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Calendar

National

NATIONAL BOARD
Fri.-Sun., April 14-16—National Board Meeting, San Francisco.
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.-Tues., March 31-April 4—Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference;

Doubletree Hotel. Info: Tom Ehlin, 415/921-5225.
Sat., April 1—Second Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk; see Community Calendar.

Midwest

CLEVELAND
Sat., April 8—Day of Remembrance Program; see Community Calendar.

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, 925/339-2910, Eric Torjose, 925/828-1076.

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.

Pacific Southwest

LAS VEGAS
Sat., April 8—Friendship Potluck Picnic; see Community Calendar.
RIVERSIDE
Sat., April 8—Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck; see Community Calendar.
SOUTH BAY
Sat., April 1—"Spring Fling Swing Dance" benefit; see Community Calendar. ■

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.

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 show, kendo, bonsai, etc. Info: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

NEW YORK CITY

Fri.-Sat., April 7-8—Asian/Pacific American Studies Program & Institute FreeZone Symposium, "Asians in America 2000"; NYU, 100 Washington Square East. Free, open to the public. Info: 212/998-3700, <www.apa.nyu.edu>; e-mail: apa.studies@nyu.edu.

Fri.-Sun., April 7-9—Performance, "Undiscoverable Elements" by Ping Chong & Co.; 8 p.m. except matinee on Sunday. Gene Frankel Theater, 24 Bond St. at Lafayette.

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. Pre-registration is required by the Parks Dept. Register now to reserve T-shirt: NJAMF-301/530-0048.
Sat., April 15—Conference, "The Politics of Culture" 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Luna I. Mishoe Science Center, Delaware State University. Dover, also featuring "A Collage of Cultures" Millennium Exhibition. \$10 registration covers box lunch and beverages. Register by April 1: 302/674-0402, e-mail: DoverArts@ZOL.com.

The Midwest

CHICAGO
Sun., April 16—Caring Is Preparing workshop: "Gift and Estate Planning, Taxes, Wills/Living Trusts and Power of Attorney"; 2-4 p.m. Japanese American Service Committee, 4427, N. Clark St. RSVP: 773/725-7212.

CLEVELAND
Sat., April 8—Day of Remembrance Program; 2-4 p.m., Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Murch Auditorium; internment camp experiences, Q&A session, premier of documentary, "An American History: Resettlement of Japanese Americans in Greater Cleveland." Free. Info: Johnny Wu, 216/623-0822, e-mail: johnny@mdfilm.com.

Pacific Northwest

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.
Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrim-

age; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology; buses from Seattle, Portland and Eugene. Registration by April 1. Info: Janie Matsushima, 503/643-3007.

PORTLAND

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13—Greater Portland Reunion, "Nikkei Futures 2000; Doubletree Lloyd Center Hotel; mixer, banquet, tours, golf tournament, picnic, etc. Info: Kennie Namba, 503/258-0848; Kurtis Inouye, 503/682-3238.

SEATTLE

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrimage; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology. Info: Stan Shikuma, 206/725-1676, e-mail: SNSShikuma@aol.com.

South-Central California

BAY AREA

Sun., April 2—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting: 1 p.m. men and women are welcome. For time and place, call: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5169, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrimage; bus provided from the Bay Area. Registration by April 1. Forms, info: Stephanie Miyashiro, 510/524-2624; Fran Ellis, 408/730-9974; Jimi Yamaichi, 408/26909458; Lori Tomita, 916/455-3120.

EL CERRITO

Fri., March 31—Haiku demonstration by Hidemi Nomura from Shimada, Japan; 7:30 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fri., March 31—Asian Law Caucus 28th anniversary celebration; 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. program, 9:30 reception; Grand Hyatt on Union Square, 345 Stockton St.; keynote speaker Mari Matsuda; emcees Tamlyn Tomita and Victor Hwang; Peggy Saika, honoree. Info: 415/391-1655, ext. 13.

Sun., April 9—Annual Morgan Hill Hanu Matsuri & NorCal Taiko Expo 2000; Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Ave.; Asian Bone Marrow Registry booth; obento lunch, traditional foods, festival 2000 shirts, festival teriyaki sauce, Asian artisans, pokémon items, Japanese kits, fresh produce and flowers, etc.; Taiko Expo begins at 11 a.m. Info: 408/779-9009.

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@jaccnc.org.

SAN JOSE

Fri.-Sat., April 7-8—Play, "Paper Son," by Byron Yee; 8 p.m., at The San Jose Stage. Info: Contemporary Asian Theatre Society (CATS), 408/298-2287, e-mail: catsonline@yahoo.com.

Sun., April 22—Nikkei Matsuri luncheon to honor local centenarians, "Our Living Treasures"; 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, info, tickets: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, or www.pgsgroup.com/NikkeiMatsuri.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat., April 1—"Spring Fling Swing Dance," all ages welcome; 8:30-midnight, Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall, 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena; group dance lesson begins at 7:30. Info, tickets \$10: Diane Tanaka, 213/489-8251.

Sat., April 22—Inaugural NAJ (Nisei Athletic Union) Reunion; reception 2-5 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; light refreshments, Aki Komai Memorial Awards. Info: 213/625-0414.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., April 8—Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck; 11 a.m., Canyon Crest Park, UCR campus on Cherry St.; hot dogs, chili, table service will be provided. Info: Helen Yoshikawa, 909/735-8441.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat., April 1—Gila River Reunion golf tournament sign-up deadline: Hank Sato, 714/892-2486.

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: 382-4433.

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

TEMPE

Sat., April 8—Teacher's Seminar; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College. Info: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832. ■

Correction

When ordering the special national convention T-shirts or sweatshirts mentioned in the 3/27 issue, \$5 (not \$1.50), should be added for shipping for each item.

P.C. non-member rates will increase in April 2000



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America's Concentration Camps Exhibition on WWII Incarceration of JAs Featured at California Historical Society

The award-winning exhibition "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience" is the featured exhibit at the California Historical Society beginning March 21 and running through June 1.

