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California creates commission to battle hate crimes

SACRAMENTO—A California statewide commission to prevent hate crimes was announced at Sept. 24 news conference here. The Hate Crimes Commission will develop recommendations for a statewide education and traina statewide education and training campaign against hate crimes, according to Lf. Gov. Lee McCarthy, who sponsored SB 96, a bill that would toughen misdemeanor and felony sentences for hate crimes and allow for unlimited punitive damages for hate crimes in civil cases. The bill is currently before Gov. Pete Wilson.
Named to the commission are Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, and Ron Wakabayashi, executive director, Los Angeles

City Human Rights Commission.
Also appointed were Roberta Achtenberg, San Francisco County supervisor, San Francisco County supervisor, San Francisco Roger Coggan, legal services director, Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center; John Curan, civil rights attorney and community activist, Orange County; Dr. William Flores, chairman, Department of Chicano' Latin American Studies, CSU, Freence, Rabbi Allen Freehling, University Synagogue, Los Angeles; Casey Kasem, entertainer, community activist, Hollywood; Gene Lichtenstein, editor, Jewish Journal, Los Angeles; Bill Lockyer, state senator, author of SB 98, Hayward; Jim McElroy, Lockyer, state senator, author of SB 98, Hayward; Jim McElroy,

attorney/co-counsel in civil suits against White Aryan Resistance, San Diego: Ann Noel, commission counsel, California State Fair Empleyment and Housing Commission, San Francisco; Fred Persily, director, Contra Costa County Hate Violence Reduction Task Force, Martinez; Vince Reyes, multicultural multilingual coordinator, Alamèda County, Oakland, Brenda Steppes, principal, Hancock Park Elementary School, Los Angeles; Eric Vegs, executive director, Sacramento County Human Rights Commission, Sacramento, Diane Watson, state senator, Los Angeles; and Stave White, district attorney, Sacramento.

Asian hot line proposed

The California Legislature has come up with a plan that would allow Asian residens to coall a toll-free hot line to report crimes in their native languages.

According to a Sept. 22 story in the Los Angeles Times, the proposal was peased by the Legislature and its before 6cv. Pete Wilson to sign into law.

The proposal is in response to the the belief that too many Asians fail to turn to police for helping situations of trouble.

In Orange County, the Times

Speakers



Rep. Robert T. Matsui (left), with former JACL President Jerry Enomoto, recently addressed the annual conference of the friends Outside National Organization (FONO) in Socramento, Calif. FONO is a community-based prisoner support organization fibat helps build bridges between jail and prison immates and their families. Matsuirs comments focused on legislation he has introduced on behalf of youth, as well as his commitment toward recognizing and constructively building upon the increasing diversity in California colority Enomoto, a former director of the California Department of Corrections, was installed as the president of the FONO board of directors. He emphasized the increasing need for community involverient, in view of escalating prison population.

California bill would study state's contracting with minorities, women

SACRAMENTO-The California Legislature has passed a bill that would require study of the state's current practices and past record of contracting with minority and women

The bill, authored by Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti, is now before Gov. Pete Wilson for his

The study requirement is a re-sponse to complaints by many minor-ity and women business owners and organizations that the state has not adequately monitored its own efforts to increase contracting with these

groups.

The bill would also seek to s

the precise relationship between the availability of women and minority firms in the state and their past and present participation levels in state contracting. According to Roberti, arecent study showed that the state is lacking in

this area.

The state public contracting statutes require that the state seek to do 15 percent of its private enterprise contracting with minority-owned firms and five percent with women business enterprises.

The 1990 report, however, indicates the state is doing about one percent of its contracting with women and minority owners and minority owners are the state is doing about one percent of its contracting with women and minority owners and minority of the contracting with women and minority of the contracting with minority of the contracting with women and minority of the contracting with women and minority of the contracting with women and minority of the women and minority of

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Heart Mountain camp is sought as site of museum

POWELL, Wyo.—Bacon Sakatani, who lived at the Heart mountain camp as a teenager during World War II, returned here this past week on a two-fold mission:(1) to check out the condition of a camp barrack to be donated to the Japanese American National Museum and (2) to lend support to local efforts for a museum on the site.

Reetr sought to define guidelines to launch the project, determine, the site of the museum and visitor center, how to preserve the existing the view, etc., the organizers also wanted to include differing perspectives including those of the internees. And Sakatani spoke.

We internees should put up our own monument because it's our job to say what we went through. To say we had modern sewers, modern achood, is to miss the point ... We can't show our ideas down your throats, but when our views are included, it will be the final chapter.

Sakatani stressed he did not want to rewrite history or drug up lead memories in relating his camp superiences, the Two Japa signs all over town in nearby Cody and the anti-evecuse discrimination

Health plan for women, children is announced

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Children and Preganant Women's Health Insurance Act of 1991, which provides universal access to health care for all pregnant women and children up through age 21, was announced by Rep. Robert T. Matsui Sept. 24.
Matsui pointed out that one-seventh of the population, og 37 million Americans, are without health insurance. One quarter of the uninsured is children under the age of 18, he added Another 6.4 million youths between 18 and 24 years old, lack health insurance.

24 years old, lack health insurance.

