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Federal hate crimes act introduced

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) introduced April 2 the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act of 1992 Apr. 2 which would toughen sentence guidelines for hate crime offenses. If passed, the act would allow federal judges impose longer prison sentences for the committal of a hate crime.



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The JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans joined the legislators in support of their bill. "In the past decade, the Asian American community has witnessed an alarming rise in anti-Asian violence and crimes," said Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director. "And given the very real backlash that our community is experiencing from the current atmosphere of Japan-bashing, this bill cannot come at a more opportune time."

"Enhanced sentences for hate crime offenders will send a resounding message to our nation that violence and brutality based on hate is un-American and simply will not be tolerated. We commend Rep. Schumer and Sen. Simon for their leadership in this fight against bigotry and hate by introducing this important legislation, and we strongly urge other members of Congress to work with them for swift passage of this act," said Hayashi.

"OCA looks forward to the immediate passage of the Hate Crimes Sentencing En-

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Patty Wada named new regional director

Patty Wada has been named NCWNP regional director, replacing Joy Morimoto who was recently named JACL public information officer at National Headquarters.

Wada has been an associate editor of the English section of the *Hokubei Mainichi* newspaper in San Francisco. She was graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a bachelor's degree in social science, and received a standard elementary teacher's credential from California State University, Hayward.

Commenting on her appointment, Neal Taniguchi, NCWNP district governor, said, "Her experience will lend itself well to the position of regional director."

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, added, "Patty's first hand experience working with the Japanese American community, coupled with her knowledge of issues of import to the Japanese American and Asian American communities, will benefit the organization nationally as well as in the district."

Fujimori's Power move in Peru

President dissolves Congress, shocks world

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

News from Lima, Peru, in the late hours of Sunday, April 5, shocked the capitals of the world. President Alberto Fujimori was suspending the Constitution and dissolving the Congress as well as putting critics under house arrest.

In Washington, the Bush Administration said it was suspending all aid except for humanitarian assistance. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Bernard Aronson, in Lima the day the announcement was telecast, was recalled. The Organization of American States, also met in Washington, to consider sanctions against Peru.

In Tokyo, the Japanese government said it was not considering suspension of aid but was waiting to see how temporary the emergency will be and Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa on Tuesday said he hoped the order is soon restored in Peru. Radio NHK, which has covered Peru extensively since Fujimori became President in 1990, also reported the following day Fujimori had explained his actions were not a "coup d'etat," but a temporary suspension of constitutional rights upon the Congress to effect a "change of course." It reported Fujimori's fourth prime minister was sworn into office, Minister of Housing Oscar Solar de la Puente Reygada.

[The international shortwave stations, as logged by *Pacific Citizen* staff Monday night and Tuesday morning, aired the Fujimori story in highlight or in



ALBERTO FUJIMORI

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MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY—Peruvian Congressman Guillermo Yoshikawa, with his country's flag talks about Fujimori's recent political decisions.

Peruvian congressman tells of Fujimori 'oppression'

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—As Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori declared martial law and Peruvian military rounded up congressional leaders on April 6, Peruvian Congressman Guillermo Yoshikawa was far away at the home of a friend in Los Angeles.

In the United States promoting business opportunities in Peru, Yoshikawa, 48, finds himself now stranded by political circumstance. Surprisingly upbeat despite the bad news from Peru, the congressman told *Pacific Citizen*, "I was planning to go to Washington tonight (Apr. 6) and in two days go home. Now I'm going to ask for political asylum."

The congressman admitted he would be in fear of his life if he were still in Peru as congressmen, judiciary officials and members of the media are being detained in Fujimori's effort to establish control. "When I left Peru, I was not running out of the country. On the contrary, I was trying to help the country, (and) trying to talk well of the government."

President of the Peruvian National Parliamentarian Association and an independent representative from Arequipa, Yoshikawa said he was notified of Fujimori's actions at 2 a.m., Monday, April 6, by a Peruvian government official in Washington, D.C. "You get elected with the people's vote and then you close down the Congress, this is oppression of the people."

While Fujimori insists that the Congress and the judiciary are corrupt and that is the reason for the takeover, Yoshikawa points to corruption within the Fujimori administration and the influence of the military. "When (the Fujimori administration)

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Redress amendments pass House subcommittee

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992 which would provide additional redress appropriation, passed out of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations April 1. H.R. 4551 now moves on to the full Judiciary Committee.

H.R. 4551, if passed, would extend redress benefits to the estimated 15,000 eligible recipients who are currently not funded under the original redress legislation. The subcom-

mittee also passed on H.R. 4553, sponsored by Rep. Robert Matsui, which seeks to exclude

redress payments as a factor in determining eligibility for federal See AMENDMENTS/page 3

Matsui: Amendments still need push

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Robert Matsui welcomed House Judiciary Subcommittee action on H.R. 4551 and H.R. 4553, but said it was too early to start celebrating.

"It's way too early to claim victory on this funding. It is

going to be a long and uphill battle to get such an enormous amount of funding through the appropriations process in such a tight fiscal environment. Everyone needs to understand that this additional money will See MATSUI/page 3

Mineta to hold town hall meeting

SAN JOSE—Rep. Norman Mineta said he will sponsor a town hall meeting Apr. 23 on transportation and the economy of Northern California.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Los Gatos Neighborhood Center, 208 E. Main St. in Los Gatos.

On the necessity for such a meeting, Mineta said, "In December, Pres. Bush signed my highway/transit legislation into the law that will mean 16,000 extra jobs for the Bay Area alone. Now we've got to cut through the bureaucratic red tape and get those jobs and projects going to end this

recession and put people to work."

"How we go about that, and what else remains to be done, is what I'd like to hear from Valley residents and take to Congress," said the Congressman who is chair of the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation.

Reacting to the Mineta legislation, Pres. Bush said it "lays the foundation for the most significant revolution in American transportation history. (It) will enable us to build and repair roads, fix bridges and improve transit. It is summed up in three words: jobs, jobs, jobs."

Calendar

Colorado Denver

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

Saturday, May 23—Denver Central Optimists' annual pilgrimage to the former site of the relocation center at Amache. Arrangements for transportation will be made at nominal cost. Information: Art Moriya, 3835 W. Radcliff Ave., Denver CO 80236, 303/798-0268 or Kent Yoritomo, 5946 W. Iowa Pl., Littlewood, CO 80232, 303/936-1292. Response requested by April 17.

Utah Salt Lake City

Saturday, October 10—Davis High School Alumni and Friends Reunion, Little America Hotel & Towers, 500 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Cost: \$30 per person. Information: George Hirabayashi, 3042 S. 1000 W. Syracuse, UT 84075, 801/773-2285. Hotel reservations: 800/453-9450.

Arizona Scottsdale

Friday-Saturday, May 15-17—53rd Infantry Association's 32nd annual reunion, Safari Resort, Scottsdale. Information: Joe Allman, 602/942-2932.

California San Francisco Area

Wednesday, April 15—Tomodachi University of California, Berkeley. Japanese American cultural club, sponsors a talk by Rep. Norman Mineta on the 50th anniversary of EO 9066. Room 10, Evans Hall, on campus, 6:45 p.m. Free. Information: Tomodachi, 412 Eshleman Hall, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Saturday, April 25—Community family picnic, San Mateo JACL Community Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, 5 to 8 p.m. Information: 415/343-2783.

Sunday, April 26—Yu-Ai Kai's 13th annual fashion show and luncheon at the Red Lion Inn in San Jose. Proceeds go to maintain Yu-Ai Kai's senior programs. Tickets: 408/294-2505.

Saturday, May 2—3rd annual luncheon, Women's Ministry of the Northern California Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd, San Leandro. Theme: "Change." Speaker: Pam Goto. Luncheon, 10 a.m. Information: Satou Chisaki, 510/526-9359.

Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-6—The all Topaz 50th year reunion at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Burlingame. Tremendous response from first mailing indi-

cates attendance may exceed limit of 1400. If a notice has not been received or has not been sent in, please notify: Tomi Gyotoku, 826 98th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121; Cost: \$115. Information: Bill Mizono 510/223-4648.

