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Sunday, June 30—Twin Cities JACL's annual summer picnic, Phalen Park in St. Paul, noon to 6 p.m. Games and potluck lunch. R.S.V.P.: May Tanaka 612/934-9238.

Colorado

Denver

Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6—Tri-State Buddhist Temple's 75th Anniversary/Reunion. Information: 1947 Lawrence St., Denver, Colo. 80202 or call 303/295-1844.

Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2—5th National JACL Singles Convention, Scanticon Hotel. Information: Denver Nikkei Singles Club, P.O. Box 21321, Denver, Colo. 80221 or Jim Hada 303/237-2159.

Washington

Seattle

Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Saturday, Aug. 24—Asian American Journalists Association National Convention, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Seattle.

Auburn

Saturday, July 27—White River Buddhist Church's Bon Odori Festival, 3625 Auburn Way North, 5 to 10 p.m. Traditional folk dancing, food and displays. Information: June Nakano, 206/228-0785; Sachiko Nakayama, 206/859-2242.

California

San Francisco area

Sunday, June 23—Berkeley, Contra Costa and Diablo Valley JACL's Annual Summer Picnic, Pleasant Hill Community Park, 147 Gregory Ln., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Food and games. Steak dinners: \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Information: Neil Taniguchi 415/852-8864; Yosh Tokiwa 223-5463; Jon Kubokawa 798-6016.

Sunday, July 7—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, home of Stella Takahashi, 2 to 4 p.m. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268; or Yuri Moriaki, 482-3280.

Sacramento

Saturday, June 29—The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Men's Club's 2nd annual Ball Room benefit dance, Church's Social Hall, 6929 Franklin Blvd., 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Music: Duncan Harden. Donation: \$10 per person. Information/tickets: 916/421-1017.

Sunday, June 30—Nisei VFW Post's "Roast for Larry Tanaka," Red Lion Inn, noon. Information: Tom Okubo, 916/422-8749.

San Jose

Sunday, June 23—Gilroy JACL's Community Picnic, Christmas Hill Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pack your own picnic, open barbeque pit provided. Information: Rita Gutierrez-Fisher, 408/849-1780.

Saturday, June 29—West Valley JACL lecture night, Chapter Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m. Topic: Opportunities for young people in JACL. Speaker: Joy Morimoto, NWCNP Regional Director. Information: Dave Murakami 408/996-1976 or Doris Kasahara 408/374-6855.

JACL leadership event scheduled

The 1991 JACL Washington, D.C., Leadership Seminar will be held Sept. 28 through Oct. 3 at the Mayflower Hotel, according to Bill Yoshino, JACL national executive director.

The week-long seminar will provide participants with practical exposure to the policy-making processes in Washington, D.C., as well as an examination of how the system works and how the JACL can and does play a role in affecting the direction of public policy and civil rights in the nation's capital.

Also included in the seminar are visits and presentations by members of Congress, the administration, federal agencies,

and the judiciary.

Each JACL district council may sponsor and select up to two participants to attend the program. Tuition, which includes housing, curriculum materials, and some meals, may be paid by the sponsoring chapter and district council.

Chairing the event is Hideki Hamamoto, assisted in the planning and coordination of the program by Frank Seto and Sonya Chung, staff assistant at the JACL Washington office.

For more information or applications, check with local JACL district governors or call the Washington office at 202/223-1240.

Saturday, July 6—Yu-Ai Kai's Asian American Day with the San Francisco Giants. Tickets: \$12, \$11 for senior members. Information: Yu-Ai Kai office, 408/294-2505.

Information: Harry Iba, 213/293-5987; Mo Kanda, 213/297-6856; Tsukasa Saneto, 213/291-8820; or Tony Shinmoto, 213/398-1492.

Marysville-Yuba City

Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29—Third Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties Nikkei Reunion. Newsletter, registration information: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, 95991.

