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## Distinguished 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 Japanese American Association of New York. Presenting the awards was Hale Rowland (center), 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 Drye & 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 Dennis 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 Theodore Briseno and Timothy Wind were announced April 17.

Although the decisions represent some measure of justice, 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 Angeles one year ago. It is vital that serious efforts be made to address the social and economic injustices which are at the heart of continuing racial problems in our cities."

Jimmy Tokeshi, PSW regional director, explained that the lack of employment and educational opportunities still remain as problems 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 turn the despair into energy to begin anew," Tokeshi said.

## Building to honor 442nd hero

He fought with honor and died saving the lives of his men—and earned the Medal of Honor. And for that the U.S. Army will honor Private First Class Sadao Munemori of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team by naming a building at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in West Los Angeles in his memory.



MUNEMORI

A ceremony dedicating the Private First Class Sadao S. Munemori 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. Information: 311th COSCOM (Corps), 1250 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90025; 310/445-2800; Fax: 310/473-8226.

## Chicago supports gays in military

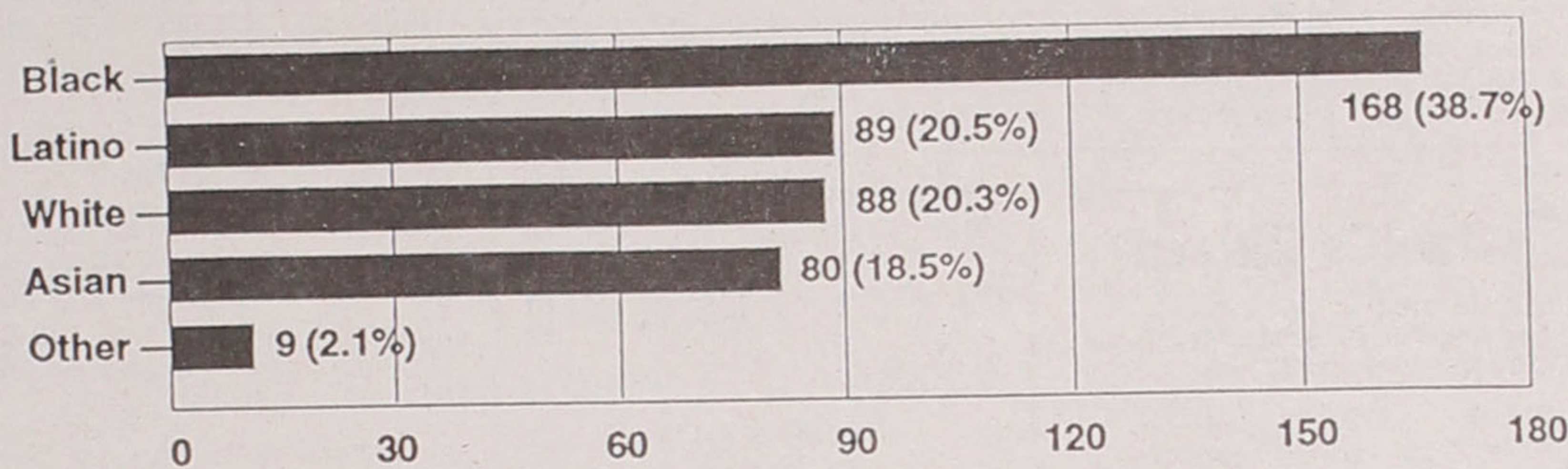
Calling the issue of gays in the military "parallel to the Japanese American fight for justice and struggle against institutional racism," the Chicago Chapter, JACL, board of directors voted April 14 to support the lifting of the ban on gays in the military.

In doing so, the Chicago Chapter joined the JACL national board which took similar action during its board meeting in Washington, D.C.

The vote was 9-0, with three abstentions. Joy Yamasaki, Chicago Chapter's human rights chair, said she would be distributing both the chapter and the national board resolutions to Chicago-area congressional representatives and also convey JACL support of the lifting of the ban to the White House.

## Racial Hate Crimes - 1992

### Victim Profile



## 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 Relations 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 civil unrest following the Rodney King trial, was unable 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 consultant, L.A. County Human Relations Commission. "Clearly businesses were targeted in areas like Koreatown and the Cambodian businesses in Long Beach," said Kimble, who compiled and wrote the report.

About the riots, the report, which also tracks hate crime based on gender, sexual orientation and religion, states, "The Commission is aware that the documentation of many hate

crimes, which are under-reported under the best circumstances, simply vanished in the chaos of Los Angeles' civil unrest."

Of three racially motivated homicides in 1992, the one Asian American victim was killed during 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 Kimble.

Other statistics from the report included:

- There were 80 hate crimes recorded against Asian Americans in 1992. African Americans were the largest target group with 168 incidents followed 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 largest target group with 17 incidents followed by Japanese and Chinese (14 incidents each), Filipinos (3), Pacific Islanders, Thais, East Indians and Vietnamese (2 incidents each). The

remaining 24 incidents were reported only as Asian.

- Asian Americans were often victims of mistaken identity. As examples, the commission cited a Thai woman mistaken for Korean and beaten, and a non-Japanese assaulted with anti-Japanese slurs.

- Assaults have become the largest category of hate crimes, making up 45.1% (332) of all hate crime incidents. In earlier reports, graffiti vandalism 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," said Kimble.

"As more time has gone by, the issue has become prevention," 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 report, now in its tenth year, is used by educational institutes to teach young people about hate crime and prejudice reduction.



PANEL—Talking about hate crimes at the recent tri-district conference in Costa Mesa, Calif., were, from left, Ken Inouye, moderator; Kathryn 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  
Assistant editor

You never think it could happen to you. At the April 2 tri-district workshop, "Building an Assistance Program for Hate Crimes," panelists gave practical advice on what to do if you become a victim of a hate crime.

Panelists included, Rusty Kennedy, executive director, Orange County Human Relations Commission; Dennis Hayashi, national director, JACL; Kathryn Imahara, staff attorney, Asian Pacific American Legal Center;

James Tanizaki, Orange County District Attorney's Office and moderator Ken Inouye, former PSWDC JACL 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," said Tanizaki.