Los Angeles area

Monday, April 13—Japan America Society sponsors a special forum "To buy or not to buy? The political and economic implications of the 'Buy American' campaign," at the USC Davidson Conference Center, 1 p.m. Speakers include: Zev Yaroslavsky, L.A. City Councilman; Richard Recchia, executive vice president and CEO, Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America; and Hiroshi Sugimoto, L.A. bureau chief, Asahi Shimbun. Information: 213/627-6217.

Tuesday, April 14—Orton Dyslexia Society's South Bay Adult Group presents speaker Larry Hanna, lawyer on "On the job rights for learning disabled adults," Kaiser Permanents, Harbor City Medical Center Conference Center, Room A, 25975 S. Normandie, 7 p.m. Information: Brian Barnfather 310/443-8407 or Betty Conroy 310/324-4338.

Saturday, April 25—Marina JACL joins in the 23rd annual pilgrimage to Manzanar. Information: Wayne Nagata 310/836-9029.

Sunday, April 26—Aikido Center of Los Angeles' annual memorial service for the founder and special seminar "Fundamentals of the Sword-From Iai Blade to Bokken," 1 p.m., 940 E. Second St. #7, L.A. P please bring your own bokken. Information: 213/697-3673.

Sacramento

Saturday, April 18—VFW Nisei Post 8985 45th anniversary, Red Lion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets: \$25. Information: Dick Uno, 916/391-5099.

Friday, May 22, to Sunday, May 24—Tulakee Reunion IV, Red Lion Resort and Hotel, Sacramento (picnic to be held at Elk Grove Park, South Sacramento).

Ventura

Sunday, April 12—Ventura County JACL's annual cooking demonstration, at the Oxnard Buddhist Church, 250 South H St., Oxnard, 1 p.m. Kyoko Fujitani will be demonstrating easy, nutritious Japanese dishes. Donation: \$5. Please RSVP by April 8. Janet Kajihara 805/963-2612. Cheryl Abe 805/484-1570, Joanne Nakano 818/991-0876.

CALENDAR ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE DAY OF THE EVENT. INCLUDE DAY OR NIGHT PHONE NUMBER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Reunions

Gila River Canal Camp: July 31-Aug. 2, Fresno, Calif. Contact: James Yamamoto, 2253 S. Temperance, Fresno, CA 93725 (209) 264-7924 or Yo Misaki, 8128 S. Bethel, Selma, CA 93662 (209) 896-2605.

Greater Kitilano Reunion: Oct. 3, Japanese Canadian Cultural Center, Don Mills, Toronto. Contact: (U.S.) Henry Mjnoru Yamamura, (818) 927-7536; (Canada) Chas. Shimizu, 25 Brampton Rd., Weston, Ontario M9R 3J3, (416) 247-8248. (June 30 deadline).

Heart Mountain Reunion VI: Sept. 11-13, SeaTac Red Lion Hotel, Seattle, Wash. Contact: Gilbert Inaba (206) 364-3594.

HomeComing '92: Oct. 9-11, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.; contact: National Association of Japanese Canadians, 782 Corydon Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Canada, R3M 0Y1 (604) 681-5222.

MSLS Sentimental Journey: May 28-30, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Contact: MIS Club of Southern California, 12012 Ohio Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025 (George Kanegai: 310/820-3451), Cathy Tanaka (213/626-0441), Mits Usui (818/886-0974) or Jim Mita (213/532-7247).

Applications for Miss Nikkei pageant open

The Nikkei Foundation of America is accepting applications for the 28th annual Miss Nikkei California '92 sponsored by Mazda Motor of America. Participants will appear at the Nikkei Foundation Benefit Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, July 25 where they will compete for a \$2,500 scholarship, round trip airfare to Japan and a trip to São Paulo, Brazil to compete in the Miss Nikkei International contest.

Contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 22. Highlighting the Miss Nikkei contest is the personal development training program in which contestants learn tea ceremony, flower arrangement, modern Japanese classical dance and speech. The Nikkei Foundation of America is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide services to the Japanese American community, primarily through scholarship awards.

Deadline for applications will be April 15. For applications and entry forms, write or call: Southern California—Nikkei Foundation—Application 7427 Sausalito Ave., Westhills, CA 91307 or call Eileen Nakamura 818/348-8985 or 213/294-7159.

Northern and Central California—Shiz Mihara 1743 Buchanan Mall, San Francisco, CA 94115 415/921-6365.

HATE

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hancement Act of 1992. It is hard for the family of a hate crime victim and the community to understand why a person whose actions have led to the death of an individual would receive a sentence less than that of persons who are convicted for drug possession or convicted for the intent to distribute drugs. For example, in the Ming Hai "Jim" Loo case in Raleigh, North Carolina in which Jim Loo lost his life, Lloyd Piche was sentenced to a mere four years in prison after being found guilty on eight civil rights violation charges," said Daphne Kwok, executive director of the OCA.

S. Andrew Chen, OCA anti-Asian violence task force chair, praising Rep. Schumer, said, "As we hear more hate crimes incidents being reported and with the implementation of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, this nation needs to take an aggressive stand against hate crime perpetrators. Strong deterrents need to be placed into the system to continue to send the message that hate crimes will not be tolerated by this nation."

1000 Club leader Thomas Arima dies

EL CERRITO, Calif.—Funeral services were held April 4 for Thomas N. Arima, 68, active Contra Costa JACLer, who died on Monday, March 30. Cressey Nakagawa, president of JACL, mourned the loss of Arima saying, "Tom was an active volunteer within the organization. He devoted considerable time and effort to increasing the financial stability of JACL by participating as an active member of the 1000 Club Life trust fund committee." Born in Long Beach, Arima, in addition to his duties on the trust fund committee, was a 1000 Club Century Life member, JACL adviser and sapphire pin awarder, and active with the Berkeley Buddhist Church and Haku Society. Surviving are 3 sons, brother Jim of Gardena, sister Rose Isleri of Sacramento and 4 grandchildren.

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depth. The HCJB—Voice of the Andes (Quito, Ecuador)—reporter John Adams, for instance, noted eight million out of 22 million people in Peru live under the poverty line and in need of great social attention. Radio Beijing, Radio Moscow, Radio Marti-U.S.'s program for Cuba, and Voice of America were logged with similar news.)

The Associated Press in Lima, Peru, reported troops in armored personnel carriers patrolled the main thoroughfares and Presidential Palace spokesman, Miguel Gonzales, did not comment on Fujimori's reasons.

National Public Radio's correspondent in Lima also reported the president had made his announcement late Sunday night in a 20-minute address that he was acting as commander in chief of the military in putting members of Congress under house arrest in the name of keeping the peace and preserving democracy.

In Los Angeles, those who have been watching Fujimori's campaign for the presidency since January, 1990, his surprise election in June and his administration since July were stunned by the unexpected action.

Luis Yamakawa, Latin America JACLER and a co-founder of the Pan American Nikkei Association in the U.S., described the political action as that of a "little Tojo." A crew from KCBS-TV was seen at MaPao, a Japanese-Peruvian restaurant in Hollywood, seeking comments.

Under Article 231 of the Peruvian constitution, "Exception to the Rule (Del Regimen de Excepcion)", the President is enabled to exercise this article with agreement of the Cabinet of Ministers, for a time determined, in all or part of the territory, and giving an account to the Congress or the Permanent Commission. The exception under this article contemplates that in the event of a state of emergency, disturbance to the peace and internal order, a catastrophe, or grave circumstances af-

fecting the life in the nation, he can suspend the constitutional guarantees relative to personal liberty and security, the inviolability of home, liberty to assemble and of travel as provided in Article 2 on "Personal Rights." The emergency shall not exceed 70 days; an extension requires a new decree. In the state of emergency, the armed forces assumes internal control under orders of the President. The other exception covers cases of external or civil war, invasion or imminent danger to the nation.

