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Preserving the Internment Camps a Priority for JACL

By KRISTINE MINAMI
JACL Wash., D.C., Rep.

As President Clinton's fiscal year 2001 budget request makes its way around the Hill and through the various appropriations subcommittees, the JACL and friends continue to write letters and visit their representatives and senators, urging them to support the \$4.8 million package that would take steps to preserve the sites of the former internment camps and provide educational materials to the public.

Introduced in early February 2000, the FY 2001 budget request contains three items which would provide the funding to build a visitors' center at Manzanar, a former internment camp in Southern California which was designated a national park in 1992; develop an educational kiosk on the constitutionality of internment at the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site at the Coronado National Forest in Arizona; expand the public dialogue on the civilian war experience through a special resource study called "World War II on the Home Front"; and allow for greater federal protection of the camp sites through interagency land transfers.

Considered to be a small request relative to the entire budget, this initiative to preserve the internment camp legacy nevertheless faces an uphill battle in Congress. According to White House sources, the four items in the budget request were favorably received by several members of Congress in February and garnered immediate support from the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

In addition to the JACL, more than forty national organizations representing a cross-section of the civil rights, education and ethnic communities have signed on to a letter advocating the importance of this funding request. However, as the budget is winding its way through the appropriations process, amendments and additions to defense programs have meant that money allocated for various projects has shifted, leaving this initiative vulnerable to the process.

According to the Department of Interior, their allocation in the House Subcommittee is \$1.7 billion below the president's request and the Senate is \$952 million low, making it "impossible for the

Congress to meet the challenges laid out by the president in his FY 2001 budget request."

JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi commented, "One might think that because this initiative is such a small amount of money and it's already included in the budget with support on both sides - that would make it a slam dunk, but the reality is that it's very vulnerable to being sacrificed for other projects."

While many members representing California are generally supportive of this budget request, the JACL is pushing for support from the full delegation. During the first week of May, JACL Vice President for General Operations S. Floyd Mori spent three days on the Hill visiting friends and former colleagues from his time in the California state Assembly. He met with Senators Bennett, Utah, and Feinstein, Calif., and eight representatives from California (Berman, Farr, Lewis, Miller, Rogan, Stark, Thomas, and Waters) all of whom indicated to him their support for this budget request. Additionally, Representative Julian Dixon, responding to constituent mail and Mori's request, will be writing a letter of support, and Rep. Maxine Waters along with Rep. Robert Matsui expressed interest in circulating a letter of support for signature by the entire California delegation.

Rep. Sam Farr, D-Calif., who sits on the House appropriations committee and whose district includes Monterey, commented, "Like the Holocaust Museum, the Japanese internment camps tell a story of the dark side of war, this one in our very own back

20 Japanese Americans to Receive Medal of Honor

Twenty Japanese American World War II heroes will receive the Medal of Honor, the Army's highest award, at a White House ceremony on June 21, it was announced in the May 8 edition of USA TODAY.

The newspaper quotes unnamed sources at the Pentagon who say that Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is among the 20 recipients. Inouye, already a holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, helped destroy two German machine gun nests while fighting in Italy and lost his right arm in the battle.

Congress, with the help of the Pentagon, had ordered the study which looked into Asian American and Pacific Islander holders

of the DSC, the second highest award; and recommended Medal of Honor upgrades to President Clinton in deserving cases.

The 1996 law that ordered the medal study was sponsored by Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii. The project was patterned on a previous Army study that resulted in seven Medals of Honor for black WWII soldiers in 1997.

Sen. Akaka said that "the hostile climate" that resulted in the internment of tens of thousands of JAs during WWII may have made it more difficult for JA soldiers to be awarded the nation's highest combat medal.

All of the honorees are reportedly JAs who fought in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team or the

100th Battalion. Only about five of the medals will go to men who are still living. The others were either killed in action or have since passed away. Family members will be on hand to accept the posthumous awards.

Only two soldiers of Asian ancestry, Army Pfc. Sadao Munemori and Jose Calugas of the Philippine Scouts, were awarded the Medal of Honor during the WWII era. In total, 441 Medals of Honor were awarded during that war.

The Medal of Honor is awarded to soldiers who have distinguished themselves "by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty." ■

Growing Importance of Historic Site Seen at 31st Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

MANZANAR, Calif.—The participation of the highest ranking National Park Service (NPS) official at the 31st annual Manzanar Pilgrimage on April 29 is testimony to the growing importance of the Manzanar National Historic Site. National Park Service Director Robert G. Stanton

promised that while this was his "first visit here to this very sacred place, I want to publicly commit that this will not be my last."

Stanton, the 15th NPS director and first African American to hold the position in the agency's 81-year history, oversees 379 national parks. Having grown up in a segregated community in Texas, Stanton is familiar with the effects of racism and promised that, as stewards of Manzanar's legacy, NPS would do its best to tell the camp story to future generations.

"That is one of the lessons to be learned here at Manzanar," said Stanton, "that the fragility

of our rights guaranteed to us by our constitution sometimes diminishes, but we must resolve ourselves to ensure that the rights guaranteed are always, always adhered to."

In addition to Stanton, other top NPS officials were in attendance including John Reynolds, NPS's western regional director, and Richard Martin, NPS Death Valley National Park superintendent.

Kunitomi Embrey, who has been instrumental in getting Manzanar to where it is now.

"This is very historic to have Robert Stanton here," said Embrey. "I'm surprised that things are moving much faster than I expected. A lot of it, I think, has to do with support from John Reynolds and Ross Hopkins."

Rose Ochi, chair of the Manzanar Advisory Commission, voiced similar sentiment. "We



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

NPS Director Robert Stanton (second from right) and Sue Embrey (center) participate in the Interfaith ceremony.

"are an itty, bitty site," said Ochi. "There are hundreds of sites but yet he (Stanton) chose to be with us today. He is making Manzanar a priority."

As evidence that Manzanar was an NPS priority, Stanton included a \$4.2 million proposal for Manzanar when he testified in March before Congress for NPS's fiscal year 2001 budget.

"This would help rehabilitate some facilities here that will be available to the public as well as for administrative purposes."

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National JACL Candidates Announced

Lillian Kimura, chair of the JACL national nominations committee, announced that 11 individuals have submitted applications declaring their intent to seek election as JACL officers.

The candidates are: President — Leri Fujimoto, Sacramento; S. Floyd Mori, Mt. Olympus; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Mile Hi. Vice President for General Operations — David H. Kawamoto, San Diego. Vice President for Public Affairs — Ryan Chin, Seattle. Vice President for Planning and Development — Karen-Liane Shiba, SELANOCO. Vice President for 1000 Club and Membership Services — Gary Mayeda, APAN; Marie Matsunami, Cincinnati.

Secretary/Treasurer — Arthur F. Koga, Honolulu. National Youth/Student Council Chair — Matthew W. Nakata, Seattle. National Youth/Student Council Representative — Amy Matsumoto, New York.

Kimura was pleased that there are candidates slated for each of the offices, however, she said, "Our goal was to have multiple candidates for each office so that the delegates would be offered a choice, but as of the deadline, we weren't able to do this." Kimura went on to say that the nominations committee would continue to encourage candidates to run for office, particularly for those offices where there is only one candidate.

The deadline for submitting nominations was March 28. The nominations committee will re-open nominations for each office during the first business session of the convention on June 29. Nomination forms for floor nominations will be sent to the chapters soon.

The members of the nomination committee are — Lillian Kimura, chair, Grayce Uyehara, EDC; Steve Okamoto, NCWNP; Kent Kawai, PSW; Ruth Hashimoto, MPDC; Debbie Buda, CCDC; Rick Ishiyama, MDC; Dr. Jim Tsujimura, PNW; Jeff Nakashima, IDC; Michelle Amano, Youth Rep; Bill Yoshino, staff. ■

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

Eastern
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit; see Community Calendar.

Midwest
CHICAGO
Sat., May 20—Scholarship Luncheon; see Community Calendar.

Sun., May 21—Intergenerational Dialogue Forum; see Community Calendar.

CLEVELAND
Sun., May 21—Cherry Blossom Festival; see Community Calendar.

WISCONSIN
Sun., May 21—Recognition Dinner; 1 p.m. dinner, 2 p.m. program, Tam's Chop Suey, 68th & Layton Ave., Greenfield, RSVP by May 14; Sheri Fujihira, 414/423-1408; Margaret Igowsky, 414/643-5999.

NC-WN-Pacific
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat., June 3—NCWNP District's pre-convention meeting to review resolutions, the budget, and to meet the candidates running for national office; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JACL National Headquarters, San Francisco. Info: NCWNP

Regional Director Patty Wada, 415/345-1075.

