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Yonsei to run for Congress

CHICAGO—Businessman Glenn Sugiyama, announcing his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in Illinois 9th District for the March 17 Democratic primary, said, "I am a businessman, not a politician and I'm running for Congress to get this nation back on track by investing in America."

Sugiyama, a 33-year-old Yonsei, is the first Japanese American in Illinois to run for Congress. The Chicago native and lifelong resident of the ninth district formally entered the race before a gathering of supporters at campaign headquarters. A successful entrepreneur, he is the founder of Glenn's Steakhouse, a chain of seven restaurants located throughout Chicago, and is a member of the board of directors for the Chicago Bulls. His appointment in 1985 made Sugiyama one of the youngest persons ever to serve on the board of a professional sports team.



GLENN SUGIYAMA

Sugiyama received a graduate degree in Social Science Education from Eastern Michigan University in 1982 where he also worked as an assistant coach for the men's basketball team. He and his wife, Patti, have a daughter, Nicole, who is four years old and a son Tyler, one. Using his business experience, Sugiyama said he would make the tough decisions and "cut massive government waste, cut an excessive defense budget, and provide tax relief for the middle class. With the money saved, I would invest it in industries that create jobs, better schools for our children and national health insurance for all of us."

"The American dream is slipping from our reach. It's slipping from those who work just as hard as the generation that came before, but see themselves falling further and further behind," said Sugiyama.

Hate crimes

Assault on woman mistaken for Korean called race crime

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

COMPTON, Calif.—In testimony given Dec. 20 at the preliminary hearing of Kenneth Sadberry, 20, accused of beating a Thai woman mistaken for Korean on Dec. 4, a Compton police officer, Dwayne Bookman, revealed statements made by Sadberry indicating that the incident was a racially motivated crime.

"He said several things. One, he said he hated Koreans," said Bookman during direct examination by David Conn, deputy district attorney. Bookman was taking Sadberry to the Compton police station after responding to a call of a traffic accident with shots fired. Sadberry made the comments while he and Bookman were in a patrol car travelling southbound on Wilmington towards Compton Boulevard.

Sadberry is charged with hate crimes as well as (See ASSAULT/ page 2)

Two couples assaulted

MODESTO, Calif.—An Asian American couple with a baby in a stroller and an African American couple who were walking out of the Vintage Faire shopping center together were assaulted Jan. 11 in what Modesto police are calling a hate crime.

According to the Modesto Bee, the two couples were walking to their car at 7:35 p.m. when they were approached by a group of five 18-year-old men shouting racial epithets. When the two males left their companions and walked over to the group of men, they were jumped.

According to police reports, one of the assailants is accused of grabbing the stroller and tipping it over, throwing the 6-month-old baby to the ground. The baby was treated at the scene by paramedics for a bump on the head. The assailants were also alleged to have smashed the rear window of one of the victims' car with a tire iron and taking the purse of one of the women before fleeing.

All five men and a 17-year-old girl, who was also at the incident, were arrested and charged with assault, robbery and Section 422.6—interference with the exercise of civil rights. Arrested were: Jason Hager, 18; Gabriel Ortega, 18; Chris Pena, 18; Shawn Yorton, 18; the 17-year-old girl, all from Modesto; and Bobby McGrew, 18, of Norwalk.

College drops samurai mascot

SHORELINE, Wash.—For 26 years, the mascot of the Shoreline Community College (SCC) has been the samurai. But students at the college recently decided to get rid of the mascot that some deemed offensive.

Speaking to a local Washington paper, Ron Bell, president of Shoreline Community College, said, "I believe in tradition, but if something's hurtful to a particular class of people, then we've got to pay attention."

The caricature of the samurai is of a sword-wielding warrior wearing geta with hairy legs. As an alternative, the student body were scheduled to vote on one of three finalists among the replacement mascot names: Dolphins, Sea Lions, and Tsunamis, on Nov. 25 and 26. These names were selected by a number of groups including the student senate, SCC's executive board, the vice presidents of academic affairs and student services, and a classified staff representative.

Because of the complaints the samurai symbol has been removed from school notebook designs, and last year, the faculty newsletter called *Samurai Soundings* dropped samurai from its name. Five years earlier, the samurai symbol had been dropped from the school's sports team.

Mike Orders, chairman of the committee pushing for the name change, called the mascot, "basically rude." "He had hairy little legs and looked really silly," said Orders.

VA cuts benefits of some JA vets

SAN FRANCISCO—Several Japanese American veterans have reported to the JACL recently that their pension benefits were terminated by the Veterans Administration because they reported receiving redress payments.

"The fact that several veterans have already had their benefits terminated is disturbing," said Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director.

Currently, the JACL is appealing the case of one such veteran who received notice that the Department of Veterans Affairs had decided to terminate his pension payments. The department cited that the \$20,000 redress payment is counted as income and therefore exceeds the maximum income limitation set by law. Veterans are given the option of appealing the decision or reapplying after a period of one year.

