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Multicultural Coalition Calls for U.S. Supreme Court to Hire More Minorities, Women

The national JACL joined other prominent civil rights and bar associations outside the Supreme Court on Oct. 4, to once again challenge the U.S. Supreme Court justices to uniformly hire more ethnic minorities and women in law clerk positions.

Of the 462 law clerks hired by the current justices, only nine (less than 2 percent) were African Americans; five were Hispanics (1.1 percent); 18 were Asian Americans (4.5 percent); and 105 (25 percent) were women. Presently, minorities represent nearly 20 percent of law school graduates, and women make up 40 percent.

This year, of the 34 law clerks hired, five were minorities, including two African Americans and three Asian Americans. No Hispanic law clerks were hired. The court has never hired a Native American law clerk in its 200 year history.

"This is an important problem that needs to be addressed, given the dramatic impact decisions of the court have on every citizen, as well as the vast range of issues considered by the court," said John Tateishi, JACL national director. "This underrepresentation has a severe detrimental impact on our nation. Since law clerks play such an integral part in the operation of the Supreme Court, it would benefit greatly with the inclusion of more ethnic minority and

female law clerks selected from a broader range of law schools throughout the nation. Their presence would greatly enhance the input of the law clerks in the opinions of the justices would render."

Responding to the court's announcement that no Hispanics were included in the 34 new clerks selected for the court's 1999-2000 term, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) President Lillian Apodaca said,

"How can the most respected and most revered legal body in the United States, if not the world, completely ignore the Hispanic segment of society? Failing to include a single Hispanic speaks volumes about how the U.S. Supreme Court views equality in the United States."

Alexander Sanchez, HNBA executive director, voiced similar sentiment. "It is absolutely outrageous that in 1999, the United States Supreme Court lacks not only a Hispanic justice, but even a single Hispanic law clerk," said Sanchez. "It is nothing short of alarming for the Supreme Court to show by its actions that it does not believe that Hispanics

are equal."

Supreme Court law clerks play an important role in the court's operation. They help determine which cases the justices will consider, and they write the first drafts of most decisions. The vast majority of cases filed with the court are disposed of without any justice ever seeing the legal papers that make the arguments for and against a case being heard. While the jus-

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welfare reform, Census 2000, voting rights and workplace discrimination come before the court and requires that the decision by the court have all Americans in mind. Having law clerks of diverse backgrounds is crucial in allowing the justices to give informed opinions."

This issue was first brought to light last year by the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) during their annual convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Last year, Kweisi Mfume, president and CEO of the NAACP, was among those arrested after leading more than 1,000 protesters in a demonstration outside the courthouse.

"If the Supreme Court, the nation's highest court, was a private company, it would be guilty of discrimination," said Mfume. "The court has the responsibility to interpret the nation's equal employment laws, and those laws should apply to the court itself. The court's hiring is shameful."

Last year's NAACP-led efforts did have a hiring impact for the 1999-2000 term. "It's good that the court heard us last year and hired five minority law

clerks for the 1999-2000 term," said Mfume. "But this by no means is a giant step in the right direction. Does this mean there was no Hispanic and no Native American law school graduate qualified to be a Supreme Court law clerk? I find that hard to believe."

More recently, the NAACP delivered a letter to the Supreme Court on Sept. 30, requesting a meeting with all nine justices to discuss ways to expand the number of qualified minority law clerks. The letter was signed by Mfume, Apodaca, Harold D. Pope, president of the National Bar Association; Lawrence Bacá, president of the Native American Bar Association; Peter Suzuki, president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA); and Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women.

The NAACP had sent a similar letter last year asking for a meeting, but Rehnquist declined, saying he felt it would "serve no useful purpose," according to the NAACP.

Suzuki urged the justices to meet with them. "Other sectors of the legal profession, including law firms, corporate counsels and government agencies are developing 'best practices' in hiring and retention to achieve diversity within their ranks," said Suzuki. "By meeting with Chief

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Executive Director Named to White House Initiative Addressing API Health

Shamina Singh, a health and labor official in the Clinton administration, has become the first executive director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the department announced.

The office was created by President Clinton when he signed an Executive Order in June creating an advisory commission and calling for a federal government-wide effort to improve the quality of life of APIs in areas where they are underserved. The initiative will address API concerns in areas from health to education, housing, labor, economic and community development.

"We are confident that [Ms. Singh] will work to ensure that the president's goals are met and the needs of Asian American and Pacific Islanders throughout this country are addressed thoroughly and with results," said HHS Deputy Secretary Kevin Timlin.

"I'm thrilled to be part of the pro-

ject that will fulfill the administration's goal of having all groups participate equally in the formation of the vision for American life in the 21st century," said Singh, who served for the last year as a special assistant to the secretary at the U.S. Department of Labor. Prior to that, she specialized in health care issues for the Service Employees International Union.

