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of a Taiwanese fishing boat in the
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as well as China. The value of
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j the discovery of potentially
reserves in the area.

at's happening?

TDANCE: Taisho Club is hold-
40th Anniversary Benefit Dance
rday, June 28 from 6:30 to 11
e Nishi Hongwanji auditorium,
St. in Los Angeles. Music will
ed by David Shinjo. Donation
here will be a raffle and great
or tickets, contact Bill Fukawa
728-1417 or Margaret Cum-
310) 478-6228. Tickets will be
he door as well.

IG LUCKY?: This weekend,
rday, June 14, the Pasadena
t Church, 1993 Glen Ave.,
na, is sponsoring "Pasa-
Casino Night. To order tick-
t: Shelley Shinmoto (323)
i6 or shinmoto@sbcglobal.
eannie Toshima (562) 305-
toshima@sbcglobal.net. Free
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in the news

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nesday by the Los Angeles
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A Search for Remnants of the Past

University of Denver to conduct archaeological dig at Amache concentration camp from June 16 to July 11.

In 2003, Amache, a former Japanese American internment camp located in southeastern Colorado, was surveyed by archaeologists who examined the ground surface to assess the integrity and extent of its archaeological resources.

Based on comparisons with other recorded internment camps, the researchers suggested that Amache, with its remnant landscaping, largely intact building foundations, scattered surface artifacts, and both formal and informal trash dumps, is among the camps with the greatest integrity of tangible remains.

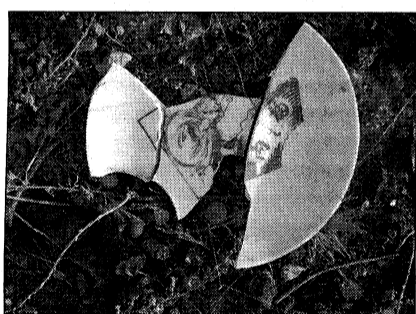
Officially named the Granada Relocation Center, Amache was recently designated a National Historic Landmark. Although clearly a victory for all concerned, development of facilities and increased visitor numbers will likely adversely affect the archaeology of the site, particularly impacting the impressive array of artifacts on the site's surface. These include significant items such as imported Japanese and U.S. Quartermaster ceramics, items of personal adornment, sake bottles, and a wealth of items modified for use by the former internees.

This summer, the University of Denver Anthropology Department will hold a field school in historical archaeology and museum studies at Amache. The field school will take place from June 16 to July 11 at the site of Amache, as well as at the Amache Museum located in the town of Granada.

The archaeological portion of the project will focus on further assessing the resources of the site and gathering information to be used for long-range planning and interpretation.

One area of research will be the internee gardens, features that are evocative of the hard work former internees put into making their surroundings more livable. Archaeological research can reveal important data about how the gardens were constructed, including what was planted in them and how, information that could be employed for future public interpretation or restoration.

At the Amache Museum, field school students will assist with collections management, including preparing object displays for the hundreds of visitors who will tour the site in conjunction with the Japanese American National Museum conference being held in Denver, July 3-6.



A piece of Japanese porcelain was found during an archaeological dig by University of Denver students.

The 2008 field school is part of a long-term archaeology and heritage project at Amache. One of the goals of the project is for it to be community-based. A critically important element of this public engagement is in-



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A monument stands at the Amache cemetery in southeastern Colorado is dedicated to the men from the camp who died while fighting during World War II.

volvement with Amache stakeholders, most importantly the Japanese American community.

DU has been working with the Japanese American community to design the project in such a way that it aligns with interests of former internees, their families, and the larger community as a whole. Institutional support for this project has come from the University of Denver Center for Community Engagement and the Women's Library Association. Additional funds include a research grant from the National Park Service, and community support through the Japanese Association of Colorado and the Robert M. Horiuchi Memorial Fund.

The University of Denver invites all to be a part of their work at Amache. There are many ways to engage with them: through visits, planning, research, and public interpretation. The public is welcome to visit the site of Amache during this summer's field school.

If interested in scheduling a visit contact Project Director, Dr. Bonnie Clark at bclark@du.edu.

