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· JACL's Yoshino resigns position

SAN FRANCISCO -- JACL National Director Bill Yoshino has announced that he will be stepping down from his position on July 14,1991.

Stating that the last two-and-a-half years • have been "rewarding and fulfilling," Yoshino indicated that the rigors of constant travel

led to his decision in spite of a recent offer by the national board to extend his current contract.

The announcement came at the national JACL board meeting held over the weekend.

"I've gotten great satisfaction in being a part of some changes and refocusing within the or-

ganization," said Yoshino. "There have been major BILL YOSHINO changes in personnel,

we've automated our office operation, the national staff did much in initiating and lending priority to our long range planning process, and the staff provided a means to systematically implement the JACL Program for Action."

Yoshino emphasized the important role of See YOSHINO/page 3

of hate crime

LA CROSSE, Wis.—Steven J. Johnson, 20, who severely beat a Japanese student he thought was Hmong, pleaded guilty March 4 to misdemeanor battery and felony hate crime in the La Crosse County Circuit Court, according to a story in the La Crosse Tri-

Through a negotiated plea, Judge Dennis Montabon sentenced Johnson on the misdemeanor battery charge. Johnson must pay about \$10,000 restitution to victim Taro Imamura and his insurance company, participate in 100 hours of community service to the Hmong people and learn about the Hmong people in a 25-hour course given by the Hmong Mutual Assistance Association.

The judge declared he diverted his deci- sion for two years on the felony hate crime because Johnson does not have a prior record and the encounter was one of chance and not pre-arranged. Johnson could be sentenced up to seven years in prison if the conditions of the diversion are violated.

Imamura suffered a detached retina after Johnson bashed his head during an incident in the downtown area last April. When a witness asked why Johnson and his friends were fighting with Imamura and his companion Yasushi Kikuchi, Johnson reportedly replied, "Because we hate gooks"

Yamaguchi wins world skate title

MUNICH, Germany-Nineteen-year-old Kristi Yamaguchi of Fremont, Calif., scored a perfect 6.0 to win the gold medal at the World Figure Skating Championships held March 16.

It was not only a great day for Yamaguchi but the United States as well as Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan won the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Kerrigan just beat out 1989 champion Midori Ito of Japan who was injured from a tumble in an earlier day's competition.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Yamaguchi, talking about her win, said, "I kept my spirits up and felt relaxed. I knew I'd trained hard and tried to stay focused on the worlds."

Told about Ito's injury, Yamaguchi said, "I had no idea it happened. It's an unfortunate thing. That's why I try to keep my jumps in the middle."

Actors tell their choices

Pacific Citizen caught up with two Japanese American actors and asked them to provide their insights and best guesses on the Oscar awards.

Bay The Area's Lane Nishikawa is best known for his one-man shows, including his latest called "I'm On a Mission From Buddha." Jude Narita, profiled in last week's issue, is also known for her one-woman show called "Coming of Age, Song for Sansei,"

Here are Nishikawa's thoughts:

Best actor: "I pick De Niro. ("Awakenings").



NARITA



NISHIKAWA

He's one of my favorite actors. That movie was a real challenge to do."

Best actress: "I'm not sure about this category. I'll go with Anjelica Huston ("The Grifters")

Best supporting actor: "Joe Pesci gives an incredible performance (in "Good Fellas") He's a hateable-lovable guy. A good character actor."

Best supporting actress: "Whoopi Goldberg. I'm a longtime fan of hers. She did a lot of work here in the Bay Area. It's good to see her in a nice role."

Best director: "Costner (for "Dances With Wolves") Anyone who could wear that many hats successfully deserves it."

Best picture: "Dances With Wolves."

For Narita, it's easy in selecting Oscar winners. She's a big fan of Kevin Costner's "Dances With Wolves. Here are her picks:

Best actor: "Costner. I think Gerard Depardieu is a fabulous

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LOS ANGELES—It's the 63rd annual Academy Awards and as always the guessing and hoping goes

Just about everyone will be tuning in Monday to

see who won what and if their favorite star and movie were acknowledged.

This year, best bets go to Kevin Costner's "Dances With Wolves" which led the way with 12 nominations.

Pacific Citizen called a number of people around the country to get their selections for



PRISCILLA OUCHIDA Likes "Dances With Wolves"

the Oscars. Consensus is difficult but many of those polled thought that the movie "Pretty Woman"—not nominated for Best Picture of the year—was their favorite film.

Here's a roundup of comments from around the country:

Most everyone in the informal survey reported unfamiliarity with many of the films and even some of the actors. But the reputation of "Dances With Wolves" carried many of the categories.

A case in point is Priscilla Ouchida, administrative assistant for Sen. Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton) and vice president, general operations, JACL.

She admitted she hadn't seen any of the films but went with "Dances" for the most

part. "My husband saw 'Dances With Wolves' and said it was really good," Ouchida said. "So, I'd go with Costner as best actor,

although I've read that the actor in 'Cyrano' was great too." Ouchida predicted Graham Greene would win Best Supporting Actor, Mary

McDonnell would win Best Supporting See OSCARS/page 5

TUNE IN—The 63rd annual Academy Awards airs Monday at 6 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on the ABC network.

Few Asians up for awards



STEVEN OKAZAKI Up for best documentary

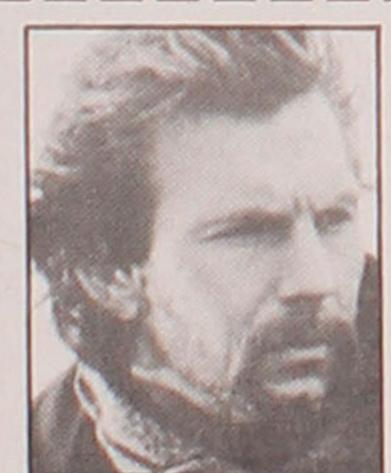
Only two Asian films have been acknowledged by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences this year.

Bay Area filmmaker Steven Okazaki perhaps has the best chance with his documentary, "Days of Waiting," nominated for Best Documentary Short Subject. The film documents the life of Estelle Peck

Ishigo, one of the few Caucasians to be interned among the 110,000 Japanese Americans by the U.S. government in 1942

Okazaki was previously nominated for an Oscar in the documentary category for a film titled "Unfinished Business."

'Ju Dou," from the People's Republic of China, has been nominated for Best Foreign Language Film.



KEVIN COSTNER 'Dances With Wolves'



JULIA ROBERTS 'Pretty Woman'

Here's your Oscar scorecard

BEST ACTOR

- · Kevin Costner, "Dances With Wolves"-
- Robert De Niro, "Awakenings"-
- · Gerard Depardieu, "Cyrano De Bergerac"-· Richard Harris, "The Field" ---
- Jeremy Irons, "Reversal of Fortune" —

BEST ACTRESS

- Kathy Bates, "Misery" —
- Anjelica Huston, "The Grifters" —
- Julia Roberts, "Pretty Woman" · Meryl Streep, "Postcards From the Edge"-
- Joanne Woodward, "Mr. & Mrs. Bridge" —

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- Bruce Davison, "Longtime Companion" —
- Andy Garcia, "The Godfather, Part III"— · Graham Greene, "Dances With Wolves"-
- Al Pacino, "Dick Tracy"
- Joe Pesci, "Good Fellas"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- Annette Bening, "The Grifters"
- Lorraine Bracco, "Good Fellas" · Whoopi Goldberg, "Ghost" -
- · Diane Ladd, "Wild at Heart" -
- Mary McDonnell, "Dances With Wolves"-

BEST DIRECTOR

- Kevin Costner, "Dances With Wolves" –
- · Francis Ford Coppola, "The Godfather, Part III"-
- Martin Scorsese, "Good Fellas" Stephen Frears, "The Grifters" —
- Barbet Schroeder, "Reversal of Fortune" —

BEST PICTURE

- "Awakenings" . "Dances With Wolves"-
- · "Ghost" -
- "The Godfather, Part III" -

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Letters

She wants to help locate orphan

Your February 22nd issue car ried a letter from Richard Oleszewski of Bethesda, Marylanc regarding a "Tazye Mahara". I was intrigue by the story of the Mary land couple who is interested ir locating the Oriental girl who was placed at the St. Vincent's Orphanage in Santa Barbara between 1929-1932.

Our family knew a Tazuko Maehara (whom we affectionately called "Ta-chan" at this orphan age. Either my sister or I used to pick her up at the orphanage to spend Sunday afternoons with our

After my father's death in 1931, we moved from Santa Barbara and subsequently lost contact with her. I have often thought about this quiet little girl who spent Sundays with us and wondered where she could be.

Mr. Oleszewski's letter mentioned that she was discharged into the custody of her father in Los Angeles in 1932. There was a Japanese orphanage in Los Angeles called "Shonien". If she had been placed there, would their records be available.

I hope this bit of information might be of some help.

RUTH HAGIYA YOSHIOKA San Jose, CA

Calendar

Items for the Calendar must be

submitted at least THREE WEEKS In

advance of the day of event. Include

day or night phone numbers for further

May 5-11—Japan - Arizona Conference

on Womens Issues, Crescent Hotel,

Phoenix. Info: Global Interactions, Inc.,

3332 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ

85017, 602/272-3438, FAX 602/

Mar. 23-National JACL Credit Union

annual meeting, dinner-dance, 6:30 p.m.;

Clarion Hotel, 999 S. Main St.; RSVP

Mar. 18, 801/355-8040 or 800/544-8828.