The Permanent Commission (Article 125), which acts during the absence when Congress is not in session, consists of five senators, two deputies plus the living past presidents. The president of the Senate presides, the House Speaker assisting.

The Peruvian constitution also declares (Article 176) the senators and deputies represent the Nation and are not subject to imperative mandate and that they are not responsible before authority or tribunal for votes and opinions expressed in the exercise of their office.

The Peruvian constitution, adopted in 1979, ended the military rule of 1968-1980. It also heralded the campaign of the Marxist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), which has been attacking political opponents, Americans and more recently technicians from Japan. (President Fujimori, in Japan recently, assured his hosts that the Shining Path would be wiped out by the end of his term in 1995.)

REACTION

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started the (most recent) Cabinet, they used people very connected with the intelligence services. The education minister was appointed because he was connected with the intelligence services. We saw (the coup) coming. This morning, the question was, "you are not surprised? Well, how can I be surprised, I was expecting it. When it was going to happen, I could not say, but I was expecting it.

"My feeling is maybe the military is going to give Fujimori 19 days and after that, they are going to take over and the real coup d'etat is going to take place and (Fujimori) will be out of there," said Yoshikawa.

Yoshikawa said Peru's weak economy contributed to current political instability. "I think the timing (of Fujimori's actions) is because the economy is not going well. And if (the Fujimori administration) can get out of the bad economic situation, the people will support this kind of government."

Despite the international condemnation of Fujimori's apparent grasp at dictatorial powers, Yoshikawa saw the possibility that the Peruvian people might accept the move. "I think it's going to have a social cost. Maybe the military will take many innocent lives. But still, like Chile (under dictator Gen. Pinochet), maybe the economy will be able to grow and improve."

Before going into politics, Yoshikawa was an educator serving as headmaster of an international school in Arequipa and teaching at Tokyo Daigo Dai University in Japan where his wife and three children still live. Pushing for educational reform in Peru, Yoshikawa advocates Peru 2000 a program sending Peruvian youth to other countries to learn technical skills. Yoshikawa criticized Fujimori for abandoning the educational reform plan originally adopted by Fujimori's party, Cambio 90.

"We worked out my model (for reform) with Cambio '90, we were ready to change the educational system in the country, but Mr. Fujimori didn't pay attention to all the work," said Yoshikawa.

Yoshikawa related how in 1989 Fujimori approached him for sup-

port in his campaign for presidency. "He told me that the Nikkei community was supporting him, many Japanese companies were supporting him, and the Japanese embassy was supporting him. But when I checked with my friends in the Nikkei community they said, 'Fujimori? We don't know him. We know that he's the principal of the University here, he visited us three times and that's it.' Actually, the Nikkei Association (of Arequipa) supported Mario Vargas Llosa (then-candidate for president) because they were businessmen and Vargas Llosa was more likely to be good for business. Fujimori was more for the people."

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—Guillermo Yoshikawa

Despite the political turmoil in his own country, Yoshikawa said he would continue working for Peru. "I will continue my work, trying to get people who can put money into the Peruvian economy, to advise them where and how. I have to use all my good contacts outside the country and I want to do it without showing myself because Mr. Fujimori is very jealous and might block it."

Unable to return to Peru, Yoshikawa plans his next move as he starts a new life away from his native land. "I am a believer. I believe God has his own ways. After so many years living in Peru, I'm not surprised by anything."

AMENDMENTS

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eral benefits. An amendment to H.R. 4551 would also provide for a judicial review process. It would give the benefit of the doubt to redress claimants whose cases are on appeal. The amendment, offered by subcommittee chairman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), provides for an official judicial review process for all cases except those currently pending in courts.

"Giving claimants the benefit of the doubt is an important standard," said Dennis Hayashi, national director of the JACL. "We are thankful for quick action by the subcommittee on this bill. We hope that the full Judiciary Committee schedules a hearing on H.R. 4551 soon after Congress reconvenes later this month."

MATSUI

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not be entitlement spending. Because of the way it was scored in the Bush budget proposal, it is going to be pitted against other worthy government programs."

"These bills are essential to fulfilling Congress' original intention of making complete redress to the surviving victims of the internment," said Matsui. "We cannot allow some eligible recipient to receive redress while others go without. We must complete the job that has already begun. With respect to some veterans whose redress payments now threaten their Veterans Administration pension, we must correct an oversight in the original law."

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Governor lauds JACL role in fighting bias

Special to the Pacific Citizen
SPOKANE, Wash.—Washing- ton Gov. Booth Gardner, addressing the annual Nikkei Appreciation Banquet here March 21, honoring Issei and Nisei pioneers, recognized the leadership of JACL and other similar organizations "in combatting prejudice and countering Japan bashers with accurate information."

He was joined by Japan Consul General Shinsuke Hirai at Seattle and Cressey Nakagawa, National JACL president from San Francisco, in addressing an overflow turnout of 400 from the community-at-large as well as faculty and students at the Mukogawa-Fort Wright Institute.

The governor led off the evening by acknowledging JACL's work in having the nation come to terms with Executive Order 9066. But with rising hate crime and Japan-bashing, "it is obvious that we have not learned all we ought to have learned from our history—but we are ahead of where we were to be or would be had the Japanese American community remained silent on the issue," Gov. Gardner believed.

"If the '80s taught us nothing else, it should have taught us that on this issue (of race relations in the U.S.), you cannot stand still."

"The more different someone is from ourselves, the more we can learn from them," the governor declared. JACL's kind of leadership "will help it rise to the chal-

lenges of the next century."

Consul General's Expectations
Consul General Hirai traced the postwar rise of Japan, the importance of U.S.-Japan relations and the need to strengthen them through close dialogue. "Clearly, the partnership cannot continue as it is, but I'm convinced that the Japan and Americans have the ability to adapt to new realities. What we need now is for both countries to attack our difficult problems with empathy," Hirai continued.

As Japanese Americans, "who can understand each other's questions," Hirai hoped they would play "a bridging role" in promoting friendly relations between U.S. and Japan.

Nakagawa, who then followed, said that "as an American, I do have some elements that differ somewhat from the perspective offered by the Consul General." Nakagawa associated Japan's economic rise with America's security umbrella in the Pacific, unrestricted access of the open U.S. market, and America's own domestic agenda, a role he acknowledged was "a decision of our making."

About Japan-bashing and America-bashing, Nakagawa reflected that "we enter an era much like 50 years ago" and that people seeking office this election year around the country are crying "America First; Buy America" as a license to bash Japan.

'Caught in the Middle' Again

"Americans of Japanese ancestry are, again, caught in that uncomfortable middle," Nakagawa declared. "Surely this time, we are bolstered by the presence of our friends who come forward, not only from the media circuits but from the political circuits, to speak out and help us recognize and send a message out to the rest of America's community that—we are Americans first, citizens first, and our ancestry second—and our devotion and loyalty to this country stands unimpaired and should certainly not be one to be questioned."

JACL has offered its offices to promote better U.S.-Japan race relations through public and private educational means to the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, Nakagawa added. The offer is still under study.

Last November, Nakagawa noted, the White House called JACL leaders and other Asian Americans to advise the President on how the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor ought to be coupled with citing the contributions of Nisei war record as well as the injustice of the internment to defuse the emotional impact upon Japanese Americans and other Asian Americans. "As we now know, President Bush did do so and the result was that there was much positive news coverage, which undoubtedly minimized backlash against us."

Asian American artists conference set for Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS—A national conference for Asian American artists is scheduled to take place in the Twin Cities on Apr. 24, 29-30 and May 1-3.

Writer David Mura, speaking on the conference, said, "In recent years, we have seen an explosion of work from Asian American artists. One reason for this conference is to celebrate the burgeoning strength of Asian American art and to expose that art to a Minnesota audience. The conference will give local Asian American communities a chance to see what is happening in Asian American art."