Tanizaki said that the police can be imposing but if you're not satisfied with the original police report then go to the watch commander

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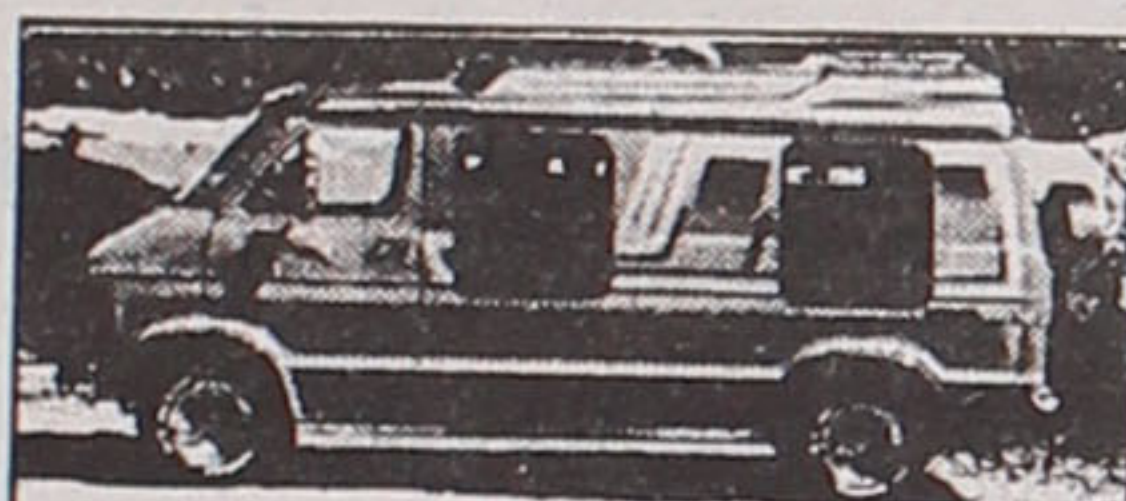
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### New York New York

Wednesday, May 26—Asian American Federation of New York's tri-state conference, "Strength in Diversity: The evolving Asian American presence," New York Hilton and Towers, 1335 Ave. of the Americas, 8:30 a.m. Speakers include: Mayor David Dinkins, Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi, president, AAFNY, and Lillian Kimura, JACL national president. Cost: \$40, early registration; \$55, late registration. Information: 212/725-3840.

Through May 30—The Chinatown History Museum's photographic exhibitions, "From Canton to New York: The Broken Tradition," and "The People of Tong Yehh Gaai," 70 Mulberry St., 2nd floor, Sun.-Wed., noon-5 p.m. Information: 212/619-4785.

### Washington, D.C.

Sunday, May 2—Washington, D.C. Chapter, JACL will be selling sushi at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival, Freedom Plaza, Washington D.C. Volunteers needed. Information: Lily Okura, 301/530-0945.

Sunday, May 30—Annual JACL memorial service at Arlington, Arlington National Cemetery, Columbarium Courtyard, 10:30 a.m. Speaker: Rep. Norman Mineta. Wreath-laying at Tomb of the

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 collection viewing. Cost: \$10, members; \$15, non-members. Information: Mary Kamidoi, 313/522-7917.

### Nevada 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 downtown Sparks. Asian Pacific marketplace and artisans. Free. Sat. evening: Dance of the Dragons through Victorian Square in downtown Sparks. Information: John Ascuaga's Nugget, 800/648-1177.

### Illinois Chicago

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

Kimura, JACL national president, and emcee Adele Arakawa, anchor WBBM-TV. Cost: \$125 before July 1; \$145 after July 1. Information: Elsie Ogawa, registrar, 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. Peoria Ave., Phoenix, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by Apr. 26 to: Peggy Matsuishi, 602/934-3340, or Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434.

Sunday, May 23—Arizona Chapter, JACL, is sponsoring a keirokai dinner honoring the elders, JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale, 4 p.m. People who are 70, 75, and 80 plus years old will receive complimentary dinners. Deadline: May 17. Information: Joyce Shiota, 602/934-5858 or Toshiko Chavers, 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 Center, 916/456-1500.

### San Francisco area

Saturday, May 1—National Japanese American Historical Society's "American at Heart," 50th anniversary tribute to the 100/442nd, Schwartz Theater, Letterman Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, 1 p.m. Actor Lane Nishikawa to perform. Free. Information: 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 Yosemite Lodge, lunches and tours. Information and reservations: San Mateo JACL, 415/343-2793.

Through Saturday, May 15—National Japanese American Historical Society presents, "Go For Broke," an exhibit commemorating 100th/442nd, Presidio Army Museum, San Francisco, Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: NJAHS, 415/431-5007 or the Presidio Army Museum, 415/561-4115.

Saturday, May 15—JACL Women's Concerns Committee of Northern California and the Sansei Legacy Project present the conference, "Bridging the Gap," Enmanji Buddhist Memorial Hall, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy, South. Sebastopol, 9 a.m. Cost: \$25; \$20, students. Register by May 8. Information: Lucy Kishaba, 707/823-0376; Leah Hamachi, 510/837-8031 or Kiku Funabiki, 415/668-9314.

### East Bay area

Saturday, May 1—The Women's Ministry of the Northern California Japanese Evangelical Society's 4th annual luncheon, San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd., San Leandro, 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Lillian Omi. Cost: \$10. Information: Teru Kawaye, 408/378-6914. Deadline for registration: 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

### Lancaster

Saturday, May 1—High Desert Chapter, JACL is hosting its 3rd annual Cultural Day, United Methodist Church, 918 W. Avenue J, Lancaster, 11 a.m. Highlights include: an exhibit of the 50th anniversary of the 100th, 442nd, and MIS, folk dancing, and food. Cost: \$5, meal ticket; admission, free. Information: George Yamakawa, 805/948-2586.

## PANA Conference calls for workshop papers

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The 7th PANA Conference has issued its call for papers to be presented during July 1-2 workshops at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. While the conference cannot afford to pay for transportation, it will waive the \$150 registration fees for those presenting, it was announced by Randy Enomoto, publicity chair of the PANA Canada committee.