The exhibit drew record crowds to its premier at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles in 1994 and 1995, Ellis Island in 1998 and the William Berman Jewish Heritage Museum in Atlanta in 1999. "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience" outlines the largest violation of individual's rights by the U.S. government of the 20th century. It details the World War II experiences of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were forced to leave their homes and businesses on the West Coast and Hawaii, and live in desolate camps located in seven states west of the Mississippi River. Japanese American community leaders were taken into custody without charge and without trial; some were even held on Ellis Island. Ultimately, the FBI concluded that there were no acts of sabotage or disloyalty by JAs.

The exhibition outlines this experience through historic photographs depicting the forced removal and mass incarceration, home movie footage of camp life in the Japanese National Museum's award-winning video, "Something Strong Within," as well as collections and personal stories. The exhibit, which was created by the national museum and designed by Ralph Appel-

baum Associates, Inc., the designers of the permanent exhibition for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, represents each camp with a detailed map and statistics. Beyond providing facts and figures, the exhibition focuses on the human experience, told through words, historic photographs and mementos. Some of the pieces exhibited were curated specifically for this exhibit in San Francisco. In January, local former camp internees brought objects they had saved from their camp years. Staff from the national museum examined and cataloged the objects, then chose a sample to be included in the show at the California Historical Society.

The title of the exhibition has engendered inquiries about the use of the term "concentration camps." Some question whether these were indeed concentration camps. Karen L. Ishizuka, cura-



Photo: Jack Iwata Collection, Japanese American National Museum

CAMP INMATES: Japanese Americans who were forced by the U.S. government to leave their homes and businesses during World War II wound up in concentration camps like this one at Manzanar in the Owens Valley in California. Some but not all Japanese Americans incarcerated eventually received an official apology from the government almost 50 years after the end of the war. The story of the JAs and their lives in the camps is the subject of the exhibition, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," created by the national museum and showing at the California Historical Society from March 21 to June 18, 2000.

tor of the exhibit and senior curator for the national museum states, "We did not make the decision to use these words without serious consideration." She noted that national museum staff discussed the issue extensively with scholars and leaders in both the American Jewish communities, which resulted in the following exhibit text:

"A 'concentration camp' is a place where people are impris-

oned not because of any crimes they committed, but simply because of who they are. Although many groups have been singled out for such persecution throughout history, the term 'concentration camp' was first used at the turn of the century in the Spanish American and Boer Wars. During World War II, America's concentration camps were clearly distinguishable from Nazi Germany's. Nazi

camps were places of torture, barbarous medical experiments and summary executions: some were extermination centers with gas chambers. Six million Jews were slaughtered in the Holocaust. Many others, including Gypsies, Poles, homosexuals and political dissidents were also victims of the Nazi concentration camps. In recent years, concentration camps have existed in the former Soviet Union, Cambodia and Bosnia. Despite differences, all had one thing in common: the people in power removed a minority group from the general population and the rest of society let it happen."

The California Historical Society and the Japanese American National Museum have worked closely with a community advisory committee, comprised of more than two dozen organizations from the San Francisco Bay Area and surrounding counties, in the development and presentation of the exhibition and programs.

The exhibition program of the California Historical Society is made possible thanks to the support of Dr. A. Jess Shenson, the Louise M. Davies Foundation, the Osher Foundation, the L.J. and Mary Skaggs Foundation, and Grants for the Arts/San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund.

The California Historical Society, founded in 1871 and designated the state's official historical society, is a membership organization open to all. It publishes the acclaimed scholarly quarterly *California History*, now in its 77th year of continuous publication. CHS's San Francisco headquarters houses, in addition to the museum, a bookstore, the North Baker Research Library (open by appointment only), and most of the society's collections of art, manuscripts and photography. For this exhibit, the California Historical Society is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday nights until 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 general, \$1 student/senior. Admission is free for children under 6 and members of the California Historical Society and the Japanese American National Museum. CHS is located near Yerba Buena Gardens at 678 Mission Street, between 2nd and 3rd Streets, in San Francisco. For more information, please call 415/357-1848 or visit the CHS Web site at www.calhist.org.

Federal Government Releases Guidelines on Multiple Race Responses

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently released guidelines on how race data for multiracial individuals will be treated by federal agencies that enforce anti-discrimination and civil rights laws, and by entities that report race data to the federal government. For the first time, census forms will allow individuals to identify themselves as belonging to more than one race category. This will result in approximately 63 racial categories because of the many possible combinations.

The guidelines issued by the OMB address the treatment of multiple race responses in both administrative reporting and civil rights enforcement contexts. Race data collected on many forms including the census forms is extremely important in preserving civil rights. For example, the process of redistricting where states draw boundaries of electoral districts uses race data along with voting age and general population. Such data is also used to determine whether employers are discriminating in hiring decisions or whether hospitals, banks and schools are discriminating against individuals based on race.

Several leading civil rights organizations, including the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, recommended that multiple race responses be allocated to single race categories for use in civil rights enforcement. "We believe that an allocation method would make the data more meaningful in civil rights litigation and would allow for historical comparisons to monitor discrimination trends," stated Karen K. Narasaki, executive director of the Consortium.

The guidelines first set out how businesses, schools and hospitals should report race data to

the federal government. According to the guidelines, these entities will use forms that place responses into single races, the four double race combinations most frequently reported (American Indian/Alaska Native and White; Asian and White; African American and White; American Indian/Alaska Native and African American), and a "balance" category of individuals who do not fall into these categories. There is also a category which will allow for the reporting of additional combinations that meet a 1-percent threshold.

Many combinations with Asian might fall into the balance category. "We believe that over half of Native Hawaiians are of mixed race backgrounds. We are concerned that Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders who are mixed race will be placed into a 'balance' category since they will not account for one of the four largest multiracial populations. As a result, valuable information on this community will be ignored," stated Narasaki.

For civil rights purposes, the guidelines require that federal agencies allocate multiple race responses to single-race categories. "According to the guidelines, responses that combine a minority race and White will be allocated to the minority race category," explained Deepa Iyer, staff attorney at the Consortium. "For combinations of minority races, assessments will be made depending on the type of civil rights enforcement action involved."

"These guidelines present a step in the right direction; however, we are concerned that they may complicate civil rights litigation. How the guidelines will be implemented in the real world remains to be seen," said Narasaki.

CENSUS

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that there will not be a repeat of what occurred in 1942.

