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## Congratulations

Eight Asian Americans were honored for their accomplishments at the "Excellence 2000" awards, May 11, in Washington, D.C. Susan Au Allen, president of the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, greets one of the award winners, Hamilton Tran. At left is cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Story: page 4.

## CCDC concerned over renaming highway for Pearl Harbor survivors

### Staff report

The Central California District, JACL, has expressed its concerns over the renaming of a section of California State Highway 99 as the "Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Highway."

Elisa Kamimoto, CCDC regional director, wrote a letter May 17 to State Sen. Don Rogers, who introduced the measure (CSR 13) that would designate the 45-mile stretch of Highway 99 between the cities of Tulare and Fresno in honor of the group which has been congressionally recognized.

In her letter, Kamimoto said, "A direct result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was the unjust incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of whom were American citizens. We cannot ignore

the emotions that Pearl Harbor continues to evoke in many Americans, as anti-Asian sentiment and violence continues to rise."

"It is commendable to pay honor to those who fought for their country. However, it is essential that we pay tribute in a way that does not inflame emotions or place undue emotional burden on a group of innocent people."

Kamimoto also faxed the letter to the members of the California State Senate Transportation Committee who on May 18 voted on and passed the measure. Seven members voted in favor of the measure, four abstained, which constituted "no" votes.

In a May 19 response, Rogers said, "I introduced this resolution at the request of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and

it is co-authored by Sen. Ken Maddy and Assemblymen Jim Costa, Trice Harvey and Bill Jones, all representatives of the affected area. The measure is not intended to bring concern or upset to any individual or group. Instead, it is intended to honor those members of the United States armed forces who were present at Pearl Harbor on the seventh of December, 1941. A number of American servicemen were killed and many were wounded. The Pacific Fleet of the United States was severely damaged in the attack

"While I can understand your concern as Japanese Americans about the subsequent incarceration of some 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, I need not remind you

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## Furor

San Jose, Calif., African American councilwoman, who makes remarks about Latinos, Asian Americans and gays, is urged to resign

### Staff report

After making remarks about minorities that many believe objectionable, Kathy Cole, the only African American member of the San Jose, Calif., city council is being pressured to step down from her position.

Cole, 46, faces a possible recall and has been officially condemned by all 10 of her colleagues on the council, according to a May 27 Los Angeles Times report.

The remarks, made at a recent black workshop, were aimed at Latinos, Asian Americans and homosexuals, whom Cole characterized as enjoying preferential treatment at San Jose City Hall.

According to the Times, Cole said Latinos were "tenacious as pit bulls" and, using her fingers to pull her eyes into slits, said of Asians: "If you get up and slant your eyes, you might get something out of the deal."

That incident, recorded on videotape and later televised, created furor in the community. The reaction included an African American organization which called her a bigot and demanded her resignation.

A number of groups have called for her resignation, including the San Jose Chapter, JACL. President Tom Nishisaka told Pacific Citizen that he sent a letter to that effect June 1.

Rep. Norman Mineta of San Jose, who called Cole's remarks "outrageous," also called for her resignation, as did two other local organizations, the Asian Law Alliance and the Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

Among African American community leaders, opinions are divided. Some believe that the community should forgive Cole and move on, while others believe that her bigotry cannot be tolerated.

Cole at first said she was misinterpreted, then issued an apology—but has refused to resign.

"The only consolation I have," Cole said in the Times article, "is that I know who I am. I know that I generally love people."

Cole successfully won her first bid for public office in a part of San Jose in which Latinos and Asian Americans outnumber blacks nine to one.

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## Wards Cove repeal introduced in Senate

The Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, which would repeal the special exemption placed on the Native Alaskan and Asian Pacific American plaintiffs in the Wards Cove employment discrimination case by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, was introduced May 27 in the U.S. Senate.

While calling the original Civil Rights Act "historic," co-sponsor Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wa.) said, "It is a very simple bill, really. It is designed to ensure that we are all treated equally under the Civil Rights Act of 1991."

Other sponsors to the bill include: Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.), Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.). Kennedy said, "The act has been drafted to ensure that it doesn't conflict with current U.S. Supreme Court deliberations on the entire Civil Rights Act. Our legislation is carefully drafted so that it will not affect the outcome of that litigation," said Kennedy. "Whatever the

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## Act gains wide support

JACL and other Asian Pacific American groups supported the recent introduction of the Justice for Wards Cove Act into the Senate. Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, urged Congress to "swiftly pass the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, especially in light of President Clinton's strong support for the bill."