The program as outlined is not final and is therefore subject to change. Persons wishing to present within a workshop are expected to submit an outline of the presentation by April 30 to: PANA Canada, P.O. Box 2123, Vancouver, BC, V6B 3T5, Canada, or telephone (604) 873-1663, fax (604) 874-4500. The workshops occur during the first two days of the four-day event July 1-4. Registration of delegates from the 11-member nations from North and South America will take place at Pan-Pacific Hotel Vancouver, the conference headquarters. PANA Canada also advised that it is the responsibility of travelers to Canada from other countries to take out sufficient extended health insurance to provide medical coverage in the event of illness, accidents, etc., while outside your country of origin.

Here are scheduled sessions:

#### Thursday, July 1

• Small business network workshop: for North-South exchange of business cards and develop contacts for future opportunities.

• Nikkei films workshop: intention is to show films by Nikkei artists at specified times on day 1 and 2, (Linda Ohama's *The Last Harvest* will be featured).

• Youth program: for activities throughout the long weekend, such as excursions, the Uzume

Taiko entertainment and a bonfire barbecue.

• Comparative social history: examining similarities and differences in the migration, experience of barriers and rising to the challenge in the respective new countries.

#### Friday, July 2

• Human rights: a focus on human rights in the various nations represented within PANA.

• Heritage language: on teaching Japanese in the various PANA countries.

• Intermarriage: exploring its implication for children, community and future.

• Internment: sharing the experiences of Nikkei who were interned 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 communities.

• Perspectives on Japan: how do Nikkei communities outside of Japan relate to and view the "mother" country? Presenters include Mark Ando of Vancouver and Carlos Kasuga of Mexico City.

#### Saturday, July 3

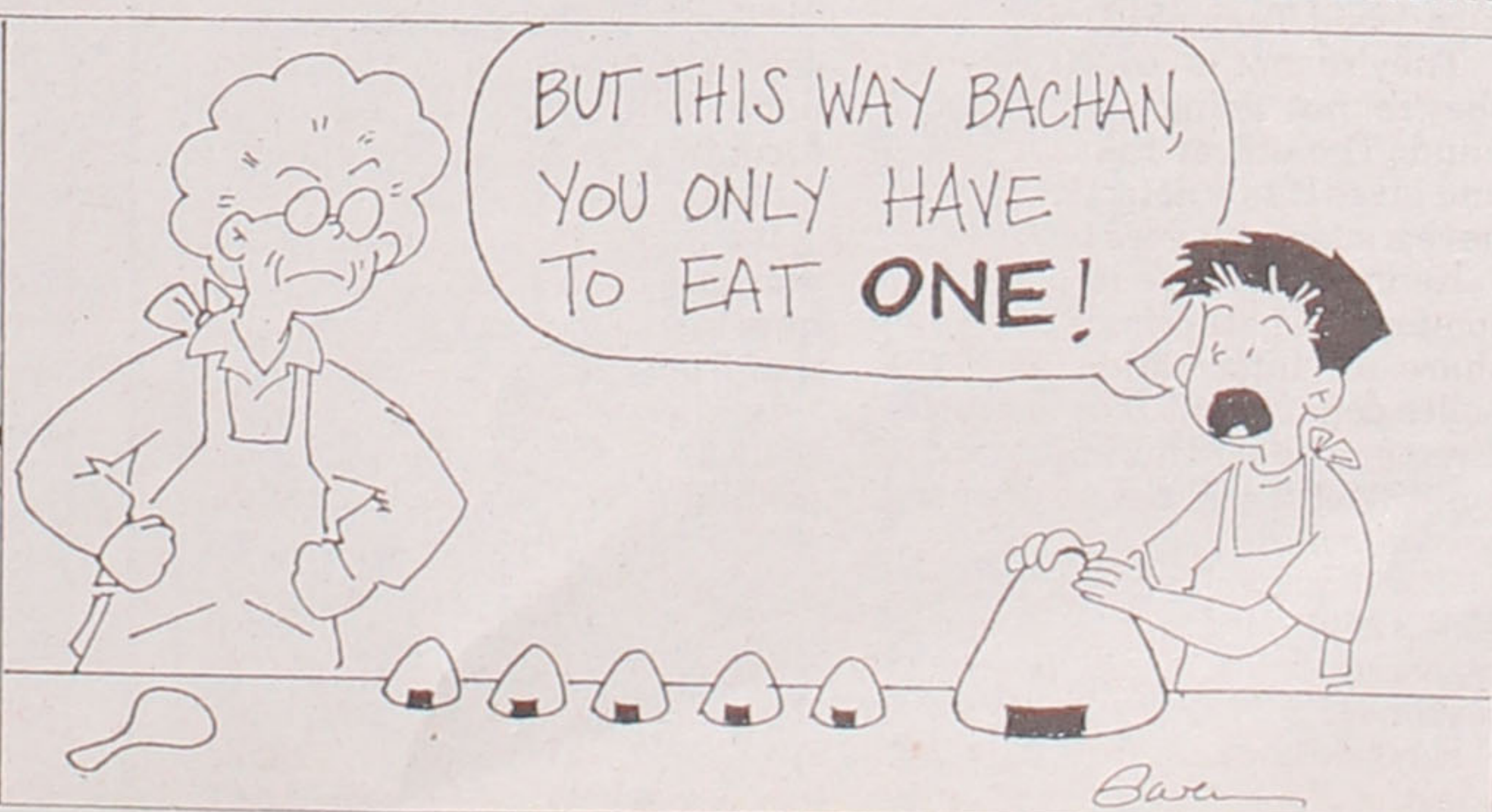
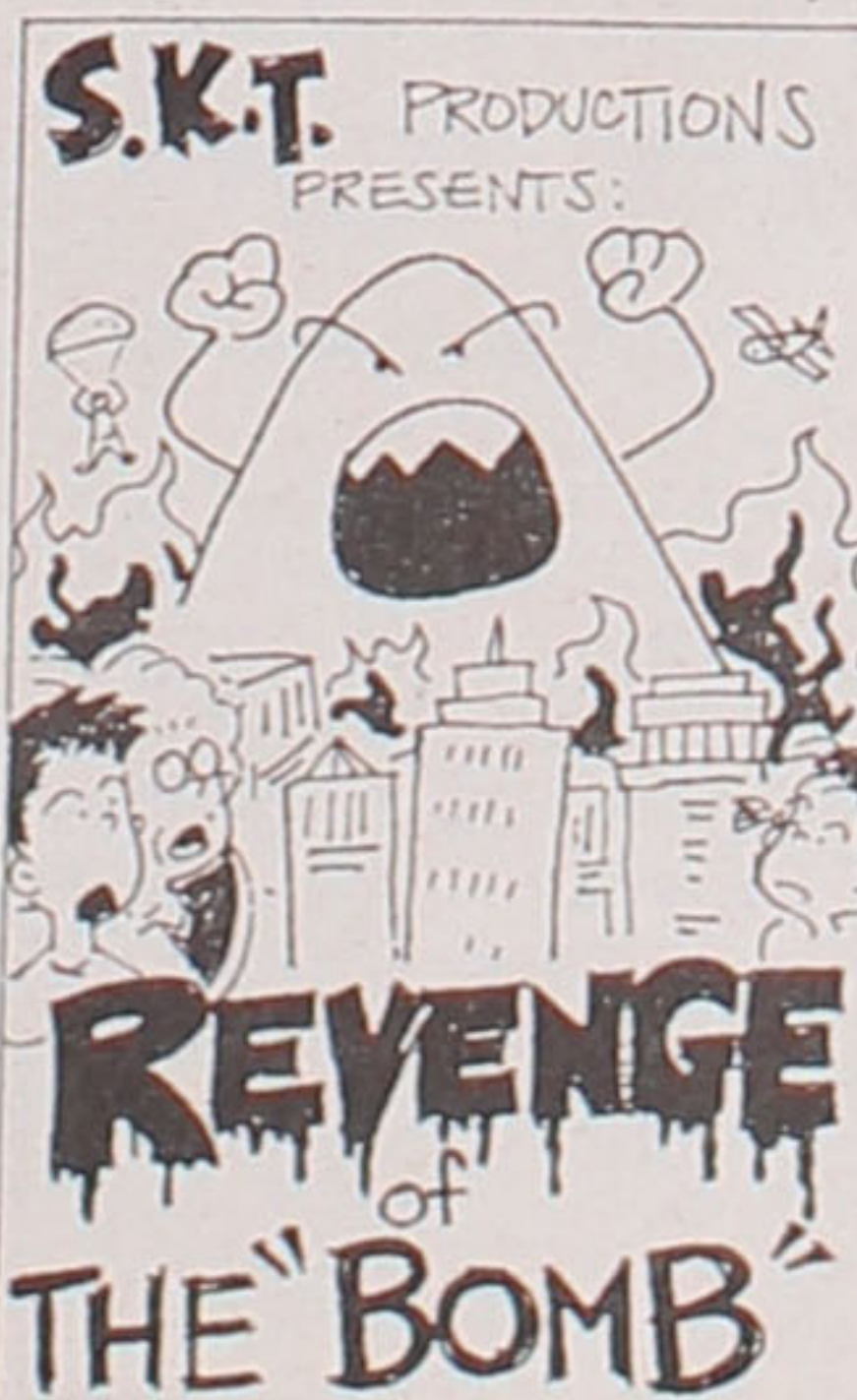
• Golf tournament, optional tours of Victoria and other attractions (separate from conference registration).

