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Denial of tenure review for Mills College Professor Suzuki sparks diversity debate

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

The recent decision by Mills College to deny a tenure review for Dr. Masao Suzuki, an assistant professor of economics, has raised questions and sparked a debate about the private school's commitment to diversity, especially to its Asian American students and faculty.

At the center of the controversy is the future of AA studies at the 146-year old women's institution, and the low number of AA students and faculty in an area of East Oakland that has one of the highest AA populations in the nation.

Although located in the Bay Area with a 19 percent AA population, with one of its closest neighbors, San Francisco, at 35 percent, Mills College has an Asian/Pacific Islander student population of only 11 percent out of approximately 1,200 students; a figure that has been gradually decreasing. It was at 13 percent only two years ago.

And currently, there are only about six faculty of Asian descent at Mills out of its 100-plus faculty members, Suzuki being one of the few American born teaching AA studies courses and whose research deals with AAs. Mills has only three tenured professors of Asian descent. Although Suzuki is an economics professor, some of the courses that he teaches are considered to be both economics and AA studies. Currently, there is no staff member in AA studies.

Mills' seeming lack of commitment to AA studies is a curious one considering that AA studies departments on university campuses throughout the country have been expanding in popularity, with over 30 universities currently offering courses in AA studies. Ironically, only 15 minutes from Mills is UC Berkeley, the site of the 1969 Third World students' strike that helped to bring about some of the first AA studies courses. Today, Berkeley boasts an AA undergraduate student population of 41 percent. And according to the census, AAs and Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing group in the nation.

Earlier last month, Suzuki, a Sansei whose mother is, Filipino

American, was denied his last and final appeal for a tenure review by Mills College President Janet Holmgren, thus terminating his teaching contract in May of 1999. With his departure, there will only be two AA studies courses at Mills, both moved temporarily to the English Department because of budgetary constraints. AA studies is a part of the larger ethnic studies department that includes African American studies, Alaska Natives/American Indian studies, and Latino/Chicano studies.

Suzuki was surprised by the denial of a tenure review considering that his previous reviews had been positive, but he has been heartened by the support he has received from students, alumnae, and colleagues. Shortly after his final denial for a tenure review, more than a hundred Mills students gathered to protest the school's decision. Renowned ethnic studies professor Ron Takaki of UC Berkeley spoke in support of Suzuki, a former student, on a recent visit to Mills. And earlier this year the Association for Asian American Studies passed a resolution in support of Suzuki, committing themselves to monitoring the situation and to taking appropriate action.

"I've received a lot of support from students and alumnae at Mills. They realize that I'm a good teacher and they feel that what I do is needed at Mills," said Suzuki. "I've been glad to have the support from the students and my colleagues here but it's been tough. It's hard to go to work at a place you've been for five years with much success and then for them to turn around and deny you tenure."

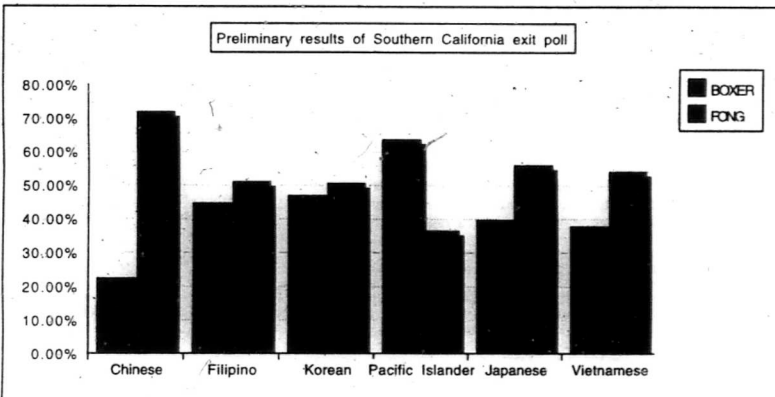
Suzuki earned his A.B. in economics from UC Berkeley and his Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University. A recipient of a number of awards and grants including two research grants from Mills, he was recently voted an honorary member of the senior class of 1999. Suzuki has also been a faculty advisor to the Asian Sisterhood Alliance and has been a popular mentor for the students.

Prof. Suzuki believes that there is a fundamental misunderstanding of the differences between AA and Asian studies at Mills. He points to a recent editorial by the school's provost, Mary-Ann Kinkead, in the Mills College newspaper, *The Weekly*, that has her mentioning the recent appointment of a tenure-track Asian histo-

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Exit polls indicate Asian Pacific Americans are untapped voting pool

	Chinese	Filipino	Korean	Pacific Islander	Japanese	Vietnamese
BOXER	22.30%	44.40%	46.80%	63.60%	39.40%	37.80%
FONG	71.60%	51.10%	50.50%	36.40%	56.00%	53.90%



BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Preliminary results from two exit polls conducted among Asian Americans in California revealed that AA voting patterns varied within each Asian ethnic group and that voters crossed party lines — both indicators that AAs as a whole harbor no deep party loyalty and are an untapped source of support to the political party that can address issues relevant to AAs.

One Pan Asian study done in Southern California was sponsored by Vision 21, API Vote and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California

(APALC). A second, which focused on Chinese American voters, was conducted in San Francisco by Chinese American Voters Education Committee (CAVEC) in conjunction with Solem & Associates.

In Southern California, 3,394 voters were surveyed at 50 precincts, all of which had a high Asian American voter registration. More than 180 people assisted in this exit poll, including volunteers from the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance and several students groups, particularly from UCLA and UC Irvine.

The precincts included the following — Orange County: Westminster; South Bay/Long Beach;

Torrance, Gardena, Carson, Long Beach, Cerritos; Central Los Angeles: Koreatown, Temple/Beaudry, Chinatown; San Gabriel Valley: Rosemead, Alhambra, San Gabriel, Monterey Park; East San Gabriel: Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights

Little Tokyo was not included in the exit poll because the number of registered voters did not justify conducting one. "We wanted to get a greater sweep of the geographic area," said Kathy Feng, APALC staff attorney.

As of press time, the Southern California group is also conducting a phone survey among more

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Judge delays fairness hearing in Mochizuki so separate JLA lawsuit can first be heard

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Usually justice delayed is justice denied, but in this case, a delay may mean a better chance at justice.

With a fairness hearing in the *Mochizuki et al. vs. the United States* lawsuit settlement looming, lawyers for Japanese Latin American former World War II internees managed to win a delay so that a separate but related case can be heard first.

"They argued that a class-action lawsuit filed earlier last month on behalf of NCRR (National Coalition for Redress/Reparations) and JLA former internee Joe Suzuki would directly affect the hearing for *Mochizuki et al.* ... a settlement that provides an apology and \$5,000 redress payment to all former JLA internees. The NCRR lawsuit alleges that the U.S. government failed to follow through with a provision in the 1988 Civil Liberties Act requiring them to invest the \$1.65 million in the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and that they are therefore responsible for the fund's current lack of monies.

"How can a judge determine whether this is a fair settlement when we don't even know how much money would be paid out to

internees, if any at all?" said lead attorney for the JLA's Robin Toma, explaining the reasons for requesting the delay. And it's precisely those questions of how much money would be paid out to internees and whether any monies will be left in the fund that need to first be answered in the NCRR ... lawsuit before a fairness hearing on the settlement can take place.

Agreeing with lawyers for the JLA former internees, U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge Loren Smith decided to delay the fairness hearing for the *Mochizuki et al.* settlement until Jan. 7, 1999, a date following the NCRR ... hearing scheduled for Dec. 11. When the settlement in *Mochizuki et al.* was first reached in June, lawyers for the govern-

ment had been optimistic. But they have confirmed that there is, in fact, not enough money in the Civil Liberties Fund to pay all of the JLA former internees their \$5,000 redress payments, an amount far lower than the \$20,000 Japanese American for-

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PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI

Lead attorney for the Japanese Latin American plaintiffs, Robin Toma announces the delay in the *Mochizuki et al.* settlement fairness hearing at a press conference on Nov. 10.

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SOUTHEAST

Sun. Dec. 6—Southeast Chapter Annual Holiday Dinner, 5 p.m., Sato Japanese Restaurant, 6050 Peachtree Pkwy. Norcross, Ga. (phone 770/449-0033). Dinner, entertainment, prize raffle, installation of officers; \$20/person. RSVP: Audrie Ono, 404/605-0938.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun. Dec. 20—Mochitsuki, 2 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Info, transportation: Laura Nakatani, 703/519-9378.

Midwest

BRANSON, MO.

Mon.-Sun., May 17-23—"Branson '99" tribute to Japanese American veterans: Info: Hy Shishino, 562/926-8151; travel, hotel & tour info: Eiko Yamamoto c/o Chase Travel Service, 800/304-5100.

ST. LOUIS

Sun. Dec. 13—Christmas Party, 4-8 p.m., Kirkwood Middle School.

WISCONSIN

Sun. Dec. 6—Christmas Party, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Mitchell park Pavilion, 525 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee: Potluck dinner at noon, gift exchange, non-perishable food contributions. **RSVP by Nov. 23:** April Goral, 482-9427; Lynn Luck, 421-0992; Margaret Igowsky, 643-5999.

Mountain Plains

NEW MEXICO

Thu. Dec. 31—New Years Eve party.

COMMUNITY Calendar

The East Coast

NEW YORK

Through Jan. 5, 1999—Japanese American National Museum's exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," Ellis Island Immigration Museum, New York City. Info: JANM (Los Angeles) 213/625-0414, (New York) 212/952-0774. Free admission.

WASHINGTON

Through Jan. 15—Exhibit, "Artists for Health," Fleming-Morgan Access Center, Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1432 U St. NW.

The Rockies

NEW MEXICO

Sat. Dec. 12—Program celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1:30-4:30 p.m., TV Smith Brasher Hall, Coal Ave. & University Blvd. SE; speakers, student essays on human rights, ethnic foods; ethnic dress encouraged. Info: Dr. Sei Tokuda, 266-2480.

Northern Cal

BERKELEY

Sat. Dec. 12—Annual Nikkei Seniors Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Mochitsuki, 12:30 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave.

Weekends through Dec. 20—Open artisan's studio, Lewis Suzuki, watercolorist, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 2240 Grant St. Info: 510/849-1427.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat. Dec. 5—Filipino Christmas Festival, noon-3 p.m., Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park; music, storytelling, art activities. Info: 415/379-8879.

Sun. Dec. 6—Nikkei Widowed Group Christmas party, 1 p.m., Grand Oaks Restaurant, 3701 Grand Ave., Oakland, 510/451-5253. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268; Tests Ihara, 415/221-4568; Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

Thu. Dec. 31—Japanese New Year's Bell Ringing, 11 a.m., Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415/379-8879.

Sat. Jan. 9—Mochitsuki with Kagami Kai, noon-3 p.m., Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415/379-8879.

Through Jan. 17—Exhibit, "Hiroshige: Great Japanese Prints from the James A. Michener Collection," Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415/668-8928.

Southern Cal

fundraiser; raffle tickets available.

NC-WN-Pacific

BERKELEY

Sat. Dec. 12—Annual Nikkei Seniors Christmas Party and Mochitsuki, sponsored by Berkeley JACL; see Community Calendar. Info: 510/238-1131, Tazuko White, 510/528-1524.

Sun. Dec. 20—Performance, Chapter Fundraiser, *The Hard Nut*, ("Nutcracker with a twist"), 3 p.m., Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: Al Satake, 510/528-1900.

CONTRA COSTA

Sun. Dec. 13—Chapter Board Appreciation/Installation Luncheon, 12:30-3 p.m., Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St., Oakland; Superior Court Judge Joni Hiramoto, guest speaker. Info: Jim Oshima, 510/234-8437.

SAN BENITO & WATSONVILLE

Fri. Jan. 22—Joint Installation/Keiro Kai Dinner, San Juan Oaks Golf Lodge.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat. Dec. 5—Spaghetti-Crab Feast, 5-8 p.m., Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St., proceeds to the Soko Bukai. RSVP, info: Chapter Message Center, 415/273-1015. Tickets: Tosh Mitsuda, Union Bank Japan Town Branch; Nob or Shiz Hihara, Paper Tree, Buchanan Mall.

S.F. BAY AREA NISEI SINGLES

1999, Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—8th Annual National JACL Singles Convention, Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Info: Georgeann Maedo, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981. Golf, bowling, workshops, mixer, banquet, dance, brunch, side trips. Co-sponsored by Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sat. Dec. 12—Mochitsuki pickup day, 2-4 p.m., Enmanji Memorial Hall.

