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THE CANDIDATES: From left, in alphabetical order, GEORGE BUSH, BILL CLINTON, and ROSS PEROT

## \*\*\* Election '92 \*\*\*

For Asian Americans

# Who's best?

In early October, JACL sent a questionnaire to each of the three major presidential candidates to learn more about their positions on a number of key issues, particularly those relating to the Asian American community.

The responses to these questions from President George Bush, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and Texas businessman Ross Perot are published here to help members and readers make their decisions. Each response has been printed in its entirety, virtually without change.

## What they were asked

1. Please list what appointments of Japanese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans you intend to make within your administration and to the judiciary over the next four years, if you are elected.
2. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988, as amended, establishes a fund to finance historical research and public education projects on issues related to the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. Under the Act, approximately \$50 million has been authorized for this purpose. In your proposed budget for FY 1994, will you include a specific appropriation of the full amount of funds for this purpose?
3. The economic and political relationship between the United States and Japan has been a major topic of concern and discussion for the last several years. As you know, tense relations between the two countries have resulted in increased violence against Asian

Pacific Americans. What are your views on the present state of relations between the two countries? What changes, if any, do you believe are necessary to promote better relations between the two countries?

4. What is your view on the trade relations with Asia in general, and what developments would you like to achieve during your administration over the next four years?
5. In the process of passing the Civil Rights Act of 1991, a special interest provision was inserted into the legislation at the last moment which exempts only one lawsuit, *Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio*, from the employment discrimination standards contained in the bill. The class action lawsuit involves approximately 2,000 Asian Pacific Americans and Native Alaskan cannery workers who claim that Wards Cove discriminated against them in hiring and promotion based on race. Bills were introduced in Congress this year, S.

1962/H.R. 3748, which will be introduced again next year to delete the exemption from the Act. The sole effect of the legislation would be to remove the exemption. If elected, will you support passage of the legislation in the next session of Congress?

6. For the past two years, the Department of Education has conducted an investigation of affirmative action in admissions at several major universities. One of the concerns has been the alleged existence of quotas placed on the number of Asian Pacific American students. Do you intend to continue these investigations? Why or why not? What is your general position on affirmative action in admissions?

7. The Department of Education has also been evaluating its policy regarding minority-targeted scholarships and announced its intention to adopt regulations which would severely restrict the availability of such scholarships. What is your position on minority scholarships? Do you support the proposed regulations?

8. More than 3,500 Asian Pacific American small businesses were destroyed in Los Angeles in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict. What will you do to assist the community in the rebuilding of these businesses? More generally, what needs to be done to address the crisis facing many American cities?

9. In the last several years, incidents of anti-Asian prejudice and violence have drastically escalated. The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has attributed this increase in violence to factors such as "Japan-bashing," particularly in statements made by elected officials or candidates for political office. What can the major political parties do to stop inflammatory racial rhetoric? What will your administration do?

10. Will the prosecution of bias crimes be a priority for the Department of Justice under your administration? Will your administration commit adequate resources to prosecute bias crimes?

11. A federal bill has been introduced which would establish English as an official language and mandate its use at all times of official government purposes. What is your position on English-only legislation? What would you do to support your position?

12. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act will come up for reauthorization in the 103rd Congress. This act is the principal source of federal financial assistance for K-12 education and funds such programs as the Bilingual Education Act, and Even Start. Do you support bilingual education programs? Why or why not?

13. The Family & Medical Leave Act, H.R. 2, will probably be reintroduced in Congress next session after being vetoed again this year. What is your position on this legislation and why?

## The responses

### George Bush

(Submitted by Dr. Kyo R. Jhim, senior advisor to the deputy chairman for ethnic coalitions)

The President strongly values the talent and diversity that Japanese Americans and Asian Americans as a whole contribute to America and to his Administration. The President has appointed more Asian Americans to higher ranking positions than any President in history.

Since George Bush took office, the number of Asian Americans serving in Presidential appointments requiring Senate confirmation has jumped over 320% and the number of senior level management appointments has increased 368%. Asians are better represented in the Bush Administration than in the United States.

President Bush has named over 130 Asian Americans to top level advisory and management positions in his Administration. He appointed Elaine Chao as the first Asian to serve as a Deputy Secretary of a Cabinet agency, and named Pat Saiki as the first Asian American to head the Small Business Administration. He also appointed the first Asian American ambassador, Julia Chang Bloch. Two Asian American women currently head two other independent agencies.

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### Bill Clinton

#### 1. POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

As president, I will continue the policy of inclusion that I have pursued during my entire tenure as public servant. As governor of Arkansas, I have enlisted the intellect, talent and service of minorities and women in numerous cabinet and staff positions, and I have appointed more minorities and women to state regulatory and administrative boards and commissions and to all levels of the judiciary than all other Arkansas governors combined.

As president, I commit to you that I will give you an administration, a White House staff, a cabinet and federal judges that will look like America, that will reflect the diversity and strength of this country, and will work on bringing us together.

I want Asian Pacific Americans involved in a Clinton-Gore administration. I am not simply asking for the Asian Pacific American community's help during this election, but that I want you to be part of governance of America—a part that Asian Pacific Americans have been deprived of for the past 12 years.

#### 2. CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT

There was a Japanese American internment. See CLINTON/page 6

### Ross Perot

In response to the JACL questionnaire, spokesperson Dee Hanley sent the biography of Ross Perot and James Stockdale, his vice presidential candidate. Hanley also suggested that members read Perot's biography, "United We Stand," for further gain insight into his ideas and positions.

#### Biography of Ross Perot

Ross Perot was born June 27, 1930, in Texarkana, Texas. He grew up in Texarkana where he attended public schools and Texarkana Junior college.

Perot's parents, Ross and Lulu May Perot, have been the major influences in both his and his sister Bette's lives. Although the family lived in modest circumstances, Perot has repeatedly stated that he was born rich because of his parents.

Beginning at age seven Perot worked at various jobs throughout his boyhood, including:

- Breaking horses
- Selling Christmas cards
- Selling garden seeds
- Selling magazines
- Buying and selling brides and saddles
- Buying and selling horses and calves

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## JACL views

### Voting especially critical for Asian Americans

On Nov. 3, we as citizens will be choosing a president who will be confronted with critical national problems. The domestic economy, international relations, and problems of race are issues which will require fundamental leadership for the next four years.

This election is particularly critical for the Asian Pacific American community, which now stands at seven million people and continues to increase dramatically. During the next decade, Asian Pacific Americans will be, more than ever before, emerging as an important political and economic force in this country. JACL, as the largest civil rights organization in the Asian Pacific American community, must play a central role



HAYASHI

in this development.

It is crucial that Asian Pacific Americans cast their ballots in this election. Because of JACL's commitment to educating voters on how the candidates view Asian American issues, national headquarters staff has, for the first time, prepared and submitted questions to the candidates. Their answers, we believe, will shed light on some of the important issues confronting our community.

The staff of the Pacific Citizen has prepared a special election issue containing these questions, and the responses of the candidates and their campaigns. We encourage you to read and study the responses presented. More importantly, we urge everyone to vote, either at the polls or by absentee ballot. It is important that we make a difference.

Dennis Hayashi  
JACL National Director

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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 Higs, 7:30 p.m., Camichael 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.

### Nevada Reno

**Sunday, Nov. 22**—Reno Chapter, JACL's potluck and mochi making, Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St., Reno, noon. Items to bring: 3 lbs. mochi gone (soaked overnight and drained with cold water), corn starch and wax paper, and rags, mop, and broom. Information: June Sun, 702/857-3388.

### Arizona Phoenix

**Saturday, Nov. 7**—Phoenix Japanese Free Methodist Church's fall golf tournament, Thunderbird Country Club, 11/4 miles south of Baseline off 7th St., 7 a.m. Fee: \$40. Information: 602/278-0917.