As executive director of the initiative, Singh will oversee a federal interagency working group and a presidential advisory commission. The group will advise HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala on the implementation and coordination of federal programs for APIs.

The commission will advise the president on how the government can better serve the API community by developing strategies for increasing public- and private-sector involvement and for gathering public health data on APIs, including subgroups. The commission will serve until June 7, 2001. ■

U.S. Census Bureau Releases Report for 1998

Stats Show APAs, Hispanics Fastest Growing Populations

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The diverse Asian population in the country's capital is growing faster than the national average, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Its two largest suburbs, Fairfax and Montgomery, are among the 25 counties in the nation with the highest numbers of Asian Pacific Americans, which has grown 50 percent since 1990 and now exceeds 333,000. Five major groups are represented in Washington including Chinese, Koreans, Indians, Vietnamese and Filipinos. Only the Japanese are relatively scarce.

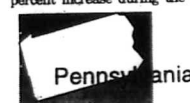
The APA population in the region rivals the local Latino community, which numbers nearly 355,000 and also grew faster than the national average. Nationally, Hispanics outnumber APAs three to one. Nationally, the APA population increased 40.8 percent between 1990 and 1998, faster than other racial/ethnic groups. Hispanics followed with a 35.2 percent increase. There are also 12.8 percent more blacks living in America and about 14.3 percent more Asian Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

HARTFORD, Conn.—APAs are the fastest growing racial group in Connecticut during the 1990s, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Hispanics, blacks and

1998, that number shot up 54 percent to 76,749. Litchfield County has seen the largest increase in APAs, with a nearly 69 percent jump since 1990.

There has also been a 25 percent increase in the state's Hispanic population, up from 214,207 to 268,339. The Census Bureau counted 278,786 blacks in the state. That number is slightly more than 6 percent in 1990.

PHILADELPHIA—Although census estimates show a 9.4 percent decline in overall population between 1990 and 1998, Philadelphia's APA population saw a 22 percent increase during the same



period, while the Hispanic population rose 17 percent. Lai Hai Cheung of Asian Americans United says the effect of the booming Asian population is most evident in the number of new businesses opening in the area. "A lot of mainstream organizations really don't have the capacity to serve the growing needs of the population, so a lot of Asian businesses are taking advantage of that need out there, Cheung said.

The growth of APAs and Hispanics is most striking in light of the fact that Philadelphia had the smallest increase of any county in the state. Union County, for instance, in north-central Pennsylvania, ranked first in Hispanic growth, more than doubling its population from 638 in 1990 to 1,694 in 1998. In more populous counties like Lancaster County, the Hispanic population grew 48 percent during that same period from 15,782 to 23,321.

Pike County, along the Delaware

River, which tallied overall growth of 43.6 percent between 1990 and 1998, saw its population grow among all racial sectors, including whites. The county was topped by a 101.9 percent growth in its Hispanic population. Chester County saw a 26 percent increase in its black population, and Bucks County saw a 22.6 increase.

Philadelphia's NAACP chapter president Wyatt Mondonre said the census data indicates an increase in blacks moving into the suburbs. "That's not surprising. African Americans are the Number One new suburbanites," he said. "What concerns us is that [census-takers] are not counting the new immigrants that are coming into the cities."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—APAs and Hispanics are the fastest growing segments of Indiana's population, fitting a pattern seen across the country, according to the 1998 U.S. Census Bureau report.

While the state's population increased 6.2 percent from 1990 to

1998, the number of people of Asian and Hispanic heritage increased by more than 40 percent.

during the same period. Not surprisingly, many immigrants are moving to Bloomington for employment, where growing companies are struggling to fill jobs and managers are finding they need to overcome a language barrier.

"If you can't say 'Look out' or 'Stop the machine,' that's a big problem for safety," said Martin George, who contracts with employers to help their workers learn English.

Every category of minorities and

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NATIONAL BOARD

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10—National Board Meeting. JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

Eastern

WASHINGTON

Fri., Oct. 22—National Japanese American Memorial groundbreaking. Info: NJAMF, 202/861-8845; fax 202/861-8848; e-mail: NJAMF@erols.com; www.njamf.org.

Midwest

TWIN CITIES

Sat., Oct. 16—Generations Potluck Dinner: Union Congregational Church, 3700 Alabama Ave. S., St. Louis Park. Food, games and fun. Info: Kathy Ohama Koch, 612/884-1560.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat., Jan. 29, 2000—Save the date! Seattle JACL installation dinner; speaker, Martha Choe; M.C. Lori Matsuo.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

ATLANTA

Through Nov. 5—Exhibits, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," and "Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers"; The William Brennan Jewish Heritage Museum, 1440 Spring St. NW; all exhibits developed by the Japanese American National Museum. Info, hours: 404/873-1661.