Redress payments are clearly exempted as income for determining eligibility for programs like veterans benefits by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. In Section 105 (f)(2) of the act it states, "(2) shall not be included as income or resources for purposes of determining eligibility to receive benefits described in section 3803(c)(2)(C) of title 31, United States Code, or the amount of such benefits."

"The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) is aware of this situation and is seeking a clarification from the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. However, there is a sense of urgency in immediately appealing these cases because many veterans depend on these pensions," said Hayashi.

Hayashi also expressed concern of the possibility that other veterans may have also lost their benefits, but did not question the action.

If you are a veteran and have received a similar letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs, or know of someone who has, contact Joy Morimoto at National JACL Headquarters, 415/921-5225. Veterans are also encouraged to call JACL regional offices in their areas.

Matsui protests in writing to VA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Protesting reports of the termination of veterans benefits to Japanese Americans who are redress recipients, Rep. Robert Matsui sent a letter to Veterans Administration Secretary Edward J. Derwinski on Jan. 9.

"This is just an outrage," said Rep. Matsui. "When we drafted the redress legislation in 1988, it was with a very clear intent that these payments were to have no effect over the receipt of other forms of federal assistance. The denial of VA benefits to former internees not only breaches the intent of the law, but also cheapens the redress apology and accompanying payment for Japanese American veterans. I have a great deal of respect for Secretary Derwinski and I certainly hope that he will take immediate steps to correct this injustice."

Matsui took the action after two redress recipients complained that their veterans pensions had been terminated.

"The letter and the spirit of the law is behind us on this one," said Matsui. "If a lawsuit becomes necessary, I am confident that we would prevail. I am hopeful, however that this decision can be reversed administratively."

"It is ironic that Japanese Americans who served their country in combat and were incarcerated in internment camps by the government should be made to suffer again by the unwarranted action of terminating their veteran's benefits," said Matsui.

More redress payments anticipated

WASHINGTON, D.C.—More Japanese Americans than originally expected will receive their redress payments during the next round to be released in late January according to the Department of Justice and the Office of Redress Administration (ORA).

From the original Dec. 31, 1927 date, the ORA has extended the payment group to eligible Japanese Americans born through May 31, 1928. The reason for the extension is that funds set aside during the second payments which went out in October, 1991 for a reserve group which accommodates new cases and cases not yet verified, had not been fully utilized.

"The setting aside of a reserve group is crucial for each payment group. This prepares us to pay more eligible individuals if they are located by ORA or contact us for

the first time," said Robert K. Bratt, administrator of ORA.

"This year we didn't use the entire reserve fund and we can use the reserve money to pay some recipients who weren't scheduled for payment until October, 1992, a full 10 months ahead of schedule," said Bratt.

If you were born through May 31, 1928 and have as yet not heard from ORA, you should contact ORA immediately. Information: 1/800/395-4672 or 1/800/727-1888 for hearing impaired. The help line operates Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. eastern standard time.

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Sansei named deputy police chief

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Tom Shigemasa, 46, was recently promoted from captain to deputy police chief, in charge of the bureau of administration.

The appointment became effective Jan. 5.

Shigemasa was one of the top candidates vying for the police chief position which

was won by Louis Cobarruvias, who in turn appointed Shigemasa to his new duties.

The Hawaiian-born Sansei is believed to be the first Asian American named to a deputy police chief position.

He just completed two terms as San Jose Chapter, JACL, president and is currently the chapter delegate to the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council and is its civil rights committee

SHIGEMASA

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Calendar

California

San Francisco Area

Sunday, Feb. 2—Nisei Widowed Group monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. Information: Elsie Uyda Chung, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriaki, 510/482-3280.

Saturday, Feb. 29—Crab and Spaghetti feast, Sequoia Chapter, JACL, 510 8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Hall Gym, 2751 Louis Road, Pal Alto. Donation: \$14. Information: Tats Hori, 415/948-6575; Al Nakai, 415/322-6125; Aki Yamamoto, 415/965-0671.

Feb. 1-8, 1992—Asian Skiers Intl. Assn.'s 5th biennial Asian Ski Week at Sun Valley Idaho. Information: Asian Skiers Intl. Assn., P.O. Box 30155, Oakland, CA. 94605 or 1/800/283-2337 voice mail #08941.

Saturday, Feb. 15—Day of Remembrance, sponsored by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, 2-4 p.m., Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco. Speakers: Rep. Norm Mineta, OFA official; entertainment, exhibits. Information: 415/922-1534.

Aug. 3-8, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003. San Francisco area

San Jose

Saturday, Jan. 18—West Valley Chapter, JACL, installation dinner, Saratoga Foothill Club, 20399 Park Place, Saratoga, 6 p.m., hospitality hour, 6-30 p.m., buffet dinner. Speaker: Dr. Harry Kano, professor of sociology, UCLA. Information: Brett Uchiyama, 408/997-0552, or Doris Kasahara, 408/374-6855.