### Washington Seattle

**Through Sun., Nov. 1**—Northwest Asian American Theatre presents David Henry Hwang's "The Dance and the Railroad," Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Thurs.-Sun., 8 p.m., Sun., 4 p.m. Tickets: \$6-12. Information: 206/340-1049.  
**Through Sun., Nov. 22**—Seattle Art Museum's "Views from a Paper Window: Japanese Art of the Edo and Meiji Periods," 100 University St., Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. till 9 p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Information: 206/654-3100.

### Idaho Lewiston

**Through Wed., Nov. 25**—"An Artists View of the Japanese American Internment," by Kenjiro Nomura, Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History. Exhibit or catalog information: June McKivior, Nomura project director; museum information: Leslie Esselburn, 208/799-2243.

### California Sacramento

**Saturday, Nov. 7**—The Sacramento Nichiren Buddhist Church's Fall Food Bazaar, 5191 24th St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Information: Rev. Igarashi, 916/456-8371.

### San Francisco Area

**Sunday, Nov. 1**—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0266, or Yumi Moriwaka (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

### San Jose

**Thursday, Oct. 29**—San Jose, Sequoia, and West Valley Chapters to form "The Role of Americans in the 1940s," Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St., San Jose, 7:30 p.m. Panelists include: Dan Nakaso, San Francisco Examiner, and Lloyd LaCuesta, KTVU-TV. Information: 408/295-1250.

**Sunday, Nov. 8**—West Valley Chapter, JACL's fashion show and luncheon, "Fashion Nation 1992," Red Lion Inn, San Jose, noon. Designers: Bekkie Bruce, Jeff Designs, Kanoo USA, Reiko Murakami, and Temaki of Hawaii. Information: Juli Tachibana, 408/984-1758.  
**Friday, Nov. 13**—San Jose Chapter, JACL's annual general election meeting, Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. 5th St., 7:30 p.m. Potluck: 6:30 p.m. Last names beginning with A-M bring a main dish for six people, last names beginning with N-Z, bring a salad for six people. Board members and officers for '93 term will be elected. Information: 408/295-1250.

### Fresno

**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.

### Los Angeles Area

**Mon., Oct. 26-Sun., Nov. 22**—The George J. Doizaki Gallery of the JACCC's "Kyoshi Awazu: Artist and Designer," 244 S. San Pedro St., Tues.-Fri., noon-5 p.m., weekends, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Mondays. Information: 213/628-2725.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 28**—Asian American Economic Development Enterprises and Cambodian Business Association's business training course, "Secrets of Franchise Success," American International Bank, 23670 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, 7 p.m. Cost: \$150, includes hand-outs and tour of franchise show. Information: 213/687-0677.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 28**—Time magazine correspondent Edwin Reingold discusses his new book, "Chrysanthemums and Thorns," City Club on Bunker Hill, 333 S. Grand Ave., 7:30 a.m. Information: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217.

**Fri. Oct. 30-Sun., Nov. 1**—New Otani Hotel's 6th annual East-West Orchid Show, 120 S. Los Angeles. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Orchid Show package-Fri. night, double occupancy, tickets to awards banquet and reception: \$175.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**—Asian and Pacific Islanders Council's Asian Pacific Family Health Day, CSU Northridge student union, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: Woo Hur 818/908-5075.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**—Marina JACL's CPR class, Holy Nativity Church, 6700 W. 63rd St., Westchester, 9 a.m. Cost: \$21. Bring sack lunch. Reservations (until Oct. 28): Irene, 310/670-6417.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**—Little Tokyo Community Health Fair, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, 401 E. Third St., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Health services for blood pressure, oral cancer/dental, vision, podiatry, and health and nutrition counseling, and flu shots. Information: Bill Watanabe, Little Tokyo Service Center, 213/680-3729, or Judy Nakashima, 213/491-0085.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**—UCLA extension symposium, "The View from Within: Reality and Artistic Expression of the Japanese American Internment," 2160 UCLA Auditorium, 9 a.m. Cost: \$45. Information: 310/206-1423.  
**Saturday, Oct. 31**—Los Angeles Poetry Festival Contest awards ceremony, Japanese Village Plaza, main stage, Little Tokyo, 12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 5**—Marina JACL general meeting and potluck, Sunset Chace Park, Marina Del Rey, 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Representative from "Heal the Bay," Potluck assignments: Men, desserts and drinks; women, Japanese dishes. Information: Alois, 310/324-0582.

**Saturday, Nov. 7**—San Fernando Valley JACC's annual fund raiser, Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$75. Information: 818/899-9092.

**Saturday, Nov. 14**—The Japanese American National Museum's panel, "Growing Up Japanese American," JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, 1:30 p.m. Cost: Free. Panelists include: Cynthia Kadohata, Philip Kan Gotanda, and Mei Nakano. Information: 213/625-0414.

**Through Sun., Nov. 22**—East West Players' production of Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods," 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun. Cost: \$20-\$22. Information: 213/660-0366.

**Sunday, Nov. 22**—1992 St. Mary Youth People's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, 11 a.m. Artwork, clothing, jewelry and Christmas decorations. Information: 213/387-1334.

### Riverside

**Wed. Nov. 11-Sat., Jan. 30**—The California Museum of Photography presents "Beating Witness: Memories of Japanese American Internment," 3824 Main St. on the Pedestrian Mall in downtown Riverside. Wed.-Sat., 11 a.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m.; Mon. and Tues., closed. Admission: \$2. Information: 714/784-3686.

### Ventura County

**Friday, Oct. 30**—Ventura County Chapter, JACL annual potluck dinner and bingo night, Camarillo Public Library, 3100 E. Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo, 7 p.m. Information: Ruby Sumino, 805/499-4070, or Emi Kodama, 805/492-5912.

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(Sample)  
**Tuesday, October 32**—JACL's annual picnic and BBQ, Central Park, 3333 Elm St., Los Angeles. Cost: \$3 adults, \$2 children. Games, food and raffle prizes. Information: 310/444-5555  
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## Short takes

## Military asked to deal with discrimination

An amendment sponsored by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) that would require the Department of Defense military schools to certify they have taken action to deal with discrimination has been approved by Congress.

According to a *Honolulu Advertiser* story, the amendment requires the Officer Candidate School, War College, Command and General Staff College, and military academies to document that they have taken appropriate measures and that they have published and enforced regulations prohibiting discrimination.

The amendment is a response to the Bruce Yamashita case in which he accused the military of discrimination.

## Asian legal clinic opens

A legal aid clinic has been opened in Gardena, Calif., sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California and the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association.

The clinic will provide free legal assistance for low income Asians, providing advice on family law, including divorce and domestic violence; immigration, including advice on permanent residency, citizenship, political asylum applications; housing, including tenants' rights, evictions, and security deposits; employment, including wrongful termination and wage claims; and government benefits appeals, including advice on social security income appeals.

Interpreters will be available in Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, and Japanese.

The office is located at 14112 South Kingsley Drive, Gardena, CA, 90249. It will be open on every second and fourth Monday evenings of each month beginning Nov. 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 213/748-2022.

## English key to integration

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Filipinos, estimated at 40,000 locally, are regarded as an almost-invisible minority, having come to Canada during the past three decades, according to Kevin Griffin of the Vancouver Sun, after discriminatory racial requirements were removed in the early '60s from Canadian immigration law.

A key reason for their quick integration is attributed to the widespread use of English in the Philippines, Philippine Day Confederation president Rene Bahena, 43, explained on a recent Sunday at the Diamonds Society meeting house near the Powell St. waterfront.

## Nikkei works on viral study

SEATTLE—White blood cells can be successfully cloned to fight off viral infections, which could prove useful against AIDS and cancer, according to a team of scientists at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (see July 10 edition of Science). On the team is Dr. Kathe Watanabe, research collaborator with Dr. Philip Greenberg, immunologist at the center and at the University of Washington.