The act is based on a 'pay or
play' model that builds upon the
current employer-based health
insurance model by requiring
employers to extend health insurance coverage to pregnant women
and children. Employers can accomplish this by either purchasing a qualified insurance plan or
by paying into public fund that
would purchase health insurance
for pregnant women and children.
The public plan would be acministered through individual
states. Matsui said. Each state
would be required to establish a
State Children and Pregnant
Women Health Plan to contract
with private insurers to provide
health care services to pregnant
women and children not covered
under an employer-sponsored



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Calendar

Saturday, September 28 through Thursday, October 3— JACL's Washington, D.C. Leadership Seminar, Mayflower Hotel. Tuition: \$800 per person. Information: JACL National Headquarters 415/921-5225.

Washington

Seattle

Through Sunday, September 29—Japan Week, a nine day event of cultural programs, exhibits, demonstrations, children's workshops and games, Believue Square, Monday - Saturday 9:30 am to 9:30 pm, Sunday 11 am to 6 pm, Information: 206/454-2431.

Friday, October 4—International District Community Health Center's Annual Dinner, Seattle Trade Center, 2601 Elliot Ave., 5:30 pm. Speaker: Le Ly Haystlp, Vietnamese author. Tickets: \$45. Information: Jodi, 206/286-0589.

Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2—Beyond the Barriers, "National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Third Annual Convention, Stouffer Madison Hotel. Travel arrange-ments: Eric Hart, Global Express Travel 206/682-3080. Information: Sharon Sakamoto 206/682-9932 o Mimi Castillo 206/624-1913.

Denver

Saturday, November 9 Mile-Hi JACL's Election Pot Luck, Nisei Post, 2019 Market St., Denver, 5 pm. Information: 303/892-6003.

December 1991—Mile-Hi JACL Ski Weekend, date and place to be announced. Information: 303/

August 3-6, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003.

San Francisco area

Saturday, September 28—Tri-Valley JACL's Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, Cal State Hayward. Information and application form: 415/846-4165.

Sacramento

Saturday, September 28— Florin JACL's first Women's Day Forum, Sacramento Harbormaster, Forum, Sacramento Harbormaster, Broadway and Front Street, 6:45 am to 1:30 pm. Topics: Diabetes, AIDS, Family Mental Health and muchmore. Tickets: \$5 for members and \$15 for rion-members. Includes lunch. Information: Dr. Eileen Namba Otsuij, 916:427-2690 or Carol'Hisatomi, 916:444-5827.

San Jose

Saturday, October 12—Yu-Ai Kai's 9 day 'Heritage of America' tour. Stops in New York City, Philadelphia, Amish Country, Virginia, and Washington D.C. Cost: \$1349 for twin. Information/ brochure: 408/294-2505.

Marysville-Yuba City

Friday, Sept. 27 through Sun-day, Sept. 29—Third Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties' Nikke Reunion. Newsletter, registration information: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, 95991.

Tule Lake

zy, Sept. 27, through Sur lept. 29—Tule Lake Pilgrim Jour of Tule Lake Campala

Abalone Hill & Castle Rock tour Workshops, Memorial Service, cul-tural program. Information: San Francisco, Julie Hana 415/221-2608 Fran eve., East Bay, Stephanie Myahiro 415/524-2624 San Jose, Tom Izu 408/292-6938, Sacramento, Diane nda 916/443-6917

Los Angeles area

Saturday, September 28— Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California's Community Service/Achievement Awards: Dinner, Shangri-La Restaurant, 6 pm. Honorees: East West Players, Shiro Nomura and Betty K. Mitson. Tickets: \$35, Information/reservation: Iku Information/reservation Kiriyama, 213/326-0608.

Saturday, September 26— SCAN JACL's Pasta Night, Japa-nese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles, 6 pm. Proceeds will go towards the 1992 Scholarship Fund. Information: Jackie, 805/251-3962.

Saturday, September 28—50th Anniversary celebration, Theodore Rossevelt Senior High School, L.A., Classes of '41, '42, Marriott Hotel, L.A. International Airport, 'Informa-tion: 800/244-6106 or write to Madeline Levine. 9603 Bevertward Madeline Levine, 9603 Beverlywood St., L.A. 90034.

Saturday, September 28-Saturday, September 28— Asian American Voters Coalition's, Workshop, CACA Meeting Hall, 415 f Bamboo Lane, Chinatown, Los Angeles, 8:15 am. Topics: Redistricting and apportionment, career in politics, political awareness, vajer education, and elective political opportunities. Information: Irvin Lai 213/735-1331.

Sunday, September 29— Orange County Sansei Singles' annual picnic; Cerritos Park East, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Cost: \$6 for members, \$4 for children, and \$9 non-members. Reservations by Sept. 23. Information: 213/ 1715-889, 213/648-2593, 714/ 891-4215, or 818/571-5571.

Saturday, October 5—Carson, Gardena and the South Bay JACL's Iuncheon honoring Harry Honda, Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Cost: \$7, Chinese buffet. Information: Ruth 213/328-6842, Agnes 213/599-2564, or Midon 213/ 541-6698.

Saturday, October 5—West Los Angeles JACL's workshop on careers in community medicine and public health, Westside YMCA, corner of Satwelle and La Grange, West Los Angeles, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Cost: free. Information: 213/ 473-3015.