#### Sunday, July 4

• Continuation of golf tournament; karaoke concert and competition (separate registration).

U.S. participants may register toll-free at 800/937-1515, for rooms at the Pan-Pacific Hotel at the Cdn\$125, single or double occupancy. For convention registration, write to PANA-Canada or call John Kobayashi, Los Angeles, 310/676-8949.

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## D.C. views

By KAREN NARASAKI  
JACL Washington, D.C. representative

### White House reveals health care game plan

I recently 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 reform a priority issue this year.

Magaziner outlined the humanitarian and economic imperatives behind reform. According to the White House adviser, 37 million Americans have 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.

Magaziner listed eight principles which the Clinton Administration has already endorsed as 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 comprehensive and easy to understand. The package should include preventative coverage and should not exclude catastrophic illnesses or pre-existing conditions.

Third, government must invest in building medical infrastructure in currently underserved urban and rural areas so that the guarantee of health care will be a meaningful one for all Americans. Fourth, the system will not be tiered; in other words, the comprehensive package should be the 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 bureaucracy or medical procedures. They aim to reduce paperwork which is, according to Magaziner, largely generated in response to complex insurance company requirements and government reimbursement

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 administrative costs reviewing bills and paperwork.

Sixth, the overall quality of health care must be improved. The Task Force believes that patient sensitive cost effective care is blocked by the current system. The Task Force believes that the current insurance reimbursement system causes the medical profession to be hamstrung by reimbursement requirements and no focused on patient needs. The government and the insurance companies dictate what is appropriate care by determining what will be reimbursed. The result is micromanagement by bureaucrats and not health care providers.

Seventh, consumers should continue 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 programs, restrictions on medical professions scope of practices, corporate self-insurers and the integration 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.

Asian Pacific Americans are serving on the Task Force and concerned Asian Pacific American health organizations have had meetings with White House officials. JACL has helped to facilitate some of these meetings. We need to work together to ensure that the particular needs of the Asian Pacific American community are covered by reform. (C)

## Scholarships

• The Central California District Council of JACL has announced recipients of its six scholarship awards and two citizen achievements awards. Here are the winners:

—\$400 CCDC-JACL scholarships: **Ryan Suemoto**, Reedley High School, Reedley, Calif. He is the son of Kenneth and Donna Suemoto of Reedley.

—\$400 Tom Shimasaki Memorial Scholarship: **Ryan Hashimoto**, Bullard High School, Fresno, Calif. He is the son of Frank and Darlene Hashimoto of Fresno.

—\$400 Issei Memorial Schol-

arship: **Cynthia Sakata**, Hoover High School, Fresno; She is the daughter of Richard and Joan Sakata.

—\$500 Kino Miyahara Scholarship (made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Kusakai): **Christine Kataoka**, Reedley High School, Reedley. She is the daughter of Susumu and Haruko Kataoka of Kingsburg, Calif.

