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## JACL news

### Asian American groups approve signing of new Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.—JACL and other Asian American organizations applaud President Bush's recent signing into law the Voting Rights Improvement Act of 1992.



KAREN MARASAK  
Washington, D.C., rep

which reauthorizes and expands the coverage of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Section 203 requires counties to provide bilingual voting materials and assistance to Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans in communities which meet certain criteria.

The expanded coverage provided by the bill means that bilingual voting materials must be provided, in many cases for the first time, to approximately 200,000 Asian Americans in nine counties. Chinese Americans are covered in three counties in New York.

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### California legislature passes '92 Civil Rights Restoration Act

SACRAMENTO—In its final day of the two-year session, the California State Legislature Aug. 31 passed the California Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1992. The Senate voted to approve the measure 24-12 and the Assembly passed it 42-31.

The bill, introduced by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco), will prohibit employment and housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, prohibit "English-only" rules in the workplace, and strengthen anti-discrimination laws protecting the disabled.

The fate of the bill now rests with Gov. Pete Wilson, who last

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### Plans underway for '94 convention

With the 32nd Biennial National JACL Convention in Denver now a piece of history, it's time to look forward to the next convention.



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The Mount Olympus chapter, JACL, will be hosting the 33rd Biennial National JACL Convention and is encouraging people to begin planning to attend the convention to be held at the Marriott

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## Asian Americans: top SAT test-takers

90% of them take college test in 1992

By GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

We balk at the model minority myth and the stereotype of the studious Asian American, but what are the facts? According to the College Board's annual report on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), a greater percentage of Asian Americans take the SAT than any other ethnic group. Ninety percent of all Asian American high school graduates in 1992 took the test—up from 87% in 1987. By contrast, 42% of all graduating white students and 34% of all African American students took the test.

Why do so many Asian Americans take the test? Since 1973, the number of Asian Americans taking the SAT has increased five-fold from about 16,000 to 78,000. Joyce Higashida, a counselor in undergraduate admissions at University of California, Riverside, said the

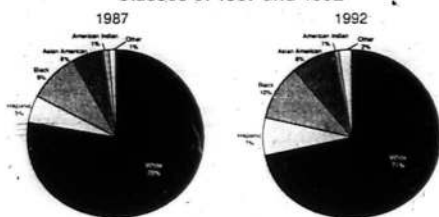
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—Joyce Higashida

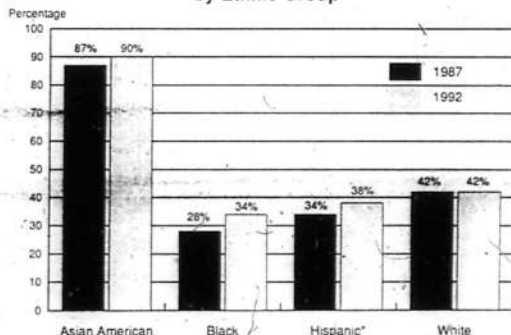
numbers are not surprising. 'Education is stressed from fourth generation families to recent immigrants. The percentage that matriculates doesn't surprise me,' Higashida, who recruits high school students for UC, Riverside, said most of the Asian Americans she works with choose career-oriented majors such as business or medicine. Higashida said she has noticed this trend especially among recently immigrated Asian Americans. 'Immigrant Asian Americans usually don't want to go to school for liberal arts. Most do business, medicine, dentistry or pharmacy.'

The SAT results underscore large influx of Asian Americans during the '70s and '80s. The rise in Asian Americans corresponds to a general rise in the percentage of minorities taking the test from 13% in 1973 to 29% in 1992. While almost all Asian American high school students take the SAT, an increasing

Percentage of SAT Takers in Each Ethnic Group, Classes of 1987 and 1992



High School Graduates Who Took the SAT in 1987 and 1992, as a Percentage of All Public High School Graduates, by Ethnic Group



Source: College Board, 1992. Population of high school graduates based on data from Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

\*Hispanic category includes Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Other Hispanics.

number of them are recent immigrants to the United States. The College Board report says that only 56% of the Asian Americans students who took the SAT in 1992 were U.S. citizens, while 29% had permanent residency and 15% were citizens of another country. By comparison, 92% of all students who took the SAT were U.S. citizens, with overall percent-

ages of permanent residents or non-citizens taking the test less than 5%.

Besides the numbers of Asian Americans who take the test, how well do they do? The answer is—great in mathematics and not as great in verbal. In 1992 Asian Americans averaged 532 out of a possible 800 on the

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## Battling discrimination

Justice Department awards grants to non-profit agencies

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Twenty-two non-profit organizations, including the Asian Pacific Legal Center of Los Angeles and the Organization of Chinese Americans of Washington, D.C., will receive \$3 million in grants from the Department of Justice to conduct public education programs aimed at employment discrimination.

Specifically, the focus will be aimed at the rights of victims of employment discrimination and the responsibilities of employers under the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA).

The grants, made by the Office

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### Getting help

The non-profit organizations scheduled to receive \$3 million in grants to conduct public education programs on employment discrimination are:

- American Council on International Personnel, New York.
- Asian Pacific Legal Center, Los Angeles.
- Catholic Charities, Dallas.
- Catholic Community Charities, San Diego.
- Catholic Community Services, Salt Lake City.
- Chicago Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Protection, Chicago.
- Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, Homestead, Fla., and Farmworker Legal Services, Rochester, N.Y.
- Florida Restaurant Association,

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## Fair housing enforcement being hindered, says Civil Rights commission

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The enforcement of fair housing for all is in jeopardy, according to a recent report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In a report entitled, "Prospects and Impact of Losing State and Local Agencies from the Federal Fair Housing System," the commission states that after Sept. 13 as many as 100 state and local agencies which have been processing federal fair housing complaints will be unable to continue.

The reason for the crisis according to the commission is because state and local agencies were required to be certified as having "substantially equivalent" legal authority and remedies by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Thus far only 14 agencies have been able to meet HUD's requirements.

Criticizing the lack of leadership at all levels of government in fair housing enforcement, Charles F. Wang, commission vice chairperson, said, "The apparent inability of government agencies at all levels to address the ongoing ineffectiveness of housing discrimination has contributed to the perception that civil rights law enforcement is not as important as the enforcement of other laws."

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## Calendar

### Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, Oct. 28—The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-46, slide lecture by Karin Hips, 7:30 p.m., Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Constitution Avenue and 14th St., NW. More than 100 paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures on exhibit. Free. Museum open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Idaho

### Moscow

Through Wednesday, Sept. 30—"An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," Kenjiro Nomura, Pichard Art Gallery, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. Information: Karen Watts, 209/882-6000.

### Twin Falls

Friday, Oct. 2, through Saturday, Oct. 3—Japanese American Internment, conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, sponsored by College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls. Speakers: Cressy Nakagawa, Roger Shimomura, Bill Hosokawa, Lonny Kaneko, Dr. David Adler, Raymond S. Uno, and Dr. Robert Sims. Free. \$10. Information: Hunt Conference attention: Dora Jones, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Motel: Weston Plaza 800/333-7829 or Canyon Springs 800/727-7272.

### Canada

### Vancouver

Fri.-Sun, Oct. 9-11—The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) sponsors HomeComing '92, a conference for Japanese Canadians. Hotel Vancouver. Registration fee: \$145. Information: NAJC, 404 Webb Place, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3J4, 204/943-2910.

### Washington

### Seattle

Through Oct. 4—Take Hama's solo show, "Visual Impressions through Oils, Gouache and Acrylic," Charles and Emma Frye Art Museum, Terry at Cherry Streets, Seattle. 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19—Lake Washington JACL's annual golf tournament, Jefferson Park Golf Course, Seattle, 11 a.m. Dinner at South China Restaurant, Seattle, 6:30 p.m. Entry: \$35. Dinner: \$12. Information: John Matsumoto, 232-0412, Don Maekawa, 746-3396, Shox Tokita, 641-6512.

