schmieder (D)	668,809	2.6%
Ray Hayes (R)	608,422	22.5%
John M. Brown (R)	626,366	9%
Linh Dao (R)	56,311	8%
Tom Campbell (R)	1,520,236	23%
Bill Horn (R)	404,707	6.2%
James Peter Gough (R)	53,441	8%
Diane Beall Templein (Independent)	35,510	5%
Jan B. Tucker (Green)	32,027	4%
Medea Susan Benjamin (Green)	30,241	73.9%
Gail Katherine Lightfoot (Libertarian)	109,545	1.7%
Brian M. Rees (Natural Law)	239,13	3%
Jose Luis "Joe" Camahort (Reform)	42,486	6%

Valli "Sharp" Sharpe-Geisler (Reform)	17,724	2%
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### U.S. Congress District 3

Bob Kent (D)	54,883	34.9%
Doug Ose (R)	96,397	61.4%
Douglas Arthur Tuma	4,005	2.5%
Channing E. Jones	1,925	1.2%

### District 5

Robert T. Matsui (D)	103,809	70.8%
Ken Payne (R)	35,409	24.2%
Ken Adams (Green)		

Cullene Lang (Libertarian)	3,180	2.2%
Charles Kersey (Natural Law)	2,610	1.7%
	1,710	1.1%

### District 11

Tom Y. Santos (D)	28,481	21.8%
Robert L. Figueroa (D)	17,782	13.5%
*Richard W. Pombo (R)	79,527	60.8%
Kathryn A. Russow (Libertarian)	3,018	2.3%
Jon A. Kurey (Natural Law)	2,202	1.6%

### District 15

Robin Parker (D)	3,361	2.3%
Dick Lane (D)	3,599	4.2%
Connor Vlakancic (D)	1,325	0.9%
Bill Peacock (D)	20,443	14.1%
Mike Honda (D)	57,682	39.6%
Dale C. Mead (R)	7,866	5.4%
Jim Cunneen (R)	48,020	33.0%
Ed Wimmers (Libertarian)	2,327	1.5%
Douglas C. Gorney (Natural Law)	1,228	0.8%

### District 31

Hilda Solis (D)	44,085	62.6%
Matthew G. "Marty" Martinez (D)	20,079	28.5%
Krista Lieberg-Wong (Green)	2,796	3.9%
Michael McGuire (Libertarian)	2,050	2.9%
Richard D. Griffin (Natural Law)	1,495	2.1%

### District 41

Rodolfo G. Favila (D)	30,301	31.9%
Tony (Anthony) Ma (R)	6,583	6.8%
Gary G. Miller (R)	55,234	58.1%
David Kramer (Natural Law)	3,302	3.4%

### District 42

Joe Baca (D)	46,790	56.1%
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Jay Kim (R)	6,751	8.1%
Elia Proffz (R)	26,194	31.4%
John "Scott" Ballard (Libertarian)	1,953	2.3%
Gwyn Hartley (Natural Law)	1,754	2.1%

### District 45

Ted Orsielli (D)	33,713	26.5%
Dana Rohrabacher (R)	78,142	61.4%
Long K. Pham (R)	9,215	7.2%
Don Hull (Libertarian)	4,419	3.4%
Constance Betton (Natural Law)	1,983	1.5%

### District 49

Susan A. Davis (D)	63,066	46.0%
Brian P. Bilbray (R)	69,217	50.6%
Doris Ball (Libertarian)	3,153	2.3%
Tahir I. Bhatti (Natural Law)	1,543	1.1%

### State Senate District 5

Michael J. Machado (D)	100,983	50.8%
William S. Nicolas (Natural Law)	1,204	6%
James Shoemaker (R)	26,934	13.5%
Carol Brow (Libertarian)	5,374	2.7%
Alan Nakanishi (R)	64,333	32.4%

### State Senate District 11

John J. "Jack" Hickey (Libertarian)	8,213	4.1%
Byron Sher (D)	112,331	56.8%
Gloria Hom (R)	77,490	39.1%

### State Senate District 21

Paul Zee (R)	44,961	28.5%
Scott Wildman (R)	46,846	29.7%
Dave Wallis (R)	9,048	5.7%
Jack Scott (D)	53,439	33.9%
Bob New (Libertarian)	3,490	2.2%

### State Assembly District 6

Richard Olmstead (Libertarian)	2,340	1.9%
Paul Nave (D)	8,587	7.1%
Carole Hayashino (D)	21,632	18.1%
Barbara Heller (D)	13,227	9.4%
Susan L. Adams (D)	5,542	4.6%
Basia Crane (D)	1,702	1.4%
Joe Nation (D)	24,421	20.4%
Jack Gibson (D)	4,941	4.1%
Frank Egger (D)	13,482	11.2%
Ed Sullivan (R)	26,087	21.8%

### State Assembly District 16

Timothy B. McCormick (R)	9,971	14.5%
Richard E. Armstrong (Libertarian)	3,488	5.0%
Wilma Chan (D)	554,351	80.5%

### State Assembly District 17

Barbara Matthews (D)	18,500	23.9%
Gerry Machado (R)	9,797	12.6%
Rick Veldestra (R)	9,936	12.9%
Roy W. Busch (Libertarian)	854	1.1%
Jennet Stebbins (D)	8,972	9.0%
Tom Montes (D)	13,018	16.9%
Greg Agaharian (R)	15,548	20.1%
Thomas A. Benigno (R)	1,735	2.2%
Tim Weintz, Sr. (D)	1,052	1.3%

### State Assembly District 33

Abel Maldonado (R)	78,006	73.7%
Laurence Houligate (D)	27,925	26.3%

### State Assembly District 44

Carol Liu (D)	24,581	27.8%
Barry Gordon (D)	16,739	18.9%
Robert Wagner (R)	7,403	8.3%
Diana Peterson-More (D)	9,140	10.3%
Susan Carpenter McMillan (R)	15,258	17.3%
Damian Aaron Jones (R)	11,731	13.2%
Victor M. Franco, Jr. (D)	2,067	2.3%
Jerry Douglas (Libertarian)	1,745	1.9%

### State Assembly District 53

George Nakano (D)	51,892	59.1%
Gerald N. Feland (D)	32,377	36.9%
Phil Howitt (Libertarian)	3,568	4.0%

### State Assembly District 66

Sally Havice (D)	37,988	54.7%
Grace Hu (R)	20,552	29.6%
Daniel K. Wong (R)	10,958	15.7%

### State Assembly District 69

Low Correa (D)	16,469	55.9%
Lou Lopez (R)	10,871	36.9%
Brian Tuan Pham (Natural Law)	2,124	7.2%

### State Assembly District 72

Bruce Matthias (R)	24,541	28.5%
Gangadharappa Nanjundappa (D)	13,865	16.0%
John Wm. Zamarram (Natural Law)	2,889	3.3%
Lynn Daucher (R)	28,936	33.6%

### State Assembly District 77

Todd Kasper (D)	17,200	22.3%
Penny Halgren (R)	10,481	18.7%
Manly Doris (D)	10,043	12.9%
Laoma C. "Dana" Davidson (R)	2,563	3.3%
Jay La Suer (R)	24,874	32.2%
Michael S. Metti (Libertarian)	1,536	1.9%
Matt Mendoza (R)	6,775	8.7%

### State Assembly District 79

Juan Vargas (D)	24,219	58.5%
Dwayne Crenshaw (D)	8,785	21.2%
Richard Cardulla (Libertarian)	482	1.1%
Jon Parungao (R)	4,640	11.2%
Larry L. Secrest (R)	2,223	5.3%
Petra E. Barajas (R)	1,135	2.7%

### California Propositions

#### IA Tribal Gaming

Yes	4,295,280	64.6%
No	2,359,478	35.4%

Passage of this proposition does away with the state's ban on casino gambling and slot machines on American Indian reservations.