Mar. 27—Premiere: Northwest Asian

American Theater, Dreamweaver by

Gary Iwamoto, Theater Off Jackson, 409-

Present-June 30-Wing Luke Asian

Museum, History o/ Sagamiya

Confectionery, 407 7th Ave. S., Adm

\$2.50 adults, \$1 srs/students. Info: 206/

Aug. 21-24—Asian American

Journalists Assn. National convention,

Sept. 27-29—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. Tour

of Tule Lake Campsite, Abalone Hill &

Castle Rock Tour Workshops. Memorial

Service, cultural program. Info: San

Francisco: Julie Hana 415/221-2608

(eve), East Bay: Stephanie Miyahiro 415/

524-2624, San Jose: Tom Izu 408/

292-6938, Sacramento: Diane Tomoda

Through Apr. 10—Yu-Ai Kai Japanese

American Senior Center tree tax help,

provided by city-sponsored VITA for

seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 408/

Mar. 29—Phil Matsumura Testimonial

Dinner, San Jose Hyatt House

Mediterranean Center. Info:408/

Apr. 14—YU-Ai Kai Fashion Show, 12

noon, Red Lion Inn, San Jose, \$35-Info:

April 28—Nikkei Matsuri/Benefit 8K

Jackson St. btwn 6th-7th Sts., \$12 entry

fee, by C.O.D.Y. Productions of

Cupertino, info-Yu Ai Kai, 565 N. 5th St.,

San Jose, 95112, 408/294-2505.

295-1250, San Jose JACL

Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Seattle.

7th Ave. S; info: 206/340-1445.

Information.

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272-2260.

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623-5124.

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916/443-6917.

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294-2505.

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SALT LAKE CITY



SUSAN THOMPSON EVANS

Looking for teacher from past

Some time ago, I received a letter from a Marion Risser (Mrs. Alden F. Risser) of Stewartville, Minnesota.

She had seen an article about redress in which I was interviewed by the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Her mother had taught school in Poston II, Arizona, and she is very interested in making contact with the students who might have had Mrs. Susan Thompson Evans for a teacher.

Enclosed is the teacher's picture which is requested to be printed in the P.C. if possible.

Mrs. Risser is vitally interested

in contacting such people who were Mrs. Evans' students. Mrs. Risser's address is 623 S.W. Second St., Stewartville, Minn., 55976.

If such a notice could be printed in the Pacific Citizen, I feel certain there will be a favorable response

to this request. Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tosh Abe Bloomington, Minn.

He wants to find lost classmate

I am a Tokyo Pacific Citizen subscriber. I have been thinking of my old friend. His name is George Kanichi Ono. He was born in San Jose and went to UC Berkeley. Electrical Engineer and I was mining.

He graduated in 1938 or 39 and went to Japan for a year or so before the war. I graduated in 1940 and met him in Japan in 1941, but he returned to the States whereas,

I stayed in Japan. He also had a sister (younger) Mary whom I would like to know. I know he lived in Berkeley when I visited the States after the war and met him there. But then he moved and never wrote to me

again. I would appreciate it if you could locate him. Thanks for you help.

FRANK S. WADA Tokyo, Japan

Don't Forget

New trends in Japanese

· "Racism and War," an educational forum featuring speakers and cultural presentations, sponsored by Arab American-Japanese American Joint Committee, Centenary Methodist Church, 300 S. Central, Los Angeles, Friday, April 5, 8, 10 p.m. Free. Information: Glenn Omatsu, 213/825-3415.

 Heart Mountain Reunion IV, Sept. 11-13, Seattle, Sea-Tac Red Lion Hotel. Golf, exhibits, slide presentation, dinner and other activities. Information: Gilbert Inaba,

 East Bay Nikkei Singles' Sacramento Jazz Festival, March 25. Information: Susie Yawata, 415/465-3196; also: 2nd Invitational Golf tournament, Saturday, April 20, Tony Lema Golf Course, San Leandro. Dinner: Brass Putter restaurant on course. Information: Susie Yawata, 415/465-3196, Tee Yoshiwara, 415/523-5205 or Yuki Shibata,

laws governing_trademarks, copyrights and product protection, March 26, 8 a.m., The City Club, 155 Sansome St., San Francisco. Speakers: Lee Bendekgey and Hobart Mck. Birmingham, partners at law, Graham and James, SanFrancisco, Palo Alto. Cost: \$15.50, members, \$19.50, nonmembers. Information: 415/ 666-6357.

 Asian Business League's Sixth Annual Pacific Rim Forum, featuring former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, April 16, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. Cost, \$40, members of Asian Business League, Town Hall, California-Taiwan Trade and Investment Council, California Council for International Trade; \$50, non-members; \$60 at the door. Information: Janis Tanji, 213/687-2907, Jane Fujishiga, 213/551-1915.

206/364-3594.

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MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY

Nihonmachi Run, 9 a.m., start/finish Sept. 27-29—Third YSBC (Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties) Nikkei Reunion. Newsletter, registration info: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, CA 95991.

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SACRAMENTO

April 20-Off-Broadway Dance Club dinner-dance, 6-11 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way; Fred Morgan, Famous Foursome, dance band, info: • > Bill Kashiwagi 916/635-2815 ore 427-2960. (Tickets will not be sold at the door.)

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

April 6-Contra Costa JACL potluck dinner honoring seniors, scholarship awardees and new members, 5-8 p.m., Maple Hall, 1 Alvarado Square, San Pablo; RSVP by Mar. 25, Natsuko Irei 415/237-8730 bwtn 7-10 a.m. or after 10

April 7—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 p.m. Elsie Uyeda Chung's home, new members welcome; info: Elsie 415/ 221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki 415/ 482-3280.

April 10-Plaque dedication to Katherine Maurer, Methodist deaconess who served Japanese and Chinese immigrants at the prewar immigration . station on Angel Island, 1:30 p.m., Angel Island. [Ferries from Tiburon, 10 a.m.]

April 10—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: Emerald Yeh, Ch. 4 news anchor (tentative),. 12n., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse info: Don Fujino 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

WATSONVILLE

May 5—Bonsai Club annual show, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., plant sale and 2 p.m. demonstration.

April 17—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: "Japanese ... American Amerasian Multi-Ethnic Identity!"-Velina Hasu Houston, writer, artist, 8 p.m., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse, info: Don Fujino 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

April 24—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: "Hate Crime on the Rise?"-Dr. Alan Seidd (APACC), Dennis Hayashi (Asian Law Caucus). Chuong Chung (UC-Berkeley, SF State), 8 p.m., Asian American Activities Center, • Old Union Clubhouse; info: Don Fujino 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

April 28—Contra Costa JACL Ladies Day Japanese Style Gift Wrapping," (Bring small box & paper), 2-3:30 p.m., Japanese Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito; Info: Natsuko Irei 415/237-8730.

Evangelical May 4—Japanese Missionary Society (JEMS) women's luncheon, 9:30-1 p.m., San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church; info: 415/ 651-7766.

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JACL

Sequoia

The chapter has sponsored an Asian American lecture series at Stanford University that continues through May 22.

Upcoming lectures include "The Asian American Image: A Product of the Media," with local newsperson Emerald Yeh, noon, April 10; "Creativity and Multiracial, Multi-ethnic Identity," playwrite Velina Hasu Houston, April 17; "Anti-Asian Violence on the Rise," Dr. Alann Seid, founder of Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Dennis Hayashi, Asian Law Caucus, and Chuong Chung, lecturer at U.C., Berkeley and San Francisco State, April 24; "Breaking the Glass Ceiling," Henry Der, director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, and Bill Wong, associate editor and columnist, Oakland Tribune, May 8; and 'Asian American Literature," Janice Mirikitani reads and discusses her works, May 22.

The lecture series, cosponsored by campus Asian American organizations, is held at the Asian American Activities Center in the Old Union Building at Stanford.

A pre-lecture dinner at 6:30 with the speakers is available to a limited number of people.

Information: Don Fujino, 415/ 497-6250, or Ed Morimoto, 415/ 497-1172.

Contra Costa

Chapter members Lucy Kishiue and Ernie Iiyama of the Civil Rights Committee and Chizu Iiyama of the Human Relations Commission spoke in support of two El Cerrito City Council ordinances extending civil liberties to victims of AIDS and to stop hate crimes. Both measures were uinanimously passed.

In recent months, an increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans have been reported in the East Bay and San Francisco communities. The same is true in the incidence of AIDS case among

Asian Americans. The ordinance will require the local police department to collect data on these crimes and report them to the City Council and the Human Relations Commission, which will study each case, then mediate and set up community and educational activities.

In other chapter activities, the "Day of Remembrance" exhibit at • the Japanese Cultural Center in San Francisco was enjoyed by a number of children from the San Francisco Unified School District.

The exhibit showed photographs of the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II. The children reflected the variety of cultures in the city-Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, Laos, the Philippines, Afro American, Latino, Jewish and Caucasian.

"Are we in World War III?" asked one Arab American student who nodded her head as chapter members explained the reasons why Japanese Americans were put in detention camps nearly 50 years ago. Many of the children identified with pictures of youngers in camp.

Docents included Ernest Iiyama, Sets and Mas Ishikawa, Masaye Hara, Corkie Toba, Mary Kovacic, George Iwao, Katherine and Wally Nunotani, Nobu Muto, Jim Kajiwara, Masako Iwase, Daisy Satoda, Babe and Helen Utsumi, Mas Kawaguchi, Marshall Sumida, Roy Ashizawa, Louise Endo, Ann Ito, Clifford Uyeda and Harry Iwafuchi.

