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Election update

How some Asian Americans fared in politics

By HARRY K. HONDA Editor emeritus

In the Nov. 3 general election, Asian Americans gained a U.S. congressional seat (41st District) with the election of the first Korean-born congressman from California, Diamond Bar Mayor

and Republican Jay C. Kim, and possibly a Yonsei congressman from California. from California, 31-year-old teacher Mark Takano (D-43rd District) of Riverside who had initially claimed victory but is in a recount battle, and at press time was losing to op-ponent Ken Cal-vert following a count of absentee ballots. However, provisional bal-lots were also being counted at that time and Takanomay have an outside chance

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an outside chance of victory yet. Kim joins Reps, Robert T. Matsui (D-5th District) of Sacramento, 69% (151,558); Norman Y. Mineta (D-15th District) of San Jose, 64% (157,146);

See ELECTION/page 4

A 1st in New Mexico Miyagishima gets commissioner post

LAS CRUCES, N.M.-College in-structor Ken Miyagishima, 29, ran unopposed in the Nov. 3 general elec-tion as Dona Ana county commi-sioner #4 here. The local newspapers

taggedhim to be the f i r s t American Japa-se deof nese scent to hold public office in the state since statehood in1912. He won his seat with a 60% major-ity in the



MIYAGISHIMA June 2 pri-

June 2 pri. Interferentiates The Mississippi-borry Japanese American has been in New Mexico since 1968. Dona Ana Countyy, situated with the Rio Grande goarsing through the tenter, faces Texas at El Paso and the Republic of Mexico. It is the second targest county in the state. [County commissioners are comparable to county supervisors in the state of Cali-fornia.] Miyagishima can be reached at his office, 225 E. Idaho, Ste. 3, Las Cruces, NM 88005, (505/526-4465).

MORE ELECTION COVERAGE: Who on what in Hawaii, city elections . ages 4 and 6-

What can we expect?

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The pre-election rhetoric is over Bill Clinton is presidentelect. Americans will soon be expecting change and movement. So will Japanese Americans. Pacific Citizen asked three JACL leaders for their views on how Clinton and his administration will affect Nikkei lives. Here are their answers . . .



LILLIAN KIMURA onal president

Lillian Kimura

Clinton's victory and the increase of women and minority members in Congress will hope-fully mean more sensitivity to Japanese Ameri-can issues. We're a non-partisan organization, so we can't be too enthusiastic. All three candi-dates made healing statements after the elec-tion. Bush was very presidential, Perot was

tion. Bush was very presidential, Perot was very cordial. The issue of preparation for the next admin-istration is more of a staff issue. But certainly, we need to let them know what our issues are. From hate crimes to Japan bashing and U.S. Japan issues, these are issues that affect our community. On the specific issue of Wards Cove, I think Cinton's response in the P.C. (Oct. 30 issue) shows his stance and commit-ment. ment

Net. So issue? shows no scance shit commit-ment. Should Clinton appoint a justice to the Su-preme Court, I think that Supreme Court Jus-nes previously selected. I don't know what we can expect Clinton to do for Asian Americans, Japanese Americans in particular, except be sensitive to issues. We have also have a responsibility in turn to com-municate to him our concerns. If a like what John F. Kennedy said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you.' I think, like Kennedy, Clinton has also said something to that effect. Appointees—Bob Matsui, although he was just neelected to Congress; certainly Melinda affairs; March Fong Eu, Secretary of State from California. We expect things to change. Wein JACL have

We expect things to change. We in JACL have be alert to help facilitate beneficial change.



DENNIS HAVASHI JACL national director

The issues

Here are the questions Pacific Citizen asked JACL leaders regarding President-elect Clinton's leadership:

What does the Clinton victory and the increase in vomen and minority members in Congress mean for Japanese Americans?
 What should or what is JACL doing to prepare for a new administration?
 What will Clinton do for Asian Americans Japanese Americans in particular?

What do you think will happen to key legislative issues such as Wards Cove, hate crime, and U.S.Ja-pan trade relations?
What Asian Ameri-cans doyou think will hold position in his administra-tion?



KAREN NARASAKI IACL Washington, D.C., representative

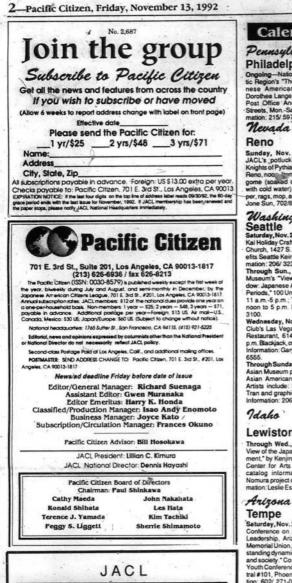
Dennis Hayashi and Karen Narasaki

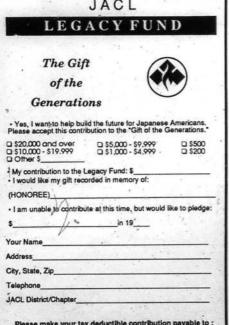
With the change in the administration and in Congress, JACL and other civil rights organiza-tions have already begun to think about moving civil rightsissues forward rather than worrying about having to fight to defend existing civil rights protections. The Clinton administration and most of the new women and minority members are expected to be much more supportive of civil rights. If Congress repasses even a fraction of the 37 bills that President Bush vetoed in the last congressional session, there will be a sig-nificant change in direction.

nificant change in direction. The election of Jay Kim (R-Calif.) and the potential addition of Mark. Takano (D-Calif.) would almost double the number of Asian Pa-cific American voting 4members in the House of Representatives. This increase is important be-cause they will be able to add to the efforts of the existing Asian Pacific American members in educating other members of Congress about Asian Pacific American no be elected to Con-gress and will be able to provide a special perspective. ctive

What will Clinton do for Asian Pacific Americans

Throughout his campaign, Gov. Clinton con-sistently stressed his commitment to having an administration that reflects the diversity of the U.S. Asian Pracific Americans can expect to have a role in his administration. Gov. Clinton is also See CLINTON/page 6





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Pennsylvania Philadelphia

Ongoing National Archives-Mid Atlan-tic Region's The Internment of Japa-nese Americans. Photographs by Dorothea Lange, Lobby William Penn Post Difice Annex, 9th and Market Streets, Mon. Sat. 8 a.m. 6 p.m. Infor-mation: 215/ 597-3000. al Archives-Mid Atlan

Sunday, Nov. 22—Reno Chapter, JACL's potluck and mochi making. Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. mants of Pythias Hall, 960 Nevada St. Reno, noo Lims to bring: 3 los. moch gome (soawed overnight and drained with cold water); com starch, wax pa-per, rags, mop, and broom. Information: Jone Sun, 702/657-3388.

Washington

Seattle

ov, 21-11th annual Ay Saturday, Nov, 21—11th annual Ayame Kai Holiday Craft Fair, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., 10 a.m. Benttle Keiro Nursing Home. Infor on: 206/ 323-7100

Through Sun., Nov. 22-Seattle Art Museum's "Views from a Paper Window: Japanese Art of the Edo and Meij 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-

esday, Nov. 25-First Hill Lions Club's Las Vegas night, Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave., S., 5 p.m. Blackjack, craps, and wheel games. Information: Gary Matsudaira, 206/325

5000. Through Sunday, Dec. 13—Wing Luke Asian Museum presents works by local Asian American artists, 407 7th Ave-Artists include: Silk designer Laihong Tran and graphic designer Frank Fuji. Tran and graphic designer I Information: 206/ 623-5124.

Idaho

Lewiston

Through Wed., Nov 25-- "An Artists of the Japanese American Intern ment," by Kenjiro Nomura, Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History, Exhibit or catalog information: June McKivor, Nomura project director, museum infor-mation: Leslie Esselbum, 208/799-2243

Tempe

Saturday, Nov. 21-38th annual Youth Conference on Human Relations and Leadership, Arizona State University, Memorial Union 9 a m Theme "Unde Memorial Union, 9 a.m. Theme: Unioer-standing dynamics of hate in our schools and society. Cost: \$10, preregistration, Youth Conference/NCCJ, 1509 N. Central #101 Phoenix AZ 85004 Inform tion: 602/ 271-0980. JACL youth who register and pay the \$10 will be reim-bursed by Arizona Chapter, JACL.