### Arizona

### Phoenix

Monday, Sept. 21—Japan America Society of Phoenix's meeting. "Differ-

ences between Japan and the U.S. in a business situation, Plaza Club, 3300 N. Central, Phoenix, noon. Cost: \$20. Information: 683-5599.

Thursday, Oct. 22—National Society of Fund Raising Executives "From Ideas to Action... the Basics of Fund Raising" a minority outreach workshop, ASU Mercado location (5th and Monroe), 8 a.m. Registration: \$50. Information: Mark Trujillo, Central Arizona Shelter Services, 1209 W. Madison, Phoenix AZ 85007, 256-6945.

### Utah

### Salt Lake City

Saturday, Oct. 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, Utah, 804/705-8011/773-2285. Hotel reservations: 800/453-9450.

### California

### Sacramento

Saturday, Sept. 26—Sacramento JACL's fall fashion review "Fall Fashions 1992," featuring Karjo USA, Sacramento Buddhist Church Kakaia, 2401 Riverside Blvd., 9:30 a.m. Admission: free. Information: 916/447-0231.

### San Francisco Area

Wednesday, Sept. 16—UC Berkeley honors Nisei of the Class of 1942 at the Convocation, Zellerbach Auditorium, UCB campus, 3:30 p.m. Prior to the Convocation, a panel discussion, "Exodus of Japanese American College Students 50 Years Ago," Alumni House, 10 a.m. Panelists include Class of '42 alumni, Barry Sakai, Chizu Iiyama, Dr. Harvey Imano and Eugene Kono, moderator. Admission: free. Information: 510/642-3687.

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 18-19—The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco and Theatre of Yugen present the Nomura Kyogen Theatre of Japan, Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, 8 p.m. Cost: \$30, \$24, \$14. Tickets: City Box Office (415) Kearney 415/392-4400 and all BASS outlets 510/762-BASS. Sunday, Oct. 4—Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriaki 510/482-3280.

### Fresno

Saturday, Sept. 19—Psychology of

Aging Workshop, featuring Mithoko Nakatani, Ph.D., and Rev. Ken Saito, masters in diversity, M.A. in pastoral counseling, United Japanese Christian Church (Methodist Building), Collins Avenue and Fresno Street, Fresno, Calif., 9 a.m. to noon. Registration \$10 per person. Check to: Central California Nikkei Foundation, 5376 North Blvd., Fresno, CA 93710. Information: 209/251-5158.

Sunday, Sept. 20—7th annual Shin Zen Run at Woodward Park, Mountain View Shelter. Sponsored by Fresno JACL, Central Fish Co., and Pepsi. 1K run for kids, 7:15 a.m.; 2 mile run and 2 mile walk, 7:30 a.m.; 10K run, 8 a.m. Children's run and wheelchair divisions included. Fee: \$10 (\$5 for 1K kids run) before Sept. 10, \$13 (\$7 for 1K kids run) thereafter. Information: 209/434-1264.

Through Sunday, Nov. 22—Fresno Metropolitan Museum's "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japanese American Farming," 1555 Van Ness Ave. at Calaveras, Downtown Fresno, Mon.-Sun., 11 a.m. Admission: adults \$3, seniors \$2. Information: 209/441-1444. Friday, Sept. 25 through Saturday, Sept. 27—Third Fresno Nihonmachi Reunion, Fresno Holiday Inn—Plaza Centre, across from Fresno Convention Center. Open to all general public. Registration: \$45 to Chisato Ohara, 1041 N. 8th St., Fresno, CA 93702; or Keating, 2977 E. Holland Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. Includes dinner and dance, picnic lunch, tour of Fresno Metropolitan Museum, souvenir booklet, bus trip and more. Deadline Monday, Sept. 14.

### Los Angeles Area

Through 1993—"Issei Pioneers: Hawaii and the Mainland, 1885-1924"—Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles. Hours: Tues.-Thurs and Sat.-Sun, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. General admission, \$4; seniors, students, children 6-17, \$3; disabled access. Attractions, photographs, 3-screen video, audio tours in English, Japanese, Spanish. Information: 213/625-0414.

Wednesday, Sept. 16—The Asia Society's conference, "Japan: The new economic reality," Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand St., Los Angeles, 8 a.m. Speakers include: Nancy Yoshikawa, Los Angeles Times; Jiro Ishizaka, CEO, Union Bank. Cost: \$50 members, \$65 non-members. Information: 213/624-0945.

Thursday, Sept. 17—Japan America Society's "From Movies to Theme Parks: The future of the U.S.-Japanese entertainment industry." Fred Hope, president The Works, Holiday Inn Torrance Gateway, 19800 S. Vermont Ave., Torrance, 7:30 a.m. Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Information: 310/590-0311.

Friday, Sept. 18—"Museum After Hours: Game Night," Japanese American National Museum's night of games with prizes, 7 to 10 p.m., 369 East First St., Los Angeles. Tickets \$12 museum members, non-members, \$15 (includes refreshments and admission to museum exhibits). Information: 625-0414.

Saturday, Sept. 19—Author Thelma Chang autographs her book, "I Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th/442nd," Kinokuniya Book Store, 123 Chizuka St., Los Angeles.

Sunday, Sept. 20—ABCC 4th Annual Reunion, Dojima An Japanese Restaurant, 23737 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505, noon. Reservations by Sept. 10. Call Dr. Yasu Tatsumo, 310/327-6400; Frank Oshita, 818/281-4757; Hiro Takada, 805/687-1712.

Monday, Sept. 21—Center for the Pacific-Asian Family first annual fund-raising event, Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, CA. Center is for based non-English speaking Pacific-Asian women and their children: Reception 6 p.m., dinner and awards 7:15 p.m. Information: Vickie Roddcharoen, 818/307-0444; Rice Burton, 213/654-8696; Julie Lee, 213/653-4045.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 11—Art of Maki-e Yuzen, exhibition of handpainted silk kimono, obi, screens, sliding doors and scrolls by designer Sawai Hosen, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekends, closed Mondays. Information: 213/628-2725.

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## Short takes

### Massachusetts forms Asian panel

**BOSTON** — A 15-member Asian American Commission, chaired by Susan Weld, a specialist in Chinese legal history and the governor's wife, was appointed by Gov. William Weld (R) and formally sworn in March 3. Among the appointees was Atsuko Toki Fish of the Japan Society of Boston. The panel is scheduled to meet twice a year to advise on issues about trade with Asian countries, educational policies related to Asian Americans and perhaps "solve the economic situation in the state," observed commissioner Shaw G. Huang, director of the Harvard Renaissance Lab and president-elect of the American Chemical Society, who noted many of the appointees were professionals or had business connections.

Huang was also concerned that some universities informally restrict the number of Asian students they admit.

### Micheners donate 3,000 prints

**HONOLULU** — The James A. Michener Collection, one of the country's great private collections of Japanese woodblock prints, is now in one of the country's great museum collections at the Honolulu Academy of Arts.

James and Mari Michener, who were here for the Pearl Harbor 50th anniversary ceremonies, donated 3,000 *ukiyo-e* prints, dating from 1600 on, bringing the museum's total Michener gifts to about 5,400 exhibit-quality prints and another 1,000 study prints, according to museum director George Ellis. (The 1954 Michener classic on Japanese prints, *The Floating World*, was reprinted by the Academy in 1984.)

Recalling that the prints were originally being offered to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, Ronn Ronck, *Honolulu Advertiser* arts writer, reported Michener had originally driven to Manhattan to show samples to the curators but got into a heated argument with a policeman about where he could park his car. On a subsequent trip to Honolulu, he got lost and a local policeman walked with him three blocks to show him the front door of the Academy. "The difference between the attitudes of the two policemen persuaded him to leave his collection here," Ronck pointed out.