## Sansei retires at age 29

SEATTLE—When Hunts Point, Wash., was pegged by the Census Bureau as the second-highest per capita income community in the nation in 1989, its current mayor Erselle Eade described the town northwest of Bellevue jutting into Lake Washington as a "comfortable place." Its average household income was \$173,145, compared to \$41,040 for Seattle, and \$46,269 for King County. Among the residents includes former Microsoft vice president Scott Oki, who is retired. "And he's only 29," revealed Ronald Llewellyn, 80-year-old retiree who has been at Hunts Point for 24 years.

Of the 513 residents, the 1990

Census counted 502 Caucasians, 10 Asians and one Native American.

—Report from Ed Suguro

## Lots of Nihongo on Waikiki signs

HONOLULU—City planning director Ben Lee is looking for a way to make signs with foreign language less conspicuous, especially along the tourist-laden boulevards in Waikiki. "All the Japanese signage in Waikiki really doesn't invoke or embrace the Waikiki experience," he remarked at a September meeting on the city's Waikiki long-range master plan.

Lee is not for cracking down, but prefers educating and encouraging shopkeepers to make them more discreet.

"And this is not Japan-bashing," veteran Waikiki hotel travel desk worker Noe Noe Kawanae, 57, added. "The people complaining about the Japanese signage are Japanese tourists (who) want to go someplace where it's different. They tell me this place looks like Tokyo."

Ron Ushijima, executive director of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, said the signs are appropriate because "a lot of visitors need them."

—Report from Allan Beekman

## Inouye receives family memento

KOLOA, Kauai—A labor contract signed here in 1899 with the McBryde Sugar Co. by Asakichi Inouye was discovered last year in the archives of the Hawaii Sugar Planters' Association and presented to his grandson, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye. Many attended the August presentation at the ruins of a sugar mill at Koloa, where Hawaii's sugar industry started.

The senator said the labor contract, complete with a faded photograph of his grandparents, Asakichi and Moyo Inouye and his father, Hyotaro, then 3 years old, will hang in his Senate office. "You can start at \$15 a month," he said, "and end up a United States senator."

—Report from Allan Beekman

## Attention JACL women

*Pacific Citizen* is seeking information and resources on the accomplishments, experiences, and difficulties of women in JACL for an article in its Holiday Issue.

- If you have:
- Photos, new and old.
  - Interesting stories of the old days, or thoughts on where women are going in the future.
  - A desire to write on the status of women in

JACL or any other relevant issues concerning women.

Let us know. Send any editorial submissions, photos, or comments to: Gwen Muranaka, *Pacific Citizen*, 701 E. 3rd St., Suite 201, Los Angeles, CA, 90013. Or call at 800/966-6157.

## Investment firm to manage Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund Investment Committee recently announced the firm of Nakagawa & Wallace as investment managers for the JACL Legacy Fund. The committee, comprised of Tom Nakao, Jr., George Oki, Francis Iwagi, Dennis Uyemura, and Beth Rango, met earlier this year to create investment policy guidelines and identify a process for selecting a fund manager.

Nakagawa & Wallace, founded in 1983, is a leading U.S. independent economic advisory service.

The firm's chief economist, Sam Nakagawa was named the world's best global economist in a 1987 survey of investment managers conducted in EUROMONEY.

The committee said, "We believe that Nakagawa & Wallace's philosophy of money management and past record matches the conservative view stated in the newly created Investment Policy Guidelines of the Fund."

"The Investment Committee

will conduct quarterly reviews of the asset manager's performance. Annual performance reports will be submitted to the National Board on an annual basis.

The committee met earlier this year to create Investment Policy Guidelines and identify a process for selecting a fund manager.

"Our committee diligently worked from the beginning of the year to ensure that we selected the most qualified from a field of a hundred firms."

The ads, which have since been pulled, identify Kwok as "Inouye's victim" and accuse Inouye and use material secretly taped by a former Reed campaign worker.

## Hairdresser accuses Inouye of sexual misconduct

Charges of sexual misconduct were recently leveled at Sen. Daniel Inouye by his hairdresser who claims he forced her to have sex with him 17 years ago. According to an Associated Press story, Lenore Kwok's charges became public after a conversation she had, detailing her accusations, were secretly taped and made public in a campaign ad by Republican opponent, state Sen. Rick Reed.

Inouye denied the charges saying, "She's never been to my office, as far as I know." The senator, who had been considered favored to win a sixth term, criticized his opponent's ads saying they "violate every standard of political conduct."

In a press conference Oct. 16, Kwok said that Inouye assaulted her when she went to his Waikiki apartment in 1975 on an errand

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## BUSH

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cies, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Peace Corps. In addition, 13 Asian Americans have served in the White House in policy-making positions.

I am proud to say that the president's record on Asian American appointments is second to none.

By contrast, Bill Clinton, during his 12 years of governorship, has appointed only one Asian American to his administration. He resigned this year.

### CIVIL LIBERTIES AMENDMENTS

As vice president, George Bush stood solidly with Japanese Americans in pushing for the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which was signed by President Reagan.

Since becoming president, George Bush has seen to its smooth and fair implementation. In fact, nearly all of the \$1.25 billion originally authorized for reparations has been appropriated with the full support of his administration.

In January, the president included in his FY 1993 budget request an additional \$250 million, for a total of \$500 million in fiscal year 1993, the maximum annual amount permissible by law. Last month, President Bush signed H.R. 4551, the "Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992," which secured funding for all remaining payments and the educational trust fund as well.

In signing this legislation, president said, "No monetary payments can ever fully compensate loyal Japanese Americans for one of the darkest incidents in American constitutional history. We must do everything possible to ensure that such a grave wrong is never repeated."

### PRESENT STATE OF U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

For decades, the U.S.-Japan alliance has stood as the bulwark against Soviet aggression in the region, and now we are working together to help transform this once totalitarian empire into market-oriented and democratic states. We stand with Japan on the issue of the return of the Northern Territories. Together, our alliance will do much to define the shape of the post-cold-war world.

Third, we have deepened our understanding of each other through expanding cultural and educational exchanges and interactions. Programs signed under President Bush have greatly expanded opportunities for Americans and Japanese to study in each other's country, speak each other's language, and understand how important we are to each other.

### TRADE RELATIONS WITH ASIA

The main issues of our trade with Asia, as with the rest of the world, is to keep markets open with free and fair trade policies. Expanded trade, competitiveness

and economic growth go hand in hand. The president knows that Asian economies appreciate this fact perhaps better than any other region. And because of this, we are natural allies in the quest for freer trade and investment flows.

A successful trade agreement in the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations will give a GATT boost to Asia-Pacific trade, and could, according to our estimates, raise world economic growth by \$5 trillion over a decade. The administration remains firmly committed to reaching such an agreement this year, and I believe that most Asian governments are as well.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is another key vehicle to promote trade liberalization. The president attaches great importance to this emerging regional organization and intends to use our APEC chairmanship over the next year to seek ways to facilitate trade among Asia-Pacific countries.

Although by birth we are a nation of the Atlantic, our ties with the Asia-Pacific region deepen daily. Our two-way trade with Asia is now \$310 billion annually, one-third larger than that with Europe. The prosperity of the United States and Asia are indivisible. And since 1975, the number of Americans of Asian origin has nearly quadrupled. Clearly, what happens in Asia is very important to us. And at the core of our continuing Asian engagement stands our alliance with Japan.

The administration is confident about our relationship with Japan. The president knows that the expansion of free and fair trade, as well as the free exchange of ideas and cultures, will only build upon this relationship.

Beyond our economic relationship, the U.S. and Japan share other areas of common interest. First, the U.S.-Japan security alliance, a defense alliance of shared responsibilities that was further deepened by Japan's contribution to the United Nations coalition during the Gulf crisis.

Second, our foreign policy cooperation. As producers of 40 percent of the world's gross national product, we have an unrivaled ability to marshal resources to build a better future for the world.

