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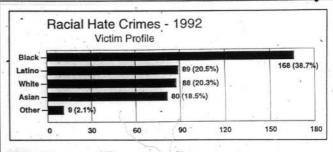
Distinguismed alumni The University of Hawaii Alumni Association recently honored Linda Taira (left), CBS news correspondent, and Francis Sogi, lawyer and board chairman of the Japanese American National Museum, and past president and honorary president of the Japa-nese American Association of New York. Presenting the awards was Hale Rowland (conter), of the University of Hawaii Alumni Association. Taira won the National Headliner Award for her coverage of the Iran-Contra hearings and-has hosted CNN's Newsmaker talk show. Sogi is a senior partner at Kelley Dnye & Warren of New York City. He is a former captain in the U.S. Army, and received the Order of Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government in 1988.

JACL approves of verdicts in Rodney King trial

JACL National Director Den-nis Hayashi said he was pleased with the outcome of the federal trial of four Los Angeles police officers accused of violating the civil rights of Rodney King. Guilty verdicts for officers Stacey Koon and Lawrence Powell and not guilty verdicts for Theodcore Briseno and Timothy Wind were announced April 17. Although the decisions repre-sent some measure of justice, Hayashi said, *... evon as we await the sentencing of Koon and

Hayashi said, "... even as we await the sentencing of Koon and Powell, we must not forget the rage and frustration that swept

through South Central Los Ange-les one year ago. It is vital that serious efforts be made to address the social and economic injustices which are at the heart of continu-ing racial problems in our cities." Jimmy Tokeshi, PSW regional director, explained that the lack of employment and educational opportunities still remain as prob-lems in Los Angeles. "The work of creating opportunities for all people, not only in Los Angeles, but in urban centers across the nation must be job one! If we are to nation must be job one if we are to turn the despair into energy to begin anew," Tokeshi said.



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Hate crimes increase in Los Angeles County

Nothing new, but statistics don't reflect '92 riots, official says

LOS ANGELES-More crime, more hatred. The Los Angeles County Human Rela-tions Commission report on hate crimes recorded 434 incidents of racial hate crimes in 1992, up 23.6% percent from the 351 crimes in 1991. But it doesn't tell the whole story. The Los Angeles Police Department, stretched to the limits during last year's evily unrest following last year's civil unrest following the Rodney King trial, was un-able to record the many incidents of targeting against Asian Pacific Americans.

"The riots were a statistical nightmare. We get a bulk of our information from the LAPD," said Bobbie Kimble, staff con-sultant, L.A. County Human Relations Commission. "Clearly Relations Commission. "Clearly businesses were targeted in ar-eas like Koreatown and the Cambodian businesses in Long Beach," said Kimble, who com-

Beach," said Kimble, who com-piled and wrote the report. About the riots, the report, which also tracks hate crime based on gender, sexual orien-tation and religion, states, "The Commission is aware that the documentation of many hate

crimes, which are under-re-ported under the best circum-stances, simply vanished in the chaos of Los Angeles' civil un-rest."

rest." Of three racially motivated homicides in 1992, the one Asian American victim was killed dur-ing the riots. Thanh Lam was killed on the second day of the. riots as he was driving home from Compton. "The FBI is investigating it as a hate crime," said Kimbles. Other statistics from the re-

Other statistics from the re-port included:

• There were 80 hate crimes recorded against Asian Ameri-cans in 1992. African Americans were the largest target group with 168 incidents fol-lowed by gay men (147), Jewish (119), Latino. (89), white (88), and Asian (80).

• There is a diversification of crimes against Asian Americans with Korean Americans the with Korean Americans the largest target group with 17 in-cidents followed by Japanese and Chinese (14 incidents each), Filipinos (3), Pacific Islanders, Thais, East Indians and Viet-namese (2 incidents each). The remaining 24 incidents were

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 reported only as Asian.
 Asian Americans were often victims of mistaken identity. As examples, the commis-sion cited a Thai woman mis-taken for Korean and beaten, and a non-Japanese assaulted with anti-Japanese surs.

 Assaults have sours.
 Assaults have become the largest catagory of hate crimes, making up 45.1% (332) of all hate crime incidents. In earlier reports, graffit vandalism was reports, grinn tvandarism was the most common type of hate crime. Kimble said that in L.A.'s car culture, the car is often used as a weapon in hate crimes. "People try to hit people with cars, throw bottles from cars," cars, throw h said Kimble.

"As more time has gone by, the issue has become preven-tion," said Kimble. "We have urged for more police and tougher laws. Numbers are the

only way our society validates anything." Kimble said she hopes the re-port, now in its tenth year, is used by educational institutes to teach young people about hate crime and prejudice reduction.