Thureday, October 17—Asian Pacific American LegalCenter's 6th Annual Awards Dinner, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Honorees: Hitachi Ltd., Congressman Howard Berman, Frederick Hong, Maria Hsial, John Huang and Gloria Ochos.

Thursday, October 24 through Saturday, October 25—The Asia Society's National Symposium The Asian American Experience: Looking Ahead, "the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Explore the critical issues facing Asian Americans in the 1990s and the importance of these issues to American society at large. Information: 213/624-0945.

Saturday, October 26—Little Tokyo Community Health Feir, Japanese American Cultural Community Center. Information: Bill Watanabe, 213/680-3729.

Reminders

The Heart Mountain Reunion committee in Seattle has scheduled its fourth reunion for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 11-13, 1992. Information: Marko Tangai, 2006-284-0560-day, or 206-725-5930 evening.

Author/poet David Murs will give a reading from his book, Turning Japanese: Memoirs of a Sansei, Saturday, Sept. 25, pm., Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. Akemi Kikumura will talk about her latest book, Promisee Kept., a biography of her father and his life in Central California, Sunday, Oct. 27, 130 pm., at the same location. Both events are sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum Series.

1892 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the San Jose Chapter, JACL. One student takes a one-week class Feb. 29-March 7, 1992, with seminars by politymakers from government. Students should apply by calling 408 441-0504. Deadline for re-

turning applications and materials is Nov. 15, 1991.

Two more added to JACL list of scholarships

SAN FRANCISCO—Adding to the list of 35 1991 scholarship winners announced. Sept. 13, JACL announces two more awardees: John Marc Hilinski. Uchima of La Mesa, Calik, (Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Graduate scholarship) and Jod Anne Leilani Toguchi of Kaneche, Hawaii (Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law scholarship).

holarship). John M. Hilinski-Uchima, 22, John M. Hilinaki-Uchima, 22, a biology major from San Diego State University attending UCSD School of Medicine, has combined scholarship, research and community involvement—shanks to his 15-year experience and discipline in karata of the Tang Sco school as a student and teacher. He samed the 1st-degree black belt in 1981, youngest recipient of this degree in the school's 28-year history. Among his collegiate honors and extracurricular highlights are: 1990 American Heart Association research fellowship, 1989-90 Dr. Myer biology scholarship, SDSU award for contribution to the advancement of science; SDSU student health advisory board of directors, assisting at the Alvarado Hospital 30 hours a week and as director of the student health information center last fall. His sim in medicine is research.

Jodi Anne L. Toguchi, 22, aspires to be an attorney in the growing Asian American-Pacific Island communities on the Mainland. Completing the first two years at the University of Hawaii and a summer at Wasseds studying Japanese, she graduated in Asian American studies at the University of Washington and is currently attending UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. Among the scholarship and was and and was active at the Atherton YMCA, Hosolulu, as founder of its Big Brotherring Sister program in the fall of 1987.

FOR THE RECORD: The JACL freshman award for Michael Kanda is named the Massez and Kunske is nam

Bush, Fujimori meet over U.S. aid

WASHINGTON—President
Bush has urged Congress to release a \$96 million U.S. aid package for President Fujimori's cropsubstitution plan to persuade
farmers to abandon coca leaf cultionation.

Soon after Fujimori was inau

gurated in June 1990, he did not sign the mili-tary & economic portion of a \$36 portion of a \$36 million package since there was no provision for crop substitu-tion Congress withheld an, earlier \$60 mil-



earlier \$60 mil. FUJIMOR!
lion economic aid for Peru ongrounds that the country's autherities were guilty of widespread
human rights violations.
You have made progress on
human rights, Bush told Fujimori
after their talk Tuesday (Sept. 17)
at the White House. Without this at the White House. Without this needed aid, cocaine traffic will con-tinue unabated, and violence abuses will increase unredressed." At the National Press Club the

At the National Press Club the next day, Pujimpri reminded that, "if we solve our problem, we will be helping you." While Peru pro-duces 60% of world's coca leaf, the source of cocaine, the United States consumes 80% of the world's cocaine, he noted. And the nearly \$100 million package is but one-

Fujimori subject of chapter talk

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GARDENA, Calif.—P.C.
senior seitor Harry Honda
will speak on "President
Fujimori of Peru after One
Year," at a joint South Eay,
Gardena Valley and Carson
JACL Chinase buffet luncheen on Saturday, Oct. 5,
12:30-3:39 p.m., at Nekaoka
Community Center, 1700 W.
182nd St. Joining him will
be Luis Yamakawa, longtime PANA advocate, active in
the Southern California Peruvian business and social
community. Honda and
Sanchez were both present
at Fujimori's inaugural last
year.

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Reservations are required by Sept. 30 through Ruth (213/328-6842), Agnes (213/ 599-2564) or Midori (213/

nth of 1% of what the U.S. spends

tenth of 1% of what the U.S. spends to fight drugs, he pointed out. Fujimori, who inspected the farms where coca is being grown in the two main areas, added that coca happens to be the only crop sold on the open free market, most of it grown on untitled land and

have1 progress on human rights. Without this needed aid, cocaine traffic will continue unabated, and violence abuses will increase unredressed.