### Matsui bill on child welfare aid passes

**WASHINGTON** — Provisions to reform child welfare and foster care services and provide childhood hunger relief were reflected in the Family Preservation and Mickey Leland Hunger Act sponsored by Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), which was passed by the House Ways and Means committee July 2.

"While the administration talks a good game about family values, when it comes time to invest in children and families, President Bush has yet to put his money where his mouth is," Matsui said. "We are not going to break the cycle of poverty and violence plaguing our nation until we begin to offer some hope for troubled kids."

Matsui, a member of the Human Resources subcommittee, called for a five-year grant program for the state court systems to improve procedures in child welfare cases; extend foster care and adoption aid to abandoned children; fund respite care for foster parents of special needs children; and reform regulations to

allow youth independent living programs to accumulate household assets as needed.

### Language rights bill under Senate focus

**SACRAMENTO** — Assemblyman Xavier Becerra's bill, AB 2440, aimed at employers who deny employees the right to speak a language other than English in the workplace, was approved by the state legislature Aug. 31.

"Languages like Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog are becoming increasingly common in society and the workplace. To deny employees the right to speak these or any other languages during personal or non-business time is comparable to stripping such workers of their freedom to communicate," said Becerra.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California is among civic groups in support of the language rights protection bill.

### Bank donates to L.A. relief

**LOS ANGELES** — First donations of \$10,000 each from Sumitomo Bank of California's disaster relief and revitalization efforts in wake of the April 29 riots were recently presented to two local (Inglewood and Crenshaw) Neighborhood Housing Services.

The bank has set aside \$100,000 for local redevelopment, according to Mas Velotta, the bank's community affairs manager. The NHS recipients are private, non-profit corporations involving partnerships of neighborhood residents, business leaders and local government to promote affordable housing and neighborhood improvement.

### In Hawaii

### Redistricting boosts Hawaii elections

**HONOLULU** — Redistricting will make for a number of interesting races to appear in the Hawaiian state primary election in October. Republicans have filed in greater numbers with all 51 seats in the House up for grabs and 13 of the Senate's 25 seats open.

Forty-three Republicans have filed in the 64 state legislative races, seeking to break the Democrats' presence of 45 in the House and 22 in the Senate. The state's new 'Green Party' is fielding 18 candidates in various state and local races. Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi is seeking his sixth four-year term.

On Oahu, Matt Matsunaga, son of the late U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga, and current State Rep. Karen Horita have filed for state senate seats.

On the Big Island, the big race is for mayor. Incumbent mayor Lorraine Inouye faces former city council chair Russell Kokubun and Steve Yamashiro, who lost to Inouye by 76 votes in the 1990 election.

On Kauai, 10 have filed for the newly created 12th House district that includes North Kauai and parts of Maui.

### Hawaii's Okinawa Center 2 years old

**HONOLULU** — The \$10-million Okinawa Center in Waipaho Center off the H-2 Freeway celebrated its second anniversary June 20-21 with dedication of a Wall of Honor immortalizing parents and grandparents who came from Okinawa and raised their families on the Islands. A time

capsule was also sealed and placed beneath the *shisa* (lion-dog) guarding the pavilion entrance. The center in Waipaho, under executive director Bonnie Miyashiro, operates on contributions, volunteers and a full-time staff of three.

### Golf investments hit bitter tee

**HONOLULU** — In the last two years with Japan's economy slumping, the high level for golf memberships from Japanese which financed golf courses in

Hawaii has slumped as of June 30, according to, Ko Isayama, president of an international consulting firm. Some who intended to keep 10-year memberships hoped for handsome returns when they sell, but the value has dropped from 30 to 40%, he explained.

"The bubble has burst," added R.F. Gilligan, realty owner keeping track of golf courses in Hawaii. There are currently 68 courses, and of the 33 proposed, 13 have received State Planning office approval to go ahead. Japanese companies own 35 of the 68 and half of the 23 proposed for Oahu.

### In Canada

### HomeComing '92 marks "dispersal"

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** The history of the "dispersal" of Japanese Canadians in 1942 at least 100 miles inland from the British Columbia coast during the early months of World War II will be highlighted first-hand during the Oct. 9-11 HomeComing '92 conference here at Hotel Vancouver, 900 W. Georgia St.

Telling this story will be members of the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group, teachers who taught in the camps and from whom were exiled to Japan in 1946. Registration information: NAJC, 782 Corydon Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3M 0Y1.

### NAJC makes Winnipeg home

**WINNIPEG** — The National Association of Japanese Canadians recently completed negotiations on a 40-year lease for its headquarters at 404 Webb Place in a new downtown building. Besides administrative offices and a large meeting area, a library and resource center is being planned.

### Steveston Cultural Centre being built

**RICHMOND, B.C.** Construction of the Steveston Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre was expected to start in early 1992 and completion expected within a half year by the City of Richmond, which is accepting donations from the public. The centre will house Japanese language classes, a wing with kitchen for senior and community programs, and office. Among the want-list items are major kitchen appliances, dinnerware, card tables, TV set and a karaoke machine.

### In Japan

### Right-to-vote suit rejected

**OSAKA** — A British subject, claiming "mental anguish" for being denied the right to vote in the 1989 House of Councilors elections, was turned down by the

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## JACL Agenda

## Cincinnati

Teachers in search of material on Japanese and Japanese Americans in the Greater Cincinnati Area have been serviced by the chapter with books, tapes and videos. Started 12 years ago for elementary teachers, much of the material is being utilized at the junior high and high school levels, according to Sachi Kariya (513) 542-5150, who has been gathering and storing the material at her home. Meantime, she is gathering material for Japanese artifacts for more community educational kits consisting of: girl's yukata, happi coat or boy's yukata, footsweeper (fuchi, tabi, geta), fans, Boy's Day carp; lanterns, abacus, dinnerware (rice bowl), teacups, chopsticks, etc.), daruma, other items to help students learn about life in Japan.

Meanwhile, a "Focus on Japan" workshop for teachers was conducted at Northern Kentucky University for the 13th season by the chapter, co-sponsored by NKU and the Consulate General of Japan at New Orleans.

## Scholarships and Graduates

Nine college and 4 high school local area graduates were congratulated by the chapter. They are: College—Rene Matsunami, M.S. education, CSU-Northridge; Shelly Okura, Adrian (Mich.) College, dean's award for Contribution to Multi-Cultural Understanding; Jill Nishiyama, cum laude anthropology, Case Western; Alisa Tanaka, B.A., public policy, Brown, selected one of 22 legislative interns for 1993 term at State Capitol; George Tanaka, Harvard Medical School, ophthalmology residency at California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco.

cisco, in July 1993; Mark Tanaka, Rotary Club of Cincinnati student ambassador scholarship winner, 1992; Lauri Tojo, B.A. in psychology, Cincinnati; Paula Tojo, B.A. cum laude elementary education, Xavier; Nicole Yoshikawa, B.A. in interdisciplinary studies, Ursuline Academy, Cincinnati Chapter JACL, Iyaya Family Memorial Scholarship winner; Julie Pratt, Indian Hill; John Teuchiyo, Indian Hill salutatorian; Christopher Yokoyama, Wooster High, Cincinnati Chapter JACL, Iyaya Family Memorial and Provost Merit Scholarship winner.

## Honolulu

In a continuing effort to keep the chapter membership informed on critical issues, activities and updated on the calendar of events, the chapter's newsletter, *Leading the Way*, is being produced by the board, which acknowledged the professional printing services of Roy Yamashiroya of Service Printers. Besides a long president's column by William Kaneko and a feature story of ORA director Bob Bratt's presentation of redress checks to Hawaiian Nikkei, including farmers in Luauale Valley/Japanese in this valley were relocated because of their ancestry right after Pearl Harbor), the editorial spotlight in January, 1992, issue focused on Pam Funai, the "ace sleuth" who found the letter supporting the Luauale Valley farmers. JACLer Meidi Meeker wrote the article.