DISTRICT EVENT
Sun., June 4—88th Annual Junior Olympics. Entry deadline: May 12. Contact nearest NCWNP chapter.

RENO
Sun., May 21—Children's Day Potluck; 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. Call Grace Fujii, 852-0559, with number of children attending.

SAN JOSE
Fri., May 12—Ed Iwasaki Memorial Foundation Scholarship Reception; 6 p.m., Iseii Memorial Bldg., 565 N. Fifth St. Info: 408/288-5222.

SAN MATEO
Sat., May 13—"The Human Race" fund-raising walkathon; Coyote Point. Registration: 343-2793.

WATSONVILLE
Thurs., May 18—Senior Day Trip to the state Capitol in Sacramento. Info: Shig Kizuka, 724-0116; Carmel Kamigawachi, 722-1930.

Pacific Southwest
PSW DISTRICT

Wed., June 28—A chartered bus will leave for the national convention in Monterey (July 2 return); pick-up points in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo and West-Los Angeles; cost \$100 or less, according to number of passengers. RSVP ASAP: 213/626-4471.

RIVERSIDE
Sun., May 21—Y2K Scholarship Awards Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m., Lakeside Room at Fairmount Park, 2624 Fairmount Blvd.

SAN DIEGO
Wed., May 31—Premiere Screening, "Democracy Under Pressure: Japan-

ese Americans and World War II"; see Community Calendar.

WEST LOS ANGELES
Mon., May 15—Scholarship Dinner; 6 p.m., San Gennaro Pasta Cafe and Bar, 9543 Culver Blvd., Culver City. Info: Satoshi Nitta, 310/828-7857, Teri Ito, 310/826-0976. ■

2000 JACL Sweepstakes

Chapters can now buy 2000 JACL sweepstakes tickets. Last year's sweepstakes raised over \$40,000 and benefitted JACL programs.

For a donation of \$40, members will have a chance to win various prizes, including grand prize: \$3,000; 2nd prize: \$1,000 (two winners); 3rd prize: \$500 (10 winners); Seaworld Fun Packs. Seaworld Fun Packs are courtesy of Seaworld California and San Diego, one of the Anheuser Busch Adventure Parks.

Winners will be announced at the national convention in Monterey at the Sayonara Banquet on July 2, and you don't need to be present to win. If you haven't bought tickets yet, please contact your local chapter president. ■

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
Fri., May 19—TV Documentary, "Children of the Camps"; check local PBS channels for time.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit; Omni Shoreham (Woodley Park Metro). Info, tickets: 703/522-4231 or chieko@aol.com.
Thurs., May 25—Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Sixth Annual Dinner; 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 dinner, Capital Hilton, 16th & K Sts. NW; President Clinton invited to speak. Info: 877/547-4318.

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony; Registration, information: NJAMF, 800/607-8550.

The Midwest
CHICAGO
Wed.-Sat., May 17-20—Asian American Festival 2000; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Daley Plaza; cultural performances, Asian foods, arts, crafts; Info: Woo Sung Park, 773/878-1900.

Thurs., May 18—Jazz Concert, Miyumi Ensemble; 6:30 p.m., Chicago Culture Center. Info: Meg Givhan, 312/744-6569.

Sat., May 20—JACL Scholarship Luncheon; 12 noon, Wilmette Community Center; awards to deserving Chicagoland high school graduates. RSVP: Kathy Suzuki, 773/728-7170.

Sun., May 21—Intergenerational Dialogue Forum on the Nikkei migration to the Midwest; 2 p.m., Japanese American Service Committee; speaker, Prof. George DeVos, UC Berkeley. Info: Chiye Tomihiro, 773/348-6380.

CLEVELAND
Sun., May 21—Cherry Blossom Festival; MetroParks Zoo.

Pacific Northwest
PORTLAND
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.

SEATTLE
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 15-17—Heart Mountain Reunion; SeaTac DoubleTree Hotel. Info: Toshi Terayama, registrar, 253/520-8005, e-mail: toshiter@ix.netcom.com.

Northern California
BAY AREA

Sat., May 13—CARP Health Matters IV "Emergency Services for Independent Living"; 1:30-3 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Info: June Kodani, 510/548-4104, or Sara Kakuma, 510/845-6553.

BERKELEY
Sat.-Sun., May 20-21—Berkeley Buddhist Temple Annual Bazaar; 4 p.m.-10 p.m., games, crafts, baked goods, food, silent auction, taiko, martial arts, traditional dance, etc. Info: 510/841-1356, <http://home.pacbell.net/bsang/baz>.

EAST BAY
Sat., May 20—Memorial Service for 100th, 442nd, MIS and all WWII veterans; 11 a.m., by the 442nd RCT Redwood Tree at Roberts Park in Joaquin Miller Park. Info: Lawson Sakai, 408/842-3718.

FREMONT
Sat., May 20—Union Bank of California Bowloathon. Info: Frank Nakasako, 510/656-1722.

Sun., May 21—Graduation/Scholarship Luncheon; 1 p.m., Sushi Yoshi, 39293 Cedar Blvd., Newark. RSVP before May 16; Eleanor Toi, 510/656-5449, Gail Tomita, 510/657-4498.

MONTEREY
Fri., June 30—Veterans Tribute Dinner; 6 p.m. cocktail reception, 7 p.m. dinner, DoubleTree Hotel De Anza Ballroom; Gen. Eric Shinske keynote speaker; Hon. Robert J. Dole invited; fund-raiser for the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. RSVP ASAP: Judy Niizawa, 408/733-7692; e-mail: jniizawa@earthlink.net.

SACRAMENTO
Sat., May 20—Demonstration of Japanese Woodworking Tools by Shin Umeda; 7 p.m., Belle Cooleedge Community Center, 5699 S. Land

Park Dr. RSVP: 916/489-1291.

SAN FRANCISCO
Sat., May 13—"Discovering Our Roots" Family Celebration; 1-4 p.m., Cissy Field West, Bldg. 640, Presidio of S.F. Free. Info: 415/521-0414.

Thurs., May 18—Film showing and discussion, "Rabbit in the Moon" by Eiko Omori; 7 p.m., 2nd floor, Metreon, Mission & 4th Sts. Info: California Historical Society, 415/357-1848 ext. 22.

Southern California
LOS ANGELES

Sat., May 13—"2nd Saturdays at the Museum," 12 noon-4 p.m., IANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; family activities. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., May 13—East Meets West Jam Fest; 1 p.m.-1 a.m., West Los Angeles County Museum of Art; live entertainment, ethnic food; film; jam with members of the entertainment industry and the L.A. Asian American community. Info: cwww.AsianAvenue.com/jamfest>.

Sat., May 13—Performance: Kenny Endo & Keola Beamer; 8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; taiko and Hawaiian slack key guitar. Tickets: 213/680-3700. Info: 213/628-2725.

Fri., May 19—Celebratory Recital, with Fumiko Mitsuko Uchida; 8 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave. Tickets: Ticketmaster outlets; group discounts: 323/850-2107.

SAN DIEGO
Wed., May 31—Premiere Screening, "Democracy Under Pressure: Japanese Americans and World War II"; 6:30 p.m., San Diego Central Library, 820 E. St. Info: 619/527-7855.

Arizona - Nevada
LAS VEGAS

Wed., May 17—"Zia and Xiang"; 7 p.m., West Charleston Library. Speaker Helen Zia, author of "Asian American Dreams"; Xiang Han will play the zheng; free sushi, Chinese and Thai food, more.

Sat., May 20—25th International Food Festival; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Rainbow Library, 3150 N. Buffalo at Cheyenne. ■

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Clinton Appoints Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

President Clinton has appointed 15 members and a chair to serve on the Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The advisory commission was established by Executive Order 13125 to advise the president on the development, monitoring and coordination of federal efforts to improve the quality of life of Asian Pacific Islander Americans.

The commission will study ways to increase public sector, private sector and community involvement in improving the health and well-being of APIAs and to increase their participation in federal programs where they may be underserved. The commission will study ways to foster research and data collection on APIAs including information on public health.