Building to honor 442nd hero

He fought with honor and died sav-ing the lives of his menand earned the Medal of Honor. And for that the U.S. Army U.S. Army will honor Private First Class Sadao

Munemori of the 442nd Regimen-tal Combat Team by naming a building at the U.S. Army Re-serve Center in West Los Angeles

serve Center in West Los Angeles In his memory. Aceremony dedicating the Pri-vate First Class Sadao S. Mune-mori Army Reserve Center Hall will be held Sunday, June 6 at 1250 Federal Ave. A Munemori Fund has been set up to cover the expenses of the dedication ceremony. Informa-tion: 311th COSCOM (Corps), 1250 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90025; 310/445-2800; Fax: 310/473-8226.

Chicago supports gays in

military

Calling the issue of gays in the military 'parallel to the Japanese American offit of using and the second against institutional rac-ism," the Chicago Chapter, JACL, board of directors voted April 14 to suppoint the lifting of the ban on gays in the military. In doing so, the Chicago Chapter joined the JACL national board which took similar action during its board meeting in Washing-ton. C. The vote was 9-0, with three abstentions. Joy Yamasaki, Chicago Chap-ere's human rights chan, sid ahe would be distribut-ing both the chapter and the national board resolu-tions to Chicago-arse con

the national board resolu-tions to Chicago-area con-gressional representatives and also convey JACL sup-port of the lifting of the ban to the White House.



PANEL-Talking about hate crimes at the recent tri-district conference in Costa Mesa, Calif., were, FARSE—I saving accountse crimes at the recent throads at connecence in Vosta Mesa, Caall, Were, from left, Ken Inouye, moderator; Kathyn Imahara, Asian Pacific Legal Center; James Tanizaki, Orange County District Attorney's Office; Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director; and Rusty Kennedy, executive director, Orange County Human Relations Commission.

Advice to victims of hate crime

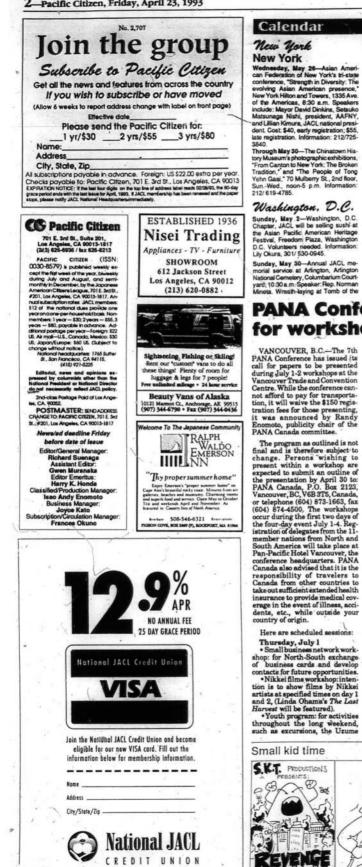
By GWEN MURANAKA

By GWEN MURANAKA Assistant selitor You never think it could happen to you. At the April 2tri-district workshop, Building an Assistance Program for Hate Crimes," panel-ists gave practical advice on what to do if you become a victim of a hate crime. Panelists included, Rusty Kennedy, execu-tive director, Orange County Human Rela-tions Commission, Dennis Hayashi, national director, JACL; Kathyrn Imahars, staff attor-ney, Asian Pacific American Legal Center,

James Tanizaki, Orange County District Attorney's Office and moderator Ken Inouye, former PSWDC J&CL governor. "You have to report the crime immediately. If you wait, you lose the freshness of the crime. Police will ask why you didn't report earlier," and Tanizaki. Tanizaki said that the police can be impos-ing but if you're not satisfied with the original police report then go to the watch commander



MUNEMORI



Unknown Soldier, noon. Information Lily Okura, 301/ 530-0945.

Michigan Detroit

Sunday, May 2 — Detroit Chapter, JACL, Spring meeting, Oceania Restaurant, 24845 Ryan, Warren, noon. Dim sum Lunch and chapter photographic collec-tion viewing. Cost: \$10, members; \$15, non-members, Information: Mary Kamidol, 313/ 522-7917.

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Reno-Sparks

Sat-Sun, May 22-23—Asian Pacific Americans of Northern Nevada are among the sponsors for Asian Pacific Festival of Fortune, centered in down-town Sparks. Asian Pacific marketplace and artisans. Free. Sat evening: Dance of the Dragons through Victorian Square in downtown Sparks. Indivinition: Ibah in downtown Sparks. Information: J Ascuage's Nuppet, 800/ 648-1177

Minois Chicago

Fri-Sun, Sept. 3-5-Sixth National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Xeu, Chicago, III. 60611. Banquet and dance on Sat. night to feature speaker Lillian

PANA Conference calls for workshop papers

Taiko entertainment and a bonfire barbecue. • Comparative social history:

examining similarities and dif-ferences in the migration, experi-ence of barriers and rising to the challenge in the respective new countries.

