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YO-HI ALUMNI FSA NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST

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01 – Gerald Ramsey.....57 (55-56)
02 – Jan Bready.....70 (66-69)
– Evonne Brown.....59 (55-57)
-- Daniel LaFave.....64 (61-64)
– Jon Roberts.....57 (53-55)
05 – Chris McGoughran.....60 (56-58)
06 – Clarence Villemmez.....54 (53-54)
07 – #Steve Norden.....70 (65-70)

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– John Colby.....62 (57-59)
09 – Katherine Deragon.....62 (57-59)
10 – Cathie Christiansen.....60 (56-59)
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– Mary Nock.....60 (48-60)
14 – Dianne Shellabarger.....59 (55-57)
– Betty Woodrow.....57 (55-57)
19 – David Simmons.....61 (54-61)
20 – Merrie Jo Seymour.....57 (54-56)
21– Gloria Starling.....55 (52-53)
– Dan Trial.....58 (57-58)
22 – Ray Bingham.....56 (54-55)
– Craig Nelson.....64 (62-64)
23 – Linda Dahlen.....58 (54-56)
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– Linda Strasser.....60 (55-58)
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Note from Mary (Jessee) the Treasurer

Prices are going up!

Annual Dues will increase to \$25 starting January 1, 2026
Lock in 2025 (\$15) prices by prepaying for 2026 and beyond
before December 31, 2025

Check your membership status here:

Current Membership List

When submitting Dues or Scholarship Donations:

- * Women: please list your maiden name, married name
and graduation year
- Men: please list name and graduation year

Payment Methods:

1. Credit Card or E-check: Yo-Hi Annual Dues
2. Zelle:

Make Payment to Yo-Hi FSA Zelle account:

yohi.fsa@gmail.com

*Zelle payments may be accessed through your
bank.

*Zelle payments will be deposited directly from
member's bank to the Yo-Hi FSA account

3. Check:

Please make check-payable to-“YoHi FSA”-and
address the envelope as follows:

Mary Jessee, FSA Treasurer

4939 W Ray Rd.

Ste 4 PMB 138

Chandler, AZ 85226

PLEASE add Note in the check's Memo field
of “FSA Dues” or “FSA Scholarship”.

Yo-Hi FSA Annual Dues

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025 YO-HI FSA REUNION, RADISSON SEATTLE AIRPORT –
SEATAC, WA OCTOBER 3 – 5, 2025**

First _____ Last _____ Maiden _____
Preferred Name On Your Name Tag _____
Alumnus (Yes or No)? _____ Graduation Year _____
IF not alumnus, Family and Friends welcome: Spouse, Guest or FSA Friend? _____
Address _____
Email _____
Cell Phone _____
Planned Date of Arrival _____
Shuttle available from Hotel -Call directly 206-244-6666

The reunion room rate deadline is extended to September 30.

Reunion Events All events will be in the Shaw Room

Friday, Oct 3: Meet & Greet Cocktail Reception 5:00 pm, Wear your favorite YOHI T Shirt ,Team games

Saturday, Oct 4: Group Breakfast 8:00 am

- Presentation: “Our Remarkable Lives in Japan and Beyond” – A Consolidation of :
- “Japan Brats” (<https://www.japanbrats.com/>) By Michael Weddington 79’
- “ Adult Third Child Kids “ (<https://www.globalnomadsglobalmindset.com/about.html>)
By Patricia Stokke 73’
- Informal gatherings, personal adventures off-site , Team games ,Flight Museum Tour
(Volunteer transportation is needed for this excursion)

Sunday, Oct 5:

- Team Games 9:00 -4:00
- Seated Banquet Plated Dinner 7:00 pm
- Brief Business Meeting
- 2025 Selection of winning classmate for the 2026 reunion
- Open Forum
- 2026 Reunion Site Location