-President George Bush

earning about \$400 per capita a year. If they can switch to pigs, wheat, chickens or some other cash crop, the 250,000 coca-growers would be earning much, much

"While spending the first year in office talking to the farmers to change their crops, I was also able togain their confidence, Fujimori continued, and at the same time received their assurances as well as from the 200 farming groups of their support. "They all want to grow legal crops, they want prop-erty rights and security from the terrorists," he said.

Aware of the red-tape, compli-cated Spanish customs and ad-ministrative laws in order to ex-port products, Fujimori said he wants to give property rights to the farmers who abandon coca crops, and cut down the paper-work as well.

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Short takes

CARTOON CORRECTED—
The editorial page cartoon on the Iran-Contra hearings and showing three senators hearing Col. Olile North, There seems to be a loose cannon...!" in the Indian politic Star July 11 depicts the physical appearance of Sen. Daniel Inouye, seen with both arms in place and hands on the table. Elbert L. Watson, publisher of the World Wor II Times, not only corrected the artist but cited Inouye's war record in his letter-to-the-editor appearing a week later. CARTOON CORRECTED

later.

PARADE ON TAPE—Videotapes, VHS format, of the 1991
Nisei Week Pestival parade in Los
Angeles are available at \$20, directly from Lou Remear, Continental Cablevision, 8057 Beverly
Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90048.
Kats Kunitaugu, JACCC executive secretary, and Phillip Barton,
NWF publicist, were the narrators.

tors.

COOL RECEPTION—Promoters of the Pearl Harbor symposium in Honolulu Dec. 6-12 featuring Japanese fighter pilots who flew in the 1941 attack said it is not selling well in Japan.

Gary Beito, executive director

of the Arisona Memorial Muse Association, a co-sponsor, who re-turned from Tokyo, added: "We tried to find people in Japan to sell it, but nobody would touch us."

MISSION—As part of the year-long ceremonies next year at UCLA Royce Hall remembering the 50th anniversary of WWII evacuation and interment, Sacra-mento undergraduate Eryn-Tsuboi has identified 175 evacuee Japanese American students and faculty from UCLA archives and she is attempting to locate them. —Min Tona of the Nisei Bruin Committee and other UCLA

Min Tonal of the Nisei Bruin Committee and other UCLA alumni are planning a Feb. 22 kickoff event. The UCLA Asian American Studies Center project is being directed by Professor Don Nakanishi and Genn Matsuda, 3232 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (213/825-2874). HISTORY REVISED—Newly declassified U.S. papers show President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles seriously considered pulling all U.S. military forces out of Japan in wake of the 1957 William S. Girard incident, according to Los

The case involved an American soldier in central Japan, annoyed by impoverished Japanese picking up empty shell casings from a firing reange that they might sell for scrap, accidentally shot and killed a fleeing Japanese woman picker. Despite the furor in Congress and U.S. veteran groups, Girard was tried in a Japanese court, convicted and given a three-court, convicted and given a three-

currary was tried in a Japanese court, convicted and given a three-year suspended sentence. The papers about the 1950s, which were declassified and pub-lished by government historians, also reveal how, off-base U.S. in-telligence was about the economic releases.

icture and potential of Japan. MENTAL AWARENESS MENTAL AWARENESS—
Among the 50 organizations ing
preater Los Angeles representing
psychiatrists, mental health professionals, hospitals and advocacy
groups promoting mental illness
awareness during October are
Asian Pacific Community Mental
Health Center, 3550 W. 6th St.,
Los Angeles 90020(213788-4205),
and some 20 Asian Pacific selfhelp clubs. Mental Illness Awareness Week is being observednationaly Oct. 6-12, through a
Congressional joint resolution
signed by President Bush.

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Agenda

Cleveland

Controversy over a 59-acre Golden Estate development in runswick, Ohio, srupted when oponents learned the developer as from Talwan and feared a concentrated population of Chi-

nt and Midwest District gover-r, noted the issue had been dis-seed at its board meeting in the of a May 18 article in the sin Dealer, which reported resi-

lar situations are bound to occur,"

Philadelphia

The 1991 graduates honored ecently at the Philadelphia JACL ecognitions dinner, emceed by leorge Ikeda at the Meiji-En res-

George Rieds at the meu-taurant were:
Joyce Mari Horikawa (Temple Law), Christian Rose Sepich (Drezsal University), Milton A. Snyder IV (Lehigh University), Carelyn Nancy Sute (University) of North Carolina), Hone Gespar (Friends Central), Jennifer Harada (Paul VI High), Kimi Kamihira (Bodine High). Dr. Matthew Hamabata, dean of Hawerfort College and Kausi-born author of the novel, Crested Kimono, was keynote speaker.

Mt. Olympus

scholarship award dinner June 7 at Salt Lake City's Pagoda Restaurant. The awardees were:
Thomas Akagi, Presidential Classroom; Robert Morishita, \$400; Patricia Yamamoto (Hillerest High), \$300; Jonathan Mano (Granite High), Yuri Takenaka Cottonwood High), and Hillery Mills (Hillerest High), \$200 sach.
Interviews showing slices of Japanese history in Utah and aired over radio KSL on the The Rising Sun in Utah's series for the America-Japan week celebration in May, were replayed by its producer, Tami Kikuchi-Nekamura of Radio KSL.