DELRAY BEACH, FLA.

Tues., Oct. 12—Exhibit opening, "Rackoning Tokyo Time: A Look at Japanese Clocks, Calendars and Chronology"; The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd. Info: 561/495-0233, www.morikami.org.

NEW YORK CITY

Tues.-Sat., Oct. 5-9—1999 Chinese Film Festival. Lila Acheson Wallace Auditorium, Oct. 5, 8, 9; Tinker Auditorium at the French Institute Alliance Francaise, Oct. 6, 7; showing six films which have never been seen in the United States. Free. Info: 888/906-FILM.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Through Nov. 30—Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Smithsonian Institution, Arts & Industry Bldg.; developed by the Japanese American National Museum. Info: 800/461-5266.

Intermountain

OGDEN, UTAH

Sat., Oct. 23—Box Elder County Japanese American Reunion; 9 a.m. registration; Marriott Hotel, 247 24th St.; breakfast buffet, raffles, door prizes, silent auction, Samsen/tonsei poster contest, photo exhibits, taiko, entertainment, karaoke. Info: Bonnie Shires, 435/257-2139 or Frank Nishiguchi, 435/458-3737.

Pacific Northwest

BELLEVUE, WASH.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 2-3—Family Fun at Factoria Mall, south Bellevue, all day; Japan-related exhibits, stage performances, craft demos, information on Japanese products & services, book reading/signing, "Ryoma: Life of a Renaissance-era Samurai" with author Romulus Hillsborough. Free. Info: 425/861-9109, <http://www.EVMA.org>.

SEATTLE

Through April 2000—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

Northern California

EAST BAY

Wed., Oct. 6—East Bay Nikkei Singles field trip: nature walk in Muir Woods, field trip and dinner. Info: Richard Sekiguchi, 510/237-0218.

THURS., Oct. 7—Film Screening and Q&A session: "Old Man River," with writer/director Cynthia Gates Fujikawa; Kabuki 8 Cinemas, 1681 Post St. Tickets, info: National Japanese American Historical Society, 415/921-

kawa; Doubletree Suites, Tukwila; tickets available in December.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., Oct. 2—Executive Board Meeting: Alan Tenuya's residence.
Sun., Nov. 7—District Council Meeting, Sacramento; special programs: Hate Crimes Workshop and introduction of Gov. Davis' Asian American appointees.

FLORIN

Sat., Oct. 23—Annual Scholarship Fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Nite.

SAN MATEO

Wed., Oct. 6—Flu vaccine clinic; see Community Calendar.

Thurs., Oct. 7—Annual Senior Citizens Conference; see Community Calendar.
Sun., Oct. 10—San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament, 1st tee-off 9:45 a.m.; Skywest Golf Course, 1401 Golf Course, Hayward; Entry due by Sept. 25. To benefit Scholarship Fund; sponsors and donors needed. Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590.

WEST VALLEY

Sun., Oct. 24—Next Generation luncheon and fashion show, to benefit

5007.

SAN JOSE

Sun., Oct. 24—Next Generation benefit luncheon at 12 noon and fashion show, "Xtreme Fashions," at 1 p.m.; Doubletree Hotel, M.C. Kent Nishimura, Channel 7, door prizes. RSVP: Juli Tachibana, 408/260-0515 or Todd Yoshida, 408/251-1949.

SAN MATEO

Wed., Oct. 6—Flu vaccination clinic, 1-2 p.m.; San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

Thurs., Oct. 7—Annual senior citizens conference, "Seniors on the Move" with state Sen. Jackie Speier, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; South San Francisco Conference Center; continental breakfast, box lunch at no charge to seniors; entertainment; keynote speaker, Carroll L. Estes of UCSF Institute of Health and Aging. Info: JACL Community Center, 415/343-2793.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat., Oct. 2—Aki Matsuri, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina; "Moon Bounce," children's games, food, martial arts demos, taiko, raffle, door prizes, etc. Info: 626/960-2566.

Sat., Oct. 2—Fifth Annual Los Angeles County Open House; 11 centers of activity, including free admittance to the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo. Info, schedules: Open House 24-hour Hotline, 213/972-3099.

Sat., Oct. 2—Art Auction & Dinner Dance, "Festival of the Autumn Moon"; Grand Ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel, Pasadena; black tie; to benefit the Pacific Asia Museum. To request an invitation: 626/449-2742, ext. 12.