Registration Fee

- Discounted Early-bird Fee before **August 31** = \$150/person
- Full Fee after **September 1** = \$160/person
- Additional Discount for Members of the 1965 (60th) & 1975 (50th) Recognition Classes
(*Early-bird = \$140/person then Full Fee = \$150/person*)
- By day fees are Friday **\$45**, Saturday **\$45**, and Sunday **\$75**
- Registration closes on **September 20**.
- If cancellation should be necessary, a full refund up to **September 25**.
- Registration Fee covers Friday Cocktail Reception, Sunday Banquet Dinner, Cash Bar
Service, Hospitality Suite, Reunion materials & incidentals.
- Payment by Zelle, PayPal. or Check made payable to “**Yo-Hi FSA**”.
- Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail the completed Registration Form and Registration Fee as follows:

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Special Notes

- Please submit a separate Registration Form for each person attending as this will help keep an accurate count.
- Room Reservations at the Radisson will need to be done separately and directly with the Radisson. o FSA block of 25 Standard Rooms is \$169/night plus tax & fees (about \$192.13 total)
- Call Radisson at 206-244-6666 and use FSA Group Code “zzz”.
- On-site parking is complimentary for guests.
- **Questions?** Contact Alan Werner ('62) at aawerner@comcast.net or call (425) 255-6578 or Boyd Huddleston ('61) boydhudd@gmail.com or (425) 890-2547.

Other Payment Options:

1. Via Zelle: Yohi.fsa@gmail.com – please add note that payment is for the Seattle Reunion. (If paying via Zelle, please scan registration form and send by email to {Yohi.fsa@gmail.com})
2. Via PayPal: PayPal Seattle Reunion Payment – please add note that payment is for the Seattle Reunion.

***If PayPal adds a fee to your payment, YOU are responsible for that portion. Please check the balance before submitting!**

(If paying via PayPal please scan registration form and send by email to (Yohi.fsa@gmail.com)

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3. Check payable to “YoHi FSA”

4. **2025 Seattle T Shirts, Water Bottles ,and Tote bags are available for order** (see Newsletter order site or check on your YOHI Facebook page) Be ready to look like a Yo-Hi Alumni in Seattle. Order today before they are all gone.

It's time to show your YO-HI Alumni pride!! Use the links below order!

YO-HI Alumni Shirts:

<https://www.customink.com/g/fpm0-00cy-xcz6>

YO-HI Alumni Tote Bags:

<https://www.customink.com/g/fpm0-00cy-xd1h>

YO-HI Alumni Water Bottles:

<https://www.customink.com/g/fpm0-00cy-xd84>

All items will be shipped after September 1st! If you have any questions reach out to Rick Hernandez!

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YO-HI Alumni Water Bottles Group Order Form - Sign Up Today!

Organized by Rick Hernandez: Yo-Hi FSA Chairperson. Order Your Yo-Hi Alumni Shirts Here!

Shirts will be shipped out in September!

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Museum of Flight tours pre-registration

On Saturday afternoon, October 4th, Docent Alan Werner will lead free tours of the Museum of Flight. He is providing the chance to pre-register for the tours. He needs one name, how many are in the party, and whether you can provide transportation for other attendees by stating how many, even if zero. Email him at aawerner@comcast.net or text at 425-765-3538. Alan will start a list to be accompanied by a sign-up list at the Meet and Greet. Alan has many guest passes, but they are finite and he might need to recruit other Docents if the attendance is large. This is a world-class opportunity"

Alan Werner, P.E., F.NSPE



Headed to the Pacific Northwest? Here's a first timer's guide to visiting Seattle

<https://share.google/P3BJU7EubofOITGiX>

The Top 10 Mistakes People Make When Visiting
Seattle For The First Time
<https://search.app/HRyuN>

My personal favorites are the Seattle waterfront, Space Needle, Pike place market, Museum of flight, Chihuly Glass Museum and the music of pop culture.