LOS ANGELES

Through Nov. 24—UCLA Film & TV Archive retrospective on Hong Kong-based cinematographer Christopher Doyle; James Bridges Theater, Sunset Blvd. at Hilgard Ave. Info: 310/208-FILM.

Sat. & Sun. Nov. 28-29—"Stuffing, Rice, and Poi," readings by Hapa writers, playwrights & poets, 8:30 p.m., Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica. Tickets: 213/660-8587.

Through Nov. 29—Display: 1998-99 Japanese Calligraphy in America competition; Doizaki Gallery, JACCC.

Through Nov. 30—Exhibit: "Army of Ghosts 4696," by Steven Yao-Chee Wong; Highways Gallery, 1651-18th St., Santa Monica. Info: 310/453-1755.

Sat. Dec. 5—Panel Discussion, "Shifting the Focus: Researching the Resettlement Experience," 10:30 a.m.-noon, JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo; Dr. Lane Hirabayashi; co-curators James Gateward & Darcie Iki; Dr. Hansen, moderator. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sun. Dec. 6—Exhibit opening, "Design East/West," JACCC Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; local artists showcase crafts, furniture, jewelry, ceramics, clothes, etc. Info: 213/628-2725. Runs through Dec. 20.

Sun. Dec. 6—Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS) Christmas Celebration, 6 p.m., Japan America Theater, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/628-2725.

Thu. Dec. 10—Human Rights Day Symposium, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Dr., Calabasas; Arun Gandhi, speaker; workshops, panel discussions, resource fair, exhibits; lunch \$5, free dessert. Info: 818/878-3780.

Sat. Dec. 12—San Gabriel Valley Nikkei Singles Christmas party at a local restaurant, Christmas show at Citrus College, Glendora. Info: 626/960-2566.

Saturdays & Sundays—Los Angeles Chinatown Tour 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; \$25/person, \$9 children under 12; includes dim sum lunch at Golden Dragon Restaurant. RSVP: Chinatown Tourists Center, 213/721-0774.

Through Jan. 3—Exhibit, "From Benito to Mixed Plate," traces Japanese American presence in Hawaii from the first generation. JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Jan 10-24—Oshogatsu (New Year's) Exhibition, JACCC Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; shishiki cards created by over 100 people in the public eye. Info: 213/628-2725.

Through Feb. 7—Exhibit "Coming Home: Memories of Japanese Ameri-

Orders to Carly Ishizu, 700 Marshall Ave., Petaluma, CA 94952.

Fri. Jan. 22—Installation/Keiro Kai Dinner with San Benito Chapter, San Juan Oaks Golf Lodge.

Central California

LIVINGSTON-MERCED

Sat. Jan. 16—Installation Dinner; guest speaker: Lawson Inada.

Pacific Southwest

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Sat. Dec. 5—17th Annual Holiday party & Installation, 6 p.m. social hour, 6:30 dinner, Proud Bird Restaurant Skyroom, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles. \$38 before Nov. 28, \$40 after. Line dancing, mixers, door prizes, entertainment. RSVP, info: Ken Kishiyama, 310/329-5157; Norma Tozai, 714/532-2635; Janet Okubo, 310/835-7568.

1999, Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Eighth National Singles Convention; see S.F. Bay Area Singles.

LAS VEGAS

Sat. Dec. 12—Asian Chamber of Commerce 1st Annual Golf Tournament; proceeds to Bill Endow scholarship; see Community Calendar.

Sat. Dec. 19—Mochitsuki. ■

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can Resettlement," JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Fri.-Sun., Apr. 16-18—Rohwer Reunion II, Torrance Marriott Hotel, Torrance. Info: So. Calif.—Peggy Tsuruta, 310/323-6337; Frank Yamaguchi, 310/329-2547; Betty Kato, 714/636-8207.

Helen Takata, 626/968-2966; Mas Kodakura, 310/323-7989, Sam Mibu, 310/532-9730. No. Calif.—Nelli Utsuni Noguchi, 415/387-5265, Lillian Uyeda Inouye, 510/235-6042, Asako Homimoto Maeda, 510/832-2275, Yone Kumura Asai, 510/828-2086.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat. Dec. 12—Asian Chamber of Commerce 1st Annual Golf Tournament, 8 a.m./Wild Horse Golf Club, 2100 Green Valley Henderson. **RSVP by Dec. 1.** Info: Asian Chamber of Commerce, 702/737-4300; Vida Chan Lin, 702/367-0541.

PHOENIX

Sun. Dec. 13—Mochitsuki pickup, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Arizona Buddhist Church, 4142 W. Clarendon Ave., 602/278-0036. **Order by Dec. 1.** ■

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The deadline for all Holiday Issue advertisement submissions is Wed., Nov. 25.

Due to the hectic Holiday Issue schedule, the Pacific Citizen office will be closed on Wed., Dec. 16.

The office will also be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day but will remain open half-days on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Regular office hours will resume Monday, Jan. 4, 1999.

80/20 Seeks to impact upcoming presidential election

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Future U.S. presidential candidates take heed.

An organization, which calls itself the 80/20 Initiative, has started an ambitious plan to unite Chinese American voters, with aims at unifying the broader Asian American community, to direct 80 percent of the votes and contributions (hence the name) to the next presidential candidate of their choice.

"If we can all vote for one presidential candidate, we can have a significant impact," said S.B. Woo, former lieutenant governor of Delaware and a founding member of 80/20.

Five other 80/20 founding members include: Anna Chen-nault, president of TAC International; Larry Ho, professor of engineering and applied math at Harvard University; Michael Lin, president of the Organization of Chinese Americans; Henry Tang, chairman of the Committee of 100; and Chang-Lin Tien, former chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley. (Titles are for identification purposes only. There are no institutional involvements.)

While 80/20 members come from all across the nation, they are concentrating their efforts in New York, New Jersey and California — states with a high concentration of AAs.

California holds particular interest to the group since it is here that roughly 10 percent of the

registered voters are AAs. It also doesn't hurt that California has 54 electoral college votes, which according to Woo is "25 percent of what's needed to elect a president."

The demands of the 80/20 Initiative are simple: increase AA representation in policy-making positions in the public, as well as private sector to better reflect the nation's population.

The 80/20 leaders point out that although AAs make up 3.5 percent of the U.S. population, only four out of 250 cabinet posts are occupied by Asian Americans. That's less than one percent in top governmental policy-making positions.

On the federal bench, only seven out of 842 federal judges are Asian American. Again, that amounts to less than one percent of Asian American federal judges, say 80/20 members.

It is to remedy this underrepresentation that the idea to form an organization that could command political leverage through votes and campaign contributions was formed, said Woo.

The ideal presidential candidate, according to Woo, will be someone with a proven track record of supporting civil and equal rights, and who promises to support the 80/20 Initiative goals.

"We plan to endorse the presidential candidate of a party that has done the most to promote equal opportunity for all by July 2000 because that is the time of the national convention," said

Woo.

To accomplish their objectives, the group plans on initially uniting the Chinese American community — he small feat since the community is comprised of recent immigrants, American-born Chinese, mainland Chinese, Taiwanese and Cantonese from Hong Kong, to name just a few of the diverse groups found within this one Asian American community.

"It will be challenging," said Michael Lin. "But everyone agrees there is a need for more representation in Congress, and most people are willing to work towards that goal. Plus, hopefully it will be an educational process where people can become involved and speak up. If in the process, we achieve a unified voice, then we have achieved a lot."

Lin added that the 80/20 goal is a "symbolic" number. "Whether we achieve it or not is not critical. Even 60/40 will be significant. It's unifying the community and conveying the message to the community at large — that's the most significant part."

According to Chang-Lin Tien, the Chinese American voting community is split roughly between 55 percent registered Democrats and 45 percent registered Republicans.

"Although we have a composition of 55/45, we calculated that most can be swayed to vote one way if they see a platform favorable to the Asian American community," said Tien.

Already, the group has received considerable backing of leaders from the three largest Chinatowns in the nation — Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. They have also received strong support from satellite cities with large Chinese American populations such as Monterey Park and Foster City, cities located in Southern and Northern California respectively.

Following a retreat held in Foster City in September, the group has been able to raise more than \$50,000, funds which are slated to be used to hire an executive director and open an office somewhere in Southern California, according to Tien.

"We're thinking of Los Angeles because of the large Asian American community there," said Tien.

The next step will be to outreach to the broader AA community, something Lin believes needs to be done fairly quickly.

"Certainly, the Chinese Americans cannot define everything and then bring this to the Asian American community," said Lin. "That will less likely be attractive to them. That's why we'll need to do it now or fairly quickly."

But Woo added that they will not be outreaching to the broader AA community until they have proven themselves. "We need to earn their credibility, to ask others to kindly give us a hearing. We have not earned it yet," said Woo.

Woo said the impetus for forming this group came partly from

AAs angered over the handling and coverage of the recent campaign fund-raising scandal.

"I've always taken the position, as a member of a small minority composed mostly of immigrants, that we need to be patient and that it's a slow climb towards equal opportunity," said Woo. "But the events of the last two years, some of us feel, is a regression. Asian Americans have become more foreign, and our image has been tarnished."

Ten years ago there was a similar movement within the AA community, according to 80/20 members. Lin noted that following the activities of this group, a number of AAs were appointed to government posts.

"I don't know whether it was because of that or independent of that," said Lin. "But before that, there were no significant number of Asian American appointments."

Tien felt the 80/20 movement would revive those activities. "It will renew those efforts again, which is badly needed, especially since these past few years Asian Americans have had bad media coverage regarding the campaign episode. ... It will be challenging, but we need to start somewhere." ■

Anyone interested in applying for the 80/20 executive director position is invited to apply. Qualifications include experience in media and politics, fluency in English and Chinese and U.S. citizenship.

California APA exit polls

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than 500 absentee voters and non-voters. Those results will be released sometime this week.

In Northern California, pollsters focused on interviewing 300 Chinese American voters. According to David Lee, CAVEC executive director, the reason Chinese Americans were the only group polled in San Francisco was that, unlike Southern California which has a diverse AA community spread over a wide area, the dominant AA group on voters' rolls in San Francisco are Chinese Americans. More than 16 percent of AA registered voters in San Francisco are Chinese Americans, said Lee.

Boxer/Fong

In the hotly contested and closely watched Boxer/Fong race, political pundits predicted that the AA vote would determine the outcome. (Statewide Boxer received 53 percent of the votes; Fong, 43 percent.)

But exit polls conducted in Southern California indicated that the AA vote is not monolithic. Preliminary data showed that Pacific Islanders overwhelmingly voted for Boxer, with 63.6 percent voting for Boxer and 36.4 percent for Fong.

On the other hand, within the Chinese American community, only 22.3 percent voted for Boxer, while 71.6 percent voted for Fong. The number of Chinese Americans who voted for Fong, however, went down from the June primary when a similar exit poll concluded that 83.7 percent of Chinese Americans voted for Fong and 10.6 percent for Boxer.

The San Francisco exit poll revealed a similar trend with a higher percentage of Chinese Americans voting for Fong in the primary. In the spring, 72 percent of Chinese Americans supported Fong and 25 percent for Boxer. That number changed to 67 percent for Fong and 30 percent for Boxer during the general election.

The fact that Boxer picked up more support between the primary

and general election is one indication that AAs, once they are educated on a candidate's platform, will not vote based solely on race but will vote for the person who addresses issues relevant to AAs.

Boxer's attempt to reach the AA community was most evident in the ethnic media, which, as Lee pointed out, became "a legitimate media source." Fong countered with similar tactics with ads in various languages, and even invited the ethnic media to follow his campaign — probably a first in a U.S. senate race, according to Lee.

As for data results on crossover voters, the Northern California exit poll revealed that 51 percent of Chinese American Democrats voted for the Republican candidate, Democratic candidate Boxer received 22 percent of the Chinese American Republican votes.

In Southern California, the results on how Democrats and Republicans voted within each Asian ethnic group are not completed, but a look at the preliminary total numbers are telling. Japanese and Filipino Americans, who historically register with the Democratic party, voted for Fong 56.0 percent and 51.1 percent respectively, a potential indication that a large number of Democrats had crossed to vote Republican.

"It's significant to note that there were more Democrats than Republicans who turned out to vote," said Fong. "Usually, it's evenly spread. To have more Democrats indicates there were more crossover voting than what the preliminary numbers reflect."

I'm surprised that those populations, the Japanese and Filipino Americans, considered Democratic strongholds who generally vote the party line, voted that way."