Saturday, Jan. 25—Japanese American Resource Center, "FDR's EO 9066 Remembered: The Story of the 522 Artillery of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as Unlike Liberators of German Holocaust Survivors," 640 North Fifth St., San Jose. Information: Judy Niizawa or Rudy Tokiwa, 408/733-7692.

Fresno

July 31-Aug. 2, 1992—50th Anniversary Canal Camp Reunion, Fresno, Calif. Information: James Yamamoto: 2253 S. Temperance, Fresno. 93725, 209/264-7924 or Yo Misaki, 81228 S. Bethel, Selma, Ca. 93662, 209/896-2605.

Los Angeles

Sunday, Feb. 9—The West L.A. Japanese American Community Center and Senior Citizens will be holding their 1992 New Year's and Seniors Recognition Party from 2 pm at Japanese Institute of Sawtelle. Donations \$15 per person. Seniors who will be 80 years old or over in 1992 will be honored. Information and reservations: Kobashigawa 310/826-8915. Takayama 310/479-1150. Deadline is Feb. 3 (Monday)

Saturday, Feb. 8—Visions for Keiro Mardi Gras '92, 6 p.m., Sheraton Grande Hotel, 333 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles. Featuring music of June Kuramoto, Mariko Nishizu, Howie Hyoshida. Tickets: \$50. Information: Margaret Endo, 213/263-5693.

Saturday, Feb. 29—Installation dinner, Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Torrance Gateway. Reservations: 310/326-0608.

Sacramento

Saturday, Feb. 22—9th Annual Crab Feed, 7235 Pritchard Road, Florin Y.S.A. Hall, \$20 per person, cocktails, 5 p.m. Information: 916/383-1831.

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.

JACL Installations

Carson: Saturday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. Del Conte's, 2900 Pacific Coast Hwy, Torrance; Reservations: Carol Ann Mori (310/834-3663).

Contra Costa: Saturday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., Emeryville Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell St.; Vudoc Vuong, executive director, Center for

Southeast Asian Refugees and Resettlement, speaker: 1992 president—Joanne Mukai.

Las Vegas: Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m., China Star, 3582 S. Maryland Pkwy. 1992 president—George Goto.

Marysville: Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m., Peach Tree Country Club; Stuart Sato, KTVU (10) sportscaster, and Jerry Enomoto, speakers.

Philadelphia: Saturday, March 28, 6 p.m., Cherry Hill Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J. (Follows the Eastern District Council session.)

San Jose: Friday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m., Three Flames Restaurant; Cressy Nakagawa, National JACL president, speaker. 1992 president—Tom Nishisaka. Reservation deadline Jan. 20 (408/295-1250) with three entries selections available.

Seattle: Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m., Doubletree Suites Hotel, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy.; Cressy Nakagawa, speaker; theme: Honoring Our Veterans. Reservations Ayako Hurd (527-1464) or Takako Yoda (722-6547).

Wisconsin: Sunday, Feb. 9, 3 p.m., Country Gardens, 911 W. Layton, Milwaukee; Judge Lynne Kawamoto, associate judge Cook County, Illinois, speaker; Reservations by Feb. 2 (774-5687 or 423-1408).

Reminders

● Annual Lunar New Year banquet, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Thursday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m. cocktails. Tickets: \$75 for members, \$125, \$250, \$350. Information: 212/226-1066.

● Exhibits commemorating 50-year anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066, and Manzanar photographs by Ansel Adams. Saturday, Feb. 15, through Sunday, March 1, UCLA's Wight Art Gallery, Los Angeles. Hours: Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. Information: 310/825-9345.

● Day of Remembrance, 50-year anniversary of Executive Order 9066 sponsored by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of N. California, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco. Keynote address: Rep. Norm Mineta, plus Office of Redress Administration speaker. Entertainment and exhibits featured. Information: 415/922-1534.

● Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education conference, Thursday, Feb. 27, through Saturday, Feb. 29, Sheraton Los Angeles Airport Hotel (pre-conference workshop, Wednesday, Feb. 26) Theme: "Strengthening Our Voice." Dinner-recognition ceremony, Friday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m., honoring California's six Asian Pacific American chancellors and presidents: Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, University of California, Berkeley; President Bob Suzuki, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Chancellor Ronald Kong, San Jose-Evergreen Community College District; President Jack Fujimoto, Los Angeles Mission College; President Stan Chin, Los Medanos College; President Evelyn Wong, West Los Angeles College. Workshops featured. Information: 714/564-6141.

● Homecoming '92, National Association of Japanese Canadians, Oct. 9-11, 1992, Hotel Vancouver, 900 West Georgia St., Vancouver, British Columbia. Early registration fee: \$120 until May 31; after, \$145. Information: Tatsuo Kage, 604/681-5222.

ASSAULT

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assault with a deadly weapon, attempted robbery and auto theft. Sadberry and Lewis Harris are accused of approaching a car driven by a Thai woman in Compton at 10:45 am and smashing the window of the driver's side with an aluminum baseball bat. The two men then allegedly took

the woman out of her car and attempted to take the vehicle. The 36-year old victim suffered lacerations to the face because of shattered glass.