The following are the advisory commission members:

- Norman Mineta, vice president of Lockheed Martin Corp., chair;
- Haunani Apolonia, member of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (Hawaii);
- Gloria Caiole, special assistant to the president, AFSCME (Washington, D.C.);
- Martha Choe, director of Washington State Dept. of Commerce, Trade and Economic Development (Washington State);
- Susan Soon-Keum Cox, v.p. of public policy and external affairs at Holt International

Child Services (Oregon);

- Vinod Dahm, chair, president and CEO of Silicon Spice Incorporated (Fremont, Calif.);
- Dr. Wilfred Leo Guerrero, former president of the University of Guam (Guam);

- Tessie Guillermo, executive director of Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (San Francisco);
- Dennis Hayashi, director of California Dept. of Employment and Fair Housing, and former director of the Department of HHS Office of Civil Rights (Sacramento, Calif.);

- Dr. David Ho, distinguished AIDS researcher at Aaron Diamond Research Center and 1996 *Time* Man of the Year (New York);
- Ngoan Le, chief program officer, Chicago Dept. of Human Services (Illinois);
- Jonathan R. Leong, president of JLA Companies and founder of the Asian American National Marrow Donor Program (Piedmont, Calif.);

- Mukesh "Mike" Patel, founding member of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (Georgia);
- Jacinta Polasa Titaliyi, v.p. and general counsel for Tenet Health Care Corp. (Pennsylvania);
- Lee Pao Xiong, Director of government and community relations for Concordia University and president of Hmong National Development (Minnesota). ■

Court Hears Arguments Over Redress Appeal Rights

U.S. attorneys argued at a March 20 court hearing in Washington, D.C., that applicants who were denied redress payments under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 no longer have the right to appeal their cases to a federal court, according to John Ota, an attorney with Minami, Lew & Tamaki LLP of San Francisco.

The hearing addressed the government's motion to dismiss the case of Robert Murakami on the basis that the court lacks jurisdiction to even hear his appeal. Murakami, a Los Angeles-area resident, applied for redress in August 1996 but was denied eligibility by the Department of Justice's Office of Redress Administration.

Although the Civil Liberties Act (CLA) expressly states that an applicant has the right to ap-

peal an adverse redress eligibility ruling by the Department of Justice to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, DOJ attorney Steven Abelson told Judge Francis M. Albrecht at the hearing that such appeal rights ended on August 10, 1998, the date the CLA Fund, out of which all redress payments were to be made, terminated.

Ota, representing Murakami, responded that the August 10, 1998, termination date was negated when Congress passed \$4.3 million in supplemental redress appropriations in 1999.

An internal DOJ memo written in July 1998 stated that "a person has the right to... timely file a claim before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims" within 180 days of August 10, 1998. Since Murakami filed his court complaint within the 180-day period,

his claim should not be barred, Ota further argued.

"The government's position, in my view, goes against both the spirit and letter of the Civil Liberties Act," he said. "More importantly, the community needs to understand the implications of the government's position. An estimated 700-900 persons who were denied redress payments will have no recourse to federal claims if the government prevails in the Murakami case."

While Ota believes that the CLA and the 1999 supplemental redress appropriations bill substantiate Murakami's right to appeal to the federal claims court, he also noted that the dispute highlights the need for new "wrap-up" redress legislation which will soon be introduced to Congress. ■

Campaign for Justice Seeks Congressional Support for New Redress Legislation

In an effort to drum up support for Rep. Xavier Becerra's new redress legislation bill, the Campaign for Justice has begun an emergency letter writing campaign urging members of Congress to become co-sponsors of the Civil Liberties Act of 2000, which would compensate Japanese American and Japanese Latin American former internees who have not yet received reparations.

The bill, which will be introduced by Congressman Becerra (D-Los Angeles) at a press conference on May 15 at the Japanese American National Museum, would 1) provide full funding for the public education mandate of the Civil Liberties

Act; 2) provide redress for those Japanese Americans who suffered deprivation of liberty due to the U.S. internment, but were denied redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988; and 3) ensure redress equity for the former Japanese Latin American internees.

In early April, Campaign for Justice (CFJ) delegates lobbied in Washington, D.C., for more comprehensive redress legislation. Encouraged by the responses they received and in consideration of the strict timeline they are on to get the legislation introduced, CFJ is encouraging people to personally call or write their Congress members to urge support for

this bill.

"We urgently need your help to get members of Congress to become original sponsors of this legislation by early May," said CFJ spokesperson Mariko Nakanishi. CFJ particularly encourages letters be sent to Nikkei legislators such as Rep. Matsui or Rep. Mink, asking them to be original sponsors of the bill.

For more information or to receive a copy of a sample letter which can be sent to your Congress member, contact Mariko Nakanishi at 323/549-9425 or email: campaignforjustice@hotmail.com. To find the name of your Congress representative, go to www.house.gov. ■

Attack on Asian Students Draws 200 to Rally

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—About 200 people, including students from as far away as Washington, D.C., gathered at Binghamton University over the weekend for an intercollegiate rally to protest the attack of four Asian students two months ago.

Binghamton University student John E. Lee suffered a fractured skull, internal hemorrhaging and a cerebral concussion after he and three other Korean Americans were beaten outside a dorm. Three members of the school's wrestling team are charged with second-degree gang assault.

Students have requested the addition of two full-time counselors trained in Asian American culture, development of an AA studies curriculum by 2002, policy revisions, and an apology from administrators for not promptly assisting Lee and his family following the Feb. 27 attack.

United States Student Association representatives Jennifer Lin and Alison Fisher drove from Washington, D.C., to show support from an organization that represents 350 colleges.

Students across the country are pushing administrators to develop a specific definition of hate crime, to increase related educational programs and improve reporting of hate crimes, Fisher said.

Binghamton University administrators said students are more interested in confrontation than meeting, sending invitations to meetings less than 24 hours before they happen.

Katherine F. Ellis, director of media relations, said sanctions for the students will be an-

nounced before the end of the semester.

Students from nearby colleges said shock over the assault two months ago drove them to the April 29 rally.

"I thought it was completely outrageous," said Jason Choi, a freshman from Cornell University. "I know racism exists, but

I've never seen it."

Choi's classmate Diane Kim said they wanted to be part of the rally in part to combat a stereotype that AAs would be silent if mistreated.

"I think the general stereotype of Asians is quiet, submissive and passive," she said. "We came to speak out." ■

PRESERVING

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yard. I support maintaining the camps to educate all generations of this moment in history, so we will never repeat these acts of inhumanity against our fellow man ever again."

It is estimated that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior will take action on the budget in mid-May with the full appropriations committee at the end of the month. On the Senate side, the Department of Interior is expected to be one of the last budgets considered. ■

Members of the House who have indicated their support for the budget request: Abercrombie (HI), Becerra (CA), Berman (CA), Dicks (WA), Dixon (CA), Faileomavaega (AS), Farr (CA), Lantos (CA), Lewis (CA), Matsui (CA), Miller (CA), Mink (HI), Pelosi (CA), Rogan (CA), Stark (CA), Thomas (CA), Underwood (GU), Velazquez (NY); Waters (CA), and Wu (OR).

Senators who have indicated their support for the budget request: Akaka (HI); Bennett (UT), Feinstein (CA), Inouye (HI), and Murray (WA).



Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA), whose district includes Manzanar, met with Kristine Minami, JAAL Washington, D.C. representative (far left), S. Floyd Mori, national v.p. of general operations, and Kwa Sashikata, D.C. office volunteer, on May 4, and pledged his support of the \$4.8 million budget request to preserve the internment camp legacy.



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JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Time Running Out to Sign Up for National Steinbeck Center Tour



By **ROGER MINAMI**

Time is running out for JACL National Convention guests and delegates who would like to take part in a tour of the National Steinbeck Center hosted by the West Valley JACL Senior Citizen's Club of San Jose.

On Saturday, July 1, at 9 a.m., the West Valley JACL Senior Citizen's Club has arranged for its members interested in the tour to be picked up by bus and driven to a restaurant on the Monterey Peninsula for a bento lunch. Cost of transportation for West Valley JACL Senior Citizen's Club members is free. Lunch is \$10 per person and will be collected at the restaurant.

At 1 p.m., the West Valley JACL Senior Citizen's Club bus will pick

up JACL national convention delegates and guests in front of the Monterey DoubleTree Hotel and take them to the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas for a tour of the facility. Round-trip transportation for JACL national convention delegates and guests is \$10 per person.

Both West Valley JACL Senior Citizen's Club members and JACL national convention delegates and guests will purchase admission tickets to the National Steinbeck Center on their own at the door. A general admission ticket is \$7.95 per person. The National Steinbeck Center has a senior citizen general admission price of \$5.95 per person.

Immediately after the conclusion of the National Steinbeck Center tour, the bus will return JACL national convention delegates back to the Monterey DoubleTree Hotel and West Valley

JACL Senior Citizen's Club members back to the West Valley JACL Clubhouse.

JACL national convention delegates and guests interested in taking part in the tour need to reserve their seat on the bus ASAP. Send your name and payment for transportation costs to: Art Okuno, West Valley JACL Senior Citizen's Club, 21811 Via Regina, Saratoga, CA 95070. Make checks payable to "West Valley JACL."