By contrast, in the gubernatorial race results in Northern California more Chinese Americans voted for Democrat Gray Davis, who received 75 percent of the vote, compared to 21 percent for Republican Dan Lungren. In

Southern California, Davis received 60.4 percent of the AA vote, while Lungren received 34.1 percent. Both figures indicate that more AA Republicans voted for the Democratic candidate in the gubernatorial race.

While these preliminary numbers may seem as if there's too much work involved in reaching the AA community, both Fong and Lee indicated that one advantage the AA community has is their high propensity to vote.

As an example, Fong pointed out the voting pattern of Nikkei in the South Bay. "The Japanese in Torrance and Gardena vote regularly as a matter of course," said Fong.

To highlight this point, Fong noted that during the 1996 Clinton/Gore presidential campaign, the South Bay was the only area where the presidential candidate set up an office in an attempt to reach the AA vote.

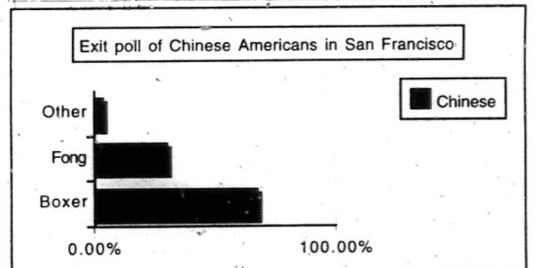
Lee voiced similar sentiment. "Asian Americans, those who are registered, have a high turnout rate," said Lee. "Once they start voting, they vote consistently. So if politicians learn there's a high, consistent turnout at the polls and that these voters will be there whether they appeal to them or not, this point will not be lost on the politicians."

Lee pointed out that Fong's failure to win was no indication the AA vote cannot make an impact. He noted that even if every AA had voted for Fong, the Chinese American senatorial candidate would still have lost because AAs, who make up 10 percent of California's population, are only six percent of registered voters.

Where AAs can make an impact is when the race is much closer, said Fong. "They will become vital in a tight, tight race. They would be the deciding factor and the swing vote."

The lesson to be learned from this race is that the AA population cannot elect the candidate of their choice by themselves and needs to build coalitions with oth-

	Chinese	Democrats	Republicans
Boxer	67.00%	48.00%	22.00%
Fong	30.00%	51.00%	76.00%
Other	4.00%	1.00%	2.00%



er communities, said Fong.

On a positive note, Lee pointed out that the Boxer/Fong race boosted AA visibility into the national spotlight. "Before, Matt Fong was a second or third tier Republican," said Lee. "But after two years, he emerged as a first tier Republican. Now, everyone knows who Matt Fong is. He took on a top-level Democrat in the country and kept the race going. At one point, he was even ahead in the polls. That's a huge journey, if you put that into perspective. People lose sight of that."

Both Lee and Fong also felt that a separate analysis needed to be done on how non-Asian Republicans had voted. Lee noted that he would not be surprised if Fong did not garner equal support from non-Asian Republican voters.

Redistricting

The exit polls on AA voting patterns will play a significant role in the year 2000, when the next census will be conducted and reapportionment proposals considered to draw up new legislative districts.

To many, reapportionment may sound like a nebulous concept, one that does not affect their lives. But consider this: the 1991 reapportionment battle waged by several AA organizations including the Legal Center following the 1990 census may have played a factor in getting George Nakano recently elected into the California state Assembly. Fong noted

that had Nakano's 53rd District been split as originally proposed in 1991, he may have garnered fewer AA votes.

In addition, had the 68th District in Orange County been redrawn following the 1990 census, California state Assembly seat candidate Michael Matsuda may have had a stronger chance in winning that post, said Fong. As it stands now, the district line runs right down Westminster's Little Saigon, splitting the Vietnamese American vote.

In San Francisco, the 1991 reapportionment split the Chinese American vote, according to Lee. At that time, Chinese Americans living on the eastside (considered old Chinatown) were split from the westside, the Richmond and Sunset areas (now consisting of several new Chinese enclaves).

How exit polls factor into this equation becomes evident when the basis for keeping certain districts together or splitting others may hinge on the argument of protecting mutual community interests such as shared language, history and voting pattern, according to Fong.

"The exit polls are able to give a snapshot of those interests in terms of shared voting patterns," said Fong, adding that other areas of potential shared interests such as age, citizenship history, occupation and educational level, which were all questions asked on the exit poll surveys, will be released later. ■

How APAs fared in general elections '98

Blank and other votes not included.

HAWAII

U.S. Senate		
Daniel Inouye (D)	315252	76.2
Crystall Young (R)	70964	17.2
Lloyd Mallan (L)	11908	2.9

U.S. House 2nd District

Patsy Mink (D)	144254	66.3
Carol Douglass (R)	50423	23.2
Noreen Chun (L)	13194	6.1

Governor/Lt. Governor

Ben Cayetano & Mazie Hirono (D)	204206	49.5
Linda Lingle & Stan Koki (R)	198952	48.2
George Peabody & Larry Bartley (L)	4398	1.1

State Senate

1st District: Hawi-Halaula-N. Kona Waimea		
Lorraine Inouye (D)	9337	54.2
John Carroll (R)	7283	42.3

2nd District: S. Hilo-Puna		
David Matsui (D)	15907	85.9
Denise Walker (R)	1893	10.2

4th District: N. & W. Maui-Molokai-Lanai		
Jan (Yagi) Buen (D)	9732	64.8
John Corboy (R)	4603	30.6

7th District: S. Kauai-Niihau		
Jonathan Chun (D)	14825	81.7
Robert Measel, Jr. (R)	1963	10.8

10th District: Waikiki-Kaimuki		
Les Ihara Jr. (D)	9241	67.8
Darrel Gardner (L)	2813	20.7

13th District: Punchbowl-Nuuanu-Iwilei		
Rod Tam (D)	8568	56.4
Cindy Rasmussen (R)	5917	38.9

17th District: Pacific Palisades-Pearl City		
David Ige (D)	13847	77.4
Robert Grayson (L)	2548	14.2

18th District: Crestview-Wahiawa		
Randy Iwase (D)	13809	67.1
Roger Ancheta (R)	6004	29.2

19th District: Waipahu-Pearl City		
Calvin Kawamoto (D)	13692	87.1
Li Zhao (L)	1106	7.0

21st District: Barbers Pt.-Makaha		
Colleen Hanabusa (D)	8201	73.2
Dicky Johnson (R)	2611	23.3

22nd District: Kunia-Wahiawa-Sunset Beach		
Robert Bunda (D)	9176	74.5
Tuissamau Alailima (R)	2656	21.6

23rd District: Kaneohe-Kahuku		
Bob Nakata (D)	7309	47.6
Joe Pickard (R)	7263	47.3
Michael Powell (L)	385	2.5

State House

1st District: N. Hamakua-N. Kohala		
Dwight Takamine (D)	5926	70.6
Terry Hutchison (R)	2051	24.4

2nd District: S. Hilo		
Jerry Chang (D)	6199	75.2
Steve Humphers (R)	1166	14.2
Jim O'Keefe (L)	424	5.1

3rd District: S. Hilo-Puna		
Eric Hamakawa (D)	7399	71.9
Linda Dela Cruz (R)	2299	22.4

7th District: W. Maui-Lanai-Molokai		
Sol Kahohalahala (D)	3979	57.9
Brian Blundell (R)	2385	34.7

8th District: Walehu-Maalea-Napili		
Joe Souki (D)	4249	54.1
Kalani Tassill (R)	3268	41.6

9th District: Kahului-Wailuku		
Bob Nakasone (D)	6292	76.9
Jack Kulp (R)	1197	14.6

10th District: Puunene-Paia-Makawao		
Olinda		
David Morihiro (D)	5749	68.2
Dan Evert (R)	2090	24.8

12th District: E. Maui-N. Kauai		
Hermira Morita (D)	4859	53.5
Jay Furfaro (R)	3679	40.5

13th District: Waipouli-Lihue		
Ezra Kanoho (D)	5978	65.1
John Lydgate (R)	2546	27.7

14th District: Koloe-Waimea-Niihau		
Bertha Kawakami (D)	6149	65.7
John Hoff (R)	2798	29.9

15th District: Kaiama Valley-Portlock		
Dave Stegmaier (D)	5885	59.7
Rich Miano, Jr. (R)	3683	37.3

16th Dist.: Mariner's Ridge-Niu-Aina Haina		
Bertha Leong (R)	5449	55.5
Jon Ishimi (D)	3983	40.6

17th District: Waialae Iki-Maunalani Hts.		
Barbara Marumoto (R)	8914	82.0
Steve Tatai (D)	1341	12.3

18th District: Palolo-Kaimuki		
Calvin Say (D)	5452	66.1
Joseph Kinoshita (R)	2300	27.9
Ed Schmitt (G)	213	2.6

19th District: Diamond Head-Waikiki		
Brian Yamane (D)	4815	58.5
Bill Sharp (R)	2936	35.7

20th District: McCully-Ala Wai-Kaimuki		
Scott Saiki (D)	4115	70.3
Troy Bettencourt (R)	1366	23.3

22nd District: McCully-Moiliili-Pawaa		
Terry Nui Yoshinaga (D)	3500	63.9
William Hols (R)	1562	28.5

23rd District: Manoa		
Ed Case (D)	6216	67.8
Walter Yim (R)	2398	26.1
Lauri Clegg (NL)	219	2.4

24th District: Makiki-Tantalus		
Brian Schatz (D)	3904	51.1
Sam Aiona (R)	3446	45.1

25th District: Kakaako-Downtown Ala Moana		
Kenneth Hiraki (D)	4286	61.9
Louis Molina (R)	2159	31.2

26th District: Punchbowl-Paioa-Nuuanu		
Sylvia Luke (D)	4914	54.4
Christopher Dawson (R)	3820	42.3

27th District: Puunui-Alewa-Nuuanu		
Lei Ahu Isa (D)	3703	48.2
Corinne Ching (R)	3684	48.0

28th District: Kamehameha Hts.-Kalihi Valley		
Dennis Arakaki (D)	4616	71.6
Mel Daoang-Chew (R)	1650	25.6

31st District: Moanalua-Salt Lake		
Nathan Suzuki (D)	5874	63.5
Michael Mahar (R)	2705	29.2

33rd District: Halawa Hts.-Pearlridge		
Tom Okamura (D)	6085	68.5
Allen Hanaoka (R)	2313	26.0

34th District: Waimalu-Waiuu-Newtown		
Mark K. Takai (D)	6773	80.5
Guy Monahan (L)	1193	14.2

35th District: Pacific Palisades-Pearl City-Highlands		
Noboru Yonamine (D)	6362	72.8
Ken Kahunahana (R)	2051	23.5

36th District: Pearl City-Waipahu		
Roy Takumi (D)	4859	76.4
John Nuusa (R)	1273	20.0

37th District: Waipahu-Crestview		
Nestor Garcia (D)	6151	74.6
Daniel Nakamitsu (R)	1770	21.5

39th District: Wheeler-Mililani		
Ron Menor (D)	7235	59.0
Guy Polanui Ontai (R)	4706	38.4

40th District: Wahiawa-Whitmore Village		
Marcus Oshiro (D)	4653	69.3
Raymond Santana (R)	1868	27.8

41st District: Ewa Beach-Ewa-Iroquois Pt.		
Paul Oshiro (D)	7029	74.7
Mary Ann Miyashiro (R)	2105	22.4

42nd District: Kunia-Makakilo-Ewa-Waipahu		
Mark Moses (R)	5527	49.5
Timson Maeda (D)	5285	47.3

43rd District: Barbers Pt.-Maili-Waianae		
Michael Kahikina (D)	4053	71.5
Denton Kissell (R)	1402	24.7

44th District: Waianae-Makaha		
Emily Auwae (R)	2597	46.9
Merwyn Seichi Jones (D)	2576	46.5
Glen Elliott (L)	119	2.1

47th District: Kahului-Kaneohe		
Iris Ikeda Catalani (D)	4399	49.8
Charles King Djou (R)	4209	47.6

48th District: Kaneohe		
Ken Ito (D)	4698	54.2
Mako Hara (R)	3658	42.2

50th District: Maunawili-Enchanted Lake		
David Pendleton (R)	5202	55.2
David Murakami (D)	3694	39.2

CALIFORNIA

U.S. Senate

Barbara Boxer (D)	3910981	53
Matt Fong (R)	3154036	43

Ted Brown (L)	84453	1
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Timothy R. Erich (M)	49230	1
H. Joseph Perrin (A)	43668	1