According to the officer's testimony, Sadberry was upset over Judge Joyce Karlin's sentencing of Korean merchant Soon Ja Du in the killing of 15-year-old Latasha Harris. "He said it was f--- up that the sister got five years. I mean, that they gave the Korean five years for killing the sister," said Bookman.

Sadberry, who also indicated that he was a member of 112th Street, a Crip gang, has a record of six previous arrests from 1989 to 1991 including four outstanding failures to appear in court, grand theft auto, exhibiting a loaded firearm, and driving without a license.

In cross examination by Eleanor Schreier, deputy public defender, officer Bookman reiterated the animosity Sadberry expressed towards Koreans. "He said a whole lot of stuff. He was talking about, he should have took the Korean out while he had the chance," said Bookman.

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By PATTI ADACHI

One hundred and seventy people gathered to honor Bill Yoshino, outgoing JACL national director, and Alice Esaki, retiring administrative assistant for the office of the Midwest regional director. The two were honored at the Chicago Chapter JACL's annual inaugural dinner dance, held in December in Northbrook, Ill. Among those who came to honor Bill and Alice were JACL national President Cressey Nakagawa, past-MDC Gov. Hank Tanaka, and Al Hida, president of the Wisconsin Chapter, JACL.

Among Bill's contributions to the JACL were the establishment of a full-time lobbyist and assistant based in JACL's Washington, D.C. office, making the organization more visible and active in the national political arena; and the holding of the first national JACL youth convention.

Formerly a high school English teacher, Bill first became involved in JACL in 1974 as chair of the Chicago Chapter Scholarship Committee. He went on to become Midwest regional director, a position he has held for the past 13 years, and which he continued to hold while serving as national director.

In Illinois, Bill has helped develop Asian American advisory boards and organizations. He helped set up the first Asian American Advisory Council to the Governor in 1983 and served as its chairman in 1985. He 1988 he was appointed to the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Committee, and in 1988, he served on the Chicago Commission on Asian American Affairs. Most recently, he was appointed to serve on the



HONOREES—Bill Yoshino and Alice Esaki were recently honored for their JACL accomplishments.

Asian American Advisory Council to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

Bill will now resume full-time duties as Midwest regional director and full-time residence in Chicago with his wife Carol, who is a member of the Chicago Chapter board and chapter membership chairwoman.

Alice has been a community activist since the mid-1950s when she became actively involved in her children's schools. A visit to relatives in California, where she first saw bilingual programs, led to her helping set up and coordinate the first bilingual classes in

Illinois. Her contributions to the pan-Asian American community in Chicago includes helping set up the Pacific Asian Mental Health Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, chairing the Midwest Asians for Unity, serving on the boards of the Japanese American Service Committee and the Chicago Chapter JACL, and serving on the national JACL Aging and Retirement Committee. She also served on Mayor Washington's Education Task Force to set up an alternative high school for Southeast Asian at-risk students.

1991 Civil Rights Act restores employee rights

By ALAN KATO

After two years of wrangling between Congress and the President, the Civil Rights Act of 1991 was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Bush. The Act makes significant changes in federal civil rights law, reversing several Supreme Court decisions unfavorable to employees, and providing for compensatory (including emotional distress) and punitive damages and jury trials in cases of intentional sex, religion, or handicap discrimination. (Such damages were already available in cases of race and national origin discrimination under the Civil Rights Act of 1866.)

However, the new Act limits the amount of compensatory and punitive damage awards to \$50,000 for employers of up to 100 employees, \$100,000 for employers of 101-200 employees, \$200,000 for employers of 201-500 employees, and \$300,000 for employers of 501+ employees. This aspect of the legislation is of less significance to California employees who may already obtain jury trials and unlimited compensatory and punitive damage awards under the state Fair Employment and Housing Act.

More importantly for California employees, in disparate impact (i.e. nonintentional discrimination) cases, the Act overrules the unfavorable burdens of proof and definition of "business necessity" established in *Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Antonio* (1989). As a result, once a plaintiff established that a particular employment practice (for e.g. a written examination) has a disparate impact on minority applicants or employees, the employer must now prove that the challenged practice is job-related and necessary. Ironically, the law specially exempts Wards Cove Packing Company

from such lawsuits. The Alaska company's legislators persuaded Congress that it should not have to relitigate the case.

The Act also overturns *Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins* (1989) in which the Supreme Court held that although plaintiff had shown that sex was a prohibited factor in denying her a promotion, the employer could still avoid liability by showing that the same decision would have been made based on other legitimate business reasons (referred to as the "mixed motive" defense). The Act now prohibits discrimination "even though other factors also motivated the practice."

In addition, the Act reverses *Lorance v. A.T. & T.* (1989) in which the Supreme Court held that the statute of limitations to challenge a discriminatory seniority system begins to run when the system is first adopted, even if the employee was not yet an employee at the time. The Act provides that the limitations period on such a claim begins when the system first affects the employee.