• Human rights: a focus on hu-man rights: a focus on hu-represented within PANA • Heritar

represented within PANA. • Heritage language: on teach-ing Japanese in the various PANA -

Intermarriage: exploring its implication for children, commu-

 Internment: sharing the experiences of Nikkei who were in-Internment: snaring the experiences of Nikkei who were in-terned during WWII, (it is hoped to include the Japanese Peruvian internee experience in the U.S.).
 Nikkei seniors: on the holistic issues of wellness and being for

seniors in their respective of om nities.

 Perspectives on Japan: how do Nikkei communities sutside of Japan relate to and view the "mother" country? Presenters in-clude Mark Ando of Vancouver and Carlos Kasuga of Mexico City.

• Golf tournament, optional tours of Victoria and other attrac-tions (separate from conference registration). •

Sunday, July 4 • Continuation of golf tourns ment; karaoke concert and com-petition (separate registration).

U.S. participants may register toll-free at 800/937-1515, for rooms at the Pan-Pacific Hotel at the Can't 25, single or double oc-cupancy. For convention registra-tion, write to PANA-Canada or call John Kobayashi, Los Ange-les, 310/676-8949. Kimura, JACL national president, and emcee Adele Arakawa, anchor WBBM TV. Cost; \$125 before July 1; \$145 after July 1, Information: Elsie Ogawa, regis-trar, 708/679-4710.

Arizona Phoenix

Sunday, May 2—Arizona Chapter, JACL, hosts the 32nd annual Sara Hutchings Clardy scholarship awards and graduates' banquet. 2532 W/Feo-ria Awa, Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by Apr. 26 to: Poggy Matsuishi, 602/937-5434.

Sunday, May 23-Arizona Chapter Sunday, May 23—Arizona Chapter, JACL, is sponsing a kerkinska dinner honoring the ekders, JACL Hall, 5414, W. Giann Dr., Glendale, 4 pm. People who are 70, 75, and 80 plus years old will receive complimentary dinners. Deadine: May 17, Information: Joyce Shiota, 602/934-5856 or Toshiko Charvers, 602/934-3125.

California

Sacramento area

Wednesday, May 19—Asian-Filipino-Pacific Islander Donor Day, Sacramento Blood Center, 1625 Stockton Blvd., 10 a.m. Information: Sacramento Blood a.m. Information: Sa Center, 916/456-1500

San Francisco area

Saturday, May 1—National Japanese American Historical Society's "Ameri-can at Heart," 50th anniversary tribute to the 100/442nd, Schwartz Theater, Letterman Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, 1 p.m. Actor Lane Nish to perform. Free. Information: 415 415/431 5007

Monday-Wednesday, May 3-5-San Mateo JACL Community Center's trip to Yosemite National Park. Cost: \$295, per person, includes 2 nights 3 days at Mateo and Yosemite National Harmony per person, includes 2 nights 3 days an Yosemite Lodge, lunches and tours. Yosemite Lodge, lunches and tours.

JACL, 415/343-2793. Through Saturday, May 15—National Japanese American Historical Society presents, "Go For Broke," an exhibit commemorship 1004/4461, Presidio Army Museum, Safi Francisco, Tues.-Sun, 10 a.m. bi 4 p.m. Information. NJAHS, 415/31-5007 or the Presidio Army Museum, 415/561-4115. Saturdan

Army Museum, 415/561-4115. Saturday, May 15—JACL Women's Concorns Committee of Northern Cas-Iomia and the Sansei Lagacy Project gap. Emmanj Buddhist Memorial Hall 1200 Gravenstein Hwy, South. Sebastopol, 9 a.m. Cost \$25; \$20, stu-donts. Register by May 8. Information: Lucy Kishaba, 707/823-0376; Leah Hamachi, 510/837-8031 or Kiku Funabiki, 415/668-9314.

East Bay area

Last Däy allea Saturday, May 1—The Women's Min-istry of the Northern California Japa-nese Evangelical Society's 4th annual uncheon, San Lonzod Japanese Chris-tian Church, 615 Lawelling Bivd., San Leandro, 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Lillian Omi. Cott: \$10, Information: Terror Kaweye, 409: 378-6914. Deadline for registra-tion. Apr. 17. tion: Apr. 17.

Sunday, May 2-Lake Park United Methodist Church's annual food fair, 281 Santa Clara St., Oakland, 11 a.m. Teriyaki chicken bento, udon and baked

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Latificaster Saturday, May — High Desert Chap-ter, JACL is hosting its 3rd annual Cul-tarrai Day, United Methodist Church, 918 W. Avenue J. Lancaster, 11 am. High-lights include: an exhibit of the 50th anniversary of the 100th, 442nd, and MIS, folk dancing, and food. Cost 55, maal Sidet: admission, free. Informa-tion: George Yamakawa, 805/948-2586.