Sat., Oct. 2 to Sun., Oct. 10—UCLA Film and Television Archive animation series continues; Oct. 2: "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind," "Pom Poko," Oct. 3: "Whisper of the Heart," "Only Yesterday"; Oct. 9: "Castle in the Sky," "Porco Rosso"; Oct. 10 matinee: "My Neighbor Totoro," "Kiki's Delivery Service"; James Bridges Theater. Info: schedules, 310/206-FILM, www.cinema.ucla.edu.

Sun., Oct. 3—Exhibit Opening, "Pre Y2K Selected Works" by Yoshio C. Nakamura; Mountain View Memorial Gallery, 2300 N. Marengo Ave., Alhambra; reception 2-4 p.m. Info, exhibit hours: Alice Bell, 626/794-7133 ext. 272.

Thurs., Oct. 7—Meet the author of "Japan: The System That Soured," Richard Katz, breakfast 7:30-9 a.m.; City Club on Barker Hill, Wells Fargo Center, 333 S. Grand Ave., Suite 5450. RSVP by Oct. 5: Japan American Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

Sat., Oct. 9-Sun., Oct. 17—"World Festival of Sacred Music-The Americas," intercultural, interfaith celebration. Info: schedules, 310/208-2784, www.wfsam.org/americas.

Sat., Oct. 9—Sacred Music Circle Outdoor Concert 7 p.m.; Senshi Buddhist Temple, 1317 W. 37th St. Tickets: 310/264-6696 or Tickets LA, 323/655-TKTS. Info: www.greatleap.org.

Sat., Oct. 9—Japanese American Historical Society Annual Community

Senior Center programs and Washington, D.C., memorial; see Community Calendar.

Pacific Southwest

SAN DIEGO

Sun., Oct. 3—Film showing, "Visas and Virtue," sponsored by San Diego chapter; see community calendar.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun., Oct. 3—Annual Japanese Cultural Festival; see Community Calendar.

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Heritage Awards Dinner; Torrance Marriott, Torrance. Honoring Harry Nakada, Brian Kato, Scott Nagatani, Francis Nakada. RSVP: Iku Kinyama, 310/324-2875.

Sun., Oct. 10—Artist's Talk, "An American Diary: Paintings by Roger Shimomura" based upon the wartime diaries of his grandmother, Toku Shimomura; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Tues., Oct. 12—Mirai X-Change restaurant review, 7-9 p.m.; Chaya Brasserie, 8741 Alden Dr. (310/859-8833). RSVP by Oct. 8: Japan American Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

Thurs., Oct. 14—Reading event, "The Poet of Columbus Avenue," presented by East West Players, 7:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Oct. 16—Film showing and discussion, "Old Man River," featuring Cynthia Gates Fujikawa, 1 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Oct. 16—Oldies Dance VII, "It's Just Like Heaven," 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Info, song requests: Joanne 626/284-8192; Roy, 909/595-6183; Frank, 714/890-1776.

Through October 17—East West Players perform "Lailani's Hibiscus" by Jon Shirota; Union Center for the Arts, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-7000.

Through October 17—Award-winning play, "Texas" by Judy Soo Hoo, Thurs.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 1 p.m.; The Secret Rose Theatre, 11246 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood. Info, tickets: 323/993-7245.

SAN DIEGO

Sun., Oct. 3—Film showing, "Visas and Virtue," 2 p.m.; Japanese American Community Center, Senior Housing Project, 1260 3rd Ave., Chula Vista. Free. Info: 619/230-0314.

Sat., Oct. 9—Video documentary showing and discussion, "Children of the Camps," 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; San Diego Buddhist Temple, 2929 Market St.; program free, bento lunch \$15. RSVP for lunch by Oct. 4: Jeanne Elyea, 714/690-1151, Ben Segawa, 714/482-1736, Yukio Kawamoto, 714/286-8203, Masato Asakawa, 714/453-2739.

VENTURA COUNTY

Sun., Oct. 3—"Celebrating Our Heritage: Japanese Cultural Festival," 2-5 p.m.; Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley St.; East-West Players Drama group, Togen Daiko drum group, Japanese dance, karate, children's activities and storytelling, tea ceremony, ikebana exhibits, bonsai, sumi-e brush painting, folk food tasting, etc. Info: 805/655-5559.

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Consortium Joins National Call to 'Fix 96'

Click2Asia.com, poised to become the definitive Web site to unite Asians globally, today announced that John Chen, chairman, CEO and president of Sybase, Inc., has joined the company's committed and well-established group of investors and advisory board members. Current Click2Asia.com investors and advisory board members include: Gareth Change, chairman, Star-TV; John Tu, co-founder and president, Kingston Technology; Thomas Yuen, chairman, SRS Labs and co-founder AST Research; K.H. West, president, Anixter Far East; and Asia Tech Ventures, a leading venture capital firm co-headquartered in the Silicon Valley and Asia.