"If you are a JACL national convention guest or delegate and wish to take part in the National Steinbeck Center tour, please let us know ASAP. There is much interest in this tour," said Todd Yoshida of West Valley JACL.

For more information on the tour, contact Roger Minami at rminami@exc.net.com.

Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter Publishes Speakers Bureau Brochure

The education committee of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter recently published an informational brochure about the chapter's speakers bureau.

Established in 1995 and comprised of volunteers, the speakers bureau serves as an educational resource for schools, churches and community organizations about the Japanese American experience. Speakers have addressed students and groups throughout the mid-Atlantic states.

The education committee will send brochures to middle and high school social studies coordinators in school dis-

tricts throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, for dissemination to their social studies and American history teachers.

Partially funded by a JACL Legacy Grant, the brochure features illustrations by Sansei artist and chapter member Kristine Aono.

JACL chapters that would like to receive a complimentary brochure should send a self-addressed stamped envelope with the chapter name, contact person, mailing address, and phone number to: JACL Education Committee, c/o Susan Higashi Rumburg, 211 S. Payne St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Bus Rides in Monterey Available

Due to interest expressed for transportation to Monterey on June 30, the honorary co-chairs of the Tribute to All Japanese American Veterans — All Wars, Harry Fukuhara and Rudy Tokiwa, recently announced that bus rides will be arranged for persons planning to attend events in Monterey.

On a first-come, first-served basis and only by reservation, persons who are registered for the tribute dinner and who would like a brief tour of the Defense Language Institute may contact the following persons to reserve a round-trip ride to Monterey for the day.

Joe Kurata 415/334-0374 - San Francisco; Marvin Uratsu 510/233-3822 - Oakland; Skeets Oji 925/935-6675 - Walnut Creek; Tom Fujimoto 916/427-6730 - Sacramento; Walter Tanaka 408/292-5037 - San Jose; Harry Fukuhara 408/268-3658 - San Jose; Rudy Tokiwa 408/733-7692 - Sunnyvale.

You may contact any of the above or you can e-mail: <jiniza-wa@earthlink.net>. A Web site at this event can also be visited at: <http://javerans.tripod.com/>.

Please state the names of passengers and a phone number. Location for pick-ups and departure times will be announced as needs are determined. Deadline for re-

quests for bus rides arranged by this committee is May 20.

Convention to Hold Hate Crimes Workshop

What are the trends in hate crimes? Who commits hate crimes? What could a JACL chapter do to respond to a hate crime in their area?

With white supremacist groups actively recruiting young members across the country, local communities must prepare themselves for potential hate crime activity. At this workshop, participants will gain law enforcement insight on current hate crimes and how to identify potential perpetrators. Law enforcement will also share both prevention techniques and successful community strategies in dealing with hate crimes after they occur.

Panelists for this workshop will include: FBI Special Agent in Charge James Maddock, Eastern District, Sacramento Police Chief Arturo Venegas, and Sacramento Police Captain Rich Shiraishi.

For more information on this workshop, please contact Lori Fujimoto at <LFujimoto@EDD.CA.GOV>.

'Diamonds in the Rough' Comes to JANM

"Diamonds in the Rough," a traveling exhibit of memorabilia telling the story of Japanese Americans in baseball, has come to "Mecca," said project director Kerry Yu Nakagawa on May 6, at opening ceremonies held at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo.

The comfortable spacing of the pictures, jerseys of the pre-war Nisei ball clubs, a lumber fence with knot-holes, a diorama of the Gila River WRA camp barracks and baseball diamond, all blend "to tell Japanese American history through baseball," said Gary Otake, exhibit curator and ethnic studies professor at San Francisco State. The exhibit at JANM's historic building runs through July 16.

Following welcoming remarks from JANM board chairman George Takei and National Japanese Ameri-

can Historical Society Executive Director Rosalyn Tonaai of San Francisco, moderator Chris Komai of JANM introduced the panelists for the day: Pete Mitsui, original member of the San Fernando Aces in the 1920s; Shig Takeyama of Pasadena, who recalled the speed of Jackie Robinson while both played on the Washington Junior High

team in the '30s; Sam Adachi, who cavorted with the postwar powerhouse, Little Tokyo Giants; and Henry Ota, who captained the Dartmouth varsity in 1964.

Nakagawa also introduced prewar Nisei ball players in the audience and Wally Matsuura, son of the late George Matsuura, pitcher of the semi-pro L.A.



Photo courtesy of the Japanese American National Museum. (From left): John Nakagawa, Lou Gehrig, Kenishi Zenimura, Babe Ruth, Fred Yoshikawa and Harvey Iwata at an exhibition game in Fresno, Calif., just after Ruth and Gehrig's New York Yankees won the 1927 World Series.

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Register before APRIL 30, 2000 to take advantage of reduced registration fees and discounts on special events. Please indicate your choice of package and/or individual and special events. Amounts listed will be available during the convention at the registration and hospitality tables.

Package Registration
The Regular Convention Package admits registered badge holders to all National Council business sessions, workshops, oral/visual competition, Welcome Mixer, Awards Luncheon and Sayonara Banquet. The Youth Package includes the above plus the Youth Luncheon. The Regular & Youth Luncheon Package is the Regular Package plus the Youth Luncheon.

Individual Event Registration
Registration is available for those interested in attending only specific convention events. A registration fee of \$20 is required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis. Badges must be worn.

Cancellation Policy
Written cancellation requests received by May 31 will be refunded in full. Cancellations received after that date will be charged and residual amount will become a charitable contribution to JACL. These will be no partial refunds if a registrant does not attend all functions.

Hotel Registration
A block of rooms have been reserved for the convention. Reserve early to ensure a room and the convention rates. Call the DoubleTree Hotel directly at (831) 649-4511 for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are attending the JACL National Convention. Reservations must be made by May 31, 2000 to reserve the rates. Convention room

Manzanar Commission Meeting Highlights

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

INDEPENDENCE, Calif.—Manzanar Advisory Commission members include Keith Bright, Bill Michaels (vice chairperson), Vernon Miller, Richard Stewart, Martha Davis, Rose Ochi (chairperson), Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Glenn Singley, Gann Matsuda and Mas Okui.

National Park Service staff include Debbie Bird, Jeff Burton, Kari Coughlin, Coralee Hays, Robin Jackson and Misty Knight.

Park Ranger Kari Coughlin's Report

• **Events** — In December, Manzanar began a joint project with the Independence Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a monthly lecture series. One reception featured food made using World War II recipes.

• **Tours/Workshops** — Staff have presented programs to many groups including an elder hosted group, NPS conference in San Diego, Gardena JACL chapter and Big Pine High School. Six schools are scheduled to tour the site in May and June.

• **Oral History Program** — Coughlin welcomes all former internees to participate. She's been interviewing hospital workers. At the pilgrimage, they videotaped former workers at the hospital site. A detailed hospital model by John Ward was unveiled.

They are currently trying to lo-

cate Tom Matsumoto, a former Manzanar bee keeper. They would also like to contact two families whose babies were buried at the Manzanar cemetery.

Coughlin also interviewed local and Nisei women who served in the WAC (Women Auxiliary Corp). The purpose is to show the Nisei and local residents were not two separate groups.

• **Camp ID, Card Program** — Coughlin has 26 different sets of ID cards. She is now expanding the program to include internees from all camps. The project involves giving students an ID card with a picture and history of an internee. The student follows the story of the person in their card as they tour Manzanar as a way of identifying with the camp experience. The project is funded by a California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund grant. For more info, contact Coughlin at 760/8782932.

Archaeologist Jeff Burton's Report

• **"Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of the 10 World War II Relocation Sites"** — Co-Author by Burton, the book is now in its second printing after 3,000 copies were disseminated. The free book can be requested: Western Archaeological and Conservation Center, National Park Service, 1415 North 6th Ave., Tucson, Arizona 85705.

• **Block 2 Pond** — Excavated a small pond near Block 2 which had all the features of a large pond, in-

cluding a bridge.

• **Cemetery** — Research indicated probably five, possibly six people buried there, but there were 14 marked rock alignments. To address this question, NPS and the Manzanar Advisory Commission, after careful consideration at their October meeting, approved plans to excavate the area. Through field work, historical photos and research, they determined that of the 14 markers, four were rock rings around former trees; three were in areas where holes had never been dug; leading archaeologists to theorize someone placed them in areas where they thought someone was buried; one rock circle included an offering in memory of the two people killed during the riot. They also excavated four empty boxes, which they believe once held baby coffins. They believe the coffins were relocated with the internees. Three baby coffins were excavated under marked graves. Exploration under unmarked areas yielded three empty boxes and the remains of a 60-year-old man. It is their hope to restore the cemetery to its original way.