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I recordly attended a briefing by Ira Magaziner, senior White House adviser on domestic policy, on the work of the White House Health Task Force. The briefing was hosted by Families USA which has made health care re-form a priority issue this year. Magaziner outlined the hu-

manitarian and economic impera-tives behind reform. According to the White House adviser, 37 mil-lion Americanshave no insurance and 20 to 30 million are underinsured. The White House estimates that 50,000 to 100,000 Americans per month are losing coverage. Moreover, health care costs continue to spiral and, if unchecked, will cause the national deficit to further balloon out of control.

control. Magaziner listed eight prin-ciples which the Clinton Adminis-tration has already endorsed as guidelines for reform. First, there guidelines for reform, First, there must be universal coverage. No one should fear loss of coverage because of job changes or job loss. Second, the package must be com-prehensive and easy to under-stand. The package should include preventative coverage and should result could be calaster by the calaster of the second term of the second secon not exclude catastrophic illnesses or pre-existing conditions. Third, government must invest

Ihird, government must invest inbuilding medical infrastructure in currently underserved urbass and rural areas so that the guar-antee of health care will be a meaningful one for all Americans. Fourth, the system will not be tiered; in other words, the com-prehensive package should be the same for all Americans.

Same for all Americans. Fifth, costs must be controlled and bureaucracy reduced. The Clinton Administration estimates that \$150 to \$200 billion is wasted annually on unnecessary bureau-cracy or medical procedures. They aim to reduce paperwork which is, according to Magaziner, largely generated in response to complex generated in response to complex insurance company requirements and government reimbursement

Scholarships

The Control Colifornia Die trict Council of JACL has an-nounced recipients of its six schol-arship awards and two citizen

achievements awards. Here are

-\$400 CCDC-JACL scholar-ships: Ryan Suemoto, Reedley High School, Reedley, Calif. He is the son of Kenneth and Donna Suemoto of Reedley. -\$400 Tom Shimasaki Me-

- 5400 10m Shimasaki Me-morial Scholarship: Ryan Hashimoto, Bullard High School, Fresno, Calif. He is the son of

Frank and Darlene Hashimoto of

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the winners:

Fresno

regulations. The Task Force did a study indicating that the average nurse spends 50% of his or her time completing forms. In addition, hospitals and government agencies have high administra-tive costs reviewing bills and paperwork

White House reveals

health care game plan

Sixth, the overall quality of Sixth, the overall quality of health care must be improved. The Task Force believes that pa-tient sensitive cost effective care is blocked by the current system. The Task Force believes that the current insurance reimbursement system causes the medical profeson to be hamstrung by re bursement requirements and no focused on patient needs. The gov-ernment and the insurance comernment and the insurance com-panies dictate what is appropri-ate care by determining what will be reimbursed. The result is micromanagement by bureau-crats and not health care provid-

ers. Seventh, consumers should con-tinue to be able to choose their system of care and their doctors. The president is committed to ensuring that Americans have choices available to them. The Task Force has a daunting

task. Members are exploring long term care issues, mental health, home care, rehabilitation pro-grams, restrictions on medical professions scope of practices, corprofessions scope of practices, cor-porate self-insurers and the inte-gration of workers compensation, veteran and native American health care systems. To date there has been no decision on funding mechanisms, although "sin" taxes are on the table for discussion.

are on the table for discussion. Asian Pacific Americans are serving on the Task Force and concerned Asian Pacific Ameri-can healthorganizations have had meetings with White House off-cials. JACL has helped to facili-tate some of these meetings. We need to work together to ensure that the particular needs of the Asian Pacific American commu-nity are covered by reform.

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"Police officers can be impos-ing, but they're just human be-ings," said Tanizaki. They're not a social agency,

They're not a social agency, they're not going to hold your hand. The officer takes a report and gives it to a detective. If they have a suspect it goes to the D

and gives it to a detective. If they have a suspect it goes to the D.A." Kennedy said it's important to comfort the hate crime victim and comfort the hate crime victim and ahare all information with the police department. The executive director also said it's important to build diverse coalitions to respond to bias crime. "It's essential where a black is victimized that not just blacks respond. Try to build a unified response."

response." Hayashi addressed the poignant question, "What happens after it taken as far as it can and we lose erit's arship: Cynthia Sakata, Hoover High School, Fresno; She is the daughter of Richard and Joan Sek

Sekita. -\$500 Kino Miyahara Schol-arehip (mäde possible by Mr. and Mrs. Hire Kunaka): Chris-tine Kataoka, Reedley High School, Reedley. She is the daugh-ter of Susuma and Haruko Kataoka of Kingsburg, Calif. -\$500 Union Bank Scholar-

-\$500 Union Bank Scholar-ship (made possible by Union Bank, Ken Yokota, vice presi-dent and manager): Vivian Stagnoli, McLane High School, Fresno. She is the daughter of See SCHOLARS/page 7

The national director, citing the Vincent Chin and Jim Loo cases, said that beyond the local justice system, there is also the U.S. Jus-tice Department which prosecutes

hate crimes.