In charge of organizing and displaying the exhibit were Ros Tonai, Rich Tokeshi, Shig Iwasaki, Pete Yamamoto and Chizu Iiyama.

Reno

The chapter has created its Tomo No Kai group that helps members support each other in need. Volunteers assist others members in times of illness or death in the family and rides. Teri Clanton and Kiks Wada are chairpersons for the group. Information: 702/ 972-0085 or 702/786-1277.

Members are planning other upcoming events for the year. A cooking demonstration, recipe exchange and potluck is scheduled for April 28; another potluck and general meeting, May 19, with guest speaker Patsy Wakimoto, a nutrition consultant; and a family fishing outing, June 8.

Snake River

The chapter held its scheduled Casino Night Saturday, March 16, a fun night of food and fellowship, then held the IDC/Credit Union banquetin Salt Lake City the following week.

Coming up in May is the annual graduation banquet. This year the JACL will honor local high school seniors and select two for the annual college scholarships. In addition, the chapter will choose juniors and seniors for boys and girls state.

The next chapter board meeting will be held April 3, 7 p.m., at Murakami's.

Las Vegas

The chapter continues its efforts to obtain its goals, including the purchase of a clubhouse, furnishing a Japanese translation service, plan cultural activities and sponsor a student exchange program with Japan.

Upcoming events are also being planned. The International Food Festival will be held April 28 and the luau has been scheduled for

The festival site this year is the Las Vegas Convention Center, West Hall.

Applications for local scholarships are due by April 15.

Arizona

The chapter is planning its board meeting April 3, 7:30 p.m., at the JACL Hall, Glendale, Ariz. All members are invited to attend these meetings.

Also in the works are the scholarship awards banquet, to be held April 21 at the fountain Suite Resort Hotel, Greenway Road and I-17, Phoenix; Japan Week, May 1-10; and the Japan-U.S. Conference on Women's Issues, May 5-11, Crescent Hotel, Phoenix.

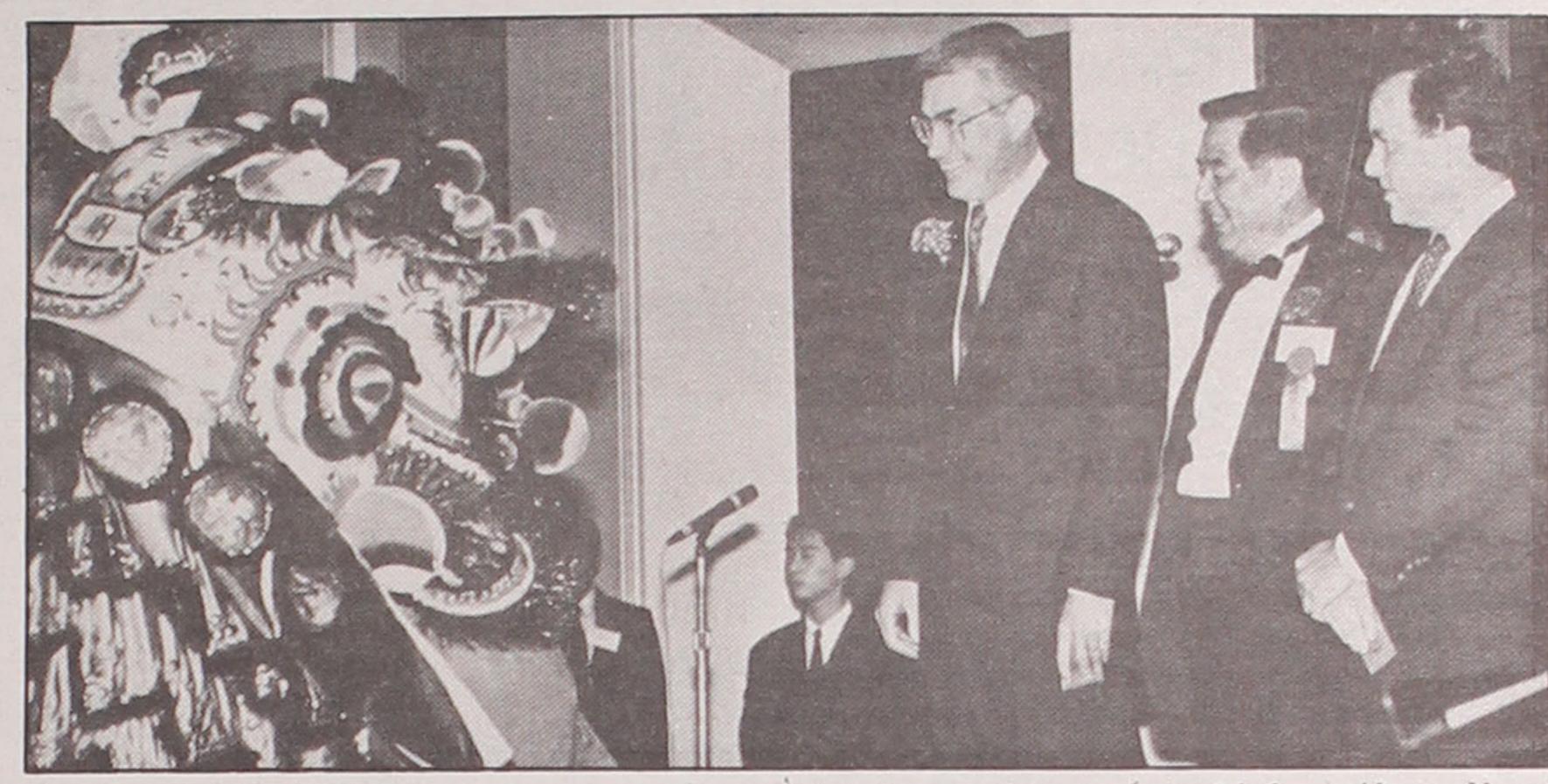
The chapter's Arizona Gakuen School will be held at Mesa Community College in April of 1991. The school coincides with the Japanese public school calendar— April to March and provides classes in Japanese language, culture and heritage for children of Japanese businessmen on assignment in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Information: 602/ 461-7652 or 602/893-0599

Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Chapter will now be known as the Wisconsin Chapter. At a special meeting, members voted for the change because many members live oputside the immediate Milwaukee area.

The Japan-America Society of Wisconsin, Inc. has begun its membership drive for individual and corporate members. The goals of the society are to promote friendly relations between citizens of Japan and Wisconsin. Areas being promoted are culture, education and economics. Information: 608/272-5160.

Lion around



About 1,300 people recently attended the largest Pan-Asian event of the year, the 8th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration, sponsored by the Asian American Coalition and hosted by the Chinese American community at Chicago's Hyatt O'Hare. Gov. Jim Edgar (third from left), John Tan, co-chairman of the event (center) and Mayor Richard J. Daley greet Chinese Lion Dancer.

News

Asian TV show goes national

CHICAGO—"Asia Today," a weekly television news magazine program, will be expanded and distributed nationally by September this year, according to its producer, Leslie Dodson.

Dodson, formerly with CNN, said the new format will offer a news, and issue-oriented segment focusing on international politics, business, health, education and community, followed by a cultural, sports and features segment.

"We did this for two reasons," Dodson said. "The editorial reason was that there are so many issues of importance to Asian

Americans and many of them are probably happening in the Chicago community. That was justification for producing it out of Chicago. But we thought, why limit it? Why not focus on them nationally. Offer an information prod-

"The second reason is a business one. You've got to have the numbers and in Chicago we wouldn't be able to get them, so it made sense to go national."

Hosting the show will be Gene Honda, announcer for the Chicago White Sox baseball team, and Christina Adachi. New York Times author Jae-Ha Kim is a senior correspondent on the show, along with Quincy Wong. Reporters for the show will be Jinah Tak, Angel Abcede and Irene Lobo.

"Asia Today" will debut in June of 1991 in the Chicago area, then will most likely be syndicated in

Information: 312/561-2112.

Benefit for bone marrow patients

HOLLYWOOD—The East West Players will offer its production of "Canton Jazz Club," a musical centered around a 1943 Los Angeles nighclub, as a benefit performance for the Nick Susuki Bone Marrow Donor Fund.

The musical event is scheduled for April 5, 8 p.m., at 4424 Santa Monica Blvd.

Nick Susuki and 100 other Asian American patients are searching for marrow donors through the National Marrow Donor Program.

Tickets: \$25. Order from Dr. Raymond M. Sugiyama, 3551 Farquhar Ave., Suite 202, Los Alamitos, Calif., 90720. Make checks payable to Nick Susuki Bone Marrow Donor Fund.

Information: 213/660-0366.

Short takes

FILM CONTROVERSY—Director Akira Kurosawa's "Rhapsody in August" may raise more emotional feelings about the atomic bombing of Nagasaki during World War II, according to the March 16 edition of the San Gabriel Tribune. The director screened his latest work to a few hundred Japanese and foreign guests in Tokyo recently. Some critics, the newspaper reported, believe that by addressing the misfortunes of the bomb victims, Kurosawa heglected to tell both sides of the story.