California Sacramento

Sunday, Nov. 22—Sacramento Chap-tar, JACL, honors Jerry Enomoto, Hoi Sing Restaurant, 7007 S, Land Park Dr., 5 p.m. Cost: \$20. Information: Sac-ramento Chapter, JACL, 916/447-0231.

San Francisco Area Wed., Nov. 18-Mon., Nov. 30-Photo exhibit honoring UC Berkeley class of '42 Nikkel, Dwinelle Hall main lobby, UC Berkeley. Information: 510/ 237-UC Berke

5435. Friday, Nov. 20—Actor Lane Nishikawa's one-man show, "I'm on a Mission from Buddha," Julia Morgan Theater, 2540 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$15. including \$5 donation to Berkeley Chapter Scholarship Fund. Information: Kee of Ann Venet n Ken or Ann Yabusaki 510-524-4008

irday, Nov. 21-The Californ Japanese American Alumni Association's (CJAAA) biennial Big Game Night, Top O' the Inn, Holiday Inn, Emeryville, 6 pm. Reservations: \$30 Information: Elsie Nakamura, 415/ 647-4273.

547-4273. Sunday, Nov. 22—University of San Francisco's Marco Polo Concert and Symphony, USF's Presentation Cam-pus at Turk and Masonic, 6 p.m. Con-

pius at Turk and Masonic, 6 p.m. Con-ductor: Simon Andrews, Cost St. Intor-mation: 415/666-6357. Saturday, Dec. 5.—Diablo and Berko-ley Chapters, JACL joint installation and awards dinnier, Maiko's Restaurant, 1529 San Pablo Awe, Berkadey, 5 p.m. Guast: Lane Nishikawa. Cost: 525. In-tormation: Jono Kubokawa. 2520 Biscoy Way, Wainut Creek, CA. 94598; 510/ 708-6114

Sunday, Dec. 6-The Nisei Widow Group's Christmas party and more Group's Christmas party and monthly meeting, at the home of Yuri Mortwald, 2 p.m. Potuck and gift exchange. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/ 221-0268; or Yuri Moriwaki, 510/ 482-3280.

San Jose

Friday, Dec. 11—Yu-Al Kai's Christ-mas party, Yu-Al Kai office, 565.4. Fifth St., San Jose, 7 p.m. Cookie exchange, entertainment and surprises. RSVP by Dec. 10. Information: 408/294-2505. Fresno

Friday, Nov, 20—CSU Fresno and Fresno JACL sponsors "The Japanese American Experience: Immigration, Community, World War II Internment, Recovery and Resolution," CSUF So-cial Science Bidg, Rm. 104 and Fresno Metropolitan Museum, 4 pm. Tuilion: \$38, 1 unit of credit. Information: Elisa Vanimente members: 2009 255.4511 Kamimoto, evenings 209/255-4501. Through Sunday, Nov. 22—Fresno Metropolitan Museum's "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japanese American Farming," 1555 Var Ness Ave. at Calaveras; Downtown Fresno. Mon.-Sun,: 11 a.m. Admission adults \$3, seniors \$2. Information: 209 1555 Van 441-144

Los Angeles Area

Wednesday, Nov. 18—The West Los Angeles Japanese American commu-nity center's regular meeting. Savtelle Japanese school, 2110 Corinth Ave., West LA., 7:30 p.m. Annual dues: \$5, Description 1:50 p.m. individual; \$10, fa

arsday, Nov. 19-Japan A dety presents "The U.S. Pres Japan America Society presents The U.S. Presidential Election and the Japan-America Rela-tionship," Holiday Inn Torrance Gate-way, 19900 S. Vermont Ave., Torrance, 7:30 a.m. Speaker; William Holstein, Business Week, International edition editor. Cost: \$20, JASSC members; \$25. tion: 310

0311. Friday, Nov. 20—The Japanese Ameri-can National Museum social group pre-sents, "Museum Atter Hours: Comedy Improv and Magic Night," 369 E. First St., Los Angeles, 7 p.m. Cost: 58, mem-bers; §10, non-members. Information: 213/625-0414

Saturday, Nov. 21—Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance's conference "Labor's answer to Asian-bashing," UFCW Local 770, 630 S. Shatto PI., Los Angeles, 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$20, regular; \$15, student. Speakers include: Ron Wakabayashi, L.A. City Human Relaions Commission; Kent Wong, APALA; and Kathy Imahara, APALC. Informa-ion: 213/387-1974. tions Co

Seturday, Nov. 21-Japanese Amiri-can National Museum's demonstration class on origami holiday cards, 369 E First St., Los Angeles, 1 p.m. Cost: \$5, members; \$7.50, non-members. Preregistration required. Information: 213 625-0414

Saturd y, Nov. 21-The Azuma Saturday, Nov. 21—The Azuma Sumako Kotobuki Kai's Tith annual stu-dentrecital, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Marjosa Ave., Los Angèles, 630 p.m. Suggestad donation: \$5. In-formation: 310/ 327-2431. Desauch Sum. New 20. Esci. Work

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: Through Sun, Nov. 22—The George J. Doizaki Gallery of the JACCC's Kiyoshi Awazu: Artist and Designer, 244 S. San Pedro St., Tues.-Fri., noonm; weekends, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed ndays. Information: 213/ 628-2725. nday, Nov. 22—1992 St. Mary Youth People's Fellowship Christmas Bou-tique, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, 11 a.m. Artwork, clothing, jewelry and Christ-mas decorations. Information: 213/387-1334

Saturday, Nov. 28-Gerald Ishibashi's

'93 scholarships announced

Applications and informa-tion brochures for the 1993 JACL National Scholarship and Awards Program are now available from JACL chapters, regional offices and national headquarters.

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ing students in the fields of creative arts and performing creat arts.

Interested applicants should send a legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to:National Scholarship Com-mittee, JACL National Head-ounter 1725 School and Scholarship quarters, 1765 Sutter St. Francisco, CA 94115 ncisco, CA, 94115. Indi-level of study. cate

Information: JACL head-quarters, 415/921-5225.

Great Sansei Reunion, Bonaventure Hotol, Los Angeles, 8 p.m. Featuring: The Stonebridge Bandand the Shirelles. Cost: \$25. Information: 7714 639-1007. Saturdey, Nov. 28—Hawaiian Commu-nly Center Assn.'s 1st annual "Ho'oulu Lahui Festival". Carson Communic Center Assn's 1st annual "Ho'oulu ui Festival," Carson Communiter, 801 5 Lahui Festival,* Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson, 10 a.m. Tickets: \$10. Information: Clarice W. Nuhi \$10/549-5573 or Randy K.

W. Nuth 310/284-557 of handy K. Chang 310/284-557 of handy K. Sunday, Dec. 5—Radio Li1Tokyo's 40th anniversary celebration, New Won Kok, 2411 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, noon. Cost: \$25. Tickets available at: Radio

Li1 Tokyo, 320 E, 2nd St., Ste. 313, L.A. CA. 90012. Information: 213/ 628-4688

CA. 90012. Information: 213/628-4688 between 10 a.m. to noon, Mon.-Fri. Sunday, Dec. 6.-The Nikkel Wickowed Group's Christmas party. New Otani Hotel. Cost.\$23, breastof.chicken, salad and desser?. Send checks to: Tak Shibuya, treasurer, 12432 Allin St., L.A.

All October Transver, 12432 Allin St., L.A., CA. 90066, as soon as possible. Infor-mation: Karl Oike, 310 837-7662; or June Ichinose, 818/288-7169. Thure, Dec. S-Sun, Dec. 6—Nobuko Myamoto premieres 'A Grain of Sand', Highways Performance Space, 1651 Highways Performance Space, 1651 Through Sun, Dec. 13—The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Interment Camps, 1942; 1945; UCLA's Wight Art Galleys, Free to the public Parking 'SS Information: Wight Art Gallery, 310/825-9345 or JANM, 213/825-0314.