## San Diego

Once a year at the chapter's community picnic at Mission Bay Park, the 10-man 30-yard "geta" race is held with the team per-

forming against time, cited as "a world record," rather than another team, the reason being there's only one pair of "geta" imbedded with ten thongs. At the 1992 trot (which is the best way to finish this run), five teams entered, facing the previous world record of 38.64 seconds. The team of Pam Jones, Frank Jones, Alicia Phillips, Corey Flohs, Mike Jones, Mike Jones, Maria Yamamoto, Lisa Mills, Julie Otsuka and Cal Koseki finished in the new time of 28.25 seconds—shearing off ten full seconds.

**Membership:** As of mid-year 1992, there were 482 active members with 85% being senior citizens (over age 62).

## Downtown LA

Sixty inner-city Ninth Street School students recently attended a Los Angeles Times-sponsored job workshop, chaired by past Downtown L.A. Chapter President Kitty Sankey at the Harry Chandler Room of the Times Building. The workshop, co-sponsored by the JACL chapter, was seen as an extension of the JACL scholarships to high school graduates, who were from Ninth St. School, a major prewar Nikkei public school in the wholesale produce market area.

Participants included Carla White, Times public relations coordinator; Walter Herrera, Times employee relations officer; models wearing affordable fashions from Oscar Reynoso's Five Dollar Store; and Steve Madrigal's Target Store in Alhambra (so that graduates know how to dress for a job interview); JACLers Ellen Koga, chapter president; George Tanaka, Sandi Kawasaki and Sankey conducting mock interviews.

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## 1992 Reunions

**Fresno Nihonmachi Reunion:** Sept. 25-27, Fresno/Highway Inn Center Plaza, 2233 Ventura Ave., Fresno, CA, 93721. Reg. \$45. M.S. Chisato Ohara, 1041 N. 8th St., Fresno, CA, 93702. Sat. 10 a.m.-noon, "Country Voices" exhibit, Ansel Adams photographs of Mantanzan, Fresno Assembly Center Hall of Remembrance at Metropolitan Museum, 1555 Van Ness; 12-4 p.m. picnic, Woodward Park; 6 p.m. social hour/reunion dinner, program and dance, Centre Plaza; Sunday, 8 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. church services at both Buddhist and United Japanese Christian.

**Gila River 50th Anniversary:** Oct. 3-4, Radisson Phoenix Airport Hotel, 3333 E. University, Phoenix, AZ, 85034, (602/487-8400); Oct. 3, campsite tour, reunion dinner. Information: Helen Mishima, 576-B Manele Lane, Hilo, HI, 96720 (808/935-6078).

**Heart Mountain Reunion VI:** Sept. 11-13, SeaTac Red Lion Hotel, Seattle.

**HomeComing '92 (Japanese Canadians):** Oct. 9-11, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.; Friday: registration 5:30 p.m.; Saturday: plenary session / Keynote by Art Miki, president, NAJCC, 9 a.m., workshops on "Our History," 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; mini-reunions/parallel session on "Japanese Canadians in the Arts," 7:30-10 p.m.; Sunday: plenary session on "Human Rights, Cultural Dimensions," 9 a.m.; workshops 10:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; closing plenary: "The Next 50 Years," 4:15

p.m., banquet, Raymond Moriyama, guest speaker, 6:30-11 p.m. (Seven of the 46 workshop issues will be conducted in Japanese.) Information: National Association of Japanese Canadians, 782 Corydon Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Canada, R3M 0Y1 (604/681-5222).

**Placer County H.S. Nikkei Alumni:** Sept. 19-20, Holiday Inn, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, Information: Tomio Sasaki (916/456-2595).

**Poston's 50th Anniversary:** The Poston Camp Monument on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m. across the firehouse inside the Colorado River Indian Tribes reservation at Parker, Ariz., is expected to see a turnout of 1,500 former evacuees, friends, and local residents. Afterwards, Poston I, II, & III residents also plan to revisit their respective campsites.

**Poston I, II, III 50th Anniversary:** Oct. 5-7, Laughlin, Nev.; Oct. 6, new monument dedication at Poston Camp main entrance, 10:30 a.m., Colorado River Indian Tribes Headquarters, Parker, Ariz.

**Poston I, Oct. 9-11 at Torrance (Calif.) Marriott Hotel:** 3635 Fashion Way, \$115 registration: Friday mixer, Saturday fashion show luncheon, Saturday dinner, Sunday Sayonara brunch; contact Paul Chikahisa, 2139 W. 235th Pl., Torrance, CA, 90501.

**Poston II, Oct. 5-7 at Sam's Town Gold River Hotel:** (800) 835-7904; co-chair: Kiyo Sato Viacrusa (916/363-6884), Hannah Satow (916/362-0309).

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**Poston III, Oct. 5-7 at Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, San Diego contact—Masato Asakawa (619/453-2739), Yuki Kawamoto (619/286-8203); L.A. contact—Babe Karasawa (213/47-1146); San Francisco/San Jose contact—Bette Uchida (408/257-1935), Central California—Yas Hashimoto (209/638-2377); call America West (800/356-6611) for Laughlin vacation package.**

**Salt Lake City: Davis High School Alumni:** Oct. 10, Little America Hotel, 500 S. Main St. (800-453-9450), George Hirabayashi, 3042 South 1000 West, Syracuse, UT, 84075 (801/773-2285).

**San Benito County Nikkei Ex-Residents:** Oct. 3, Kim Sang Restaurant, 15449 S. Western Ave., Gardena, Calif., noon-6 p.m. Information: Edward Masumoto, 428 E. Double St., Gardena, CA, 90745, (310) 635-4454.

**Seattle: Franklin High School Class of 1942:** Oct. 16-18, Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel. Golden Anniversary reunion, contact: David Valente, 14816 Bothell Way NE, #236, Seattle WA, 98155, (206/367-2433).  
**UC, Berkeley, Class of 1942's 50th anniversary:** Sept. 15: convocation: California Japanese American Alumni Big Game reunion: Nov. 21, Holiday Inn, Emeryville. Information: CJAAA, Mo Noguchi, P.O. Box 15235, San Francisco, CA, 94115-0235, (415/499-1666).

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## Personally speaking

Prof. Gary Amamo was recently named 1992 teacher of the year in the fine arts at Utah State University. Amamo, a pianist and teacher, studied piano at the university, then attended Juilliard School of Music in New York. He has been a university faculty member since 1974, and has developed a model program piano performance and pedagogy. In 1978 he established the USU Youth Conservatory, an educational program for pre-college students that provides systematic and imaginative instruction to elementary and secondary school students in piano improvisation, musical enjoyment, aural training, and ensemble performance.

Businessman Hiram H. Hachiya of Portland, Ore., was recently awarded the Order of the Rising Sun with Silver Rays by the Japanese government. He was cited for many activities that enhanced better understanding between the peoples of the United States and Japan. Hachiya served as president of the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland, board member of the Sapporo-Portland Sister City Committee; chairman of the Lions District Youth Exchange program; and board member of the Portland Police Sunshine Division.

Cal Poly Pomona President Bob H. Suzuki has been appointed to a Division II position on the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Presidents Commission. He will serve on the commission through January, 1995. The commission serves as an advisory board to the NCAA.

Judge Mikio Uchiyama recently was honored with the 3rd Class of Order of Japan/United States Relations in ceremonies held in Fresno, Calif.

Uchiyama, a graduate of UC, Berkeley, the University of Texas, Harvard University and Stanford, has served in the Counter Intelligence Corps, the Far East Command in Tokyo from 1946-48, and as an appeals attorney for the war crimes trials.

He has also served in many positions and has been involved in many organizations, including city attorney and judge for Fowler; secretary of the Fowler Lions Club; and president of the Fowler Chapter, JACL. He was also the recipient of the outstanding citizens award from the Fowler Chamber of Commerce.