To stimulate more rapid trade liberalization, the United States is also pursuing free trade agreements on a bilateral and regional basis. The North American Free Trade Agreement is a natural outgrowth of rapidly expanding trade with our northern and southern neighbors, Canada and Mexico. In George Bush's second term, his administration will seek legislative authority to negotiate like free trade agreements with other free trade countries in the American hemisphere and other regions in the world. His objective in each case will be to expand the boundaries of free trade and not raise new barriers to commerce.

### WARDS COVE

The president has consistently supported efforts to strengthen legal protection against employment discrimination while resisting counterproductive proposals that would lead to quotas. The

Civil Rights Act of 1991 which he signed, does just that. George Bush demanded and got a bill that would not encourage quotas.

Quotas are clearly a form of racial discrimination. Asian Americans have frequently been the victims of this particular discrimination, for example in college admissions.

With regard to the legislation you ask about, I would note that the president did not include anything like section 402(b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 in the legislation he transmitted to Congress on this subject. During the negotiations that resulted in the compromise bill that was ultimately passed, however, this provision was presented to the administration by congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle as a necessary component of a comprehensive agreement on this extremely contentious subject.

In the end, the administration went along because their view was that the provision would not in fact result in the Wards Cove plaintiffs being treated differently from others similarly situated because section 402(a) made it sufficiently clear that the Civil Rights Act was not retroactive in the first place. Therefore section 402(b), which states that view even more explicitly with respect to a specific class of cases, should have no legal effect at all and was irrelevant.

Until Oct. 6, 1992, all five courts of appeals that had ruled on this issue had agreed with the administration's view that the act was not generally retroactive. On that date, however, the Ninth Circuit handed down a decision to the contrary. Should the position that the legislation is in fact generally retroactive prove to be the definitive interpretation of the law, President Bush believes that Congress should seriously consider adopting S.1962/H.R.3748, "Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act," because he does not want to see the Wards Cove plaintiffs unfairly singled out for unfavorable treatment by the law.

On the broader issue of civil rights, I am ready to match George Bush's civil rights record against that of Bill Clinton any day. Currently, Arkansas is one of only two states in the nation which do not have a civil rights act. Ethnic minorities are thus denied any legal recourse at the state level from discrimination in the workplace, public facilities, credit transactions, and in voting. Arkansas is also one of the few states which does not have a housing discrimination law.

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN ADMISSIONS

The investigations will be continued and they are in their final stages. After completing one of the investigations, the Education Department recently entered into a settlement agreement with the University of California at Berkeley law school. This agreement corrects the school's practice of maintaining separate admission tracks for students based on race. That system had disadvantaged Asian Americans and violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of

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offer these benefits. What President Bush objects to in S.5, the "Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992," is the federal government mandating leave policies for America's employers and work force and the bill's neglect of encouraging family leave in small and medium-sized businesses.

If family leave policies are to meet the diverse needs of our nation, they must be carefully, flexibly, and sensitively crafted at the workplace by employers and employees, and not in Washington, D.C. through government mandates imposed by legislation such as S.5.

The President's "Family Leave Tax Credit," S.3265, covers almost all workplaces—smaller companies that S.5 does not cover that are less likely to provide leave for their employees. S.3265 covers about 15 million more workers than would be eligible under S.5, and 20 times the number of workplaces. Those not affected by the president's plan work for large businesses, which generally have established family leave policies.

By excluding businesses with fewer than 50 employees, S.5 neglects to help where concern is most acute—with small- and medium-sized businesses and the workers in those businesses. These hard-pressed small companies usually offer fewer benefits than large firms, and yet they generate most of our new jobs—in fact, they provide the majority of people with their first job—and they are more likely to employ women and re-entrants to the labor force.

Under the president's proposal, many more of the millions of men and women employed by smaller businesses would be able to take advantage of family leave.

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ment camp in Rohwer, Ark., and that place serves to remind me of the injustices that the Japanese Americans experienced. I strongly support the redress appropriations bill that was passed by the leadership of Sen. Inouye, the late Sen. Matsunaga, Sen. Akaka, Congressman Mineta, Congressman Matsui, and Congressman Mink.

### 3. ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN

We have an important bilateral relationship with Japan, a rela-

tionship that has matured from one of dependency in the 1950s to one of partnership today. Our relationship is based on ties of democracy, but as we cooperate, we also compete. Our two nations must continue to engage in respectful dialogue in order to achieve a global movement toward democracy and market economies.

My vision for both countries is to work for a world united; a world in which nations compete more in economic and less military terms; a world of dynamic market-generated growth that narrows the gap between rich and poor; a world increasingly engaged in democracy, tolerant of diversity and respectful of human rights abroad and civil rights at home; a world united against the common enemies of humankind: war, poverty, ignorance, disease and environmental destruction; a world in which our two countries can pass on to their children with the knowledge that we rose to the new responsibilities of this new world.

### 4. TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH ASIA

I have made several trade mission trips to Asia to negotiate expanded markets for Arkansas products and have gained an understanding of the politics in Asia. I believe that America should use its economic, political and cultural forces of freedom and democracy worldwide.

To promote world growth policies in the post-Cold War era, we must be economically strong at home. President Bush's weak economic record has deprived him of the authority he needs to insist that Japan adopt expansionary policies to reduce its \$100 billion trade surplus. A Clinton-Gore administration will hold all advanced countries accountable for doing their part to promote world trade, end unfair trade practices and open markets.

I will create an Economic Security Council, similar to the National Security Council to coordinate American international economic policy. I will also issue an executive order banning trade negotiators from cashing in on their positions by serving as representatives of foreign corporations or governments. I will rededicate the Office of the Trade Representative to serving the country—not selling out for lucrative lobbying paychecks from foreign competitors.

Instead of coddling communist regimes, as George Bush has done with China, I will condition favorable trade terms on respect for human rights, political liberation, and responsible international conduct. I support democratic forces in China, Vietnam, North Korea and other nations, and also support the establishment of Radio Free Asia to carry truth and hope to the people there.

### 5. WARDS COVE WORKERS ACT

I strongly support the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act. George Bush vetoed the 1990 Civil Rights Act, and then blatantly disregarded the Wards Cove decision which excluded 2,000 Asian Pacific Americans, the only Americans left out from the act, from civil rights protection. These individuals were fed in racially-segregated mess-halls, housed in racially-segregated bunkhouses, and subjected to racially-biased verbal abuse. Civil Rights are not Civil Rights whenever Americans are excluded. I firmly and boldly support restoring judicial remedies that the Civil Rights Act of 1991 makes available to every other American.

### 6. EDUCATION

I believe that investigations of colleges are warranted when patterns of violations in affirmative action policies are discovered.

While I support affirmative action, I oppose racial quotas in col-

lege admissions policies. I believe it's time to rebut the "model minority" myth and provide Asian Pacific American students with whatever special academic and financial support they may need. Unlike the Bush administration, I will not use the Asian Pacific American community as the reason or excuse to dismantle legitimate affirmative action programs.

### 7. SCHOLARSHIPS

I will continue to maintain the Pell Grant program but scrap the existing student loan program. I will establish a National Service Trust Fund to guarantee every American who wants a college education the means to obtain one. Those who borrow from the fund will pay it back either as a small percentage of their income over time, or through community service as teachers, law enforcement officers, health care workers, or peer counselors helping kids stay off drugs and in school.

### 8. BUSINESS

In meetings I had with Asian Pacific American small business owners, of which 3,500 Asian-owned small businesses were destroyed during the Los Angeles riots, I heard the concerns of men and women express disappointment of the Bush administration's lack of sufficient federal funding assistance, insurance and bank loan support.

I believe the federal government has a special responsibility to ensure that the civil and economic rights of every citizen are protected. Economic empowerment must also include equitable access to capital. As part of my plan to rebuild American communities, I will create urban enterprise zones and a nationwide network of community development banks, modeled on the Southshore Bank in Chicago and its counterpart, the Southern Development Bancorp., in my home state. These community development banks will provide loans to neighborhood small businesses and entrepreneurs. While larger banks might be willing to invest in small shops and stores, these community development banks will be in the business of providing such loans.