#### 21 Juvenile Crime

Yes	4,940,544	62%
No	2,478,824	38%

This measure allows prosecutors, not juvenile court judges, to decide if youth ages 14-17 should be tried as adults.

#### 22 Limit on Marriage

Yes	4,160,706	61.4%
No	2,617,838	38.6%

Passage of this proposition prohibits the state from recognizing same-sex marriages legally performed in any other state.

#### 29 Indian Gaming

Yes	3,293,597	53%
No	2,921,789	47%

This measure would have revised the compact that was adopted by the state.

#### Maryland

##### Rep. in Congress (06) unofficial

Cyrus Homyayounpour (D)	4,005	6%
K. Joyce Kimble (D)	7,976	13%
Terry Lierman (D)	38,745	61%
Deborah A. Vollmer (D)	8,818	14%
Lih Young (D)	3,745	6%
Constance A. Morella (R)	34,337	100%

## HONDA

(Continued from page 1)

help where President Clinton personally phoned district voters.

If Honda succeeds in winning the district, he will return Norman Mineta's former seat to the Democrats and help them regain a majority in the House. Honda predicts the GOP will help fill the campaign war chest of Assemblyman Jim Cunneen to make sure that doesn't happen.

Rep. Anna Eschov (D-CA) predicted a tough race for Honda. "This race, this congressional district and this congressional campaign will have the eyes of the nation on it," she said. "There's no question that Mike can fill the shoes of Norman Mineta, who was one of the most distinguished Asian American voices in the Congress."

Jim Bell, a Santa Clara County Supervisor, believed the race will have national implications for Asian Americans. "I think Asian Americans and Japanese Americans all over California that don't live in the 15th congressional district should come through for Mike Honda," he said. "If a good candidate that has excellent credentials and experience as Mike Honda has and can't get help outside of the district, that will really send a message to the people all across the country, that the Asian American community is not committed to their own candidates."

The hand-painted posters taped on the windows and walls reflected the simplicity of his campaign.

"It was an incredible effort in the

primary," Honda exclaimed. "I got a lot of help from grassroots folks, but there are still a lot more people who could give us a hand."

"We all have the same stake in this. A voice in Congress. Somebody who understands the community. We may not agree on all the issues, but we do agree on civil rights. We all agree that we need somebody who will stand up and speak up right away when scapegoating comes along among Asian Americans."

Randy Okamura, a Fremont Union high school board member and a local political activist, remembered that Honda rallied California Democrats at their state convention to adopt a resolution condemning the treatment of Asian Americans during the campaign finance scandal.

"I would encourage all Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans of all generations to support Mike because he represents their interests. They might disagree with some of the issues that he has brought forth — like AJR 27, but when all is said and done, Mike is going to be the guy who is going to be there for us," Okamura stated.

Paul Fong, a political science professor, shared the same enthusiasm for his former high school teacher and helped to raise campaign funds for him.

"Mike Honda stands for the Asian American movement," Fong remarked. "He stands for redress and reparations. He stands for humanitarian type of issues, because he is one of us. He will be our face and our voice in Congress."

Barry Chang, a local realtor,

## Democrat Fund-Raiser Found Guilty

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—A federal jury on March 2 convicted a friend and political supporter of Vice President Al Gore for arranging more than \$100,000 in illegal donations during the 1996 presidential campaign.

The jury deliberated less than two days before finding Maria Hsia, who started raising money for Gore more than a decade ago, guilty of five felony counts, each carrying a five-year maximum prison term. No date has been scheduled for sentencing.

Gore called Hsia "a friend and political supporter" and said "it's a hard day for her," but the vice president declined further comment when asked about the verdict while campaigning in New York.

Republicans expressed surprise, suggesting that the Justice Department has failed to pursue the fund-raising scandal aggressively.

"I don't know who is more surprised — me or the Justice Department," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., who headed up the Senate campaign fund-raising probe and has criticized Attorney General Janet Reno for not seeking an independent counsel to investigate

added, "Mike Honda has gained respect not only from Asian Americans. It's from the mainstream. He's not only looking for the vote. Mike is also looking out for what is right."

administration higher-ups in the matter.

Reno defended the department's work, saying there have been prosecutions of a corporation and 21 people besides Hsia.

Defense attorney Nancy Luque, who has motions pending before the judge seeking an acquittal in the Hsia case, said "The thing's still alive. It's not dead yet."

Prosecutors alleged that Hsia tapped a Buddhist temple and some of her well-to-do business clients for money to reimburse straw donors who were listed as the contributors in campaign records. Hsia was charged with causing false statements to be filed with the Federal Election Commission. According to evidence presented in the case, \$109,000 in reimbursed donations went to Clinton-Gore '96, the Democratic Party and the campaign of Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I.

Video footage was played at the trial showing the vice president attending the now-infamous donor event at a Buddhist temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman, a Clinton appointee, ordered that the courtroom tape — likely attack fodder on the campaign trail — be kept out of the public domain until the trial ends.

When controversy erupted after the event, the vice president said he hadn't known he was attending a fund-raiser, that he thought it was community outreach. After documents turned up referring to

the event in advance as a fund-raiser, Gore modified his characterization, saying he had thought it was finance-related.

Republican National Committee chairman Jim Nicholson said it's time for the "Clinton-Gore Justice Department ... to get beyond the small-fry and take on the major players like Al Gore."

At the trial, former Democratic Party fund-raiser John Huang, the central figure in the campaign fund-raising scandal, testified that Hsia handed him an envelope containing \$100,000 the day after he and Hsia discussed the fact that the event hadn't raised much money, despite Gore's appearance. Much of the money was illegally reimbursed from temple funds.

Prosecutors presented evidence that the alleged reimbursement scheme extended to contributions for Kennedy's House campaign. Witnesses testified that Hsia got five blank checks from the Buddhist temple and reimbursed five donors, including herself, in connection with a temple fund-raiser that Kennedy attended.

Hsia's lawyers said there was no evidence that Hsia was aware of the reimbursements from the Gore fund-raiser, but prosecutors introduced canceled checks suggesting that on three instances from 1993 to 1996 Hsia used temple funds to reimburse her own political donations. Hsia did not testify at the trial, but her lawyers said the money was for public relations work Hsia had done for the temple. ■

## JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

### Tour of Historic Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey to Take Place During Convention



The JACL national convention to be held this June in scenic Monterey will have as one of its events a tour of the historic Defense Language Institute (DLI) in the afternoon previous to the veteran's tribute dinner.

"We are very excited about the prospect of working with the DLI to inform the public as to the vital and unique role Japanese Americans have played in defending our nation and maintaining positive relations with the Far East," said Larry Oda, convention co-chairperson.

In the fall of 1941, the U.S. Army selected 68 JAs for Japanese language training from among several thousand soldiers. Under great secrecy, they began classes in an abandoned aircraft hangar at the Presidio of San Francisco. This was to be the first class of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service (MIS) whose instructor was John Aiso.

Many graduates of the MIS Language School were deployed to the battlefields in the Philippines, the Aleutian and Pacific Islands such as Guam, China, Burma and India. During the war, the MIS graduates distinguished themselves by interrogating Japanese prisoners on front lines, intercepting transmissions, and infiltrating enemy lines. The school was moved to the Presidio of Monterey in 1946 and was renamed the Defense Language In-

stitute in 1963.