Tule Lake

Friday, Sept. 27, through Sunday, Sept. 29—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. Tour of Tule Lake Campsite, Abalone Hill & Castle Rock tour. Workshops. Memorial Service, cultural program. Information: San Francisco: Julie Hana, 415/221-2608, eve.; East Bay: Stephanie Miyahiro, 415/524-2624; San Jose: Tom Izu, 408/292-6938; Sacramento: Diane Tomoda, 916/443-6917.

Ventura County

Sunday, June 23—Ventura County JACL's Japanese Cultural Festival, 2-5 p.m., Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura. Demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments. Admission: \$5/adults, \$1/child, \$10/family. Information: 805/656-6629.

Los Angeles area

Saturday, June 22—The Johrei Fellowship's Carnival '91, 3068 San Marino St., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Foods and games. Information: 213/387-8366.

Saturday, June 22—Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL's annual Scholarship and Fund Raising Dance, 7:30 p.m., Gardens Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Information/tickets: Bea Fujimoto 213/935-8648, Chris Ishida 213/386-1138.

Saturday, June 22—The first Mayhew reunion, Kim Sing restaurant in Gardena. Cost: \$13 per person. Information: James Ogawa, 213/770-1305 or Paul Toguchi, 213/731-9131.

Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23—The National Awareness Foundation, the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Karate Club and the Shoshokan Karate International Federation USA's 1st Annual SKIF Invitational two-day karate tournament and exhibition benefit, CSUN. Tickets: adults, \$8; CSUN students, senior & kids under 12, \$5; under 5, free. For advance ticket sales contact CSUN Ticket Office, 818/865-2488.

Tuesday, June 25—Senshin Buddhist Church and Gakuen Reunion, Yamato Restaurant, Century City, 7 p.m. Guests: Rev. & Mrs. Bumpo Kuwatoki of Japan, and retired Rinsen Kyoshiro Tokunaga.

Saturday, July 6—The West Covina Buddhist Temple's 23rd Annual Obon Festival, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, 1 to 10 p.m. Food, exhibits and the Bon Odori. Information: Rev. Nori Ito 618/966-7366 or Mrs. Marvel Miyata 818/906-2586.

Thursday, July 11—The Asian Business League of Southern California's Summer Open House, the Hollywood House, Barnsdall Art Park, 4888 Hollywood Blvd., 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission: \$12, \$8 for members. Information: Naomi Kuramoto, 213/383-9694.

Calendar items must be submitted at least **THREE WEEKS** in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.

LEADERSHIP

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coalitional efforts with other groups. Unless we have established working relationships with other organizations that understand our issues, it will be difficult for us to promote an aggressive agenda in places like Washington, D.C. This meeting is as a start in this direction."

Among the issues discussed were university admissions policies and affirmative action, bigotry on campus, the inclusion of group histories in curricula and textbooks, hate crimes, glass ceiling issues, the security of Israel, the 50th anniversary commemoration of Pearl Harbor, immigration and refugee issues, and church and state separation issues.

According to Yoshino, the planning for this meeting began more than three years ago. "This session evolved out of a friendship I had with David Roth, the director for the AJC Institute on American Pluralism. David and the AJC were very familiar with JACL and they had assisted in the lobbying efforts for redress. Since then, we had discussed ways in which our organizations could begin working together on some common issues."

At the conclusion of the day-long session on the three organizations agreed to cooperate on a joint Washington, D.C., newsletter that would be used to convey the issues and concerns of each group. Additional joint programming will focus on hate crimes and on the media. A task force composed of two representatives from each organization will oversee the implementation of the programs. Nakagawa and Yoshino will represent the JACL on the task force.

News

Top Asian American official to address education group

LOS ANGELES—Elaine L. Chao, deputy secretary of transportation and the highest ranking Asian American in federal government, is the keynote speaker at the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) 3rd annual awards dinner Friday, July 19.

Chao, who will receive LEAP's leadership award, will be honored along with Jeffrey Mateu, executive assistant to L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley; Mai Cong, president of

the Vietnamese Community of Orange County, Inc.; and the Asian American Drug Abuse Program.