Ophie C. Beltran (P)		
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Brian M. Rees (N)	41505	1
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U.S. Congress

District 5: Sacramento		
Robert T. Matsui (D)	123,067	72
Robert S. Dinsmore (R)	44641	26
Douglas A. Tuma (L)	3536	2

District 31: Alhambra, Azusa, El Monte, Monterey Park		
Matthew G. Martinez (D)	55402	71
Frank C. Moreno (R)	17621	22
Krista Lieberg-Wong (G)	3693	5
Michael B. Everling (L)	1001	1
Gary Hearne (N)	817	1

District 38: Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, San Pedro		
Steve Horn (R)	64083	53
*Peter Mathews (D)	54012	44
David Bowers (L)	3394	3

District 39: Anaheim, Cerritos, Fullerton, La Mirada, Los Alamitos		
Ed Royce (R)	87747	63
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Santa Maria Mayor

Don Lehr	5171	50
Terry Killian	3890	38
Toru Miyoshi	1203	12

Sweetwater Union High School District

Arlie Ricasa	26416	56
Ruth French Chapman	21020	44

San Bernardino County**Bear Vly Cmty Health Dist. (2 seats)**

Ruth Bain Kissinger	3206	43
Donna Kelsey	1956	26
Laura A. Koepke	1194	16
Robert K. Long	1037	14

SE Valley Municipal Water Dist.-Div. 5

Steven L. Copelan	10110	44
George A. Sardeson	4924	21
Bob Stranger	4260	19
Jesus E. Munoz	2126	9
Pam Bailey-Shimizu	1511	7

Ventura County**Ventura Cmty College District**

Pete Edward Tafoya	8075	46
Ben Guerrero	7373	42
Deshay David Ford	2223	13

Northern California**San Francisco County****SF County Board of Supervisors (5 seats)**

Tom Ammann	117823	14.9
Gavin Newsom	107311	13.6
Mabel Teng	93486	11.8
Mark Leno	81132	10.3
Amos Brown	66281	8.4
Rose Tsai	57784	7.3
Victor Marquez	57732	7.3
Donna Casey	56901	7.2
Denise D'Anne	34506	4.3
Shawn O'Hearn	17223	2.1
Jim Reid	16601	2.1
Carlos Petroni	15899	2.0
Len Pettigrew	14697	1.8
Tahnee Stair	11354	1.4
Frederick Hobson	7923	1.0
Sam Lucas	7673	0.9

San Francisco Bd of Education (3 seats)

Dan Kelly	92928	20.9
Eddie Chin	66071	14.9
Frank Chong	57754	13.0
Mauricio Vela	52643	11.8
Carlota del Portillo	49105	11.0
Pamela Coxson	2550	5.7
Kevin B. Williams	22353	5.0
Adam Sparks	20150	4.5
Julian Lagos	17474	3.9
Maria Dolores Rinaldi	17103	3.8
Ash Bhatt	12108	2.7
Rufus Watkins	10080	2.2

SF Community College Board (3 seats)

Lawrence Wong	98670	25.1
Anita Grier	75343	19.2
Robert Burton	70874	18.0
Andrea Shorter	68521	17.4
Tom Lacey	29872	7.6
Chris Finn	26211	6.6
Moises Montoya	22721	5.7

Alameda County**Berkeley City Council: Area 1**

Linda Maio	2966	61.8
Budd Dickinson	1827	38.1

Fremont Unified School District (2 seats)

Anna Muh	16314	22.7
Guy Emanuele	15844	22.0
Kenneth Perry	10662	14.8
Renee Holding	9129	12.7
Rick Propoas	8782	12.2
Jessie Ring	3772	5.2
Catrina Rivera	3137	4.3
Fel Anthony Amistad	2587	3.6
Sula Meeker	1487	2.0

Washington THCD 4-Year (3 seats)

Mike Wallace	33869	28.9
Don Pickinpaugh	33102	28.3
Benn Sah	27020	23.1
Patricia Danielson	22846	19.5

Santa Clara County**Milpitas Mayor**

Henry Manayan	7262	69.3
Helen Gough	3218	30.7

Milpitas City Council (2 seats)

Jose Esteves	4854	27.0
Jim Lawson	4296	23.9
Althea Polanski	3767	20.9
Dan Terry	2060	11.5
Elwood Johnson	1978	11.0
Brenda Harrah	1033	5.7

Mountain View City Council (3 seats)

Sally Lieber	7001	17.7
Ralph Faravelli	6395	16.2
Mike Kasperzak	5892	14.9
Joseph Kleitman	5373	13.6
Anne Nichols	5347	13.5
Dena Bonnell	5016	12.7
D.K. Lu	4533	11.5

Santa Clara Board of Education Trustee

T.N. Ho	29224	56.4
C. Burr Nissen	22580	43.6

West Valley/Mission Joint Community**College District (2 seats)**

Don Wolfe	40807	37.3
Jeffrey Schwartz	29647	27.1
Douglas Allen	29496	26.9
Ryan Iwanaga	9536	8.7

East Side Union High District (3 seats)

Patricia Martinez-Roach	39168	28.7
Jeff Ota	36778	27.0
J. Manuel Herrera	35476	26.0
Enrico Callender	15092	11.1
Patrick Little	9918	7.3

Fremont Union High School District

Kathryn Ho	22421	29.2
Randy Okamura	18439	24.0
Avrum "Avie" Katz	18189	23.7
Mike Boyd	17663	23.0

Morgan Hill School District (4 seats)

Tom Kinoshita	5619	15.7
John Kennett	5395	15.0
Rick Herder	5293	14.8
Jay Randall Walter	5249	14.6
Susan Martino Choi	5207	14.5
Julie Hover-Smoot	5077	14.2
George Swenson	4016	11.2

Milpitas Unified School District (3 seats)

Marsha Grilli	6710	28.9
Bill Foulk	5270	22.7

Michael Mendizabal

Steve Munzel	4116	17.7
Kimberly Antoku	2994	12.9

Berryessa Union School District (3 seats)

Liz Chew	6689	21.3
Linda Hermann	5243	16.7
Nicholas Chernoff	4684	14.9
Rudy Nasol	4249	13.5
Tonia Izu	3844	12.2
Debbie Locke	2621	8.3
Tyrone Monroe	2155	6.9
Keith Ancar	1925	6.1

Saratoga Union School District (3 seats)

Stephanie Petrossi	4331	34.2
Bonnie K. Yamaoka	2937	23.2
Aileen Kao	2721	21.5
Stan Perry	2671	21.1

San Mateo County**Daly City Council (3 seats)**

Michael Guingona	8919	24.4
Carol Klatt	8650	23.7
Madolyn Agrimonti	7557	20.7
Cesar Alegria	7386	20.2
Z.S. Goldenberg	1968	5.4
Anthony James Miley	1950	5.3

Jefferson Union High School District**(3 seats)**

Eddie Angeles	14639	28.6
Thomas Nuris	13098	25.6
Maggie Gomez	12040	23.5
Rolly Recio	11223	21.9

ARIZONA**State Representative District 18**

Susan Gerard (D)	23413	54.2
Barry Wong (R)	19811	45.8

MINNESOTA**State Representative****District 41B**

Ken Wolf (R)	12254	67.8
Victoria Oshiro (D)	5780	32.0

District 52A

Satveer Chaudhary (D)	8142	55.8
Steve Minar (R)	6423	44.0

OREGON**U.S. Senate**

Ron Wyden (D)	72542	59.8
John Lim (R)	39936	32.9
Jim Brewster (L)	1629	1.3
Karyn Moskowitz (P)	1474	1.2
Michael Campbell (NL)	748	0.6
Dean Braa (S)	552	0.4

State Senate 19th District

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Cary Thomas (RPM)	4124	18.3

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PROPOSITIONS**Anti-Affirmative Action I-200 (WA)**

Despite opposition from Washington Governor Gary Locke and national civil rights leaders, including national JACL, Washington voters passed I-200, the measure that would prohibit government entities from "granting preferential treatment to individuals or groups based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin."

Washington is the second state to pass an anti-affirmative action initiative. California passed Proposition 209 two years ago. More than a dozen other states across the nation are contemplating similar measures.

Ban on Same Sex Marriages (HI & AL)

Hawaiians voted down a measure that would legalize same-sex marriages and approved a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to define marriage as exclusively between a woman and a man. This sidestepped a 1993 state Supreme court ruling which did not legalize same sex marriages but found that it was unconstitutional to refuse marriage licenses to same sex couples. Hawaii chapter of the JACL actively opposed the measure.

Alaskans, hoping to avoid a similar five year legal dispute that occurred in Hawaii, voted to ban same sex unions outright. Currently more than 29 states do not recognize same sex marriages.

Indian Gaming Initiative (Calif.)

There was strong support for this initiative which would allow California tribes to preserve reservation gambling without the state's approval. National JACL endorsed this measure.

Nikkei joins Davis' education policy team

Nancy Ichinaga, a principal at Bennett/Kew Elementary School in the Inglewood School District, was one of 13 appointed by Governor-elect Gray Davis last week to join a policy team created to improve California's public schools.

According to Davis, Ichinaga was chosen for her past track record as a leading principal who is known for expecting high standards from her teachers and students.

Davis's team will assist him in implementing a higher expectation approach to learning in order to raise student performances in public schools. Details of the plan were not included.

Joining Ichinaga are the following 12 team members: UC President Richard C. Atkinson.

Roland Arnall, former trustee of the California State University system and banker.

Mary Bergen, president of the California Federation of Teachers.

Alan Bersin, superintendent

of the San Diego Unified School District and former U.S. attorney for the San Diego area.

Eli Broad, chairman and chief executive of SunAmerica Inc.

William Crist, president of California's public employees pension fund and professor of economics at California State University at Stanislaus.

Marlene Garcia, education director for the Senate Research Office and former education advisor to then-Assembly Speaker Willie Brown.

Gary Hart, former state senator who was chairman of the Senate Education Committee and currently heads the CSU Institute for Teacher Preparation.

Reed Hastings, a Silicon Valley businessman.

Cecil Lytle, provost of UC San Diego's Thurgood Marshall College.

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Lois Tinson, president of the California Teachers Association. ■

Youth Exchange Program seeks minority students

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program is seeking minority high school students to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity studying abroad.

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JACL announces scholarship program

SAN FRANCISCO—The national JACL announced recently that it is taking applications for National JACL Scholarship and Awards Program. Interested students should send a brief letter requesting an application form along with a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope. The letter should indicate the class level one will be entering, major, and choice of the following application forms: Entering Freshman (High School Senior); Undergraduate; Graduate; Law; Creative and Performing Arts; and Financial Aid.

Applicants may request more than one application form, but must supply additional postage for each additional request. They should also indicate if they are already a JACL member. Applicants should allow at least three weeks for processing and mail time for applications. For applications write to: JACL Scholarship Program, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 or contact the nearest JACL district office.

Applications available for 1999 APAICS summer internship program

WASHINGTON—The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) announced that applications are now available for the 1999 APAICS summer internship program.

The internship program, which will be held from June 14 to Aug. 6, 1999, is open to currently enrolled college and graduate students with an interest in public policy issues and Asian Pacific American community affairs. Interns will be placed in congressional offices, federal agencies and non-profit public policy organizations in Washington, D.C.

In addition to working on assignments in their respective offices, interns will have an opportunity to attend briefings at the Democratic and Republican National Committees, workshops on significant policy issues affecting APAs, discussions with APA community leaders, and numerous social events and special tours.

At least 10 internships will be available, and each intern will receive a stipend of \$2,500 for travel, housing and personal expenses. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, at least 18 years of age, and have a grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. Applications are due Feb. 5, 1999.

Since its inception in 1995, the APAICS internship program has provided a unique Washington, D.C., experience for 39 Asian Pacific American students. Yale junior Catherine Kim, a 1998 summer intern, said of her experience, "The APAICS internship was an absolutely wonderful, enlightening experience that I will always remember. It creates such a unique environment that really helps APA students not only learn more about Washington but more about themselves and the role of the APA community in the larger picture."

For an application or more information about the summer internship program, contact the APAICS office at 202/547-9100 or apaics@apaics.org.

district office.

The following are deadlines for requesting application forms and submitting applications:

Requesting Application Forms:

Entering Freshman — February 20, 1999.

All other applicants — March 20, 1999.

Submitting Applications, Entering Freshman — postmarked March 1, 1999.

All other applicants — postmarked April 1, 1999.