Phil Tajitsu Nash, executive director, Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, said, "We are pleased that Senators Murray and Kennedy are helping to rectify this terrible injustice, and hope that their colleagues on both sides of the aisle will recognize the importance of these

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## Witness will lie, says defense in Arizona temple murder trial

Refuting the prosecution assertion that Jonathan Doody killed nine people at a Thai Buddhist temple outside of Phoenix, Ariz., in August, 1991, defense attorney Peter Balkan charged May 21 that prosecutors bought key witness, Alessandro Garcia, and that without his testimony, there is no case.

According to the Phoenix Gazette, Balkan said, "They

bought (Garcia) by virtually putting a gun to his head and telling him the only way he could live was to testify in this case."

The defense attorney said that the only evidence which ties Doody to the murders is Garcia's testimony. Garcia, who is testifying against Doody as part of a plea-bargain agreement, is expected to testify that Doody was the triggerman.

"Jonathan told police officers he was there at the temple ... but never, ever said he shot anybody," said Balkan.

The defense attorney also asserted that the police investigators mishandled the case. Prior to Doody and Garcia's arrest, four Tucson men were arrested in connection with the case and later released because of lack of evidence.

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## Lawyer organizations meet to call for minority nomination to Supreme Court

Minority bar associations, meeting in Washington, D.C., May 19 to discuss common goals and problems, urged President Clinton to nominate a minority to the U.S. Supreme Court and called for greater diversity in the federal and state judiciary and the Department of Justice.

The group, consisting of members of the National Asian Pacific Bar Association (NAPABA), Native American Bar Association (NABA), Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) and National Bar Association, met for the first time in a meeting entitled, "A Common Vision."

Allen Webster Jr., president, NBA, said, "This summit marks the beginning of true unity among the four minority bar associations and significant beachhead to attack the problem of bias and prejudice in the legal profession, the judicial system, and our coun-

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Stanford Nikkei worker  
victim of racial threats

Despite the apparent safety of a college campus, a Japanese American worker at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) has found himself the victim of an escalating series of racial threats and malicious harassment.

Chuck Taniguchi, a storehouse manager for SLAC, came to work May 17 and found a knife stuck in his office door and the words "Go home Jap" written on the chalkboard. There was also spit on the doorknob, documents slashed and a picture of Cesar Chavez had been taken down.

According to the *Hokubei Mainichi*, Taniguchi said that prior to the most recent attack he found spit on his doorknob and nails were driven into his tires, which caused him to have a blow-out on the highway.

Tom Matteoli, Stanford director of employee relations and development, said that SLAC and the university are doing everything they can to find the perpetrator.

"We're very serious about getting to the bottom of this," said Matteoli, speaking to the *Pacific Citizen*. "We don't condone this kind of behavior and are, as any employer, doing the best we can to

provide security." Matteoli said that Taniguchi is on administrative leave and that there are currently two detectives from the San Mateo Sheriff's office investigating the case full-time.

In the *Hokubei* article, Taniguchi said, "I'm starting to realize that this comes more now as personal retaliation, it comes down to race, rather than a personal conflict which I wasn't even aware of. I'm very emotionally upset about this."

Matteoli wouldn't go into the specifics of the investigation or the possibility that a Stanford employee committed the crime. He said to his knowledge, such a hate crime hadn't occurred at Stanford or SLAC in recent memory. The employee relations director said there have been other recent incidents at SLAC, but is not sure if they are related.

"There have been a couple other instances at SLAC of janitors lockers being broken into, officers' lockers broken into," said Matteoli. But he said that none of these break-ins showed evidence of racial targeting.

"This is most disturbing," said Matteoli, "And we need to stop it."

## Student suspended for remarks

A 17-year-old Mountain View High, Calif., student was suspended for shouting racist remarks at a group of students from Japan, according to a *Hokubei Mainichi* story.

The youth was heard by the school's principal, Steve Hoppe, yelling the slur "Nips" at the visiting students from Iwate Minami High School March 22.

The Mountain View student, whose name was withheld, was suspended from school for five days and placed on social proba-

tion, which disqualified him from playing on the baseball team.

Hugh Ridell, assistant principal who imposed the disciplinary action, said, "We are not represented well by people who yell racial epithets."

According to the *Hokubei*, Hoppe said that many students and staff approved of the action. Baseball coach Larry Vilabui, however, said that he had lost one of his best pitchers, but added that "As an educator, I think it was absolutely the right thing to do."