LEAP is a community-based non-profit organization that develops, strengthens and expands leadership roles of Asian Pacific people.

The event will be held at the Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave.

Information: J.D. Hokayama, 213/485-1422.



ELAINE L. CHAO

Bias charged against Japanese firms in U.S.

SAN JOSE—As Japanese companies continue to open for businesses in the United States, some American workers contend there is evidence of a new kind of discrimination—that some Japanese employers are reserving the best jobs for managers from Japan.

While there are no statistics to document the problem, the media notes the charge does not apply to every Japanese employer in the United States.

In the lawsuit against the Ricoh Corp. plant in San Jose to be heard in the San Francisco federal district court in September, a former top marketing executive with about a \$75,000 annual salary, Chet Mackentire, says he was dismissed solely because he was an American. He asserts after he paved the way for the company to reach American customers with a new product—optical disks used for storing computer data—his functions were assigned to a Japanese.

Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) investigators found Mackentire has "reasonable cause" to sue. The investigator wrote that the Japanese man was less qualified in both education and experience than Mackentire and that the atmosphere was "tainted with national origin bias."

In New York, Mitsuo Takii, JETRO (Japanese External Trade

Organization) executive director, said:

"We admit that the number of Americans in management is quite limited. Japanese companies like to keep management the Japanese way. It's due to cultural and language issues. They need the deep human relationships that they have with the parent companies in Japan." JETRO promotes trade and export with the United States.

Industrial Japanese giants in America, such as Matsushita, Sumitomo, and NEC Electronics, have settled charges of race dis-

crimination by American employees this past year, it was reported. UC Berkeley professor Robert E. Cole, who has studied the Japanese automobile industry in the United States, noted: "It's easy to think your way is the best. They tend to be less willing to relinquish control to local units. The power is really kept in Tokyo."

It is possible, too, that Japanese are no more discriminatory than Americans. Linda Krieger, former EEOC lawyer now a lecturer at Stanford Law School, remarked: "So we're more covert, even if we have the same attitudes."

Toyota sued for discrimination

TORRANCE, Calif.—A \$240 million lawsuit alleging job discrimination by a non-Japanese mid-level manager against Toyota Motor Co. was announced June 12.

John Horton, 42, claims Toyota Technical Center repeatedly denied him promotions during the 10 years of employment, his attorney David Greenberg said.

"Toyota in Japan sends over Japanese nationals to work for Toyota Technical Center to oversee the American workers," the attorney said, "so the

American workers never rise up above a certain level."

Toyota spokesman Jim Griffith categorically denied the allegation: "Toyota does not discriminate in our employment practices."

Greenberg said Horton helped establish a new testing ground near Phoenix last year and once it was in place, the company hired a Japanese manager for the operation.

He would like to keep working at Toyota Technical Center if assured the promotion avenues are open, according to Greenberg.

Study: wife abuse high among Southeast Asians

DAVIS, Calif.—Blurring of traditional family roles for many Southeast Asian immigrants in the process of adapting to and surviving in America has resulted in rising rates of wife abuse and divorce, according to UC Davis research sociologist Bernadette Tarallo.

In a continuing research of Vietnamese immigrants in Sacramento, her study is in the chapter for "Racism, City and the State" (Unwin Hyman, 1991) for the project headed by Michael Peter Smith, professor and chair of the applied behavioral sciences department.

The breakdown of customary Southeast Asian family roles extends to children, who frequently reject obedience and respect toward parents and develop a sense of alienation and rebellion that sometimes leads to gang membership, the researcher said.

The effect of changing gender roles in Vietnamese families, according to Smith, finds the women, driven by family needs and personal goals, to be highly motivated, desiring to become self-sufficient, and willing to take on low-paying jobs such as a seamstress at home, hairdresser, hotel maid, or restaurant worker.