THANKS, BIG SISTERS—Big Sisters of Los Angeles scheduled

its recpetion honoring community advisors March 28. Among those acknowledged were members of the Asian Paciific Advisory Coun-

PLANNING—A "forethought" funeral planning" program is now offered by Kubota Nikkei Mortuary of Los Angeles. The plan is basically an insuranced-based program that provides funds for funeral arrangements. The program differs from others because it can be written up to \$5,000 without affecting any Medi-Cal benefits, guaranteeing that persons will not pay more than the insured amount for the services they have selected. Information: 213/749-1449.

tal of Inglewood, Calif., has signed

a sister-hospital relationship with Tsurumaki Onsen Hospital, 2600bed geriatric hospital located in a resort area south of Tokyo. The relationship will inititially be a clinicial and educational exchange focusing on rehabilitation, allowing each to send physicians, nurses and therapists to the other.

MINETA ON MASS TRAN-SIT-Norman Y. Mineta, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, proposed on March 13 a five-year, \$153 billion program to raise federal investment in the nation's highways and mass transit systems. The program represents a HEALTHY EXCHANGE— 46 percent increase above the lev-Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospi- els proposed by the President Bush in February.

YOSHINO

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involving the JACL in a meaningful national civil rights agenda and promoting strong advocacy on issues of import to Asian Americans. "We must understand the JACL is an ethnic-based, national civil rights organization possessing the ability to effectively advocate a diverse legislative agenda focusing on Asian American concerns and extending to other selective issues in the civil rights community. The organization operates at its best when it is able to translate its local and regional issues to a national level for a hearing and debate in places like Washington, D.C. The JACL has had clear success in doing this and we have the means to continue in this direction."

Reflecting on Yoshino's tenure as national director, Cressey Nakagawa, JACL national president, explained that Yoshino began serving as an interim acting director in 1988 and was ultimately selected under a special arrangement. As part of that arrangement, Yoshino continued to reside in Chicago, Ill., doing double duty as Midwest regional director and national director, with regular trips to national headquarters in San Francisco.

"This saved the organization money . . . Bill was able to help us through a transitional period of internal reorganization and accomplish work that has been of some major consequence to us,' said Nakagawa. "He helped create adminstrative efficiency and delineated specific job and role assignments in the regional offices and at headquarters so now there is a structure in place . . . Additionally, we worked together on developing major issues that our organization must address."

Nakagawa points to the regional

offices as a clear indication of the kinds of successful changeovers which occurred under Yoshino's leadership. Identifying Sansei successors for the Pacific Northwest, Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific and Pacific Southwest regional offices, in addition to the Washington, D.C. office, "has enabled us to feel more confident in moving ahead with our Program for Action," said Nakagawa.

And on the redress front Yoshino cultivated a close working relationship with the Office of Redress Admininistration and Bob Bratt, ORA administrator, enabling the organization to stay abreast of issues and problems.

"On a day-to-day basis," said Nakagawa, "Bill did the bread and butter work . . . It was the kind of work the board expected because we needed somebody who would attend to our organization and serve the JACL on the larger issues."

PC editorial

Blame police attitude-not procedure

It wasn't an ordinary hate crime. The victim was black, yes. It was particularly vicious, even heinous. He was beaten by four men, bludgeoned more than 50 times, leaving him with severe wounds over his head and body.

But what was unusual were his attackers. They were Los Angeles police officers.

By now, nearly everyone has seen the videotape of the beating of Rodney G. King who was caught in a high-speed car chase.

And by now, nearly everyone has heard L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates call the incident an "abberation," a fluke that just happened.

Racism had nothing to do with it he adamantly says, while refusing to step down from his position.

Yet the videotape shows the officers systematically beating a man who did not resist-officers who continued the act with other officers present—with no apparent worry of being reported by colleagues. Later, investigation of police car transmissions revealed tape recordings of one officer laughing with approval at the beating. In another instance, an officer, talks about a black couple he had just dealt with, using the phrase "Gorillas in the Mist" to describe them.

It shows that racial feelings cross over into the comportment of officials.

Is it so much a lack of proper police technique and training as some have suggested? What could possibly be the reason for striking an unarmed person? What could lead to four men to gang up on one man, pounding him with their batons into the ground?

Is it testimony to the times? So far, according to a recent Los Angeles Times editorial by Joseph D. McNamara, the city of L.A. has

"paid \$3 million in damages in a similarly brutal incident in 1988 when a group of out-of-control officers ransacked the apartments of 52 residents in South-Central Los Angeles."

It comes down to the broader issue of how we treat and regard some people—some people of color. Police officers can learn to hold back the baton but they need to learn the lesson of human values, even in the most difficult of situations and jobs.

Maybe then the L.A. Police Department's slogan will mean what it says:

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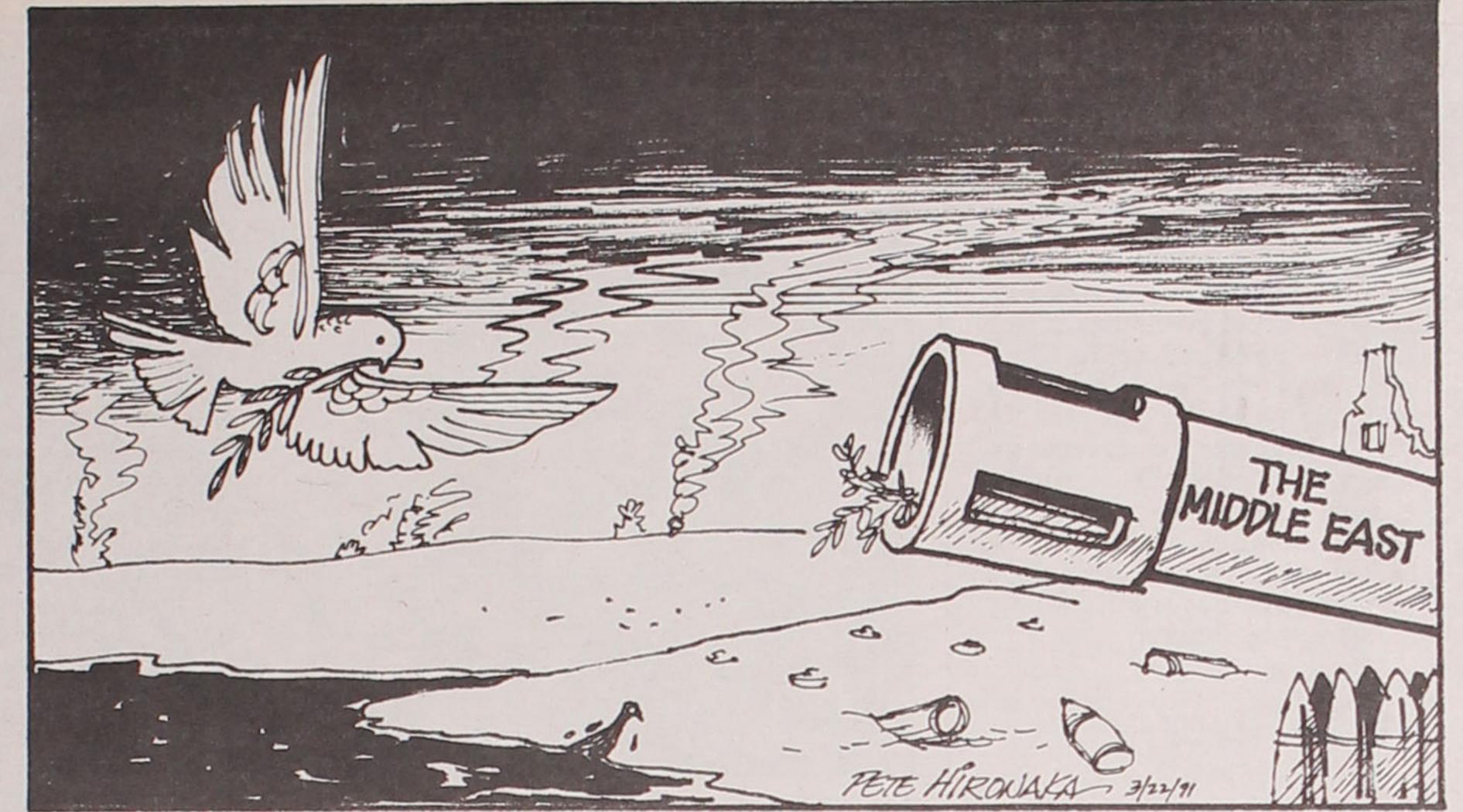
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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

'Our Community of Memories'*

*RONALD TAKAKI: Strangers from a Different Shore

long with a great many other things, the forced exodus of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in World War II resulted in their dispersal to all parts of these United States. Expanding economic opportunities for their offspring have scattered Japanese Americans even more broadly.

Today there isn't a state that doesn't have a Japanese American population. That doesn't necessarily mean they feel the need to congregate or associate with each other simply because of ethnic background. Many of them go their separate ways, and more power to them.

Yet, the Japanese American community is still a nationwide village and that is not likely to change until the Nisei generation has passed on. No matter where they have sunk their roots, their past holds them together psychologically if not physically.

They have in common their ethnicity, which means common experiences, common culture and the problems they shared of being a minority in a white society.

More specifically, most Nisei have in common the experience of growing up in Japanese immigrant families in their own neighborhoods and all that means.

The Nisei have in common their Evacuation experience. When two Nisei meet for the first time, the first questions asked usually have to do with origins: Where are you from? What camp were you in? Where did you relocate to?

Another tie is family relationships. Marriages of children and grandchildren have developed widespread networks of in-laws. "You can't say anything bad about anybody any more," a West Coast friend warned me. "The guy you're talking to might be

ably one of its best-read features among older Japanese Americans. Nisei all over the United carries important information.

most Sansei. They don't belong to the ethnic village in the same way their parents did. They are no longer part of it and what happens there is only of remote interest if at all.