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## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## The nose'll know natto

Before they began using a lot of dairy products, the Japanese during the U.S. Occupation complained that Americans were *batah-kusa!*—that they stank of butter. I don't know whether this is true. In any event, now that the Japanese themselves use plenty of butter on their bread, eat cheese and drink coffee with cream, the smell of butter doesn't seem to bother them.

(Parenthetically, let me observe that while dairying was not a traditional Japanese occupation, a number of Issei-operated dairy farms in the White River Valley south of Seattle in the early decades of this century. Probably there were other Issei dairymen elsewhere.)

Compared to butter, the Japanese diet includes some foods whose odor is truly world class. For example, I am thinking of *takuan*, which is pickled daikon, which in turn is giant white radish. In the interest of political correctness I shouldn't be saying this, but in times past the human lower leg has been described, without intent to flatter, as being daikon-shaped.

What brought this up? Well, the other

day I saw a feature in a Japanese magazine about the delights of an old-time dish called *natto* which is regaining some popularity. It is a traditional delicacy, if that is the proper word, relished by many despite its plebian nature and an utterly repulsive appearance.

Never heard of *natto*? Hold your nose while I tell you about it. Its main ingredient is the versatile soybean which also makes *tofu* as well as plastic, paint, and other inedibles. The soybeans, according to the magazine story, are boiled, then wrapped in straw and left to ferment in a warm place for a few days.

Presently the soybeans develop slime as well as a pungent aroma. The magazine reports that refined Japanese shunned the word *natto* but referred to it as *ito* (thread) because of the delicate, stringy white nature of the slime.

*Natto* is available commercially in small packages. The fermented beans can be added to *miso* soup. Or they can be mixed with some minced onions and soy sauce and poured over a bowl of hot rice, somewhat like tomato sauce over pasta. Because the

mees by its nature is slippery, it is not considered bad manners to slurp the rice.

The article reports that *natto*, while once considered a very inelegant food, is now stocked in many grocery stores, and it is served in many first class hotels. "Natto's renewed popularity is probably linked to growing health consciousness among Japan's aging population."

I suppose *natto* as a delicacy is no more strange than the gristle in pickled pigs' feet, the mold in Roquefort cheese, blood head cheese, calves' brain omelet, chitlins, sweetbreads and some other items I'd rather not mention that are part of the cuisine of the West.

If you encounter some *natto* at your favorite sushi bar, and have the courage to try it along with sea urchin eggs, warty green sea cucumber and other uncooked oddities, I hope you'll tell me what you think. ☺

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## Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

## The power of language

"People judge you by the words you use," blares a radio ad for a vocabulary-building outfit. True? You betcha. Well—if not "judge," people can tell a lot more about you than you might guess by what comes out of your mouth.

Language, say linguists and anthropologists, is the single most powerful instrument belonging to us mortals. They even suggest that thinking is a language process. Think about that. We formulate thoughts within the confines of the words we have at our command. This makes us all language-bound, limited and biased in our view of the world.

It's not that language limits our senses but it does direct our perception and thinking into certain habitual channels. Say, for instance, a child is born into a verbal environment in which terms relating to violence, used in different ways and often, invade ordinary conversation, as they do in our society. Consider: *hit* the books, *strike* up a conversation, a heart attack, not to mention *crash*, *smash*, *kick* and *bump*. Chances are, that child's thinking patterns will unconsciously follow the tracks laid down by this language and he or she will no doubt be initiated to accept violence as a large part of reality. Extrapolating from this, we can see the importance of eliminating demeaning, damaging language like racist and sexist terminology.

It follows that the language of a particular group of people pretty much mirrors their world view. Their vocabulary expresses shared assumptions and the implicit values they hold. A friend, conversant in both Japanese and American cultures, once noted that one of the worst insults you could hurl at a Japanese was *baka* (fool, idiot), it being the opposite of *kashikoi* (wise, intelligent), a trait supremely valued in Japan. In America, however, a devastating four-letter insult would most likely refer to a sexual act, a bodily function, or God, subjects with which we are inordinately preoccupied.

Groups within a culture, have their own argot by choice, need or accident. The generations within the Japanese American society, for example, because of their discreteness, often manifest language characteristics that set them apart from one another.