"One positive consequence from that era is the deepened ethical sensitivity among statistical agencies regarding the misuse of data gathered in the public interest," said Prewitt. "In the intervening years even stronger safeguards have been put in place, not only in the United States, but around the world, to ensure against future misuse of data."

"I want to assure the American public that the Census Bureau takes very seriously its pledge of confidentiality. Under current law (Title 13, USC), all Census Bureau employees are sworn to uphold the confidentiality of personal data, and violations are punishable by a five-year jail term and a \$5,000 fine. Your answers are kept confidential for a period of 72 years."

Teitshel also pointed to legislation passed over the years that safeguards the confidentiality of census data and stated that the JACL continues to encourage APAs to participate in the census to ensure accurate representation of the APA population.

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JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Tour of National Steinbeck Center to Take Place During JACL National Convention



The West Valley JACL chapter will host a tour of the National Steinbeck Center during the JACL national convention this coming June in Monterey. The National Steinbeck Center was created to promote the life of author John Steinbeck, a native of Salinas. Steinbeck wrote such works as "Cannery Row," "Grapes of Wrath," "East of Eden," and "Of Mice and Men."

The National Steinbeck Center is an \$11 million interactive museum that guides visitors through Steinbeck's books, life, and places about which he lived and wrote. Through the center, Steinbeck's

world comes to life in themed galleries throughout the main exhibit wing. Growing Up East of Eden, An' Live Off the Fatta the Lan, Grapes of Wrath, Cannery Row, Adventures on Land and Sea, and Steinbeck's America.

Through stimulating multi-sensory stage-set activity centers, graphic and text panels discussing literary themes, and interactive features, visitors get a sense of the author and the man. There is enough variety to entertain the casual visitor while at the same time satisfying the thirst of the biggest Steinbeck enthusiast.

West Valley JACL will charter a bus for its chapter members and guests that leaves from San Jose around mid-morning on Saturday, July 1. The bus will arrive in Mon-

terey to allow individuals the opportunity to do one or more of the following: visit the convention, see a video presentation on Japanese American fishermen at the Maritime Museum, go shopping, and/or catch lunch at one of the many restaurants in downtown Monterey. The tour of the National Steinbeck Center will take place after lunch, where convention delegates will have the opportunity to join West Valley JACL for an afternoon of fun and excitement.

Seating on the bus is limited. For more information on the National Steinbeck Center tour, please contact Roger Minami at rminami@ix.netcom.com. ■

Calif. Bank & Trust Donates \$10,000 to Nat'l Convention

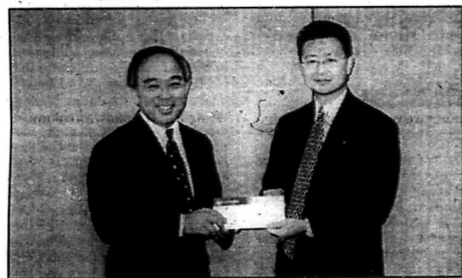
California Bank and Trust recently donated \$10,000 to JACL's 2000 National Biennial convention, which will be held June 28-July 1 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Monterey, Calif.

"California Bank and Trust is excited to support the 2000 JACL convention and the community it serves on a national level," said Jerry Ono, vice president and manager of CBT's San Francisco Japantown branch.

For decades, the bank has supported JACL through donations to various scholarship programs.

"California Bank and Trust has been a longtime supporter of national JACL, as well as our local chapters," said National Director John Tateishi. "We appreciate their investment in the community."

California Bank and Trust and JACL's membership department currently have available the JACL Visa credit card. A portion of every dollar is remitted back to JACL whenever you use your JACL Visa card. For an application, please call Tracie Uchino at 415/921-5225, ext. 26, or e-mail to cmbr@jacl.org. ■



Jerry Ono, vice president of California Bank and Trust (left), presents a \$10,000 check to JACL National Director John Tateishi.

National Convention Workshops Set

The convention committee has set the following workshops for the upcoming national convention. The workshops will take place Friday, June 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

- LEAP! APA Leadership in the 21st Century (Youth Session), 8 a.m. only
- LEAP! APA Leadership in the 21st Century (Delegate Session), 10 a.m. only
- How to Start a Japanese Cultural Heritage Program for Your Community: A Guide to Success, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Japan Acts, and Japanese Americans Experience the Repercussions, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- How to Get Your School District to Implement "An American Story: The Japanese American Experience," 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Community Strategies in Ad-

ressing Hate Crimes, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- The Story Behind the Redress Movement, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Discrimination in the Workplace, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- How Do You Find a Career in the New Economy, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Let's All Focus on Aging: Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei—Taking Care of Their Elders, combined with Social Security: How it Relates to You, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Planned Giving ... Act Today, Give Forever, 10 a.m.

Price for the workshops is \$20 if you register before April 30 and \$25 thereafter.

Convention attendees are asked to fill out a separate form when choosing the workshops. For more information, contact Larry Oda at tsuneo1@msn.com. ■

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Tuesday June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday June 29	Friday June 30	Saturday July 1	Sunday July 2
Education Conference 8:00am-5:00pm		Continental Breakfast 7:00am-9:00am De Anza Foyer	Continental Breakfast 7:00am-9:00am De Anza Foyer	Continental Breakfast 7:00am-9:00am De Anza Foyer	
	Exhibits 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Exhibits 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Exhibits 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Exhibits 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	
				Elections 6:30am-8:00am De Anza Foyer	
Registration 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Registration 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Registration 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Registration 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	Registration 8:00am-5:00pm De Anza Foyer	
Golf Tournament Laguna Seca Golf Club 10:00 am	National Board Meeting 8:00am-12:00pm Portola Room	National Council I 8:00am-12:00pm Serra I Classroom	Workshops 8:00am-11:50am Bonsai Hill-Hill, Redwood, Portola, Steinbeck Forum	National Council III 8:00am-12:00pm De Anza Classrooms	National Board Meeting 8:00am-11:00am Portola Room
	National Committee Meetings 1:00pm-3:00pm Bonsai Hill-Hill	Youth Luncheon 12:30pm-2:00pm De Anza Ballroom	Awards Luncheon 12:00pm-2:00pm De Anza Ballroom	National Council IV 1:00pm-4:00pm De Anza Classrooms	National Youth Council 11:00am-1:00pm Portola Room
	Delegate Orientation 3:00pm-5:00pm Serra I Classroom	National Council II 2:00pm-6:00pm Serra I Classroom	Oratorical Competition 2:30pm-4:00 pm Steinbeck Forum	Robert & Doris Matsui Reception 6:00pm-7:00pm Serra Foyer	
	Welcome Mixer 7:00pm-11:00pm Monterey Bay Aquarium	Candidates Forum 7:00pm-9:00pm Steinbeck Forum	District Caucus 4:00pm-5:00pm District Suites	Sayonara Banquet 7:00pm-12:00am Serra Ballroom	
		District Caucus 9:00pm-10:00pm District Suites	Veterans' Tribute 7:00pm-10:00pm De Anza Ballroom		