—\$500 Union Bank Scholarship (made possible by Union Bank, Ken Yokota, vice president and manager): **Vivian Stagnoli**, McLane High School, Fresno. She is the daughter of

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## HATE

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and complain.

"Police officers can be imposing, but they're just human beings," said Tanizaki.

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.A." Kennedy said it's important to comfort the hate crime victim and share 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 when a black is victimized that not just blacks respond. Try to build a unified response."

Hayashi addressed the poignant question, "What happens after it's taken as far as it can and we lose?"

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

"There are federal statutes that say hate crime perpetrators are liable criminally. It's important to contact the Justice Department directly," said Hayashi.

It's much harder to win a federal 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 Community Center of Nov. 7, 1991.

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

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## Books

# Growing up JA—so close, so far

By **RICHARD SUENAGA**  
Editor

In a pop and flash culture, it's refreshing to read something real. In Amy Uyematsu's *30 Miles to J-Town*, readers will discover a poet who in simple yet strong language and style shows a life in the works—coming together, coming of age—culturally and individually—as a woman, as a Japanese American.

But her collection of a decade's worth of poems, which won the 1992 Nicholas Roerich Prize, isn't just an unfolding of sharp reflections into a Japanese American's little and big life moments. Her poems cut across generations and cultures. She is Sansei, yes, but she talks about Issei and Nisei ways, grandparents, fathers, mothers, friends, rocks, pine trees, water, and her own days of groping for a road map to womanhood.

And yet this is all easy listening. Uyematsu's poetry is not laden with heavy symbolism and difficult language. Her words, carefully chosen, are clear and strong; the messages ring.

The book begins with growing up pains—but beyond adolescent angst. Uyematsu spent her childhood in the white culture of Sierra Madre, a small community east of Los Angeles. She evokes the very real pain and struggle of trying to belong to one world which had entrance requirements, and at the same time trying to belong to another—to understand, and make forays into her ancestry and ethnic culture.

Of the latter, she looked from the outside in. These were peer group people; kids who congregated and congealed the JA culture on L.A. turf. And like all kids, it was a matter of bein' cool in J-Town, J-style.

Take the lines of the opening poem below:

Reminiscing about these times, Uyematsu said, "I was reminded that I didn't belong to the white

culture and I sometimes felt isolated from Japanese Americans."

That sense of being lost continued until she was in college at UCLA in the late '60s. This inner turmoil was boiling over and would eventually flow into her poetry.

It was the beginning of Asian American awareness, particularly on campuses. Uyematsu jumped in and became active on campus and in the community. But aside from an 11th grade poem, writing was not yet on her mind.

In her last year at UCLA, she wrote a term paper on Asian American politics and submitted it—along with three poems—to *Gidra*, the leading publication of the Asian movement at the time. "The newspaper published the poems and not the term paper," she says wryly.

After graduation, Uyematsu became a teacher but many of the feelings about ancestry, society, womanhood and relationships were stirring within.

It was in the early '80s that she began to think seriously about poetry. She took a class and met a couple writers who inspired and



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## Performing

**WHO:** Amy Uyematsu

**WHAT:** Readings from her book of poems, *30 Miles to J-Town*

**WHEN & WHERE:**

Sunday, May 2, 3 p.m., 2651 Main St., Santa Monica, Calif., combined with opening of artist Sandy Bleifer. **Information:** 310/450-6678

Sunday, May 23, 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 East First St., Los Angeles, 90012. **Information:** 213/625-0414.

## Book notes

**Title:** *30 Miles to J-Town*

**Author:** Amy Uyematsu

**Pages:** 112

**Price:** (paperback) \$11.95

**Publisher:** Story Line Press (1992)

**Distributors:** Taylor Publishing Co., 800/677-2800.

**Local stores:** Midnight Special, 1318 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica; 310/393-2923; Vroman's, 695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena; 818/449-5320; **Japanese American National Museum**, 369 East First St., Los Angeles; 213/625-0414.

encouraged her.

"I really like Momoko Iko, a Sansei playwright who influenced and encouraged me," she said. "I also was inspired by Peter Levitt, a Zen and Jewish mystic who's been a poet since he was 19. I consider him my mentor."

And throughout the decade of the '80s Uyematsu wrote, but it wasn't just poetry of the pain of racism and her own Sansei views of internment and treatment by a white culture. Cocooned in memory were also thoughts about understanding of immigrants and the Issei character, her Nisei parents, her culture in general—both Japanese and Japanese American, and the changing images—white, black and yellow.

And for now, after 50 or 60 poems published in a variety of literary journals and *30 Miles to J-Town*, she is still writing and defining womanhood, musing about water and rocks and trees, and about philosophical and even political topics of the times.

"In the last three or four years,

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## From To All Us Sansei Who Wanted To Be Westside

*It didn't matter where we lived  
within a hundred miles of LA—  
if you were Japanese growing up here  
in the sixties, you weren't really buddhahead  
unless you knew about the Westside . . .*

*Somebody had decreed the only places  
you could stay Japanese and cool were the Westside,  
Gardena, a few neighborhoods on the Eastside,  
each with their own reputation—  
hardly anyone from the outside ever got in.*

## Literary history offers Nisei poets from WWII camps

A key chapter in Schweik's brilliant 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 *Pacific Citizen* was an unexpected surprise. In all the years I've been reading the P.C., it never tweaked my curiosity to learn the true identity of Ann Nisei. The quote—"Experience makes men and women out of us,

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

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

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 writers, artists and cartoonists, male and female, who made up the Nisei literary circle during the war.

Schweik's assessment of wartime 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

## Book notes

**Title:** *A Gulf So Deeply Cut: American Women Poets and the Second World War*,  
**Author:** Susan Schweik  
**Pages:** 385  
**Price:** (paperback) \$14.50  
**Publisher:** University of Wisconsin Press, 114 N. Murray St., Madison, WI, 53718; (1992)

By **HARRY HONDA**  
Editor emeritus

A four-year study in the making, *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

## Book on crime in Japan, U.S.

Tokyo suburb of Kawagoe—are presented to support the contention that broad socio-cultural factors like homogeneity of population, family structure and cohesion, respect of law and order, priority of human relationships, do make differences in crime and its prevention.