Today, the DLI has a 395-acre installation with more than 750 classrooms, 21 language labs, and 5,000 foreign language television programs in more than 40 languages. It has a faculty of 650, 300 civilian staff members, and 250 service members from all branches of the armed forces who support the schools and Presidio of Monterey. There are a number of exhibits of significance to JAs including the John Aiso Library and the "Yankee Samurai" display that captures the history of JAs in the U.S. armed forces.

The general public is invited to take a tour of the DLI before the veteran's tribute dinner with Gen. Eric Shinseki, chief of staff of the U.S. Army, on the afternoon

of Friday, June 30.

Accompanying the tour will be Dr. James McNaughton, who is the historian of the DLI, Presidio of Monterey, facility.

"Having the first U.S. Army four-star general chief of staff of Asian American descent attend an event in the Monterey Peninsula, hosted by the DLI, will certainly be a historic event. I hope everyone who is interested in attending will reserve their reservations for the tour and dinner early. I am sure that they will go quickly," said Oda.

For more information on the DLI tour and Veteran's Tribute Event, please contact Judy Niizawa at jniizawa@earthlink.net or Roger Minami at rminami@xnet.com.

### Convention Issues Limited Edition Pin

The Veteran's Tribute event committee has developed a limited edition lapel pin that will commemorate the historic veteran's tribute event during the JACL national convention with Gen. Eric Shinseki, chief of staff of the U.S. Army, on Friday, June 30, 2000. Proceeds of the pin will be used to help offset the costs associated with the event.

"General Shinseki is the very first Japanese American Army chief of staff and we are honored he is coming to the JACL national convention to pay tribute to Japanese Americans of all wars and conflicts. We are planning an event worthy of our veterans and

General Shinseki," said Larry Oda, co-chairperson to the JACL national convention.

The lapel pin contains the convention's theme of an "Endless Wave of Leadership" and signifies all of the JA veterans who have served our nation from the "Spanish American War to modern day. Show your appreciation for the sacrifices of JA veterans by wearing the pin proudly.

If you wish to order a pin, please send \$5 per pin and \$1 for postage to: Larry Oda, Veteran's Tribute Pin, 859 Foam St., Monterey, CA 93940.

You may contact Larry at Tsuneo16msn.com.

## JACL Health Benefits Trust to Celebrate 35th Anniversary This Year

The JACL Health Benefits Trust is celebrating its 35th anniversary this month. The plan started in March 1965 when the Northern California Western Nevada-Pacific District Council adopted the program. It has been underwritten by Blue Shield of California.

The basic purpose of this health insurance program is to provide all current JACLers who are residents of California an opportunity to subscribe to an affordable, comprehensive and quality health care coverage.

The JACL members of over 88 chapters in eight district councils are now involved. This program covers about 8,500 subscribers and

their families.

Eleven members of the board of trustees operate this health insurance program and are headed by Chairman John Yasumoto of San Francisco. The office staff administers the plan out of San Francisco. Presently, its administrator is Mary Ann Hori. She is assisted by Doris Sasaki and Katie Watanabe. The important part of this plan is that chapters are directly involved in the plan through its core of chapter insurance commissioners.

The plan covers dental, vision, hospital, medical, prescription drugs, hospice care and other benefits. For more information, call 800/400-6633.

### PSW Oratorical Contest



From left (standing): Helen Kawagoe, national JACL president; Mitch Makai, contest judge & UCLA professor; Hiromi Ueha, national youth council chair; Beth Au, PSW regional director; Alan Miya, contest participant; John Saito, contest judge & East N.J.A. chapter president; Randy Nakagawa, contest winner; Gerald Kato, PSW youth director; Gayle Nakagawa, Randy's mother; Jacklyn Kuwada, national youth director; and Alan Nakagawa, Randy's father. From left (sitting): Carol Kawamoto, contest judge & education committee; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, founder of the contest.

### Nomination Deadline for JACL Officers Nears

With the March 28 deadline nearing for the nomination of candidates for JACL national officers, the national nominations committee members are seeking qualified candidates to run for the offices of president, vice president for general operations, vice president for public affairs, vice president for planning and development, vice president for 1000 Club membership and services, secretary/treasurer, national youth representative and national youth chair.

In an appeal to encourage qualified candidates, committee chair Lillian Kimura stated, "Electing our JACL officers is one of the most important things that we do as an organization because the officers provide us our leadership and steer the course of the organization for the biennium." Kimura went on to state that there has been interest expressed for the various positions; however, only one nomination form has been received by the committee.

The nomination guidelines as well as the job descriptions and qualifications for potential candi-

dates were sent to the chapter presidents in January. Unlike past years, the committee produced job descriptions and qualifications so that the candidates would have a clear sense of the responsibilities for each position.

Kimura further stated that unlike the 1998 election, incumbents would not be running for the same offices because the JACL bylaws limit officers from serving more than two successive terms in the same office. "The field is wide open and we welcome qualified candidates," said Kimura.

A nomination form may be obtained by contacting Bill Yoshino at the JACL midwest office by calling 773/728-7170 or by e-mail at midwest@jaci.org.

The members of the national nomination committee are Lillian Kimura, chair; Michelle Amato, youth representative; Graye Uyehara, EDC; Rick Ishiyama, MDC; Ruth Hashimoto, MPDC; Jeff Nakashima, IDC; Dr. Jim Tsujimura, PNW; Steve Okamoto, NCWNP; Debbie Ikeda, CCDC; Kent Kawai, PSW.

### 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom-Freedom Walk

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation Greater Capital Area Chapter and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Council will sponsor the 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom-Freedom Walk on April 1.

The walk is an official event of the National Cherry Blossom Festival and the proceeds will benefit the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, which is building a memorial in Washington, D.C., and its continuing nationwide education program. This memorial commemorates the loyalty and sacrifice made by Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Congresswoman Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, will be a speaker and Thiri Okita of Washington, D.C., USA Channel 9 will be mistress of ceremony. The registration fee for this walk will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 and seniors over 62. Due to U.S. Parks Service regulations, all walk participants must preregister. Please call 301/530-0048 or 202/244-9583 for more information and to leave a message.

Soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the U.S. Government deemed all Americans of Japanese ancestry to be a threat to national security and President Roosevelt signed an executive order suspending the constitutional rights of these Americans. Over 120,000 men, women and children were removed from their homes into internment camps for the duration of the war.

Despite this gross miscarriage of justice, thousands of young Japanese American men and women saw their duty as Americans and unhesitatingly volunteered for military and war production services. In 1989, the U.S. government formally apologized to the JA community for this injustice.

The public groundbreaking ceremony for the NJAMP was held on Oct. 22, 1999. The completion of this memorial and the foundation's continuing nationwide education program will be a constant reminder to future generations of Americans that injustice of this nature must never happen again in America.

### 2000 JACL National Convention Deadlines

**90 Days Prior to Convention**  
Due Date: March 28, 2000

- Resolutions/Constitution and Bylaw Amendments: Optional, non-binding review of proposed resolutions and proposed amendments due to Resolutions and Amendments Committee chairperson c/o national headquarters.
- Official notice of national council meeting to be distributed by national headquarters.
- Nomination forms from candidates for national office due at JACL headquarters.
- Awards and Recognition: Nomination forms for JACLer of the Biennium, Japanese American of the Biennium, Edison Uno Civil Rights Award and George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award due to JACL headquarters.

**60 Days Prior to Convention**  
Due Date: April 28, 2000

- Budget: Proposed biennial budget to be distributed to district council and chapters from national head-

quarters.