My plan also will create incentives for all small business by offering a new enterprise credit that provides for a 50 percent tax exclusion for those who take risks by making long-term investments in new businesses. New small businesses are a critical source of jobs to our economy. My plan includes several other provisions to lend small businesses a hand, including proving conversion grants through the SBA to small defense contractors allowing small business to band together to form larger groups to purchase health insurance at lower price.

### 9. RACE RELATIONS

I strongly condemn anti-Asian violence and Japan-bashing as I mentioned in my telephone conference to the representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League's National Convention. The greatest responsibility of the next president is to bring our country together and make our nation's rich diversity a source of strength not a weakness. When Americans have been united, we have been unstoppable. In recent years we have been divided by race, region, income and gender, with leaders who too often fail to recognize that we're all in this together.

As president, I will work night and day to implement policies that reward hard work and expand economic opportunity, empowering all Americans. The challenges we face as a nation are great, and we don't have a moment to lose or a person to waste. But I can't change this country unless the American people are willing to be

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## CLINTON

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Americans again, and give up the prejudices that divide our nation. We have to come together around values and across racial lines. If we're going to revitalize this country, every American has to look beyond the prejudices that divide us so we can come together as a nation.

## 10. HATE CRIMES

Acts of hate against the community has been on the rise due to the recession and Japan-bashing. The brutal murders of Vincent Chin, Ming-Hai Loo and Luyen Phan Nguyen seem to remind us of the volatile state of race relations in this country.

To combat anti-Asian violence, I will work to enforce our civil rights laws and will consider hate crimes legislation to enhance penalties. Equally important, however, my administration will work to heal the wounds of 12 years of divisive politics. I am committed to an administration of inclusion and partnership, and I won't play politics with important issues such as civil rights.

## 11/12. ENGLISH-ONLY/ BILINGUAL EDUCATION

I will oppose "English-Only" and other anti-immigrant measures that only serve to divide us. Instead, I will support bilingual education programs that teach substantive subjects in a child's native language and teach English at the same time. These programs have a proven record of improving English proficiency and reducing drop-out rates. Equally important, they recognize the value of child's native culture.

## 13. FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

I would sign into law the Family and Medical Leave act, which George Bush just vetoed, so that no worker is forced to choose between maintaining his or her job and caring for a newborn child or sick family member.

The Family and Medical Leave Act would require larger employers to grant workers up to 12 weeks leave for a new or sick child or to care for a seriously ill spouse or parent. Although companies would not pay employees during their absence, they would have to continue to provide medical insurance and hold the job until the employee returns.

The 1992 bill has significant provisions that respond to concerns about the potential costs to small businesses. It will only apply to businesses with more than 50 employees—less than 5% of America's businesses—and only half of its total work force. Part-time employees would also be excluded from the requirements as would the highest paid 10th of a company's work force.

This country is the only industrialized country with no leave policy. All other industrialized countries provide workers with some form of family leave. Japan requires 14 weeks at 60 percent pay and all other industrialized nations mandate various paid and unpaid leaves for child birth and other family medical situations.

This act promotes and instills the inherent values that are essential to keeping America's family members exercise their right to care for each other.

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He entered the United States Naval Academy in 1949 and graduated in 1953. While at the Naval Academy, he served as class president, chairman of the honor committee, and battalion commander.

After graduation, Perot served at sea for four years on a destroyer

and aircraft carrier.

In 1956, he married Margot Birmingham from Greensburg, Pa., whom he met while a midshipman at the Naval Academy. Upon this honorable discharge from the Navy in 1957, Ross and Margot settled in Dallas where he went to work for IBM's data processing division as a salesman.

Margot taught school during the early years of their marriage. In 1962, she loaned Perot \$1000 from her savings account to start a one-man data processing company. He named the company Electronic Data Systems. Today, EDS is a multi-billion dollar corporation, employing more than 70,000 people.

Ross and Margot have been married for 35 years. They live in Dallas. They have five children—Ross Jr., Nancy, Suzanne, Carolyn, and Katherine. The Perots currently have four grandchildren, and are looking forward to the births of two more this year.

In 1969, the U.S. government asked Perot to determine what action might be taken to improve the brutal treatment of POWs who were receiving in Southeast Asia. He worked on this project for the next four years placing himself and his family at considerable personal risk, until the prisoners were released in 1973 at the end of the war. In recognition of his efforts, Perot received the Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the highest civilian award presented by the Department of Defense.

When two EDS employees were taken hostage by the Iranian government in 1979, Perot directed a successful rescue mission composed of EDS employees and led by Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons. Perot personally went into Iran, and inside the prison where his associates were held. Noted author, Ken Follet, wrote a best-selling novel, *On Wings of Eagles*, about the rescue. An NBC Television miniseries was later made about this event.

Later that same year, the governor of Texas requested Perot's help in dealing with the growing problem of the use of illegal drugs in the state. Perot led the Texans' War on Drugs committee that passed five laws to make Texas the least desirable state for illegal drug operations. All five bills were passed by the legislature and signed into law.

In 1984, another Texas governor asked for Perot's assistance with a deteriorating situation—the quality of public education in the state. Recognizing that a first-class educational system is the foundation for economic improvement, Perot led the effort to reform the school system. This program resulted in major legislative changes and improvements in Texas public schools.

Perot accepted another challenge that same year when he sold EDS to General Motors for \$2.5 billion. The ownership that he retained in the company made him GM's largest individual stockholder and a member of the board of directors. After major disagreements over the quality of GM automobiles, Perot resigned from the GM board in 1986.

In 1988, Perot started a new computer service company, Perot Systems. Today the company operates in the United States and Europe.

Perot has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including:

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In 1984, Perot purchased the only copy of the Magna Carta that has been allowed to be taken out of Great Britain. It has been placed on loan to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where it is displayed alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Perot family is actively involved in charitable and civic activities to help the needy. They have given more than \$100 million to these causes.

## Biography of

## James Bond Stockdale

Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale is a Senior Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution who served on active duty in the regular Navy for 37 years, most of those at sea as a fighter pilot aboard aircraft carriers. Shot down on his second combat tour over North Vietnam, he was the senior naval service prisoner of war in Hanoi for eight years—

tortured 15 times, in leg irons for two years, and in solitary confinement for four years.

During his naval career, his chore duty consisted of only three years as a test pilot and test pilot school instructor at Patuxent River, Md.; two years as a graduate student at Stanford University; one year in the Pentagon, and, finally, two years as resident of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

At the time physical disability from combat wounds brought about Jim Stockdale's early retirement from military life, he had the distinction of being the only three-star officer in the history of the Navy to wear both aviator wings and the Congressional Medal of Honor. Besides the CMH, included with his 26 combat decorations are two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Distinguished Service Medals, four Silver Star Medals, and two Purple Hearts.

As a civilian, Jim Stockdale has been a college professor and college president, and is now in his

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## Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## A valley blossoms

Many cities have characteristic odors. In Denver it's ozone. San Francisco has the smell of fog and the sea. Greeley, Colo., used to smell of manure until they moved the feedlots out of town. In Ontario, Ore., a city of about 10,000, it's onions.

In fall huge truckloads of onions roll into Ontario and other nearby towns from the vast farms on both sides of the Snake River that separates Oregon from Idaho. Most of them are bound for the four huge packing firms that line the railroad in Ontario.

How big? Well, Thomas Iseri Produce has a building—they're called sheds—in nearby Weiser longer than two football fields. Murakami Produce owned by Sig Murakami and his family claims it has the largest onion sheds in the nation.

Iseri Produce, Murakami Produce, and Ontario Produce run by Joe Komoto and the Nagaki brothers are three of the four largest onion shippers in the country. Between September and March, says Grant Kitamura, Murakami's youthful-looking general manager, the Ontario area supplies about 40 percent of the nation's onion needs. Although prices vary from year to

year, a ballpark figure is that Ontario onions bring in something like \$90 million.