Hawaii Rep. Barbara



WAYNE WANG



EVELYN YOSHIMURA

## Filmmaker, community activist honored with Tatsukawa award

Filmmaker Wayne Wang, who has chronicled the Asian American experience, and community activist Evelyn Yoshimura of the Little Tokyo Service Center of Los Angeles have been selected recipients of the 1992 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Awards.

The award is named in honor of Tatsukawa, a program executive on Los Angeles public television station KCET who died in 1984 at the age of 35. Each year, the \$1,000 Tatsukawa Awards are presented to persons who carry on his legacy of commitment to community service and achievement in the media arts.

Wang first achieved prominence in 1980 with "Chan is Missing," a low-budget film that eventually grossed more than a million dollars at the box office. Wang followed with "Dim Sum: A Little Bit of Heart" in 1985, a story about a contemporary Chinese Ameri-

can woman's struggle to reconcile her independent nature with the demands of tradition Chinese values. He is now working on the screen adaptation of Amy Tan's novel, "The Joy Luck Club."

Yoshimura has for more than two decades demonstrated commitment to addressing key issues facing the Japanese American and Asian Pacific communities.

After a visit to China in 1972, Yoshimura affirmed her commitment to social change and directed her energies by helping elderly and low income residents and small business and community organizations of Little Tokyo which were being evicted to make way for new developments. She organized the Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization. That organization also became one of the founding organizations for the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations.

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## San Mateo woman recognized for community service



**SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS**—Steven Okamoto, left, and Allen Okamoto, present a check and award to Rox Enomoto who accepted on behalf of Tsuya Ikari of San Mateo who was recognized for her dedication to community service.

San Mateo — Tsuya Ikari of San Mateo was recently named as the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award recipient for 1992.

The award is named in honor of Okamoto who served as a volunteer coordinator for the

Hamilton Senior Center in San Francisco for more than 50 years until her death in 1987.

Ikari, who turns 90 in October, has been a 20-year community service volunteer at the center since its inception.

in the Los Angeles area.

Kawa has been involved in the field of developmental disabilities since 1979. Since 1980, she has directed a prevocational center; designed and administered the first behavioral group home for multi-handicapped blind consumers; designed and administered the first behavioral day activity program in the San Fernando Valley; wrote the program design for four community care group homes; created a new regional office in West Los Angeles; and administered mobility crew and supported employment programs.

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## Books . . . by Harry Honda

## Balch Institute publishes guide

In 1971, the Balch family of Philadelphia inaugurated the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies. To mark the 20th anniversary, a *Guide to Manuscript and Microfilm Collections for Library* was published (Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, 18 S. 7th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106, 129pp, coated stock, \$18 postage included) that covers 56 ethnic groupings including Asians. Under "Japanese" are a number of microfilms, including the *Pacific Citizen* (29 reels through 1989), *Kachu Mainichi* (93 reels 1951-1968), *Chicago Shimpu* (10 reels 1946-1966), and what appears to be nearly all the publications from the WWII assembly and relocation centers.

The manuscript collection houses the 1943-45 material from the American Friends Service Committee, Clothing Committee and Japanese American Relocation Center (a gift from Haverford College Library) and an incredible amount (11 feet, 363 prints, etc.) of the Sumiko Kobayashi files, pictures and memorabilia. [The Institute is located not more than two blocks west of the Liberty Bell Pavilion in front of Independence Hall, closed Sundays.]

## Almanac covers American politics

*The Almanac of American Politics 1992*, by Michael Barone and Grant Ujifusa; National Journal, 1730 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, 1,519pp, index, hard \$56.95, soft \$44.95 (1991).

Dubbed the "Bible of American politics" by columnist George Will, the almanac provides a state-by-state, district-by-district profile of the country (before reapportionment). All the population data is 1990 Census. With the 1992 presidential and congressional campaigns underway, the "Almanac of American Politics 1992" serves as an appropriate compendium as the state primaries, nominating conventions and the November election day pass.

Illuminating are the individual assessments of the states. Here are some brief samplings:

**Arizona**—"One of the nation's least edifying commonwealths."

**California**—"In many ways, California resembles that separate nation, of similar geographic size and even greater population in the seismically active interstices between ocean and mountains and wasteland, across the Pacific: Japan." And add this: "There are other ways in which California differs from its Pacific neighbor... (the most obvious being the ethnic diversity and the sunny weather.)"

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That it's in paperback is nice to know but for constant reference, the hardback is a winner.

Looking ahead to the next edition, Ujifusa and Barone (who have other jobs: Barone's with *U.S. News and World Report*, Ujifusa's at *Reader's Digest*) spend many weekends at home monitoring, updating and editing — and there will be many changes of congressional district maps and of politicians in or out of office.

Book profiles 7  
Nikkei families  
during WWI

*Our House Divided: Seven Japanese American Families in World War II*, Tomi Katzawa Knaefer. University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822; 128pp, \$19.95 (1991).

Twenty-five years ago, then reporter Tomi Knaefer of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and managing editor Bud Smyser brainstormed about a special piece for Dec. 7. It became a series of untold stories of the Pacific War — of the dilemma endured by both the Issei and Nisei generations because of WWII through the lives of seven families: Miho, Asami, Tanaka, Yempuku, Miyasato, Fujiwara and Yamamoto. Each family was "divided" by having someone stranded in Japan during the war.

Even more fascinating is the spirit of the Japanese American soul as encompassed in these stories by the author who was the first Nisei woman reporter at the *Star-Bulletin* in 1952. Those familiar with the buzz words of the Nisei-Sansai world — Pearl Harbor, Evacuation, 100th-442nd, MIS, *ji-kan* & *ba-kan*, Hiroshima, *shikatanai* — will find even more. And the family photographs sharpen the images of each story.

A thoughtful touch is the 1990 update of each family. For instance, Mrs. Haru Tanaka was a redress recipient in Honolulu. The redress connection in a book about the Nikkei in Hawaii was unexpected.

## In brief

*Chikuma River Sketches*, Shimazaki Tōson, tr. by William E. Naff. University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822; 206pp, \$25.00 (1991).

Shimazaki Tōson's "Sketches" and related stories, like his monumental novel *Before the Dawn*, are literally grounded in the Meiji era and breathe the color, life and impressions of our Issei generation when they were young. He relates one provocative folk story — of people who lure other people's dog by using brown sugar, kill and eat them, then stretch the hides and dry them to use for rugs. (My folks never told me that story of the Northern people. Of course, most of the stories are not that brutal.)

The sketches date from the 1890s to 1912, first year of Taisho, nestled in the Chikuma River Valley at the foot of Mt. Asama in Nagano prefecture.

Of unexpected value were the tables of old Japanese weights and measures which the Issei utilized, untranslated but converted to the nearest English system numbers: 1 *shaku* (capacity) = .0318 pint; 1 *sun* (linear) = 1.2 inch, 1 *ri* = 2.44 miles, 1 *tsbu* (area) = 3.95 square yards. In fact, the Naff Notes are filled with information with a 20th century flavor.

*The Invisible Thread*, Yoshiko Uchida, Julian Messner-Silver Burdett Press, 190 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, 128pp, \$12.95 US, \$17.95 Can. (1991).

Author of some 30 books, short stories and articles for over the past 40 years, Yoshiko Uchida has created an evocative body of Japanese American literature for young people. (Her first was *Dancing Kettle & Other Folk Tales* - 1949 for readers 7-9.)

The latest, *Invisible Thread*, with memories and snapshots of her family and friends of prewar years in Berkeley, a trip to Japan on the Chichibu Maru, of Papa being picked up by the FBI after Pearl Harbor, life at the wartime Tanforan and Topaz camps, and finally leaving to finish her education at Smith College (master's in education in May, 1944) concludes with wrap-up epilogue that reveals her mission as an author — "to give the Sansai the kind of books I'd never had as a child." She has endured and done well.

Cebu, Peter Bacho, University

of Washington Press, PO Box 50096, Seattle, WA 98145; 212pp, \$12.95 pp. (1991).