Further, the Act overturns *Martin v. Wilks* (1989) where the Supreme Court allowed nonparties to challenge consent decrees years after the consent decree was approved. The Act prohibits suits by such persons who had actual notice of the proposed consent decree, reasonable efforts were made to give them notice, or their interests were adequately represented by others.

Moreover, the Act overrules *Patterson v. McLean Credit Union* (1989) in which the Supreme Court limited section 181 of the 1866 Civil Rights Act to claims of racial discrimination in the formation and enforcement of contracts. The Act expands the scope of section 181 claims to cover racial harassment, as well as discrimi-

nation in hiring, promotion, dismissal and all other terms and conditions of employment.

Finally, miscellaneous provisions of the Act provide that in handicap discrimination claims, businesses which make a good faith effort to reasonably accommodate the disabled person are protected from damage awards, even if a court later rules that they failed to provide reasonable accommodation. With respect to employment aptitude tests, the Act prohibits the adjustment or "norming" of test scores by racial or other groupings. It also prohibits discrimination against a U.S. citizen working in a foreign country for a U.S. employer. In addition, the prevailing party in court litigation may now recover expert witness fees. It should be noted that the Act is prospective only and not applicable to conduct occurring before its enactment.

It remains to be seen how the Act will fully impact employees and their employers. To prepare for an expected increase in discrimination claims, employers may increasingly use employee arbitration agreements covering discrimination claims in order to avoid court litigation. Arbitrators are considered less likely to award large damage awards than juries. Also, employers now face a more difficult challenge in defending disparate impact cases, which are often large, expensive class-action lawsuits. Accordingly, employers will more likely review their hiring and promotion practices to determine whether such practices are job related and necessary.

Alan Kato, attorney for JACL, is with the firm of Schachter, Kristoff, Orenstein & Berkowitz of San Francisco.

As the 50th Anniversary of the Japanese American Internment approaches, the 50 Year Remembrance planning committee continues to seek tax deductible donations to sponsor the Day of Remembrance which will take place on Feb. 15, 1992.

The Day of Remembrance involves a series of events that address significant issues pertaining to the internment experience and the fight for redress. Its goal is to educate participants about the Japanese American internment experience and provide a better understanding of its effects on the Japanese American community.

The Day of Remembrance events begin with an interfaith commemoration. This program will pay tribute to the thousands of Japanese Americans incarcerated and to their loved ones who passed away in camp. Also included will be a panel discussion that will explore the role of culture and religion, along with its influence on the behavior and experience for internees.

The Day of Remembrance program will feature a video production using historic photos, films, and slides along with a dramatic performance portraying the Japanese American internment experience. The production will cover pre-internment events, life in camp, the post World War II Japanese American experience, the movement for redress, and the effects of internment on the present Japanese American community.

A workshop to teach children about the Japanese American in-

ternment experience will offer a variety of different activities for children of all ages. Some of the activities include: instruction in "Gyotake" fish prints, special arts and crafts projects, origami, storytelling, and experiential games. Children will be invited to participate in creating a large mural interpreting the Japanese American internment experience.

Internment experience workshops will be conducted by former internees. These workshops will explore different areas and aspects of Japanese American lives during the war. The workshops will cover such topics as: the "No-Nobys," the psychological effects of internment, Terminal Island, Nisei soldiers, and integrating Japanese American literature and history into school curriculum.

A candlelight ceremony to pay tribute to those incarcerated and those who passed away in camp will round off the day's events. The Day of Remembrance will end with a concert tribute to internees performed by leading Nisei performing artists. This special, one-time event will bring together prominent Japanese American artists and jazz musicians. Ticket prices and date of availability will be announced at a later date.

Events of the Day of Remembrance are free, with the exception of the concert performance. The 50 Year Remembrance planning committee welcomes participation and contributions from the community to help fund these worthwhile events to commemorate the anniversary of Japanese American internment. Information: Ken Wada, 213/626-4471.

Redress workshops scheduled

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will conduct workshops in January and February in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Gardena, Calif.

The workshop schedule:

NEW YORK
● Friday, Jan. 24, 1 to 4 p.m., Japanese American United Church, 255 7th Ave., New York City.

CALIFORNIA

● Friday, Jan. 31, 1 to 4 p.m., Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles.

● Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ken Nakagawa Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

● Friday, Feb. 14, 4 to 7 p.m., Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco.

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Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

A remarkable young man named Jon

Occasional headaches were the first hint of trouble. Then there were dizzy spells. Jon didn't seem to be a likely candidate for serious illness. Turning 17, he was more than six feet tall and a muscular 180 pounds. Outgoing, popular, a good student, he had played some football but swimming was his sport. Nonetheless, his parents took him to a physician for tests.

A few days later there was an urgent telephone call. The doctor wanted to see Jon and his parents immediately, even though it was a Saturday. Dread constricting their hearts, they went.

The X-rays had revealed an ominous shadow where no shadow should be. It was in a bad place, at the base of the brain, around the spinal cord. It was likely a tumor, about the size of a walnut. The doctor said he would make an appointment for them with a specialist. Immediately.