Wight AT Gallery, Stolle29-Soft of JARM, 213625-0414. Through Saturday, Dec. 19—The SPARC Gallery presents "Confronts-tion 1992," an exhibit on race, color and racism,"e855 Venice Bivd. Artists in-clude: video artist Alan Nakagawa and performer Amy Hill. Information: Eric Gordonoc Lucia Aguayo 310/822-9560. Through 1993—Tissei Pioneers: Ha-wai and the Mainland, 1885-1924"-Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First SL, Los Angeles. Hours: Tues.-Thurs and Sat.-Sun, 10 a.m. to 5 pm; Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m; closed 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. Artifacts, photographs, 3-screen video, audio tours in English, Generative Mercetter, and the senior benefits, and the Article State of the senior benefits, and Japanese, Spanish. Information: 213 5110

Riverside

Through Sat., Jan. 30—The California Museum of Photography presents "Bearing Witness: Memories of Japa-nese American Internment," 3824 Main St. on the Pedestrian Mall in downtown Riverside, Wed Sat., 11 a.n.; Sun noon-5 p.m.; Mon. and Tues, closed Admission: \$2. Information: 7(4/784

Whereabouts

• Seeking persons of non-Japa-nese origin who were voluntarily or otherwise interned during World War II. Contact: Ken Hamp-ton, 183 Heron Lane, Riverside, CA, 92507-1231; 714/781-6683

 Seeking Japanese American embers of the South Pasadena San Marino High School class of San marino rigin School Class of (43 for 50th reunion Saturday, May 15, in Pasadena. (Contact Dorothy Winn Hayes, 505 E. Longden Drive, San Gabriel, CA, 91775; 818/287-7842; or June Rogers Oury, 310/866-6240.

 Seeking Capt. Tanaka (first) Seeking Capt. Tanaka (Inst name not known), a member of the Japanese military in the Phil-ippines in World War II. Before the war, he operated a refresh-ment parlor in San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines. Contact Mateo Pineda, 446 West Elk Ave., #7, Glendale, CA, 91204.



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Familiar and new names fill ballots

Checking over the Nov. 3 elec-tion results in the 10 Southern California counties, a number of familiar Nisei names appear as well as new Asian Americans in the local government and scat-tered school board races. Normally these positions are contested in the odd-numbered years in the

In Santa Maria, former Santa Barbara County supervisor Toru Miyoshi replaced an incumbent 7-way race for two city council

In Hemet, onetime mayor ['79-'80] and councilman Ken J. Nishino finished 7th in a 14-way race for three city council seats in

race for three city council seats in the retirement community in Riv-erside County. # In Santa Ana, Harry K. Yamamoto, one of the first Nisei in public office in Santa Ana in the 70s, was third in a four-way hid for the Ward 5 seat on the city council

In nearby Garden Grove, Ko-In nearby Garden Grove, Ko-rean American insurance agent Ho Young Chung, 58, was elected a councilman in the 11-way race for two city council seats. Chung has been active with the Orange County Human Relations Commission, redevelopment project and the Korean American Association of Orange County. But in Stanton, at the northern edge of Orange County, Robert K. Hyun,

25, finished last in a three-way for two seats on the city council. In Westminster, where the Viet-

namese business area is known as Li'l Saigon, Tony Lam won the way race that saw Jimmy Tong Nyugen in fifth place.

other Los Angeles County races, businessman and Cerritos community leader Charlie Chung nearly became the first Korean American school board member in the ABC Unified School District, short of 770 votes in the three-way contest for an unex-pired term ending in December, 1993.

1993. In Alhambra, the Chinese American hopefuls Llewellyn Chin lost in a two way mee for city council, district 4; Vincent Chow was last in the four-way election for three seats on the board of education. In Walnut, Mei Ho-Hilger finished third in the seven-way city council race in the seven-way city council race for the unexpired term ending November, 1995. College-School Board Races

A 21-year veteran on the San Jose Eastside High School dis-trict board, Richard Tanaka, an architect, was the most "experi-enced" candidate and won with a 64% majority (18,583 vates) in the Evergreen Community Col-lege board of trustees election. In San Jose's Evergreen El-

the Korean language. He said he turned down a House offer on for-eign relations dealing with Asian affairs and that he preferred to sit on committees dealing with pub-lic works or small business. USA Today tabbed Kim as part of the "Congressional rainbow break-"Congressional rainbow break-through." Kim will also be work-ing with the first Puerto Rico-born woman in the House; the first black woman from Illinois; and the first Native American Cheyenne from Colorado in the Senate.

Kim, 53, was born in Seoul, came to the U.S. in 1961, starting off as a busboy and now owning a *11-million-year engineering firm. He mich his wife June while attending classes to prepare com-ing to America and they have three children, Eugene, 22, Kathy, 29, and Richard, 30. The Diamond Bar mayor told the San Gabried Valley Tribune that his first order of business in Congress was to rollback "punitive taxes" such as capital gains. He also campaigned on rolling back the 40% congres-sional pay raises, pork-barrel spending and favoring term-limit for Congress, which Californians statewide was to approve with a

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trict trustee races, Hawaii-born school teacher and business lawyer Ann Shiraishi, 44, was mak-ing her first try for public office in the Area 3 and Dale Sasaki, a lawyer, a candidate for truste area No. 5 his second try. Both lost

George on in the Football coach Shirakawa Jr., 30, won in the Franklin-McKinley School Dis-trict board election for two trust-

trict board election for two trust-ees. He was top with 31.4%. He is the son of San Jose City Council-man George Shirakawa, who is of Japanese-Hispanic heritage. In Redwood City, the first Chi-nese American seeking a seat on the Sequoin Union High School District, Winston Chow, 45, a chemical engineer, served under; Gov. Jerry Brown as an executive fellow. fellow.

-HARRY K. HONDA

63% majority passage of Proposi-tion 164.

His opponent, Democrat Bob Baker of Anaheim, who was cat-egorized as a "professional politi-cian" and a conservative, said Kim's resources and publicity bonanza as the first Korean Amerinanza as the first Korean Ameri-can running for Congress was "an unfair advantage ... It's not really a reason (ethnicity) we should be electing people to office," Baker was quoted in the *Tribure*. A Kim campaign survey also found, at one point, 10% of the Republicans would not vote for any one of Asian d.

The new 41st Congressional District spans the corners of three counties (Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino), with a popula-tion white 315 tion of more than 50% white, 31% Latino, 10% Asian and 7% Black. District-wise, GOPs outnumber Democrats in voter registration, by 9 to 6 in Riverside-San Bernarno and nearly even in Los Angeles

les. For Takano campaigners, it was a nervous evening through-out. The tally ended with Takano the apparent winner with a 1,200 margin over Republican real es-tate developer Ken Calvert. The Riverside county registrar had fin-ished its naw tallies by 2:30 a.m. Takeshi Nakayama of the Rofu Shimpo clocked Takano's slim lead started at 9:25 p.m., after

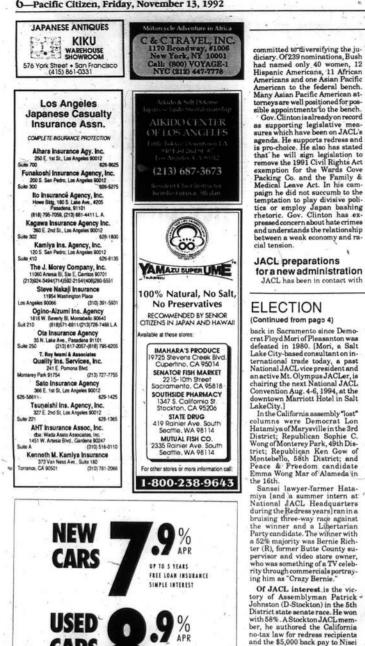
lead started at 9:25 p.m., after 10% of the precincts. His mother, Nancy, who is in the insurance business, said all this waiting "was tough" and felt having babies "was easier." There are four boys in the family.

Takano, who teaches at Rialto junior high school, is also presi-dent of the Riverside Community dent of the Riverside Community College District board of trustees. He has appeared at Nikkei com-munity functions, speaking for im-proving the nation's schools, urg-ing affordable, quality health care, and a "common sense" approach to trade and industrial policies.

The newly configured 43rd district in western Riverside county is but 5% Asian with a 47% Re-publican—44% Democratic break-down in registration.