My good friend Chizu Iiyama, a community activist, notes that whenever Nisei and Sansei women jointly sponsor an event involving food, the Nisei are apt to think *potluck*, while the Sansei think *catering*. That tells you reams about the difference in the worlds in which the two generations orbit. It might tell you that the Nisei hark to a time when sharing food loomed large in their social activities, constituting a means by which community solidarity could be maintained. It was also economical and a way that they could show off their mastery in the kitchen where they spent a good deal of time. The Sansei, on the other hand, we might infer, are likely busy, career people, who lean toward conveniences and shortcuts. They are apt to be financially comfortable so that the table they provide will be tasteful, if not bountiful.

The Reverend Sid Ogino of the Phoenix Japanese Free Methodist Church offers further examples of "how different the two generations are."

"For one thing, they talk differently. Nisei go to the shopping center. Sansei go to the mall. When the Sansei buy a CD they go to the mall. When Nisei buy a CD they go to the bank. Nisei concentrate. Sansei focus. Nisei have heroes. Sansei have role models. Nisei eat noodles. Sansei eat pasta."

If language has this awesome power of directing our thoughts and revealing who we are, it is also ours to exploit and invent. The vocabulary of our Yonsei grandsons who recently visited us for the weekend, is peppered with terms derived from rap, like *kickin' it* (used mainly for "getting it," but has broader application, depending on context), *Hey* (for "Hi"), *pose* (for "gang" or

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## East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

## Fast food



A traveller seeking an inexpensive lunch in Tokyo might try one of the cafeterias operating in government ministry buildings located just beyond Hibiya Park. Around the noontime hour, you will find the office personnel coming down in droves to the cafeteria in the basement. The assortment isn't broad and like any cafeteria it's an assembly line operation. But then, at the prices charged, you can't have everything. Aside from a low-priced lunch, the experience of dining with the denizens is an off-the-beaten-path experience. The basements also feature helterskelter shops selling everything from pens, electrical appliances, rugs—you name it—at non-Ginza prices. Both MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) and the Agriculture-Forestry Ministry (*nôrinshô*) buildings have such operations in their basements.

Whenever fast food is in your hankering, there will be those Golden Arches almost any place: McDonalds has 956 shops in Nippon. Also KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) has more at 1,017 shops. Impressive as these numbers may be, five other operators have more outlets than either McDonalds or KFC. These five, with the number of outlets, are: Hokkaido Soba with 2,261 featuring take-out

lunches; Kozorushi Honbu with 2,082—and as its name suggests—take-out sushi; Honke Kamadaoya with 2,145 shops also featuring take-out lunch; Moe Food Services with 1,191 serves hamburgers; and Yoronotaki with 1,802 operating as pubs. Although McDonalds and KFC may be out-gunned on a store-count basis, these two operations take in more money than any of their competitors: McDonalds heading the list with gross sales of ¥212.08 billion followed by KFC at ¥141.84 billion.

Since this any way you wish; it totals up to a lot of hamburgers and fried chicken.

The third largest food operation at ¥137.60 billion (with 753 shops featuring Western-style fare) is Skylark. I don't recall seeing any of their shops. "Lotteria" is a name familiar to many of you, I'm sure: it has 600 shops with sales of ¥66.16 billion, thereby giving it No. 15 ranking. I've stopped in at a Lotteria for a quick cup of coffee and donut, but not very often; it seemed a shame to be passing up Japanese fare. While travelling by train, we look for *eki-bento* (station lunch) boxes, invariably containing more than I can consume. Also as we speed through various regions of Japan, there are the hucksters aboard the train pushing a cart bearing the *mei-butau* (famed goods) of each region.

Just give me a bag of fresh *mikan* (tangerines); that'll be quite adequate.

Switching back to the matter of donuts. I don't recollect seeing a Dunkin' Donut, although there surely must be a number of them in Japan. There is a similar operation featuring donuts which operates under the name "Duskin"—ranking among the top 10 in sales in Japan. However, I don't recall seeing a "Duskin" sign in Tokyo. Such a label would lead me to associate it with "Nan Duskin" which is some kind of women's store, and I'd hardly patronize such, particularly for coffee 'n' donuts. There's also Denny's which ranks 11th in sales in Japan, but I've not patronized their restaurants.

And if what I read recently about Denny's down in Annapolis, Md., refusing to serve some U.S. Justice Department (or was it ATF?) agents because they happened to be African Americans, it is less likely that they'll see any of my money.