Participants include: Brenda Wong Aoki, actress and performance artist; Garrett Hongo and

Liyoung Lee, both poets who appeared on a Bill Moyers PBS special on poetry; Walter Lew, a poet and performance artist; Mark Izu, jazz musician and composer; Jessica Hagedorn, writer; and Rita Nakashima Brock, theologian.

Conference highlights include:
● Friday, May 1—Brenda Wong Aoki performs theater pieces combining Western theater, modern dance and classical Japanese Noh and Kyogen at the World Theater, St. Paul, 7 p.m.

● Saturday, May 2—Walter Lew, drawing on the Korean cinematic tradition of the *pyonasa*, or movie tellers, who narrated silent films, creates a multimedia performance at the Jeanne d'Arc Auditorium, College of St.

Catherine, 8:30 p.m.
● Sunday, May 3—Mark Izu performs his unique blending of Asian classical music and jazz at the Library Patio, College of St. Catherine, 2:30 p.m.

Co-sponsors for the conference include: The Loft, Intermedia Arts Minnesota, Walker Art Center, the Academy of American Poets, Asian Pages, Asian Pacific Women's Leadership Network, State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, Hamline University, the College of St. Catherine, and the Asian American Student Cultural Center of the University of Minnesota.

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Tour group pauses for a photo session at one of China's most famous landmarks, the Great Wall.

Tourists awaken to China

By MORRIS KOSAKURA

Our 33-member group just returned from a date with "the sleeping giant," otherwise known as the People's Republic of China. It was a fascinating experience which took us from Shanghai to Guilin, to Xian and ended up in Beijing.

In a short period of two weeks, we journeyed into the 4,000 years of rich history and culture of a country which supports a population of a billion people. This means one person for every five of the earth's total population... truly "a giant."

As this was the first trip to China for all of us, we had no idea of what to expect other than what we had read or heard from friends who had made the trip before us. Certainly, the feelings aroused from words such as "communist, Police State, and Tiananmen Square" had us somewhat apprehensive. As a travel agent, I had been advised in the past to remind clients that a visit to China should be considered an educational experience and not to expect fancy accommodations and to be prepared to eat "Chinese" food at all meals. "Take a lot of snack food to tide you over," was the advice of many former travelers.

Our report to you . . . China's past greatness and advanced early civilization can be seen in the magnificent relics of its early periods. The Qin Army Vault Museum (in Xian), which houses the 8,000 life-size terra cotta soldiers, chariots and horses buried there to protect the tomb of the first Qin emperor, is truly a marvel. What is so impressive is that each soldier's facial expression is different, and this was all done 2,200 years ago.

In Beijing, evidence of China's early achievements include the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace and the Ming Tombs. These are must-sees.

Guilin is blessed with the spectacular natural scenery of uniquely shaped mountains, and this is enjoyed from the Li River cruise boat. Also very interesting about this city are the many "free markets" which appear to be the beginning of western capitalism. Great bargains abound here for all you shoppers. Actually, you'll find great shopping opportunities throughout the trip!

China, the "Sleeping Giant," is awakening . . . the one billion people are all eating well as a result of government reforms aiding the farming industry. From a visit to the Children's Palace we see that much encouragement is given to the children of this land to excel in not

only math and science but also in the arts and music. We understand that 60 percent of the billion people are under 40 years — a young population with a strong desire to improve their standards and quality of life.

Travel accommodations and conveniences were beyond all expectations. We were all very impressed with the standard of the hotels, travel facilities and services. The 5-star hotels in Shanghai and Beijing could rank with any of the world's finest hotels. In Guilin and Xian the 3- and 4-star rated hotels were very nice and comfortable with all the amenities to which Western travelers are accustomed. For the most part, the meals were just great. These included wholesome and tasty Chinese meals at local restaurants and also at our hotels. Our deluxe hotels included restaurants with international cuisine starting from American breakfast to French and Italian dinners. We ate very well and gained quite a few pounds. Our domestic air transportation was efficient and on time, and modernization of aircraft is definitely taking place.

All in all, this was a wonderfully enjoyable and comfortable trip as well as a spectacular sightseeing bonanza. The experience of walking the Great Wall, entering the Forbidden City and strolling in Tiananmen Square were activities I never dreamed of doing a few years back. Like the feeling one has after reading a great book, you want others to share the same adventure.

Kosakura is owner of Kosakura Tours and Travel of San Francisco.

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Pacific Citizen Travel Section



Hosteling through Hokkaido

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Does the thought of seeing another temple you've never heard of bore you? Want true adventure when you go to Japan instead of the usual tour? Consider hosteling through Hokkaido. For those on a limited budget, hosteling provides an adventurous way to see the expanse of Japan's northern country.

Getting there—Now you *okanemochi* people can take the plane up to Chitose Airport and arrive well-rested in Sapporo. For the daring (and poor), the other way is to take the Tohoku Shinkansen (bullet train) from Tokyo station and change at Aomori. If you have a JR Railpass, you can ride any JR rail, bus, or boat for as long as the pass is good. Though there is an additional charge, I would suggest trying to make reservations on the *Hokutosei* (North Star) sleeper car. There are no messy transfers to deal with and you leave Tokyo in the evening, arriving in the southern Hokkaido city of Hakodate in the morning. Also there's something undeniably romantic about riding the sleeper car, reminiscent of 40's

black-and-white films.

Hostels—Before you leave for Japan, pick up an International Youth Hostel Federation membership card (IYHF). You'll be able to stay at any of the hostels across Japan at a special members' rate. You'll also be provided with a directory of hostels in Japan. When you travel on your own, the biggest concern of each day is always: where are we going to go and how are we going to get there. Your train schedule will become your best friend, get acquainted with it. Beware—make reservations, even for hostels, ahead of time. The best thing about hosteling are the people you meet and the sense of camaraderie that comes from shared experiences. The worst thing about hosteling is the rigidity of the schedules, you have to be in by a certain time, and the lights are turned out early.

Hakodate—The first city you arrive in by train, Hakodate has no youth hostels, but there are many inexpensive ryokan. Check the visitors center located in the train station before you venture out. Hakodate is known for its spectacular night view. There is a ropeway all the way to the top of Hakodate-san, but there is also

"Hosteling requires more time, and patience, but the rewards are many."

a bus that is much cheaper that runs from the train station.

- In the morning you can go down to the outdoor market near the train station and sample, for free, the fresh crab, tsukemono and senbei.

- **Food**—I recommend Kamome Ramen. For 800 yen you can get the Kamome special a miso-based ramen with crab, scallops and sea urchin. A real treat for little cash.
- **Sapporo**—Noted for its snow festival in



PAUSING—Traveler stops for a bite to eat at Hakodate ramen shop.

the winter, in summer, Sapporo's broad avenues and cool breezes are great for walking and shopping.

- **Hostels**—The *Lonely Planet* guide—See HOSTELING/page 10

Historic Japanese garden lies west of Chicago

By HARRY K. HONDA
with KAZ HORITA

GENEVA, Ill.—Visiting any garden when the trees are bare, the grass carpet sprinkled with tiny blue buds just starting to catch hold and it's a sunny 40° at noon—it makes for an unorthodox viewing pattern. But the old Japanese garden here—some 40 miles west of Chicago in the Fabyan Forest Preserve—is charming when the story of how it came to be is known.

As told in late March by Darlene Larson of the Geneva Garden Club plus recollections from Sumiko Kobayashi, a Philadelphia JACLer, when her father, Susumu, maintained the garden in the 1920-30s, the garden was part of the 600-acre "Riverbank" estate of Col. George and Nellie Fabyan.

The garden was designed by T. A. Otsuka, then associated with the YMCA in Chicago, and built prior to 1914. A Japanese teahouse, a half-moon bridge over two-connecting ponds, cement lantern, and a hill representing Fujiyama with a cement capping representing snow, are the focal points. In the sum-

mers, families have used the setting for wedding pictures. For the visitor, it beckons meditation and reflection on humanity and nature.

Close by is the boat-house where photographs show the garden when Kobayashi-san kept the pine trees trim, the iris beds in shape around the ponds, and the waterways clear.