In the California Assembly, Oxnard Mayor Nao Takasugi (R-37th District) won with a 51% majority in a three-way contest. The Ventura County JACLer is 'he first and sole Asian American





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CLINTON (Continued from page 1)

Asian Pacific Americans involved in the Clinton campaign to ensure that Gov. Clinton understands our concerns. JACL National Director Dennis Hayashi was one of the Asian Pacific American leaders who met with Gov. Clinton in Washington, D.C., last Septem-

JACL is also working with other civil rights organizations to put forward candidates for Gov. Clinton's transition team and for appointments. JACL will be workappointments. JACL will be work-ing as a member of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Con-ference on Civil Rights to shape proposed legislative agenda. Not only must JACL prepare for a new administration, but we

for a new amministration, but we must prepare for a new Congress as well. There are 110 new mem-bers in the House and 11 new members in the Senate JACL will members in the Senate JACD will be arranging meetings with their staff and providing them with re-dress information and an update on Asian Pacific American concerns JACL members should try to meet with their new congres-sional members or their staffs. We need to establish contacts as

American rally. Asked whether he would consider a higher office or a cabinet post if Gov. Bill Clinton won', Mineta assured he had no ambitions other than being full chair of the House Committee Public Works and Transportati n.

Public Works and Transportation. In the State House race for the 3kth District, Position 2 - West Seattle, Burien, Vashon Island and Maury Island, Republican Tim Gojio, 37, lost in his first try for public office. A county counsel with King County, Environmen, All Division, he was JACL Washtal Division, he was JACL Wash ington representative and past Seattle JACL president.

But five other Asian Americans Butfive other Asian Americans, all Democrats, won in their re-spective races. State Reps. Garry Locke (37th Dist., Seattle) with a 91% majority; Art Wang (27th Dist., Tacoma) with 84%; and Nancy Rust (32nd Dist., Seattle), with 66%. Paull Shinn (21st Dist., Seattle), the first Korgan Americ Seattle), the first Korean Ameri-can in the state House, won with a 51% majority. Velma Veloria (11th Dist., Se-

attle) won "hands down" (quoting PNW regional director Karen Yoshitomi who contributed to the Washington election reports) with a 71% majority. Veloria is the first Asian American woman elected to Olympia.

On the ballot for the first time, Linda Lau was elected district court judge. She was unopposed.

Hawaii Sen. Inouye easily captures his sixth term

HONOLULU -Sen Daniel Inouve scored a solid sixth term in the Nov.3 general election over his Republican challenger Rick Reed of Maui, who attempted to make an issue of sexual harass make an issue of sexual harass-ment, which was promptly denied. The results (59% majority or 207,794 votes) sends a "resound-ing message" that Hawaii voters "won't tolerate slime." But the Ad-vertiser editorial feared "public memorias of those allocations are memories of those allegation bound to linger."

early as possible, particularly with members who may not be familiar-with the Asian Pacific American community.

Potential Asian Pacific American appointees

Potential appointments has been the hottest topic in Wash-ington, D.C., since it became clear that Gov. Clinton would be victo-rious several weeks ago. Several Asian Pacific Ameri-

Several Asian Pacific Ameri-cans have been mentioned as pos-sible members of the Clinton Adminstration: Sen: Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) as Secretary of Veterans Affairs or Interior; Con-gressman Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) as Secretary of Transpor-tation; Congressman Robert Matsui(D-Calif.) as attorney gen-ceal or tade representative and Matsui (D-Calif.) as attorney gen-eral or trade representative; and Hawaii Gov. John Waihee as Sec-retary of Interior. Melinda Yee, national director Asian Pacific American Political Affairs for Clinton's campaign team, is ex-tremely well positioned for a fairly high level appointment.

Speaking at his campaign head-quarters, Inouye, 68, told the crowd of about 1,000, "I had to walk through a dark alley of slime and rot but when I did so I was comforted by your words of love, of support.... When we speak of the aloha spirit in Hawaii, it's not inst for tourists, it's for real."

just for tourists, it's for real." Rep. Patsy Mink (D-2nd Dist.) with 58% (131,256) is starting her second term of her second tour in the House. She served earlier from 1964-1976 before an unsuccessful run for the Senate. Other winning Nikkei candidates in the unofficial (99% precincts tallied) returns

ate Senate-2nd Dist. South Hilo-Puna: Richard Matsuura(D): 5th Dist Wailuku-Kahului-Upcountry: JoeTanaka (D); 8th Decountry: Joe Janaka (D); 8th Dist. Kalana-Aina Heights: Donna Ikeda (D); 9th Dist. Waialae-Palolo: Matt Matsunaga (D), 33-year-old son of the late-U.S. Sen. Spark, Matsunaga; 11th Dist. McCully-Manoa: Ann Kobayashi (D) 1000 Dist. (D); 12th Dist. Tantalus-Makiki: Carol Fukunaga (D); 20th Dist. Ewa Beach-Makakilo: Brian Kanno (D), a former nide to Rep. Mink; 15th Dist. Ft. Shafter-Aiea: Norman Mizuguchi (D); 24th Dist. Kaneohe-Enchanted Lake: Stan Koki (R).

Koki (R). ' State House— 1st Dist. North Kohala-North Hilo: Dwight Takamine (D). 3rd Dist. South Hilo-Puna: Harvey Tajiri (D); 9th Dist: Wailuku-Waikapu: Bob Nakasone (D); 10th Dist: David Morihara (D); 12th Dist. Bast Maui-North Kauai: Paul Ishii-Morikami (D); 14th Dist. Koloa-Waimea-Nihau: Bertha Maulton Marking (D): 14th Dist. Koloa-Waimaa Niihau: Bertha Kawakami (D): 17th Dist. Waialae-Maunalani: Barbara Marumoto (R): 19th Dist. Dia-mond Head-Waikiki: Les Ihara (D): 20th Dist. McCully-Kaimuki: Dave Hagino (D); 22nd Dist. McCully-Molliil-Pawaa: Mazie Hirono (D); 23rd Dist. Manoa: Brian Taniguchi (D); 25th Dist. Kakaako-Ala Moana: Ken Hiraki (D): 28th Dist. Manabus-Salt Lake: Nathan Suzuki (D); 33rd See ELECTION/page11 See ELECTION/page11



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state civil service personnel who were unfairly fired after Pearl Harbor.

Other state races

time colleague, Rep. Norman Mineta, went to Seattle to stump for him at a Northwest Asian-

Personally speaking

Eunice N. Sato was nominated to President George Bush's Na-tional Advisory Council on Edu-cational Re-search and

search and Improve-ment. Sato of. Long Beach, Ca-lif., was re-appointed to a term expira term expir-ing Sept. 30, 1994.

The for-mer public SATO

school teacher and former mayor of Long Beach is actively support-ing and promoting the president's America 2000 education program.

Dawna Saito of Gardena, Ca. Dawna Saito of Gardena, Ca-lif., received the Annie Glenn Award of the California State University, Long Beach, Oct. 14 on campus. The \$2,500 award, named for Sen. John Glenn's wife, named to Sen. John Gienn swite, is given through the National Council of Communicative Disor-ders, Rockville, Md., and is of-fered on a national basis. Saito was chosen from more than 20 qualified applicants.

Emily J. Sano was appointed deputy director, chief curator, and chief administrative officer of the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco Nov. 2. She is currently deputy director, collections and exhibitions, and senior curator for exminitions, and senior curator for non-western art at the Dallas Museum of Art. Selected from an international field, the new direc-tor begins her duties in January of 1993

of 1993. Among the many exhibits she has coordinated is The Great Age of Japanese Buddhist Sculpfure. She also has been responsible for important displays of Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Islamic, and Japanese art in a variety of media

s ano has received numerous grants and honors, including those from Fulbright from Fulbright-Hays, Carnegie Woodrow Wilson, and the Metro politan Foundation

She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Art History at Co-lumbia University, New York, in 1989 1983.

KCBS-TV news anchor Tritia Toyota joined actors Hal Holbrook, Patrick Stewart and Holbrook, Patrick Stewart and Bill Simtrovich, Curtis Ajkens of the "Home Show" and opera solo-ist John Wiseman in a Nov. 11 evening of celebrity readings on behalf of Project Literacy Los Angeles, a non-profit California corporation offering basic literacy skills to both English and non-English speaking adults free of. charge charge.