Here are the direct links to those:

<https://www.spaceneedle.com>

<https://www.pikeplacemarket.org>

<https://www.museumofflight.org>

<https://www.chihuly.com>

<https://www.mopop.org>

Host Hotel

Radisson Seattle Airport
18118 International Blvd.,
Seattle, WA 98188
206-244-6666



Restaurants near the Hotel

- Thirteen Coins, 2 minutes walking south
- Denny's. ½ mile north
- Sharps Road House, ½ mile south
- Several restaurants at Westfield's South Center by free shuttle

Free Tour of the Museum of Flight



The Museum of Flight (TMOF) in Tukwila, at Boeing Field, is the fifth largest air museum in the world and the largest private museum. It features 150 planes and other aircraft from the slowest human-powered Gossamer Albatross II to the fastest Blackbird MD21, all in very well-done exhibits. The TMOF has military, commercial, private aircraft, and spacecraft. Alan Werner, co-host, is a Docent at the TMOF, and will lead a free tour of the Museum. He will show, describe, and offer stories of the aircraft, their operations, and the people who designed, produced, and used them. Following the tour, guests will be able to self-tour with four aircraft to go inside including a Concorde, the first jet Air Force one, the first 747, and a 787 along with other large

bombers, commercial planes, and Navy fighters. Other galleries include the Great Gallery, the Apollo Gallery, the Red Barn (Boeing's original aircraft plant), World Wars I and II, and the Space Shuttle Simonyi Gallery. Carpools will be organized to travel to the TMOF.

Alan is capping off free admissions at a 64 count as this is the limit of his guests and guest passes. Anyone beyond this count can still take the tour but will need to pay the admission price with discounts for AAA members (and affiliates), active military and veterans, and employees of any airline, Boeing, Port of Seattle, and Microsoft Passport Holder. Seniors are \$26 and adults \$28.

Yo-Hi Alumni Committed to Attend the Seattle Reunion

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Jill Hernandez – Guest | 40. Patricia Holmstrom - 1969 | 79. Gary Goldstein – 1979 |
| 2. Jim Jessee – Guest | 41. Kathy Shuler – 1971 | 80. Anna Marie Lord – 1979 |
| 3. Ann Werner – Guest | 42. Mark Boulton – 1971 | 81. Michael Weddington – 1979 |
| 4. Barbara Steele – Guest | 43. Judy Holmstrom – 1971 | 82. Jim McDonough – 1979 |
| 5. Joe Rhodes – Guest | 44. Christopher Ballah – 1971 | 83. Pat Booth - 1979 |
| 6. Pat Debban – Guest | 45. Wayne Sakai – 1971 | 84. Christine Boulton – 1981 |
| 7. Aaron Hede – Guest | 46. John Lowell - 1971 | 85. Elaine Black - 1981 |
| 8. Warren Zimmermann - Guest | 47. Leslie March – 1972 | 86. Missy Howard – 1982 |
| 9. Judy Gogolin – Guest | 48. Patricia Stokke – 1973 | 87. Mary Prinz – 1982 |
| 10. Risa Omega – Guest | 49. Gerard Sakai – 1973 | 88. Hugh Coffman – 1982 |
| 11. Barbara Brammer – Guest | 50. Jeffrey McMahan - 1973 | 89. Cecilia Takahashi – 1982 |
| 12. Pam Neuburger – Guest | 51. Gail Patterson – 1974 | 90. Laura Blanton - 1982 |
| 13. Skip Robinson – Guest | 52. John Yakubowsky - 1974 | 91. Mary Smith – 1982/83 |
| 14. Laura McDonough – Guest | 53. Sandy Sakai - 1975 | 92. Susie Wyckoff – 1983 |
| 15. Susanne Jackel – Guest | 54. Akemi Forde - 1975 | 93. Larry Putong – 1983 |
| 16. Donna Dao – Guest | 55. Janet Koike – 1975 | 94. Steve Nielsen – 1983 |
| 17. Ron Shuey – Guest | 56. Will Rachel - 1975 | 95. Sam Gentile - 1983 |
| 18. Thad Moyseowicz - Guest | 57. Mark Steele – 1976 | 96. Carolyn Leake – 1984 |
| 19. John Salzer – Guest | 58. Tammie Gibson – 1976 | 97. Sonya Okamoto – 1984 |
| 20. Kathryn Yakubowsky - Guest | 59. Neil Patterson - 1976 | 98. Rudy Omega – 1984 |
| 21. Don Murdoch - 1960 | 60. Frank Stagliano – 1976 | 99. Tammee Webber – 1984 |
| 22. Cheron Ruzek - 1961 | 61. Kelly Wood - 1976 | 100. Ricky Ellis – 1984 |
| 23. Boyd Huddleston - 1961 | 62. Mitzi Morris – 1976/77 | 101. Dean Dizon – 1984 |
| 24. Francis Hernandez – 1962 | 63. John Smith – 1976/1977 | 102. Cindy Carlisle – 1984 |
| 25. Alan Werner – 1962 | 64. William Harford – 1977 | 103. Mitchell Reynolds – 1984 |
| 26. Sherry Ryner - 1962 | 65. Mike Wickliffe -1977 | 104. Bill Bergin – 1984 |
| 27. Betty Lazenby - 1963 | 66. Marta Wood – 1977 | 105. Laurel Kizer - 1984 |
| 28. Ed Weise – 1963 | 67. Mark Hennings – 1977 | 106. Pam Okamoto – 1985 |
| 29. Rick Hernandez – 1964 | 68. Andre Salinas – 1977 | 107. Kim Walden – 1985 |
| 30. Darleen Haynes – 1964 | 69. Debi Nelson - 1977 | 108. Melissa Omega - 1985 |
| 31. Craig Nelson – 1964 | 70. Mark Hornung – 1978 | 109. Lisa Prevost – 1986 |
| 32. Janet DeSmet - 1964 | 71. Leslie Goss - 1978 | 110. Derek Williamson – 1986 |
| 33. Mike Pannek – 1965 | 72. Lorie Woolums – 78/79 | 111. Carla Anderson – 1986 |
| 34. Randy Gogolin – 1965 | 73. Amber White – 1978/79 | 112. Dawn Ridenour - 1987 |
| 35. Paul Henning - 1965 | 74. Faith Young – 1979 | 113. Ms. Kathy Reavley – Teacher |
| 36. Dianna Wakefield – 1966 | 75. Sandy Streeter – 1979 | 114. Ms. Ellen Page - Teacher |
| 37. Mike Kelley - 1966 | 76. Alene Harris – 1979 | |
| 38. Debbie Barker - 1969 | 77. Erin Moore – 1979 | |
| 39. Susan Wiesner – 1969 | 78. Michael Cardenas – 1979 | |