The expanded roles of women have led to family problems, according to the study, because the influence and stature of men as being the sole provider have declined.

Southeast Asian men have been forced to take jobs below their skill or educational levels or face unemployment and discrimination.

Frustration over this diminished position sometimes results in wife and child abuse, and has contributed to a rising rate of divorce among the "first-wave" immigrants who came in the late 1970s. ☐

Bush defends positions at Asian Pacific event

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.—An estimated crowd of 40,000 people came to see and hear President George Bush at a June 16 salute to him sponsored by a coalition of leaders representing nearly all of the Asian Pacific communities.

The event, held at Mile Square Park, featured cultural exhibits and food booths as well as a variety of entertainment from many of the represented communities.

On hand to welcome the president were Rep. Norman Mineta

and Sen. John Seymour.

The president's appearance was also an acknowledgment of the growing Asian Pacific community that numbers nearly 250,000 in Orange County, California. He used the occasion to seek support for two of his recent controversial decisions.

In addressing the group, Bush reinforced his stand against minority quotas and for his position on trade with China.

"You know the awful toll," the president said, "Quotas penalize

achievers."

Bush said that quotas only harm "talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities."

Speaking on his decision to restore trade status with China, he said that "We will continue urging China to reform internally and to rejoin the community of nations. We cannot be sure of success. We can be sure that without American dialogue, the movement for reform in China will take a step backward." ☐

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Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

No mikan, 'high tech' plants instead



We were atop a gently rolling grass-covered hill in the countryside around Hamamatsu, Japan. Hamamatsu best can be described as a medium-sized city with the Inland Sea coast on one side and the mountains on the other about halfway between Tokyo and Kyoto. It is widely known for its production of pianos, motorcycles, medical research and highly sophisticated photo sensors.

"This is where our new industrial city will be built," the guide explained, "and our research facilities will be located here." By Japanese standards it was a large patch of land and it seemed strange that it was still unoccupied. I asked what had been there before it became grassland.

"This was an area of mikan orchards," our friend said. Mikan are the sweet, thin-skinned, succulent mandarin oranges which thrive in this area.

"Oh? What happened to the trees?"

"We pulled them out of the ground."

This is the story. Not long ago the United States urged Japan to import more

citrus products from California, Florida, Texas and Arizona. The Japanese resisted, insisting the imports would hurt domestic mikan-growers who had been encouraged by their government to plant orchards. Eventually, Tokyo agreed to U.S. demands.

In 1988, the latest year in which figures are available, Japan imported \$73 million worth of U.S. oranges and tangerines, \$122 million worth of grapefruit, and \$88 million in lemons and limes.

That's quite a bit of citrus fruits and they affected the market. Some mikan-growers around Hamamatsu decided there were better ways to make a living. So they sold their land, much of it to the municipality, and went on to other things. Now enough land has been consolidated to build an industrial park.

"So you see," said the guide with a smile, "we lost the battle but we will win the war."

Meaning? Well, a shortage of land, which leads to extremely high prices, is one of the reasons for Japanese firms buying real estate in the United States for factories,

laboratories and other facilities. In Hamamatsu they were forced to destroy orchards which produce relatively little wealth, and now they're going to use the land for high technology plants which produce a lot of wealth.

In the long run, it may be that U.S. insistence on Japan buying American produce forced the Japanese to make more efficient use of their land. And in that process, the pressure to invest in places like Silicon Valley was eased somewhat.

Currently the U.S. is urging Japan to import American rice and it looks like the Japanese will yield on this demand, too. The Japanese consumer will benefit because subsidies keep home-grown Japanese rice several times higher than the world price. But there's another question.

What happens to the U.S. real estate market when Japan goes out of the rice-growing business, drains its rice paddies which seem to cover every bit of open land, and starts building on them? ☐

Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

Wise by his trade



Confucius said, "Man is wise by his trade." (*Hito wa michi ni yotte kashikoshi*). This is according to a long ago friend and colleague of my one time work place, a large restaurant run by a Japanese. Although I'd done stints at many a menial job before, I was a total novice in restaurant work. My big bawling out came at the 3rd or 4th chore on the first day.