The Fabyan Legacy

Fabyan, who acted as the Japanese consul in Chicago in the 1890s, was on the peace negotiating team ending the Russo-Japanese War. Among the Japanese dignitaries visiting the estate were General Baron Kuroki and the royal visitor enroute to King George V's coronation in 1910, escorting him on his return trip to San Francisco.

Fabyan was a millionaire cotton broker, had a private zoo, a tropical jungle with alligators, a herd of deer near his Acoustical Laboratories, where experiments were conducted on an anti-gravity machine based on vibrating piano strings. "The desired results of levitation did not result," according to the book, *The Fabyan Legacy* by Darlene Larson



REST PLACE—Guide Darlene Larson and Kaz Horita pause at Garden teahouse.

& Laura Hiebert.

The Fabyan windmill across the river (and on a 15 cent U.S. stamp) and the Fabyan Villa, partially designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, are registered as national historic sites. A Fabyan employee, William Friedman was helping to decipher Francis Bacon's writings and left in 1921 to work in U.S. intelligence and who is

credited with cracking the Japanese diplomatic code, "Purple."

Kobayashi first came to Chicago from Florida's Yamato Colony in 1914 and was recommended to work at Riverbank, including care of the garden and greenhouses. He stayed briefly, got back to his farm in Florida, went to Japan (Shimane-ken) in 1922 to get married, but returned to Riverbank in 1925, staying on till 1939. The Kobayashi family moved to California, was

evacuated to Topaz, resettled in Connecticut and later in the Philadelphia area.

Any Other Historic Gardens?

The day ended in the next town, Batavia, with lunch at the River Street Crossing (nothing but Kona coffee here) and browsing through one of the several antique shops. After checking the prices, you may not be so quick to give away seemingly valuable pieces to the junkman.

In the same neighborhood is the tall Fernhill where, on a clear day from the 15th floor observation post, the Chicago skyline to the east is visible. Open to the public free, 8:30-5, daily, the scientific research facility is operated by the Universities Research Association for the U.S. Department of Energy's high energy physics program. The buffalo herd of about 80 roaming the grounds recreates the American prairie heritage.

There must be other historic Japanese gardens in America in various stages of restoration by local garden clubs, friends and civic officials. This visit to the Japanese Garden in the Fabyan Forest Preserve by the Fox River has raised a curiosity level in search of more.

The Geneva Garden Club began its restoration program in 1972. Larson (708/232-2378) hoped some Nikkei gardener or landscaper, perhaps retired, might volunteer to lend an expert hand.

Kaz Horita of Wheaton, Ill., is a retired technical liaison consultant of Beloit Corp., paper-making equipment firm, with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.



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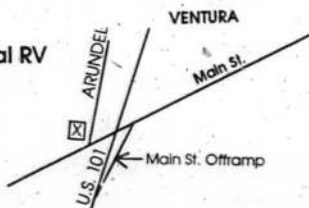
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At Circus Circus Reno, it's a family affair

RENO, Nev.—Families with children have been packing into Circus Circus Hotel/Casino-Reno this year, especially during weekends. Their strong showing early in the year as visitors is a good indication that record numbers will follow in the Summer during the peak of the tourist season.

Nearly 80 per cent of the families are coming from communities only an hour to four hours driving distance to Reno, noticeably from Northern California.

Apparently, families are finding Circus Circus-Reno very attractive as an entertainment and vacation destination because of its convenience and affordable prices. They can pack into their vehicles and drive to Circus Circus-Reno in a short time. They also find the low cost of accommodations and food, plus free circus acts, ideal for their budgets. And, families enjoy Circus Circus Reno's proximity to Lake Tahoe, the Sierra Nevada, historical sites and museums.

Because of the popularity of Reno in the Summer, Hotel Manager Gerhard Scheiner suggests that arrangements for accommodations should be made in advance by calling toll free 800/648-5010, or dial direct 702/329-0711.

Children, as well as adults, can have a fantastic time on the Midway under the Big Top. Unlike many amusement theme parks where heavy gate charges are required, entrance to the Midway at Circus Circus-

RENO LANDMARK—Circus Circus' Topsy the Clown is a familiar site in downtown Reno. The clown is 127 feet tall and weighs 44.8 tons, and has 1.4 miles of neon tubing.

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Then, for reasonably priced meals, there are three major restaurants: The Hickory Pit Steak House, The Three Ring Restaurant and The Big Top Buffet. For an example of its affordable food prices, a family of four at the Big Top Buffet could have breakfast for only \$5.16 plus tax, lunch for \$11.96 plus tax and dinner for \$15.96 plus tax from Saturday through Thursday. The Friday Seafood dinner buffet is \$5.99 per person, or \$23.96 plus tax for a family of four people. Fun food is also available at the Casino Snack Bar.

The buffet prices include salads, beverages and desserts. Children six to 12 years pay half price and those five years and below are free.

These reasonable prices entice families

to take advantage of one-day visits, driving in during the morning and leaving later in the day. Many families are discovering the one-day outing to Circus Circus-Reno just as enjoyable as a Sunday family picnic.

But for those wanting overnight accommodations, the costs are suitable for all pocketbooks.

Scheiner explained that effective March 20 through June 6 Circus Circus-Reno's weekend room rate will be \$44 per room one or two persons, and Sunday through Thursday, March 22 through June 11, it will be \$34 each room for one or two persons. The daily room rate will be \$46 each room for one or two persons for Easter week, April 10 through April 18, and Memorial Day holidays, May 22-23-24. Rates from June 12 through October 24 will be \$37 each room for one or two persons from Sunday through Thursday and \$46 each room for one or two persons on weekends. These rates do not include groups or suites.



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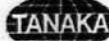
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REVIEW CRITERIA

Excellent Good Fair Poor

The Warehouse Restaurant

A great meal in a great setting

Tired of the terminally trendy? Fed up with haute (NOT) cuisine? ... Or California cuisine ... Or nouveau cuisine ... Stuck in L.A., wondering where to eat? Does the thought of a Big Mac give rise to a Big Yuck?

One of the mainstay restaurants in the Los Angeles area where you can get a great meal in a great atmosphere is the Warehouse in Marina del Rey.

After 21 years, the place still has that island look—a sort of wooden plantation warehouse surrounded by tall palms, a lagoon filled with huge koi, and an oak-planked-deck entrance that makes you feel like you've deplaned in Tahiti.

Step in and you get the feel of space, a high ceiling and plenty of elbow room. To the left is the bar, festooned with wooden cargo barrels and other nautical paraphernalia.

To the right is the dining area, with comfortable booths and tables.

The Warehouse has always hired good help—exceptionally friendly and courteous. They'll escort you to a table inside or outside to the patio area that provides a terrific view of the marina.

Okay, let's get to the food.

If you come on a weekend, a 20-foot canoe, normally hoisted up to the ceiling, is lowered and filled with ice to house platters of tropi-

cal salads and other goodies—part of a long brunch buffet.

The overall cuisine is probably best described as Far East or Pa-

Prices at the Warehouse are reasonable for the kind of atmosphere, friendly service, and quality of food. And they have been



cific Islands—perhaps why some Japanese national tour groups make the restaurant their first stop after arriving at LAX.

House specialties are giant Malaysian shrimp, Cajun pastas, teriyaki chicken, ribs Rangoon (\$15.95), steak and lobster, and lots of desserts (if you're into sweets, don't miss the Warehouse mud pie).

Talk about exotic: They take ordinary chicken, for instance, and make all others move to the other side of the road. Try the Bangkok style chicken cooked in a spicy peanut sauce. Or the Royal Tahitian (\$10.95), a sweet 'n' sour flavor, or the teriyaki tokai, a blend of soy sauce and ginger.

Of course, you can eat beef up, just about anything from steaks to prime rib, but hey, this is a waterfront place. The seafood is marvelous.