YOHI Alumni Association Committee

Come join our Team of Volunteers. Join our Reunion Committee and help to plan and implement the best way to gather YOHI Alumni and keep our friendships alive. Please contact any of the current committee members for more information.

Rick Hernandez: thegrin1@gmail.com

Diana Geyer: dianageyer2467@yahoo.com

Mary Prinz (Jesse): jesseefam@yahoo.com

Jim Jessee : jesseejc@yahoo.com

Did you know that Yo-Hi FSA has a reunion lottery? One lucky winner gets their hotel accommodation and the reunion registration fee paid for the next scheduled reunion.

This year's winner is Cheron (Ruzek) Rhodes, class of 1961.

To be eligible, just make sure your FSA membership dues are paid for calendar year 2026. The next drawing for our lucky winner will be on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the Yo-Hi Seattle Reunion.

Dues are \$15 per year until December 31, 2025. \$25 starting January 1, 2026.

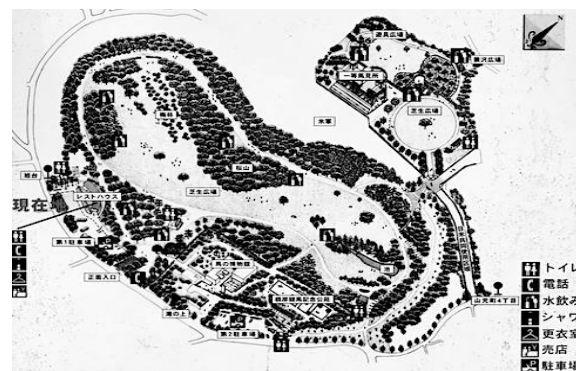
To pay your dues via credit card or eCheck: my.cheddarup.com/c/annual-dues-66880

To pay via Zelle: yohi.fsa@gmail.com (note dues)

To pay via PayPal: @yohifsa (choose friends and family for NO FEES)

To pay via check: Make check out to Yo-Hi FSA and mail to:

Mary Jessee – Treasurer; 4939 W Ray Rd., Suite 4 PMB 138, Chandler, AZ 85226



History of Negishi Forest Park

The first western-style horse racing in Japan took place here (formerly Negishi Racetrack) in 1867. Horse racing had been held here until June 1943. Shortly after the Second World War, the Horse Racing Track was requisitioned by the Occupation Forces and was used as a motor pool and a golf course.