Most Nisei were born in a relatively brief span of

It's going to be interesting to see how the ethnic village changes if indeed it will continue to exist. Unfortunately it isn't likely we'll be around to see

related to the guy you're talking about."

The Obituaries section of this newspaper is prob-States scan it each week to find out whether someone they knew long ago, someone with whom they have lost touch, someone with whom one's path crossed, some distant in-law, someone recognizable from some chance meeting in the ethnic village, has passed on. In a sense the Obituaries section is a village bulletin board, not to be missed because it

It is unlikely the same curiosity exists among

time. With a few early exceptions, they came on the scene starting about 1910. Only a quarter of a century later, 1935, not many Nisei were being born. By the inevitable laws of nature they and their peculiar behavior patterns will largely have vanished by another decade and a half.

what happens.

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May 8—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: "Breaking the Glass Ceiling"-Henry Der, Bill Wong, & Other Panelists, 8 p.m., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse; Info: Don Fujino 415/ 497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

LOS ANGELES AREA

April 3-21—Exhibit of new applications of the computer for graphic design, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. Features 6 artists: Masaki Fujihata, Mitsuo Katsui, Yoichiro Kawaguchi, Taku Kimura, Hajime Tachibana and Eiji Takaoki. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., noon to 5 p.m.; • weekends, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Mondays. Information: 213/628-2725.

April 6-7—Hanamatsuri, celebration of the birth of Buddha, Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim, Calif. Special services, culturla exhibits, stage demonstrations, carnival. 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m., Sunday. Info.: 714/527-9186.

April 7—Visions for Keiro benefit dinner/ dance, Hyatt Regency, Los Angeles; School Board member Warren Furutani, special guest, Music Co., entertainment, info, Margaret Endo, 213/263-5693.

April 17—West L.A. JACL Auxiliary Venice Japanese Community Center Queen's Luncheon, 12n, Venice Community Center. Info: 213/821-3237.

April 27—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Queen's Pageant, ESGVJCC. Info: Julie Tsuneishi 213/628-1365 days, 728-6167 eve or Center, 818/960-2566. Orientation meeting—Mar. 17, 2 p.m. at Center.)

May 31—Deadline for nominations individuals/organizations whose achievements helped introduce or preserve aspects of JA cultural heritage requested by Japanese American Historical Society, for forms, contact Iku Kiriyama (JAHSSC, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510), 213/326-0608 or 213/323-8981. Four \$500 awards to be presented Sept. 28 at Shangri-La Restaurant.

Aug. 10-18-51st annual Nisei Week Festival, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/687-7193.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Maquiladora

THAVE NO idea what qualifications, if any at all, I ers without jobs, and I can also understand that. L have in being part of the group: National Community Relations Division of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). With all my gnawing selfdoubt (all justified), I hang around because of almost unquestioning faith I have in the work of the AFSC. Even as I cannot comprehend, some stances I find difficulty in accepting, and many whose core issues I'm obviously missing.

TAKE FOR EXAMPLE, AFSC's involvement in something called the "maquiladora program." When the subject came up for discussion, everyone else seemed to fully understand what "maquiladora" meant and fully subscribed to the program, while I didn't have the foggiest idea what the issues were. The best I could sense was it involved Mexico and something about working conditions. I wished that instead of two years of (dead language) Latin, that I had taken Spanish. Not wishing to expose my abysmal ignorance, I listened intently, hoping to fill the big gap before someone discovered the abyss in my knowledge.

For those few who may share some of my ignorance on the subject, let me share a few bits of information that I came across.

ALONG ITS BORDER with Arizona, California and Texas, on Mexico's side are factories producing part for various U.S. companies: auto parts, t.v. sets, semiconductors, toys, etc.

When I first heard about them, I thought (and basically continue to believe) they were good: employment and income were being provided to otherwise impoverished Mexicans and U.S. companies are able to gain goods at reduced costs. U.S. labor unions resent these "runaway shops" leaving our U.S. work-

But it's the age-old and ongoing competition between and among markets. Jobs, like water, inexorably tend to seek the lowest level.

AFSC'S STUDIES show that pay "level" to be in the range of \$25 -\$40 a week, often involving young women age 16 to 23 years, for how many hours of work a week, I don't know. An AFSC report characterized the pay rate as "one of the lowest levels of factory wages in the world." For 1990, it was estimated that some 470,000 women worked in these maquiladoras in some 1,750 factories. So just the numbers show that this is no small matter. Whatever the issues, good or bad, they're substantial,

WITH THAT NUMBER along the border, many of whom flocked from the interior of Mexico, it is not surprising that housing consists of squatters' shacks and sanitation is almost nonexistent. The AFSC workers have helped to organize groups of these workers to compare and share problems, to familiarize themselves with Mexican labor laws, and to work together forging solutions. Today, some twelve Mexican promotoras, who worked in the factories, have become organizers. Wages and working conditions have been improved in Matamoros (just below Brownsville, TX) so the organization is making some headway.

SOME MIGHT SAY that none of this should be of any concern to the AFSC. Maybe so. Depends somewhat how one defines as his (her) "brother." Thank goodness that the AFSC manifested their active concern for the Nikkei from 1942. I have a feeling that there was quite a bit of negative reaction toward those Quakers at that time, too.



TOP FILMS—Kevin Costner (center, above photo) with Graham Green (on white horse) star in "Dances With Wolves," while the big box office hit of the year was "Ghost," with Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze.

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"Dances With Wolves" would win the Best Picture category.

Stephanie Sato, a senior at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City and youth representative for the JACL Intermountain District Conference, said the movie she enjoyed most last year was "Pretty Woman."

"I'd vote for 'Dances With Wolves' for best picture, but I thought 'Pretty Woman' was really entertaining. I enjoyed it."

As for best actor, Sato choose Kevin Costner for "Dances With Wolves."

"Idon't know why. I guess I just like his acting best of all the movies I've seen," she said.

In the best actress category, she choose Kathy Bates because "she portrayed her character well. She did a good job of character development."

Sato chose Graham Greene as the Sioux Indian in "Dances" for best supporting actor because she liked the way he communicated his culture.

"The Best Supporting Actress is hard. It's either Whoopi Goldberg 'Ghost') or Mary Mcdonnell ('Dances'). I guess I'd go with Whoopi Goldberg because she really carried 'Ghosts."

She chose Costner as Best Director for his research and compassion for his story.

Allicyn Hikida, vice president of public affairs, JACL, Honolulu Chapter, and director of communictions for Hawaii Dental Service, is another fan of "Dances With Wolves."

"I think Costner should get Best Actor for "Dances With Wolves," she said. "He really proved himself as an actor, producer and director. He did a superb job."

In the Best Actress category, Hikida chose Julia Roberts. "She's a real fresh actress. She's very real in that role. She has a naiveté that makes her likable."

For Supporting Actor and Actress, Hikida picked Graham Greene and Mary McDonnell, respectively, both for "Dances With Wolves." "I'm just fascinated that she was able to learn the (Sioux) language. She became an Indian. She captured the essence. She was outstanding.

"I pick 'Dances With Wolves' mainly because it's the most



'I think Pretty Woman' with Julia Roberts was the most enjoyable film that I've seen in my life. I enjoyed every minute of it."

Frances Saito Boulder, Colo.

memorable film for me," Hikida says. "'Pretty Woman' was a delightful, feel-good movie, but Dances With Wolves' had an effect on me. I got a lot more out of it. I certainly have a better understanding of Indians—and the U.S. Cavalry who tried to get rid of them."

Frances Saito, a retired government worker who lives in Boulder, Colo., is clear in her view of the best movie of year.

"The Costner movie—I've seen the clips and hear it's really good. But I just think 'Pretty Woman' with Julia Roberts was the most enjoyable film that I've seen in my life. I enjoyed every minute of it."

She does acknowledge the performance of Whoopi Goldberg in 'Ghost" and Costner's direction in "Dances." "I think the Best Picture award may go to either 'Awakening" or "Dances With Wolves, but I still say "Pretty Woman should have been nominated. Everything about it was good. I haven't enjoyed a movie like that since I saw 'Field of Asian movies don't often come to Dreams' which reminded me of my the Chicago area and when they high school days in Guadelupe do they're for short runs. "They (California)."

Mark Saito, business manager Adachi lamented.

for Pacific Citizen (no relation to Frances) agrees that "Pretty Woman" was a great film, but reflected the most diversity in his selections. For best actor, he chose Robert De Niro in "Awakenings."

"I think Julia Roberts should get the Best Actress award," he said. "I enjoyed the way she switched roles. Richard Gere did a good job too. For a change, he wasn't a tough guy. Hey, he didn't even know how to drive a car."

For Best Supporting Actor, Saito chose Al Pacino for "Dick Tracy." "I like him the best in this category but I really think he should have been nominated for "Godfather, Part III."

For Best Supporting Actress, he thinks Whoopi Goldberg should get the award. "She really played the part well. She was funny. No one else could have done that role."

Passing on the Best Director award, Saito said he'd like to see "Ghost' win the Best Picture award.

Patti Adachi, editor of the "JACLer," the newsletter for the Chicago chapter of JACL, said she had no opinions about most of the categories.

"For Best Picture I think it's between 'Dances With Wolves and 'Awakenings.' Ihope 'Dances With Wolves' gets it, mostly because it's about American Indians, a minority group, and also because of (Costner's) fair treatment of them."