Florin

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Besides potatoes, pelicans abound in Idaho

ATCHING UP WITH THE MAIL Frank Wada of Pingree, Idaho, writes that his son Albert has started his writes that his son Albert has started his early potato harvest on 4,150 acres. Con-sidering that 640 acres make up one square mile, Albert's hired help will be digging up nearly six and a half square miles of southeastern Idaho farmland which is a staggering amount of real

Frank adds that fishing in his part of the state is miserable and has been get-ting worse since pelicans with a vora-cious appetite for trout moved up from Utah. He doesn't say whether fishing in Utah has improved.

Frank Iritani of Bakersfield sends along his "third and final" version of "Ten Vis-its," a labor of love. It's a slim guide, with commentary and maps, about the 10 wartime WRA detention camps and how

Although some of the locations are well-marked, others are difficult to find. For example, he discovered that the town of

Minidoka is about 60 miles east of the Minidoka is about 60 miles east of the WRA Minidoka camp in southern Idaho. The Gila River campeite is only a few miles outside Phoenix, Ariz, but Iritain had to drive over dirt roads, past a small white tank and a hay barn, then climb a knoll from which he could see "several cement alab foundations among the tall weeds and about a "

Strange indeed that some campaites are memorialized with impressive monuments—Manzanar, Rohwer, Heart Mountain, among others—while others are returning quietly to the desert.

There were some responses regarding a column written some months ago about "karaoke," a marvelous Japanese invention that enables ordinary folks fortified by a little beer to perform as singers. In reality it's an electronic device that plays tapes of background music. It is installed mostly in bars where patrons are encouraged to pickup a microphone and sing to the taped accompaniment. The name derives from kara." meaning sempto or non-existent. "a," meaning empty or non-existent,

"orchestra" as the Japanese pronounce it. S. Don Shimazu of Honolulu suggests an equally appropriate interpretation might be "empty orchestra," with the vocalist filling the emptiness.

Tak Kimura, also of Hor Tak Kimura, also of Honolulu, wrote me a moving account of how he screwed up enough nerve one day to enroll in a karaoke singing class and discovered that he wann't bad at all. He enjoyed the experience of performing so much that he has added a new dimension to his social life. I wish I could quote his letter at length, but alas, there just isn't enough space.

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Sylvis Kobayashi of Anchorage, who is undertaking research in anticipation of writing a book on Japanese immigrants and Japanese Americans in Alaska, reports she met Fran and Joe Kawashima in Petersburg recently, Sam and Jim Taguchi in Juneau, and in Ketchikan interviewed 84-year-old Mrs. Ohashi and George Tanino. She is interested in getting in touch with Nisei who served in the Aleutians during World War II. Can you help her?

AGENDA

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membership director. Chapter President Carol Hisatomi and luncheon chair Titus Hisatomi strended greetings. Stan Umeda, scholarship.chair, presented the swards to: Emily Lee (Elk Crove High), Wendy Murai (Kennady High), Hilary Uchida (Davis High), Russell Ouchida and Doug Sugimoto (both UC Berkeley).

The voter registration drive was launched at the Florin JACL community picnic held Sept. 7. Aware of the importance of voting power at the polls, the chapter has set a 100% voter registration goal of its membership, according to Mary Tsukamoto.

atin America

The third annual Latin America JACL
Piesta will feature music, dancing, displays
and fauthentic foods of Argentine, Brazil,
Mexico and Peru on Saturday, Oct. 19, 7:30
p.m., at Ken Neksoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd
St., Gardena, it was announced by chapter
president Larry Tokuyama (213738-1916).
The fleeta has become an evening attracting
Latin American Nikkei residents in the
Southland, students and JACLers who have
participated in Pan American Nikkei Association conventions. Tickets are \$20 pressle,
\$25 at the door, of Keiko Masumura, 15011
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San Mateo

Volunteers who staffed the JACL Community Center, Japanese Library, senior women's Ikoi no Tomo club, senior men's Kiraku Kai, Martin Luther King dining center, the center maintenance and newsletter maintenance and the Retired Senior Volunteers Program was guest speaker. Chapter president Steve Okamoto presented gifts and certificates of appreciation. Karyi Matsumoto, JACL Community Center Advisory Committee chair introduced the honorese. Dorothy Massuda and Jean Fujita are coordinators of the volunteer program.

Arizona

The Arizona Chapter JACL, and Arizona JACL, Inc., have been merged as the "JACL, Arizona Chapter," it was announced by chapter president Richard Matsuishi. The change eliminates a duplicity of efforts, facilitates operations and still retains the structural guidelines for which the previous two organizations had existed, it was explained.

On the calendar are the Chojukai bento bingo dinner Oct. 10 at the JaCL Hall (RSVP) Oct. 8 with Helen Tanita 602944-2050), chapter picnic Nov. 3, and series of important 1992 events: Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey) festivities Jan. 28-31 at Patriots Park; ORA redress workshop, Thursday, Jan. 30, 4-8 p.m., at the JACL Hall (subject to confirmation); the gala Gliendale city centennial parade on Saturday, Peb. 8; and Japan Week - Matsuri kickoff Feb. 22-23 at Heritage Square.