• **Pet Cemetery** — A pet cemetery yielded a few dogs and five cats. NPS is interested in hearing how pets came to Manzanar.

• **Other Sites** — NPS also examined the concrete slab by the fire department, and put a fresh coat of paint on the monument.

Superintendent's Report

• **Debbie Bird** was appointed as acting superintendent since Ross Hopkins' retirement on April 1. But

since Bird is ill, Coralee Hays, chief of interpretation for Death Valley, has been working on Bird's behalf.

• **Budget** — The current approved budget is \$424,400. Funds have been designated to rehabilitate the auditorium. Fiscal year 2001 budget of \$4.2 million has been sent for approval.

• **Positions** — There is consensus that they hire an interpretive and maintenance manager. A new job description for superintendent is also being drawn up and should be announced soon.

• **Projects** — Robin Jackson, architect with NPS' western regional office, said they are restoring the perimeter fence, cemetery fence, roads, landscape, structural masonry and windows in the auditorium.

• **Hwy 395** — Commissioners hope to accelerate making U.S. 395 into a four-lane highway.

• **Signs** — Hays credited Hopkins and Ward for the signs placed around the site. She said Bird will develop a site sign plan to identify all necessary signs.

• **Developmental Concept Plan** — Hays said there is a need to create a DCP to guide managers, with public input, as to how the site will physically look.

Commission Activities/Report

• **Superintendent** — Commissioners were pleased that NPS moved on their recommendation to immediately appoint an interim acting director after Hopkins' retirement. Ochi requested the NPS that they be included in the review of the superintendent candidates.

The commissioners made sure that Hopkins was recognized for his hard work and lobbied to have the

maximum \$5,000 award allowed under NPS to go towards Hopkins. Embrey also announced that artist Henry Fukuhara painted an original work to be given to Hopkins. Hopkins, who moved to Arizona, was not present for the tribute, so commissioners videotaped their appreciation to him.

Executive Committee Report

• **Fund-raising** — There are needs outside the NPS budget to get Manzanar restored. To date, they have raised \$25,000 from the community. Ochi estimates \$111,000 will be needed to build a watch tower and \$5,000 to re-create WRA signs. Embrey has been in discussion with Antonio Villaraigosa, former-California Assembly speaker, and Assemblymen Mike Honda and George Nakano to secure funds. Ochi also approached the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and city council members for a donation.

• **Donor Wall** — They are exploring the idea of having a donor wall at Manzanar.

Interpretation Committee

• **Artifacts** — Michaels said NPS and Eastern California Museum discussed storage and expansion issues. Misty Knight said they continue to receive donated artifacts.

Embrey said the Western Archaeological Center (WAC) in Tucson archived 20 boxes of Manzanar files. Ochi urged others to make their files available to WAC.

• **Traffic Count** — Knight said they counted 1,576 cars visiting over a 24-day period, which averages to 66 cars per day.

Next commission meeting is set for August. ■

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es," said Stanton. "This would allow us to bring Manzanar into the kind of prominence that we want to so we can commemorate and remind America of this event in our history. It will be a place of learning so these kinds of events will not happen in the future of this great country."

Stanton gave Manzanar added visibility when he recently mentioned the site during an interview on the "Tonight Show." Referring to the taping, he said, "I was encouraging people who are familiar with some of the larger, more known parks to consider visiting places such as Manzanar and the Fredrick Douglas site which are very much a part of our rich heritage."

John Tateishi, national JACL director and former Manzanar internee, could not attend the pilgrimage but had this to say: "I don't think any of us thought in those early days that Manzanar would become a national historic site, although once the state approved recognition of Manzanar, it seemed so much more feasible. I hope the community appreciates how much hard work people like Sue Embrey put into the effort, or how critical Eugene Itogawa with the state was in getting the state's approval. I'm glad the NPS approved the designation of Manzanar as an historical site because it's been so critical as a memorial to the injustices of the World War II internment. It'll now stand for all times as a reminder to this nation."

While Manzanar physically has come a long way, the emotional and psychological scars that the camp inflicted have been harder to heal.

Kazuko "Koo" Sakamoto, 76, a former Manzanar internee, spoke haltingly when recalling her memories. Last year when she went to the camp exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum, she walked out part way through it because it was too painful.

"I guess I never really confronted myself with the past because I guess I didn't want to remember a lot of it," said Sakamoto.

She credited Embrey for encouraging her to attend the pilgrimage in an effort to heal. But coming to terms with her past is still a struggle. When Embrey published a wartime photo of Sakamoto holding her baby, she said, "It brought more of it back to me, and I've gone over

it in my mind, all the things that happened before and after... I guess the pain is less. I can talk about it now."

Although the pilgrimage is in its 31st year, there were many first-timers at Manzanar, including the guest speakers.

Among the first-timers was Fred Okrand, 82, legal director emeritus of the ACLU. In sharing his first impressions, Okrand said, "It's such a desolate, terrible place. You get feelings of emotion, of why did it happen? And then you get the feeling of let's make sure this doesn't happen again."

Okrand said he had "mixed" feelings about wartime JACL policy. "Mr. Ernest Wakayama, whom I represented, was attacked by those who felt he was doing the wrong thing," said Okrand. "On the other hand, what the JACL did and the position they took, whether one wants to admit it or not, is largely responsible for what has happened to the Japanese afterwards."

But guest speaker Thomas Shigekuni, 70, a former Amache internee, had harsher things to say about JACL during his speech.

"I think the JACL policy was horrible," said Shigekuni. "Mike Masooka essentially was pandering to the racists. But I don't think he was doing it in bad faith. I think he was a very articulate man, an honorable man, but in trying to do his best for the Japanese Americans, he sold us down the river, collectively and singly."

Shigekuni recalled how in 1943 his eighth grade camp class teacher, Margaret L. Hopcraft, marched him into Principal Herbert K. Walker's office after writing an essay against the draft. The principal asked Shigekuni, "Who made you write this?" to which Shigekuni blasted him. In turn, the principal yelled, "Out!"

"I thought it was absolutely a violation of my civil rights inside the camp," said Shigekuni. "It was obvious to me that we shouldn't have been drafted. I said if we were Americans, we wouldn't be in this confounded place."

This was also a first for Hiroshi Shimizu and Stephanie Miyashiro, who spoke on behalf of Tule Lake. Miyashiro said the pilgrimages were important because it "reclaims our strength, our pride, our power to take action to prevent these kinds of injustices and to continue to make wrongs, right."

Shimizu, by the time he was 4-1/2, had been in Tule Lake, Tule Lake, Rowher

and Crystal City. He urged attendees to support the reparations efforts of the Japanese Latin Americans.

Not only is Manzanar gaining national prominence but is also attracting a new generation of leaders. Pilgrimage organizers included a mixture of Sansei, postwar immigrants and non-Nikkei.

Dean Goto, 67, who was born in Poston, started helping at the pilgrimage in the 1980s through the encouragement of Tak Yamamoto.

"When I first saw Manzanar, I thought what a beautiful place, very serene," said Goto. "But as the day wore on, the winds started to blow, the sands started to kick up and it got hot, dry and windy. Then I sort of got the flavor of what the Japanese went through."

Tom Callahan, 50, who grew up in Connecticut, had never heard of the camps until he met Goishi 10 years ago. "My initial impression was that, well, it made sense," said Callahan. "But then, Dean explained that they were American citizens. Then it was like, 'Oh.'"

Jenni Kuida, a Sansei daughter of Heart Mountain, Crystal City and Gila River internees, became involved four years ago. "I just think it's really important," said Kuida. "My family wasn't at Manzanar but I see this as a way to get people to talk about their stories."

Sansei Glen Kitayama, who coordinated the program and also got two buses (62 students) from Pasadena City College, said, "Manzanar has always been a special place for me because my father's family was incarcerated here during the war," said Kitayama. "Ever since my first visit, I always thought that Manzanar had a spiritual quality to it where hidden memories come alive."

Tomoko Furuya, a post-war immigrant who is part-Japanese and part-Korean, was surprised to hear about the camps when she immigrated over three decades ago. Wanting to learn more, Furuya, who lived through the Korean War, started volunteering. "I thought what a harsh place these people lived in," said Furuya. "I couldn't imagine how they had lived here for such a long time."

Schools attending were: Pasadena City College, City College of San Francisco, UCLA, Denker Elementary School, Apple Valley, Edwards Airforce Base, Cal Poly Pomona, USC, Cal State Northridge, UC Berkeley, East Los Angeles College and Cal State Fullerton. ■

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From the Frying Pan

Remembering the JA A-Bomb Victims

By Bill Hosokawa

A half-dozen times, perhaps more, I have visited the Atomic Bomb Museum in Hiroshima. I am not sure what draws me there. Perhaps it is a need to refresh my memory about the horror of nuclear weaponry, or to pay tribute to the tens of thousands of human beings who died mercifully quickly on that torrid August day in 1945 and the tens of thousands of others who suffered lingering deaths as a result of exposure to radiation.