Students not members of JACL may make application for membership at the time they submit their application.

The JACL began its National Scholarship and Awards Program in 1946. The organization recognized that education is the key to greater opportunities for future generations of the Nikkei community. Now in its 52nd year, the JACL National Scholarship and Awards Program currently offers over 40 annual scholarships totaling over \$75,000. The scholarship program offers awards to students at all levels of study, and in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Persons interested in donating to the JACL scholarship endowment or creating a new scholarship should contact Donna Okubo at national headquarters, 415/921-5225, or via email at jacl@jacl.org.

■ JOB REOPENING

Regional Director

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has reopened the search for a Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest District who is energetic, organized, and highly motivated to "make a difference."

Under the general direction of the National Director, the Regional Director carries out JACL's Program for Action and other policies; conducts advocacy, community relations, and fund-raising activities; serves as a JACL spokesperson at the regional level; works with JACL members to develop programs and events; and monitors local, state, and national affairs affecting Asian Americans.

The Regional Director manages the Pacific Southwest District office in Los Angeles, supervising one staff person and periodic student interns. This semi-autonomous position is responsive to the Pacific Southwest District Council and board to ensure that JACL members in the district are adequately served. Lifting, travel, and work after regular hours and on weekends will be required.

A four-year college degree, excellent writing and public speaking abilities, and transportation are required.

Hiring range: \$31,433-\$37,335, depending on experience. Excellent fringe benefit package includes health and retirement benefits. Send cover letter, resume, and writing samples to: Herbert Yamanishi, JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115; fax, 415/931-4671; e-mail, jacl@jacl.org.

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The CCDC installs its 1999-2000 district board members. (From left): Mae Takashi, installing officer, Robert Taniguchi, first vice governor, Kathy Ishimoto, secretary, Larry Ishimoto, second vice governor, and Grace Kimoto, governor. Not pictured are: Travis Nishi, treasurer, and district youth co-representatives Ross Kakinami and Grant Bungo.



(From left): Grace Kimoto, CCDC governor; Patricia Tsai Torn, CCDC regional director; and keynote speaker Sheri Hirota, executive director of Asian Health Services.



Nursing student Sheryl Sakaguchi checks the blood pressure of one of the health fair's attendees.

On Nov. 14, the CCDC of JACL held a joint health fair and installation banquet at the Doubletree Hotel in Fresno, Calif. The event was co-sponsored by the Central California Nikkei Foundation.

Close to a hundred people attended the district installation banquet that featured keynote speaker Sheri Hirota, executive director of Asian Health Services in Oakland, Calif. The last time a health fair was held by the district was in 1987.

In addition to installing the 1999-2000 district board, the district presented ruby pins to two of its members, Mae Takahashi and Izumi Taniguchi. Ruby pins are the highest honor a JACL member can receive.

Past president pins were also given to Robert Taniguchi, Livingston-Merced chapter; Tad Kozuki, Parlier chapter; and Ralph Kumano, Sanger chapter. ■

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Under the guidance of longtime NAMG volunteer and board member Mike Kurokawa, the volunteers representing the SF JACL chapter were enthusiastically weeding and cleaning up the area. SF JACL also had the opportunity to do some planting at the west end of the grove. Kyoko Tamaki stated that "being able to do something physical was more rewarding than making a monetary donation." Others such as Bryan Yagi and June Sugihara found this day to be quite different from their normal work day, but

fun. "This was the first time I was able to dig and plant something!" added Hawaii native Doreen Nakatsu.

A certificate in recognition of the chapter's work with the National AIDS Memorial Grove was presented by Thom Weyand, executive director of the Grove. "You have done a lot for the Grove and we appreciate the San Francisco JACL chapter for your continued support," he announced, as John Handa accepted the certificate on behalf of the chapter.

Community groups represented were Asian Pacific Islander (API) Wellness Center — Joyce Ycasas and Steve Takemura, and Hokubei Mainichi — Kumi Yamauchi and Yuka Ikematsu. Other volunteers included Edith Tanaka, Frank Tanaka, Vanessa Perry, Bruce Akizuki, Ai Sugano, Dickson Terashita, John Hayashi, Cathy Noe, and Greg Marutani. ■



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(FROM LEFT) front row: John Hayashi, Doreen Nakatsu, Vanessa Perry, John Handa; back row: Cathy Noe, Dickson Terashita, Greg Marutani, Bryan Yagi, Kyoko Tamaki.

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Mixed Messages

By Mika Tanner

Represent! Or, the question of Asian American solidarity

A FRIEND of mine happened to mention today that he had recently bought the new James Iha CD. For those of you who are not familiar with Mr. Iha, he's the guitar player of the alternative/rock/grunge/whatever band, the Smashing Pumpkins, who just struck it out on his own with a solo album.

He also happens to be JA. When my friend told me about his purchase, I was quite surprised, because, to tell you the truth, I can't in my wildest dreams imagine him being into that type of music. (He's much more of a Bruce Springsteen kind of guy.) Anyway, in response I asked incredulously, "Really? You like the Smashing Pumpkins?" "Oh, no, I've actually never heard them," he admitted. It turned out that he had bought the CD to support a JA artist — in fact, he still hasn't listened to it.

Of course, I thought this was hilarious. I could just picture this rather conservative Sansei man listening to this CD, puzzled as to why such discordant noise would be so popular, yet feeling some kind of identification with it all the same. It's interesting to me how some of us feel a sense of our ethnicity so strongly that occasionally we even favor this identity over our own personal taste.

Thinking about it though, as Asian Americans we submit to ethnic — and, I suppose, racial — allegiances all the time. For instance, a Korean American friend of mine admitted watching the

TV show *Ally McBeal* because there is an AA female cast member. Another friend subscribes to an Asian American magazine that she doesn't read or particularly like in order to promote AA publications. A fellow UCLA Asian American Studies graduate student urged all his cohorts to buy the new Black Eyed Peas album because the group featured a Filipino American rap artist. Articles and columns in community newspapers make celebrities out of AA actors and actresses who have recurring, although very minimal — we're practically talking walk-on — roles in prime time television series. And, come to think of it, last night two of my friends and I suffered through an episode of the inane new weekly show, *Charmed*, because an AA actor was to appear as the guest star.

I suppose it's because there are so few AAs being represented in mainstream cultural media that we identify so strongly with the ones that are. Plus, we want to support them because we know the way Hollywood and the mainstream cultural industry works is that it only appeals to certain minority audiences if they know there is a profitable market out there to be tapped. As a result, we put our money behind those AA artists and actors even if, as in the case of the CD purchase I mentioned, their work flies in the face of our own personal taste.

I tend to believe this kind of cultural and racial solidarity has its place, but it's definitely some-

thing to be careful about. For instance, not everything produced by and featuring AAs is necessarily good in quality or in its message. And for all of us to rally behind something that is, at most, mediocre, doesn't give us a whole lot of credibility in the mainstream.

Furthermore, the media industry aside, it can be problematic to support something solely based on the criteria of race. I mean, should I have voted for senatorial candidate Matt Fong (who voted yes on 187, 209, and 227!!) simply because he is an AA? Well, according to at least one prominent, and usually liberal, AA newspaper — yes. This makes no sense to me and is racial solidarity at its most ridiculous and most dangerous.

So, although I do not support unconditional racial solidarity, it's not surprising that we all feel and act protectively towards "our own" from time to time. However, what I really think this all points to is that there needs to be more AAs out there in politics and the media for us to choose from in the first place. Then, perhaps, we can be slightly more discriminating. But here's the rub: Will there only be more to choose from if AAs band together in solid numbers at every political, box office, television ratings, and record sales opportunity? Maybe, maybe not. Who ever said these kinds of decisions were ever easy? ■

Mika Tanner is a member of Hapa Issues Forum.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Remembering Bob Kinoshita

THE last time I saw Bob Kinoshita was on a bitter February morning in 1943 at a desolate Wyoming camp called Heart Mountain. Instead of the white smock he usually wore as an overworked physician at the camp hospital, he was in an Army officer's uniform with captain's bars on his shoulders. Bob Kinoshita had finally realized his greatest wish — he was on his way to serve in his country's defense.

It is necessary to understand the times to know why this event was so important. Hawaii-born Kinoshita, a graduate of the University of Nebraska medical school, had joined the Army Medical Reserve in 1936 and became one of two officer-physicians serving more than 6,000 members of the Civilian Conservation Corps in a 70,000 square mile area of southern Oregon.

After war came in 1941 Kinoshita asked for active duty and was ordered to report to Fort Omaha in Nebraska. But before he could move he and his Caucasian wife, Evelyn, and their young son found themselves in a horse stall at the livestock exposition hall in Portland being used as a detention center for some 3,500 Oregon Japanese Americans. Ironically, just across the Columbia River at Vancouver Barracks, an Army post, Kinoshita's name was being carried on the officers' roster.

With many of the Portland evacuees Kinoshita and his family were sent to Heart Mountain where I met him in the fall of 1942. There he began his stubborn personal campaign to serve his country. Approval did not arrive until 1943 when the Army decided that, well, maybe it might be a good idea to restore military duty for Japanese Americans.

"I consider this my opportunity to prove that I am worthy of my American heritage," Captain Kinoshita told the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*. "I am proud to serve my country, and I would be ashamed of myself, and my people, if we could not meet this challenge. I want my children to be proud of me as a soldier of my country."

So Bob Kinoshita went off to war. That was the last I saw or heard of him until a few weeks ago Bacon Sakatani, the volunteer Heart Mountain archivist, wrote to ask whether I knew that Kinoshita was living in retirement in an Oregon foothills town. He was, indeed, and before long correspondence spanned 55 years of time. He had a story to tell, a story virtually unknown among Japanese Americans, and it deserves to be shared.

After attending advanced medical courses at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., Captain Kinoshita's first assignment was as medical training and planning officer with the

Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team at Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

The Yanks in Europe were being chewed up pretty badly. There was a need for combat medics. Apparently unaware that the 442nd itself would soon be in great need of doctors, Kinoshita was sent to the 7th Armored Division as battalion surgeon in April of 1944. (Kinoshita remembers that there were two other Nisei physicians in the division — Dr. Yukio Miyauchi and Dr. Shioichi Asahina.)

By D-Day the 7th Division was en route to Europe. In the late summer of 1944 the 7th Division was involved in eastern France in some of the most violent battles of the war. Between Aug. 16, and Sept. 21, Captain Kinoshita as battalion surgeon was wounded three times while in the front lines tending to American casualties. He was cited for extraordinary valor in four separate actions involving rescue and care of the wounded while exposed to enemy fire.

In recognition he received a Silver Star medal with Oak Leaf Award indicating a second award, a Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Cluster — seven combat medals in all, plus three battle stars to attach to his European Campaign Ribbon.

When the 7th Armored Division was pulled off the line in November of 1944, Kinoshita was assigned as battalion surgeon with the 102nd Infantry Division. His last assignment before discharge in June 1946 with rank of major was taking care of the wounded at a hospital at Fort Custer, Mich.

Kinoshita and his family, including two sons, settled in Portland after the war where he had a family medicine practice until retiring in 1976.

Both Kinoshita and his wife are feeling the weight of age. He is 92, she somewhat younger. They prefer to live a private life, but it would be an injustice to leave Bob Kinoshita's story untold.

Bob Kinoshita's medals attest to his courage in battle. But it also took courage to seek the right to serve at a time when, bitter about the injustice of the Evacuation, many Nisei were urging their fellows to resist military service.

I want my children to be proud be me," Kinoshita told the *Sentinel* before his departure. "And when the war is over, I will want to be able to stand before any man and tell him that I too helped to bring victory to America."

He did, indeed, and in a most remarkable way. ■

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the *Denver Post*. His column appears regularly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

Academy Award winner *Visas and Virtue* now on home video



Chris Tashima, actor/director (left) and Chris Donahue, producer, accept their Oscars at the 70th Academy Awards.

Visas and Virtue, winner of the 1997 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film, is now being released for home video purchase.

Produced by Los Angeles-based Cedar Grove Productions, *Visas and Virtue* poignantly pays tribute to Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul general who risked his career to save 6,000 lives by issuing transit visas to Polish Jews who were fleeing the impending Holocaust in 1940. With the addition of children and grandchildren, over 40,000 people today owe their lives to one man's act of kindness.

The 26-minute drama by actor/director Chris Tashima has received enthusiastic responses at film festivals around the world. In addition to the Acade-

my Award, the film has won numerous other awards including the First Place Fiction Prize at the USA Film Festival, the Crystal Heart Award from the Heartland Film Festival, a CINE Golden Eagle Award, the "Garcia de Paso" Human Values Award (Spain) and a Humanitarian Award from the Holocaust survivors' organization, The "1939" Club.