Told by the 3rd cook to boil potatoes for the hash brown, I was dragging a 100 pound bag of Burbanks to the sink when he barked: "No need to wash. Dump about 10 pounds of 'em in the pot and on fire!" "No need to wash?" I asked. "No!" he barked. When the potatoes were done he demonstrated what to do. He put a paring knife at right angle to a potato and pulled off about a 1/4 inch of meat along with the skin. Quick to learn, I grabbed a potato and let out a howl, nearly dropping it. It was still scalding hot.

Yoshi, the 3rd cook, barked the next order. Parboil 6 celeries. I was to cross cut

whole celeries without separating the ribs, throw them into the pot. "But...they are full of mud," I said. "Kamawan! (Never mind). It'll fall off while boiling!" Sure enough, no customer complained about gritty celery-zucchini cooked in tomato.

Four big pots of rice went in the noon rush. The predominantly Hispanic and Black customers preferred rice to bread. I was told to boil 4 pots of rice for the evening. As the pots were covered with rice, with the bottom scorched on, I was about to wash them when Yoshi barked again. "Kamawan! Put 8 cups in it, wash a couple times, and leave them there. I'll do the rest!" Obviously, he couldn't trust me with the amount of water for cooking.

My supper included zucchini-celery cooked in tomato, and rice. I was a little queasy, but I had no choice but to eat whatever the others were eating. The rice tasted no different from the rice I'd been eating elsewhere.

The quotation from Confucius was my new friend's way of philosophizing on the

proof-is-in-the-eating pragmatism of the restaurant. He had been recently unemployed from a white collar job, like me. He had gone through, not too long before, the harsh training I was receiving that day, and he was sympathetic.

But I could not quite swallow the quotation. I had read the *Confucian Analects* in Kanbun, that is, classical Chinese read as if it were Japanese, but nowhere was there such a passage, if my memory had not failed.

After I came back to California, I went to the library and took out the *Confucian Analects* and carefully read it through. My memory had been right. My friend was spouting off a fortune cookie Confucianism.

Lately I have become quite adept at cooking. I am often tempted to try the 3rd cook Yoshi's pragmatic, proof-of-a-food-is-in-the-eating approach to cooking rice and preparing celery, but I haven't yet. My wife is too alert to let me try any such shenanigans. ☐

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Funeral Mass for FLORA HANAKO KUMAMOTO, 82, a Los Angeles born Nisei and resident Los Angeles who passed away on June 16 at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, was held on Thursday, June 20, 7:30 PM at Maryknoll Catholic Church, 222 S. Hewitt St., L.A., under the direction of Fukui Mortuary. She is survived by her husband Frank "Mato", son Alan F. (Joanne), grandchildren David, Bryan and Kristin, brothers Joe (Suzie) and Elmer (Akao) Sasaki of Idaho, sisters Julia Kuwahara of Tacoma, Louise Suzuki and Clara (Joel) Yoshimura of Idaho, sister-in-law David Masuda and many nephews and nieces.



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Three Pacific Pioneers and three winners of the JACCC President's Awards were honored at the 11th annual Japanese American Cultural and Community Center dinner June 12 at the Regent Beverly Wilshire.

The Pacific Pioneers are: Lloyd E. Rigler, an American philanthropist; Shigemitsu Miyake, 80, chairman of a Japanese railway company developing the super bullet train and the retired president of the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry and of Tokai Bank; and Tozo Yahata, 84, West Los Angeles, longtime Japanese American community leader.

The JACCC Pacific Pioneer Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly toward increased cultural understanding between the U.S. and Japan and focuses attention on those who make the Pacific partnership a viable one in various ways and in various fields.