The specialist confirmed the diagnosis. If the tumor is benign, he said, there's no big problem. If it's malignant, it's another ball game. We don't know what it is until we go in and take a look, he explained. In any case, it needs to be removed.

And what was likely to happen?

Anything could happen, the specialist said. He went on to explain there are many kinds of malignancy. With a very low level of malignancy, the chances of complete recovery are good with surgery followed perhaps by radiation or chemotherapy. With a higher level of malignancy, drastic measures may be necessary. A lot depends on where the tumor has developed. If it is embedded in the spinal cord, getting it out will be a problem. There may be damage to the spinal cord which could affect control of limbs, which might affect speech and sight. If malignancy cannot be stopped, there will be death.

Jon's parents believed their son, although still a minor, was entitled to have a part in the decision about his future. He listened to the discussion quietly, as though it were about someone else. When there were no more questions to ask, he said: "When can you operate?"

Three days later, just before he strode tall and erect into the room where he would be prepared for surgery, Jon turned to his parents. "No tears," he admonished them with a grin. "And don't say goodbye. It's see you later."

Nine and a half hours later they wheeled him into the recovery room, linked with a tangle of wires and tubes to electronic monitors and oxygen and clear plastic bags of magic fluids. It would be days before he knew where he was, or what had happened. For the first 24 hours two nurses kept bedside vigil.

The report from the surgeon and the laboratory were good. Ninety to 95% of the tumor had been removed although there was some damage to the spinal column. It was too dangerous to try to get the rest of that evil growth. The tumor was not benign but it was the next best thing: the malignancy was low grade. There would be rough days ahead, but the outlook was encouraging.

They were right about the rough days. Jon woke up to the realization his right leg was virtually helpless, his right arm limp and immobile. He had double vision. His speech was tentative.

The young human body is remarkably resilient. Day by day he regained strength. Eventually he could move his arm, but not

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Ake-mashi-te

I'VE FORGOTTEN many of the New Year rituals observed by the Issei including preparations for greeting the incoming new year. I do remember that before *oshō-gatsu* (New Year's) the entire house and all within it had to be cleaned; no cleaning should be left for *oshō-gatsu*. I also remember being reminded that one must be particularly mindful of one's conduct on New Year's Day because—so I was admonished—whatever I did on that day I was doomed to repeat throughout the year. And so, for example, nothing frivolous such as, say, going to a movie. I recall (with relish) that as a *kōzō* (slang for "child") nonetheless sneaking off to a movie on New Year's Day but not violating this Issei admonition: "Mas' Teubots, who was sort of an older brother toward me, treated me to a movie at the Kent Theater."

But switching back: the subject of pre-New Year's cleanup, specifically in reference to this "East Wind" column.

DURING THE YEAR just past (as well as before) numerous errors cropped up in this column, particularly as to *Nihongo* in

rōmaji. There was the one on the *Takarazuka* dance troupe which has its *gekijō* (theater) in the town of *Takarazuka*, not the nearby place of *Ashiya* as I had reported. And a Japanese sliding door is *fusuma*, and not the misspelled term that appeared in this column; further, "Fish Mountain" is *gyozan*, without a long "o." And at Fish Mountain, the "noiseless waterfall" should be, as one reader pointed out, "oto-nashi" (literally "noise-without") and should not have an additional "i" which would then mean "well behaved" or "gentle," written with *dai* ("large") (person) or, in other words "an adult."

IN USING *rōmaji*, I try to be mindful that the typesetter, in all probability, knows even less *Nihongo* than I do—and mine, if you haven't already discovered, is mighty low. And so whenever I insert a *rōmaji* term, I may highlight it, such as by using a different color ink (when I'm on the road traveling and send in a hand scrawled column). But, my handwriting is not all that clear, so if the material comes out less than accurate, the blame belongs with me

and my penmanship—except in the case of "Takarazuka" where my geography was off base.

SOME THINK that Vicki—whose spouse I happen to be—reviews my columns. She does, but only after they appear in print; prior to that she has no idea what her spouse has written, and how many errors he's committed, again. But she picks them up, after the fact, and comes the time for chiding. With all due respect, she does the chiding in a gentle fashion, so it's not all that bad. But it does *kotaeru* (have impact)...particularly because it is done in an *otonashi* fashion rather than anything confrontational.

THIS ERRATA column is written so that I won't have it on my conscience for all of 1992 that I misled some soul who is studying or otherwise following *Nihongo* every so often in this column. I'm told that some *yonsei* pick up bits here and there from ramblings that appear here. And I want those *yonsei* to get *man-ten*'s (top marks) in *shiken*'s (examinations).