Dr. Paul Nakazato, formerly of the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, has been Genter in San Francisco, has been named director of the new liver program of the University Medi-cal Center of the University of Arizona College of Medicine, in Turson, Ariz.

icson, Ariz. The physician, who will serve as an associate professor of sur-gery, trained under Dr. Thomas Starzl, a pioneer in liver transplation.

Livers are the second most com monly transplanted organs, with about 3,000 such transplants per-formed in this country last year.

Gerald K. Kubota took over the Western Area mail processing and distribution of the U.S. Postal Service

Service. Kubota will oversee Denver's new General Mail Facility, the Denver Bulk-Mail Center and the Airport Mail Facility. The new manager was formerly a Western Region director based in San Bruno, Calif.

Roy Sano was recently ap-pointed United Methodist bishop of the Los Angeles area.

Sano, 61, bishop of the Denver, colo., area for eight years, began is duties Sept. 1. Among his du-

Okazaki to head Nisei Week

James Okazaki, chief of Transit Programs for the Los Angeles Department of Trans-portation, has been named genportation, has been named gen-eral chairman of the 53rd Nisei

eral chairman of the 53rd Nisei Week Japanese Festival to be held from Aug. 7415, 1993. Okazaki, who served as chairman of the Nisei Week Carnival for the past eight years, was vice chairman of the event in 1992. A professional gineer, he received his bachelor and mas-ter of science degrees from the UCLA School of Engineering. In addition, he earned a cer-In addition, he earned a cer-tificate of business manage-

tificate of business manage-ment from the university. The festival chairman is also an active member of the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association, a former member of the Mayor's Asian Pacific Heritage Week Committee, and a present

ties will be to help churches work interracially and inter-ethnically to heal wounds of the L.A. riots.

Hisami Kaneko, former Jet Propulsion Laboratory deputy di-rector, is one of four engineers to be honored with the Distinguished be honored with the Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award at the University of California, Ber-keley. Currently president and CEO of NEC USA, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of the Japan-based NEC Corporation, Kaneko was honored for his exceptional career achievements in engineering re-search industry, education, and nublic service. public service.

Kaneko earned his master's degree in electrical engineering at Berkeley in 1962 before con-tinuing for a destruction of the conat Berkeley in 1962 before con-tinuing for a doctorate at the Uni-versity of Tokyo. In his early work, he made pioneering re-search contributions to digital communication. He holds 96 pat-ents in the U.S. and Japan.

Jiro Ishizaka, former chairman of the board of Union Bank, Los Angeles, has been honored with an International Citizen of the Year Award by the Interna-tional Visitors Council. The award, presented at a scheduled Nov. 9 black tie dinner, recog-nizes Ishizaka's leadership at both the international corporate sector and local community levels. He is a director of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Com-merce, the Music Center of Los Angeles County, and the Music Center Foundation, Junior AchievementofSouthern Califor-nia, and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles tor and local community levels.

Greater Los Angeles. The bank executive is also vice chairman of the Japan Business Association, director of the Am-bassador Club of the Japanese

Making

the grade

Anne Tamiko Omura was lected to the Phi Beta Kappa nonor society at UC, Berkeley, Oct. 15, The 1989 recipient of he San Jose Chapter, JACL, Mineta Memorial Scholarship,

en Key National Honor by in 1991 and is a UC, aley Alumni Scholar.

mber and of a Delta Phi

AMES OKAZAKI Named to L A festival

member, board of directors, of the Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA.

Okazaki and his wife Linda and their sons Marc and Rick and daughter Irene reside in Alhambra.



American Cultural and Community Center, the Japan America Society, and the Japanese Ameri-can National Museum.

Recently, Ishizaka retired from Union Bank to return to Japan where he now serves as an advi-sor to the parent Bank of Tokyo, Ltd

Ralph Watanabe, Koki amashiro, Cheryl Shintani, Tamashiro, Cheryl Shintani, April Shigemoto, and Ruby Hiraishi of Hawaii were recently recipients of the 1992 Milken Fam-ily Foundation National Educar awards.

The private foundation, recognizes teachers in 20 states, in-cluding six in Hawaii, each year with awards of \$25,000 each.

Watanabe is Kipapa Elemen-tary School principal; Tamashiro works at the Maui District Office works at the Maui District Office and teaches advanced placement calculus on the Hawaii Interac-tive Television System; Shintani is employed at the Koloa Elemen-tary School and was also named the Kauai District Teacher of the Very Shingara to the Very Min Year; Shigemoto is a Kauai High School teacher; and Hiraishi is the former Kapuahala Elementary School principal who was re-cently promoted to deputy Windwar Oahu district superintendent

ane Milken Family Foundation is named for the family that in-cludes Michael Milken, who was convicted of securities fraud in 1990. The foundation's board president, Lowell Milken, is his brother.

According to the Honolulu Ad-vertiser, the foundation was cleared of any wrongdoing.

The education awards were sche eduled for presentation Nov.

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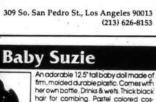
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By JIN KONOMI

How I built the bomb



The world's first hydrogen bomb was created in 1923, in the chemistry lab, or rather, the store room of the chemistry lab, of Santa Maria Junior College. The inventor was yours truly.

One day, in the lab store room, I noticed One day, in the lab store room, I noticed a large glassiar, containing several grayish round rods about 7 inches long. They were in a coloriess glass jar louid. The label said "SODIUM". The liquid was kerosene. I was getting my first look at the metal sodium. As I contemplated, a sudden inspi-ration/alashed through my mischief-fertile mind. Hydrogen bomb!

Hydrogen bomb? The thought was so fantastic that I was amazed at myself. Well, but why not? Na + H2O = NaOH + H. The equation leaves out the prodigious heat the reaction generates. Confine it, and who knows what happens. I went into action at

There were any number of empty gallon demijohns lying around. I filled one with about an inch of water. I pulled out one sodium rod, cut a thumb tip sized end off, and returned the rest to the jar. I tied the lump carefully, with a piece of string, hung it midair in the bottle, and secured the loose end of the string with cork stopper, and I was ready. Then I had company.

"What you up to, Gene?" asked Jack Grisinger. "nother one of your inventions?" This was from Rosie. His name was Roseborough, but nobody called him that, probably because he was such a handsome boy. "Sh, don't talk so loud." I warned, "Don't talk so loud. Let's go." They were my special chums, and partners in a few she-namigans. It was after the class and the lab was deserted. I carried the demijohn care-fully, holding it tightly against my chest.

Walking briskly we crossed the athletic field, and went out to the large vacant lot. "Fire!" I shouted and hurled the bottle as "Fire!" I shouted and hurled the bottle as far away as I could. The water|started to khurn at once, and the bottle filled with yteam. Then with a loud boom a ball of yellow fire exploided, scattering shattered glass all around. I had planned, and fully expected what happened, in fact I was dis-appointed that the boom was not louder and the flash wasn't bigger. But my friends were properly impressed. Itold them it was a sodium bomb. "I knew it, " said Jack; "I guessed, " said Rosie.

We set off a half dozen more explosions we set oil a naul dozen more explosions for no particular reason. I suppose each of usliked the cathartic effect or watching the explosion. But we stopped the caper by tacit agreement. The disappearance of 7 demijohns from the original lot of 2 dozens or so was quite noticeable, we realized. Bosidos the midtarme automune Besides, the midterms were upon us.

Besides, the midterms were upon us. In the week after the midterms, I re-ceived a summons from the dean's office. Dean Todd was also the chemistry teacher. I was nervous as I stood respectfully before him. He told me to sit down. He opened a folder and said smillingly: "No official busi-ness, so relax. I wanted to commend you on the excellent progress you've made. You did exceptionally well in the midterms." Then he asked me all sorts of questions about me. What sort of school the middle school in Japapn was, when I came to the United What sort of school the middle school in Japan was, when I came to the United States, what my father did, how I sup-ported myself away from home, what my goal was in life, what I thought of America, and so on. Then the interview ended, he came around the desk, shook hands with me, and patted my on the shoulder, with the parting admonition: "Keep up the good work."

To this day I am still pszzled by that interview. My best guess is that he called me in to give me a reprimand and warning. Then seeing me squirming and nervous he suddenly took pity on me and decided to let me off me off m

Konomi, an Albany, Calif., writer, contrib-utes his column to Pacific Cilizen on a regular basis.