Adachi says she's not a big movie-goer because of the industry's approach to commercialism. "Basically, I hardly see movies, partly because everyone that's in them is white or rich."

She says she also feels that don't get reviewed much either,"

Oscar sidelights

• "Dances With Wolves" received 12 nominations, which ties "Reds" in 1981, outdone only by "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf' in 1966 with

· None of the 10 males in the acting categories were nominated last year.

• Two of this year's 10 nominated actresses were 1989 nominees: Anjelica Huston ("Enemies, A Love Story") and Julia Roberts "(Steel Magnolias"). Both have moved from the supporting category last year to the leading role competition in 1990.

 Kevin Costner's nominations this year are his first ever. A win as Best Actor would pair him with Laurence Olivier as the only persons to direct themselves to Oscars.

• If Gerard Depardieu wins the Best Actor award it would make him the second actor-Jose Ferrer was the first—to win an Oscar for playing Cyrano de Bergerac. That character would join Don Vito Corleone as the only movie characters to provide Oscars for two different actors (Marlon Brando and Robert De Niro both won them for playing the Corleone patriarch.).

· Paramount leads all studios with a total of 16 nominations, followed by Orion with 13 and Warner Bros. with 11.

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actor, but Costner's film is phenomenal."

Best actress: "Possibly Joanne Woodward ("Mr. & Mrs. Bridge"). She's had a steady, long-term work and record in the industry and the Academy sometimes recognizes that. There's always politics in the voting. Kathy Bates ("Misery"), for example, created "Frankie and Johnny" but Michelle Pfeiffer, who's a good actress but more commercially acceptable, will get the role. Kathy Bates is an extremely talented actress."

Best supporting actor: "I think it will be between Bruce Davison ("Longtime Companion") and Andy Garcia ("The Godfather, Part III")."

Best supporting actress: "Mary McDonnell in 'Dances With Wolves.' She's quite good."

Best director: Costner. His film stands in a class by itself. Most of the other films are somewhat dark; his is a comment on humanity. I think it should sweep. It has power, it covers new ground, he makes a clear statement on the American Indians.

Best picture: "Dances With Wolves."

Narita adds that Costner's film has inspired her in her own work. "I feel it's helped me to stay committed to the Japanese American story, the Asian American story, to stay true to that."

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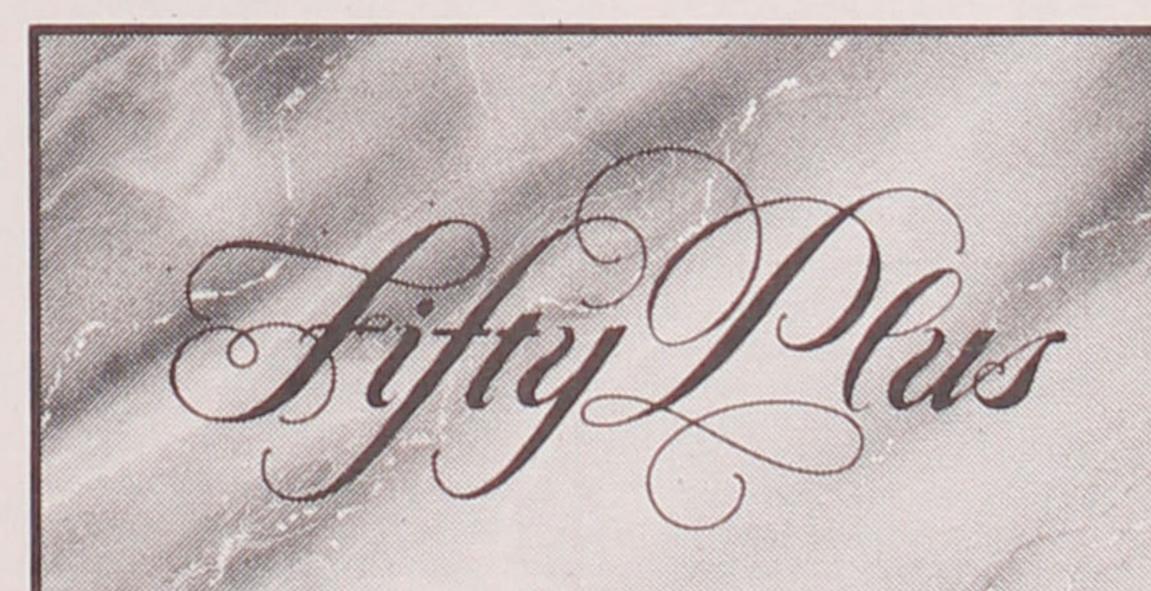


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Personally speaking

Roger Obata, 75, of Etobicoke (Ont.), Canada and a Japanese Canadian redress leader and human rights activist, will be presented with Canada's highest civilian award, the Order of Canada, Member category. Presentation is scheduled April 17 in Ottawa's Government House at Rideau Hall. Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn will confer the honors to 71 honorees. A graduate in engineering in 1938 from the University of British Columbia, he had moved from Prince Rupert, B.C., to Toronto to work, thus spared the trauma of removal unlike his mother, a widow who was moved into livestock buildings in Vancouver in 1942 and then allowed to rejoin him. Obata, in the Canadian military intelligence during WWII when politicians in British Columbia were demanding deportation of all Japanese, was stationed in Washington with linguists from the Allied powers translating and classifying captured documents from the Pacific theater. In 1947, he was elected the first president of the newly organized Japanese Canadian Citizens Association in Toronto, which sought evacuation claims that year and which was finally granted in 1988 with an apology and a \$21,000 redress compensation.

Stewart Kwoh, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Los Angeles, is being honored by Public Counsel, public interest law office of the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Bar Associations at its 15th annual William O. Douglas award dinner March 28 at the Beverly Hilton. As a bridge builder among communities, Kweh is receiving the Individual Award. The Center serves thousands each year, spanning ethnic groups, national origins and cultural differences. During his eight years at APALC, he has established a dispute resolution center, a language rights project, immigration program, a family law and battered women assistance project and an extensive pro bono network. He is a former president of the Los Angeles city human relations commission, a founding member of the National Asian Pacific Legal Consortium and helped the L.A. police department initiated a hate crimes monitoring effort.

Craig Tanabe, son of San Jose JACL chapter members Thomas and Joanne Tanabe, will represent the San Jose JACL at the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D. C. March 2-9. Craig, a senior at Cupertino High School is student body president and has won many honors.

A 32-year career man in the Navy, AFCM Akira R. Arakawa, joined the service soon after graduation from Reedley High School in 1959. The son of Harold and Shizuye Arakawa of Reedley is aboard the aircraft carrier Midway in the Persian Gulf since September, according his mother. The carrier is based overseas at Yokosuka.

► Kyoto-born but reared in Alameda County by his family, Takashi and Chiyo Shigekawa of San Lorenzo, Calif., since 1960, First Sgt. Michael Shigekawa, 42, is a medic with the Army 82nd Airborne Division, now in Saudi Arabia. In his freshman year at Chabot College, he enlisted, seeing service in Vietnam as a Green Beret, in Korea, Japan, Germany and Ft. Irwin in the Mojave Desert. His wife, Rebecca, and two children live in Fayetteville, N.C., near Ft. Bragg where the 82nd is based.

Peggy Nagae Lum, attorney at the Seattle law firm of Betts, Patterson & Mines, is currently serving as President-Elect of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Her one-year term ends November 1991. Lum, a graduate of Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College, is Director of Associates and of Counsel at her law firm and practices primarily in commercial litigation and commercial transactions.

> Stu Jann, 46, has been sworn in January as postmaster of Auburn, Calif., in Placer County. The Asian American started 25 years ago as a clerk-carrier in Sacramento. Onetime San Francisco postmaster Lim P. Lee, a WWII Chinese American MISLS graduate and now a contributor to Asian Week, said the postmaster can expect flak over misdirected mail, myriad of questions about the new postage rates, slow delivery of mail to the troops in the Persian Gulf, down to correct addresses for children wanting to write Santa Claus.

Tom Takeda, a formula racing car driver, qualified seventh in a field of 15 Formula Ford-class cars while Hiro Uemura, racing in a self-owned car, placed second in his second season for Formula Ford racing at the Willow Springs Speedway near Lancaster, Calif. . . In his first season here, Takeda drove the Pacific Rim Network team's Swift DB-1 with Central Analytical Lab Services, Dr. Ron A. Akashi, Abe Dental Labs, Floral Decor by Osamu, TSM Recovery and Recycling as sponsors. Formula Fords are single seat, open wheel racing cars designed to showcase the driver's talent, powered by 4-cyl. Ford engines. These small cars are the primary stepping stones for drivers anxious to drive in the CART PPG Indy Car World Series, according to racing fan Dr. Ernest Nagamatsu, a Los Angeles dentist.

Dr. Bruce Kawaguchi, competed and finished up high in his class the same weekend in his ITC Improved Touring C Class Datsun 510, which was built up by his brother, a mechanical engineer with the Aase Brothers Racing

Maui onion growers, says Takeo Miyaguchi, this may be their most profitable season since 1987, thanks to good weather, as he hopes to sell 1,000 fifty-pound sacks this year as compared with 800 last year. Prices range from \$2.50 lb. retail on Maui to \$7 on the mainland in winter. "Still we are no threat to the Mainland growers," admits Miyaguchi, who notes Maui is the only place in the world where onions are planted year-round with summer as the peak harvest sea-

Emi Uyehara, a partner with the San Francisco firm of Breon, O'Donnell, Miller, Brown and Dannis, was appointed to the San Francisco Civil Service Commission Feb. 13 by Mayor Art Agnos. A graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Wisconsin, she is taking the place of commissioner Richard Tomoda who died last year. Commissioner George Yamasaki Jr. was reappointed to the Social Services Commission.