"Everywhere we've screened the film, people have asked, 'When is it coming out on video?'" said Tashima, who has traveled with the film to festivals throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and South America since its completion last year.

"Our reason for making this film was to tell the Sugihara sto-

ry," he said. "Releasing the film on home video is the easiest way for people to see the film, and the best way to share the story with a wide audience."

In September, *Visas and Virtue* was also made available for educational and nonprofit public performance use. The educational video comes with a one-page discussion guide that can be used by school teachers and educators as they explore issues of racism, risk-taking and the meaning of role models.

Home video copies of *Visas and Virtue* are available on VHS-cassette for \$19.95. To order, call Transit Media toll free, 800/343-5540. For information regarding the educational video, call NAATA at 415/552-9550. ■



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COMMENTARY

Diversity partnership attracts American, Japanese corporation commitments

BY TOMOJI ISHII

More than 12 corporations and financial institutions attended a California Partnership on Diversity breakfast celebration, hosted by the Greenlining Institute and the Pacific Gas & Energy on September 22, in San Francisco.

The celebration attracted more than 200 corporate and community leaders. A similar program was hosted by Greenlining and Southern California Edison in Los Angeles.

At both events, California corporations and banks pledged to promote diversity. "The opportunity to collaborate with other companies who have similar commitments to diversity will help us do even more," said Robert Glynn, PG&E's CEO.

Ray S. Johnson with *Fortune* magazine could not attend the San Francisco event but sent a letter, which read in part: "We hope (the event) helped establish a benchmark for corporate America's diversity efforts."

The event was remarkable amidst a conservative trend in California, one that is wiping out civil rights gains achieved in the last three decades. Examples are the passages of propositions 187 (anti-immigration), 209 (anti-affirmative action) and 227 (anti-bilingual education).

Notably, 20 major banks pledged to promote diversity in their business practices, including hiring and lending. These included Bank of America, Bank of the West, California Federal Bank, Citibank, Washington Mutual, Wells Fargo Bank and World Savings.

The pledges made by the corporations included the promotion of "the business and economic benefits of diversity" and "multicultural harmony to provide opportunities for all to participate in California's economy."

Their proud pledges must have resulted from a series of working relationships between the banks, communities of color and the underprivileged. GTE, although not a banking company, also joined the pledge.

Moreover, I am very proud of three Japanese banks which joined the California Partnership on Diversity. These banks are Union Bank of California (Tokyo-Mitsubishi group), Sanwa Bank and Manufacturers Bank (Sakura group).

I applaud their conscientious efforts to commit to California's diverse communities, and I salute the pledged corporations, banks and the Greenlining coalition for their efforts in leading this accomplishment.

I vividly recall the negative perception the media and community groups have had on Japanese businesses in America. Many viewed Japanese businesses as unduly powerful, yet not sensitive to American multicultural communities, and at worse, discriminatory against racial minorities and women.

Those perceptions were created due to a series of notorious racial remarks against American minorities made by influential Japanese politicians. Japanese corporations in America were accused of racial and/or gender discrimination which resulted in lawsuits and large compensations, sometimes up to \$30 million.

Protests against Japanese politicians and businesses sometimes resulted in "Japan bashing" against all Japanese businesses, the Japanese and the Japanese American community in America, as if a contagious racist disease had spread indiscriminately.

However, responsible Japanese business leaders learned, albeit by painful repercussions, how diversity and fairness are indispensable in everyday operations. American businesses which were accused of racism, sexism, exploitation and environmental negligence also learned this lesson.

John Gamboa, executive director of the Greenlining Institute, summed it by saying, "These corporations recognize that employee diversity provides a competitive edge in the new emerging markets."

This is a celebration for businesses regardless of nationality. California's corporate mosaic has been drastically changing as out-of-state or foreign businesses increase their presence noticeably. An invitation to the California Partnership on Diversity to the new businesses in California is certainly a challenging but a worthwhile task. ■

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Letters to the Editor

What does the JAKWM have to do with it?

This letter is belated, but I was unaware of the correspondence that was exchanged between Mas Odoi of Renton, Washington and Stanley Kanzaki from New York in your May 1, June 15 and Aug. 7 issues of the *Pacific Citizen*.

Although I personally disagree with Mr. Odoi regarding his attitude and opinion about the evacuation, I will refrain from entering the controversy in this letter.

After reading the letter to Kanzaki from Odoi in your Aug. 7 issue, I became very angry and am appalled at Odoi for beginning his letter by identifying Kanzaki as the "New York Coordinator for the JA Korean War Memorial."

What was his purpose in relating our Korean War Memorial Committee in identifying Kanzaki or relating their controversy to us? To include the JAKW Memorial in his attack on Kanzaki in a personal matter denigrates the memory of the Japanese Americans who died in Korea.

The Japanese American Korean War Memorial was built in Los Angeles to honor and memorialize the 246 Japanese Americans who gave their lives so the likes of Mas Odoi could enjoy his freedom of speech. What did Kanzaki's affiliation with a totally unrelated activity have to do with their disagreement?

Yes, Kanzaki is a supporter of the JAKWMC, along with almost a thousand other Japanese American Korean War veterans. He came all the way to Los Angeles last year to attend our memorial dedication ceremony and weekend of events. If Odoi would have attended our ceremony, he would have had a better understanding of the JA Korean War Memorial and would have known better than to attack or even mention the memorial.

As president of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization, we resent Odoi's inference that the "JAKW Memorial" Committee, of which Kanzaki happens to be a member, was "decrying his effort to dissolve bitter resentment against our evacuation."

To include those who died in the service of their country, even though many of them were incarcerated in the internment camps, in a controversy in which they cannot voice their own opinion is irresponsible, and a public apology from Mas Odoi is not only necessary, it is mandatory.

Robert M. Wada
Fullerton, Calif.

'Japanese American' misunderstood

The expression "Japanese American" is perfectly clear to readers of the *Pacific Citizen* and those who know about us, but it is not clear to everyone. In the P.C. it usually refers to a people, but in more general usage, indicating a national relationship: Japanese American trade, Japanese American disputes, Japanese American Mutual Security Treaty. Some of the early negative reactions to the Redress campaign seemed to arise from a misunderstanding of the term, that it somehow involved the nation of Japan. Moreover, the term sometimes conveys an unwelcome sense of politeness when referring to us.

As a Nisei I was introduced by a European as an American Japanese. Although innocent, it was not incorrect, when thinking racially. How about American Jew or American Indian? Here in Japan, I am also often called an American Japanese, indicating, I think, an attempt at intimacy.

I suggest that in the naming of permanent institutions and when facing a large mixed audience and in formal situations that a less ambiguous expression be used to avoid a double meaning. Americans of Japanese ancestry, although awkward, is one possibility but there should be others. After all, there is enough confusion around and in this age of index words; we don't want to be misunderstood by those we are reaching out to and by those who don't know us as a people.

7. S. Hibi
Okayama, Japan

Re: NJAMF monument

Kudos to Bill Hosokawa! His Aug. 7 column shows why he is acknowledged as the dean of Nisei journalists. His forthright reporting on the status of the design of the monument in Washington, D.C., is invaluable in keeping us informed. The monument should reflect what we wish to say to America guided by our experts such as Bill. His words seem to indicate some concern with the advice he is getting from federal authorities on the inscriptions that he has been working on.

I hope that Bill will keep in mind the words of the Issei, *gam-bare*, and also keep us updated on other aspects of the monument that are equally important in conveying "our" story accurately.

A. Gwai
Seattle

Amache classmates

Thank you, Caroline, for printing my request for "Searching for 5A classmates (1944-45)" from Amache, Colo., camp for the October camp reunion.

I was provided with the last names of Bobby, Clarence, Lilly M. (Lillian Makita Yamada), and Lily Shintani wrote me that her middle name was Yuriko, so that solved all the "first names only" that I had.

Got most of my responses from Northern Calif. classmates. They read about my search in the *Hokubei Mainichi* newspaper in San Francisco.

One classmate who really helped me was Kazui Inouye from San Mateo, and his wife Janet. After I retire, I plan to make all the telephone calls to the people Kaz discovered via Internet.

Most of us are still working at the ages of 63 and 64. Hopefully the next Amache Camp Reunion, we'll all be retired so I can invite the entire 5th grade.

Grace Takeuchi
Tustin, Calif.

'Multi-Hughed' Japlish?

Re: Capt. Hugh Strehle's letter (P.C. Nov. 6-19): Would that the captain's late Shin-Issei wife be still here to correct him on one small point in his letter. The major administrative entities in Japan are covered in the standard term "to-do-fu-ken." Tokyo is the sole "to" (capital). As the captain notes, Osaka and Kyoto are the only "fu." Hokkaido, having been colonized rather late, is the sole "do," not a "ken" (prefecture), which is the denominator for all the other entities.

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Mills College's commitment to diversity questioned

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ry professor in defense of accusations that Mills is destroying AA studies.

"The ignorance of the distinction between Asians and AAs, that's very dangerous. As Japanese Americans we know the danger of being seen as non-American," said Suzuki. "It's a dangerous ignorance to have at the end of the 20th century."

Suzuki notes that among the reasons given for his tenure review denial was that his publications were considered to be ethnic studies rather than economics. Yet his works, largely dealing with the economics of race and immigration, have been published in mainstream magazines such as the *Journal of Economic History*.

Another reason given for the denial was inadequate teaching and scholarship, which basically means a lack of publications. Yet Suzuki points out that a fellow white colleague who has also taught at Mills for five years recently received a tenure review even though he has fewer publications than him. "There seems to be a double standard for my white colleague. It seems I'm held to a higher standard than my white colleague."

He continued, "There definitely is racism at Mills. Mills College is much more intent on saying it's a diverse college than doing something about it. [They've] taken steps away from representing all minority groups and have particularly marginalized AA studies in the ethnic studies department. It all adds up to the marginalization of AAs on this campus." It was only in the early '90s that the first professor of color was hired at Mills.

Mills' perspective

"Mills is a community committed to strengthening race relations," said President Holmgren. Although she acknowledged that Mills is not as diverse as they would like it to be, she said they are making moves in the right direction. "Of course we always want as diverse a community as we can, for both faculty and students." She added, "We are all moving to hire faculty of color. We're very proactive, making sure that all the applicants in the pools are diverse. Also with student recruitment."

Although Holmgren was unable to comment about the specifics of Suzuki's case, saying it was a personnel issue, she confirmed that he will be departing from Mills next spring. She added, "we have a standard for promotion and tenure and it's applied to everyone."

"I think it's a fair process," said Provost Kinkead who is also the Dean of the Faculty, of the school's tenure system. "Prof. Suzuki was reviewed by the Appointment, Promotion, Tenure committee. They have criteria spelled out in the faculty handbook and they did not recommend him." She also refutes Suzuki's contention that his works were considered ethnic studies rather than economics and is offended that Suzuki thinks she does not know the difference between Asian and AA studies.

She denies that there is a lack of

diversity on campus and points out that 38 percent of the college's students are students of color. As to the number of AA students, Kinkead said, "We think it's quite good although we'd like to do better. Compared to other schools it's high."

Asked about the discrepancy between the AA population in the Bay Area and the number of AA students and faculty at Mills, Kinkead responded, "We're a national institution. That's another way to look at it. It depends on how you look at it. I don't think it's low." She also noted that they are currently preparing a proposal for a full-time position in AA studies but this will depend on the availability of funds in the budget.

Kinkead added that she would like to see more professors of color at Mills and notes that this year the college tenured three. "For us that's a lot, three of the six. All those up for tenure got tenure this year."

In fact, one of those tenured recently was Susan Wang, an associate professor in the mathematics and computer science departments. Although originally denied tenure, the decision was overturned by President Holmgren shortly after the rally was held in support of Suzuki. Although Wang is of Asian descent, she does not teach any of the AA studies courses.

Part of Mills College's mission statement states, "The curriculum combines the traditional liberal arts with new educational initiatives that recognize the value of cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity." In addition, the mission statement of the ethnic studies department says in part: "By studying the nation's rich history of ethnic and racial diversity from the perspective of people of color, the department seeks to prepare Mills students for leadership and professional achievement in an increasingly multicultural and multi-ethnic society."

Ironically, the three non-tenured members of Mills College's ethnic studies department have not come out in public support of Suzuki. Neither has his own economics department. Phone calls to both the ethnic and economics departments at Mills were not returned.