Sonoma County

Fall calendar, which began with the anti-Asian hate crimes workshop Sept. 14 at Emmanji Hall, continues with the annual keint Kai event in honor of seniors in October, the traditional sushi night in November and mochiteuk in December. "These cultural and social events are excellent ways to introduce potential members to our community." re-minded Carol Kawase, chapter president.

Community

State Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly and Nisei pioneer Henry Takets will be honored for their leadership and contribution to the Sacramento Asian community at the Secramento Asian Community Center fund-raising dinner Oct. 19, 6:30 - 9 p.m., at Lincoln Plaza Arium at 4th and P Streets.

As in the past, food selections, wine and soft drinks are contributed from a host of Japanese and Chinese restaurants and generous individuals. Proceeds go to the Asian Community Nursing Home. Co-cheirs are Toko Fujii, Pegry Lim and Nancy Alaphori. Tickets are \$50 (916) 393-9025).

◆ The 36th anniversary party of the Go Gate Optimists Club will be held on 8 day, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m., at Miyako Hotel Francisco. George Scalida's Sentimental ney quartet will entertain with Larry C the prewar Forbidden City singer who a la Crosby and Joan Tilson as vocalists. R Tats Ogawa (415/388-4110) or Tak Mai (415/931-5829).

Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

A thing about English in katakana

The Japanese have a thing about English. How big a thing? Judge for

Every year, tens of thousands of Japa-ness students come to the U.S. expressly to study conversational English at first

to study conversational English at first hand.

Teaching English is a multi-billion yen industry in Japan, comprising private tutoring in the teachers' homes to nationally franchised jukus. Tens of thousands of people make their livelihood at it.

Except in English-speaking countries, English studies have reached the highest academic level in the world in Japan. Staggering numbers and quantities of books, dictionaries, periodicals and other paperssuch as noother country can match pour out from Japan's presses. No other nation spends as much money, time, energy and resources as the Japanese for the acquisition of skills in English.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said—on what occasion, and apropos of what have slipped my memory. 'Of all personal attainments none can match for

ostentation value the ability to speak for-eign languages." Since for a great majority of Japanese conversing with an English-man or an American in English is an unlikely happening, I propose a corollary to Roosevelt's wise observation: There is con-siderable estentation value in the ability to

siderable ostentation value in the ability to toss off foreign words and expressions, in this instance English.

And the intellectual climate of Japan seems ideal to induje in the self-satisfaction of using English words and phrases in appropriate contexts. Practically everybody goes to middle and high schools in Japan, and is put through 6 years of compulsory English. There are very few Japanese who do not have at least a smattering of English. It is a point of self-respect for them to recognize the English words and phrases they encounted in their daily lives, though these are mostly in the form of katakana ese are mostly in the form of katak

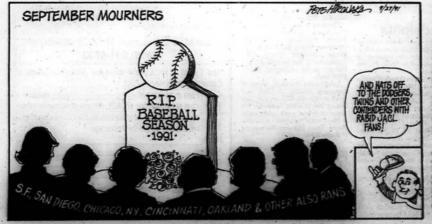
English.

In view of the widely reputed, and often demonstrated ineptness of a great majority of Japanese in handling English the national hang-up on English words is quite

puzzling. There is a possible explanation for this seeming contradiction. I hope to come to it later. Here let me connentrate on the hotokana English phenomenon which indeed is the most conspicuous feature of the Japanese language today. Katakana English words are the Japanese versions of English terms expressed in hatakana. Pronounced with Japanese intonations, and given hatakana notations which not infrequently suggest the original terms infrequently suggest the original terms. infrequently suggest the original terms have been mispronounced, they stand out in conversation or in print. There are so many that they often give the appearance of overrunning Japanese. And in many

many that have of overrunning Japanese. And have a reas it is true. In the 1974 best seller sci-fi The Sinking of Japan by Komatsu Sakyo, (There's an English translation, and it is worth reading.) I counted about 450 separate kana words, aside from the geophysical, seismological terms. Actual count of kana words may exceed a thousand. Most of these are basic, common nouns, adjective-adverbs, and simple verbs, with perfectly usable

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Obituaries

Adachi, Katsuhiko, 86, San Fran-isco, Sept. 10; Tottori-born, survived y wife Hideko, sons Masahiko, Dr toy, daughter Kimiko Uchara, sis-rra-in-law Mariko-Hayashi, Katsuko hikawa, grandchildren

Ishikawa, grandchildren.
Asayama, Misso, 92, Gardena.
Aug. 31; Kumamoto-born naturalized
U.S. citizen, survived by U.S. citizen, survived by sons Noboru. Minoru, Mitsuo, daughters Heier Yukiko Yamamoto, Haruko Morimoto, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren,

dren.

Kodama, Pujie, 86, San Prancisco,
Sept. 8; Hiroshima-born, survived by
daughter Takako Yue, 2 grandchildren, 1 grandchild.
Kene, Torsko, 88, Los Angeles,
Aug. 29; Hiroshima-born naturalized
U.S. citizen, survived by son Jim,
daughters Shinoye Akutagawa,
Naoko, Emiko, June, 8 grandchildren,
10 great-grandchildren, daughter-inlew Toni Kono.