In 1969, most of the racetrack area, which had been mainly used as a golf course, was returned to the Japanese Government. Later in 1972, the City of Yokohama initiated to return the site into a park. In October 1977, Yokohama officially opened the Negishi Forest Park at the same time that the Japan Central Horse Race Association inaugurated the Race Horse Museum.

Comment by Joe Ross (71) on November 11, 2024

Paul Hoerr and I were at the grand opening of the KFC in Yokohama Motomachi in 1970. There was a Japanese country-western band. Many of the execs were either wearing tuxedos or cowboy hats. Paul and I sat on the front steps enjoying our free chicken, licking our fingers, and quite a few people were taking our photos. I just caution the Japanese to beware of the American diet and its side effects of heart disease, obesity, diabetes and a multitude of other issues.



Joe Ross (71)

Basketball Team on the bus in 1964



64-02-14 Yamato vs Yo-Hi Basketball Jeff Slagle I, Rich Hestekind c, Bruce Ferrer glasses, Lost 78-14 20 Large

Recently Deceased



1. 2025, 11 Aug: **Vikki Gard (Weinberg)**..61(57-60)
2. 2023, 15 Aug: **Robert B. Morrison**.....58(56-58)
3. 2018, 01 Aug: **Jon M. Morrison**.....56(54-56)
4. 2025, 20 Aug: **Tamy Reyna (Graham)**..78(74-78)

10 Commandments for Seniors

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
2. "In style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is: "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. You've noticed people your age are much older than you.
8. Ageing has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
9. You still haven't learned to act your age and I hope you never will.
10. "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

Letters to the Editor

Message received from Tim Graham, husband of Tamy Reyna-Graham:

"My much-loved wife of 30+ years, Tamy Reyna-Graham (Yo-Hi '78) passed this morning after a nearly yearlong fight with Crohn's disease and related symptoms. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in her memory to either the Yo-Hi scholarship fund or the Cy-Ridge Band Boosters. Arrangements pending."

Message received from Debbie Jones, Negishi Heights:

"Hi. We were in Negishi Heights in the middle 70s. My dad was stationed on the USS Midway. My brother and I went to the Kinnick school. I can't recall the full name. My sis went to kindergarten school in the area in which we lived. I recall the Daggs and Fina family and a gal named Lynn. We loved it there. I would love to get back for a visit.

Debbie Leonard Jones

HOW LONG CAN YOUR SIGN HOLD A GRUDGE?

Aries: 24 hours top

Taurus: Until they die. Maybe not even then

Gemini: Years

Cancer: Years

Leo: Until the end of time

Virgo: Couple of months

Libra: 0.2 seconds unless you really messed up

Scorpio: All of eternity

Sagittarius: Two days

Capricorn: Don't even bother apologizing

Aquarius: A year.

Pisces: Two months maybe

Comment by Bud Kirschbaum

Submitted December 30, 2024

If you look in the Mirror and what you see is nothing like how you think of yourself, remember that Steve Kirschbaum, Yo-Hi Class of 1962, remembers you exactly as you were in 1961 and makes me feel good.

Happy New Year to all of you beautiful Yo-Hi kids.



Steve

The Little-Known Role of Jimmy Doolittle in Nagasaki Atomic Bombing

Lt. Col. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle famously led the first U.S. strike against the Japanese homeland during World War II, and Doolittle as a lieutenant general also had a little-known role by happenstance in the last strike in the form of the atomic bombing that destroyed Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945.

Doolittle became involved when a distraught Navy Cmdr. Frederick L. "Dick" Ashworth came to his tent on just-liberated Okinawa to give a report on what he then thought was a failed mission to bomb Nagasaki with the second atomic weapon used in warfare, resulting in the bomber missing the target and ending up with a "Mayday" landing on Okinawa. Ashworth, who had been the "weaponer" aboard the B-29 Superfortress in charge of arming the bomb, had just come from a harrowing landing in which two engines conked out for lack of fuel. He could have expected the chewing out of the century for bursting into the general's tent unannounced to give a failed mission report, but Doolittle settled on hearing out Ashworth after his initial "Who the hell are you?" greeting.