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: Last First MI
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 City: _____
 State & Zip Code: _____
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 Category: ☐ Delegate ☐ 1000 Club
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☐ Youth ☐ Masaoka Fellow
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☐ Other (Specify): _____

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PACKAGE REGISTRATION (includes Individual Events listed below)

	Before April 30	After 4/30
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Package	\$195	\$245
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular with Youth Luncheon	\$220	\$280
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Package	\$100	\$125

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (included in Package Registration)

<input type="checkbox"/> All Meetings	\$40	\$45	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Meeting	\$20ea	\$25ea	\$
Day of Attendance (Circle day)	Tu	We	Th
<input type="checkbox"/> Workshops	\$20	\$25	\$
Complete separate Workshop Registration Form			
<input type="checkbox"/> Monterey Bay Aquarium	\$60	\$75	\$
Welcome Mixer			
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards Luncheon	\$45	\$50	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Sayonara Banquet	\$65	\$75	\$

SPECIAL EVENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Luncheon	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ _____
* (Included in Youth Package) Delegates are encouraged to attend.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament	\$ 75	\$100	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Tribute Dinner	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ _____

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COMMENTARY

The Road Less Traveled

By BETH AU
PSWD Regional Director

It's been almost a year since I moved to Los Angeles to become regional director of the Pacific Southwest District. Often times I think about why I traded Sunday night dinners with my parents, siblings and their families, along with a 15-minute commute to work for long weekend meetings and hours of driving on the endless concrete jungle we know as Los Angeles freeways.



Why on earth would anyone want to leave the 24-hour convenience, glitz and glamour of Las Vegas? Maybe not being a gambler has something to do with it and maybe the longer I'm in L.A., the more focused I have become on the issues we as Asian Pacific Americans face every day. Just as I refer to the famous "Thomas Guide" to assist in my navigation in and around the city, I've been able to solve my directional problems.

Working for JACL I've been empowered to be a stronger leader and representative. In so doing I have represented JACL at countless community meetings ranging from human relations to public health. I have addressed a Japanese American community group of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), attended numer-

ous installations and L.A. County community meetings, been actively pursuing Brian Moriguchi's case, and have had the opportunity to meet some of JACL's most valuable resource — our members. I've established strong ties with other APA organizations in L.A. and one of the more important has been accepting a board position with the Organization of Chinese Americans, Greater Los Angeles Chapter. This coalition, I hope, will serve to bridge the gap between the two organizations. We have much to learn from each other, as well as the ability to help each other.

One issue where we could assist, and that most people are familiar with, is the Wen Ho Lee case. Currently, Dr. Lee is being held without bail in prison, stripped of his basic constitutional right to due process. It is a case of APA stereotyping, pigeon-holing, and racial profiling. This case of APA racial profiling is not limited to APA scientists or those in the high tech field; it affects all of us — as people.

As regional director, if I don't report on these issues to our membership, then I'm not doing my job — shame on me. But as an organization, if we stand silently by on this issue, as an individual's right to due process is denied, then shame on us!

We can all make a difference by signing the OCA petition to the President of the United States. It does not take a position on Dr. Lee's guilt or innocence, but simply requests the president to take the following actions:

- Asks Attorney General Janet Reno to request that the judge reconsider allowing Dr. Lee to go free on bail pending his trial.
- Requests that the Justice Department ensure that due process and fair treatment is followed in the prosecution of Dr. Lee.
- Takes a strong public position on zero tolerance policy on racial profiling within the federal government.

If you'd like a copy of this petition it's on the OCA Web site at www.oceanat.org or you can call PSWD (213-626-4471) and we'll mail you a copy. The OCA national board asks that the petition be returned to their national office by April 28. All the gathered signatures will then be sent to President Clinton.

If we don't speak up for ourselves as APAs, we can't expect others to take up our cause. Now is our opportunity to say and do something; let's not pass it up. ■



East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Open Letter

NO DOUBT, not unlike many others out there, as a longtime follower of "From the Frying Pan," I was stunned to read Bill Hosokawa's column titled "Finale," announcing that he was discontinuing his column in this newspaper. I contemplated sending a private letter to him, unsure of just what I might say. Instead of a private communication, I've decided to express some thoughts via this "Open Letter."

As a second-stringer contributing columnist to this publication, let me start by declaring that I cannot and do not disagree with Hosokawa's assessment of the manner in which the powers-that-be (whoever they are) handled the entire matter of juggling the line-up.

OVER THE YEARS, as a reader as well as a contributing columnist to this publication, I had been repeatedly impressed by Hosokawa's scope and depth of knowledge of the Nikkei community and many of its personalities. I cannot think of anyone who can even begin to approach Hosokawa's capacities in this respect. With this unmatched store of knowledge, he was able to provide the depth of perspective essential for balanced judgment. In charting our course into the future, it is all-essential to know where we are now; and to determine where we are now, it is all-essential to know where we've been. In various disciplines it's known as "triangulation." There may be some who contend that they are endowed with some "internal compass" thereby purportedly making historic triangulation unnecessary.

Hosokawa's departure would deprive us of that third point of the past-present-future triangulation.

IN THE COURSE of looking

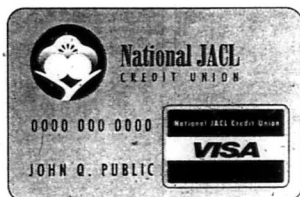
to draft the report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, Hosokawa was included as one of the resources for checking factual points which needed verification. Over the years the "Frying Pan" column demonstrated its willingness to discuss issues that no one else would raise, at least not openly. One of the more recent examples was questioning how it came about that a particular Nikkei was selected to be the recipient of a medal for his refusal to comply with the 1942 expulsion order directed against all Japanese "alien and non-alien" residing along our Pacific Coast states.