That's a lot of onions, considering it takes an average American family a couple of weeks to use up one ordinary-sized onion and Ontario onions are huge, as big as or larger than playground softballs.

Where do these onions come from? Tom Iseri says they are grown by about 400 farmers in the area who harvest about 19,000 irrigated acres. About half the farmers are Nisei and Sansei.

Their fields, often stretching to the horizon, are easily distinguishable because of the meticulous care lavished on them.

And therein lies a story.

Before the war, the big war, there were few Japanese Americans in the area. Much of the land was in pasture, or growing hay for a modest beef and dairy industry. There were also apple orchards, some sugar beets, a few potatoes and vegetables.

The area, now called Western Treasure Valley, needed farm labor. Workmen were recruited from the Portland Assembly Center even before the movement into inland WRA camps. For some reason not fully

explored, the evacuees found the kind of welcome missing elsewhere. Elmo Smith, then mayor and newspaper publisher and later governor, was among the most friendly.

Many of the evacuees liked the area and stayed, in time becoming landowners and businessmen. The farmers among them invested in the best land, leveled it, brought in heavy equipment and presently began growing more onions than anyone had ever seen.

Speaking for many, Tom Iseri, who had been a produce shipper near Seattle, says, "We are better off than we ever would have been if we stayed where we were."

One day several years ago hardware merchant John Kirby and newspaper publisher Fran McLean were talking about what made Ontario such a great place to live. "You know," said Kirby, "it was the Japanese Americans who turned this place around. Wouldn't it be great if we could do something really significant to recognize their contribution to the area?" McLean agreed heartily.

Out of that conversation came an astonishing development. I'll tell you about it next week. ☐



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

#16828D

THAT'S THE NUMBER which was assigned to me in the spring of 1942 by which I was shipped off to Pinedale "Assembly Center" and then on to Tule Lake "Relocation Center." I learned this while roaming about the Heart Mountain Reunion held near the Seatons Airport in the Pacific Northwest last month, Sept. 11-13. I happened to be in the area for an affair of the Asian American Bar Association and was staying at a hotel which was adjacent to where the reunion was being held. I spent a few spare hours, crashing their party.

In defense, I claim a proxy association with Heart Mountain: my mother was shipped there from Tule Lake. (I had earlier slipped out to return to school.)

IT NEVER ATTENDED a camp reunion before, so it was a different, and welcomed, experience for me. It became readily obvious that the folks who put this gathering together devoted a great deal of time and conscientious effort. There were many exhibits throughout, including origi-

nals of a pot-bellied stove, a fence post from the camp, furniture, personal artifacts, letters, memorabilia and of course many photographs including some personal albums.

There was a slide-show presentation by Bacon Sakakami (West Covina, Calif.) which was an SRO affair so that it was held at least twice. I crashed that one, too—and it was well worth it. Among the slides was one showing in the camp, a stack of *shoyu-daru's* (soy-sauce barrels)—those wooden-barreled five gallon containers I recall seeing as a boy. Bacon's explanatory reminder was that Japan had sent a relief shipment of supplies to the internment camps during the war. (Michi Weglyn in her book *Years of Infamy*, reports of a surprise shipment of *shoyu*, *miso* and *green tea* from wartime Japan to the internment camps; she then mentions the impact such gesture may have had particularly on some Issei. See page 116 of Weglyn's book.)

AT ONE TABLE, a young lady sat in front of a word processor and interested ex-minutes could provide their family name,

which would then be typed into the computer, and *voilà!* out would come a print-out of one's WRA individual record. And that's how I came about to discover that I was inmate #16828D. I also came across a bit of information that finally cleared up something that had puzzled me since 1944. Upon completing basic infantry training, rather than being shipped out with my unit to Europe, I was held back and ultimately ended up in Ft. Snelling (Minnesota) to undergo the grind of the military intelligence language school, in "Japanese," that is. At that point in my youthful life, if I knew the Japanese word for "shoes," I'd be doing well. So how come Snelling? The WRA records (inaccurately) ascribed to me eight years of studying the Japanese language instead of the few years of sometime Saturdays, reluctantly going to Taylor Japanese School, only looking forward to playing baseball with other kids.

But, back to the reunion of Heart Mountain.

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## Voices from Japan

## Marriage, Japanese Style

By Nobuhiko Obayashi

Can there be a honeymoon without a bride? Film director Nobuhiko Obayashi's uncle, separated from his new wife at the train station, went on a three-day annual journey by himself. The marriage lasted 50 years, according to Obayashi, because couples like his aunt and uncle weathered mishaps and appreciated low-key affection. To the younger generation of Japan today, he fears, the pair would have seemed quaintly ridiculous.

I know of a man who accidentally left his bride at the station and went on his honeymoon alone. Apparently the platform was crowded with well-wishers, and the groom boarded at the last moment, leaving his young wife behind in the confusion.

After the train pulled out, the woman's family spotted her huddled against a pillar, sobbing, and took her home. It was nighttime before the man called. "I'm here at the inn where we're booked," he reported calmly. "But I seem to have forgotten the bride."

The man was my own uncle, who died a few years ago at the age of eighty-something. The mix-up took place when I was still in elementary school, and for some time afterward it was a favorite topic of dinner-table conversation. To me, it seemed a wonderful story.

I doubt that the parties concerned were especially jolly at the time. Yet thanks to the affable, easygoing character of my uncle and aunt, what could have been a catastrophe quickly came to be seen as heartwarming symbol of their special relationship.

Believe it or not, my uncle continued the three-day honeymoon by himself, taking care to buy a souvenir for his wife at each stopover. "That's how sweet a guy he was," my aunt says, smiling.

Often during their 50-year marriage, my aunt made her husband describe his solitary trip in exhaustive detail. "I'm glad I stayed home," she swears. "This way it was like being on our honeymoon the whole time we were married!"

Fond of travel, my uncle frequently used business as an excuse to jaunt off by himself. But he never again brought my aunt a souvenir. I like to think that he wanted to preserve the poignant quality of that earlier journey.

I love this anecdote, but I've rarely recounted it to anyone. I suppose I'm afraid my friends will scoff at my aunt and uncle as characters from a Meiji-period novel.

These days we are in such a hurry to try the latest fad, so anxious to be hip. Sometimes I fear that the things that really count—simple human warmth and affection—get lost in the hustle.

Translated from the Japanese newspaper *Tokyo Shimbun* by the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center.

## PEROT

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10th year as a Senior Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace. His writings have been many and varied, but all converge on the central theme of how man can rise in dignity to prevail in the face of adversity.

His most recent books are *A Vietnam Experience: Ten Years of Reflection*, which won the 1985 Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge Honor Prize for Books, and *In Love and War*, co-authored with his wife. In early 1987, a dramatic presentation of *In Love and War* as an NBC Television movie was viewed by more than 45 million Americans.

Upon his retirement from active duty in 1979, the Secretary of the Navy established the Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award which is presented annually to two commanding officers, one in the Atlantic Fleet and one in the Pacific Fleet. In 1989, Monmouth College in his native state of Illinois, from which he entered the Naval Academy in 1943, named its student union "Stockdale Center." The following year he was made a 1990 Laureate of the Abraham Lincoln Academy of Illinois in ceremonies at the University of Chicago.

Admiral Stockdale has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. He holds 11 honorary doctoral degrees.

Admiral Stockdale and his wife Sybil have been married 45 years. They have four sons, all of whom are school teachers. They have four grandchildren and are expecting their fifth.

## KABOOO! DANCERS





## Voices

## Legacies and visions

By Douglas Urata

It is apparent that as a community, Japanese Americans have the trappings of success. High average incomes, high average level of education, high average level of acceptance in the mainstream. The key word is average. We don't have superior levels of successes in penetrating the business world and we don't have superior presence in the political arena. As of pre-election 1992, we don't even have any Asian American state legislators in all of California. In short — we don't run much of anything.