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**LEGACY LEADERS**—Members of the Selma Chapter Legacy Fund Committee are, from left, seated, George Abe and Takami Misaki. Standing, from left, are Tad Araki, Ken 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 one of the most successful chapters 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 committee approached the entire local Nikkei community, not only JACLers. "All Japanese Americans benefit from the work of the JACL, not only those who are members," explained committee co-chair, Takami Misaki. He and his wife, Yo, co-chaired the campaign, which was launched with a friendly solicitation letter. Committee members George Abe,

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

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 felt 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 participate."

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## BOOKS

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According to Miles Shishido, well known professor emeritus, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore., Thornton's claim that cultural features making for low crime rate in Japan has also operated within the Japanese community in the U.S. should be called to the attention of Nikkei. The book's uncomplicated style should recommend itself to all interested in crime or in the legacy of the Japanese character, Shishido added.

Thornton, onetime Oregon attorney general (1952) and a retired justice of the state court of appeals, was decorated by the Emperor of Japan, the Third Order 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-prostitution laws, was guest professor (1970) at International College of Commerce and Industry, a sister college of Willamette University, and also authored a paper on training 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, paperback  
**PUBLISHER:** M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 80 Business Park Drive, Armonk, N.Y., 10504 (1992)

While there, he studied Japanese anti-riot police tactics and techniques, which was published in the *Journal of the International 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 interrogators. "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 evacuees after the war finding jobs and worked for passage of citizenship for the Issei. As attorney general, he hired the first Nisei to become an assistant attorney general.

## Surveying values of Nisei, Sansei

Why do some groups retain their ethnicity as they become assimilated into mainstream American life, while others do not? One avenue investigates the thesis, "Japanese American Ethnicity," in which the co-authors Stephen Fugita and David O'Brien present a Nisei-Sansei study. They found family and community values of the Issei—hard work, deferred gratification and other values—conducive to Nisei-Sansei success in mainstream society.

Compared with other ethnic groups, Japanese Americans have shown higher levels of participation with ethnic voluntary organizations, 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 Washington Press, P.O. Box 50096, Seattle, WA, 98145 (1991)

American athletic leagues, JACL and the Nisei Farmers League (part of the survey was conducted in Fresno). Their survey also delves into economic activities, community networks, intermarriage, and ends with an assessment into the next 5-10-15-20 years.

Not cited, but the link that the ethnic press, such as the PC, provides to the Nikkei social structure in binding and promoting ethnicity can be considerable.

### More JA experiences

A part of the Minorities in Modern America series, the image of Japanese Americans as pressed inside 200 pages by the authors is illuminating and lively. The style is infused with a strong sociological air. O'Brien is a professor in the departments of rural

### Book notes

**TITLE:** *Japanese American Experience*  
**AUTHOR:** David J. O'Brien and Stephen S. Fugita  
**PAGES:** 192  
**PRICE:** \$29.95, cloth; \$12.95, soft (credit card: 800/842-6796)  
**PUBLISHER:** Indiana University Press, 10th & Morton Sts., Bloomington, IN, 47405.

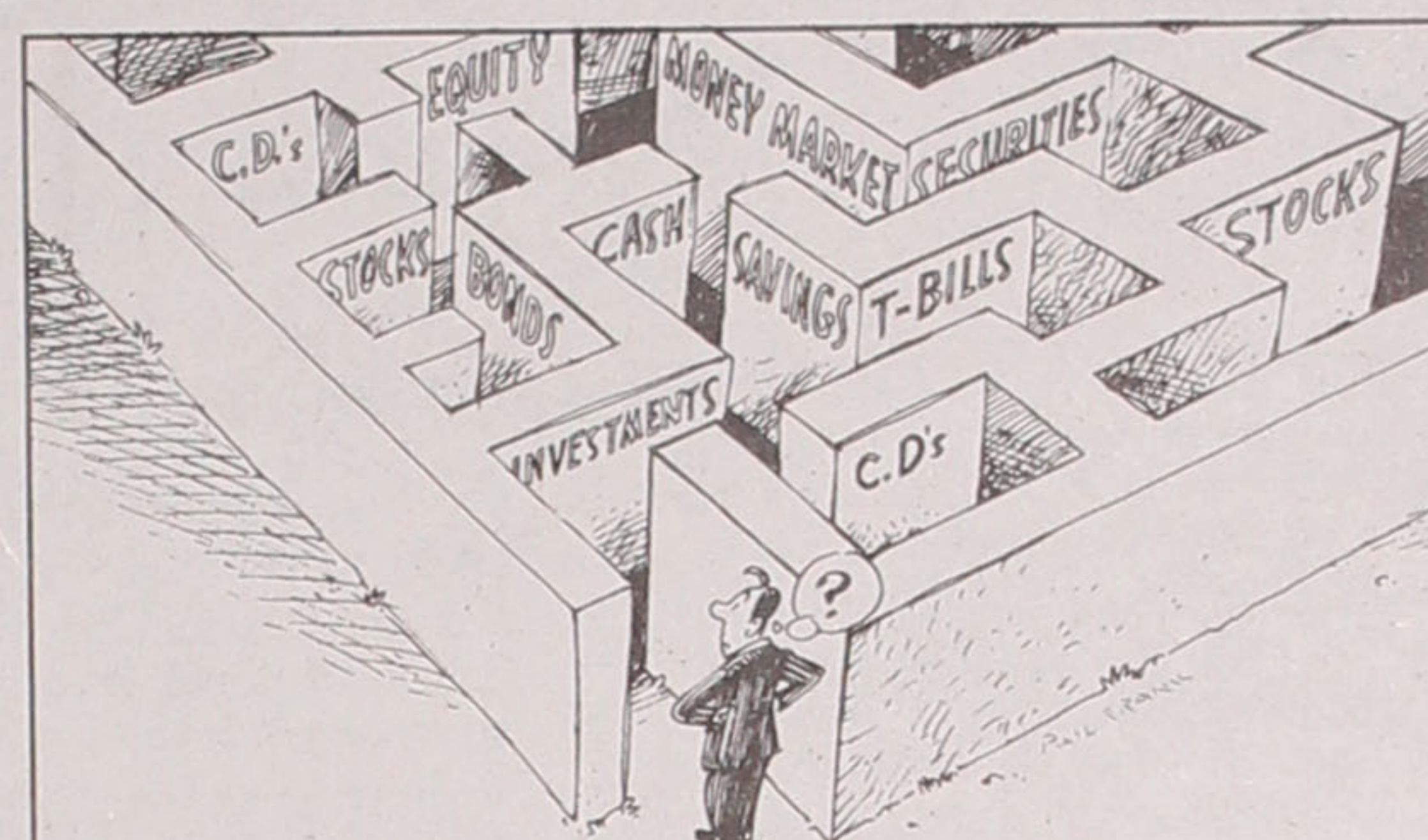
sociology and community development at University of Missouri-Columbia, while Fugita is an associate professor in ethnic studies and psychology at Santa Clara University.