- Resolutions: Proposed resolutions due to the Resolutions and Amendments chairperson c/o national headquarters.
- Constitution and Bylaw Amendments: Proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws due to the Resolutions chairperson c/o national headquarters.
- Credentials: Official delegates and proxy authority forms due to JACL headquarters.
- Chapter dues, fees and assessments due to national headquarters.
- Nominations: Candidates for national office to be announced in the Pacific Citizen by the Nominations Committee.

**45 Days Prior to Convention**  
Due Date: May 15, 2000

- National council meeting agenda distributed to chapter delegates.
- Resolutions and constitution and bylaw amendments distributed to chapter delegates.



Blue Shield of California offers group health care coverage to current JACL members age 18 and over who reside in California. Plans may include a wide range of benefits, including vision care, worldwide emergency coverage, dental care, prescription drug benefits and more. For more information about these plans, call the JACL Health Benefits Trust today at 1-800-400-6633.

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## March 15 Deadline for Gates Millennium Scholars Program — APIAs Encouraged to Apply

The Gates Millennium Scholars initiative, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the United Negro College Fund, seeks to increase the number of low-income minority students enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Four thousand scholars will be selected in the first year and 1,000 scholars in each year afterwards for the next 20 years.

Student eligibility requirements in the first year of the program are:

- High school seniors applying to college; current undergraduate students in any major who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in academic year 2000-2001; individuals applying to or already enrolled in graduate school in mathematics, science (including life sciences, physical sciences and computer science), engineering, education, or library science for the academic year 2000-2001;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale;
- Have demonstrated financial need as defined by the federal

needs analysis formula, i.e., Pell Grant eligible;

• Have demonstrated leadership commitment through participation in community service, extracurricular activities that reflect leadership abilities;

• U.S. Citizen, permanent resident of the United States, resident of the Freely Associated States (Palau, Micronesia, Marshall Islands), nationals (American Samoa);

• Asian Pacific Islander American, Native American, Hispanic, African American;

• Must be nominated by an individual — not an application process — who knows the nominee very well. Nominators may be community leaders, individuals from educational organizations, teachers, principals, professors, deans, program directors.

To receive the nomination packages and for more information: Call toll-free 877/690-4677 or download from [www.gmnp.org](http://www.gmnp.org). The JACL is one of 20 APIA organizations to serve on the APIA Advisory Board to the Gates Millennium Scholars program. ■

## 'More Than A Game' Opens at JANM



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

The Japanese American National Museum on March 3-5 celebrated the opening of its sports exhibit titled, "More Than A Game: Sport in the Japanese American Community."

The exhibit takes a look at the history of sport in the JA community from prewar to current day, featuring pioneers, Olympic athletes, and the stars of today.

More than 3,000 people attended the three-day event.

On hand to celebrate were Wat Misaka, former Utah State basketball sensation (right) and Channel 7 sportscaster Rob Fukuzaki.

## Chicago Celebrates Lunar New Year

On Feb. 19 they came from Albany Park, Chinatown, Argyle Street, Andersonville and many of the suburbs, some wearing traditional Indian saris, at least one Japanese kimono, Chinese robes and Western business suits, to join together to celebrate the Year of the Dragon.

A diverse crowd of 1,500 sat down for dinner at the 17th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration at the renovated Navy Pier Ballroom in Chicago. The display of unity among the 16 Asian American groups that have often stayed within their own communities moved

actor Pat Morita to smile.

"There are times when Asians have split into segmented groups and those are the times when we had little power or say in our own communities," said Morita, known for his role as Arnold on "Happy Days" and as the karate master in the "Karate Kid" trilogy of movies. "Here we have become a voice that can be heard."

Dozens of elected officials from every level of government — city, county, state and Congress — were on hand to hear the strong voice of this growing block of constituents and to learn more about AA issues.

The event is hosted by a different Asian community each year. This year, the Pakistani Americans were charged with putting on the affair. Next year, it will be the Korean Americans' turn. The JA community has twice hosted this event.

This year's theme, "Reach Out and Be Counted," emphasized the importance of the 2000 Census. "Our communities have made many contributions to this country," said Rashid Chaudry, chairman. "We are encouraging people to be counted, vote, and to get involved politically." ■

### JOB OPENING

#### Program Assistant

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) seeks a dynamic, organized, detail-oriented, and motivated individual for a Program Assistant position at the JACL National Headquarters office.

The Program Assistant will provide programmatic support for the various programs of the organization and administrative support for the Headquarters and District operations and will be under the supervision of the National Director. Duties include clerical support and other duties as assigned.

Requires at least two years college, experience working in or managing programs; ability to work independently and take initiative; excellent verbal and written communications skills; excellent interpersonal and organization skills; experience with Microsoft Office computer programs. Experience with nonprofit organizations and Asian Pacific American communities a definite plus.

Competitive salary commensurate with experience; excellent fringe benefit package. Send resume and cover letter to: JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. Attn: Personnel. For questions, contact Tom Ehrlich at (415) 921-5225 or email [jac@jaci.org](mailto:jac@jaci.org). Deadline for applications is March 10, 2000, or until filled.

## Union Bank of Calif. Donates \$5,000 to Sac'to JACL's History Book Project

Union Bank of California recently presented a \$5,000 check to Sacramento JACL's History Book Project, completing their \$10,000 commitment to the compilation of the history of Japanese Americans in the greater Sacramento region from the arrival of the Aizu Wakamatsu colony in 1869 to the present.

UBOC Senior Vice President Raymond Kozuma reaffirmed the bank's position of supporting deserving projects sponsored by the JACL and other community-based Nikkei organizations.

Group and individual interviews have been conducted on an ongoing basis for the past four months. They include interviews from Vacaville, Yolo and Solano Counties, Placer County, Yuba-Sutter Counties, Clarksburg, Walnut Grove and Ileson communities as well as all parts



Sacramento JACL History Book Project Chair Toku Fuji receiving a \$5,000 check from UBOC Senior Vice President Raymond Kozuma.

of Sacramento County.

Old-time photos from the above areas are needed. For those who

may have such photos or other documents, please call Toku Fuji at 916/421-6968. ■

## Teacher Training Workshop Conducted by Marysville JACL



A teacher training workshop was recently sponsored by the Marysville chapter JACL, Yuba Community College, and the North Central Counties Schools to Curriculum Consortium, and was fully funded by the 100th/442nd MHS WWII Memorial Foundation. Pictured in front are Marysville JACL education chairman Tosh Sano (left) and event coordinator Jim Prager of Yuba College, with committee members: (l-r.) (2nd row) Tim Tokuno, Greg Marutani and Sukeo Oji; (3rd row) Frank Nakamura, Neelam Canto-Lugo and Terry Manji; (back row) Suzanne Rucke and Miriam Hatamiya.

## Ohio Remembers at DOR Event



Dr. Satsuki Ina (far right) spoke with members and guests of the three Ohio JACL chapters, and presented her documentary film "Children of the Camps." About 50 attended in Cleveland on Feb. 19 and about 60 in Cincinnati, including members from Dayton, on Feb. 20. Pictured with Dr. Ina in Cincinnati are (from left) Frances Tojo, Dr. Roger Daniels and Jacque Vidourek, Cincinnati chapter president.

## Visiting Violette, hereandnow to Perform March 11

Alternative rock band Visiting Violette (VV) and theater company hereandnow will be performing a show titled, "Real," on March 11, from 8 p.m. at the Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Combining the driving music of VV with the thought-provoking performance of hereandnow, the show is expected to break the boundaries between music and theater, striving to create a new cross-genre experience for the audience.