WRITING A COLUMN, particularly on a sustained, continued basis, is not easy; it requires discipline and ongoing commitment. To make a few cameo appearances on these pages and then disappear is common; I know, I've been there. In contrast to this, the professional that he is, Hosokawa has constantly met his weekly assignment. Thus, even when he is off on an overseas trip, he will, in advance, send in enough columns to fill in the period of his absence. Harry Honda, editor emeritus, commented on this some years ago. Over the years I've had occasion to fit about various parts of this land. In meeting fellow Nikkei, many comment that they enjoy reading Bill Hosokawa's column (politely adding "yours too"). One Nikkei lady mentioned just the other day: "the only thing I look for are columns, and I put the paper away."

Bill Hosokawa: The Nikkei, especially the generation of parents of the baby-boomers, need to be able to continue reading the "Frying Pan." We continue to need your candid voice. Come back for a little while longer. But come back. ■

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That's why the Asian American Donor Program is hosting Hearts Beat to the Drums!, a marrow/stem cell donor drive which encourages the AA community to help others simply by giving a sample of blood. As part of the Haru Matsui Festival/Nor-Cal Taiko Exposition, the drive will be held Sunday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center in Morgan Hill, Calif.

For more information or to register, contact AADP at 1-800-59-DONOR, e-mail asamdonors@aadp.org, or check out their Web page at www.AADP.org. ■

NJAMF Plans Upcoming
Dedication Ceremony

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) is making plans for the upcoming monument dedication celebration, set for Nov. 9-11, and is asking for the public's help.

Those organizing the event include the NJAMF executive board, NJAMF dedication celebration committee, the newly-formed NJAMF camp advisory board and various veterans' organizations.

To make the event a success, organizers are asking the public to contact them with information on any of the following:

- 1) families of soldiers killed in action whose names will be inscribed on the wall;
- 2) families or friends of those who passed away while in camp (their names can be posthumously placed in the dedication program);
- 3) five generation families who had family members in camp;
- 4) Japanese American veter-

ans from all wars.

The NJAMF dedication committee, chaired by Nancy Yamada and Barbara Nekoba, have planned a variety of activities including self-guided tours with special arrangements made with the Freer Gallery, National Archives and the Smithsonian which will run a film series featuring JA history, culture and military exploits.

The camp advisory board to the dedication committee include: Gila River - Hy Shishino; Topaz - Daisy Satoda; Minidoka - Calvin Ninomiya; Jerome and Poston - Monte Minami; Poston - Helen Sakaki; Heart Mountain - Bacon Sakatani; Tule Lake - Toko Fujii; Amache - Sally Hamamoto; Manzanar - Sue Embrey.

To reserve hotel room for the dedication ceremony, contact the NJAMF authorized travel agency, Worldview Travel, 714/540-7400 or 800/627-8726. Please ask for Eiko or Brenda. For more information, call Cheron Carlson at the NJAMF office 202/861-8845. ■



Stranger Than Fiction

By Christina Shigemura

Tourist Fantasy and Kanaka Maoli Reality

Last week a travel magazine arrived in my mailbox. I rarely travel anywhere, but my eyes were drawn to the cover, which featured the darkened silhouette of a hula dancer against the background of a spectacular orange sunset.

I'm sure the picture was designed to evoke thoughts of what it might be like to escape to a beautiful, tropical paradise filled with beautiful, tropical people. But instead I was struck by the dichotomy between tourist fantasy as depicted on the magazine cover and the Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) reality.

Kanaka Maoli have the highest infant mortality rate and the lowest life expectancy of any ethnic group in Hawaii. They die from heart disease and cancer 40 percent more often than the U.S. average.

Other statistics are equally dismal. More than half of Kanaka Maoli do not graduate from high school, and 34 percent live in poverty. Although Kanaka Maoli comprise less than 20 percent of Hawaii's population, they are more than 40 percent of Hawaii's prison population.

These conditions were created largely by U.S. actions. In 1893, a small group of American businessmen, including Sanford Dole, overthrew Queen Lili'uokalani, the reigning monarch of the sovereign kingdom of Hawaii. These businessmen seized land belonging to the Hawaiian Crown and government. Then they sold the land to

their friends, commercial sugar and pineapple barons, and gave thousands of acres to the U.S. military. In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii, and in 1959, when Kanaka Maoli had become a minority on their own islands, Hawaii became the fifth state.

The fundamental problem in Hawaii revolves around the ownership of land, which is sacred as well as life-sustaining for the Kanaka Maoli. More than 70 percent of the land in Hawaii is owned or controlled by eight entities, including the U.S. federal government (16.5 percent), state government (almost 30 percent), and six private landowners (25 percent). The current situation leaves the Kanaka Maoli with little access to the lands and beaches which provided them with spiritual and material livelihood for more than a thousand years.

Ironically, nearly 2 million acres is held in trust for the Kanaka Maoli under the Hawaiian Homelands Act of 1921 and the Ceded Lands Trust. The ceded lands are 1.75 million acres which belonged to the Hawaiian Crown but were seized during the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani. These lands were then ceded to the U.S. federal government in 1898 and were given to the state of Hawaii in 1959. However, the federal government still pays only one dollar to lease thousands of acres of ceded lands, which are used for national parks, military bases, and other facilities.

The bulk of the revenue from ceded lands (80 percent) goes to the state government, while the remaining 20 percent is supposed to be managed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) for the benefit of the Kanaka Maoli. Most Kanaka Maoli do not benefit very much from the OHA's \$250 million in assets, however, because only 2 percent is allocated to help the Kanaka Maoli. The rest of OHA's revenue is turned into investments.

It should come as no surprise, then, that the Kanaka Maoli are dissatisfied with this system and want to re-establish a sovereign nation in Hawaii. The largest organization which is advocating sovereignty is Ka Lahui Hawaii, with 20,000 members. The other three largest organizations are Puka Lenui, Nation of Hawaii, and Ka Pakaukau. Views differ slightly between these groups, but all are committed to the environmental protection of Hawaiian lands. All would allow non-Native Hawaiians to retain property they currently own and to join the new nation, and all except Ka Pakaukau would permit tourism. So the readers of that travel magazine could probably still vacation in the sovereign nation of Hawaii.