When in doubt, always check the *jiten*. And always be doubtful. ☺

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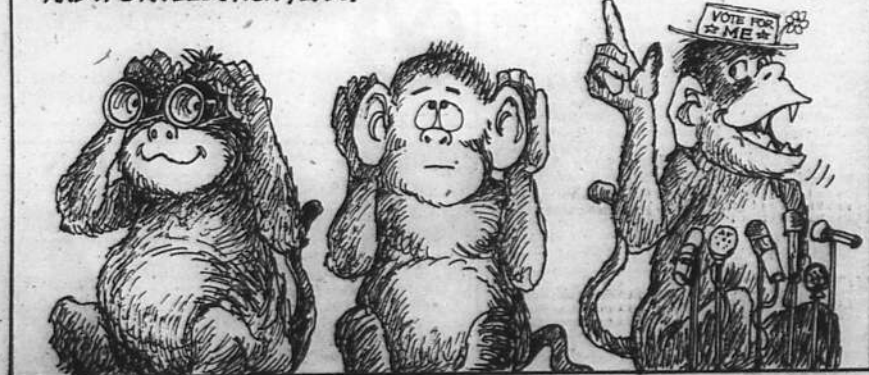
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Movie review

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

With a white picket fence and perfect home, wonderful marriage and a beautiful daughter with a great fade-away drop shot, the world of Steve Martin's George Banks in *Father of the Bride* seems far away from the grim reality of the '90s. While Martin's last film, *L.A. Story*, showed Los Angeles as a surreal realm of freeway shooters and David Hockney swimming pools, the sensibility of *Father of the Bride* is thoroughly '50s.

And no wonder, the movie is a remake of the postwar *Father of the Bride* which starred Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor. While in the remake, George's wife, played by Diane Keaton, now has her own career as an antique dealer, and the daughter is an architecture student working on her masters, there's a definite sense of nostalgia for a time before

prenuptial agreements when marriage meant forever. There's even Phil Spector music for a touch of '60s nostalgia for all those baby boomers.

In the movie, George and Nina no sooner get over the joy of having their daughter, Annie, return home from Rome than she tells them she is engaged to a boy she met there. In the ensuing madness of wedding preparations and meetings with in-laws, Martin gets the chance to show his slapstick side as he is chased by dogs and falls into a swimming pool. But George's pratfalls and blunders come from the deep love he has for his daughter and the fact that he's not ready to give her up. In the one-on-one father-daughter basketball sequences that are a continuing motif throughout the movie, director Charles Shyer shows the competition, respect and love between father and

daughter.

In supporting roles, Martin Short as the wedding coordinator, from hell, Franck Eggelhoff, gives a comic comic performance which most steals the show. And a note for Asian Americans, B.D. Wong plays Franck's assistant, Howard Weinstein, in a non-ethnic specific role. This is the most high profile role in film to date in the movies for the Tony award winning star of *M. Butterfly*. Let's hope that Hollywood gives Wong the chance to show off his considerable dramatic as well as comedic skills.

Of course when you see a movie like this the ending is never in doubt. The bride is radiant and the wedding goes off almost flawlessly—life is good. Yes, it's a fantasy far away from the gritty reality. But its warm message is relief from a cold winter of pessimism and recession.

Book review

By HARRY HONDA

Easy Access to Reading Japanese (with audio cassettes), by Yukari Ohnishi, P.O. Box 2294, Oceanside, CA, 92051. Level 1, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Japan Ltd., Tokyo; 184 pages, US\$48, March 1991. [Level 2 due Nov. 1991.]

Intended for entry-level students of Japanese as a self-study program, Ohnishi's reader, cassette tapes, and commentary contain contemporary story lines in large print, lively illustrations depicting the *kanji*, and other Japanese words in *hiragana*. The easy, graduated pace with 300

words using 130 *kanji* is spread over 48 stories, designed to promote reading by grasping main ideas quickly. Titles of some of the stories, "An American in Tokyo" or "Romancing Mr. Mori" may have some wanting to skip the first three chapters. The exercises start at the fourth chapter, which reviews the first three chapters. (Note: In chapter 4, the reviewer had to check the commentaries to determine what *raibaru* in *kana* meant in the story, obviously a borrowed non-Japanese expression. The Nisei here enters the world of modern-style or post-occupation Japanese.) It is recommended that students

have some exposure (30 classroom-hours, according to the author) to Japanese grammar, vocabulary and phonetics, plus a self-motivating purpose to follow-through, carefully reading the opening comments of each chapter and then pursue the steps as outlined. From a most informative appendix, we learn Level 2 will explore the composition of *Kanji*.

About the author: Yukari Ohnishi is a San Diego-based consultant specializing in cross-cultural management. She teaches Japanese at UC San Diego after graduating in linguistics from the same school.