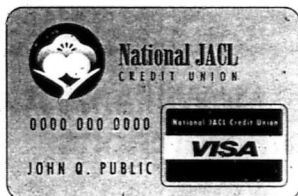
VV, based out of Silverlake in Los Angeles, is led by lead singer/songwriter Lee Takasugi; guitarist Glenn Surwech; bassist Daniel Groisman; and drummer Rich Lambert.

In the fall of 1998, VV joined forces with hereandnow, a group of young actors, dancers, musicians and writers who perform about 100 dates a year at campuses, conferences and festivals across the United States. The band has composed original music for the group's sketches and vignettes, and the two began touring in 1999 at venues in Iowa and Washington.

Tickets for the March 11 one-night performance are \$16 general admission; \$14 for JACCC members; and \$12 for groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call the Japan America Theatre box office 213/680-3700, between noon and 5 p.m. daily.

For more information, call Bryan Yamami 213/628-2725 or e-mail [yamami@jacc.org](mailto:yamami@jacc.org). ■

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

### Finale

Sometime after hard times overtook the *Pacific Citizen* and it was reduced to a twice-a-month publication schedule, I received a letter from the editorial board chairman.

It said that "due to space limitations and the high volume of columnists in the *Pacific Citizen* newspaper, the P.C. editorial board has decided to establish a rotation schedule for the various columnists. Rotating the various columnists will also allow for a variety of voices to be presented in the P.C."

Okay. That's prudent. When you're short of money, you either cut back or go broke. And if you reduce the number of issues from weekly to twice a month, you have less space for reading matter. So instead of publishing a particular feature in every issue, you reduce the frequency with which it is used and thus make room for other material the editor considers to be important and worthy. The editor is hired to make these decisions.

The notification was a form letter addressed to nameless, generic "Pacific Citizen columnists." Not "Dear Bill," or "Dear Hosokawa," nor "To Whom It May Concern," or even "Occupant."

The impersonal salutation got

me to thinking. This column has been appearing more or less regularly in this newspaper since 1942 but the current chairman didn't know my name. Maybe he doesn't read the paper.

I tried to kill the column in 1987 because I felt it had outlived its usefulness. "Forty-five years is an awfully long time," I wrote then, "and perhaps if my stuff had become marginal it was time to hang 'em up and make space for others."

Fortunately or unfortunately, some faithful readers who had grown old with the column and its conductor raised enough of a fuss that the column was revived.

More than a dozen years have passed since then. Times and people change. You can see in this newspaper's obituary section that an entire generation is disappearing. And they are being replaced by others whose concerns and interests, often are quite different from those of earlier subscribers. You need only to peruse this paper's news columns to see that it is being edited for a new generation of readers.

I don't quarrel with that. To survive, you change with the times. Apparently the leadership of JACL, which owns the paper, approves the way it is going and that's their business. It is encour-

them, and I can't blame them. This is not unique to me. This is something that happens on a daily basis to deputies. There are hundreds and hundreds of stories similar to mine — mistreatment, misconduct by upper management."

Up until the 1996 incident, Moriguchi had high aspirations of moving up in the department and was in fact one of the youngest officers on a promotion list.

"The last 10 years of my career had been towards moving up in the department," said Moriguchi. "But when I decided to file the lawsuit, I accepted the fact that I will not go any further in this department. I accepted that because this is something that I feel strongly about and that needs to be addressed."

Moriguchi's father, Robert, supported his son by attending every day of his trial. "I think it was a pretty gutsy thing for him to do, knowing he had a lot to lose," said the father. "He put his career on the line."

On July 20, 1999, a Los Angeles County Superior Court jury returned a unanimous verdict in favor of Moriguchi.

Harvey Horikawa, Moriguchi's attorney, praised his client for his courage and said, "One of the more compelling aspects of this case following the verdict was that a number of jurors came up to Brian and myself and were completely bewildered on how and why something like this had to work its way into the court system. They wondered why something like this, as apparent and as visible as this, wasn't taken care of within the department."

Superior Court Judge Charles W. McCoy Jr. in his ruling noted the following: "The testimony at trial as between Moriguchi and Maurer (the sergeant in charge of the Metrolink Sheriff's Station where Moriguchi had filed the complaint) was so sharply divergent that both of them could not possibly be testifying truthfully on the most significant points. The jury returned a unanimous verdict against Maurer and in favor of Moriguchi. It could not have done so without concluding that Maurer testified falsely. The court, sitting in equity, and having both seen and heard the testimony, finds that Sgt. Maurer willfully testified falsely on material points and hereby exercises its discretion to disregard the whole of his testimony."

Despite this statement by the

aging that for various reasons, including some impressive public support, the newspaper's weekly schedule has been restored. But the column's frequency has not, no doubt with good reason.

As they used to intone on a popular news program during radio days, Time Marches On. I have a feeling — reinforced by the salutation in the chairman's letter — that what I have to say is considered less relevant in these new times, and it would be both prudent and graceful if I yielded my space voluntarily to a younger generation of writers with more contemporary points of view.

So let this be the last chapter of a chronicle that began nearly 58 years ago. Thanks for permitting the Frying Pan column to enter your homes — and your minds — to share my view of our times for all those years. It's been fun.

The Japanese have a poignant word for farewell, *Sayonara*.

And there's another very useful word, *Arigato*. ■

*Editor's Note: The Pacific Citizen thanks Mr. Bill Hosokawa for his years of dedication and is saddened by his decision to end his 58-year-old column. The P.C. wishes him much happiness in his future endeavors.*

judge, no perjury charges have been filed against Maurer, who has since retired from the department.

The jury awarded Moriguchi with \$60,000 but he notified the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that he would be willing to forego any monetary claims if they would set up an independent civilian review board for the LASD. The county rejected Moriguchi's request and filed an appeal, which they recently dropped and settled for \$138,000.

Moriguchi's settlement comes in the midst of the Los Angeles Police Department Rampart Division scandal, considered the biggest in the department's history, and a few months after newly-elected Sheriff Leroy D. Baca came under scrutiny for relying on two controversial campaign supporters to set up a new Asian Crime Task Force.

During the county's appeal process, Moriguchi's case attracted the attention of various civil rights organizations which came out in support of him.

"JACL stands strongly behind Brian Moriguchi as he continues to ask the county to take action to ensure that this type of misconduct does not occur again," said Beth Au, JACL PSW regional director.

"The Asian Pacific American community is not a silent minority and will not tolerate blatant violations of a person's civil rights."

The JACL signed a joint letter with the ACLU of Southern California, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, the California Women's Law Center and the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund in asking the county board to set up an independent office to review complaints of officer misconduct and to place the issue on the board's agenda no later than March 28.

If the county does not respond by March 8, Dan Tjauw, with the ACLU of Southern California, said they "are going to raise the issue at a public comment forum."

"We know there are many officers of all races, who want to do the right thing — to work in a racially tolerant, community service-oriented, efficient police force, who want to root out corruption and abuse" said Nora Ramos with the Legal Center. "We know because they have come forward privately to Sgt. Moriguchi as well as to the Asian Pacific American Legal Center." ■



## East Wind

By Bill Marufani

### Mainlanders & AJAs

**ARE THERE DIFFERENCES** between mainland Nisei and Hawaii's AJAs (Americans of Japanese Ancestry)? In a recent publication titled "The Pacific War of the Nisei in Hawaii" at page 95 appear the following propositions:

It seems an unspoken rule dictated the behavior of the Japanese American from Hawaii ... subtly different from that which governed the behavior of the mainland Nisei. The Hawaiian AJA was not ashamed of his Japanese roots. In fact, perhaps due to the imperialistic prewar Japanese education received in Hawaii, the Hawaiian AJA in many ways is more Japanese than the present-day Japanese. This spirit was eminently highlighted in their actions in Europe such as in the "Banzai Attack." This is where the Hawaiian AJAs differed from their mainland counterparts. And these soldiers made no attempt to subvert the Japanese-ness in themselves. This is where the Hawaii AJAs differed from their mainland counterparts. Although there may be individual differences, the two groups were generally divided in these attitudes.