Diversification efforts

To help promote diversity on campus, Mills currently has various advisory committees including an affirmative action committee, a diversity committee and a Multicultural Curricular Enhancement committee that is supported by a James Irvine Foundation grant.

The Multicultural Curricular Enhancement committee is re-

sponsible for creating a more diverse and balanced curriculum that includes both national and international issues related to race, ethnicity, and gender. Ironically, Prof. Suzuki received a Multicultural Curricular Enhancement Faculty Seminar grant earlier this year.

Dr. Ken Burke, a member of Mills College's diversity committee says that although the committee deals with various issues of campus diversity, Suzuki's situation has not been addressed. That's because his tenure review denial went through the regular evaluation process, he explained. Although he personally supports Suzuki's attempts to get tenure at Mills, he acknowledges that he does not know enough about Suzuki's particular case.

Although hesitant to speak for the entire seven-member diversity committee, Burke acknowledged that Mills needs to continue to work at diversifying the campus. "We need to continue to be more diverse. We need to be constantly working towards a harmonious community."

Burke points out that in the last six years 27 of the 34 faculty who were up for tenure were retained, while seven were denied. Of those seven, two were professors of color. Considering the low number of minority professors currently at Mills, he agrees that more needs to be done in recruiting faculty members of color. "That's a problem. We're not as successful as we need to be."

Track record

Yet even with all of these committees in place to address the issue of diversity, AA students at Mills still haven't seen much progress. Etsuko Kubo, a 21-year-old senior in the ethnic studies department disagrees with Holmgren and Kinkead and notes that the lack of diversity on campus, both among the students and the faculty, is a serious problem.

"Generally the atmosphere towards women of color on campus has always been bad here," said Kubo, a Yonsei who was one of the speakers at the recent rally in support of Suzuki. "Mills has been paralleled to a plantation before. It's that bad. This school has a long history of institutional racism."

With the recent protests surrounding the denial of a tenure review for Prof. Suzuki, Kubo says the tension on campus is palpable. In a recent incident, posters across the campus asking why there weren't more women of color at Mills were defaced with the words, "Because Mills isn't a 'community' college."

She and other students, both

white students and students of color, recently formed a group to continue fighting for a commitment by the school to diversify Mills. The group meets twice a week, writing letters in support of Suzuki and outreach to other schools who have gone through similar situations. Currently, they are planning to hold rallies and sit-ins in the near future. The Associated Students of Mills College (ASMC), the largest student group on campus, has not come out in support of Suzuki and the AA students. Calls to ASMC were not returned.

According to Kubo, a major part of the problem is an apathetic administration that refuses to acknowledge that a problem exists. "They don't care. As long as the majority of people are happy it doesn't matter. I guess they hope that the people making trouble will leave."

She added, "They always talk about [diversity being] their number one goal. They've been talking about that forever. They keep saying it's going to take time. But I think we've given them enough time."

Krissy Kim, a 1994 graduate of Mills and the former co-president of the school's Asian Students Association, says the current problems at the school are not new. "It's a problem that has existed for 20 to 30 years. The Mills administration is hostile to faculty of color and is generally unsupportive of students of color there." She continued, "Many faculty of color were never tenured, and were treated horribly. It's a major institutional problem." Kim, a Yonsei who is half JA, is currently a graduate student of art history at UCLA and works at the Japanese American National Museum.

She agrees that Mills has and continues to have problems of racism and discrimination, calling the school a "conservative institution." She continued, "A lot of institutions are afraid of change. They've tried to change their image to keep up ... yet in terms of policies ... they can't make themselves welcome to all students." Kim added, "I wonder sometimes why Masao wants to be there, but it's about change. It's strange. You have great people going through there but they don't stay."

In 1992 former Mills Professor Dorothy Tsuruda filed a racial discrimination and sexual harassment suit against Mills College which was eventually settled out of court. Tsuruda, an African American woman married to a Japanese, filed her suit against Mills for what she felt was the white women's harassment of women of color at Mills. At the time, Tsuruda held a joint position

in the English and ethnic studies departments. Currently she teaches African American literature and composition at San Francisco State University.

Although her experience at Mills was of a different nature, Tsuruda says she is not at all surprised that Suzuki is having such a hard time. "I knew from the beginning that he was going to be in trouble," she said. "We came from an ethnic perspective and that's not what Mills wanted. Anyone who comes from a racial perspective is ostracized." She continued, "He was an advocate for students of color. But he was proactive, not reactive."

Tsuruda, who is writing a book about her experiences at Mills, calls Suzuki's current situation at the college "racial politics," pointing out that he has more and better publications than many of the professors who have received tenure at Mills in the past. "He's an excellent teacher, very cordial. People who got tenured, were less scholarly than Masao." Because of the lawsuit she filed a few years back, she was able to obtain files on those who have previously received tenure at Mills.

"Mills is an odd place. Something in the particular environment there is eerie," she said. Tsuruda doesn't hold much hope for change at Mills as long as the same people continue to run the college, and she holds the current president largely responsible for the lack of commitment to diversity.

"The president came into a racial culture and she regressed it instead of taking it out," she said. "She brought a new form of racism to the school. They keep recreating themselves, hiring the same people. They find people of color who will play the minority they want." She added, "Mills has all of the ugliest elements but it has the sickness of being a women's college that deflects it."

Although Suzuki is still exploring his options, he does not exclude the possibility of following Tsuruda's path and taking his case to court. But more importantly, he points out, he is looking for future employment when his contract expires next spring.

"If the AA community rallies around Masao there's hope," notes Tsuruda. "But if Masao runs off into the sunset, without the AA community rallying around him ... AAs will continue to struggle."

Friends of Masao Suzuki, a fund set up for legal costs and outreach, can be reached at P.O. Box 420744, San Francisco, CA 94142.

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Nobuko Kumekawa Hibino, 77, activist and former Topaz internee

SALT LAKE CITY—Nobuko Kumekawa Hibino, social activist, died at age 77 on Oct. 12, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in San Francisco in 1921, Hibino was attending UC Berkeley when she and her family were interned at Topaz, Utah.

With the help of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, she left Topaz to receive her undergraduate degree. She and her husband, Yosh, moved to Portland, Conn., in 1952.

Since the early 1960s, Hibino worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others. She helped organize the first Head Start program in Connecticut and established programs to finance and build low income housing. She was the first woman and the first minority to be named to the board of directors at the Liberty Bank in Middletown, Conn., where she was recognized as the bank's "social conscience."

In 1980, Hibino and her hus-

band, along with a small group of other JAs, formed a scholarship fund called the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF). This fund was their way of paying tribute to the wartime Student Relocation Council who helped her and 4,000 other JAs leave the internment camps to complete their college educations. She was a dedicated 43-year member of the League of Women Voters, and held both local and state offices. At the time of her death, she was the league's representative to the Community Decommissioning Advisory Committee for the Connecticut Yankee Nuclear Plant.

In addition to her husband, Hibino is survived by her daughters Diane of Pretoria, South Africa, and Jean of Lexington, Mass.; brothers Kiyo Kumekawa, Vancouver, B.C., and Ryozo Kumekawa, Wakefield, R.I.; brother-in-law Yuk Hibino, Gardena, Calif.; and six grandchildren. ■

Tsutomu Umezu, 78, Nichi Bei Times President

Tsutomu Umezu, the last living founder of the *Nichi Bei Times* and current president, passed away on Nov. 15, around 9:30 p.m., due to a long illness at his San Francisco home. He was 78.

Umezu was born in the Riverside farm area of Sacramento on Nov. 23, 1919, to Teisuke and Tami (Konno) Umezu, who immigrated to America from Fukushima prefecture. Umezu was sent to Japan at about four or five years old to receive an education in Fukushima city.

His grandfather—who owned a large store—had sent Teisuke to America, where he farmed and later married Konno by proxy. The couple was eventually called back to Japan to help out in the running of the store.

One of 10 siblings (including Yukiko who died in infancy), Umezu returned to America at the age of 18 with brothers, Yasuo and Shiro, and sister Namiko. His brothers, Akira and Saburo, were already stateside.

Arriving in Sacramento, he attended grammar school to learn

English for a few months in Loomis. Umezu earned money working part-time at the Yorozu bookstore in Sacramento—regarded as the oldest Nikkei book store in Northern California.

The *Nichi Bei Times* first rolled off the presses on May 18, 1946, from its San Francisco Japantown office.

The oldest Nikkei bilingual newspaper in Northern California—and one of three such papers remaining in the continental United States—the *Nichi Bei Times* was founded by six individuals—Shichinosuke Asano, founding president; Yasuo Abiko, vice president; Tsugio Kobayashi and Kazumi Kawaoka, treasurers; Kando Ikeda, board member; and Umezu, secretary.

Services will be held on Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m., at Ashley & McMullen, 4200 Geary (at 6th Ave.). Master of ceremony will be Tsuyoshi Teshigahara of Fukushima Kenjin-kai. Eulogy will be given by Yoshimichi Otsuka of TV Network Japan and Minoru Ichikawa, a close friend.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aoyama, Sam, Isami, 75, Spokane, Wash., Oct. 26, Washington-born; survived by wife Eva; son Bill; granddaughter Tina.

Arai, Glenn Tsutomu, 73, Suttons Bay, Mich., Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Joy; daughters Thea (Pa.) and Grace (Md.); 7 gc.

Chikami, Frank M., 78, Reno, Nev., Oct. 20, WWII vet of 442nd Regimental Combat Team; survived by wife Joyce Tsujimichi; daughter Cerise Nehf (Denver); 2 gc., 2 ggc.; and many other relatives.

Chuman, Hideo, 67, San Diego, Oct. 17, Kagoshima-ken-born; served in the U.S. Navy from 1976-1975; survived by wife Keiko; son Rick; and daughter Emi Ito.

Eguchi, Mito, 97, San Mateo, Oct. 24, Saga Prefecture-born; survived by sons Tsukasa Matsueda and wife Hiroko and Kano Matsueda and wife Kaoru; daughter Yoniko kawakita and husband Yoneo; 8 gc., 7 ggc.

Fujii, Hideo Leroy, 73, Tempe, Ariz., Nov. 1, Glendale, Ariz.-born, member of the Arizona JACL; survived by wife Ruth Reiko; daughters Bonnie and Leslie; son Craig; brothers Shoji and Muneko; 3 gc.

Furuta, Masami Sam, 67, Los Angeles, Oct. 30; survived by son Sam Lee and wife Karen; daughter Peggy Tom; sisters Chizue Wakatsuki and Mitsu Hama and husband Mas; sister-in-law Natsuko; 5 gc., 1 ggc.; and many other relatives.

Hanamura, Martha Mas, 84, Alameda, Oct. 15; survived by brothers Tatsuo and wife Yoshiko, John and wife Violet, and Haruo and wife Mary; and many other relatives.

Hashimoto, Leonard Naomi, 64, Costa Mesa, Oct. 23, Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Teruko; son Keith; daughter Sharon; and many other relatives.

Honda, Floyd Yoshio, 91, Fowler, Oct. 23, member of Fowler JACL; survived by son Earl; brothers Fred Akira and wife Alice, and Harry Mitsuo and wife Miyoko; sisters Clara Fuji and husband Joe, Dorothy Ono and husband Takumi, and Marie Maeda and husband Ralph.

Hotta, Masayuki, 93, Pasadena, Oct. 18, Hiroshima-ken-born; survived by wife Michiko; sons George Masanao and wife Toshiko, and Sam Isamu; brother Eugene and wife Emiko; 2 gc., 1 ggc.; and many other relatives.

Ikeda, Ikuro, 58, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 19, president of *Baseball Magazine* Sha Co.

Inouye, Satoshi Tom, 79, Los Angeles, Oct. 21; survived by sons Gary, Dennis and Joseph; daughters Nancy Adachi and Linda Puchalski; brother Jimmy Seichi; sisters Misao Igari and Harue Somemichi (Japan); and many other relatives.

Ishiwa, Shyun, 72, Los Angeles, Oct. 16; survived by wife Sachiko; brothers-in-law Masaharu Nakamura and wife Shizuko, and Yukio George Nakamura; sister-in-law Sumiko Takamatsu and husband Masakazu (Japan); and many nieces and nephews.

Kaneko, Fred Fumio, 57, San Francisco, Nov. 4, Japan-born; survived by wife Eunice; son Naoki; mother Chiyo (Japan); brother Toshio (Japan); sister Michi Tauchi (Japan).