The period from the arrival of the Japanese to the U.S. through the second World War is labeled the "social constraints" era; while the postwar period has yet to bear a sociological tag.

The census tables up to 1980, bibliographic essay and references are worth the price of the book for Nikkei history buffs, who appreciate any formidable array of titles on this subject.

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## Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## Remembering Jimmie's league

For a period in early manhood the late Jimmie Sakamoto made his living in New York as a prize fighter. It was a precarious livelihood. It cost him his eyesight. Undaunted, he returned to his native Seattle and on Jan. 1, 1928 founded a little weekly newspaper he called the *Japanese American Courier*.

He also helped found the Japanese American 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 American-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 activities 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

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

A year after founding the *Courier*, Sakamoto announced 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, Fife, Sumner, Bellevue, Tacoma, South Park, Vashon and Bainbridge Islands.

For much of the leagues' life Kay Takayoshi ran baseball. George Ishihara was basketball's czar and a guy named Bill Hosokawa looked after football which at most had six teams. But in baseball and basketball there were dozens of teams divided 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 inexpensive, wholesome 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 surmounting 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

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## LEGACY

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## East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

## Wonders of word processors

With 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 typewriter. 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 shortcomings. Not many, but nonetheless some.

For example, if the system does not have a grammar check, one can mix plural subjects with a singular predicate and the word processor check won't pick it up. At least mine (Word Perfect) won't. But the spelling will pick up, needlessly, 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, Hosokawa, 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 reasons: 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 xerography 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, 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 provisions and then tailor it to the immediate case at hand. In a draft, sentences or paragraphs, whole or in part, can be moved around from one part or page to another. Messages 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 goods, 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 prices of the Ginza. In Akihabara it's literally an electronics bazaar. And don't overlook 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 looking for the Canon Word Tank, an electronic dictionary with the capability of tracking *kanji* characters by radicals followed by counting the strokes—and voila! the character is located. Press another button and all, or practically all, the compounds of that *kanji* character appear, with meanings. The device will accommodate about 10 different small cards which 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. ☐

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







## IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C. KIMURA

## Media overkill

The verdict in the Rodney King beating case is in and order has prevailed. Following 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 the possible repercussions. Television projected images of the police 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 coverage.

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 Commitment to the Elimination of Racism" on May 27. The acquit-

tal of the officers in the first Rodney King trial and the riots that followed spurred the YWCA to call on all Americans to focus on eliminating racism and to foster racial harmony and understanding. This year's "Day of Commitment" will kickoff a year-long celebration of the 135th anniversary of the YWCA.

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 and human rights, we need to be visible in any effort which is dedicated to justice and equality. The YWCA was among the first major national multi-racial agencies to make the elimination of racism a goal.

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. ☐

*Kimura is the JACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.*

## SCHOLARS

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Richard Stagnoli of Kentucky and Emma Lee Owens of Fresno.

—\$500 **Matsuye Okada** Scholarship (made possible by the Honorable and Mrs. Robert Matsui): **Maia Fujisawa**, Reedley High School, Reedley, the daughter of Albert Fujisawa of Reedley and Carole Toshiko Fujisawa of Reedley.

**Citizen Achievement Awards** were presented to:

—**Lisa Mochizuki**, San Joaquin Memorial High School, Fresno, daughter of Dr. Robert and Susan Mochizuki of Hanford, Calif.

—**Kai Ellis Wada Roath**, Hoover High School, Fresno, son of Brent and Mary Wada Roath of Fresno.

Selection for the scholarships is based upon scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities and need. The Citizen Achievement Awards recognize young scholars with demonstrated leadership skills and a record of school and community involvement.

• Greater L.A. Singles Chapter, JACL, seeks candidates for annual \$1,000 award for college, university, community college, fine arts or vocational school. Must currently be a graduating high school senior, member of a single-parent family, a Los Angeles or Orange County resident, and of Japanese ancestry. Deadline: May 1, 1993. Information: Naomi Sasano, 818/576-8434; June Furuta, 310/323-2783.

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father, Rokuro Okubo and sister, Phyllis Okubo; Kazuma & Helen Tamura of Oregon City, Ore.; Peggy Nagata Tanemura of Seattle, Wash., in memory of Thomas I. & Hana Nagata; Tosh Tanemura of Seattle, Wash., in memory of Gonzaburo & Matsuo Tanemura; Herbert Minoru Tsuchiya of Seattle, Wash., in memory of Momoyo Miya Tsuchiya; Masayoshi Uchimura of Des Moines, Wash.;

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## SUCCESS

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Elmer Kobashi said, "Most of the people around here are grateful to the JACL for its work on redress and they want to show thanks. And it's important that the organization continue to address civil rights issues."

The Selma chapter — along with the Cleveland, Mount Olympus, Philadelphia, 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 were reluctant to be recognized: they had plans to continue the campaign and were afraid their success would satisfy their membership and make them complacent. "It's not enough," Takami Misaki explained, "We're not through yet!"

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**Iguchi, Saburo, 71**, Torrance, Feb. 2; San Fernando-born, survived by wife Mariko, son Alan, daughter Jeanne, 2 gc., brother Yukito, sister Aiko Tanibata, in-laws Hideo Morioka, Tamiko Iguchi.