Opinions

ry year about this time Fred shima of Salinas sends me copies of AVG Magazine's rankings of the top 100 vegetable growers in the United states. The magazine divides the country into four areas—North, Southeast, South-west, and West—and ranks farmers in those areas by the acreage of vegetables they grow.

Topping them all is A. Duda and Sons of Florida which, according to the survey, grew 30,800 acres of celery, tomatoes, on-ions, corn, cabbage, radishes, and lettuce in 1991. The total acreage includes multiple cropping.

Second overall is Tanimura and Antle of Salinas, Calif., with 24,695 acres of lettuce, calliflower, leaf crops, celery, broccol, and onions in four locations. Considering 640 acres are one square mile, you'd have to say that's a lot of produce

Tanimura and Antle, founded in 1982, is No. 1 in AVG's West listing. No. 25 in the West is Higashi Farms Inc., also of Salinas, founded in 1950. Higashi grew 6,822 acres of lettuce, celery, cauliflower, spinach, broc-coli, and onions in 1991.

Two Nisei-operated farms are listed in

the Southwest rankings which include Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah. Charley Hayashida Farms (founded in 1958) of Blanca, Colo., is ranked wo. 9 in this area with 3,950 acres of spinach. Ranked No. 14 is Sakhtr Farms (1366) of Brighton, Colo., with 3,200 acres of corn, onions, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.

BILL HOSOKAWA

Tops in crops

Farming, Oshima notes, is the only multi-billion dollar industry where Japanese Americans are able to operate successfully head-to-head with the big boys. In fact, they are among the biggest of the big boys.

None of the names listed by AVG are evident in the 58-pagelong index to Masakazu Iwata's newly published *Planted* in Good Soil, the remarkably comprehensive (and readable) two volume history of the Issei in U.S. agriculture. Yet there is no doubt that the pioneer Issei farmers, who played a major and often maligned role in the development of American farming, were trailbreakers. In many instances they introduced or developed techniques that proved it was possible to grow certain crops profitably in hitherto unused areas.

In 1909, Iwata reports, 6,000 Issei farm-ers owned or leased more than 210.000

BILL MARUTANI

acres in the Western states, Texas and Florida. Most of them had started as wage-earning farm laborers, but before long they had progressed from share-croppers to cash tenants to independent proprietors.

The best-known of the early giants was Kinji Ushijima, who came to be known as George Shima the poetry-writing "potato king." Iwata credits him with reclaiming and developing into rich farms nearly 100,000 acres of delta land around Stockton, Calif and 1919 Calif., in the 23 years between 1896

Iwata has recorded scores of fascinating stories, not least of which is about Sue Yamamoto Ando who with her widowed Issei mother ran a company that collected garbage from the cities of San Bernardino, Long Beach and others to feed as many as 15,000 hogs.

Iwata's books are the latest products of JACL's Japanese American Research Project nurtured over the years by Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago. The two-volume set is available for \$95 from JACL-JARP. 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL, 60640. These volumes are an essential acquisition for anyone interested in Issei history.



Kibei and Koreans BRIEF ITEM in the newspaper caught my eye. Perhaps some of you also sawit in your local papers.

Sidney Poiter, the film acting personality (1 recall seeing him in the movie "Lilies of the Valley"), was being honored a month or so ago at a film festival in Virginia. A schoolteacher posed the following question to Mr. Poitier: "Where does your dignity sch come from?" Mr. Poitier's answer struck a chord with me; it confirmed (to me, anyway) a theory I've privately long held.

It goes something along the following line

IVE LONG THEORIZED that those Nikkei known as "Kibei"— namely, Japa-nese Americans who were born in the United Stafes but who received their early education in Japan during their formative years-that many of these Kibei have often managed to make their way in this American society far more successfully than many of their fellow Nisei educated in the U.S. Whereas their fellow Nisei may be hesitant about moving into certain spheres of activ-ity-be it economic or social-the Kibei

seemingly oblivious to these mental "ob-stacles" simply moves right on ahead. And succeeds, and succeeds admirably well. Oh, of course, I know of some Kibei who are reticent; but then so are a lot of other Nikkei, But I know a number of Kibei who have unabashedly moved right on ahead.

Admirably so.

TAKE ANOTHER EXAMPLE: the newly (comparatively) arrived to our shores, the Korean folks. While they undoubtedly have their quota of laggards and reticent individuals, I'm much impressed by their open vigor and tackling ventures with unreserved aplomb. They move right on ahead with assurance, including putting up comnove right on ahead mercial signs on businesses and trucks as well as their places of worship, all in their native language. Wherever it might be. Not just "Korea Town." That, friends is selfconfidence. Self assurance. It is to be respected and admired.

SIDNEY POITIER'S ANSWER to the question—"Where does your dignity come from?"—was as follows: "I grew up in the Caribbean and had a chance to develop a

sense of self before the onslaught" pointing out that his parents had been farmers in a largely black population. "I had the circumlargery black population. I had the circum-stances to develop a feeling of self without having to deal with racism early. Ufelt good about myself, so I was able to survive with-out too much damage." Had he spent his youth in the United States (he came to the U.S. when he was 16 years old) he observed: "I don't know if I would have had the strength to succeed." I'D OFTEN WONDERED why Nisei

educated in the U.S. (at least those on the mainland) were often so reticent and withdrawn, whereas the Kibei seemed much more self-assured, seemingly oblivious to some of the baggage or impediments that the Nisei imagined (s)he carried or endured. And in this context, I point the finger very much to this Nisei as well. Have we been scarred? If so, had such scarring narrowed our aspirations and shortened our horizons so that for too long we did not sally forth into areas and opportunities

Perhaps, some knowledgeable sociologist can provide some insights.



IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C KIMURA JACL national president

Southern activity

A conference in Atlanta brought me in contact with the newly organizing Georgia Chapter, JACL. Spear-headed by Bill Sakamoto White and others, it was fortuitous that I was going to be there on the day the group had scheduled a meeting. Almost 40 persons gathered to learn about JACL and meet other Japa-neer Americans in the area.

ness Americans in the area. There has been for many years in Atlanta an Asso-ciation of Japaness Americans but no JACL chapter. Some of the Atlanta Nikkei are members of other chapters. Tom and Kathy Nakayama, parents of Taryn Yokomizo, the Philadelphia Chapter president, are members of the Wisconsin Chapter. Mike and Gene Doi who helped us in the redress effort to get Georgia congressment in our corner are members of the Chicago Chapter. Prancis and Kitty Kohno hold membership in the Cleveland Chapter.

Chapter. Francis and Kitty Kohno hold membership in the Cleveland Chapter. Of those gathered, the longest time resident of Atlanta seemed to be Eiko Kato who has lived there since 1945. Her husband was a chick-sexor. Newly arrived six months ago from Los Angeles was Tash Nomiya although he was born in Georgia. The Doi children, Mike and Sam, were there. Natus Saito Jinde was there. I knew her late uncle, Rev. Perry Saito, of Wisconsin and also her grandmother in Chi-cago. Paul Tokunaga brought his 8-year-old son, Sam, who after hearing his parent's explanation of JACL wants to ion on his own. He may become our youngest ants to join on his own. He may become our youngest member.

It was an interesting mix of Nikkei—young adults and retired persons, bi-racial couples and a Jewish woman friend, Shin Issei to Yonsei, native Georgians and relocated Californias and Hawaijans, Som interested in having their children understand Japanese culture: others interested in civil rights issues.

nese culture; others interested in civil rights issues. Most are active in the community. I am hoping all will be interested in joining JACL so that we can have another chapter south of the Mason-Dixon line. That's thirty for now.

JACL National President Lillian C. Kimura's IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

Voices from Japan

Keeping a soft heart in hard times

BY OSAMU FUJIWARA

The cold wind of recession is shriveling charitable inclinations in Japan's board rooms. Executives wal-lowing in red ink begrudge donations, says the author of this editorial, arguing that philanthropy must be separated from the business cycle by the establishment of independent foundations. Recent converts to private giving are already backkiding. Fujiwara points to the United States, where total charitable contributions are about 34 times larger than in Japan.