"Commander Frederick L. Ashworth, U. S. Navy, reporting, sir. We've just dropped the second atomic bomb over Nagasaki. We need to send a report back to Guam, but your communications people aren't cooperating," Ashworth would later recall in a 1958 article for the U.S. Naval Institute.

"Well, son, sit down and tell me about it," Doolittle said.

Ashworth, a 1933 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who had earned a Distinguished Flying Cross for his service on torpedo bombers in the Solomon Islands, told of a mission plagued by mishaps before the B-29 carrying the 10,000-pound plutonium bomb dubbed "Fatman" got off the ground from Tinian island for the 1,500-mile flight to Japan.

A pump on a reserve fuel tank had failed, meaning that the mission would have to proceed without a hitch for the bomber to make it back to Tinian, but there were several hitches to come.

The B-29 was dubbed "Bockscar," for its usual pilot Frederick Carl Bock, but the pilot of Bockscar for the Nagasaki mission was Maj. Charles Sweeney. Bock instead flew a B-29 called "The Great Artiste" that carried scientific instruments and photography to measure and record the effects of the nuclear weapon.

A third B-29 carrying special cameras

missed a rendezvous point, forcing Bockscar to waste fuel waiting for the third plane to show up before the decision was made to proceed to the primary target of the city of Kokura without it. "So, we headed for Kokura, our primary target," Ashworth wrote. "However, at 30,000 feet over Kokura, we looked down at a heavy concentration of haze and smoke, apparently resulting from a bombing attack the night before on Yawata, just across the river. That place was still burning." The Bockscar crew was under strict orders from Gen. George C. Marshall to make a visual sighting of the target and not bomb by radar. The B-29 made three passes over the city, burning more fuel, but could not find a hole in the clouds for bombardier Capt. Kermit Beahan. It was said of Beahan that he could drop a bomb on a pickle barrel from 30,000 feet.

"After the third pass over Kokura, ground anti-aircraft fire opened up on us," Ashworth wrote. "Shortly after, we saw about 20 fighters on their way up. The decision to get out of there and head for our secondary target of Nagasaki was not difficult to make."

Ashworth continued: "At this point, we broke radio silence to notify air-sea rescue teams that we might have to ditch south of Japan. As we approached Nagasaki, the weather appeared to have deteriorated to almost solid overcast. That left us in a real pickle. Here we were supposed to drop an atomic bomb on Nagasaki under visual conditions, and we couldn't even see Nagasaki!"

"At the last minute -- actually about the last 20 seconds -- the bombardier, who had been following very closely the radar run, and who had been receiving dropping angles from the radar operator, detected what he thought was the aiming point, a bend in the river flowing through the middle of Nagasaki. He yelled that he had his bomb sight on the target and let go visually."

The air burst of the Fatman bomb exploded at an altitude of about 1,650 feet with a force of about 22 kilotons of TNT, compared to the 12.5-kiloton "Little Boy" uranium bomb that destroyed Hiroshima three days earlier on Aug. 6, 1945, according to initial estimates.

The initial estimates also were that 60,000 to 80,000 people were killed in the Nagasaki bombing, compared to the 90,000 to 166,000 killed at Hiroshima, but many thousands more were to die of the aftereffects.

"Our gas shortage restricted us to one turn around the atomic [mushroom] cloud, after which we picked up a heading for Okinawa. On."

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A Perfect Man

1. Wakes up at 5 a.m. every day.
 2. Exercises daily.
 3. Makes his own bed.
 4. Cleans his room
 5. Does not indulge in nightlife.
 6. Works sincerely.
 7. Does not touch alcohol.
 8. Helps in the kitchen.
 9. Is always punctual.
 10. Prays daily.
 11. Reads.
 12. Goes to bed at 9 p.m. sharp.
- Where can you find such a perfect man?
- Jail.

the way, I pulled out my target chart. A prolonged examination produced a gnawing uncertainty," Ashworth wrote. "I knew we had hit Nagasaki, but did we hit our target?" Doolittle interrupted: "What do you think? Did you hit the target?"