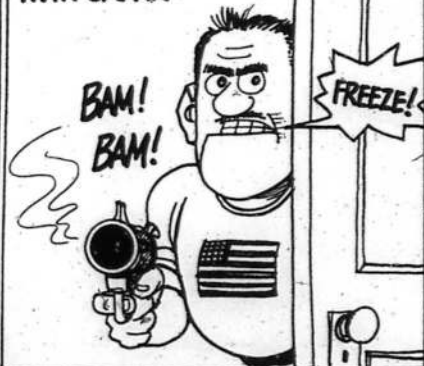
Even Nan Duskin will see my money before Denny's. ☺

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

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## Obituaries

Aoki, Barbara S., 70, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 25; Clearfield, Utah-born outdoorswoman, skiing, bowling and golf. Mt. Olympus JACler, survived by husband Huch, daughters Paula, Dawn, son Bruce, 2 pc. sisters Amy Yamane, Kaye Aoki, brothers Hiroshi, Tsubasa and Masao Okada.

Eguchi, Toku, 60, Gardena, May 10; Kanagawa-born, survived by daughters Frances Tolentino, Ellen Eguchi, 2 pc. Enoki, Hiroshi, 80, Santa Fe Springs, April 10; Hiro-born, survived by wife L. Jeanne, daughter Robert Enoki-Hancock, Patricia, Carol Enoki-Miller, son Joseph, 2 pc.

Fujii, Akemi, 42; Las Vegas, April 22; Chiba-born retired restaurant owner, Nevada resident 24 years, survived by husband Hiroshi, son William, daughter Anne.

Fujii, George Hideo, 73, Gardena, May 9; Seattle-born, survived by wife Hatsuiko, brother Robert (Carpenter), Dr. Tom K. (Jpn), sister Thelma Suyenaga.

Fukunaga, Eisei Y., 60, Los Angeles, April 21; survived by brother Tom Nakamoto, 5 sisters Mary Fukunaga (Cin-

cinnati), Millie Miura (Hawaii), Susie Matsuoka, Leona Inamasu, Gladys Inoue.

Fukunaga, George J., 68, Honolulu, April 19 on Guam while on business trip; Service Pacific president, CEO, Waiakua-born WWII and Korean war veteran, joined his father's Easy Appliance company in 1948 upon graduating from Univ. of Hawaii, expanded and diversified firm to Service, privately-held company which Hawaii Business Magazine ranked 13th among the island's top 250, assets of \$207 million, Aloha Council BSA's 90 Distinguished Citizen, active in many community groups; East-West Center Foundation, Rotary, Iokani School Board, UH Foundation, Goodwill Industries.

Hata, Hisako, 78, Stanton, March 31; Los Angeles-born, survived by sons Ben, Tom, daughters Haruko Fujii, Miyoko Nozaki, Mitsuyo Odo, Sachiko Sato, 11 pc., 4 great-gc, sisters Yasuko Bancho, Mekko Yoshi (both Jpn).

Hara, Teruhide Ted, 79, Gardena, May 4; Seattle-born, survived by daughter Julianne Nakamura, 1 pc, sister Tokiko Hagiwara (Jpn).

Harada, Yoshikatsu A., 84, Los Angeles, April 17; Kaula-born WWII 232nd Engineer veteran, survived by wife Nancy Chiyoko, son Bob, daughter Christina Hara, 5 pc., 6 great-gc.

Hayashida, Morio, 88, Los Angeles, April 23; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Mitsue, daughters Miko, Suzuko, 6 pc., 3 great-gc, brother Harry.

Higashi, Yoshio, 66, Gardena, April 23; Hiro-born, WWII veteran, survived by wife Edith, daughter Wynne Yoramine, sons Michael, Mitchell, 3 pc., brothers Rikio, Joseph, Isue (all Hawaii), sisters Tokie Okamura (Hawaii), Eve Inoue, Doris Sukita (Hawaii), Ito Hill (Lichtenstein).

Hirakawa, George J., 79, Los Angeles, May 3; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Sumiko, sons John, Paul, brother Kairo, sisters Susuyo Sasahara, Emiko Muka.

Isoe, Iutaro "Al", 67, New York, March 30; San Francisco-born Korean conflict MIS veteran, survived by brother Toru, Yoshio, sister Tochi Nishimura.

Terakami, Yoshie, 79, Los Angeles, March 13; Montebello-born, survived by sister Aiko Kishi (San Leandro), in-law sister Yoshie Terakami, brother Fuji Terakami.

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