Before the recession hit, senior Japanese execu-tives had finally realized the importance of contribut-ing to charitable causes, and corporate philanthropy was all the rage. But now, as they worry about the bottom line, their enthusiasm for helping others has waned. To avoid on-again-off-again generosity, more companies should establish foundations whose op-

waned. To avoid on again-off-again generosity, more companies should establish foundations whose op-erations would be unaffected by business cycles. The Japanese approach to philanthropy reflects the importance placed on doing exactly what one's peers are doing. Living in a complex web of relationships, companies as well as individuals must be careful not-to rend the fabric by stretching the bounds too far. When giving to a charity, companies have to make sure the donation is appropriate to their status. One way this delicate balance is maintained is the approach employed by Keidanren, the Japan Federa-tion of Economic Organizations, to requests for large contributions. An August 1991 research report by the Japan Development Bank explains how it works. When Keidanren approves a request, it asks each of five giant industry associations for approximately 10 percent of the simount and apportions the remainder among other related industry organizations. (The Big Five are the Japan Tron & Steel Federation, the Japan Electrical Manufacturers' Association, and the To-tyo Bankers' Association.) Next these groups exolution makes the top-

Automobile Manufacturers Association, in the first kyo Bankers' Association.) Next, these groups solicit member companies for the funds according to an established formula. Major banks might be asked to provide a large part of the amount assigned to their industry association, with the proportion for medium-sized banks being lower. These ratios remain the same regardless of who is to reasing the money. receive the money.

This principle of "from each according to his status" also applies when companies are approached directly for donations. To avoid a faux pas, a bank for ex-

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On the plus side

BV JONATHAN KAJI JACL national secretary/treasurer

For all JACL members and friends, these are difficult economic times. For non-profit groups like JACL, the hard s have meant a decrease in income. tim staffing and programs. . Fortunately for our organization,

By the board

are currently in a positive financial position, with credit going to previous boards who have "held the line" and maintained spending within our bud-

getary means. But, before you set this article aside thinking that all is well, I want to point thinking that all is well, I want to point a few potential "bumps in the road" we enter into this new bjennium. ns

First of all, most of our organization's revenue is based on member dues. Since most of our membership are Nisei, it will be critical for us to draw younger members to pick up the financial slack. I know that Membership Vice Presi-I know that Membership Vice Presi-dent Alan Nishi is working on some innovative programs to accomplish this. However, in the event that new mem-bership does not replace outgoing mem-bers, we will have to supplement general operations income in some other

One method to decrease our expenses is to seek grants from foundations and corporations. A recent article in BusinessWeek magazine (Nov. 2, 1992) was entitled "Corporate Generosity is

Voices

Greatly Depreci-ated." The story cites the current recession, dede. crease in government support and a shrinking pie of donor source s as a son why corpo rate donors TR. quire increased ac-

countability. To this end, we will be soliciting bids To this end, we will be soliciting bids to perform a full audit of the organiza-tion, which has not been conducted in more than eight years. We will need an audited report in order to pursue these funds, which could possibly go towards funding specific programs, such as the Washington D.C., Leadership Program or the National Youth Convention.

or the National Youth Convention. Thirdly, our members require the National Board to be accountable for expenditures (Yes, I heard you loud and clear at the Denver Convention!) The Finance Committee, composed of the national president, national directhe national president, national direc-tor and secretary/treasurer, will require all committees to submit budget pro-posals for review before going to the board for approval. I look forward to working with all committees, but, I may have to play the "bad guy," and ask the committees to justify certain expenses. I will commit myself to pub-lishing a mid-biennium report to the membership, so you can compare actual expenses against the budget.

Lastly. I've had the opportunity to work with other non-profit groups and have come across some good ideas. One that I've suggested is for the staff and board to scrutinize the expense side of the financial statement and come up with some creative ideas, aside from spending monéy. JACL might solicit corporate in-kind donations, such as printing. computer systems. office printing, computer systems, office equipment, furniture — whatever al-lows us to meet our Program for Action goals in the most cost-effective ways erible

You out there in "membership-land" are our most important resource. What great ideas have you come across? Please send them to my attention! By working together, we can strengthen the organization from the grassroots level on up. I look forward to hearing from you in '93.

Jonathan Kaji, a member of the Gardena Chapter, JACL, is involved in the commercial property development business.

artists out there who I think can write a new theme for the next four years. But look at the lyrics. With lyricist Liz Vidal, this Nikkei rocker is writing about that thing that Clinton seems to love so much—hope. And his perspec-tive isn't that of the privileged or the wealthy. It's a voice of color, availe of the minority—but nevertheless a voice of home.

It is in a good song, President-elect Clinton, you should give it a listen. Listen to the lyrics of so many different voices of this country, black, Latino and white, but also Chinese, Cambodian, Vietnemese Korean-Hmong and Japa-

Vietnamese, Korean, Hmong and Japa-nese American who now look to you to steward-the future. So President-elect

Clinton now that you're in office, put on those shades, tune up that saxaphone,

Muranaka is PC's assistant editor who occasionally listens to MTV and presi-

and play a new song.

dents

Maybe he needs a music advisor

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow Don't stop, it'll soon be here It'll be here, better than before Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gon

-Fleetwood Mac

Well maybe it's a weakness But I still, I still believe That those who give of themselves Will be the ones to receive One day this world will be kind

Alan Mirikitani

(B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddah Heads)

Don't play it again, Bill. At the Demo-cratic Convention and again as he stood triumphant in front of the Little Rock statehouse, President-elect Bill Clinton statehouse, President-elect Bill Clinton used the Fieetwood Mac classic, "Don't Look Back," as the anthem for his victo-

Look Back, "as the anthem for his victo-rious campaign. I can understand this, the upbeat lyrics and driving rock beat fit the message of this, the first presi-dent who truly wants his MTV. Clinton, whether playing his sax on Arsenio, or hanswering Tabitha Soren's questions on MTV, has gone out of his way to prove that he is the candidate of youth and change. Butreally, Fleetwood Mac? Besides the plus that it's familiar

Very truly yours

Sentimental journey but . . . BY HARRY K. HONDA

Rip Van Winkle has Nisei cousins in the role of MIS veterans who recently returned after 50 years for a "Senti-mental Journey" reunion to gander at what Camp Savage and Fort Snelling are like today. The ex-GIs were nearly unanimous in their general observa-tioner

tions: "I don't recognize the place anymore," George Kanegai of West L. A. and one of the prewar Nisei GIs from Fort Sill said, as he stood in front of the state of Minnesota Truck Station sign at Sav-age. The yard occupies much of what was the first MISLS school in Minne-

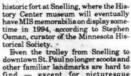
sota. "And those trees by the entrance were just that high," Mits Usui, Southern California MIS-er remembered, ex-tending his arm outward about chest-high. Mits must stand no more than 5 ft. 6.



group. The airport is now angling for the property the property. "Didn't we live out there?" asked the wife of an instructor who was billete

at Snelling, pointing yonder toward a

row of trees. "Iremember these barracks. We lived here," P.C. columnist Bill Marutani said, as he sat on the steps of the twostory 1904-style Army barracks in the Lower Post area near the chapel and



other tamiliar landmarks are hard to find — except for picturesque Minnehahe Palls, birthplace of the city of Minneapolis some 150 years ago, where poet Longfellow is said to hav-been inspired to compose his Song of Hiawatha.

As one who came to cover the MISLS reunion and into Minnesota for the first time, I was impressed with the cluster of skyscrapers, the clean streets

nity there are bands, like Alan Mirikitani's B.B. Chung King and the BY GWEN MURANAKA Screaming Buddah Heads, out there to all the baby struggling for recognition and also de-fining what it means to be Japanese boomers, the song a leftover from the American Now B.B.'s song is only one sugges-tion, there are many bands and many artists out there who I think can write 70s-not really

that progressive or, new if you ask me. As voters de-cided it's time for

a change, I think it's also time for a new theme song to

herald this change—one to reflect and recognize that multiculturalism is the way of the future. Now Clinton did a lot to avoid being labeled the dreaded "L-word" when he criticized rap artist Sister Souljah for her incendiary views on race relations. How about now that he's in office, Clinton recognize that b efore we can bring people together, we have to resolve the racial tensions that are tearing us apart.