"Click2Asia.com is very honored to have John Chen join our growing group of investors and advisory members," said Chin Yau, co-founder and executive vice president. "The guidance received from this very impressive and experienced group of business leaders is critical to implementing successful marketing and business initiatives for Click2Asia.com. Chen's extensive background in business strategies and solutions will provide additional strength and support, that will lead Click2Asia.com in becoming the leading online Web destination for all Asians worldwide."

Click2Asia.com was recently formed when the Asian Buying Consortium (ABC), a premiere membership buying club and

Web site (abcflash.com) for Asians in North America, and KoreaLink.com, North America's largest Korean online community, merged to create this new global Web site for the burgeoning Asian marketplace. The Click2Asia.com site will officially launch in October and will provide the interactive and personalization tools that will allow those of Asian heritage and interests to interact uniquely with each other for social and educational purposes.

"I'm very pleased to be a part of Click2Asia.com's advisory board," said Chen. "I've been extremely impressed by its three young, ambitious and savvy leaders, Pierre Wu, Joseph Cheon and Chin Yau, and their commitment and determination to establish this online community, which will definitely thrive in the lucrative worldwide Asian marketplace. I recognize the need for a Web site such as Click2Asia.com and am also very devoted to its success."

Headquartered in Los Angeles, Click2Asia.com will officially launch in October with additional sites planned for introduction shortly after. Click2Asia.com promises to be an entertaining Web site that provides visitors with an informative and interactive content that focuses on Asians and those interested in Asia. Click2Asia.com is actively seeking strategic partners for content, traffic and technology to achieve its global Asian initiatives. ■

Report Explores Minority Charitable Giving

A special report commissioned by the Council on Foundations examined charitable giving practices of Asian Americans, American Indians, African Americans and Hispanics in the United States.

"Culture of Caring: Philanthropy in Diverse American Communities" described potential ways to expand the use of institutional philanthropy — private and community foundations, endowments and other methods — by the four groups, traditionally the mechanisms of giving by affluent white donors.

"The idea behind this report was to learn more about affluent donors in these four communities in order to expand diversity in philanthropy," said Dorothy S. Ridings, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations. "The vast changes taking place in American society mean that more and more minority families and individuals can and do give substantial amounts to benefit our communities."

Information for the report was gathered by five expert consultants who traveled all across the United States to interview individuals from all four groups, as well as fundraisers, private and community foundation executives, board members, attorneys, tribal leaders, church leaders and scholars.

The report examined cultural backgrounds and traditions of charitable giving within each

group.

It also recommends ways to encourage minority individuals to utilize organized approaches to giving.

Among the recommendations that were found are as follows: reach out to diverse communities with culturally appropriate invitations to volunteer and support charities, bring more diverse people into institutional philanthropy as trustees and staff, and encourage greater diversity among the ranks of professional advisors to the wealthy.

The Ford Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the Council on Foundations financed the report, which can also be viewed at www.cof.org/culturescaring/index.htm.

A bound report is available for \$50 (including shipping and handling) by calling Donna Ortega at 202/467-0382.

The Council on Foundations is a nonprofit association of more than 1,800 private, corporate and community foundations and corporate giving programs.

Members of the council held approximately \$246 billion in assets in 1998, and made an estimated \$13.5 billion in grants for programs in such fields as social welfare, health, education, environment and the arts.

The council's primary objective is to promote responsible and effective grantmaking. ■

Non-native Speakers Accuse Employers of Wrongful Firing

FRESNO.—Twenty-five people who were fired from their jobs at a Fresno manufacturing plant last year after they failed an English proficiency test are suing their employers.

Workers speak a variety of languages, including Spanish, Hmong, Lao and Cambodian. They allege Nibco Inc. discriminatorily fired them despite the fact that they all performed their jobs successfully for years prior to taking the test. The lawsuit was filed Oct. 1, in a U.S. District Court in Fresno. The plaintiffs are trying to regain their jobs, to have the testing requirement declared illegal, and receive compensatory and punitive damages.

Nibco Inc. is based in Indiana. Irrigation systems are manufactured at the Fresno plant. A phone call requesting comment from Nibco Inc. was not immediately returned Oct. 2. ■

A Letter From the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board

Dear Readers,

In the June 4-10, 1999, issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, there appeared a cartoon entitled "Chinese Carryouts" which many readers found to be offensive and not in keeping with the JACL mission. We agree and regret the problems and controversy that it has caused.

Sincerely,
The P.C. Editorial Board

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Brice Lee Gallery to Be Built

HONG KONG.—Hong Kong will build a memorial gallery for the late Kung Fu star Brice Lee and a Hollywood-style "Walk of Fame" in an attempt to boost tourism, officials announced.

The cost and opening date have not been finalized but fans hope it will open next year to coincide with what would have been Lee's 60th birthday.