Here is a story of a young Filipino American returning to the Philippines after World War II. A priest, Ben Lucero is making his first visit of Cebu, since he was a kid, bringing home the remains of his mother for burial. She had married a GI who made the U.S. Army his life's career. The author weaves a wily tale of the Japanese soldiers in the Philippines, about his wealthy Aunt Clara and meeting her aunt's glamorous secretary Ellen against the background of the poverty and clannishness of Filipino life and finally back to the present-day south Seattle.

A teacher, journalist and attorney in San Francisco, Bacho conveys the Filipino American feelings with a generous spread of expressions in Filipino which are all new to this Nisei reader.

*The Triumph of Japanese Style: 16th Century Art in Japan*, Michael R. Cunningham. Indiana University Press, 601 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404; 93 color illus, 154pp, \$29.95 ppb (1991).

Here is the elegant catalogue published for Cleveland Museum of Art's 75th anniversary exhibition of Japanese paintings (*kyōbu* and *fusuma*), hanging scrolls, some lacquerware and textiles of the 16th century when Toyotomi Hideyoshi ascended to power.

Included are one National Treasure from Kyoto ("Pine Amid Grasses and Flowers," attributed to Hasegawa Kyūzo, 1568-1593, Momoyama Period) and 21 Important Cultural Properties.

It was also decided that the exhibition would only be shown in Cleveland: hence, the value of the beautiful book for devotees of classical Japanese art.

The author, chief curator of Asian art at the Cleveland museum, carefully explains the development of Japanese art in the opening dozen pages. The back-

ground of each piece and some portions of the art enlarged (b&w photos) add considerably to the catalogue.

*Parker Ranch Paniolo: Yutaka Kimura* by Jiro Nakano. Univ. of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822; 158pp.

A rare breed of a Hawaiian cowboy, the "paniolo," on the rolling hills of Waimea on the Parker Ranch on the Big Island — can be even rarer when he's of Japanese ancestry — in this instance, 80-year-old Yutaka Kimura who grew up at the ranch. Born in poverty, Yutaka started punching cattle at the age of 14 (1919), struggled with his father to help support his brothers and sisters to attend school. After Kimura retired in '67 at age 62, he continued to work for his community and church, and made TV commercials for Japanese products.

Dr. Jiro Nakano, a retired cardiologist, met him by chance through a Buddhist bishop to write a story dedicated to the pioneer Japanese in Waimea. You'll be happy it comes when we can use all the stories of this kind to bring a better sense of balance to the Nikkei world.

## In passing

• Recently announced by Coffee House Press (Minneapolis, MN 55401) were Karen Tei Yamashita's multi-generational hardcover novel, *Brazil-Marú* (320pp, \$19.95), uncovering the little known history of the Nikkei community in Brazil, and Lawson Fusao Inada's long-awaited collection of poems, *Legends from Camps* (25pp, \$11.95)....

Yamashita has been selected to the National Writer's Voice Project reading tour for 1992-93, scheduled at YMCAs across the country. Schedule is to be announced.

• Art historian Dore Ashton explores in her book, *Noguchi: East and West* (Knopf), the life of longtime friend, Nisei sculptor Isamu Noguchi (1904-1988).

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## Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Rich resources of Balch Institute

When my father died 40 years ago he left a stack of large, red-bound notebooks. There must have been 20 or 25 of them. For decades he had kept a daily journal in these notebooks, all in Japanese.

My brother and I were unable to read what he had written. We asked a trusted friend to scan the diaries and give us an idea as to what was in them. His advice was to destroy them. He didn't say it in so many words, but the impression I got was that the diaries were too personal and should not be seen by other eyes.

In the confusion of the time we did not question the advice. We saw that the diaries were destroyed.

Many times since then I've wondered what my father had written, and whether we had done grievous harm to historians by disposing of his records.

That thought returned the other day when Sumiko Kobayashi sent me two publications from the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies of Philadelphia, of which she is a trustee. One is titled "Guide to Manuscript and Microfilm Collections". The other,

"Selections from the Museum Collections."

The Balch Institute, I learned, was established about 20 years ago by members of the prominent Balch family of Philadelphia. Its mission is to collect, preserve and interpret materials reflecting America's ethnic and racial diversity. The Institute is housed in a six-story library-museum a block from Independence Hall near the center of Philadelphia.

The Institute has a substantial Japanese American collection including 11 linear feet of papers donated by Sumiko Kobayashi who was born in Yamato, the agricultural colony established by Japanese immigrants in Florida.

Another collection that caught my eye was donated by the late Rev. Mamoru Eto who, as I recall, was 107 years old when he received his Redress payment. For years he was a minister in Seabrook, N.J., where large numbers of evacuees found food-processing jobs. His papers take up six feet of shelf space.

The Institute has on file microfilm reels of *Pacific Citizen*, the various WRA camp

and assembly center newspapers, and Japanese American community publications. All in all, the Balch Institute would seem to be a priceless resource for researchers in the East who don't have easy access to more extensive repositories on the West Coast.

Among them: The vast collection of books and documents in places like the Bancroft Library at the University of California in Berkeley, the Japanese American Research Project collection at the University of California in Los Angeles, the memorabilia assembled by the broadly supported Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, the material in the Japanese American National Library in San Francisco, and photo resources of the National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco.

Their collections are being assembled none too soon. If you have papers, books or memorabilia, please see that the experts get a chance to examine the material before you make the tragic mistake of heading for the dump. ☐

## Letters

Letters should be brief and are subject to editing. Please sign your letter but make sure we are able to read your name. Include mailing address and telephone number. You may fax letters to 213/626-8213 or mail them to Letters to the Editor, Pacific Citizen, 701 E. 3rd St., Ste. 201, Los Angeles, CA, 90013.

## National Guard's role and LAPD clarified

In wake of the recent Los Angeles riots, the role of the California National Guard, particularly in defending Koreatown, has been called into question (May 22 P.C.). A number of points are in order.

The California National Guard (CNG) had no "lean forward alert" it might be needed in Los Angeles. To the contrary, we had been assured our help would not be needed in the event of any disturbance that might follow the Rodney King verdict.

On the strength of this assurance, the Guard loaned protective equipment to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The only role envisioned for the Guard by law enforcement was to fly California Highway Patrol officers from northern California if they were needed, and to base them at the CNG's Los Alamitos facility.

The call to duty from the Governor came at 9 p.m. on April 29. The Guard is a citizen soldier organization. Its soldiers and airmen had to be called from their homes and jobs and had to make arrangements for their families and other responsibilities in their absence.

For some years, the Guard's ammunition has been kept at Camp Roberts and issued as needed. The first flight was diverted to pick up face shields and bullet-proof vests at nearby Camp San Luis Obispo to replace those loaned to the LAPD and now suddenly needed by Guard soldiers. Not only was the flight delayed, some ammunition already loaded had to be displaced for the protective gear.

The Guard is, and should be, the support of last resort for law enforcement. By noon April 30, some 2,000 soldiers, the initial increment called by the governor, were ready in the L.A. area even though not all available mutual aid resources had been used. More, the LAPD was unable to assign missions to available Guard forces until early that afternoon. All the same, the Guard was "on the streets" within 18 hours of the initial call. This was considerably better than the times later achieved by the Army and Marines, even though they had been given a "heads up" many hours before their actual deployment.

Finally, at no time does the Guard assign its own mission, nor should it be able to. Its role is support of law enforcement, and it received its missions from the local enforcement lead agency, in this instance the LAPD. This is in no way meant to imply criticism of the LAPD, but the Guard soldiers in Los Angeles went where they were ordered to go by that agency.

This story is not simple nor simply told. I have attempted to describe the complexity of the problem in order to refute any suggestion the CNG in any way deliberately withheld needed protection from the Korean, or any other, community in Los Angeles. This is simply not the case....