You can get well known fare, from Australian lobster tails and Shrimp Malaysia (\$17.95), but there's also mahi mahi from Hawaii and bacon scallop brochette. Daily catches of the day, including the Warehouse famous salmon and swordfish.

ANOTHER WORLD—The Warehouse Restaurant in Marina del Rey, Calif., provides an exotic setting for dining or relaxing.

that way for several years. You don't see big price jumps on the menu from year to year. Generally, entrees range from \$13 to \$25.

WAREHOUSE RESTAURANT

ADDRESS: 4499 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, Calif.

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Epicentre Restaurant

Restaurant's shaking up Los Angeles

This one should be measured on the—"what else?"—Richter Scale.

And the Epicentre Restaurant, located in the newly refurbished Kawada Hotel, should provide some shaking up of the downtown L.A. restaurant scene.

The name is catchy if not curious. Walk in and you'll get the idea. Yes, it's got California design concepts, but you'll also notice walls with fake earthquake damage, freeform wall trailings cracks and even art work suggests

the earthquake motif (they even hang askew). When you walk into the dining area your sort of zigzag along a fault-like ramp. You've got to admire a daring marketing concept, but if nothing else, it's fun and makes for good dinner conversation.

It also gives the downtown area a lift—no pun intended—something new and different.

This restaurant isn't just for looks. Start with a well known and respected chef and you're on your way. In this case, Epicentre

enticed executive chef Mike Olmeda, formerly of Perino's, to come aboard.

The food is called California No-Fault Cuisine, which means lots of chicken items as well as pasta.

You can start with Epitizers if you want to get in the mood.

The Southwest-like crab cakes, for instance, are prepared with just the right texture and taste—made interesting by a corn chile sauce (\$7.25). For soup lovers, the

Pacific Citizen Travel Section

Travel not all fun and saying 'cheese'

By Naomi Kashiwabara

Travel for nearly all of us is not entirely pleasure and saying "Cheese" while posing in front of monuments. Allow me, who has traveled a bit a la Frommer since 1959 when my wife treated me to a trip around South America with money she earned, to make some jejune comments.

(1) The simile should be reversed: sardines are packed into cans like, with some exaggeration, coach or economy passengers in airliners, particularly in the old charter airliners.

Coach class fare Los Angeles-Tokyo round trip is around \$1,000; seniors sometimes get a discount. The comfort of business class costs around \$2,400. At about \$4,500, first class travel is an impossible dream.

(2) Those sororal ogresses, Diarrhea and Constipation, abetted

by jet lag, will assail you.

A consolation: both cannot afflict you at the same time.

(3) Thieves prey on tourists. My pockets were picked twice in Rio de Janeiro, once in London. A Nisei female I know was knocked to the ground in Spain and dragged while she clung to her purse. On-lookers, she said, did nothing.

(4) Much time will be wasted in hotel rooms, hotel lobbies, airports, and at bank cashing travelers checks.

Use your calculator and figure out how much your trip is costing you per hour, awake and asleep. (5) "No matter where you go, people are just taking in each other's washing while speaking a foreign language."

Soon they'll all be speaking English.

(6) After you return home, someone will ask you, "Did you see such-and-such?" followed by, "You

missed the best thing" Also, "How much did you pay for such-and-such?" followed by, "Boy, did they see you coming"

Just say "Yes" and "Very little."

Despite these comments, travel is mostly enjoyable and educational. So endure the pilchard-like packing, watch what and how much you eat and drink, watch out for thieves, keep time waste to a minimum, appreciate the exotic, visit the tourist traps, and accept that whatever you buy may be cheaper at a shop a half-block down the street. You live but once. There is no second go-around. Go.

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HOSTELING IN HOKKAIDO

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book to Japan lists three hostels in the Sapporo area. Unfortunately, when we were there they were all booked. We wandered the streets for a couple hours looking for a place to stay until we happened upon a capsule hotel. For drunken salarymen, the capsule hotel is a good way to sleep off a night of revelry. For the poor traveler, capsule hotels are an affordable, if somewhat claustrophobic, way to spend the night.

● **Food**—Beer, beer, beer. Am I stressing the point too heavily? When in Sapporo, you have to sample the local brew. At the Sapporo beer garden you can sample various German sausages with a large mug of Sapporo draft.

Other highlights—Otaru. Close to Sapporo, the hostel in this small city is without doubt the finest I have stayed at. Next to a ski resort, the hotel looks more like a rustic cabin complete with hardwood floors and a fireplace.

Shikotsuko—The guidebook says this lake is incomparably beautiful when the weather is clear. When we saw it, the rain reduced visibility on the lake to ten feet. But, the Shikotsuko Youth Hostel, which sits right on the lake, is friendly and clean and for dinner offers Genchis Khan, a regional dish consisting of lamb and vegetables cooked in domed pots over a brazier.

Toya-ko—Resting inside the



TRAIN TOURING—Traveler riding in style through Hokkaido.

Shikotsuko-Toya National Park, Lake Toya and the surrounding area is, of the places we went, the most quintessentially Hokkaido—wheat fields stretching upward to forested mountains. In the summertime, the town of Toya puts on a brilliant firework display for the many luxury hotels overlooking the lake. The lake sits beneath Showa Shinzan, a volcano which last emerged in 1977 during Emperor Showa's reign.

The youth hostel is situated about 2 miles away from town. We rented bicycles for about 1500 yen and biked into town. By this time, low on cash, we skipped eating in any of the local restaurants, opting to grab bread, lunch meat and fresh plums and have a picnic by the lake. Actually, this impromptu

meal was one of the best of our travels—giving us time to sit and reflect on our experiences while we watched an old man fishing for carp on the lakeshore.

Hosteling requires more time, and patience, but the rewards are many. More than on a tour, you learn how things in Japan work and sometimes don't work. At one hostel we stayed at, we all received a shock when looking in at the onsen we saw a 3-foot-long snake, who looked like an extra from an Indiana Jones movie, slithering at the bottom of the bath. In terror, we informed the innkeeper who, non-plussed, picked up a large set of tongs and casually threw the snake out the window. Not your ordinary trip, hosteling is an experience you'll never forget.

EPICENTRE RESTAURANT

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San Andreas soup is an interesting combination of white and black beans flavored with smoke ham hocks and sour cream (\$4.25).

The Epicentre has good steaks but you might as well go with the California cuisine and order a chicken dish. A house specialty is chicken or shrimp cooked with Curry on the Richter Scale (chicken, \$9.75; shrimp, \$12.25). The chicken is prepared with rice, mango chutney, shredded coconut, cashews and raisins, and spiced to order from 1 to 10 on the you-know-what.

In California, salads and pastas are still popular and Epicentre does them proudly. The Roast Chicken Goes Gourmet salad (\$7.75) starts with fresh veggies and tops them with shredded chicken breast in curried yogurt, and is garnished with papaya and tomato.

The pastas include Linguine with Baby Clams (\$8.75); Spaghetti Amatriciana, with bacon, onions and spicy peppers in a to-

mato sauce (\$8.50); Fettuccine Mascarpone, with traditional sauce embellished with prosciutto and peas (\$8.75); and good old-fashioned Spaghetti Bolognese. (\$9.50)

If you've still got room, try an Epicentre Aftershook (dessert). There's the homemade Psychedelic Ice Cream (what else in L.A.), fresh fruit and berries, choco-holic cake, and cheese cake

with pomegranate sauce (\$3.75).

One of the nice things about the restaurant is that it's a short walk to the Music Centre. The Epicentre offers pre-theater dinners between 5 and 6:30 p.m. (\$16.50). Parking is also free at the hotel.

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Bike riding

AROUND THE WORLD

Bike tours are increasingly the way to go for many active and recreation-oriented Americans. Here are some vacation packages

ows and vineyards. Visiting the castles of the kings, from fairytale to formidable, is an incomparable cycling experience. The Backroads-Dordogne Valley camping trip leads travelers to prehistoric cave paintings, fortified cathedrals and cliff-top chateaux.