On my last visit a few months ago I found the museum housed in handsome new quarters, austere and maybe even a little slick and depending heavily on striking photographs to tell the story of that awful day. Perhaps that was inevitable, given Japan's urge to modernize. For me, it lacked the impact of the old museum where the disaster's awesome artifacts cluttered the displays.

What brings up this matter is the U.S. Department of Energy's decision recently to compensate an estimated 3,000 Americans for sickness or death caused by exposure to radiation or chemicals while working on the nation's nuclear weapons program.

There seems to be little doubt that these individuals, and perhaps others among the 600,000 who were employed on the nuclear weapons program beginning in 1943, were subjected to hazards not clearly understood at the time and deserve some sort of recompense.

The nature of compensation hasn't been determined. It is likely to cover all medical expenses and perhaps an additional lump sum. Money alone

cannot erase pain and suffering, but it is a way to try to make up for a wrong, as happened in redress payments to Japanese Americans for imprisonment in World War II.

And that brings me to the point of this column. There were other Americans victimized by the Hiroshima bomb, perhaps as many as 2,000 of them. The exact number will never be known.

They were JAs, mostly children and young adults who had the misfortune of being in Japan when war broke out. Many were visiting relatives. Some were attending schools and others had gone to Japan in search of jobs that were scarce in their native America. When war clouds darkened, many tried desperately to return home to the United States, but found themselves stranded in a country with which their homeland was at war.

An estimated 2,000 of them were in the Hiroshima area when the bomb was dropped. No one knows how many survived. But an estimated 600 of them lived to come home to America. Many bore serious psychological and physical wounds, and the unknown effects of heavy radiation that would worsen with the years. That was a long time ago. No one knows how many are still living but 200 might be a reasonable estimate.

More than 25 years ago a Hawaii-born Nisei named Kanji Kuramoto, a Hiroshima survivor living in California, organized what was called the Committee on A-Bomb Survivors in the United States. One of its

main purposes was to find aid for survivors who needed care but were unable to get medical or life insurance.

Between 1972 and 1989, at Kuramoto's urging, Rep. Edward R. Roybal, a Los Angeles Democrat, introduced 11 bills in Congress seeking medical assistance for the survivors. Rep. Norman Mineta was regular co-sponsor. Each time the bill died in committee.

In 1977 Kuramoto wrote to President Jimmy Carter asking for assistance.

Four months later he received a reply from a State Department official. Sorry, it said: "It has been the longstanding policy of the United States Government not to pay claims, even on an ex gratia basis, arising out of the lawful conduct of military activities by US forces in wartime. This policy is based on such considerations as the absence of any legal liability and difficulties in locating, singling out and determining the relationship of the A-bomb experience to current health problems. Additionally, the very great length of time which has passed since the bombing would cause practical difficulties for any investigations..."

Now, the federal government's decision to recognize the injury claims of workers in the nuclear weapons industry is reason enough to remember the plight of JA survivors of the Hiroshima bomb. Both were equally victims. ■

Bill Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the Denver Post. His column will appear from time to time.

Pat Morita to Emcee June 3 'Go For Broke' Celebration

Actor and comedian Pat Morita, acclaimed for his roles in the '70s TV hit "Happy Days" and the highly successful "Karate Kid" movies, will emcee the first anniversary celebration of the "Go For Broke" monument. Scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at the monument site,

car and Emmy nominations for Best Supporting Actor roles and his own star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, the little kid from the Gila River Camp is one of America's most popular and beloved character actors. Charming and witty, Morita launched his career as a standup comedian in the 1960s, helping the world laugh at itself.



the 190th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation's ongoing focus on education and the future.

As a child in the Gila River Internment Camp in Arizona, Morita followed the battlefield heroics of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Japanese American newspapers.

"I was turned onto reading by the stories about the 100th and 442nd," Morita said. "The work of the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation has meaning for me because it gives a voice to a group of people whose dedication, heroism and sacrifices show what being an American is and should be all about."

Morita's "Karate Kid" character, Sergeant Keinosuke Miyagi, was a veteran of "C" Company in the 100th Battalion. With Os-

artist Tak Shindo conducting the Los Angeles Police Band, and 100th, 442nd and Military Intelligence Service veterans, their children and grandchildren.

The "Go for Broke" monument is located on Central Avenue, adjacent to the Geffen contemporary art museum at MOCA, just north of the Japanese American National Museum at East First and Alameda streets in downtown Los Angeles. Program information is available from the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation at 310327-4193. ■



East Wind

By Bill Marutani

The Postmaster

THE NIKKEI COMMUNITY in the evergreen State of Washington is largely concentrated in the Puget Sound area, more particularly the metropolitan areas of Seattle (in King county) and Tacoma (Pierce County). Of the state's total population of some 4.9 million residents, a million and a half reside in King County (one-third of them in Seattle) while Pierce County has almost 600,000 (177,000 of them in Tacoma).

IT IS REPORTED that the 1990 head count for Nikkei population in Washington state was 34,366, of which 2,820 resided in Pierce County, 1,146 of them in Tacoma. These latter statistics appear in a 248-page book titled "Furusato, Tacoma-Pierce County Japanese" (furusato="hometown"). The scope and details of the book reflect disciplined commitment by those involved — a project of the Nikkeijinkai Tacoma Japanese Community Service, listing 23 members. The hardcover book, with a 1998 copyright, was published by R-4 Printing Co., Tacoma, Wash. Years in the making, faced with a limited market, the book bears a printed price of \$49.99. But

\$50 for a permanent keepsake of personal history of you or your ancestral family in Pierce County would be a lasting, meaningful treasure. Those interested might check with the Puyallup JACL.

IN THE SPRING of 1942, a number of Nikkei folks from Tacoma were rounded up and shipped off, first to Pinedale "Assembly Center" and then to the "relocation" camp at Tule Lake. It was in these two camps that I met Nikkei from Tacoma and forged some close relationships. In particular, a couple of fellows both named "Tom": Tom Semba and Tom Seto. Semba and I left Tule in the fall of '42 to attend a Methodist college in the Midwest. In the summer break, we traveled up to Milwaukee, where we took whatever work that was available. (I still recall one job where Semba and I shoveled coal, stooped over, in the basement of an A&P store, ending up covered with coal dust.)

After completing my basic infantry training at Camp Robinson, Ark., I was diverted to Ft. Snelling, Minn., and the two Tom's were attending University of Minnesota. This happenstance led to their introducing

this country lad to the "finer" aspects of life, such as attending performances by the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra led by a conductor with a Greek name (phonetically Dmitri Metropoulos), bowling, golf and such. (I'm embarrassed to reveal this, but since none of us owned a set of golf clubs, Semba and I share the same one set of clubs.) It was my maiden outing in golf. A number of foursomes "played through" as we flubbed around like an Asian version of the "Three Stooges." The two Tom's wenty in the kitchen of a sorority where I partook of some victuals — until the housemother intervened. The two Tom's also introduced me to bridge, trying to instill into me some of the rudiments of Hoyle. Their bridge was too serious for this yokel to embrace.

The two Tom's graduated from U. of Minnesota, Semba with an M.D. (pathology) and Seto, a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Their names appear in the "Furusato" book. ■

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

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Letters to the Editor

Re: Railroad, Mining Family Applicants

Three hundred eighty-one railroad and mining family applicants applied for redress apology and payments. Yet 54 people were denied their redress under the 1988 Civil Liberties Act.

Only 381 railroad and mining family applicants! Fifty-four people were denied — why?

We all lost jobs, civil liberties, property, and were made destitute by actions of our federal government. The U.S. District Court has ruled that the curfew imposed on the Japanese was a loss of civil liberties.

Three hundred eighty-one is not all of us! We are now looking for all the other families who did not have enough time to file or did not know that they were qualified.

Also, we would like to have the 54 people who were denied reparations contact either Grace Shimizu at P.O. Box 1384, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or phone the Campaign for Justice at 510/528-7288 and ask for Grace Shimizu, or call Fumie Shimada at 916/427-0169.

We are planning a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., in June and wish to have the above information.

Xavier Becerra will introduce new legislation to Congress "to obtain redress equality" for the Japanese Latin Americans.

Injustice continues for people whose civil liberties have yet to be vindicated. We would like to launch a new piece of legislation which will work to provide redress for the Japanese Americans who were denied redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 due to the technicalities.