San Francisco-born Lee introduced Chinese martial arts to the West through a series of Kung Fu films before his death in 1973 at the age of 33.

Separately, the Hong Kong Tourist Association announced it would build a "Walk of Fame" style attraction to honor its stars, many of whom have gained international recognition in recent years. Lee, director John Woo, Jackie Chan, Chow Yun-fat and Sammo Hung are expected to be among those honored.

India's Villages to Get Internet Access

NEW DELHI.—E-mail booths will be introduced in eight towns in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, two of India's poorest states, on Oct. 2, the birthday of Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi, reported Indian computer software makers.

It will cost 15 rupees (33 cents) to send or receive a three-minute message, including a video image and voice, through an e-mail account. To villagers, it may take half a day to earn 15 rupees.

Most villages in India still do not have access to a telephone, and only about half of the country's population has a connection. India has only 3.2 million personal computers and only 400,000 Indians have access to the Internet.

The central government surrendered its Internet monopoly last November, offering foreign companies stakes of up to 49 percent in local joint ventures. The

Communications Ministry has said it would provide all district hubs across the country with Internet connectivity. But progress has been slow.

Illegal Aliens Returned to China

SAIPAN.—China Airlines charter plane has returned 162 illegal Chinese immigrants to their homeland from the Northern Mariana Islands.

Rep. Herman Falkowski of the Commonwealth Legislature said the plane was flown from Saipan International Airport on Sept. 15, after being brought by a rented vessel from Taiwan.

Gov. Pedro Pierluisi has said the U.S. Commonwealth was still adding up how much it spent to shelter and feed the aliens.

Saipan's January arrest of 100 illegal Chinese immigrants have been apprehended by U.S. troops of the Northern Mariana Islands and neighboring Guam as they tried to gain entry in America. Earlier this year, President Clinton gave Attorney General Janet Reno authority to maintain custody of illegal aliens in Saipan. The Commonwealth is outside the U.S. immigration area, so anyone was not available.

Court to Decide on Runoff Election in Guam

WASHINGTON.—The Supreme Court said it will decide in 2000 whether a runoff election is needed to determine Guam's governor.

The justices said they will review rulings that stripped Gov. Carl Gutierrez, the Democratic incumbent, of the victory he thought he had won last November. The court granted an appeal in which Gutierrez and Lt. Gov. Madeleine Bordallo seek to avoid the runoff election against Republican former Gov. Joseph Ada and his running mate, Felix Camacho.

A federal judge and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a runoff election is necessary because 1,313 blank ballots deprived Gutierrez and Bordallo of the absolute majority they needed. Federal law requires a territorial gov-

ernor to get a majority of the votes cast in any election, and after adding about 1,900 write-in and defective votes to the total, Guam's Election Commission declared Gutierrez the winner by a slim margin.

Ada sued, contending that the ballots on which votes were cast (but were marked for other races) had to be counted as "votes cast in any election" and counting those would leave Gutierrez 83 votes shy of a victory.

Bad Diet, Poor Health for Japanese

TOKYO.—The growing popularity of fatty Western foods, stress from economic problems and alcohol drinking have pushed the percentage of healthy Japanese to a 15-year low, a new survey showed.

The Japan Hospital Association said that only 35.3 percent of the 2.34 million people who underwent full examination in 1998 had no health problems. The percentage of healthy people dropped from 45.4 percent who reported no physical problems in the previous survey, and was considerably lower than the 29.8 percent reported in the association's first study.

The report said rising blood cholesterol and alcohol-related liver problems were contributing to the overall decline in health levels. The study took measure of a long-term change in Japanese food tastes from a traditional healthy diet of fish, vegetables and rice to fast-food, red meat and bread, which has led to rising obesity rates. The survey also blamed declining health on stress related to Japan's weak economy, which is fighting its deepest downturn in decades.

Suicides Shorten Life Expectancy Rate

TOKYO.—A surging suicide rate has shortened the life expectancy of Japanese men, though the nation's population remains on average the longest living in the world, the Health Ministry reported.

The life expectancy for Japanese males fell from 77.19 in 1997 to 77.18 in 1998, a year in which

Japan recorded its highest suicide rate ever at 33,000 people, a jump of 36 percent over the previous year and a rate of 26 suicides per 100,000 people. More than 22,000 of the suicides occurred among middle-aged men.

Many blame the dramatic rise in suicides on the flagging economy and corporate restructuring that has fired employees on once secure career tracks out of jobs.

The drop in life expectancy was the first since 1995, when an earthquake struck the city of Kobe, killing 6,426 people. Life expectancy among Japanese females, meanwhile, continued to rise from 83.82 in 1997 to 84.10 in 1998, the longest in the world for the 14th consecutive year.