In the Loire Valley, days are spent pedaling in the peaceful countryside, along river banks and through country villages. In the evening, guests enjoy gourmet cuisine from this region, known as "the garden of France." Nights spent at such castles as Chateau d'Artigny, Chateau de Chissay, and Domaine des Hauts de Loire highlight the trip. A rest day allows time to visit Chenonceau, where Catherine de Medici held royal celebrations of unprecedented opulence.

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France:

Bicycling inn and camping vacations

Backroads Bicycle Touring offers a different way to visit France: by bicycle. An 8-day tour in the South of France follows the course of the Loire River, where chateaux are sprinkled against a background of mead-

Biking the backroads of Vermont

Bike and camp amid the vibrant hues of autumn on Backroads' new fall bicycle camping trips in southeast Vermont. These five day adventures highlight the rolling, bucolic countryside of the Northeast in all its colorful splendor.

Senses piqued by the fragrance of sugar maples and the rustle of falling leaves, cyclists explore quaint historic villages, scenic state parks, local museums, covered bridges and wooded country roads. Shops selling locally-made foodstuffs of international fame, like Vermont maple syrup and cheddar cheese, are popular rest stops.

Three tour leaders prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner every day and take care of all the details so that participants are free to relax and explore. In addition to camping out in spectacular surroundings, the trip winds up with an overnight at Highland House, a stately inn with a swimming pool and tennis courts.

Vermont camping tours are scheduled for Sept. 7-12, Sept. 14-19, Sept. 21-26, Sept. 28-Oct. 3 and Oct. 5-10. Trip price of \$595 includes roomy tents, one inn overnight, all meals, professional tour leaders and van support.



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Bike riding around the world

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All ages and abilities are welcome on both trips. Guests ride at their own pace and may choose from various routes each day. Thirteen trips are scheduled June through October, including two singles-only tours in the Loire Valley, June 19-27 and Aug., 14-22.

All breakfast and dinners are included. At lunchtime, guests are free to sample the fare at the local boulangeries, patisseries and sidewalk cafes. The trip price also includes accommodations, maps and directions, and the services of two or three professional tour leaders. A support van carries all luggage and is available for anyone who needs a lift.

Seven departures are scheduled for May, June, September and



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The trip is suitable for cyclists of all abilities. The tour cost in-

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Going to Japan? Take this book along

Japan Inside Out: A Personally Oriented Guidebook. Jay & Sumi & Garet Gluck. 135 Yama Ashiya-cho, Ashiya City 659, Japan; U.S. distrib. Weatherhill, 420 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017; 1,341pp, maps, illus., year-round Festival Calendar, 85 sketches, US\$19, ¥2900. (1992).

At long last, the fully updated and single-volume (it had been five regional volumes) "Japan Inside Out" is off the press. A travel guide that is "one of kind," co-authors Jay and Sumi Gluck of the JAFL Japan Chapter were promising this in their annual Holiday Issue greetings.

In an upbeat preface, the Glucks pertainly display their love of travel and passion to be the guide of guides, passing along tricks of getting around. For instance, on touring temples and shrines, there are wooden platforms where you slip off your shoes and slip into slippers, "pass up if size problem." Their compact writing style (like

spelling "thru" throughout, copious abbreviations without the imperative dots) unfurls a tremendous cornucopia of historical facts, festival-matsuri dates, and menus from plain to gourmet.

What's more: their lavish orientation on where to shop, what to see, where to stay and how to get around has to be read to sense the painstaking depth of research which distinguishes "Japan Inside Out." We read the chapter on "Nagoya - Businessmen Only" (sister city of Los Angeles) and found that we had missed the twin shrines of Tagata and Ogata near Meiji-mura, "undoubtedly (the) most anthropologically interesting..."

What is indeed unique is the Festival Calendar of 2,099 dates, embellished by the Personal Datebook itineraries of each region and inside the cities. To stay during a festival, the Glucks warn to book rooms at least two months in advance.

Tokyo, where tours generally

start for a first-timer or the seasoned traveler, is featured in back of this book (because Tokyo's a mish-mash, a hopeless chaos and to most not attractive (at first sight)," the Glucks say. "Only by seeing how it and Japan have evolved does it make sense and be pleasant." Jay suggests starting from Yokohama or from Osaka.

Jay & Sumi (nee Hiramoto of prewar Stockton-Lodi) remind upfront that Japan is not cheap, where taxis and steak dinners are especially high. On the other hand, their reading of education, labor and agriculture postwar is richly balanced with an earnest sketch of Japanese geography, anthropology and history. Anyone who has lived, visited or plans to visit Japan will wonder how so much has been crammed here and at this price. Those who had a quick peek confess it's a book they wished they had read before going to Japan.

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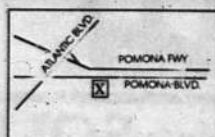
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Arts

- Actress-writer Jude Narita, artistic director of Narita/No Surrender Productions, is seeking first-generation Asian women with stories to tell about themselves or others. They may have lived in the United States for one month or 50 years but must have come here from another country either as a child or an adult. Narita plans to write a play integrating their experiences. Information: Gretchen Weber, 213/463-7590, or write to Jude Narita, 2305 Vasantia Way, Hollywood, CA, 90068.
- Japanese calligraphy exhibition of contemporary masters, April 6-12, Tuesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012-3895. Information: 213/628-2725. Calligraphy demonstration by Ichiro Higashiyama and Suho Inagaki, 4:30 p.m., April 6.
- The San Diego Chapter, JACL, and the Union of Pan Asian Communities sponsor Japanese film classics "Life of Oharu," to be shown at Kiku Gardens Retirement Project, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista, Sunday, April 26. Free to seniors and residents, \$2 to others. Refreshments and socializing, 1:30 p.m., film starts at 2 p.m. English subtitles. Next film will be "Tampopo," May 17, and "Ikiru," by Akira Kurosawa, June 21. Information: Kiku Gardens, 619/422-4951.
- Saxophonist Sadao Watanabe performs in concert Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at 8 p.m. both nights, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Kokoro concert series, 244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles. Tickets \$26 orchestra, \$24, balcony. Call 213/680-3700, noon to 5 p.m. daily.
- Musician, songwriter, composer David Iwataki will be featured Saturday, April 16, at 8 p.m. The David Iwataki & Friends in Concert will include koto musician June Kuramoto, percussionist Luis Conte, and vocalist Montyette Jenkins. Tickets: \$18, orchestra, \$16, balcony.
- "Madame Mao's Memories," a play by Henry Ong based on the life of Mao Tse-tung's wife, will be presented in Occidental College's Keck Theater, Los Angeles, April 14-18. The play stars Kim Miyori as Jiang Qing. Times: 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., April 14-17; 2:30 p.m., April 18 (performance will be signed for hearing-impaired). Tickets: \$12 (seniors, \$8 discount). Information: 213/259-2772.

In concert




Cellist Allison Eldredge (above) and her mother, pianist Yoshie Akimoto, will perform Friday, April 24, at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College, Berkeley, Calif. The 21-year-old Eldredge has appeared with Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic, Andre Previn and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Leonard Slatkin and the St. Louis Symphony, and many others. She has performed concerts at the Kennedy Center and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., the White House, and abroad. Tickets are \$12, general; \$9, students and seniors in advance; \$14, \$11 at the door. Information: 510/84-JULIA.

Tokuyae Hanayagi, recipient of Japan's Cherry Blossom Award, and her traditional dance troupe will join other cultural performers for the 45th annual International Folk Dance Festival at the Music Center Pavilion, Los Angeles, Saturday, May 23, at 8 p.m. The festival will be narrated by actor Edward Asner and feature entertainers from Armenia, Bali, Brazil, Egypt, France, Guinea, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Scotland, and the United States. Tickets: \$22, \$18, and \$16. Music Center box office, 135 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90012; or by calling Ticketmaster, 213/480-3293; or 714/470-2000.