We're "model" citizens. In other words, we represent what the mainstream (white) community wants us to be. Of course, there's that "glass ceiling" that limits us. When you measure our average income for college graduates, Asian Americans are still below the levels of the average white college graduate. Evidently, our superior levels of college performance don't translate into actual dollars.

Our pioneering Issei didn't come here to be "average." They had the vision of having it all! But somewhere in the midst of war, discrimination and having to "out-white the white guy" just to stay even, we lost that momentum to be superior.

We've even lost much of our sense of "community." Out-marriages outnumber same race marriages. As we integrate and assimilate are we committing cultural genocide? Or can we realize what Scott Peck in *A Different Drum* says, "Community is and must be inclusive." Instead of excluding people, we should find ways to draw them into our community.

If you are Nisei, what was the dream you

had when you were younger? Did it involve a position of leadership? Ownership? How did you measure success? What thoughts did you and your parents through the camp? What lessons were learned that we need to pass on? How many of your children followed in your entrepreneurial or agricultural footsteps? How many went into professional fields with advanced degrees as engineers, lawyers and other white collar jobs? Did you ever encourage them to go into politics? Where will our successors to Mineta, Matsui, Saiki, Matsunaga and Inouye come from?

The Nikkei symbol of civil rights, JACL, seems to have lost its purpose. Now that some was achieved with redress — where else do we go? Where can we refocus the vision and sense of urgent mission that the redress issue held?

We have two great opportunities in front of us. First, by virtue of those high average successes in many areas of businesses and mainstreaming, we do have dedicated community leaders and established professionals who can train others. Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), has taken the lead in this area. But even the best organizations are dying because the few who are willing to lead get burned-out from the overwhelming demands on their time. Many just can't "say no" to the requests that pour in. The need is so overwhelming that they feel guilty about turning requests down. How many dedicated leaders have stretched their physical and fiscal assets and eventually were burnt out? Who can you remember

that suddenly disappeared from the scene? Thankfully, we have a few who have maintained our key groups, through thick and thin.

The second opportunity comes from the surprising resources that some Nisei have, whether through business or property growth. They are now on the brink of establishing legacies — but only if they plan now. If their children have good careers, they can't see a need past that. Their motivation may come if they focus on the promise, or the peril, of the future. How many future Japanese American congressmen, governors or even presidents are yet to come? And how many well-educated Sansei now face unemployment in the current recession?

What about those up and coming leaders who have the vision to take alternative career paths: government, politics or social services. Those who are really dedicated to doing some good for the greater population, who want to work toward understanding between cultures or even teach, are taking an vow of poverty. What it really takes are the financial resources to encourage those people. Since there is no capital coming from the "mainstream community," it requires sponsorship from independent wealth in our community. That wealth will give those visionaries the freedom to pursue whatever they want. This doesn't mean spending spree, but by utilizing tools like family foundations, we can give the succeeding generations the ability to do more than have a career — to act on their vision.

What of that vision? Does that vision see

our "saled bowl" of America turning into the "melting pot" where all colors end up merging together? Will the new wave of Issei face the same problems our forefathers did? Maybe not the same problems, but certainly they will have their share. How do we (or should we) get involved? How do we deal with the new wave of hate crimes sweeping our neighborhoods and the rest of the nation?

On a global scale, we must also have an impact. In *Man's Search for Meaning*, Dr. Viktor Frankl sums it up best. He closes the book with:

"So let us be alert — alert in a twofold sense: Since Auschwitz we know what man is capable of. And since Hiroshima we know what is at stake."

These are only topics for debate until money gets applied. We may only have a glimpse of the vision now, but we must be prepared and we must show our monetary support. Money as a tool, not as a goal can improve our position in the world. "Give me a long enough lever and a fulcrum and I can move the world." Let's work on getting some leverage.

Doug Urata is a board member of the Riverside Chapter, JACL, and is a trustee of the JACL Blue Shield Health Insurance Trust. He is also volunteers as a trainer for Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP); for the Japanese American National Museum; and the Little Tokyo Service Center's Advisory Council of the Nikkei Widowed Persons Service. He is an agency supervisor and registered representative with Sansai Insurance and Financial Services, Torrance, Calif.

## Moshi moshi

By Jin Konomi

## Age of Woman in Japan: Has it arrived?

A middle-age actress [Sorry, I can't recall her name] twice attempted to reach the North Pole by dog sled, and succeeded the second time. Uninspired, she financed both expeditions herself. She is now working like a windmill in a hurricane to repay the incurred debts.

Michiko Imai, 25-year-old pediatrician, climbed the Matterhorn [14,690 ft.] in 1967. Two years later, she conquered another Swiss peak, the Eiger [13,205 ft.]. Again two years later in a dramatic ceremony on the summit of the Grande Jorasse, she married her fiancé, a team member. All ascents were made on the north wall. Up to that time, she was the only woman in the world to scale all three by the north wall.

Kyoko Imakire, 23, sailed solo from Japan to San Francisco, then turned around and sailed back to Japan. To friends who worried for her safety in making the return trip so soon after the arduous first crossing, she airily answered: "This yacht was borrowed from a friend. I've got to return it." This past summer she completed an eight-month solo circumnavigation of the world — this time on her own boat.

Masako Ibaraki, Ph.D., a research assistant at Shizuoka University, specializes in the fossilized foraminifera of the Pacific Rim. By a ten-year study, she has determined that Izu Peninsula had ridden the tip of the Philippine Plate as it moved north eons ago, rammed into the Japanese mainland and stayed stuck. She developed the technique of separating the plankton fossils from their calcareous bed.

Izumi Ohno, assistant professor of the Tokyo Technological College, specializes in alloy metallurgy at low temperature. She has won a prestigious prize for her basic research in electro-chemical plating technology.

Note: "Women Who Do Science," the source of these stories, happens to be a regular two-page feature in the popular monthly magazine *Bungei Shunju*.

There are 44 women elected to the Japanese parliament. This is nearly twice as many as women members in the 100th and 101st U.S. Congress.

These are but a few of the Japanese women who are vicariously fulfilling the

aspirations of Japanese women in general. The level and range of their activities could not have been imagined, let alone anticipated, in the male chauvinist Japan of the 1950s, but these were the years in which these women were growing up.

About that time the Japanese used to jest that the only things that became stronger after the war were nylon stockings and the women. "Hyotan kara koma ga deru." Hyotan is a gourd used as a pitcher. Koma here means a horse. It was the way the Japanese describe the absurd situation in which what they meant as a far-fetched joke comes true. The Japanese were joking without realizing that they were predicting a future reality.

Some Japan watchers and Japanese seem to think that the Age of Woman has finally arrived in Japan. I am inclined to think so, chiefly because I am a feminist, out of my sympathy for all the loved ones whose lot in life has been incomparably harder than those of the men in their lives — just because they were women. But their thinking and mine may be more wish than reality. Let us

see. There have been many successful women mountaineers since Dr. Imai. One team of eight women made the summit of Mount Everest [29,002 ft.] and other Himalayan peaks. Professor Ohno, rightfully, should have been a full professor in view of her outstanding achievements.

I reserve my special disappointment for the women elected to the Diet. When they entered politics, they were expected to bring a breath of fresh air into the miasmic atmosphere of the parliament. But they have not presented any major programs and Japanese politics is as corrupt as ever. So far, these women have remained just tokens.

In their defense, however, I must add that Japanese politics is so structured as not to allow Taro-san-or Hamako-san-Come-Latelines to do anything constructively. So the Age of the Woman has not quite arrived. But more about this topic in another article.

Konomi, an Albany, Calif., writer, contributes his columns to *Pacific Citizen* on a regular basis.