There are federal statutes that say hate crime server that say hate crime server liable criminally. It's important tocontact the Justice Department directly, "said Hayashi. It's much harder to win a fed-eral case than a county case. You have to show intent. We've learned that from the Rodney King case." Imahara and Inouye related their own first-hand experiences dealing with the racial vandalism of the Norwalk Japanese Com-munity Center of Nev. 7, 1991. "Too many times victims of hate

"Too many times victims of hate rimes are so ashamed of the fact, they'd rather not say anything. We need to tall people, it's okay, you don't have to be ashamed," said Inouye.



Literary history offers Nisei poets from WWII camps

Mori (of the early '30s), Hisaye Yamamoto and Mitsuye Yamada (the 1976 print of her Camp Notes) ... and there is a flood of other names of writera, artists and car-toonists, male and female, who made up the Nisei literary circle during the war. Schweik's assessment of war-time camp poetry opens a new

time camp poetry opens a new vista for the buffs of Evacuation history, especially since the 50th anniversary year of E.O. 9066.

- Harry K. Honda

Rook notes

Title: A Gulf So Deeply Cut: American Women Poets and the Second World War, Author: Susan Schweik

Pages: 385 Price: (pap Price: (paperback) \$14.50 Publisher: University of Wis-consin Press, 114 N. Murray St., Madison, WI, 53718; (1992)

if we are strong enough. Last year the nisei went through an almost If we are strong enough. Last year the nise went through an almost devastating human experience ... a whole body of authentic nise literature will grow out of evacu-ation. The story is here. We must write it ourselves." (Jan. 7, 1943, P.C.)

Schweik offers a marvelous ex Schweik offers a marvelous ex-ploration of poetry from the con-centration camps, which she found "pivotal and central" to her book. She reviews the works of Toyo Suyemoto out of Topaz, of Chiye

Book on crime in Japan, U.S.

By HARRY HONDA Editor emeritus

A four-year study in the mak-ing, Preventing Crime in America and Japan, by Judge Robert Y. Thornton has been published by M.E. Sharpe, Inc., in both hard cover and paperback. Ample data from the two countries as well as two cities-Salem, Ore., and a

Tokyo suburb of Kawagoe—are presented to support the conten-tion that broad socio-cultural fac-tors like homogeneity of popula-tion, famify structure and order, priority of human relationships, do make differences in crime and its prevention

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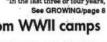
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A key chapter in Schweik's bril-liant literary history, "Part III: Making Differences, Nisei Women Poets and War," is devoted to the Nisei. That the author begins the preface to part III with a quote from the "Ann Nisei" column in the David Column server. from the "Ann Nisel" column in the Pacific Citizen was an unex-pected surprise. In all the years I've been reading the P.C., it never tweaked my curiosity to learn the true identify of Ann Nisel The space. Example the Nisei. The quote - Experience makes men and women out of us,



Legacy Fund

The JACL National Board and the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee wish to acknowledge the contributions of our many members and friends. The following is a list of contributors and completed ittee wish ns of our is a list of contributors and rends. The following is a list of contributors and complete pledges between Dec. 1, 1982, and Jan. 31, 1993. Because of these generous con-tributions, the Legacy Fundhas supassed the \$4 million mark. The names listed below reflect the cumulative contribution of a donor. The donor category for Con-tributors will be listed in a luture issue of the Pacific Citizen.

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LÉGACY LEADERS Members of the Selma Chapter Legacy Fund Committee are, from left, seated, George Abe and Takami Misaki. Standing, from left, are Tad Araki, Keny Yamamoto and George Baba.

Selma Chapter: A success story

The Selma Chapter, JACL, is one of the smallest in the Central California District, with fewer than 90 members, but it's been en

California Director, with rever than 90 members, but it's been one of the most successful chap-ters in the country in reaching its chapter goal for the Legacy Fund campaign. So far, the chapter has raised more than \$37,000, or 128% of its assigned goal. The chapter's Legacy Fund com-mittee approached the entire lo-cal Nikkei community, not only JACLers. "All Japanese Ameri-cans benefit from the work of the JACL, not only those who are members," explained committee co-chair, Takami Misski. He and his wile, Yo, co-chaired the cam-paign, which was launched with a friendly solicitation letter. Com-mittee members George Abe,

George Baba, Tad Araki, Max Kawano, Elmer Kobashi, Takami Misaki, Yo Misaki, and Keny Yamamoto followed up the letter with phone calls and visits. Myrtle Masumoto, a charter member of the Selma charter, described the letter as "very nice, not pushy. People gave because they wanted

Myrtle and her husband, Alan, Myrtle and her husband, Alan, a 32-year member of the 1000 Club, contributed to the fund out of appreciation. "JACL helped with redress and we fait we owed them in return," Alan explained. Myrtle added, "Our hearts are with JACL and we want to see it continue. JACL has done so much for us and this is one way we can for us, and this is one way we can participate."