War Crimes: Court Rules in Favor of Japan

TOKYO.—The Japanese government is not responsible for compensating a group of Chinese who claimed to be the victims of Japanese atrocities during WWII, a Tokyo court ruled.

The 10 plaintiffs, including victims of surviving family members, had each sought 20 million yen (\$191 thousand) in compensation for suffering caused by wartime biological experiments, the Rape of Nanking and the fire-bombing of Yonaguni.

But the court ruled the Japanese government is not responsible for paying reparations, though it acknowledged "severe" suffering had been caused, according to Japanese media reports. Japanese courts have handed down similar rulings in the past, saying that the terms of wartime repatriation has already been completed on a government-to-government basis. Even so, many victims of Japanese wartime aggression have taken legal action to demand redress.

The Japanese government has acknowledged that during the war Unit 731, based in Harbin, conducted experiments with bubonic plague, anthrax and cholera on thousands of Allied prisoners of war and Chinese civilians. ■

DWU Distinguished Alumnus Marutani Presents Opperman Lecture

MITCHELL, S.D.—William M. Marutani, retired judge of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania and Chairman Emeritus of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, recently returned to Dakota Wesleyan University as the 1999 Opperman Distinguished Alumni Lecturer.

Marutani, a 1960 DWU graduate, spoke on Sept. 9 in the Patten-Wing Theatre at Hughes Science Hall on the Wesleyan campus. His presentation, "Concentration Camps Under the U.S. Constitution: the Japanese American Experience in World War II," was open to the public.

Born in Kent, Wash., Marutani spent six months in barbed-wire concentration camps in California in 1942, when the U.S. government interned all persons of Japanese ancestry who lived in the Pacific coastal states of Washington, Oregon and California. When he left the concentration camps he came to DWU.

"DWU did the fair and decent thing at a difficult time in U.S. history," Marutani said, adding that there were about 10 Japanese American students who were welcomed to DWU during that period. "That's a large number, percentage-wise, compared to the rest of the student body."

He left Mitchell in 1944, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Ironically, he had volunteered for military service in 1943 but was rejected because of his ancestry. From 1944 until 1947 he was an infantryman and served with the military intelligence in the Pacific Theatre. He was commissioned a lieutenant.

Following his military service, Marutani returned to DWU, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Marutani credits DWU with giving refuge to him and other JAs who struggled through those dark days in the early 1940s.

"It was a critical time in my life, he said. 'My own mother — the United States — had rejected me. But at DWU, in Mitchell and Davison County, I was treated no differently than anyone else. One of the best days of my life were at Dakota Wesleyan.'

He speaks of a girl from White Lake whom he dated, and with whom he became lifelong friends. "Her family accepted me," he said. "I left a warm spot in my heart

and in my life. Even though she has passed away, I stay in touch with her children."

Marutani went on to the University of Chicago where he received his Juris doctorate in 1963, and then practiced as a member of the McCoy, Evans & Lewis law firm in Philadelphia. In the 1960s, he worked as a volunteer civil rights lawyer in Louisiana and Mississippi.

In 1976 he was appointed judge of the First Judicial District by the governor of Pennsylvania, with the endorsement of the state Judicial Merit Selection Commission. He was elected to a full term in 1977, with the highest vote in both primary and general elections out of a field of 11.

In 1981, Marutani was a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. He also has served as a national member of the Citizens Commission on Civil Rights and was an advisory committee member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. In addition, he served on the board of directors of the Nationalities Service Center and for eight years was on the advisory council for the Small Business Administration as well as other professional organizations.

He has lectured at the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges' conference, the Philadelphia Police Academy and the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., and is the author of "Compensation of Criminal Cases."

The Opperman Distinguished Alumni Lectures are made possible through an endowed gift from DWU alumnus Dwight D. Opperman. Each year a noteworthy Dakota Wesleyan graduate is featured, sharing a message of service and sacrifice with another generation of students, faculty and the community. Marutani is the sixth Opperman lecturer.

"We are deeply grateful to the generosity of Mr. Opperman in establishing this endowed lecture series and are very pleased to have someone of William Marutani's character as our Opperman lecturer," said Michael Catalano, acting vice president for academic affairs. "This lecture series provides a great opportunity for our students and members of the community to see where a liberal arts education can lead." ■

UCLA Fellowships Available

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center is offering a fellowship in 2000-2001 to a post-doctoral scholar in support of research or creative activity on Asian Pacific Americans.

The fellowship ranges from \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year plus health benefits and up to \$3,000 in research support. The fellowship can be awarded for less than a year — in which case the stipend is adjusted to the length of the award — and can be used to supplement sabbatical salaries.

Acceptance of the fellowship carries with it the commitment to make contributions to the center's research activities, along with teaching one course and a presentation in the center's faculty colloquium series.