To recognize those who preserved and promoted cultural heritage in the Nikkei community before the JACCC years, the President's Award was established by JACCC to recognize and thank them. Toshikazu Terasawa, JACCC president, explained. The recipients are:

The late Koichi Kawana, Ph.D. (1930-1990), a master designer of Japanese gardens in the U.S.; H. Carroll Parish, Ph.D., whose WWII service in the Navy awakened his interest in Japan and who subsequently devoted over four decades to Japanese American organization; and the Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai (American Society for the Study of Japanese Calligraphy), which has encouraged the art and to be represented by its founder, the Rev. Kanshu Ikuta.

refereeing in the NCAA tournament and NIT games. At 5 ft.-8, he played guard for two years at Seattle University, infielder on the baseball team for three years and went on to play for the Hiroshima Carp in Japan, then came back to play two years with a Dodgers' minor league club. While the pay for refs is "pretty good," Omori works as an independent commodities trader.

Paul Isaki, 45, tapped by Washington Gov. Booth Gardner as the acting state director of trade and economic development, visited the European Economic Community nations and business leaders last year and has since reported Europe eyes Washington's agriculturally rich central valley for locating new food processing facilities and computer software companies. The Seattle *Pacific Intelligencer* called attention to Isaki's background as "an excellent mix of private business experience and government economic development" in praising the appointment. While the Pacific Rim countries will remain strong trading partners for Washington state, the newspaper felt "Olympia must do all it can to encourage home-grown businesses which are the source of most new jobs... Isaki's attention to the emerging European economic giant illustrates his capacity to keep pace with the world's changing economic order."

Los Angeles public defender Daro Inouye appeared with attorneys defending Richard Ramirez, known as the "Night Stalker," in the San Francisco superior court May 15. Ramirez was being arraigned in the 1985 killing of a San Francisco resident, 66-year-old Peter Pan. The court allowed a continuance for defense attorneys to review a grand jury transcript.

Shintaro Katsu, 59, best known for his portrayal of the blind swordsman Zatoichi in samurai movies, was questioned in connection with drug possession charges in the U.S. by Tokyo police after returning home May 12 from Honolulu. Sixteen months earlier (Jan. 16, 1990), he was arrested on charges of smuggling 1.75 grams of cocaine and 9.75 grams of marijuana in

his underwear upon arrival at the Honolulu airport. Two months later, the U.S. court ordered his deportation, which he has been contesting. Tokyo Metropolitan Police suspect Toshio Okumura, Katsu's real name, obtained the drugs in Japan although he has said they were given to him by a man on the flight to Honolulu and denies the allegation the drugs were obtained in Japan.

The career of Japanese Canadian playwright Rick Shiomi, 43, has caught fire again with *Rosie's Cafe*, which won praise out west and was on stage at Toronto's Factory Theater as part of a national tour. It was a "prequel" (as opposed to "sequel") to his first story, *Yellow Fever*, a national hit on stage in the '80s across Canada, in San Francisco and New York, and based on someone he knew—a Nisei who looked like an Oriental Columbo, with the action set in Vancouver's prewar Japanese section on Powell St., which in the '70s was like sidewalk row as Japanese Canadians and other Asians faced "an intense kind of emotional turmoil... in trying to be accepted into Canadian society." Both plays speak to the same struggle. He feels his main role is "to write about the Japanese Canadian community and somehow try to help everyone reflect upon what has happened." Shiomi is active on the National Association of Japanese Canadians board, Earth Spirit Festival committee, and lives in Toronto, a graduate of Victoria College, spent two summers in Japan after visiting Europe and Hong Kong and then immersed himself in community activities on Powell St., coordinating its first postwar Japanese Canadian festival in 1979, and began his writing career.

Cincinnati JACLers Frank and Joan Okura had two off-springs in the Persian Gulf. One was Capt. Don Okura, a West Point graduate who came home March 30 from near Baghdad where the armored infantry had advanced to cut off any attempted retreat, wife Marilyn gave birth to son Christopher on April 7; he is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

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