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BOOKS (Continued from page 4)

According to Miles Shishido, well known, professor emeritus, Pacific University, Forest Grova, Ore, Thornton's claim that cul-tural features making for low crime rate in Japan has also oper-ated within the Japanese commu-ity in the U.S. should be called to the attention of Nikkei. Thebook's uncommissed at the dwold rec-

the attention of Nikke. The book's uncomplicated style should rec-ommend itself to all interested in reime or in the legacy of the Japa nese character; Shishido added. Thornton, onetime Oregon at-tirred justice of the state court of appeals, was decorated by the Emperor of Japan, the Third Or-der of the Sacred Treasure (1976) for his effortia in furthering U.S.der of the Sacred Treasure (1976). for his efforts in furthering U.S.-Japan friendship. He had assisted the Japanese Ministry of Justice in Tokyo in 1959 on anti-prostitu-tion lews, was guest professor (1970) at International College of Commerce and Industry, a sister 'college of Willamette University, and also authored a paper on train-ing lawyers and judges in Japan.

Book notes

TITLE: Preventing Crime in America and Japan AUTHOR: Robert Y. Thornton,

with Katsuya Endo PAGES: 244

PRICE: \$37.50, hardcover; \$17.90, nanerhack

PUBLISHER: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 80 Business Park Drive, Armonk, N.Y., 10504 (1992)

While there, he studied Japanese anti-riot police tactics and tech-niques, which was published in the Journal of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Association of Chiefs of Police. At the 50th anniversary MISLS reunion (1991) in San Francisco, Thornton was a guest panelist,

recalling his stint with fellow MIS veterans. He studied Japanese at Camp Savage, became an MIS language officer and commanded a unit of interpreters and interro-gators. "I was so impressed with their loyalty, he later said, "and their dedication to duty that I wanted to reciprocate to them for the job they did for the United States." He assisted evacues af-ter the war finding jobs and worked for passage of ditenship for the Issei. As attorney general, he hired the first Nisei to become an assistant attorney general. an assistant attorney gen

Surveying values of Nisei, Sansei

Why do some groups retain their ethnicity as they become assimilated into mainstream Americanlife, while others do not? Americanilie, while others donot? One avenue investigates the the-sis, "Japanese American Eth-nicity," in which the co-authors Stephen Fugita and David O'Brien present a Nisei-Sansei study. They found family and community val-ues of the Issei-hard work, de-ferred gratification and other val-ues-conducive to Nisei-Sansei success in mainstream society.

ues-conducive to Niser-Sanser success in mainstream society. Compared with other ethnic groups, Japanese Americans have shown higher levels of participa-tion with ethnic volumtary orga-nizations, such as the Buddhist and Christian churches, Japanese

Book notes

TITLE. Japanese American Ethnicity: The Persistence of Community

AUTHORS: Stephen S. Fugita, David J. O'Brien

PAGES: 218 PRICE: \$30

Publisher: University of Washing-ton Press, P.O. Box 50096, Seattle, WA, 98145 (1991)

American athletic leagues, JACL and the Nissi Farmers League (part of the survey was conducted in Freeno). Their survey also delves into economic activities, community networks, intermar-riage, and ends with an assess-ment into the next 5-10-15-20 years. years

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More JA experiences

More JA experiences A part of the Minorities in Modern America series, the im-age of Japanese Americans as pressed inside 200 pages by the authorsisilluminating and lively. The style is infused with a strong sociological air. O'Brien is a pro-fessor in the departments of rural

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sociology and community uever-opmentat University of Missouri-Columbia, while Fugita is an as-sociate professor in ethnic studies and psychology at Santa Clara University.

The period from the arrival of the Japanese to the U.S. through the second World War is labeled the "social constraints" erra; while the postwar period has yet to bear a sociological tag. The census tables up to 1980, bibliographic seasiy and references are worth the price of the book for Nikkei history buffs, who appre-ciste any formidable array of tiles on this subject. ciate any formid on this subject.



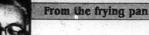
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Opinions



BILL HOSOKAWA **Remembering Jimmie's league**

or a period in early manhood the late Hora period in early mannood the late Jimmie Sakamoto made his living in New York as a prize fighter. It was a precarious livelihood. It cost him his eyenght. Undaunted, he returned to his Seattle and on Jan. 1, 1928 foun ded a little weekly newspaper he called the Japanese American Courier.