Tokio Yamane, 68, was nervous as a schoolboy; he didn't sleep the night before his high school "graduation," a ceremony which proceeded the dedication of the Fresno District Fairground "Wall of Names" monument Feb. 18, wrote John D. Cramer of the Fresno Bee. An Edison High School graduate, 1943 class, Yamane was prevented from getting his diploma because of the mass internment of Japanese Americans during WWII. Seventy-four former Nisei students from the four Fresno high schools had received diplomas last summer at ceremonies arranged by Project Amends. Yamane returned from Japan to receive his diploma from Fresno School board president Juan Arambula. Hawaiian-born, he was expatriated to Japan where he has lived since 1945. His father, a Buddhist priest, was killed in the atomic bomb blast over Hiroshima. Yamane kept busy working and caring for his mother and sister, both of whom suffered radiation sickness.

► Kimiye R. Suminaga of Torrance has been appointed vice president and human resources director by the Pacific Business Bank of Carson, Calif. She switched careers from teaching to banking in 1981, joined the new Pacific Business Bank in May of 1984, assisted with personnel and accounting operations and soon promoted to assistant vice president. A UCLA graduate, she and her husband, Roy, have two daughters, Darlyn, also a UCLA gradute, and Lynda, a junior at UC Irvine.

In Nome, Alaska, Greg Higashi runs a grocery store, which was part of a nine-month monetary exchange experiment last year when visitors came from across the Bering Straits to shop. There were a half-dozen Nome merchants whose shops sported signs in both English and Russian. While Russian rubles are virtually worthless, the experiment was promoted for friendship and hopefully new markets for Alaskans. The Soviets have since announced the ruble could become convertible in a couple of years as part of its transition to a market economy; but the merchants are not waiting. Instead, Higashi and others are selling them as souvenirs to tourists. It is illegal to take rubles out of the Soviet Union, where the exchange rate is 6 rubles to a dollar.

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The JACL Legacy Family

Masayoshi & Nobuko Harada (Twin Cities JACL)

The Haradas are still active—in both the workplace and within the Japanese community. This Nisei couple are one of the generous donors to the JACL Legacy Fund.

Masayoshi Harada, at a robust 75 years old, is still working as an electronics engineer at Qualitone Company, where he designs hearing aids. A student of both UC Los Angeles and UC Berkeley, Mr. Harada had studied electronic engineering. His wife, Nobuko, attended Compton Junior College.

The Haradas met in Los Angeles, and they were married in Gila River where they were interned for 10 months. After camp, they relocated to Minneapolis, where they have made their home for the last 48 years.

The Harada's have two sons: Gary who lives in Chicago, and Robert who currently resides in London with his wife and two children.

Working in the highly competitive engineering field, Mr. Harada notices much "Japan-bashing" from his colleagues. "And therefore, we feel that it is important to support JACL, and specifically to support the JACL Legacy Fund, in order to ensure that the violations of human and civil rights that we had to go through, will never again happen."

Shig & Jean Kariya (New York JACL)

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Born in Nagoya, Japan, Kariya immigrated to the U.S. at the age of four. After growing up in Los Angeles, Mr. Kariya attended City College there. He was then relocated to Gila for a year and a half, and he remembers that camp was like "prison, being surrounded by walls & barb wire". But today, he concedes that there are no hard feelings. "All in all, I feel that this country has been pretty good to me."

Shig Kariya met his wife, Jean, at a JACL gathering and they were

married in 1952. As one of the cofounders of Mikasa Chinaware, Shig opened the original Mikasa store on Fifth Avenue in NY. Jean worked as an executive secretary for IBM. Together, the Kariyas have three sons, Steven, Scott, and Kent.

The Kariyas have been active JACL members for a great many years, and outstanding supporters for the JACL Legacy Fund. "We are thankful for the efforts of the JACL, and this is a small way that we can show our appreciation."

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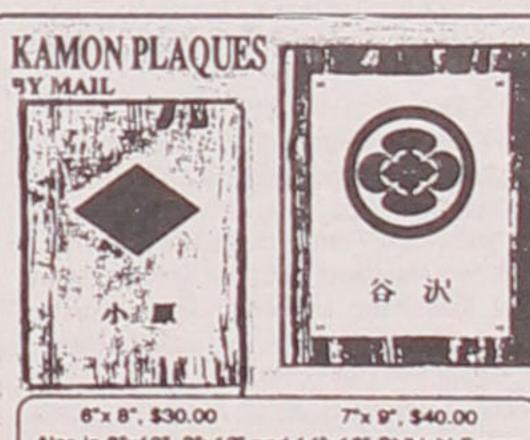
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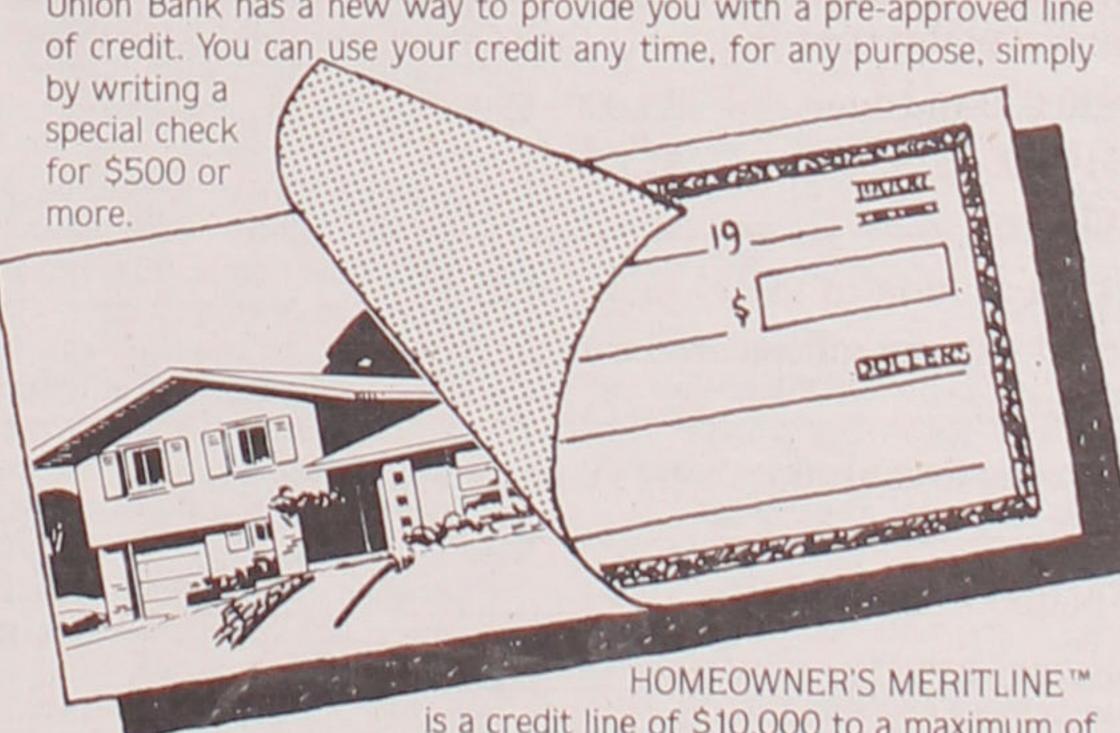
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Kurosaki, Shigeko, 69, North Hollywood, Feb. 14; Rocky Ford, Colo.-born, survived by h Kenji, s Kenneth, Larry, d Jeanne, Roberta, Joan Kraatz, 2gc, br Jim and Ben Tanabe, sis Mary Inada, Kikue Noble, Yuriko McCrory, in-law sis Chiye Kurosaki, Catherine Iwamoto, Ruth Okumura.

Lloyd, Sharon Hattori, 42, Walnut, Calif., Jan. 21; New York-born, survived by d Anna Midori, p Joseph O. & Florence Hattori; br Keith, John.

Maruyama, Setsu, 94, Los Angeles, Feb. 10; survived by d Kimiye Sakamoto (Jpn).

Masamori, Kiyoko, 91, Sunnyvale, Feb. 15; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Arthur Oka, Frank, James, Tom, George and Hal Masamori, d Violet Kurasaki, Rose Tazawa, 21gc, 14ggc.

Rev. Masunaga, Shoko, 75, Sacramento, Feb. 11; retired Buddhist minister.

Masutaka, Shigeno, 982, Montebello, Feb. 13; Wakayama-born, survived by s Ichiro and Takeshi Hamagiwa, d Hatsume Tsubokawa, 6gc, 1ggc.

Matsumura, Yoshiko, 75, Sunnyvale, Feb. 3; Yamaguchi-born, survived by h Yasoichi, br Seiichi Fujii, in-law br Hideo Matsumura

Matsuno, Kaname, 77, Gardena, Jan. 22; Pearl City, Hawaii-born, survived by w Hanako, s Alvin, Kenneth, 5gc, br Kosaku (Jpn), Miyokichi, Shigeru (Utah), sis Sumiko Kuroda, Itsuko Yokota and Sueko Kuroda (both Hawaii), in-law br Mark, Takeshi, Tomoyuki

Matsuura, George K., 80, Los Angeles, Nov . 2; Bellevue, Wash.-born, survived by s Walter, in-law Taeko Matsuura, sis Mary Hirokawa, Helen Nishizu, Seiko Murakami.