The only real difference would be the presence of justice for the Kanaka Maoli. ■

Christina Shigemura is working on an in-depth article which will examine the sovereignty movement in Hawaii.

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A Bridge Across the Pacific

By Emily Murase

An Open Invitation to Shape Our Nikkei Future

Sometimes we take things for granted — such as that Japanese grocery store that can be counted on to provide fresh tofu, albacore sashimi, and even *natto*. But without careful planning, these institutions of our community can easily disappear. How many of you now live in areas that no longer maintain a local Japanese vernacular newspaper?

I would like to extend to you (yes you, my loyal readers!) an invitation to participate in one of the most important events of the year for our community. On April 27 - 30, the Nikkei 2000 Conference will convene at the Radisson Miyako Hotel in San Francisco/Japan town.

Join students, professionals, community organizers, political leaders, and, importantly, mother, fathers, daughters, sons, and neighbors; folks from all walks of life who have one thing in common: a concern for the future of our community. Together, we will map a strategy for "Empowering Our Community in the 21st Century," the conference theme.

The Nikkei 2000 Conference promises to be different from any other conference you've attended. Rather than have participants be passive consumers of lectures and speeches, conference organizers have structured the conference to maximize participant interaction through breakout sessions, small group exercises, and round-table discussions.

On Thursday, April 27, participants may choose from a rich menu of symposia that promises something for everyone. Here are just a few selections of the 18 total choices: "Leaving a Legacy of Remembrance," "Entrepreneurs in the JA Community," "Gender Dynamics," "Serving Nikkei Children and Youth," "Meeting Our Health Care Needs," and "Using Technology and Mass Communication as Community Building Tools."

On Friday, April 28, participants will address the topics of "The Community Today" and "Re-defining Community" in working sessions throughout the day. Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii will be the featured speaker at the conference dinner. Johnny Mori of the legendary jazz band Hiroshima will be performing at the dinner. A youth/student dinner and dialogue will be held at the same time.

On Saturday, April 29, participants will wrestle with "Our Future Community" and "Building for the Future." Former U.S. Congressman Norman Mineta will headline the community networking reception. That evening, Japanese American performance artists and filmmakers will share their artistry with the community. Meanwhile, a dance party will be held for the younger generation.

On Sunday, April 30, participants will once again roll up their sleeves to work collectively on "Organizing a National Agen-

da." This is where the discussions of the past three days turn into an agenda for action. Caucus groups will be formed to hammer out the details of the agenda. Finally, the conference will conclude with an interfaith dialogue on "The Common Good: The Meeting Place of Religions."

Register early for a substantial discount! The conference registration fee is \$65 until March 28. After that, the fee is \$100. The fee for students and those with limited income is \$40 until March 28. After that, the fee is \$65. The fee for the optional pre-conference symposia is \$15 and the optional conference dinner is an additional \$50. Special hotel rates and discounted airfare are available.

The fastest way to register is on-line at www.nikkei2000.org. For registration materials, you can also call the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC) at 415-567-5505. There are also over 200 conference volunteer opportunities. If interested, contact Ken Maeshiro at the JCCNC.

Participants from Washington, D.C., Denver, Seattle, all across California, Hawaii, Canada, and even Peru are expected to attend. Can we also count on you? The success of the Nikkei 2000 Conference, and the future of our community, depends on it. ■

Emily Moto Murase can be reached at emurase@stanford.edu.

Letters to the Editor

Re: Hosokawa's 'Finale'

It was with a great feeling of grateful sadness that I read Bill Hosokawa's "Finale" column in the *Pacific Citizen*, March 10-16.

In my mind, Bill's common sense, sagely and witty commentaries, which appeared in the *PC* over long, long years of dedicated writing have been the "voice of us old-timer Nisei." He is, most certainly, one of the most influential and prolific Nisei writers of our time. Bill's columns reflected the thoughts and opinions of many of us who may well represent an endangered species. We owe him a profound sense of gratitude for sharing his talents with us. His eloquent, poignant writings, especially his "From the Frying Pan" column, will be sorely missed.

Thanks, Bill. I'll miss your legendary column in the *PC*. It is the same way that I do Charles Schulz' "Peanuts" (and Charlie Brown) and Herb Caen's "Baghdad By the Bay."

Bill Fujita
Berkeley, Calif.

I originally wished to express my regret through a commentary at the boorish behavior of the *PC* board which culminated in the retirement of Bill Hosokawa from the pages of this paper. However, bowing to the pleasures of the board's chair, I have been asked to contain my grievance in a shorter form.

First, I think the board and the chair, in particular, owe Bill Hosokawa both a public and personal apology for suggesting he has become "irrelevant" by the infrequent publication of his column. Even worse, this notice was mailed to him in the form of a generic letter without even a proper salutation, defying not only social etiquette but common courtesy.

This type of arrogance belittles not only our finest veteran columnist but also the JACL membership, which I presume the board represents and serves. Bill suggested his columns are becoming irrelevant to a younger generation. However, I would wager that at least 50 percent or more of the membership falls within the age range of 60-80.

Neither the organization nor the paper can be sustained without the financial support of my older generation. The *PC* is not a private enterprise. It belongs to us JACL members. I, for one, have been a faithful *PC* financial contributor even before economic problems required general solicitations.

For me, and I'm sure for many others, the *PC* has been the heart of JACL. Bill Hosokawa, a credentialed and professional journalist, has kept the heart pumping. The *PC*, into its seventh decade, knows that a paper is only as good as the relationship it sustains with its readers. This historical publication has survived largely because of the trust and respect it has earned through experienced writers like Bill. The *PC* must protect that trust. That is its responsibility. The board has failed embarrassingly to fulfill its appointed role as keepers of that trust.

Sachi Seko
Salt Lake City

I felt that the era of Nisei-engendered, wide-ranging journalistic sphere was short sightedly expiring as I read Hosokawa's *sayonara* column, with a seven-line editor's note. It was hardly a tribute or a sincere acknowledgment of Bill's half century of observations, as observed and reported by the best of our writers. It was a judgmental faux pas of monumental proportions by our current *PC* leadership.