Healsohelpedfound the Japanese Ameri-can Citizens League, but that is another story. JACL survives and is a success. The *Courier* died after 14 years and some months, on April 24, 1942, as the community it served was being hustled off to Ameri-can-style concentration camps.

Sakamoto's newspaper left a rich legacy. In his last editorial he wrote: "The Courier has, we hope, made contributions to the economic, social, civic and cultural activi-ties in the Japanese Community, and the Northwest at large."

But it did more than that. It is to this additional contribution that his beneficiaries now address themselves.

Despite lack of size, Sakamoto had been an outstanding high school football and baseball player. Sports had been a major motivator in his life but he knew that few

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Nisei youngsters were big enough or skill-ful enough to play on high school teams. He-believed they deserved an opportunity to enjoy organized sports.

A year after founding the Courier, A year after founding the Courier, Sakamotoannounced the newspaper would sponsor a baseball league for Nisei teams. That was followed by a basketball league which included girls' teams, and eventually a football league. Kids from neighborhood clubs and churches organized teams. So did youngsters from farm families in nearby communities like Green Lake, White River, Kent Auburn Pife Summer Ballacone Kent, Auburn, Fife, Sumner, Bellevue, Tacoma, South Park, Vashon and Bainbridge Islands.

For much of the leagues' life Kay Takayoshi ran baseball. George Ishihara was basketball'sczar and a guy named Bill Hosokawa looked after football which at most had six teams. But in baseball and besketball there was dense of teams di basketball there were dozens of teams di-vided into many divisions based on age and vided into many divisions based on age and skill. The commissioners, all volunteers, drew up schedules, arranged for playing space with the city park system, recruited referees, and mediated disputes.

On any winter or spring weekend hun-

dreds of Nisei kids of varying athletic skill were out competing with each other and many hundreds more parents, siblings, friends and rivals were rooting in the stands. These were the Depression years, before TV, and sports provided in expensive, wholeme entertainment.

There was another benefit from Sakamoto's Courier leagues. They kept Nisei kids busy and out of trouble. Many factors were involved in their low delinquency rate, but certainly their interest in team sports in which they were dedicated participants was a very large factor in sur-mounting the negative influences of ghetto life and, not infrequently, poverty. Some of the warmest memories of Nisei who grew up in the Northwest in the decade before World War II are of competition in the Courier leagues

Not long ago four Nisei, now living in Spokane, who remembered the Courier leagues, decided it was about time those who benefited should do something to memorialize Jimmie Sakamoto's contribution to their lives. Norio Wakamatsu, Ed Tsutakawa, Hideki Sekijima and Harry See HOSOKAWA/page 8



BILL MARUTANI Wonders of word processors

ith interest I noted Bill Hosokawa's comments on the use of a computer word processor, the greatest invention since sliced bread. It is indeed a great leap from the manual type-writer. It's a marvel. It checks for correct writer, It's a marvel. It checks for correct spelling (more on that hereinbelow) and although I don't have one loaded on my system, it also will check for grammar. There are, however, a number of shoricom-ings. Not many, but nonetheless some. For example, it the system does not have a grammar check, one can mix plural sub-jects with a singular predicate and the word processor check word pick it up. At least mine (Word Perfect) won't. But the spelling will pick up, needlessly, just about

least mine (Word Perfect) won't. But the spelling will pick up, needleasly, just about all Nihongo terms, except those rare ones that have a counterpart in the English language—such as "an" (such as in "an-mochi." (In fact, I stopped at this point to check it out, and sure enough, the following came up highlighted in red: Marutani, Hosekawa, Nihongo and mochi.) Whenever this column goes on a Nihongo language spree, the red comes up all over the place. I learned word processing for two rea-sons: first, I very much wanted to learn it,

enamored as I am with new gadgets. (Because of this predilection, family members often give this one some kind of gadgetry for Christmas.) Secondly, my law office was fully computerized so I had to learn it. What a time saver! All telephone calls are computer regulated, particularly toll calls; no more zerography going wild making copies of your child's term paper—you have to enter your computer number; best of all, time-keeping goes on the computer number, best of all, time-keeping goes on the computer, whereas previously it was a laborious day's end chore, if you remembered to do it. Word processing banks store legal language, and from the menu the lawyer can extract pro-visions and then tailor it to the immediate case at hand. In a draft, sentences or para graphs, whole or in part, can be moved around from one part or page to another. Measages can be left on the word processor, and documents can be transmitted to and from one's secretary.