Mayekawa, Kise, 88, Arcadia, Feb. 15; Mie-born, survived by s Mike, d Yoshiko, 4gc,

Midzuno, Teruko, 89, San Francisco, Feb. 14; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Robert K,

Mikami, Chihiro H., 91, Monterey Park, Feb. 10; Hiroshima-born, survived by w Fumiko [Mme. Kouka Mikami], d Reiko Keimi, 2gc. br George, Toyoki (Jpn), sis Chiyko Umemoto (Jpn).

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Miyahara, May S, Los Angeles, Jan. 25; Portland, Ore.-born, survived by s Jon, 4gc, br Harvard Yuki.

Miyasato, Paul H., 59, Hacienda Heights, Feb. 21; Maui-born Korean Conflict veteran, survived by w Shirley, s Marc, Matt, d Marlys, Mona, m Ume (Maui), br Tsunao, James, Toshi, sis Nancy Kim (Hawaii), Carol Kobashi.

Miyashiro, "Tiger" Masuo, 63, San Francisco, Feb. 2; Kohala, Hawaii-born longshoreman of 44 years in Honolulu/S.F., survived by w Nancy, s Russell, Jed, Cedric, d Lois, 3gc.

Mizuo, Thomas M, Gardena, Feb. 27; Yokohama-born naturalized U.S. citizen and operations chief for United Airlines, survived by w Mary H, s Thomas Junju, Timothy, d Reiko Mikamo, 3gc, br Ichiro, Toshinobu (both Jpn), in-law m Shimano Hamamoto, br Tamotsu Hamamoto,

Mochizuki, Jiro, 78, Los Angeles, Jan. 29; Seattle-born WWII veteran, survived by w Hideko, s Robert, Bruce, d Yukiko Conlan, 3gc, br Terumi, Makoto, sis Chie Osumi, Suye Sakauye (Chicago), Yae Kaba.

Moriguchi, Eiko, 80, San Francisco, Jan. 25; Winters, Calif.-born, survived by s Eddie, Jack, Donald, d Betty Takeshita, gc, br Koki and Bill Tsuji, sis Miyoko Wada, Shizuyo Fuchiwaki.

Morikawa, Kazumi, 92, Reedley, Feb. 6; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Tokumi, in-law Kathy Morikawa, d Michie Eguchi, Ayako Yamada, Alice Umeda, 9gc, 11ggc,

Morioka, Kenneth S., 70, San Francisco, Feb. 25; Berkeley-born, survived by w Taeko, s Tom, Masayoshi, d Jane Fujii, Akiyo, 5gc, br Kiichi, sis Setsuko Kajioka, Hiroko Otsuka, in-law Isamu Watanabe (Jpn).

Murao Sr, George, 74, Los Angeles, Jan. 19; Tulare-born, survived by w Teruko, s George Jr, William, d Rose Nakamura, 4gc, br Larry, in-law sis Fumiko Hanaki, Nobuko Saito, Aiko Sonoda, Bonnie Kojima.

Nagai, Lillian, 70, Stockton, Feb. 9; Stockton-born, survived by h Satoru, s Dennis, d Gail K Page, gc, sis Maryan Matsushita, Ellen Misawa, Mary Y Yamasaki, br Takeru Sato, in-law sis Nobuko Yabu, Takako Kurahashi (both Jpn), Grace Nagai.

Nakagaki, Sadao, 87, Berkeley, Feb. 14; Hopolulu-born, survived by w Katsumi, br Yuriezo.

Nakagawa, Ayeno, 95, Park Ridge, III., Dec. 14; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Charles (Gardena), Jack S (Menlo Park, Calif.), Tom, in-law d Yuri Nakagawa (Gardena), Ichino Kawachi (Seattle), 10gc, 13ggc, 1gggc.

Nakamura, Koto, 97, Gardena, Feb. 10; Kanagawa-born, survived by s David, Saburo, Yukiyo, d Hideko Takashima, Mutsuko Nakamura, 12gc, 10ggc.

Nakamura, Yukino, 94, San Francisco, Jan. 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Yoshi, Masato, 8gc.

Nakano, Takeo, 80, Boise, Jan. 6; Fielding, Utah-born farmer, survived by w Lily, s Harold (Hermiston, Ore.), Wallace (Meridian), Sandy (Antioch, Calif.), d Miyoko Mikami (Hermiston), Joyce Kirk (Burley), 18gc, 9ggc, 5 br George, Jim, Frank (all Ogden), John (Costa Mesa, Calif.), Russell (Alaska), sis Shizu Miya (Layton, Utah), Fusako Kakuda (Mitchell,

Nakasora, Harry K, 86, Los Angeles, Jan. 19 in traffic accident; Okayama-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by d Michiko Ohye, Emiko Ishibashi, 7gc, sis Tomiko Hagibara

Nakazono, Sam H, Englewood, Colo., Feb. 1 (funeral); Hanna, Wyo.-born accountant, survived by w Riya, s Reed, d Sami Nakazono, Claudia Stocker (Mesa, Ariz.), Nadine Popham, M.D. (Boston).

Nishikawa, Minoru, 75, Gardena, Feb. 11; Gardena-born, survived by w Sue, br Joe H., sis Ayako Tohinaka, Kinuye Muramoto, Alice Yamamoto.

Nishimoto, Shigeichi, 92, San Francisco, Feb. 13; Hiroshima-born, survived by d Takako Morimoto, Toshiko Masuda, Florence Murata, 3gc, 1ggc.

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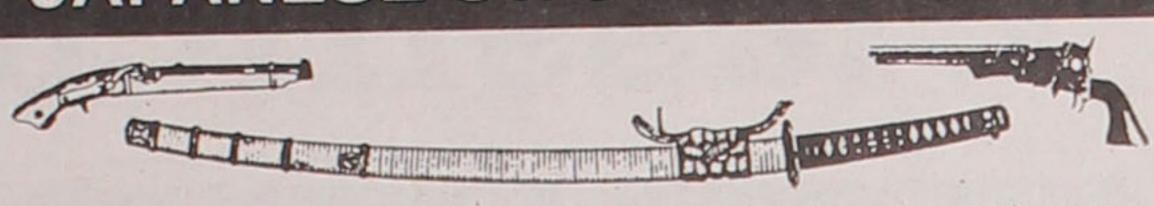
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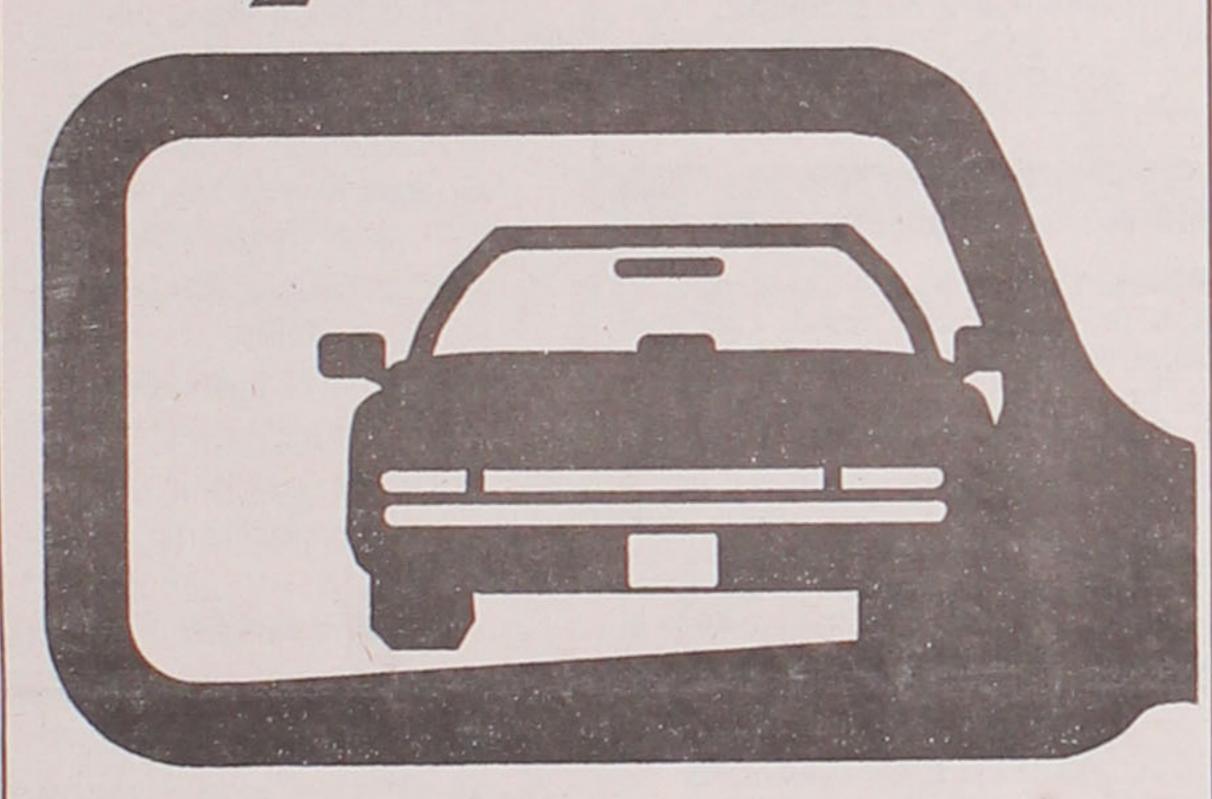
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