Kawahara, Aiko, 63, Huntington Beach, Oct. 24, California-born; survived by husband Takeshi; sons Dean Eichi and wife Suzanne, Jon Takeo, and Roy Nobu; brothers Jim Ishi and his Mary, and Poston Ishi.

Kawamura, Mitsuno, 90, Lodi, Nov. 2, Penryn-born; survived by sons Jun and Sam and wife Yuri; daughters Mary Hayashi and husband Shig, and Lillie Ushijima and husband James; 11 gc., 12 ggc.

Kawihira, George, 76, North Bend, Ore., Oct. 23, Washington-born; survived by sisters Haruyo and Tok Nishiyama (Japan), Kiyo and Richard Nakamura (Salt Lake City), and Miyo Kambe (Philadelphia); brother Ben (Philadelphia); predeceased by brother Tom.

Kido, Teiko, 86, Berkeley, Oct. 23, Salt Lake City-born; survived by sons Ikushi (Japan) and Harvey Masao and wife Shigeko; daughters Natsuko Nomura and husband Jack, and Jo Anne Yukiko Hayashida and husband Alan; 9 gc., 6 ggc.

Kimura, Tiffany Minaka, 15, Los Angeles, Oct. 28; survived by her mother Joan Yukino; her father Marcus Koichi; and sister Jacqueline Nikki.

Komura, Takao "Tak", 81, Palm Springs, Oct. 19, Vacaville-born; survived by wife Rose T.; son Stanley N. and wife Jane; daughters Jean, and Carol Weaver and her husband Tom; 4 gc., 3 ggc.

Kurtsubo, Tama, 85, Oakland, Oct. 18, Stockton-born; survived by son Satoshi and wife Anne; daughters Reiko Fujino, and Keiko Taylor and husband Bill; and many other relatives; predeceased by husband Umejiro; and son Kiyoshi.

Kushida, Tatsuo, 82, Monterey Park, Oct. 12, Berkeley-born; survived by wife May; daughters Beverly Ansara and husband Michael, and Pamela; 1 gc.; and many other relatives.

Mukai, Roy Asahi, 70, Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 30, Puyallup-born, interned at Minidoka, Idaho, president of JACL in 1960 and 1963, National JACL Silver Pin winner; survived by wife Miyako; son Russell, daughter Carole; brother Sam; 2 gc.

Mura, George Jr., 50, Baldwin Park, Oct. 24, Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Yvonne F.; son Robert; daughter Kim; mother Teruko; sister Rose Nakamura and husband Tak; brother William; nieces Jamie and Sunny; 2 gc.

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Nagai, Masaji, 74, Monterey Park, Nov. 2, Denver, Colo.-born; survived by wife Kazumi; daughter Nancy Sumida and husband Dr. Roy; son Kenny and wife Carolyn; brother Mineo and wife Keiko; and many other relatives in the United States and Japan.

Nin, Ichiro, 56, San Rafael, Oct. 8, Kobe-born; survived by wife Nobuko; son Hayato; mother Mizuho Buco; aunt Teruko Date.

Nishi, Kayo, 87, Alhambra, Oct. 23; survived by daughters Rosie and Yoko Matsushita; grandsons Dennis and Joel Matsushita; granddaughter Anne Matsushita; and many other relatives.

Nishimoto, Masao, 83, Lodi, Oct. 16; survived by Kiyoko; sons Daniel and wife Jack, Kenneth, and Gene; gc.

Nishimoto, Mikyo, 78, Mountain View, Oct. 9; survived by son Bryan Yoshio; daughters Audrey Akie Inouye, and Marilyn Ozawa; brother Kunito Shinta; sister Pauline Sakae; 6 gc.

Obuchi, Hiroshi, 66, Mountain View, Oct. 10, survived by wife Richiko; son Richard; daughter Alice Bauer and husband Paul; brothers Toshio and wife Shizuka, and Akira; sister-in-law Choko; 1 gc.

Okada, James Mitsugi, 87, Los Angeles, Oct. 21, Sacramento-born; survived by wife Yukio; daughters Dorothy Masukawa and husband Tosh, and Betty Hatakeyama and husband John; sister Fumiye Hatai and husband Shuso; 3 gc., 1 ggc.

Okamura, Matsuko Mabel, 72, Redkey, Oct. 9; survived by husband Choji George; sons Dale and wife Charlene, and Rodney and wife Linda; 4 gc.

Okazaki, Wayne Geoffrey, 45, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25; survived by wife Kaye; father Seiji; mother Mary; brothers Glenn and Kevin; nieces Leanne and Lindsay.

Okubo, May, 79, Sacramento, Oct. 14, Los Angeles-born; survived by sisters Rinako Teranishi and Christine Ching; brother Takaji Jo; and other relatives.

Okumura, Hanaka, 76, Los Angeles, Nov. 4, Fukuoka-ken-born; survived by sons Thomas Tomotaka Nakahara and wife Chiyeiko, Hisayuki Kugimoto and wife Keiko, and David and wife Kola; daughter Lily Yunko; sister Sayoko Nakahara; 3 gc.; and other relatives.

Omura, Robert Tadao, 83, Los Angeles, Oct. 26, Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by three sons; one daughter; six grandchildren; and many other relatives in Hawaii.

Ouchi, Torazo Tom, 96, Fresno, Nov. 5, Sukijima-ken-born; survived by daughter Margaret Miyauchi; granddaughter Jackie Miyauchi (both of Los Angeles).

Ozaki, Kiyono, 84, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 5, survived by daughter Yoko Kanda; 3 gc.

Ozaki, Kiichiro "Toyonishiki", 78, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan, September; makuuchi division wrestler, conscripted to the Japanese Imperial Army.

Sakamoto, Kathrine Miyuki, 35, Gardena, Oct. 18, Berkeley-born; survived by mother Yoshie; father Sam Isamu; sister Nina Yachiyo Hino; grandmothers Fusa Masunaga (Japan); niece Kaleen Miekko; and many other relatives.

Sakayama, Tom Ichiro, 77, Los Angeles, Nov. 2, Sacramento-born; survived by wife Hise; sons Donald and Dr. Roland; daughter Ann Jung; sisters Mary Nakamura, Helen Fujita, June Kanok; 6 gc.

Sameshima, Ayako Grace, 76, Gardena, Oct. 23, Inglewood-born; survived by husband Masakazu; son Michael; sisters Yukiko Noreen Yuge, Midori Sakamoto; and many other relatives.

Shigetomi, Mamoru, 83, Los Angeles, Nov. 1, Honolulu-born; survived by wife Helen Reiko; sons Jack, Kenneth; daughters Carolyn Uyeda and Jeanne Takatani; 7 gc.; and many other relatives.

Toyoshima, Kazuo Baba, 69, Long Beach, Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Shizu; sons David Kiyoshi and Bryan Masao; brother Katsumi Baba; sisters Umeko Iwamoto, Sugie Asari; and other relatives.

Uchida, Frank Yasuyuki, 94, Sacramento; survived by wife Fumiko; sons George S., Richard I., Dennis S.; daughters Marian K., Jeanette K. Inouye and Ellen K.; gc. ggc.

Uchiyama, Raymond Shoichi, 68, Campbell, Oct. 23, member of West Valley JACL and NJAHS; survived by wife Helen; daughters Audrey Gleason, Karen, Linda Biner and Lisa Bailey; sons Kurt and Brett; and many other relatives.

Yagi, Akira William, 77, El Sobrante, Oct. 15; survived by sons Dennis and Russell; grandchildren Robert and Cindy; and many other relatives.

Yamada, Mitsuko "Mitzi", 71, Spokane, Wash., Sept. 22; survived by brother George; 6 nieces and nephews; 2 cousins.

Yamashita, Yasui S., Hot Springs, Ariz., Sunagawa-born; survived by Kikue; sons Tsunemi and Kiyomi; daughters Yumi and Nayuta; brother Chiko Shirata (Japan).

Yokomichi, Akira, 74, Sacramento, Oct. 26, interned at Tule Lake, served in U.S. Army; survived by wife Masako; stepson Willis Little; and cousin Harry. ■

Whereabouts

Items listed without charge on a space available basis.

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Attended UC Berkeley in 1952. May have been married in Plumas County in 1958. Her parents had a flower business in Southern California. Had four older brothers. Please contact Karen Robert at 888/768-0222, e-mail Kbob1941@aol.com or 4850 Freedom Blvd., Aptos, CA 95003.

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Mochizuki settlement hearing delayed

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mer internees received under the '88 Act.

"The redress payment is in danger," said Toma, who is the lead attorney in Mochizuki ... and is also representing Joe Suzuki and other JLAS in the NCRR ... lawsuit. Currently there is only \$3.62 million left in the CLPEF while there are still 740 JLA claims and 474 JA claims pending. Simple calculations make it obvious that the remaining \$3.62 million is not enough to make all of the final redress payments.

It's this lack of current funds in the CLPEF that is adding fuel to the NCRR ... lawsuit. The plaintiffs are alleging that if the government had invested the original \$1.65 million at a minimum of 5 percent interest, something that wasn't done until earlier this year, approximately \$200 million would still be in the fund. This amount would have been more than enough to pay reparations to all former internees. In addition, the plaintiffs allege that only \$5 million of the original \$50

million set aside for various educational projects across the country was ever provided.

To that extent, lawyers in the NCRR ... lawsuit filed a motion for preliminary injunction on Nov. 6 with Judge Charles Legge of the U.S. District Court in Northern California asking that the Secretary of Treasury invest the remaining monies in the CLPEF at 5 percent and that the Office of Redress Administration remain in operation so that all those who deserve redress can receive an apology and reparations. As already mentioned, a hearing for the preliminary injunction will take place on Dec. 11. Ultimately, the goal of the lawsuit is to make sure that all of the alleged missing monies in the fund be restored by the government.

"We are simply trying to ensure that the government follows through with their promises in the Civil Liberties Act," said Toma. "The facts are not disputed. The only question is what should be done about it."

For attorney Chris Prince of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown and Enersen, who is representing

NCRR in their lawsuit, the central issue here is "you have an unambiguous statement by Congress and the President of the United States that the U.S., on behalf of the people of the U.S., we did something wrong and we want to apologize for that and make it right. And what the government has done here is frustrate that noble purpose and I can think of nothing more for the public good than putting that right."

"The percentage of people who've never heard of ... JLAS is enormous," he continued. "That money [missing from the fund] would have gone a long way towards advancing the story and helping people to understand the ramifications of racism and discrimination of war hysteria."

The lawyers representing the JLAS know that time is a major factor for the aging former internees and that many of them

may not live long enough to see the end result of their fight for redress. "We know litigation can take a very long time to resolve," said Toma. "Meanwhile people who went through this terrible, terrible tragedy are getting older and older and are less and less likely to see any redress. We don't want to have to go to the U.S. Supreme Court to vindicate this very fundamental human right. We would like to see this resolved as quickly as possible."

The lawyers for the plaintiffs are hoping that the judge will grant the preliminary injunction on Dec. 11. And if it is granted, Prince feels that it reflects positively on the merits of the lawsuit. "There are very little facts to present here. If there were a trial it would probably last half a day. We hope it will make the government recognize the weakness of their position and the moral strength of our position. We hope the government will see the error

of their ways."

Although there are currently 740 JLAS who have filed claims under the Mochizuki ... settlement, it is estimated that there are more than a thousand former JLAS internees still living. Campaign for Justice is currently looking for individuals, nationally and internationally, who may have missed the deadline to file under the Mochizuki ... settlement. In addition, Campaign for Justice is asking the community to get involved by writing letters to members of Congress asking them to support the JLAS in their fight for justice.

"We know that this is not complete justice but it certainly can't be hollow justice," said Toma. "And that is a possibility at this point."

Campaign for Justice can be reached at P.O. Box 251425, L.A., CA 90025, 310/473-6134, fax: 310/478-0805.

Study looking for mixed-race individuals

A dissertation study is being conducted for the purpose of understanding how interracial parents relate with their biracial children and how ethnic identity develops.

The researcher, Lori Ono, M.A., is looking for first-born children of a Nisei parent born in the United States before 1942, who are between 25 and 37 years old, to participate in the study.

Participants will be asked to

fill out a set of confidential questionnaires that will take about 90 minutes to complete. They can also choose to enter a raffle giving away one gift of \$300, one gift of \$150, and one gift of \$50.

Those interested can contact Ono at the California School of Professional Psychology-Alameda, 1005 Atlantic Ave., Alameda, CA 94501, phone 510/234-4842, or e-mail: lojo@concentric.net.

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