A gadgeteer's dream. In Tokyo if one is looking for electronics oods, whether it be just an electrical cord or the latest gadget in electronics (and, boy, do they have them!) the place to go is the Akihabara district, about a half hour's ride

from the Tokyo Station. Don't pay the stiff from the loxyo Station. Don't pay the sum prices of the Ginza. In Akihabara it's liter-ally an electronics bazaar. And don't over-look those little mom-'n-pop hole-in-the-wall shops: often they carry items that the big stores do not have in stock. I was look-ing for the Canon Word Tank, an electronic ectronic ing for the Canon Word 1 and, an electronic dictionary with the capability of tracking *kanji* characters by radicals followed by counting the strokes—and voila! the char-acter is located. Preis another button and all, or practically all, the compounds of that kanji character appear, with meanings. The device will accommodate about 10 different device will accommodate arout 1 will expand its use, these cards are separate purchases, in case you're interested. I saw a newer model advertised in a magazine just the other day.

One suggestion if you go for one. There's an instruction book in wa-bun, which is instructional, but get the ei-bun copy as well. Life can be immeasurably easier that way. (P)

After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the Pacific Citizen.



LEGACY

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Bessie Sugimoto Bell of Redmond, Wash., in minmory of Masayoshi Sugimoto: Masuij à Margie Hata of Freenco, Calif. Juna Tar Hirsmun of Newport Beach., Calif.; Brner & Dorothy Kobashi of Seima. Calif., in memory of our parentis. Mr. & Mrs. Kaoru Kobashi; Hirothi Matoba of Freenc, Calif.; Graco Sugimoto Maraneles of Seima, Calif., an memory of Mesayoshi Sugimoto; Misuko Nagatani.d; Deanco, Calif.; Tonho & Gladory Sets Simamoto of Seima. Calif. In memory of our parentis: Mr. & Mrs. Silvis Seto and Mr. & Mrs. Neuzo Shimamoto; Sam & Suniko Yamasaki of Freenc, Calif.;

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LILLIAN C. KIMURA Media overkill

IN-SIGHT

he verdict in the Rodney King beating case is in and order has prevailed. Fol-lowing the California Tri-District Conference, I stayed in the area for several days and I became appalled at the constant hammering by the media about the trial and by the media about the trial and the possible repercussions. Tele-vision projected images of the po-lice and National Guard making preparations and of Koreans and others making a run on the gun stores, etc. It was almost as if they (the media) were fanning the flames for another disruption. The sensationalism needed to be replaced by responsible news cover-

age. While not everyone may be happy with the jury verdict, it seems justice has been served. The efforts of many organizations across the country calling for calm

and cool heads have paid off. But the work is not complete. We await the decision on the

Reginald Denny case. The organization for which I worked for 21 years, the YWCA of the U.S.A., has announced plans for its second annual Day of Commitiment to the Elimination of Racism" on May 27. The acquit-

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tal of the officers in the first Rodney King trial and the riots that fol-lowed spurred the YWCA to call on all Americans to focus on elimi-nating racism and to foster racial mony and understanding. This ar's "Day of Commitment" will harm year's Day of Commitment with kickoff a year-long celebration of the 135th anniversary of the VIVCA

I would like to urge our 113 JACL chapters to contact their local YWCAs to join in the May 27th *Day of Commitment.* As an organization committed to civil organization committee to twi and human rights, we need to be visible in any effort which is dedi-cated to justice and equality. The SWCA was among the first major national multi-racial agencies to make the elimination of racism a gos

In my next column I would like to share with you the long relationship between JACL and the YWCA. In the meantime, call the YWCA in your community to add our voices in the fight against racism. 19

Kimura is the JACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific CitiSCHOLARS (Continued from page 3)

Richard Stagnoli of Kentucky and Emma Lee Owens of Fresno. -4500 Matsayre Okada Scholarship (made possible by the Honorable and Mrs. Rob-ert Mateui): Mais Fujisawa, Reedley High School, Reedley, the daughter of Albert Fujisawa of Reedley, and Carole Tošhiko Fujisawa of Reedley. Citizen Achievement A-wards were presented to:

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SUCCESS

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(Continued from page 5) Elmer Kobashi said, "Most of the people around here are grate-ful to the JACL for its work on redress and they want to show thanks. And it's important that the organization continue to ad-dress civil rights issues."

dress civil rights issues." The Selma chapter — along with the Cleveland, Mount Olympus, Philadelphis, Seattle and Wisconsin chapters — was honored at the 1992 National JACL Convention in Denver for their efforts in reaching their

chapter goal. At first, the committee co-chairs Affrat, the committee co-chairs were reluctant to be recognized: they had plans to continue the campaign and were afraid their success would satisfy their mem-bership and make them compla-cent. 'It's not enough,' Takami Misaki explained, "We're not through yet!" Now the chapter feels buoyed by their success and they proudly display their award, a beautiful framed caligraphy, in the com-munity church's meeting room.

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