The same vitality [liberalized mind, openness and the untamed spirit of the Hawaiian Japanese American] may have been manifested by the mainland AJAs. However the numbers of free spirits were far greater among the Hawaiians. The mainland Japanese tried very hard to emphasize their American-ness over their Japanese American-ness. In their environment this had been necessary for survival. The disposition of Hawaiian Japanese American, in contrast, was direct and cheerful. Although they were Japanese in ethos, their actions were positive and open. It is difficult to describe the psyche of the Japanese American from Hawaii. Per-

haps the only good description would be that they were Hawaiian.

**THE AUTHOR** of this publication is one Yuki Kikuchi, who in 1995 first published her findings in "Nihon-bun" titled "Hawaii Nikkei Nisei no Taisei Senso." In compiling her findings she included extended visits to Hawaii for research and interviews. The English translation was edited by MJS (Military Intelligence Service) veteran Yoshinobu Oshiro who, among other things, holds a doctorate in education. It seems that in postwar Japan, as a member of the CIC (Counter Intelligence Corps), Oshiro served a hitch at the Maizuru (Kyoto-fu) seaport through which Japanese civilians and Japanese prisoners of war from Manchuria were being repatriated to Japan.

As fate would have it, I, too, served a hitch at Maizuru but had left before Oshiro's arrival. Prior to that I had served a stint at the seaport "Hario" near Sasebo in Kyushu. During that tour of duty one of the members of the team was a Sergeant Fujio "Wymo" Takaki (from Hawaii) an outstanding operative who was instrumental in cracking open an undercover methodology then being employed by Communist Russia and Red China to establish communist cells throughout Japan. Takaki employed some unorthodox approaches, the operative element being treating the person being interrogated with respect.

**BY COINCIDENCE**, while rummaging through some boxes (we had recently moved), out dropped a memorabilia from those CIC days. It was my CIC identification card. I had thought that something such as that would have been retrieved by the military before they handed me my discharge papers. Other items not surrendered at time of separation were Rose-Innes *kanji* (Chinese characters) study cards, and the pocket *jiten* (Japanese-English-Japanese) dictionary. Some things die hard. ■

## Carey McWilliams Award Honors Houston

This year's recipients of the Carey McWilliams Award are Jeannie Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston of Santa Cruz, co-authors of "Farewell to Manzanar."

Presented recently in San Diego at the annual conference of The California Studies Association, the award recognizes the Houstons for their combined and cumulative contributions to the state's literature and to enhancing our understanding of California's past.

First published in 1973, "Farewell to Manzanar" is the true story of Jeannie Houston's family's experience during and after the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. Now in its 43rd printing from Bantam Books, it has become a standard work in schools and on campuses across the country. For the NBC television drama based on their book they received an Emmy nomination and the pres-

tigious Humanitas Prize. Last year it was named by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as one of the 20th century's 100 best nonfiction books from west of the Rockies.

Jeannie Wakatsuki Houston, born in Inglewood, Calif., is also known for her essays and short stories.

First collected in "Beyond Manzanar: Views of Asian American Womanhood," and widely anthologized, James D. Houston, a native of San Francisco, has authored a dozen works of fiction and nonfiction dealing with the western United States and the Asia/Pacific region, among them "Continental Drift," "In the Ring of Fire," and "The Last Paradise."

Carey McWilliams, whose work the annual award commemorates, was a forceful advocate for social justice in such landmark books as "Factories in the Field," "Brothers Under the Skin," and "California: The Great Exception." ■

## MORIGUCHI

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feel comfortable going to."

Moriguchi filed a lawsuit in 1998 after being subjected to retaliation from fellow officers for reporting in 1996 a caricature on an official bulletin board of an Asian face with slanted eyes, buck teeth, wearing wire-rim glasses and with the words, "ah so" written next to it.

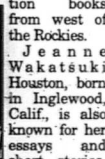
Rather than investigate the culprits who drew the racially offensive sketch, LASD focused their attention on Moriguchi, who until then had had an impeccable 10-year record.

"The more I tried to get the department to handle this situation, the more resistance I got and the more threats I received from all sorts of units and managers in the Sheriff's Department," said Moriguchi. "That just made me more and more angry. I was upset that the Sheriff's Department's position on handling this was to intimidate you, keep you quiet instead of trying to uncover what the truth is and handle the situation."

Among the more overt harassment that Moriguchi found himself facing included: false misconduct charges leveled against him by superior officers, his locker searched without his consent, his computer files deleted, restrictions placed on his work schedule, his girlfriend followed by another LASD officer in a marked vehicle, three tires of his car slashed within an eight-day period, a superior threatening to make Moriguchi's "life miserable" if he took the matter further up the chain of command, and a transfer to another sheriff's station that added 100 miles to his daily commute.

Another Chinese American officer, who had seen the drawing and filed a similar complaint, also underwent harassment, said Moriguchi.

Moriguchi's decision to file a lawsuit wasn't an easy one. "A lot of deputies, when I filed the lawsuit, told me although they supported me, they're not going to testify," recalled Moriguchi. "The feeling was that this is your battle. If we were to get involved, things are going to happen to us. And I think some of the people who testified in my case are going to suffer, their careers are going to suffer. They don't want what happened to me to happen to



# Letters to the Editor

## JACL Overreacted to McCain Slur

Regarding Sen. John McCain's remark and Helen Kawagoe's response that his comment "de-means the entire group," Sen. McCain was referring to HIS PRISON GUARDS who abused him.

I have worked with JACL for more than 50 years and I am most certainly not one to demean any group by racial epithets. BUT YOU MUST REALIZE THAT THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED UPON PRISONERS OF THE VIET CONG engender everlasting hate.

I have talked with a man who survived the Bataan-Death March — his violent hatred of Japanese went beyond all intellectual control. He could not separate — in his concepts — the Japanese and Japanese Americans. But he's no longer a problem. He died. That is the only way to erase the memory of abuse at the hands of brutal jailers.

WE MUST LOOK AT THE PROVOCATION — not just the action, before we judge.

David C. Mosse  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Recent objections made by some of the national JACL leaders on Sen. John McCain's use of the word "gook" are ridiculous.

Sen. McCain's use of "gook" to describe his former captors is not offensive. McCain is not a racist.

The word "gook" has been used to describe the Asian enemies during wartime conflicts but its use is not at all similar to other oft-used derogatory terms.

National JACL should get off the bandwagon since we know that many minorities use slurs to describe other elements, especially whites. So what else is new.

Bill Kashiwagi  
Sacramento, Calif.

## Divisiveness Needs to Stop

It never ceases to amaze how hellbent on self-destruction the JACL really is. No matter the topic, we seem to polarize into at least two divisive, warring elements. You pick the topic and there will be two people to argue the pros and cons of a topic.

Within the past year, we have had the draft resisters issue which should have been finally laid to rest a few months back, the Mike Honda resolution, the wording on the national monument in D.C., and now comes Proposition 22 on the California ballot. Fortunately for us, the Prop 22 issue will be a done deal in a matter of days.