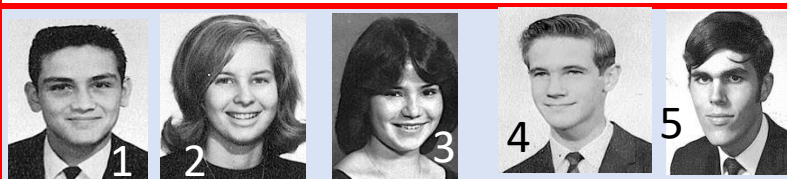
Ashworth replied: "No, sir, I don't think we did." He pointed to a spot on the map that was about a mile and a half northeast of the main target. Doolittle then leaned over "and took a closer look at the map. A smile played upon his lips. Then, he stood up and put his arm around my shoulders."

"Well, son, I wouldn't worry a bit about that mission," Doolittle said. "I'm sure that General Spaatz [Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of Strategic Forces] will be much happier to know that the bomb went off up there in the industrial area instead of over the city of Nagasaki."

Six days after the Nagasaki bombing, Emperor Hirohito announced the unconditional surrender of Japan on Aug. 15, 1945. The formal surrender documents were signed aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945.

In his radio address to the nation announcing the surrender, Hirohito, whose voice was being heard by much of the Japanese public for the first time, said, "We must bear the unbearable and endure the unendurable in order to pave the way for peace for all future generations."

"Furthermore, the enemy has begun to employ a new and cruel bomb, causing immense and indiscriminate destruction, the extent of which is beyond all estimation," Hirohito said. "Should we continue to fight, not only would it result in the ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but it would also lead to the total extinction of human civilization."



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If you are kidnapped, do these things

1. Spit on the ground; it's your DNA.
2. If they carry you, scratch them, their DNA is under your nails.
3. Call 911 and ask for a pizza they will know you need help.
4. If you need to call someone, like 911, but can't speak, call 55, they will track your location.
5. If you are in a truck and see a hammer, grab it and try breaking the taillight. If you stick out your hand, the car behind you will probably call 911.

BRATS RECALL OVERSEAS STUDIES

Head injury victim seeks lost memories

By JOANNE HARRIS
Star-Advocate Correspondent

Most of us enjoy going to reunions and reminiscing about the "good times," but for Vikki Weinberg, reunions are a time to find out who she used to be.

In 1982, Weinberg, of Titusville, was hit by a truck on Hopkins Avenue. The near-fatal accident resulted in a severe head injury, 10 days in a comatose state and a loss of most of her memory.

She has found a way to cope with the amnesia, though, through her participation in Overseas Brats Inc., an organization of Americans who went to high school overseas.

"Digging up my past led me to Overseas Brats," said Weinberg. "I went to Yokohama High School (Japan) from 1957 through 1960 ... but learned that no 'Yo-Hiers' participated (in Overseas Brats). But in June 1993, I flew to San Bernardino, Calif., to join 107 other Yo-Hiers at a reunion."

Weinberg was frustrated, as she was unable to remember any of the events that were remembered by her schoolmates throughout the reunion. But she didn't give up.

Instead, she spent a unique weekend in Atlanta, Ga., in October at a combination workshop-seminar-reunion on overseas alumni affairs. At the convention, Weinberg joined more than 100 people representing 40 overseas high schools, to learn how to find classmates and friends, organize alumni groups, and plan reunions.

"I'm a member (of Overseas Brats)," said Weinberg. "I try to hunt up any overseas brat. We're trying to locate as many as possible, mostly through publicity. When they are found, they are invited to join the organization."

The "brats" are students whose fathers were overseas military or civilian personnel, said Weinberg. At reunions, Weinberg listens to everyone talk about their years overseas.

"Even though we went to different schools, we have a lot in common," she said.

"We missed out on a lot of the newest music and clothes. I rode the bus an hour to school (at Yokohama High School, in Japan) — none of us had cars. We had to stay on base."

But Weinberg said that everyone is glad that they grew up the way they did.

"My kids ask me what I was like in high school, and I can't remember. I'm doing this for my kids," said Weinberg.