Obituaries

Alsaiva, Joe Akira, 76, Sierra Madre, Nov. 21; Charter Oak, Calif.-born, survived by wife Mary Ann Bob, daughter Joyce Bliss, 4 grandchildren, brother Shiro (Sunnyvale).
Chiamori, Toyoko, 77, Redding, Dec. 4; El Monte-born, survived by son Patrick, daughter Yuri Mok, brothers Masayoshi, Yoshio and Henry Hamada, 7 grandchildren.
Dote, Teutomo, 70, Redondo Beach, Dec. 13; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Chiyo, son Ty, daughter Diane White, brother Minoru, sisters Haruko Sano, Chiyo Morimoto, sister-in-law Kaye Dote.
Fukunaga, Frank T. 76, Los Angeles, Dec. 6; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran; survived by wife Fumi, son Louis, brother Toku Katsunaga.
Honda, Tom T. Chicago, Nov. 24 (funeral), survived by wife Gladys, daughter Suzanne, brother Gump.
Ige, Shizuko, 78, Los Angeles, Nov. 27; Paia, Maui-born, survived by son Raymond, daughters Mary Jane Espinosa (Honolulu), 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, brother Maka Goya (Honolulu), 4 brothers and eight sisters (all Hawaii).
Machikawa, Shigeo, 85, Los Angeles, Dec. 10; Kagawa-born, proprietor of Machikawa Shide in Little Tokyo, survived by sons Dr. Fred Miyazaki, Dr. Hideo Machikawa, daughters Yoshiko Hieshi-ma, Haru Yamauchi, 14 grandchildren, sister Famiko Machikawa.
Makabe, Wilson H. 73, Reno, Nov. 1; Loomis, Calif.-born WWII 442nd wounded veteran, survived by wife Marjorie, sons Mark, Ernest (San Francisco), Wayne (Sacramento), daughter Ingrid Overlook (Medford, Ore.), sister Grace.
Masato June J. 85, Altadena, Dec. 12; survived by brother Richard, sister Nobuko Hirakawa, Keiko Higa (Jpn), Kiyo Rikimaru.
Matsumoto, Andy S. 63, Marysville, Dec. 20; Marysville-born, survived by wife Norma, son Mitchell, daughter Valerie. 1

grandchild, mother Nauko, brothers Yoriomi and Leo.
Matsuno, Almedo, 52, Turrence, Dec. 8; Santa Monica-born Santei survived by parents Hideo & Aiko, brother Ronnie, sisters Carole Shimizu, Dianne Bidd, Renee, Minami, Leo, 69, Los Angeles, Nov. 30; San Pedro-born, survived by wife Sachie, daughter Bobbie, brothers Harry, Ronnie (Wisconsin), sisters-in-law Mary Minami, Yasuko Takahashi, Mateo Shimada (later two of Camarillo), brother-in-law Fred Takahashi.
Mitamura, Makino, 91, El Centro, Dec. 14; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Yoshi Kodama, John Mitamura (South Pasadena), Tosh Mitamura (Clerifield, Utah), daughter Mary Sabonmuto (Holtville), 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren.
Miyada, Maso, 96, West Los Angeles, Dec. 21; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons George T., Don, 9 grandchildren, daughter-in-law Michiko Miyada.

Joe Yoshio Morimune

Born in Salinas, Calif., Joe Yoshio Morimune, 75, died Dec. 15, 1991, in Pleasant Hill, Calif. He is survived by his wife Suzu, sons Douglas, Richard and Bradford; daughter Marcia Jackson, brothers Shigeo and Harry, sisters Kin Wada, Helen Morimune, Harumi Murakami and Yuki Kyono; six grandchildren.

Misao Mildred Takemoto

Funeral service for Misao Mildred Takemoto, 83, Honolulu-born Nisei and resident, who passed away on Jan. 1 at the Brotman Medical Center, Los Angeles, after a brief illness, will be held at a later date in Honolulu. She is survived by her sons Charles Takaki of Honolulu, and Ken, daughter Evelyn Saito, seven grandchildren, Lloyd, Lea and Lois Saito, Linda Oshiro, Dr. Curtis, Noe and Shanti Takemoto, five great-grandchildren, four brothers and two sisters, all of Honolulu.

Sato, Goro, 64, Alameda, Nov. 19; Alameda-born, survived by son Kazuyoshi, daughters Kiyoko Maeda, Misa Brown, Carol Witt, 9 grandchildren.
Sekido, Harold S. 85, Los Angeles, Nov. 17; Kawaii-born, survived by wife Shizuko, sons Jerry, Russell, 2 grandchildren.
Sera, Kiyoshi, 74, Los Altos, Nov. 29; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Haru, son Bobby, daughter Nancy Fujimoto, grandchildren.
Shino, George Y. 77, Long Beach, Nov. 15; survived by wife Michiko, sister Tess Sakamoto (Penryn), brothers-in-law Mas, Frank and Hiromi Hironi.
Shimada, Joe, 70, Berkeley, Nov. 1; Vacaville-born, survived by wife Natsuko, son Gerald (Scott Valley, Calif.), daughter Barbara (Union City), brother Genichi (Monterey Park), Yoshiharu (Walnut Creek), sister Grace Tsujimoto (Berkeley), 7 grandchildren.
Shimizu, Kiyomi, 78, Los Angeles, Nov. 15; Hawaii-born, survived by son Craig, daughter Sandy Ake, 4 grandchildren, sister Tsuyako Shinkawa, Asako Yoshimizu (Jpn).
Shimoda, Shizuko, 77, Fresno, Dec. 6; Fresno-born, survived by wife Sumi, son Richard, brother George; sister Misako Horiguchi.

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