Our concern on the streets in April and May was the protection of all law-abiding persons, citizens or not, and their property. To suggest otherwise is utterly unfair to the dedicated Guard men and women who served, in whatever capacity, in Los Angeles. They deserve better.

Roger L. Goodrich Jr.  
Colonel, CA ARNG  
Chief, Public Affairs  
Sacramento, Calif.

## Research sought on Shitara sisters

I am conducting research of the 1944 treason trial of the Shitara sisters, which took place in Denver. I am particularly interested in what happened to them after their serving their sentences. Please contact me at the address below for any information.

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

## 'The Chowhounds'

DURING WW-2 Nikkei (persons of Japanese ancestry) residing in the United States, persevered each in their own way and in so doing, each contributed to the benefit of the common good. This includes not only those who served in the military services but also those who remained behind: our Issei parents who sent sons and daughters off to war under circumstances no American parent was caused to endure, namely while incarcerated by the very nation their offspring served to defend and preserve. Similarly, so did spouses and siblings of those who served.

IN THE MILITARY as well, Nikkei served in varying roles: combat in the infantry, Army Air Corps (as it was then called), Office of Strategic Services (OSS) involving underground work, military intelligence (pre-war as well as post-war) including the European Theater of operations, construction engineers who were all fronts subject to being summoned to the front lines to build under enemy fire. Each and all served and contributed as called upon.

\*One cannot ask more.

LITTLE KNOWN to many, in the then

Territory of Hawaii there existed an all-AJA (Americans of Japanese ancestry) construction engineer battalion, the 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion. Its beginnings went back to the October 1942 activation of the 370th Engineer Battalion which was supplemented by consolidating a number of other AJA military groups as well as draftees. Generally, a battalion consists of four companies, each company consisting of up to 150 soldiers, including headquarters personnel. That would total somewhere in the area of 500 or so soldiers for a battalion.

THE 1399TH ENGINEERS were stationed in Oahu where they were called upon to complete some 54 major projects including storage facilities, bunkers, training facilities (where some 300,000 soldiers trained), bomb shelters, a million-gallon water tank (still operational), roads and bridges, etc. In my mind's eye, I can picture this crew of Buddahs working their derrieres off in the hot Pacific sun, Nikkei competitiveness in full force. So much so that they earned a unit award for outstanding service. Such strenuous duty each day at top speed undoubtedly worked up one

'healthy appetites, and it is little wonder the engineers earned the nickname "Chowhounds." No doubt a lot of *cha-zuke* (rice soaked with hot tea) along with *tsukemono* (pickled vegetables) were included. What with all that body-building work and the *cha-zuke*, the Chowhound battalion fielded a stable of outstanding athletic teams, including champions. With the end of the war, demobilization commenced and the unit was deactivated by the spring of the following year. Some members died in service.

THE "CHOWHOUND" vets have their get-togethers and community service programs, including annual visits to a home to entertain residents and contribute food including *mochi* and, what else, but *sake*. (The residents undoubtedly cannot wait for the Chowhounds and their wives to appear.) One Chowhound vet, Shiro Matsui, was a 109-pound soldier, and some of the construction equipment he was called upon to wield would challenge him—willing as he may have been. So the story is that after being relegated to lighter duty (that is the

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## UNFORGIVEN

THE OLD-TIMER'S RIDE 50 YEARS TO RECALL SOME OLD ADVERSARIES.







## Travel

Here's a hardly known historic hot springs at . . .

## Yellowstone

Story and photos by HARRY K. HONDA

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo.** — My first visit to Yellowstone following the recent National JACL Convention in Denver was to follow-up on Susan Sunada's copyrighted story in the 1972 P.C. Holiday Issue headlined, "Chinaman Spring," which dates from an overly colorful 1888 story written by a *Livingston Enterprise* (Mont.) newspaperman and later remembered by Park Superintendent George Marler and other park personnel. I wanted to know exactly where "the twin pools near Old Faithful" were located.



**HOT WATER**—Above, PC editor emeritus Harry Honda poses in front of Chinaman Springs near Old Faithful. At right is close-up of Chinaman Springs.



Issei immigrants, M.A. Sunada . . . and H. Kurose . . . were operators of the Yellowstone Hand Laundry.

The Sunada story says "a Chinese laundryman pitched a tent over a hot spring. He was hired to do the laundry for a nearby hotel — not the present Old Faithful Inn which was not built until after the turn of the century. A bar of soap was dropped into the water, causing an eruption. Up went the tent, laundry and all. The Chinaman (unnamed) fled . . . In the 1910s, there were 'two Chinamen' who operated a laundry near Old Faithful . . . They buried their barrel of soap, announcing they would return the following year. But they disappeared and never were seen again."

The Sunada story further re-

veals these two gentlemen were Issei immigrants, M.A. Sunada (who had died in 1938) and H. Kurose (who retired in California after farming many years in Layton, Utah), were operators of the Yellowstone Hand Laundry one summer before World War I.

Sunada recalls how the two Issei hauled in supplies on a wagon pulled by a team of horses to enter the Park and followed the North Star (this means coursing through the area by night) to the south bank of the river near Old Faithful, to go into business in 1914, "the year Wilson won the presidential election," as Kurose recalled.

dential election," as Kurose recalled.

Park records show no record of these Issei men who had a lucrative business — though often payment was in fresh trout and to the point where the excess was smoked and taken home as "Trout Jerky."

#### Bit of Park History

The Park was established in 1872, administered by the U.S. Army at Fort Yellowstone by the northern entrance from 1886 until the National Park Service was inaugurated in 1899. Until the automobiles started to enter the park around 1915, transportation

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## Travel talk . . . with Tyler Tanaka

**Q: What is the present travel situation to Tibet?**

**A:** The most exotic travel destination in the world is open again to foreign tourists. The first time Tibet became available to visit was when China opened their doors to tourism. It closed following the Tiananmen Square incident. It opened again but travel is limited to group travel. If your travel agent cannot find a convenient published group departure for you, have him request independent arrangements. There are a number of China International Travel Service appointed tour operators who your agent can contact on your behalf. Most of those operators can plan your journey to coincide with an English speaking scheduled group departure from Chengdu in China to Tibet. One thing which you should keep in mind is that Tibet is not a destination for everybody. The capital city of Lhasa is 12,000 ft. above sea-level, which is higher than any other in the world. I recommend this trip only for the healthy adventuresome travelers.

**Q: What are "Travel Advisories"?**

**A:** Our State Department is-

sues a Travel Advisory when they feel it is in your interest to be warned concerning travel to a specific country or region of the world. The advisories range from light concern to extreme danger. As there could be as many as 20 advisories current at any one given moment of time, you must be specific. The number in Washington DC for obtaining Advisory information is (202) 647-5225. Also, most travel agents have the capability to do a computer print-out.

**Q: Would you recommend that I visit Hong Kong the next time I go to Japan?**

**A:** By all means. Hong Kong is one of the great destinations of the world. It does not make any difference who you are. Hong Kong is a place that appeals to everybody. It was originally known only for shopping bargains. Although there are still many bargains, it is now better known for its sightseeing, scenery, color, hub, and the great luxurious hotels and restaurants. Many people fly to Hong Kong for just a one week vacation. Like Japan, it is a safe destination. There is very little crime. It is my most favorite city in the entire Far East.

**Q: My wife wants me to go**

on a cruise with her. I rather not go as I think that I will be climbing the walls after a few days of inactivity. What do you recommend?

**A:** I am a "type A" like you. For many years, I refused every invitation to go on a cruise. My reason for not going were the same as yours. Finally I relented. I returned converted. Cruising was more enjoyable than my most hopeful expectations. Better than on a group air tour, you can either be alone or with people, relax or be very active, explore ports of call independently or on a guided shore package. You will enjoy the freedom of choice. There is nothing else quite like it. Go on the cruise as a favor to your wife. Keep an open mind and I am sure you will enjoy the experience.