The Office of Redress Administration took nine years, six and one-half months to make a favorable decision and gave us only five and one-half months to find qualified family members of railroad and mining families.

Fumie Shimada
Sacramento, Calif.

1920s-30s Nisei Students Sought

In the 1920s and 30s my Issei grandfather, Paul Tsunegoro Hirohata, worked as a journalist for the *Rafu Shimpo* and *Japan Times*.

During this period, he self-published a small book of speeches by Nisei high school students titled "Orations & Essays by the Japanese Second Generation of America."

The students featured in the book came from 33 cities in California including Los Angeles, Gardena, Long Beach, and as far south as National City and Braintree.

The topics of the students' speeches covered a wide range. There were laudatory addresses, speeches about education, government and culture. The students' writings gave a fascinating glimpse into what was on the minds of Japanese American youth in the 1930s and how they felt toward their country.

Six years after my grandfather printed his book, World War II began and Japanese Americans were unjustly interned. These events made the students' compositions more poignant and ironic as the Nisei's own words proved how patriotic the young citizens were.

Reading the writings one can't help but wonder, what happened to these students? Were they interned? Did some of them fight in the 100th/442nd or serve in the MIS?

Sixty-five years have passed since the publication of "Orations & Essays," and there are only a few surviving copies of the book known to us.

In order to save this precious piece of history, I would like to republish the book, updating it with photographs, biographies and stories of what happened to the students since their school days.

If you have contact information about the people listed be-

low or know how I may speak to a surviving relative, friend or classmate, please contact Joyce Hirohata at 510/336-2481 or hirohata@earthlink.net.

Do you know any of the following people? Akiyama, Florence; Asada, Mary Fukuyue; Doi, Chizuko; Fujisawa, Doris; Fujita, Haruko; Ginoza, Hidemitsu; Hashimoto, James Hajime; Hirashima, Thomas; Hirohata, Paul Tsunegoro; Inagaki, George B.; Miyamoto, Mary Tshiko; Murakami, Kiyoshi; Murata, Goro; Nagayama, Yoshimi U.; Naito, Michiko; Nakamura, Jimmy; Nishida, George; Saiki Sakaye; Sanada Kazuya; Sawano, Yuriko; Sawada, Akiko; Shimanouchi, Ida Ikuye; Takako, George S.; Yamagata, Toshi; Yoshida, Dorothy Chiye; Yoshihashi, Michiko; Yoshioka, Kameko; Yoshizumi, Katsumi ■

Joyce Hirohata
Oakland, Calif.

P.C.'s Whereabouts Helps Reader

Thank you so much for putting the "Whereabouts" ad to locate Emiko Yoshimoto in the April 7-13 P.C. issue.

I received the P.C., and I shared the notice with Charlotte Hamilton.

Charlotte received a telephone call from Minneapolis from a friend of Emiko's, noting sister, who lives in Georgia, notifying Charlotte that Emiko lived in the Los Angeles area but had passed away about two years ago.

Charlotte and I live at the Atherton Baptist Homes, a retirement community in Alhambra, Calif., and we discussed how fast she received her answer, which brought closure to her search.

Penny Kahimi
Alhambra, Calif.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Dote, Steven Kiyoshi, 52, Gardena, April 19; Los Angeles-born; survived by mother Kaye; daughter Karen; brother Paul and wife Donna; sister Carol Mura and husband Isao.

Funakoshi, Kinu, 87, Los Angeles, April 17; survived by daughters Joanne M. Funakoshi, Kay R. Torres; 1 g.c.; sisters-in-law Gladys Nishimura, Margaret Masuko and husband David, Marion Manaka and husband Tim.

Hirose, Hisako, Berkeley, April 11; survived by husband Norman Iwao; son Paul Taro (Davis).

Imuta, Rev. Tadatoshi "Tad," 72, Long Beach, April 20; Kumamoto City-born; survived by wife Kikuyu; daughters Yurie Lee and husband Dan, Mari Burnette and husband John, Mitsuko Hayakawa and husband Takahiro, Ritsuko Tsuchida and husband Kanji (Ireland); 3 g.c.

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. Death Notices, which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$19 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.

Itami, Thomas Teruo, 91, Ontario, Ore., April 21; La Grande, Ore.-born; survived by sons Richard and wife Merry (Corvalis, Ore.), Franklin and wife Lucille (Manhattan Beach); daughter Margaret (San Francisco); 3 g.c., 2 g.c.; brother- and sister-in-law Jim and Yoneko Kanetomi (Ontario, Ore.), brother-in-law Dick Yamamoto (Denver); sister-in-law Rose Kanetomi (Los Angeles); preceded in death by parents Asaji and Kane, son Thomas Jr., wife Mary.

Kato, Masaru, 83, Fountain Valley, April 5; Garden Grove-born, WWII Army Medical Corps veteran; survived by wife Suzie; sons Douglas and wife June, Bert; daughters Lillian Sasaki and husband Roy, Arlene Kato and husband Mike Kurihara; 5 g.c.; brother Hitoshi and wife Mari, Tetsuo and wife Eiko; sister Yasuko Ohta and husband John; sisters- and brothers-in-law Masie Kato, Kay Kato, Toshi Mori, Harumi Mori, Vic Tanaka.

Kawasaki, Massey "Joyce," 78, Los Angeles, April 20; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughter Toni Akahoshi and husband Scott; 4 g.c.; sisters Marie Thyba, Hiroko Shishido; sisters-in-law Alice Kawasaki, Kiku Yoshikawa.

Kodama, Umeko, 88, San Jose, April 14; Honolulu-born; survived by daughters Masako Tsukamoto and husband Tosh, Chiyeiko Ikeda and husband Joe, Helen Santo and husband Earl, Karen Inouye; 9 g.c., 15 g.c.; sisters Matsuko Wakasa (Hiroshima), Misato Kuramoto (San Lorenzo).

Kono, Mineko, 90, Sun Valley, April 21; Seattle-born; survived by son Susumu Kono; daughters Yukie Oshima and husband Alan, Eiko Ishibashi and husband Shigeo, Miyoko Yokota and husband Fumio, Haruko Mayeda and husband Peter; 13 g.c.; sisters-in-law Emiko Kunimasa, Shiruko Dobana.

Misaki, George Isamu, 83, Oakland, April 23; Fife, Wash.-born; survived by wife Grade Sadako; daughters Judy H. Kano (Hayward), Claire Misaki (Castro Valley).

Miyake, Yukiko, 89, Seattle; survived by sister Mineko Yamashita (Alhambra); predeceased by husband Henry.

Morishima, Emi Kusumi,

76, Santa Clara, April 20; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Akira; son Michael Dan and wife Melinda; 1 g.c.; brother Nobuo Kusumi (Santa Ana); sister Terry Kosakura and husband Tak (Santa Ana); brothers-in-law Yoshiko Miroshima, Suele Inouye (both Los Gatos).

Takagaki, Minoru (Moe), 88, Pasadena, March 3; Garland, Utah-born; survived by wife Minnie; son Alan and wife Elizabeth; daughters Carole Lowe and husband Wayne, Jean Del Rosso and husband Terrence, Nancy Kawabata and husband Gary; 6 g.c.; brothers Kie, Yoshio.

Takeuchi, Ayako Y., 92, Los Angeles, April 13; San Francisco-born; survived by sister Isuko van der Velde and husband John.

Tom, Miyoko Kojima, 74, Anaheim Hills, April 15; survived by son Sterling Tom; daughter-in-law Chris Tom; 3 g.c.; sisters Tomiko Otani, Mariko Nakano; brother-in-law Hideo Imamura; predeceased by husband Edward.

Uchima, Kei, 75, Carson, April 21; Covina-born; survived by wife Grace; daughter Sheryl Uchima; brothers Ansho and wife Tadayo, Ansei and wife Tshiko.

Ujihara, Ben Hiroshi, 75, Tustin, April 19; Rockriver, Wyo.-born; survived by wife Kinuko; son John and wife Linda; daughters Karen Uyeda and husband David, Bonnie Goodman and husband Greg; 6 g.c.; brothers Fred and wife Midori, George and wife Peggy, Bob and wife Mitsuko; sister Hanako Kubo (Japan).

Waki, Luis Yasuyuki, 95, Watsonville, April 17; survived by wife Ayako Mae; son Terry and wife Michiko; daughter Hitomi Tachikawa and husband Mitsuo; 6 g.c., 8 g.c.; brother Masao Waki and wife Taeko.