I know it's corny, but a song does a lot to bind us, and unite us. It worked for Clinton's campaign—maybe it can work for this country. From jazz to country, gangsta rap to Seattle grunge rock-our music reflects who we are, and sometimes, who we want to be. Within our own Japanese American commu-

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Nisei GIs relaxed USO-style on sentation weekends. Retired Twin Cities About weekends. Retired Twin Cities nurse Kimi Hara made the pre-

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ample, might ask how much a competitor of comparable rank competitor of comparable rank gave and then offer precisely this amount. A company in the United States may ask the same ques-tion, but for a very different rea-son; to get one up on its rival by

son' to get one up on its rival by offering more. Traditionally, the Japanese approach has been to give the minimum necessary to keep up with the Joneses. The old ratio-nale was that companies were al-ready fulfilling their obligation to society through high corporate taxes and that so-called philan-thronic activities were actually

taxes and that so-called philan-thropic activities were actually the government's job. Attitudes have changed greatly in recent years. Managers appre-ciate the importance of being good corporate citizens both at home and abroad. The transformation would have been unimaginable only a decade ago.

A sign of this new philosophy of giving is the One Percent Club, established by Keidanren in 1990. See JAPAN/page 12

ELECTION

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(Continue non page o) Dist, Halawa Heights-Pearlridge: Tom Okamura (D); 34th Dist. Waimalu-Newtown: David Ige (D); 35th Dist. Pacific Palisades-Highlands: Nobu Yonamine (D), 36th Dist. Pearl City-Waipahu: Roy Takumi (D);41st Dist. Ewa Beach-Ewa-Waipahu: Paul Oshiro (D); 45th Dist. Kaneohe: Marshall Iga (D); 50th Dist. Marshall Iga (D); 50th Dist. von Nekoba (D), a new face at 24years of age.

In a squeaker, Honolulu Inyor Frank Fasi, 72, celebrated Mayor Frank Fasi, 72, celeon a 3,100 majority to an unprec-edented sixth term in office over Democrat Dennis veteran Democrat Dennis O'Connor, Fasi had 127,460 votes. Oahu voters, however, approved proposals to limit the mayor and

proposals to simil the mayor and city council members to two con-secutive four-year terms. In the county-wide races, former councilman Steve Yamashiro (D), 51, was elected Hawaii mayor in his second run, having lost by 76 his second run, having lost by 76 votes to Lorraine Inouye two years ago. Three winning Nikkei on the nine-member Maui council are Dennis Nakamura (D), Patrick Kawano (D) and Goro Hokama Kawano (D) and Goro Hokama (D). Four Nikkei winning one of the seven seats on the Kausi coun-cil are Jimmy Tehada, Ronald Kouchi, Maurice Munechika and Jesse Fukushima (all Democrats).

In the state-wide board of edu-cation race, Denise Matsumoto (Honolulu), Ronald Nakano (Lee-ward Oahu) and Mits Nakashima (Kauai) were elected. ---Report from Allan Beekman.

Patricia Saiki soon

Jobless, weighs options Jobless, weighs options WASHINGTON— Patricia Saiki, appointed head of the Small Business Administration by President Bush, will soon be job-less and "has not exactly decided what shell be doing," she said in a telephone interview with the Hotelephone interview with the Ho-nolulu Advertiser. Many feel she might be a Republican contender for governor of Hawaii in 1994.

JOURNEY

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(Continued from page 10) ing cherry, trees have been do-nated by the MIS veterans. Shig ba, returned Southern California nurseryman, told the recipients the Normandale Community Col-lege, the City of Savage, Fort Snelling, Minneapolisand St. Paul that the specimen will be selected for the Northwest winters and be planted at the proper time in 1993. The Twin Cities, certainly, is "finatastic," as the natives will fell you. The Washingtonian test may be the cherry trees, and I'm sure ba and other nurserymen with MIS know the kind that will sur-vive. It will prove to the speople of the Twin Cities the MIS vets don't tell a lie.



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zenship. The love affair with philan-thropy has cooled, however, as the economy has slowed. Many the economy has slowed. Many companies are again making the old argument that charity and

Sound management are mutually exclusive. Although these objectives are not easily balanced, some corpo-setablishing foundations. Japan these to fund worthwhile activi-ties in U.S. communities where they do business. The Panasonic Foundation (established by Matsushita Electric Corp. of America) and the Hitachi Foun-dation are just two examples. Some well-funded and well-stablished in Japan, too, for ex-ample by Toyota Motor Corp. and N:ppon Life Insurance. Many

Wakasuki, Justice James, 63, Horo-lulu, Sepi. 22 of Iver failure: associate jusice of Hawai Superne Court (1983), Honolub born Army veteran, Univ. of Wisconsin taw graduate (1956), House (0) inglisator (1966); 70), majorhy leader (1970-74), House Spaaker (1974-80), appointed to Crout (1980); survived by wile Irane (Yoshimura), 3 chi-den. dren.

Watanabe, Dr. Robert, 66, Los Ange Sept. 30; San Luis Obispo-born orthopar surgeon, specializing in back and knee, vented video arthroscope and orthopedic Sept. 30; San Luis Obigo-bon orthopas surgeon, specializing in back and hane, vented video arthroscope and orthopetic struments, UCA aprimer ("Pade-51), bour of JACI, Naier-Reing (1949), hit all-fineo of JACI, Naier-Reing (1949), hit all-fineo of JACI, Naier-Reing, Ladorstan Manager, Jac-us ArtAC records, UCI, Alootsal haen, pol-cian (1960-60), survived by prod roing, data ter Danne Ruth, tather Mazo, sisters Mazo, Berbarta, Forence Nathembol, Paulis Effective Hinto (Castalico), Kathleen Normura, San Berbarta, Forence Nathembol, Paulis Effective (Hin). Hit ware a line to string the structure for (Hilo). ["It was a joy to sil next to hi banquel and see him carve out the tiny clean off the chicken."—Harry K. How

Yasuda, Tomo, 87, Los Angeles, Sept 24: Tottori-born, survived by son Kiyoshi daughter Kimiko Yogi, 6 gc., daughter-in-law Kazuko Okazaki.

other companies have recently begun to follow suit.

Through foundations, compa-nies can make a lasting contribu-tion to society that is immune from the viciasitudes of the economy. With this solution at hand, the only task left is to re-hindle correct antherizer for Through foundations, com kindle corporate enthusiasm for giving.

Osamu Fujiwara is administra-tive director of the International Institute for Global Peace. Edito-rial translated from the Japanese newspaper Sankei Shimbun by The Asia Foundation.

Okada (ali Jon.) Kawai, Kimie, 77, Sacramento, Sept. 13; Stockton-born, survived by daughters Karen Gonzales, Kirby Fukushima, Kathy Saito, son

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Sumida, Maya Yamate, Los Angeles Sept. 28; Tokyo-born Issei, survived by hus

Motoyo Maemura, cc. Okuda, Heien W, Zo, Los Angeles, Oct. 9; Honolulu-born, survived by husband Rober. Ozaki, Klikuko, Zo, Los Angeles, Sept. 25: Montebelle-born, survived by sons Norman (Albary, Cali), Wasley K (the Philippines), Rober, David, Ronad, 15 cc., brother Yoshio Nakamura, sister Gillon Kiruka. Salka, Richard K, S2, Sacramento, Sept. 14: Farifels-bosio, survived by wife Elaine, son David, daughter-Liza Medina, Dinal Louie, 2 cc., mother Sueio. mother-in-law Maszoo Yamazaki, sisters Gilon's Imagine, Peggy Salka-Chen, horbers Claramon, Feddy. Sakamoto, Richard, 72, San Diego, Sept. 22: Qie-Joom William (Masz), Robert (Fla.), 10: Unothers Golden (Sonta Monca), George (West Los Angelos). Saeaki, Don, 56, Los Angeles, Sept. 7 of tsioyr, Bandali.

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urea. Koyama, Hideko, 70; Chicago, Sept. 7; sohama-born, survivedby daughter Jeanne an Hoisen, son Feitz Bousquet. Kusaba, Duke S, 75, Oroyille, Aug. 31; ba Angeles-born, survived by wife Fusae,

Steve, gc. Kitagawa, Margaret S, 64, San Fran-cisco, Sept. 20; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Pateirs, sons Stephen, Gary, Gor don, daughters Pauline, Madeline, 7pc, brother, Kojiro Kawaguchi, alaters Yukie Outher Mary Uchiyama, Midori Goto, Jane www. e. oc.