For the past six months, the disarray in editorial policies and decisions is alarming as there is more

anti-JACL editorial matter appearing than pro-JACL.

Only Harry Honda on the current staff can write a worthy commentary on Bill Hosokawa. Having been the former editor for many years, he understands both the depth and the breadth of Nikkei issues. If Bill is really resigning (with resignation), it is only proper that Harry writes the eulogy for Bill's *PC* column.

Barry Sakai
Stockton, Calif.

Bill Hosokawa's farewell "From the Frying Pan" column had a tinge of the T.S. Eliot ending "not with a bang but a whimper." It was disappointing news to many of us.

His mention of the impersonal notice he received sometime back from the *PC* board chairperson about reducing the frequency of the various *PC* columnist's articles had an ironic twist. After 48 years of invaluable contributions to the *PC*, let's recognize Bill more adequately than in the brief italicized note of thanks at the end of his column.

Bill's illustrious career provided readers with the insight and information he derived from his broad experiences growing up in the Seattle Nikkei community, working as a correspondent in East Asia just prior to World War II, editing *The Denver Post* and writing classic books on the Nikkei struggles in America.

Perhaps you can persuade him to offer occasional articles in the future. Yes, the Sansei and Yonsei have taken over, but what Bill has to say transcends generations.

George Yasukochi
Berkeley, Calif.

I have often wondered over the years if the *Pacific Citizen* board had ever seriously considered understanding its mission to be that of a civil rights paper within the Japanese American community, speaking to both its constituency and the larger community about justice issues affecting our Asian American community.

I am writing this letter because I understand that *PC* columnist Bill Hosokawa, who, I believe, was there in Seattle in 1929 when JACL was born, will no longer be contributing his column to the *PC*. To me, Bill's column was the printed voice of the JACL and the policies of the JACL.

Now that he will no longer be writing his column, I am suggesting that the *PC*, at the start of a new millennium, consider becoming an independent voice instead of a house organ, as it has been perceived to be for so long.

Paul Tuncishi
Sunland, Calif.

Re: McCain Statement

I remain in strong support of the JACL's stance against Sen. McCain's unfortunate comments. A couple of readers in the last issue took offense to this position, suggesting that the JACL was too hard on McCain.

True, McCain's comments must be understood within the context of his war experience. His words alone don't make him a racist. His use of the term "gook," however, IS RACIALLY INSENSITIVE.

One's words can often have an effect that goes beyond their intended meaning, especially if one uses a term that is so racially loaded.

Sen. McCain is a public figure in politics; he should know better. It is obtuse and unreasonable for him to assume that others should

understand that his use of the term "gook" is context specific. By using it, he completely ignored the negative impact that such a term continues to have on the Asian American community.

I applaud the JACL and Helen Kawagoe for raising the issues that they did.

Frank M. Yamada
Evanston, Ill.

I find it disturbing that educated individuals such as David Moore, who has worked with the JACL for over 50 years, and Bill Kashiwagi, who is Japanese, find Sen. John McCain's use of the word "gook" acceptable because of his war experiences.

Being a college student, the most important lesson I have learned is that as Asian Americans we must assert ourselves, or find ourselves being placed into the "passive Asian American" stereotype.

No matter what time period you are from or hardships you have experienced, racial slurs cannot be tolerated by the AA community and the JACL. If we are to allow Sen. McCain's use of the word "gook" because of his experience, I suppose the black community is to allow white police officers who were beaten in the L.A. riots to call their attackers "niggers." This would never be tolerated by the NAACP or black community leaders no matter what the circumstances, and should not be tolerated by the JACL or AA community leaders.

The JACL is to be commended for its actions against Sen. McCain, who would undoubtedly ill represent the views of the AA community.

Travis Kubota
Seattle

Reader Wants More Coverage Outside California

At a recent meeting of the Pacific Northwest Council, we discussed our thoughts about the *Pacific Citizen*. A recurrent theme was *PC*'s regional bias, focusing extensively on California.

Granted, California holds a large percentage of JAs. Nevertheless, if JACL is a NATIONAL organization, and if *PC* is supposed to be a NATIONAL publication, they must pay attention to the rest of the country. Otherwise, national JACL should change its name to California JACL, and *PC* should change its name to California *Citizen*.

Hence, if *PC* wants national support, it needs to act like a national publication and recognize there are JAs outside of California.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Hirata, Masaru "Mas," 82, Cupertino, Feb. 20; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Tee; daughter Lynda Ellingson; son Tim and wife Gloriana; brother Jerry; sisters June Oba, Haru Imai; predeceased by brother Masao, sister Helen Oba.

Ikedai, Masaji, 97, Anaheim, Feb. 22; Kumamoto-ken-born, naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by daughter Jane H. Ikeda; brothers and sisters in Japan: Kiyoshi Ikeda, Ritsuko Tsutsumi, Noriko Tsutsumi.

Inouye, Rikuo, 73, San Mateo, Feb. 29; Hawaii-born; survived by sons Byron, Robert; daughters Marjo, Amy; predeceased by wife Yoshiko.

Matsunaga, Kinuo, 65, Torrance, March 3; Kumamoto-ken-born; survived by daughter Cheryl Tillman and husband Craig (Bermuda); son Alex and wife Lise; 1 g.; sister Sumie Honda (Japan); brother-in-law Masa Matsunaga and wife Michiko, Hideki Matsunaga; sister-in-law Taeko Colwell.

Mayeda, Ed, 78, Fountain Valley, Feb. 20; San Pedro-born resident of Garden Grove; survived by wife Betty; daughters Lynn Mayeda (Goleta), Patricia Klein (Garden Grove); sons Ronald (Westminster), Edward Gemeinhardt (Anaheim), James Gemeinhardt (Monterey), Ronald Gemeinhardt (Katy, Texas), Donald Gemeinhardt (Dumfries, Va.); 18 g.; 4 gcs.; sisters Marina Ohara, Fumiyo Mayeda (Long Beach).

Nagafuji, Rev. Gyosei, 96, Berkeley, March 5; survived by wife Mitsuko; son Jerry and wife Pearl; daughters Akemi Jane, Haruyo Kathryn; 3 gc.

Nakanishi, Umom, 78, Los Angeles, March 3; Los Angeles-born; survived by brother Tsutomu and wife Patricia (Arizona); sisters Lily Kusumoto and husband Lindy, Ruth Katsoka and husband Robert.