## Voices

## Vote down anti-gay initiatives

By Norman Y. Mineta and Robert Matsui  
Members of Congress

On November 3, voters in the states of Oregon and Colorado will consider ballot initiatives with profound implications for the traditional American values of fairness and equality. If adopted, Measure 9 on the Oregon ballot and Amendment 2 on the Colorado ballot would relegate the gay and lesbian residents of those states to second-class citizenship.

For Americans of Japanese ancestry, these initiatives should seem frighteningly familiar. Just as racial exclusion laws, property ownership restrictions, anti-mis-

cegenation laws and limits on job opportunities were designed to deny us our rights as Americans, these initiatives would require the states of Oregon and Colorado to take officially hostile positions toward their gay and lesbian citizens.

We remember a time, half-century ago, when weak political leaders used us as scapegoats. We remember the costs to our community and to our Constitution. Even after 50 years, the scars of those experiences continue to affect members of our community.

Our successful fight to redress the injustices of our evacuation and internment during the Second World War had two purposes: to gain official recognition that our rights as Americans were violated and, equally important, to ensure that such a gross violation of civil liberties should never happen again in this country.

As history's witnesses to the damage such measures can do, Americans of Japanese ancestry cannot afford to ignore the implications of Measure 9 and Amendment 2. If they are adopted, a group of our fellow

citizens will once again be declared less than fully American and their rights attacked as a matter of official government policy.

In the weeks leading up to the Nov. 3 election, we believe that the Japanese American community must make its opposition to these initiatives clear and unequivocal.

We urge all Americans of Japanese ancestry to join us, and to add their voices to those who are fighting these attempts to enshrine official discrimination and bigotry in the constitutions of Oregon and Colorado.

## On the tube

## Documentary celebrates Nisei Week

A blend of east and west, old and new comes alive in an annual pageantry of kimono-clad ondo street dancers, taiko drummers, colorful floats, and marching bands at the 52nd Nisei Parade in Little Tokyo. Join producer/host, Huell Howser, when he discovers the parade's rich tradition, celebrates cultural pride and explores the history of the Japanese American community in an episode of "California's Gold" airing Sunday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. on KCET-TV, and repeating Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Tucked behind modern highrises in a pocket of downtown Los Angeles, Little Tokyo has flourished from a single restaurant which opened in 1908, to present-day shops, hotels, plazas, a community and cultural center, and a

newly-opened museum. Site of the Nisei Week Festival since its creation in 1934, Little Tokyo is not just a commercial district, but serves also as the social and cultural center of the Japanese Americans in the Southland.

As Little Tokyo has grown, as has the festival's popularity and appeal. At this annual August celebration, host Howser meets a bonsai expert and gets a firsthand lesson in the art of raising dwarf trees, and later visits with members of the Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379, who are continuing a 60-year legacy, and whose history is woven into the annals of Little Tokyo.

"California's Gold" explores the state's rich history, cultural diversity and natural wonders, and airs weekly this fall on all 13 PBS

television stations in California, and in Reno, and Las Vegas, Nevada, and Honolulu, Hawaii.

The only program broadcast throughout the state that covers California on a regular basis, "California's Gold," has been endorsed by the California Teachers Association, the California Library Association, and the California School Boards Association.

"California's Gold" is funded by a grant from Wells Fargo Bank, and presented by Huell Howser Productions, in association with KCET-TV (PBS/Los Angeles). The program is offered closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

For those outside the Los Angeles viewing area, check local PBS program listings for broadcast dates and times in your area.

## Sacramento to honor Enomoto

SACRAMENTO—JACL chapters and community organizations in Sacramento Valley are rallying to honor Jerry J. Enomoto for his leadership and service at a gala testimonial dinner, 5 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 20, at Hoi Sing Restaurant, 7007 S. Land Park Dr. The San Francisco-born Nisei served as JACL national president for two terms (1966-1970) and is currently national chair of JACL Legislative Education Committee since 1987.

Since his retirement as the first Asian American director of the Calif. Department of Corrections (1975-1980), he serves as a criminal justice consultant and professor in criminal justice, part-time, at CSU Sacramento.

Dinner tickets are \$20 per person. Social hour precedes at 4 p.m. Information: Sacramento Chapter, JACL, (916) 447-0231.



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## Remembering Jerome

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—High-lighting the Rohwer-Jerome camp memorial dedications May 26-28 were some 125 former residents from around the country and three Issei: 93-year-old Toka Kiritra from Hawaii, Harry K. Fujioka of Torrance, 85, who helped construct the two wartime Rohwer camp memorials and the Rev. Shingetsu Akahoshi, a Santa Fe/Tule Lake/Rohwer internee and postwar at Seabrook (N.J.) Buddhist Church.

Now retired in Osaka, Rev. Akahoshi officiated with the Rev. Arthur Takemoto of the Vista (Calif.) Buddhist Church and San Fernando Valleyite, the Rev. Ren Kimura of the West Valley United Methodist Church, at the May 27 dedication of a new ten-foot Jerome Relocation Center memorial just yards away from US 65. Jerome campsite is now a soybean, grain farm owned by John Ellington, who had always felt the camps were wrong. He has retained the tall hospital chimney at the edge of his farm as a reminder of the WWII injustice.

Torrance City Councilman George Nakano, then a youngster at Jerome, chaired the Jerome Preservation Committee, which had raised funds for the Georgia granite block with a message that concludes:

"May this monument serve to remind us all to be more alert in the safeguarding of the rights of all Americans regardless of their race, color and creed."

The three ministers and a color guard detail from the Chicago Nisei Legion post also participated at the Rohwer camp memorial grounds. The JACL Midwest District project to restore the internee-built memorials was not quite completed. But the road to the cemetery was paved anew.

At the dedication banquet May

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26 (primary election day here) at Arkansas Excelsior Hotel, there were two principal speakers: Arkansas Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, lawyer, onetime congressman, Vietnam war correspondent and a marine veteran, and National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa. Tucker recalled the 1942 political scene and social climate of Arkansas when the camps were being constructed and as the West Coast evacuees arrived. The program also noted it could be interrupted and accommodate Gov. Bill Clinton for a message. He did not show; the papers the next day reporting he was appearing in Cleveland.

Others on the program included Nick Katsuki, Rohwer Preservation committee chair; George Nakano, Jerome Preservation chair; George Sakaguchi (St. Louis), project chair; Allan Hida (Milwaukee), MDC governor; Little Rock Mayor Sharon Priest; and Lei Schiffer, mistress of cer-

emonies, introduced herself as one having grown up in Rohwer, adding that her father had sold the land to WRA. Her mother, Rosalie Gould, mayor of McGehee, hosted the catfish luncheon with hush puppies and French fries (an Arkansas Delta special) at the church hall where the camp hospital used to be. [Mayor Gould was honored at the recent National JACL Convention in Denver with the Edison Ujo Memorial Civil Rights Award for her leadership with the Rohwer-Jerome preservation projects.]

At the luncheon, Thelma McBride, one of the first Caucasian nurses at Rohwer and later at Manzanar, met Tak Hattori of Monterey, who was the first patient at the Rohwer hospital. He had a broken knee.

Of the state troopers escorting two busloads of reunion-minded Nisei nonstop from Little Rock to Jerome and then back to Rohwer to maintain a tight schedule, the trip reminded Nakano of the time 50 years ago when busloads of internees were escorted by police officers on their motorcycles to Santa Anita.

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ations. (6) The only Issei honoree of the day, Fukushima-born Eddie Orie Sakamoto, 88, had rejoined his parents in the U.S. in 1921, was completing his education at UCLA but because of Depression left to help his father's produce business. A third-generation Japanese Christian, he was one of the founders of the WLA Japanese Methodist Church in 1930. His lapidary exhibits have been well received over the years.

(7) Florin-born Virginia (Kiyoko Taketa) Tominaga, 75, was West L.A. JACL's honoree of the year. She and her late husband, Harry, were interned at Amache, returned to West L.A. in 1948 where she shined as a volunteer and leader with the Buddhist church, JACL and Auxiliary for over a quarter century.

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