Yoshida, Masamitsu "Mac," 75, San Francisco, April 1; Tacoma, Wash.-born; WWII 442nd RCT veteran; survived by daughters Kimberly Oka, Caren Sugimura; son Todd; 2 g.c. ■

DEATH NOTICE

SAKAYE TERADA KOMETANI
MARENGO, Ill.—Sakaye Terada Kometani, 90, died May 6 in Rockford, Ill. She was born on July 25, 1909 in Bellevue Wash; to Katsuhai and Toyo Yoshida Terada. In 1930 she married Kizo Kometani. Sakaye retired from McGill Metal Products, Inc. after 25 years and has been a sales representative for Electrolux for the past 25 years. She is survived by her sons Ted (Hisako) of Chicago, Tom (Janet) of Snohomish, Wash., and George (Betty) of Los Angeles; daughter Dorothy (Robert) Kittaka of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; ten grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and her brother Shoji Terada of Tokyo, Japan. Sakaye was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kizo in 1962, one sister, and two brothers. Funeral services were held May 11. Memorial may be made in her name to the First Baptist Church, 320 E. Washington St., Marengo, IL 60152.

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Footprints in the Sand: Remembering Ellen Noguchi Nakamura

By BILL MARUTANI

FORTUNATE IS the JACL chapter and the community in which it is located, to have within its midst a person who is talented, seemingly indefatigable and absolutely dependable in getting the task accomplished. Such personages are few and far between, but when you have such a person in your community you can count your blessings. The Seabrook (New Jersey) JACL chapter had no less than two such individuals: Mary Nagao and Ellen (Noguchi) Nakamura. Mary passed away some years ago, and just recently Ellen answered the call to Eternal Life in the Hereafter.

Whatever task or project Ellen was called upon to aid, she approached it with a can-do, gung-ho spirit.

AMONG PROGRAMS to which Ellen devoted her seemingly inexhaustible energy was the Buddhist Church. As early as 1936 she was president of the Young Women's Buddhist Association in Visalia, Calif., continuing to devote her energies in the Young Buddhist Association in

the Jerome internment camp; in 1943 as a delegate from Jerome, attending a national conference in Salt Lake City to address the subject of the future of Buddhism in America.

Following resettlement to the agricultural community of Seabrook farms, in 1945 she was instrumental in founding the Seabrook Buddhist Temple. Not only was she a member of the temple's board of trustees but she taught Sunday school and edited a monthly newsletter titled "The Middle Way." In the mid-1950s, as a newly-admitted lawyer in Philadelphia having had some experience in immigration cases, Ellen called upon me for guidance involving entry and/or stay of Buddhist priests. (I know that Mike M. Masaoka's office in Washington, D.C., also provided most helpful guidance and support in this respect.)

The list of her continuing accomplishments continues.

A DECADE or so ago, Ellen initiated yet another project: the establishment of a museum in the Seabrook community to preserve the unusual history of Seabrook — as quoted in a news-

paper item "as a place where people of different races and cultural heritages were given an opportunity for a new start."

Today, that museum, housed in the (Deerfield) township building, is very much a continuing and growing exhibition.

Before that, during Ellen's term as chapter president of the Seabrook JACL (1972-1974), she inaugurated a weekly program of "The Fuji Hour" heard over the radio waves of station WSNJ. Now, this may not be viewed as a "big deal" in areas where a sizable concentration of Nikkei exists, but out here in the mid-Atlantic zone, it is something. I recall motoring along a country road in southern New Jersey, and much to my delightful surprise, picking up a broadcast in *nihongo* along with Japanese tunes. I'd not heard since my youth in the Pacific Northwest when a fellow by the name of Tsuru Nakamura hosted a program out of Seattle. (No relation to Ellen's husband, Kiyomi Nakamura, who passed away a few years ago.)

Ellen has left some pretty large footprints in the sands of time. Indeed. ■

Regular P.C. columnist Bill Marutani is a member of the Philadelphia chapter.



Ellen Nakamura

Presenting Manzanar at the Eastern California Museum

The following is an article submitted by one of the 27 grant recipients of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP).

CCLPEP is a three-year grant program created in 1998 to provide the California community with information and education on the Japanese American experience before, during and immediately after World War II.

Information concerning CCLPEP or any of the specific grant programs funded by CCLPEP can be obtained by contacting Diane Matsuda, program Director, CCLPEP, 900 N St. #300, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/653-9404, dmatsuda@librery.ca.gov.



Photo courtesy of the Eastern California Museum
Pictured with a display panel of the Manzanar exhibit at the Eastern California Museum are William Michael and his assistant, Beth Porter, who are working to restore, preserve and protect the exhibit items under a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program.

The Eastern California Museum is located east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Independence, Calif., just a few miles outside of the Manzanar War Relocation Center internment camp. The Manzanar Exhibit at the museum is the product of many years of effort by former camp resident Shiro "Shi" Nomura.

Shi and his family arrived in Manzanar in April 1942. They were among the 10,000 residents who populated Manzanar during WWII. While there, Shi met his future wife, Mary Kageyama, and they were mar-

ried in June 1945, after their departure from Manzanar in early 1945.

During a trip to the eastern Sierra in the early 1970s, Shi and his wife visited the ECM and met museum director Henry Raub. This meeting was the beginning of a long friendship, and Shi soon offered his volunteer services to the museum to help document the history of the Manzanar site during the war.

For over 20 years Shi has collected objects, photographs, documents and stories from former Manzanar residents to help portray the experience of Manzanar. From these resources he designed and built the display panels exhibited today in the ECM. Building on

his personal Manzanar camp experience, he explores several themes including "Memories," "Reflections," and "Manzanar: Then and Now."

Shi has been unable to continue his work on the project in recent years because of failing health. The grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) has allowed the museum to do some seriously needed restoration on the exhibit. However, volunteers to maintain the exhibit as well as other resources are always welcome.

For more information, contact William H. Michael at the Eastern California Museum, P.O. Box 206, Independence, CA 92526, phone 760/878-0208; fax: 760/872-2812.

Former U.S. and Canadian Internees to Tour Internment Campsites in B.C.

Japanese Canadian and American World War II internees will have a unique opportunity to share experiences while on a five-day bus tour Sept. 17-21 of interior British Columbia, where Canadian campsites were situated, announced Chuck Kubokawa of Palo Alto.

Beginning and ending in Vancouver, B.C., the itinerary covers Trans-Canada Highways 1 and 3, portions of which were improved during the war by Issei and Nisei crews. There will also be visits with today's Nikkei communities in Vernon, Greenwood, Kamloops and the circle tour of Lake Slocan (nearly 500 miles east of Vancouver), where several internment camps were located, including New Denver.

A highlight will be lunch at the New Denver Internment Centre and Museum, facing the lake, with Nikkei who have remained since the end of the war. The tour culminates on Friday, Sept. 22, when the new Canadian Nikkei Cultural Centre, at Burnaby, B.C., celebrates its grand opening.

A Topaz Museum board member, Kubokawa has chaired recent Topaz reunions

of American and Canadian Nisei. Former National JACL vice president in public affairs and a longtime advocate of world-wide Nikkei people-to-people programs, he moderated a panel in 1998 on the internment of Japanese in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Peru, Australia and Southeast Asia.

As seating is limited, early reservations can be made with a \$100 deposit (U.S. or Canadian) with the Japanese Canadian National Museum, 511 E. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., V5T 1X4, Canada, phone 604/874-8090; fax: 604/874-8164; email: jcnm@telus.net. Registrants will also be advised of pre- and post-tour hotel rates.

Land tour costs are \$655 (Cdn) per person, double occupancy; \$930 (Cdn) single, and includes five lunches, one dinner at Kamloops, a tour escort, JCNM tour leader, admission to the New Denver Internment Centre, accommodations for four nights, hot spring passes, gratuity for the driver, room taxes and GST. For further information and sign-up, contact Kubokawa at 650/494-7862, email: ckub@ps.net. ■

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19. Japan Hokkaido/Tohoku Tour (wait list)	9/20-9/29	Roy Takeda	2,995
20. New England & Back Roads Fall Foliage	10/2-10/9	tba	1,449
21. Japan Setouchi 4-Bridge Tour	10/5-10/13	Ray Ishii	2,790
22. Takayama Festival & Gero Onsen Tour	10/6-10/15	Miki Ebata	3,210
23. China Special & Hong Kong (Japan stopover)	10/11-10/25	tba	2,695
24. Japan Fall Foliage Tour	10/18-10/29	Yuki Sato	3,095
25. Danube River Cruise & Romantic Roads	10/25-11/7	tba	from 2,295
26. Eastern Canada & the Maritimes	10/20-11/3	Toy Kanegai	2,099
27. Okinawa, Kyushu & Shikoku Tour	10/23-11/1	tba	3,195
28. Vietnam, Bangkok & Hong Kong	10/30-11/10	Galen Murakawa	2,895
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