Nasza, szm. v. une, e grandeniaren, 10 grast-grandehildren, daughter-in-law Toni Kono. Koyama, Misae, 96, Osaka-born naturalizad U.S. citizen, survived by son Albert Toshio, daughter Yoshiko Sugano, 2 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren.

randchildren. Kunihiro, Fred M. 74, La Crescenta, Aug. 30; Oakland-born, urvived by son George (New York), laughter Shoko Sakanaka, grandchil-

survived by son Leorge (twee Lorn, daughter Shoko Sakanaka, grandchildren, sister Maya.

Kusuno, Fred, Honolulu, Aug. 15;
Hawaii-born 100th Bn. veteran and Denverite, survived by wife Sumako, brother-in-law Raymond Handa.

MacInnie, Hon. Grace, 85, Sechelt, B.C., July 12; born in Winninge, married in 1932, British Columbia's first woman member of parliament, and with her late husband Angus (who died in 1964) speke against government treatment of Japanese Canadians during WWII, strong public supporter in the 1980s of Japanese Canadian redress despite failing health, participated in the Sept. 28, 1988, celebration of redress settlement;

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Maseda, Kazuo, 72, Sunnyvale, Aug. 20; Freson-born, survived by wife Grace, son Wayne, daughter Lolly, 4 grandchildren, daughter-in-law Brenda Maeda, brother Minoru.

Matsumoto, Maryann, 63, Hayward, Aug. 7; Concord-born, survived by husband Susumu, son Keith, daughters Janet Pace, Linda Loucks, Terry, Christines Schindler, mother Ho Harry, Christine Schindler, mother Ho Harry, Christine Schindler, mother Ho Harry, Christines Administry, Sato, Vivian Herzh, Jackie Harz, sisters Rose Nakamura, Betty Sato, Vivian Herzh, Jackie Harz, Matsumina, Lasmu, Gardena, Aug. 12 (tunera), longtime Gardena realior, survived by wife Sumie, sons Gunn, D. R. Robert, daughter Julie More, William attest Haubs Peril, sisters-in-law Gladys Tanamachi, Martha Kawada, Kimi Nakaoka, Matsuura, Stanley, Honolulu, April 14 of lung cancer, Hawaii-born dental technician in New York and San Francisco (1966: 1985), survived by wife Jean Seiki, daughters Carolyn Hosoda (San Francisco), Jane Matsuura-Rogers (Milliani Town, Oahu), 5 grandchildren.

Surloke, Kimiko, 67, Loe Ance-

Sugioka, Kimiko, 67, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Paul, sons Gregory, Leslie (San Diego), daughter Linda O'Claray, 7 grandchildren, mother Seki Nakai (Hawaii), brothers Fukuo, James, sisters Tomiko Yoshimura, Tokuko Tagami, Pujiko Dochin, Elaine Sensui (ali o'Hawaii).
Takahash, Setsu, 91, Torrance, Aug. 10; Ehime-born, survived by daughters Mary Ogawa, Pauline Hayakawa, Lilyan Hirohama, 9grandchildren, great-grandson, sisters

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Sejo, Michael, sister Frances Fujii.
Takagyama, Taka, 88, Los Angeles, Aug. 28; Ibaraki-born Japanese school teacher at Compton Gakuen, survived by son Bill, daughtera Ayase Rodriguer, Marie Sakatani, 6 grand-children, 2 great-grandchildren, consin-law Haguo Tojyo, James Akata (Hawaii).

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Les Angeles, Aug. 29, Okinawa-born pioneer, naturalised U.S. citizen, survived by son Ray, Roger, Ganghier Grand and Company of the Company of the

Funahashi (Hanford).

Tanaka, Larry M. 67, Sacramento, Aug. 31; survived by wife Emiko, brother, and the control of the contro

sister Toshie Hotale:

Tanaka, Tsuruko, 78, Morgan
Hill, July 26; Watsonville-born, sur-viwed by husband Takee, sons Kenny,
Mamoru Ichisaka, I grandchild, broth-ers Sawae Ichisaka (Jpn), Roy Ichisaka, sister Yaeko Yamaguchi.

Taniguchi, Rito, 94, Torrance, ug. 3; Shiruoka-born, survived by aughters Ruli Higashi, Toyo Yano, 6 randchildren.

Tanji, Sue, 81, Montebello, Aug. 9; Yokohama-born, survived by

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Tawa, Moto, 78, San Pedro, July 26; Okayama-bara naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Yuriko, sons Michael, Glenn, 6 grandchildren, brothers Tsunco, Mas, sister Haruko.

daughters Shinobu Inouye, Marumi, Sayaka Ogg, Megumi Tanji Nakajima, 5 grandchildren, sister-in-law Tetsu

Yakura, Riki, 87, Gardena, Aug. 19; Totteri-born, survived by sons Kaoru, Kiyoshi, daughters Ritsu Yakura, Sumiko Kimura, Mitsuko Nakashima, Keiko Sumida, 17 grand-children, 10 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters (Jpn.)

Yamakawa, Harue, 71, Reedley, ug. 20; Fresno-born, survived by usband Takeo, sons Ray, Jimmy, onald, Gary, grandchildren, broth-rs Hideo, Ben and Jitsuo Imada.