Nishida, Masao, 77, Granada Hills, Feb. 26; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Nanako; daughters Chris Lee and husband Terry, Gail Kaiko and husband Bob, Pauline; 2 gcs.; sisters Tomiko Enomoto, May Itan, Yasuko Takata; brothers Kazuo and wife Chiye, Roy and wife Michiko.

Nishimura, Ted Hideo, 83, Seattle, Jan. 6; Seattle-born; WWII Japanese language instructor at the University of Michigan; survived by wife Kazuko; son Gary and wife Crissey (Harbor Pointe); daughter Nancy (Beaverton, Ore.); 1 g.; sister Mary Seike and husband Ben, and brother William and wife Irene (all of Seattle); predeceased by son Robert.

Oka, Dan Hideo, 81, San Pedro, Feb. 28; San Pedro-born, Japan educated; survived by wife Alice; sons Hayward and Thomas Nishioka; daughters Joanne Oka, Phyllis Fiasse, Jane Delgado, Sharon Okada, Leslie Bair.

Okamoto, Satoru Steve, 75, Culver City, Feb. 21; Los Angeles-born; survived by brothers Yukio and wife Miyako, Hiroji, Iwao and wife Kazuko, Toru Okamoto and wife Eiko; sister Michiye Hayashi; sister-in-law Dora Okamoto.

Palmer, Tomiyo S., 69, Fairfield, Feb. 24; Japan-born; survived by husband retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Earl Palmer; son Gerald A. (Reston, Va.); daughters Dr. Sharon M. Palmer (Amherst, Mass.), Linda M. Eclavea (San Jose), Susan K. Palmer (San Francisco); 5 gcs.; brother Fumio Kuruusu and sister Kashiuku Kuruusu (both of Japan).

Takahashi, Ellen Shizuko, 68, Birmingham, Ala., March 4; Berkeley-born pianist, scientist, artist; survived by husband

Clyde W. Oyster; sister Joyce Takahashi; brother-in-law Marshall Litman (Davis); niece Kathryn Doi (San Francisco); sisters-in-law Bonnie Miller and husband Richard, Jerrie Berentz and husband Bill.

Tagimura, Charles Isami, 83, Salinas, Feb. 27; San Juan Bautista-born; survived by wife Fumiko; daughter Bonnie Yokota; sons Gary, Keith; 2 gcs.; brothers George, John, Tom, Robert; sisters Alice Sato (Palo Alto), Betty Furusho (Mountain View), Rose Yuki (Los Gatos).

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Tokugawa, Mabel Takeko, 75, San Francisco, Feb. 28; survived by daughters Dr. Diane Tokugawa and husband Alan Gould (Berkeley), Paula Tokugawa and husband Richard Dunkel; brothers Matsuo and wife Masako, George Taoka and wife Emma; sister Carrie Ichikawa and husband Fred; brother-in-law John Tokugawa.

Teumori-Abe, Mabel, 76, Tujunga, Feb. 25; Sacramento-born; survived by sons Gregory and wife Carol, Geoffrey, Lt. Col. Timothy Abe and wife Arleen; sister Bernice Kodama and husband James; brother Paul Teumori and wife Emiko.

Yamada, Terumi, 74, Culver City, Feb. 23; Kingsburg-born; survived by wife Yoshiko; son Richard; daughters Carol Kimura and husband David, Janice Oshimo and husband Michael; 4 gcs.; mother Sadami Yamada, brother Yoshito and wife Ellen (all of Kingsburg), brothers Takayoshi and wife Nobuko (Irvine), Shoji and wife Miki, Dr. Suyenori and wife Toni; sister-in-law Hatsuki Yamada (Kingsburg).

Yamane, Frank Tatsuo, 92, Torrance, Feb. 29; Kohala, Hawaii-born; recipient of the Order of the Sacred Treasure; survived by wife Chiyoiko; son Dick Hideo and wife Judy Akiko; daughters June Fujiko Yuki and husband Wallace Tadao, Elaine Keiko Otsuji and husband Dennis Yuki; 3 gcs.; brothers and sisters in Japan: Henry Takeo and wife Mishiyo, Tomie Goto and husband Kazuto, Haruo Ushio; brother-in-law Shigeru Mori and wife Ayako (also Japan).

Yamato, Tetsuo, 74, Alameda, March 7; survived by wife Faith; son Wayne and wife Naomi; daughter Ann Yamato and husband Michael Young; brother Takeo; sister Helen Yamato; 4 gcs.

Yonemori, Chiyoiko, 83, Los Angeles, March 2; Tacoma, Wash.-born; survived by son Frank and wife Nancy; 2 gcs.; sister-in-law Shizuka Nimori.

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Number of people

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- foster children, roomers, or housemates
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- people living here most of the time while working even if they have another place to live

DO NOT INCLUDE in this number:

- college students living away while attending college
- people in a correctional facility, nursing home, or mental hospital on April 1, 2000
- Armed Forces personnel living somewhere else
- people who live or stay at another place most of the time

2. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home Mark ☒ ONE box

☐ Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?

☐ Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear without a mortgage or loan?

☐ Rented for cash rent?

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3. Please answer the following questions for each person living in this house, apartment, or mobile home. Start with the name of one of the people living here who owns, is buying, or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If there is no such person, start with any adult living or staying here. We will refer to this person as Person 1.

What is this person's name? Print name below.

Last Name _____

First Name _____ MI _____

4. What is Person 1's telephone number? We may call this person if we don't understand an answer.

Area Code + Number _____

5. What is Person 1's sex? Mark ☒ ONE box.

☐ Male ☐ Female

6. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?

Age on April 1, 2000 _____

Print numbers in boxes

Month _____ Day _____ Year of birth _____

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 7 and 8.

7. Is Person 1 Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Mark ☒ the "No"

Don't list Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

☐ No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican

☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano ☐ Yes, Cuban

☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — Print group _____

8. What is Person 1's race? Mark ☒ one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.

☐ White

☐ Black, African Am., or Negro

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe _____

☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Chinese ☐ Korean ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro

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☐ Other Asian — Print race _____ ☐ Other Pacific Islander — Print race _____

Print race or other race _____

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Print race _____

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