'Newsies': old-fashioned family fun

By JOYCE KATO
PC staff

"Newsies," Disney's latest musical opening in theaters around the country, is vintage family fare. The movie is inspired by the true story of a strike in 1899 by poor, orphaned children who hawked newspapers on the streets for the giant Pulitzer and Hearst newspaper giants of the East.

"Newsies" introduces newcomer Christian Bale ("Empire of the Sun") as Jack, the Newsies leader who inspires his colleagues as well as the audience with his performance.

Ann-Margaret stars as Medda, a vaudeville entertainer who befriends Jack and the Newsies. The role is right up her singing and dancing alley.

The musical also features a number of talented actors. Robert Duvall plays Joseph Pulitzer, David Moscow (young Tom Hanks in "Big") plays David, the brains behind Jack, and Max Casella (Vinnie on "Doogie Howser") plays Racetrack.

"Newsies" will also have you entertained with a group of high jumping, talented dancers choreographed by Kenny Ortega of "Dirty Dancing" fame. And you'll smile through all the emotion-filled songs by Oscar-winning composer Alan Menken ("Beauty and the Beast") and lyricist Jack Feldman.

"Newsies" is a film in the great Disney and musical traditions. Take the big kids, too.

Biz notes

- When U.S.-Japan trade tensions were relatively low several years ago, Japanese giants such as Matsushita, Sony, Matsushita and Sanyo assembling color TV sets for the U.S. market were expanding operations into Tijuana factories, known as "maquiladoras."
- Despite uncertain times, expansion continues, says Schon Beechler, Columbia professor studying the maquiladoras. "Many plan to use their maquiladoras to penetrate South America." According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, there are 29 Japanese maquiladoras in Tijuana's total of 690. Total employees number 90,000; 18,000 in the Japanese operations. The value of Mexico's color TV exports is \$2.3 billion. The maquiladoras are situated in new business and industrial parks.
- Manning Selvaige & Lee's research on behavior patterns of Asian business executives in the United States was scheduled for release Friday, April 3, at the University of Southern California.
- Kirk Steward, president and chief executive office of the public relations firm, was scheduled to speak on "Stalking the Tigers: New Insights," which addresses business communications in the Pacific Rim. Information: 213/740-3914.
- "Procurement Opportunities for Small and Minority- and Woman-Owned Business," will be presented by John J. Keating, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of California United Bank, Thursday, April 30, at the University of Southern California.
- Representatives from banks will be available to talk about the variety of lending programs.
- The event is free. Reservations: Blanca Valladares, 213/745-0680.

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Personally speaking

• The National Easter Seal Society expressed its gratitude to Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) for implementing the transportation provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act in his sweeping legislation signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 18. Chairman of the House subcommittee on surface transportation, Thus Mineta was accorded the Easter Seal's 1991 Outstanding Advocate Award.

• Two Honolulu Nikkei police officers, Detective Daniel Y. Hanagami, a 14-year veteran, and Sgt. Michael H. Tamashiro, a 16-year veteran and instructor at the police academy, and his daughter Kanani, a sixth-grader at Kipapa School, saved a three-year-old boy from drowning at the Turtle Bay Hilton pool last summer. The trio received awards of merit from Police Chief Michael Nakamura; Kanani received the department's highest civilian award for her role in calling 911 from a nearby cabana, while the two men applied CPR to revive an unconscious tot.

• The University of Washington Pharmacy Alumni Association honored past Seattle JA CL president Ted Taniguchi as its

1991 Distinguished Alumnus. In the profession for 40 years, he was chief pharmacist at Harborview Hospital 1952-1958, director of the UW Hospital Pharmacy when it opened in 1958 and a mentor, counsellor, instructor and guest lecturer to the university. He also headed the Washington State Pharmacists Association board of directors 1973-74, is active with the Seattle Buddhist Church, Kiwanis and received the Silver Beaver from the Boy Scouts of America.

EDUCATION

• The UCLA Alumni Association surprised its executive director John Kobara, of Pasadena, at a "5th Year Performance Review" roast on campus. As CEO and an assistant vice chancellor for alumni relations, he heads a full-time staff of 30 and services 57,000 dues-paying members. Among the innovative programs he spearheaded since he was hired in 1987 were the award-winning programs in national adult literacy and college tuition savings. A UCLA graduate in political science/sociology, he has an MBA from USC and an MA in urban planning from Occidental. He is host-producer of the "Asian Understanding" weekly show on

KPCC-FM (89.3).

• Lance T. Izumi, 33, was appointed director of Claremont Institute's Golden State Center for Policy Studies, Sacramento. He had been senior policy analyst at the center, was chief speechwriter and director of writing and research for Governor George Deukmejian. Izumi was also a speechwriter in the Reagan Administration to Attorney General Edwin Meese III. The Claremont Institute publishes reports and studies from a conservative perspective. Izumi last authored the report analyzing state spending on education and its lack of effect on student performances.

ORGANIZATIONS

• Stewart Kwok, Esq., Los Angeles, was named president of Asian Pacific American Legal Center, founded in 1983 to assist the growing Asian Pacific American community with direct legal services, education and engage in impact civil rights cases. Formerly its executive director, the APALC is supported by private funding, State Bar trust fund and foundation grants, augmented by volunteer attorneys and community activists.

Obituaries

Okamoto, Barton K., 81, San Jose, Feb. 3; Stockton-born, survived by sons Robert, Thomas, 6 brothers George, Kiyoshi, Minoru, Susumo, Teisuo, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

Okamura, Helen H., 89, Harbor City, Ca. 21; Los Angeles-born, survived by sons Steven, Ronald, daughter Nancy Low, 6 grandchildren, twin sister Nancy Endow, brother-in-law Dr. Henry Okamura, sisters-in-law Yuriko Okamura (Jpn), Hideo Maruyama.

Okumoto, Hideo, 68, Gardena, Jan. 24; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Chieko, sister Somye Kawakami, daughter-in-law Wai Ming Okumoto.

Okuno, Sataro, 80, Sunnyvale, Jan. 24; San Juan Bautista-born, survived by wife Toshiko, sons Ben, daughters Ann Kusumoto, Alice, Suzie, 5 brothers Masachi, Kinichi, Joe, Frank, Albert, 3 sisters Miharu Masuda, Mitsuko Senki, Fujiko Shinikawa, 2 grandchildren.

Onishi, Masako, 85, San Francisco, Feb. 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Ken, brother Jack and Tony Shimomichi, sisters Ruth Yamamoto, Sugi Kusuda, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

Otsuji, Tomoye, 76, Culver City, Feb. 23; Ukiah, Calif.-born, survived by her son Alan, sister Tsuyugo Ogata, brothers-in-law Ted, Keizo and George Otsuji.

Osasone, Isamu, MD, 81, Denver, Jan. 11; physician, WWII medical officer, survived by son Ronald, daughters Carolyn Keith, Cheryl Kuge.

Ozawa, Thomas S., Chicago, Feb. 7 (1924); survivor, WWII, dentist, daughter Lori, brother George, sisters Mary Fukui, Kimie Ozawa.

Posey, Calvert A., 73, Carson, Calif., Feb. 9 of cancer; Los Angeles and Boston; wife Akiko (Missouri), daughters Hedy, Sandra, 3 sons by previous marriage James, Brian, Gary.

Rohel, Jack M., 62; Corrie, Jan. 25; Prairie, Ore.-born, survived by wife Yoshie, daughter Sharon Mika, son Glenn, brother George (Jpn), sisters Frances Fumi North (San Jose), Yukiko Oseki, brother-in-law Kazuo Hara (Jpn).

JAMES S. KISHI, 68
Kansas City, MO, died March 28. Orange, Texas born, FAA test pilot, retired Army colonel, survived by wife Louise, stepson and step daughter Arthur and Nancy Nicholson (San Antonio and Boston); brothers Norman and George (Canyon Lake and Houston, TX); sister Aileen (Canyon Lake); nieces Aileen and Susan (San Antonio and Killean, TX) and nephews Jeffrey and William Masuda (Toronto and Polonaise, MD).

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