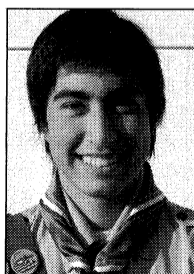
On July 3, from 7-9 p.m., the University of Denver Museum of Anthropology will be hosting a dessert reception and open house to coincide with the JANM conference.

For more information on this event and more details about the DU Amache Research Project, visit www.portfolio.edu/amache.

Irvine Nikkei Earns Eagle Scout Honors

James Zentaro Ebert, 16, of Irvine recently earned Eagle Scout honors. Ebert's Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony was held at the Newport Sea Base in Newport Beach.

Ebert enjoyed working on his Eagle Scout project since it involved many valuable leadership skills, including design, budgeting, fundraising, management, leadership and project analysis. He built five large wooden backpack racks on wheels for



James Ebert

an Irvine elementary school that will allow the children and teachers to enjoy safe open areas in the classroom aisles.

In addition to the Boy Scouts, the son of Lisa Michiko Kitagawa and James Robert Ebert, is an active student at University High School in Irvine. He is on the junior varsity volleyball team, enjoys surfing and skateboarding, and has been taking classical piano lessons for the past ten years. He loves music, enjoys playing

the keyboard in a rock band with his friends, and performs classical and jazz music at senior homes with his high school music club.

Ebert was accepted to the 2008 Harvard University Summer School Program. He also received a scholarship from Harvard University. He believes that learning Japanese will allow him to communicate directly with his Japanese relatives, and to possibly become part of a bridge between the U.S. and Japan in the future. He volunteered at the May 17 Asian American and Pacific Islander National Town Hall at UC Irvine and is interested in continuing to serve the Nikkei community.

Former Soka Official Pleas Guilty to Embezzling \$1.7 Million

SANTA ANA.—The former financial director of Soka University of America who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$1.7 million for gambling and other personal use faces up to 10 years in prison on Aug. 25 when he is sentenced, a pros-

Lieu Touts Innovative Water Conservation Effort

Assemblymember Ted Lieu (D-Torrance), a member of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, held a press conference Tuesday with West Basin Municipal Water District in response to the Governor's declaration of an "official drought."

The press conference highlighted innovative and efficient water conservation programs being implemented within the water district.

West Basin Municipal Water District runs one of the nation's top centers for water treatment technologies, the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility. The facility is the largest of its kind in the nation and was recognized in 2002 by the National Water Resources Institute as one of six best recycling facilities in the United States. At the facility, West Basin produces five types of recycled water, ranging in quality and purity. The

China Moves to Protests in Ear

Angry parents of the children who were killed in collapsed schools say government doesn't care.

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JUYUAN.—Police cordoned off quake-hit schools and towns Thursday in an apparent attempt to quell protests by parents angry that probes of shoddy school construction have not begun a month after the disaster.

Despite an official promise of unfettered media coverage, police barred entry to at least two towns where schools collapsed in the May 12 quake. In the town of Juyuan, a reporter from Singapore's Straits Times newspaper was detained by police and forced to return to the provincial capital of Chengdu, about an hour away.

About a dozen police and paramilitary troops guarded the gate of Juyuan's destroyed middle school, where 50 people gathered.

Outside the quake-flattened town of Beichuan, more than 200 parents blocked the valley's sole road, angry that a memorial plaque to dead students had been smashed overnight.

"We're despirited. Our children have been dead for a month. The memorial plaque is broken and reporters have been chased away," said Wang Ping, whose 16-year-old daughter died when Beichuan Middle School collapsed. "I'm 40. All our hopes were in our children. Now they're dead. Our future is dead, too."

The plaque, a shiny polished black stone with gold letters that read "Beich-



A Chinese authority official, center, no n of parents who gather to demand inform when Beichuan Middle School collapsed Town of Beichuan, China's southwest S

Nikkei Choral to Host Festi

Nikkei Choral Federation of Southern California to present Third Choral Festival on Sunday, June 15, from 3 p.m. at the El Camino College, Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance. It will feature: Nishiyamoto Academy of California (special guest),

29 States Join Hawaii in

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HONOLULU.—Twenty-nine states have joined Hawaii in asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a ruling that the state can't sell or transfer 1.2 million acres of former monarchy lands until Native Hawaiians' claims to the lands are resolved.

The states urge the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an appeal of the Hawaii