**Imazu, Mitsuko, 90**, Los Angeles, Jan. 9; Hiroshima-born pioneer, naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Toshio Hiramoto (Mich.), Roy Imazu, daughters Kiyoko Tanaka, Terri Delatorre, 9 gc., 5 ggc.

**Kinoshita, Kayo, 98**, Long Beach, Feb. 12; Hiroshima-born survived by son George, daughter Ayako In, 1 gc.

**Kobayashi, Matsu, 95**, Gardena, Feb. 13; Fukushima-born, survived by sons Kaoru (Jpn), Hiroto, daughters Yoshiko Yama, Kiyoko Tanabe, 9 gc., 7 ggc., 4 sisters, 1 brother (all Jpn).

**Kotani, Matsuo Hattori, 93**, Sacramento, Jan. 5; Aichi-born, survived by son Ben, daughters Katsuyo Goto, Yuri Murakami (Vienna, Va.), 6 gc., 6 great-gc.

**Kozen, Tamao, 102**, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; Wakayama-born, survived by son Masahisa (Spokane), daughters Agnes Nakajima (Hawaii), Rose Tanaka, 4 gc., 4 ggc., sister Misao Matsumoto.

**Kubo, Jitsuo, 86**, Torrance, Jan. 22; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Robert, Glenn, daughters Lorna Nakamura, Elaine Sanada, 5 gc., 3 ggc.

**Kunisawa, Masai, 89**, Torrance, Jan. 14; Kochi-born pioneer, naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by daughter Fumiko Hiroshima, 4 gc., 4 ggc., daughter-in-law Lillian Kunisawa, sisters-in-law Kanao Chikasawa, Kiyoko Chikasawa, Sumiye Hiroshima.

**Kurihara, Nobu, 95**, Los Angeles, Feb. 24; Shizuoka-born, survived by sons Kenichi, Saburo, Goro, Rokuro, daughter-in-law Yoshiko Kurihara, 10 gc., 11 ggc.

**Kurotori, Sadao, 88**, Los Altos, Jan. 14; Wakayama-born longtime Union City resident; survived by wife Nobuko, sons Nobuo, Hirokazu, daughters Sadako Murata, Hiroko Kohaya, gc.

**Kuwatsuki, Rev. Bumpo, 83**, Gifu, Feb. 14; founding minister of Senshin Buddhist Church, Los Angeles.

**Low, Alvina Luna, 67**, Long Beach, Jan. 29; San Francisco-born community newswoman, Asian Business Assn. pres. '82, survived by husband Jem, sons Melvin, Rod, Scott, daughters Laurie, Karen, mother Mabel, stepfather George Lew Jr., brothers Walter Ng, George Lew Jr., sister Joycelene.

### Death Notice

#### SHIZUKO TANAKA

Great-grandmother of 39  
FRENCH CAMP, Calif. - Shizuko Tanaka, 90, died March 31 at her home. Japan-born, she had lived in San Joaquin County for 73 years. A homemaker, member of the Stockton Buddhist Temple, Fujinkai and French Camp Howakai, she is survived by 11 children Teruo Tanaka (FC), Annie Takata and Chiye Nishida (both Arleta), Sumi Otsu, Hideo Tanaka, Kunio Tanaka, Masako Shiota (all of Gardena), Yo Hiraoka (Berkeley), Yukio Tanaka (Santa Ana), Nobuko Ishibashi, Hideki Tanaka (both Torrance), 27 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. Services were held April 2; burial at Parkview Cemetery, Manteca.

## GROWING

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I've been more philosophical," Uyematsu says. "I think about life and death questions, about aging, about politics as well."

She is thinking about writing a poem about the relationship of Japanese Americans and other ethnic groups.

But while she will write broadly about a great many topics and events, Uyematsu reflects and says that "deep down, there's no way I would lose my identity. I would worry a bit if I wrote a poem on a general subject and the reader wouldn't know or have a clue who wrote it—that a Japanese American wrote it."

"I want to write about a lot of things but I still want to be viewed as a Japanese American poet."

## LEGACY

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May Kushida of Monterey Park, Calif.; Roy K. Mitsuuchi of Santa Ana, Calif.; Kaye Musashi of Indio, Calif., in memory of Mrs. F. Nakamura; Mas & Dorothy Nagami of Monterey Park, Calif.; Leo & Y. Mary Nakayama of Westminster, Calif.; Roy & Miki Okimoto, Sr. of Artesia, Calif.; Jim S. Okuda of Westminster, Calif.; Irene Shizuko Roche of Anaheim, Calif., in memory of Mrs. Frances Shiotani; George M. Sakai of Redondo Beach, Calif.; Elsie Sogo of San Diego, Calif.; Ayako Tagashira of Los Angeles, Calif.; Sam & Carol Tanaka of Cerritos, Calif., in memory of James G. Nagata; Mitzie Tanizawa of Cypress, Calif., in memory of Kenso Taniguchi; Alice M. Tsukahara of Gardena, Calif., in memory of Fusakichi & Kyo Tsukahara; Lillian & Hideo Uba of Los Angeles, Calif., in memory of Mrs. Shizu Inouye and Mrs. Misao Uba; Robert Genji Yamamoto of Bell Gardens, Calif.; Hideo & Keiko Kay Yamane of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; Kiyoshi & Alice Yamate of San Diego, Calif., in memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Yaelaro Yamate and Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Sagara; Mr. & Mrs. R. Yoshizuka of Huntington Beach, Calif., in memory of Kaise & Kameko Kamigaki and Jack & Matilda Yoshizuka.

## HOSOKAWA

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Honda (not to be confused with Pacific Citizen's Honda) set up an organizing committee.

A few weeks ago they sent out letters to Northwesterners and former Northwesterners announcing a drive to raise funds for a Jimmie Sakamoto monument at Kobe Square in front of Seattle's old Nippon Kan Hall. They suggested individual donations of \$100 but would welcome any contributions.

Their letter touched off a long train of happy memories of the good old days and good guys I used to know. After a while I aroused myself and wrote a check to the James Y. Sakamoto Memorial Trust Fund and mailed it to E. 2651 40th, Spokane, WA 99223. If you remember Jimmie and the Courier leagues, I hope you will, too. ☐

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