**NOTE:** Heard from Alaska Quality Lodges that following our article regarding a singles week at Whale Resort off Ketchikan (see PC May 1), they received a number of telephone inquiries. All were from guys. What happened? No single gals out there? Inquiring about the status of that "singles week" call toll free 800-877-2661.

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## YELLOWSTONE

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was by stagecoach for the tourists and by wagons for freight and supplies.

The Inn was built in 1904 by frontier labor and native material. In the early days, concessionaires catered to the wealthy - the Saratoga Springs and Catekill crowd, who could afford to travel - hence the opulence and elegance of the Inn.

Prior to the Inn, for visitors to Old Faithful, the park's main attraction, there was the ramshackle Hobart Hotel serving as a lunch station and a lodge from

1885 until it burned down in 1894.

Before WWII, the story-telling signs were legion around the park. By the 1950s, these were replaced by smaller signs and the text written into self-tour guides.

## 'Chinaman Spring' Located

By the 1960s when the word Chinaman became an offensive term, the sign for these two pools by the boardwalk surrounding Old Faithful was removed. There is no mention of these twin pools by name in the self-tour guide brochures, either.

Thus, a historic tale with a Chinese American bent has fallen into the forgotten past and that's a pity. (Asian Week in San Fran-

cisco is polling its readers on whether "Chinaman" is a racist word when many Chinese Americans refer to whites as *fungies* or *fo fan*, which are racist terms as well. Are Chinese Americans using the latter term in the same category as Whites who use Chinaman?)

Our thanks to a 1991 University Press of Colorado book, "Geysers of Yellowstone" by T. Scott Bryan, for pinpointing the exact location of "Chinaman Spring" by Firehole River on a map of the geysers all visibly spitting water or belching smoke behind Old Faithful.

## Obituaries

**Anki, Mike M., 70**, Salt Lake City, May 13 at Torrance while visiting son, Tokyo-born, survived by wife Ruth, son Wayne, daughter Sharon Carmichael (Barbados, BWI), 1 grandson, 4 sisters Yoshiko Maruyama, Hisako Kumagai (Davis), Kiyo Tomomatsu, Carol Labauve.

**Aso, Rev. George S., 83**, Daly City, April 30, former minister at 7th St. Adventist Church, San Francisco - wife Yoko Kato, sons William Aso, Jerry Aso, daughters Sumire Carlos, Yukio Okumura.

**Fujimoto, Fred, 89**, Kailua-Kona, Aug. 11, Hiroshima 442nd veteran, major force behind memorial to astronaut Ellison Sizuka at Kahalo Airport, survived by wife Miori, son Mark, daughters Janne, Lynn Sato, Marie Uehiro, brothers Robert, Edwin (Hilo), sister Margaret Goto, 4 g.

**Hatanaka, Sige, 94**, Torrance, May 9; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by 4 sons: Tomoto, Hiroshi, Koshi, 4 daughters: Sumiye (Hiro), Masako Nozu, Kunshi Higashi (Lodi), Chieko Kaneyuki, 19 g., 13 great-g.

**Iguchi, Roy M., 75**, Seattle, June 16; retired after 30 years at Boeing, survived by wife Cheiko, sons Victor, Dr. Robert, daughters Shirley Yamamoto, Linda, 8 g.

**Izeda, Kazuo, 70**, Portland, Ore., May 7 at Laramie, Wyo.; Portland-born, Army Japan Occupation veteran, retired architecture technician, Army Corps of Engineers; survived by wife June, sons Jon (Denver), sister Shizuka Sato (Seattle), brothers Taigo (Seattle), Saburo, 1 g.

**Ho, Hsuey, 100**, San Jose, April 15 at Boston, Hiroshima-born, survived by son Dr. Susumu, daughters Masako Butsuda, Sachie Ito, 9 g., 9 great-g., sister Kosumi Ito.

**Katsunuma, Joe "Kali", 89**, Honolulu, Aug. 4, Honolulu-born veteran Hawaii League and Oahu baseball umpire (since 1935), retired city playground director, one of the first Nisei to attend Punahou School (1909); survived by wife Ruth, daughter Charlotte Larson (Seattle), Thomas, sisters, Kyomi Suzuki, Yasushi Sato (Los Angeles), Yoshiko Tom (San Francisco).

**Kawashira, Toyoko, 96**, Seattle, July 2; Okayama-born, survived by daughters Kay Yamamoto, Masako Kanemori, son Hiroshi (Oulume, Wash.), 9 g. and 4 great-g.

**Kobayashi, Masao, 91**, Ontario, Ore., July 20; Hiroshima-born, first husband Tomokichi Kajikawa predeceased in 1927, husband George Kobayashi in 1970, lived by sons John (Leandale, Calif.),

George (Kobayashi), daughters Ethel Tsukamaki, Ruth Tanaka (Seattle), Grace Shigeno (Menlo Park), Carol Winger, sister Sumiko (April), 11 g., 14 great-g.

**Kobayashi, Raymond, 83**, Hilo, Aug. 6; Maui-born former Territorial House vice speaker (1959), WWII veteran, businessman and driving school owner; survived by wife Amy, sons Raymond, Raycon (Calif.), Rodney (Calif.), Roydon, daughter Aileen Fujimoto (Calif.), sister Tomiko Teura (Maui).

**Kuratsaki, Matsushita, R., 84**, San Jose, May 10; Nagasaki-born, survived by wife Kiyu, 6 daughters: Margaret Nakamura, Sumiko Shiro, Setsuko Oami, May Sasaki, Ryo Kobashi, Shoko Aoki, 19 g., 10 great-g.

**Maruyama, Shunji, 81**, Piedmont, April 16; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Roy, brother Fujiwara, 16g., 18 great-g.

**Masaki, Kiku, 80**, Sacramento, April 29; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Akiko, daughters Toshie Fujiwara, Emi Masaki, Tomi Sato, brother Henry T.

**Matsumoto, Fred M., 88**, Redwood, June 22; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Fumiko, son Dr. Kenneth, sons daughters Kathleen Takasaki, Irene Yamamoto, Evelyn Asato, 8 g., 1 great-g.

**Nishi, Roy Kinji, 88**, Gardena, June 20; Kagoshima-born, survived by wife Kumi, sons Kazuhisa, Takahisa, Teruhisa, daughters Masako Matsuo, Akiko Toyama, 6 g., brother Kazuo.

**Okeyashi, Izumi, 81**, San Francisco, June 17; Fukuoka-born, survived by daughters Michiko Yoshizaki, Helen Usami, Toshie Sakamoto, son Henry, 10 g., 3 great-g.

**Tate, Kenji, 86**, Seattle, May 15; Seattle-born WWII veteran 299th Eng Bn in Europe, retired postal service employee of 42 years, survived by 5 brothers Kiyoshi, Taro (St. Clair, Mich.), Koji, Tetsuo, Toshie, sisters Masako Katsura, Yukio Tada.

**Takada, Toshi, 85**, Orosi, June 16; survived by sons Junji, Joe, David, daughters Chizu Kubo, Sumi Okuma, Judy Roy, 13 g., 16 great-g.

**Takada, Toshi, 85**, Orosi, Calif., June 16; Osaka-born Japanese instructor (Hoyo), survived by sons Junji, Joe, David, daughters Chizu Kubo, Sumi Okuma, Judy Roy, 13 g., 16 great-g.

**Takamoto, Tetsuo, 101**, Gardena, June 22; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Sam, daughters Ayako Nakazawa, Susie Fukuchi, Miori Okazaki, Fusako Morita, 12 g., 16 great-g.

**Takuma, Taro, 91**, Rocklin, May 20; Kochi-born, survived by wife Asako, daughter Yuni Kain sister-in-law Chizu Kunyoshi, Myo Miyoshi, Hana Horikawa.

**Tanahashi, Matsuo, 84**, Tracy, Calif., June 4; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons George, Roy, daughters Akiko Inoue, g. and great-g.

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