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GEORGE WHITE, Star-Advocate

FINDING PAST: Vikki Weinberg of Titusville, who lost most of her memory after a head injury, finds her participation in Overseas Brats Inc. helps put her in touch with others who went to high school overseas.

"I can remember bits and pieces. I remember some faces, but I can't remember incidences."

In July 1996, the Overseas Brats will hold "A Grand Reunion" in the Washington, D.C., area. It is planned as a three-day event for all students and their teachers from any overseas school worldwide, according to Weinberg. They will plan to meet with congressmen and senators, as well.

Being involved, said Weinberg, helps her show other people with head injuries that they can still accomplish

things. Weinberg writes for both Overseas Brats Inc. and the Florida Head Injury Foundation Inc.

"Life is full of challenges," said Weinberg.

Overseas Brats Inc. provides free referral services to all Americans who went to school abroad concerning their respective reunion activities. Interested "brats" may write when and where they went to school overseas, and their year of graduation, and send it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Overseas Brats Inc., P.O. Box 29805, San Antonio, TX 78229-0805.

When I was a Cub Scout I lived in Zushi, Japan. In 1957 we had a scout week at Camp Zama. Bob Bonn



A Story by Actor Tom Hanks

Tom Hanks remained in his chair long after the courtroom scene in Philadelphia (1993) had officially ended. The cameras were off, and the crew had begun resetting the stage, yet he sat motionless, shoulders heavy, hands pressed tightly together as if holding onto something unseen. A stagehand noticed him quietly wiping tears from his face—unmasked, unposed. This was not a moment designed for anyone to see; it was Hanks alone, consumed by the grief and exhaustion demanded by the scene.

The trial sequence stood as one of the film's emotional centers, with Andrew Beckett, Hanks's character, confronting the cruelty of discrimination while battling the final stages of AIDS. The dialogue carried raw, piercing honesty, but what struck the set most profoundly was Hanks's surrender to it. Even after director Jonathan Demme called cut, the room was heavy with silence, as if the air itself had been drained, and crew members instinctively gave him space.

A backstage assistant happened to have a small camcorder running, capturing Hanks alone in his chair. The footage revealed him breaking character in a way that showed profound vulnerability—rubbing his eyes, pressing palms to his face, and breathing in shallow gasps, as if recovering from a physical blow. When the images surfaced years later,

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audiences were stunned, realizing that Hanks had lived inside Andrew Beckett's suffering far beyond the frame.

Co-star Denzel Washington reflected on the experience in interviews, noting that working with Hanks was unlike anything he had witnessed. Hanks had prepared tirelessly, speaking with people living with AIDS and internalizing their stories until the weight of them became almost tangible. Washington realized after that courtroom scene that Hanks wasn't "acting" in the traditional sense; he was inhabiting Andrew's pain so completely that returning to himself seemed nearly impossible.

Crew members whispered that they had never seen him break down in such a private, unguarded way. This was not the controlled performance often required for a camera—it was genuine anguish. That authenticity translated directly to the screen, giving viewers a haunting, hollowed-out intensity in his eyes that was not dramatized but profoundly real.

The emotional toll of Philadelphia was widely acknowledged. At a time when AIDS carried stigma and fear, Hanks bore the weight of countless real-life stories, internalizing them until they overflowed. The leaked footage revealed not just an actor overwhelmed by his role, but a human being fully invested in the lives and struggles of those he portrayed.

That single moment on the courtroom set became part of the film's whispered legend. While Hanks won the Academy Award for Best Actor in 1994, no trophy could capture the private struggle behind his performance. Alone in that chair, he proved that the most unforgettable performances arise when the barrier between actor and character disappears, leaving only raw, undeniable truth.

Carol Werth is seeking a roommate

Carol Werth (65) is seeking an alumni who is attending the Seattle reunion in October who is willing to share the expense of sharing a hotel room. If you are interested call me and I will forward your email or cellphone number to Carol so she can contact you. Bob Bonn editor:

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Deceased Faculty for the Class of 1961



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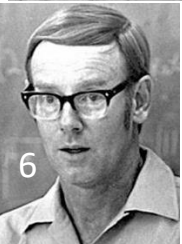
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