Yamamoto, Lawrence Mineo, 84. Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Wailus-born, survived by wife Grace, son Don, daughters Irene, Ellen Mirota, 6 grandchildren, brother Osame

Yamasaki, Fumbye, 73, Alameda, July 26; Oakiand-born, survived by husband Satoru, sons Minoru, Stephen, Gerald, Gene, daughter Karen.

Naren.

Yanagitsubo, Katsutoshi, 70,
Richmond, Aug. 10; Honolulu-born,
survived by wife Masako, son James,
daughter Boninie Amy, brother
Toshimi (Jpn), sisters Hisako Okuda,
Ruiko Ogawa, Kazuko Yamamoto (ali
in Jpn).

Yasuda, Bruce Akiye, 95, Monterey Park, Aug. 6; Pukushima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughter Yae Yasuda, 4 grandchil-dren (all in Japan).

Yasuhiro, Tamotsu, 72, Los Angeles, Aug. 9; Brighton, Colo-born WWII weteran, memberol/Al Malsikah, Shrine Temple and Royal Order of Jesters, survived by wife Lucy, brothers James Y (El Cerrito), George M, sisters Hatsuko Tsuda (San Matso), Ruby Kawada (Honolulu).

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Japanese equivalents. Yet such is the people's addiction to English that about 300 of them have per-manently, or nearly displaced manently, or nearly displaced their Japanese counterparts. The following are a few of them picked at random from a few pages of a magazine: manner; center; unique; note; illustration; case; file; point; system; plan; copy; off record; sex; group; loan, etc.

MOTHER NATURE'S GRAPH-ICS, and THIS IS JAPAN, are titles of a big monthly magazine's special issues, and they are in

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English, but they are for Japa-nese readers; ZA ENTERTAIN-MENT (In kano, ZA is the kana notation for THE.) is the name of notation for THE.) is the name of an annual anthology of literary odds and ends, for Japanese read-ers. A newly published dictionary of the national language (Kokugo Jiten) is named Daily Concise, in English. Many new products have katakana English names. Of the many newly changed names, of many newly changed names of business and industrial firms, 44% are in katakana English.

The Japanese fixation on En-The Japanese fixation on En-glish is creating problems. But most critics seem to view them from the perspective of the num-ber of the English words which are inundating Japan. As far as I can ascertain, little is being said about the more basic aspects of the phenomenon: What are the effects of the English invasion? What is happening to the Japa-nese language? And in the first place why the national fixation?

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Cleveland

Controversy over a 59-acre "Golden Estate" development in-Brunswick, Ohio, erupted when opponents learned the developer was from Taiwan and feared a

"concentrated population of Chi-hese immigrants."
Henry Tanaka, chapter presi-dent and Midwest District gover-nor, noted the issue had been dis-cussed at its board meeting in wake of a May 18 article in the Plain Dealer, which reported resi-dents in opposition had threat-ened a referendum to the council action approving the development. This case is but one illustra-tion of the need for our chapter to

tion of the need for our chapter to be constantly sensitive and alert be constantly sensitive and alert to potentially discriminatory

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actions," Tanaka said.

"Asian Americans in our com-munity have become more visible numerically and play key roles in the development of our commu-nity in the financial, social, edu-cation and economical arena. Simi-lar situations are bound to occur," he warned

Seattle

A Seattle JACL six week pre-retirement workshop for the Nikkei community, which was hailed a success, featured expert hailed a success, featured expert guest speakers, exercises, discus-sions, and workbooks prepared by the American Association of Re-tired Persons. Persons interested in joining the chapter aging and retirement committee should call Misako St. Germain, Seattle JACI, 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle, WA. 98144

WA, 98144.
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Fresno

"Soiree," a poetry-reading mu-sical benefit, sponsored by the chapter Aug. 2 at Newman Center for the Central Caffornia Nikkei Foundation, was well-attended as the organizers estimated son

HEART-

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in Powell, and the story of his family being uprooted from their San Gabriel farm in 1942. "My parents lost everything," he ex-

monument erected by the Legion in 1963 doesn't tell the internee's side ... (though) it was done with the best of intentions and to the

best of their abilities."

Reetz said: "We've found there were differences of opinion, but I felt there was a real commitment towards working for the historical preservation of the site" and appreciated Sakatani's perspective. "No one else could have done that, only a person who lived them. He only a person who lived there. He

\$700 had been raised.

Dr. Lewson Inada, professor of English and poetry at Southern Oregon State College, clarinetist Miles Ishigaki and program chair Elisa Kamimoto were applauded for their feature roles.

Others on the credit list were Virginia Houser and Patricia Watson who performed Mozart's Clarinet Trio with Miles; the trio collaborating with Lawson in a suite of Japanese folksongs and improvisations about Fresno.

started us thinking of the con-tinuum of history and to sensitize us to his feelings. For that reason, the comments were helpful. It point to the fact that we need to make sure that the former intern-ees are involved.

[Tribune writer Hassler notes: Those who live in the shadow of Heart Mountain look to it as a source of comfort and inspiration, and when they return from a jour-ney it's common to hear them ney it's common to hear them speak affectionately of the land-mark. For the more than 11,000 people who were interned in the "relocation" camp at the foot of Heart Mountain during the Sec-ond World War, the landmark is no less significant."]

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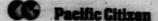
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