However, the draft resisters issue seems to be headed back for another round of divisive squabbling, this time at the national convention. Why is it the supporters cannot be graceful in defeat and go away and let the matter be?

The issue was put to the districts in their own words, the game was played by their rules, and they lost fair and square. Let the matter be. Why are you so intent on dividing the JACL by raising from the dead an issue that was properly addressed in 1990 to once again torment the national membership? If you are so insistent on getting your own agenda passed, why not just go off and form your own organization. Why keep dragging up a dead issue? It was over 50 years ago. Let it go, for goodness sake.

The topic will not heal with the passage of your private agenda. If anything, it will only rip the wound wide open and make the issue fester longer. The resolution will not attract any of the resisters into the

JACL; it will only alienate those who have long supported the organization.

If you feel so strongly, then vote with your feet and leave the organization, but please stop trying to drive a wedge through the heart of the organization. Enough is enough, let the JACL live in peace. Membership numbers are hard enough to maintain as it is, we don't need divisive issues to tear us apart.

Gerald T. Horiuchi  
Fresno, Calif.

## Documenting Experiences of American Indians During WWII

I'm of American Indian descent researching various topics with a 1940s theme. I would be very appreciative if members of the Japanese American community would be willing to correspond with me about any of the following topics.

- JAs who interacted with persons of indigenous heritage during World War II. This could have been on the home front pre-evacuation, during internment, or in the military. Indigenous peoples would include American Indians, Native Hawaiians, etc. Also, this includes other nations of indigenous peoples (Pacific Islanders, Maori, Aboriginals, Irish Catholics of Northern Ireland, French Africans, etc.).

- JAs who are of indigenous heritage. Persons of part-Hawaiian, Indian, Chamorro, Ainu, etc., who have memories of the 1940s to share.

- JAs who served in the military, territorial guards or Red Cross. Especially, any JA woman WWII veteran or Red Cross worker. I would like to correspond with any JA who as an adult or child has WWII-era memories to share. This would include persons who moved into the mainland interior prior to mass evacuations and persons who lived on the East Coast or Hawaii in the '40s.

- I'm also researching experiences of animals during the war. Does any person have stories of what happened to family pets as owners were sent to concentration camps? Did any veterans work with units that utilized dogs, horses or pigeons? Were there any pets kept in the internment centers?

Please send responses to Robert J. Clark, P.O. Box 315, Granite City, IL 62040.

Robert J. Clark  
Granite City, Ill.

## Gun Control

Thirteen children are killed every day with handguns. Stories about school shootings are becoming a common news genre nationwide. The country is facing a gun violence crisis that needs strong leadership in the next president we choose.

Sen. Bill Bradley has been a loyal and persistent advocate of gun control, while Vice President Gore was not. Al Gore was once a poster child for the NRA. According to NRA head Wayne LaPierre, "We could have made Al Gore NRA man of the year — every single year."

As a congressman, Gore voted against the 14-day waiting period for handguns and stated that he did not believe gun control laws were "an effective solution to the underlying problem of violent crime." Thankfully, he has since changed his views.

However, we cannot afford to have a president with an inconsistent record on an issue of such vital importance, especially, when we have a clear alternative in Bill Bradley — a candidate that has

never cast a single vote in support of gun owners. Bradley is also the only candidate who is willing to take serious action to protect our children by requiring registration and licensing of all handguns.

Vice President Gore thinks that universal registration is "too hard" and isn't willing to try it. Solving our nation's biggest problems is going to be hard, and if a candidate is unable to take on those challenges, even for the safety of our children, his leadership is simply not good enough.

Beatrice Hsu  
Claremont, Calif.

## 'Day of Deceit'

A remarkable book has just been published by Freedom Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, New York, written by Robert B. Stinnett, formerly of the *Oakland Tribune*. He spent 17 years of archival research aided by the Freedom of Information Act. He interviewed a number of U.S. Navy cryptographers to document without any doubt the "entire" scenario leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The book is titled "Day of Deceit, the Truth about FDR and Pearl Harbor."

Some interesting points which were a surprise to me were the following:

- Shortly after World War I, our naval intelligence unit tracked all the activities of the Japanese Navy as well as their mercantile fleet.

- By early 1940, our cryptologists had cracked the Imperial Naval Code of which there were 29 variations. (Code Purple, the diplomatic code, was cracked a few months prior to Dec. 7, 1941.)

- There was a Japanese spy in the consulate in Honolulu named Ensign Takeo Yoshikawa (Tadashi Morimura) who was assisted by a Japanese American named Richard Kotoshirado in surveying the U.S. fleet in Pearl Harbor. Kotoshirado, age 25 and holding dual citizenship, worked in the consulate as a clerk. Although he had assisted Moriyma on these "sightseeing" trips, Kotoshirado was never prosecuted; instead he was interned in Topeka with his wife, Joan, (p. 337).

I hope the general public including our JAs will have a chance to read this very important book for it leads credence to the necessity of Pearl Harbor in order to enter the war against Nazi Germany as well as the geopolitics of Anglo-America toward the perceived threat of the expanding Japanese "empire" post WWII.

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• "Short expressions" on public issues, usually one or two paragraphs, should include signature, address and daytime phone number. Because of space limitations, letters are subject to abridgement. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

## OBITUARY

### Arthur Komori, 84, Prewar MIS Pioneer Dies

HONOLULU — Arthur S. Komori, 84, who secretly enlisted in the Army in March 1941, along with the late Richard Sakakida, for an undercover U.S. intelligence mission in prewar Manila, died Feb. 17 on Kauai.

During their prewar mission infiltrating the Japanese community, both Sakakida and Komori posed as draft dodgers who had jumped ship. Komori got jobs with the Japan Tourist Bureau and as an interpreter for the Japanese consulate in Manila. He was able to report to Gen. Douglas MacArthur that Japanese businessmen had begun to send their families back to Japan indicating their plans to evacuate the Philippines.

On Dec. 8, as Japanese dropped bombs on Manila, both Sakakida and Komori were interned with other Japanese nationals and a week later "rescued" by U.S. soldiers on the pretext of "arresting a traitor." Sgt. Komori, in uniform, interrogated Japanese nationals and translated captured documents until he was evacuated to Corregidor. When it fell in April 1942, he was then flown to

MacArthur's staff in Australia. (Sakakida chose to stay in Manila, giving up his airplane seat to a fellow Hawaiian Nisei, Clarence Yamagata, who had been a legal adviser at the Japanese consulate in Manila.)

Komori was sent to Camp Savage in early 1944 to teach military intelligence tactics and techniques under battle conditions. Returning to ATIS in Brisbane, he monitored Radio Tokyo broadcasts and met with the press and intelligence officials. He also trained Australian Aborigines, particularly to save American pilots crash-landing in the jungles.

For his services, he was awarded the Bronze Star and named to the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 1988.

Komori earned his law degree from the University of Baltimore, practiced after the war in Kauai, and was also appointed district court judge for the island. He is survived by wife Rosa; one daughter, Rosemary Gardner; one brother, David; and four sisters, Aiko Hirai, Mary Setlak, Martha Yasue and Viola Imai. ■

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Higashioka, Fusa, 76, San Mateo, Feb. 11;** San Diego-born; survived by son Glenn; daughter Patricia Higashioka; son-in-law Morris Shintaku; 6 gc.; predeceased by husband Tom.

**Kawasaki, Kusuno, 90, Portland, Ore., Jan. 20;** Okayama, Japan-born, Minidoka internee; survived by daughters Aie Sumida and Sue Fujino (both Portland), Margie Ogawa (Davis), 10 gc., 12 gc.; predeceased by husband Tomihiko.

**Kumagai, Joe Y., 79, Boise, Idaho, Feb. 23;** formerly of Ontario, Ore.; Seattle-born; U.S. Army veteran; survived by sons Arnold (Boise), Dwight (Portland), Dale (Ontario); daughter Laraine Sage (Payette); 6 gc., 2 gc.; sisters Tachiko and Sumiko (both Honolulu), Kiyoko (Chicago); brother Ray (Savannah, Ga.).

**Mori, Sakae, 79, Hayward, Feb. 20;** Martinez-born resident of San Lorenzo; survived by son Ted and wife Kathy; 7 gc.; brothers Satake, Minoru (London), Noboru Yamanaka (San Ramon); sister Shizuko Nakatani (Azusa) sister-in-law Aiko Yamanaka (Dixon); predeceased by husband Yoshihisa, brothers Miyoshi and Yasuyuki Yamanaka.

**Mikami, Glenn D., 52, Torrance, Feb. 15;** Los Angeles-born; survived by father Doug; sister Christine Kusaba and husband Curtis Nagayama (Chino Hills); brothers Geary and wife Corinne, Sam and wife Patsy; Bob and wife Lisa (all Torrance).

**Nakagawa, Kunso Fred, 84, Watsonville, Feb. 23;** Kauai, Hawaii-born WWII MIS veteran; survived by wife Toshiko Tsudama; daughter Linda Kimiko Wilson and husband Richard (Olympia, Wash.) stepdaughter Donna Yokozaki (Dublin), stepsons Ted Tsudama (Yreka), Dick Tsudama (Napa), Bill Tsudama (Watsonville); 2 gc.

**Okita, Toshiko, 78, Payette, Ore., Feb. 11;** Watson, Wash.-born; Hara Mountain internee; survived by husband George; brothers Shizuo Harada (Fremont), Hideo Harada (Hood River, Ore.); sisters Madako Iwai (Portland), Mitsuko Sadamori (Nyssa), Yukiko Hayashi (Fremont), Sumiko Koebayashi (St. Louis Park, Minn.), Terry Nakano (Ontario, Ore.).

**Osaki, Kenso, 78, Los Angeles, Feb. 13;** Huntington Park-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Michi; son Jimmy M.; daughter

Linda Y. Nishikawa and husband Ronald I.; brother Kaz and wife Kimiko Miko; sisters Sue Murata, May Ikemoto and husband Bill, Irene Takai and husband Kats.

**Setzuko, Shimizu, 81, San Leandro, Feb. 19;** survived by Barbara Dr. Keichi; daughters Barbara Edwards, Marilyn Schendel; son Robert; 8 gc.; sister Betty Fujihira. ■

## Whereabouts

Virginia Lehman is trying to locate Harcher Morikawa. They were close schoolmates at Santa Rosa High School in Santa Rosa, Calif. Since the evacuation all contact was lost. Virginia is very anxious to learn of Harcher's whereabouts to resume an old friendship. With any information, please contact Hank Yamamoto, 6733 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. ■

## DEATH NOTICE

**HASHIMONE "JIM" SAITO**  
TUSCUM, Ariz. — Hashimone "Jim" Saito, 77, passed away Feb. 9. He was born in Hanna, Wyo. and educated in Yoder, Wyo. Retired from the U.S. Army — 20 years. During World War II, he briefly served with the 442nd RCT, rescuing the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Texas Division and also served in the Korean Conflict. Jim then retired from the City of San Jose Civil Services. He is predeceased by parents Sai and Mitsunobu and sister Umeko. Jim is survived by his wife of 37 years, Margaret; sisters, Sachiko Hara, Teruko Ito (Jim), Betty Shimizu (Harry), and Jane Webb, all of Denver.

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## VETS

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many still have family and friends. AB 1978 comes on the heels of a federal "compromise" version of the bill, HR 3443, which was signed by President Clinton just last year in December. HR 3443 awarded Filipino WWII veterans 75 percent of their Social Security Income (SSI) benefits but it marked only partial vindication.

Philippine troops responded to the call of duty when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a military order calling upon them to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. Yet, six months after the war the 1946 Reorganization Act refused to recognize them as U.S. veterans, effectively leaving them ineligible for military benefits and pensions.

A majority of now-elderly Filipino veterans rely on SSI and SSP benefits as their primary source of income.

Although there have been efforts to remedy the injustice of the Reorganization Act since 1987, grassroots lobbying before Congress to recognize Filipino ex-soldiers as U.S. veterans met with limited success.

"Time is of the essence," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, who announced she will be introducing a resolution of support for Cedillo's bill before the city council on March 7. "This is an issue of ensuring our veterans have access to financial support and health care," she stressed. Goldberg is currently running for a California state Assembly seat. "I tell people all the time that they do not understand American history very well if they do not understand the role of the Filipino veterans in fighting side by side with U.S. soldiers in the Pacific. They made enormous sacrifices," she added.

Veteran Peping Badig said, "Although we have not been honored,

we still have something to be proud of as American veterans. We can be heard."

During the rally, Badig assured his fellow WWII veterans that every effort would be made to include them in the political process.

Those in support of AB 1978 include the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans, Filipino American Service Group, Inc., Search to Involve Filipino Americans, Filipino Civil Rights Advocates, Filipino Alumni Association of UCLA, Justice for Filipino-American Veterans, People's CORE, Daniel M. Ortiz, District 5 Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Alyansa ng Komunidad.

Cedillo's bill is scheduled to be heard on March 19 by the Veterans Affairs and Appropriations committee. ■

## CCLPEP

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nal response to this program and I am pleased to be able to introduce AB 1914," said Nakano.

The State Library oversees a competitive grant program with the goal of creating educational materials that will leave a legacy of remembrance about the historical causes and experiences of the WWII exclusion, forced removal and incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry.

The program places an emphasis on programs created by or involving individuals directly affiliated with the JA experience during WWII. In 1999, 27 projects were awarded funding, although project proposals received by the State Library totaled in excess of \$10 million.

This year's grant winners will be announced in May. Grant applications for the 2001 application cycle are available by calling the California State Library at 916/653-9404. ■

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continues. They say, "You assembled the wrong group of historians" or "My people were out of balance." It's like people demanding environmental impact statements when they don't like something of the federal government. I don't think anything will be served by a major panel as Mr. Sogi is suggesting. I think we have to go ahead and make a decision on this and get on with it."

According to Parsons, he has faced similar memorial challenges in the past.

"Each one is different, and the dispute has been mostly over the design issues," said Parsons, in referring to his previous experiences. "The Vietnam Memorial was the most significant one. People just didn't understand that design when they were shown it. They called it a black ditch of shame" and that they were trying to bury the war."

Meanwhile, in a meeting held last week with Parsons, Chigogji, Tsutsumida and Mineta, it was decided to restore the name of Akemi Ehrlich as part of the inscriptions. This would make Ehrlich, the author of the tanks poem which is part of the inscriptions, the only woman featured on the memorial. ■

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but the most commonly reported restriction is a "glass ceiling" to executive levels, as opposed to gross underrepresentation in management positions.

"There is a critical need for the debate over racial identity and race relations in the U.S. to move beyond the bipolar framework within which it currently exists," said Paul M. Ong, editor and principal investigator of the report and director of the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies at UCLA's School of Public Policy and Social Research. "This report examines how APAs are transforming race relations and proposes a new framework for defining what the nation should be with respect to race."

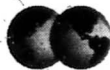
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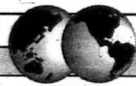
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