Deadline is December 30. For applications (Adobe Acrobat file) or information, go to: <http://www.gdnnet.ucla.edu/iacw/bpwebber.htm>, or write to:

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VC Accepting Entries for 2000 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival

Visual Communications is now accepting entries for the 15th annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival, set for May 18-25, at the Directors Guild of America and Japan America Theatre. The festival was established in 1983 to promote and present the best in APA cinema.

The 15th annual festival observes the 30th anniversary of VC, which was established in 1970 by APA artists, community activists, educators and students at the UCLA Film School. The organization's national impact as a pioneering producer and presenter of works celebrating APA heritage and communities is reflected in its stewardship of the festival, which has grown from a two-weekend event consisting of a dozen films to a major showcase presenting upwards of 100 productions by APA and Asian international media makers.

The VC festival has presented the works of such groundbreaking APA artists as Gregg Araki, Arthur Dong, Philip Kan Gotanda, Kayo Hatta, Eric Koyanagi, Ang Lee, Chris Chan Lee, Rico Martinez, Mina Shum, Renee Tajima-Pena, Rea Tajiri, Chris Tashima, Trinh T. Minh-ha, Bruce and Norman Yonemoto, Jessica Yu and many others.

The festival has also showcased the work of renowned Asian international filmmakers Lino Brocka, Mabel Cheung, Dang Nhat Minh, Ann Hui, Chen Kaige, Stanley Kwan, Alex Law and John Woo.

The festival will present world and local premieres of major new works by Asian and APA filmmakers and video artists, workshops, media panels and a wide variety of special events spotlighting the past, present and future of APA inde-

pendent cinema. The best and brightest of tomorrow's APA filmmakers are recognized through juried and audience awards and are presented the annual Golden Reel Awards, initiated as part of the 1998 festival.

Productions eligible for consideration include features and shorts in the following categories: dramatic/narrative; documentaries; experimental works and animation/graphic films; and one-channel video works in all genres.

Super 8 mm, 16mm and 35 mm entries (film) and NTSC-format works (video) by Asian and APA with themes involving but NOT limited to APA culture, history and experiences are welcomed and encouraged.

Early entries must be postmarked by Dec. 10. Final postmarked deadline for entries is Jan. 14.

Early deadline entries must include a processing fee (payable by check or money order to Visual Communications) of \$20 U.S. (domestic)/\$30 U.S. (international); final deadline entry fees are \$30 U.S. (domestic)/\$40 U.S. (international).

Preview tapes must be submitted in 1/2" VHS format (NTSC). Notification of selection will be announced in March. For all U.S. entries, a self-addressed stamped envelope is required for return of preview tapes.

Entry materials are available by contacting the Festival Director, Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival c/o Visual Communications, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Basement Level, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Online entry forms are available at <http://viscom.apanet.org/film-fest/>. For more information and entry forms, call 213/680-4462 ext. 68 or fax 213/687-4848. ■

Hapas Sought for Dissertation Study

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

Researcher Lori Ono is seeking participants who are the first-born in their family, between 20 and 45 years old, with a Nisei or Sansei parent and a European (white) parent who was also born in the United States. Participants will be

asked to fill out a set of confidential questionnaires that will take about 90 minutes to complete. They may also choose to participate in a raffle for one gift of \$500, one gift of \$150 and one gift of \$50.

Contact Lori Ono, M.A., at California School of Professional Psychology-Alameda, 1005 Atlantic Ave., Alameda, CA 94501; phone 510/234-4842; e-mail lori@concentric.net. ■

San Francisco JACL Helps Clean National AIDS Memorial Grove

Fourteen people from the JACL San Francisco chapter, including representatives from JOCNC and Bay Area Nikkei Singles, met with hundreds of other volunteers on Sept. 18 to clean up the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate park. The grove is a beautiful space where friends and family

members touched by AIDS can gather to heal, hope, and remember cherished loved ones.

A certificate in recognition of San Francisco JACL chapter's work with the National AIDS Memorial Grove was presented by Trey DeGrassi, Program manager of the Grove. ■



(Left to right) Front row: Miki Naito, Fumi Nihai, Nancy Salado, Georgeann Masado, John Hama. Back row: Miki Tashiro, Greg Marutani, Sue Nishii, Mike Fundstone, Margorie Fletcher, Lucy Kishino, Geri Handa, John Hayashi. Not pictured — Frank Tanaka.

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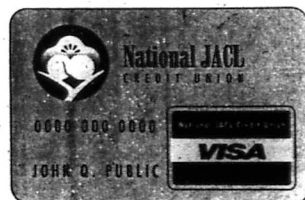
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Exhibit Recalls Internment of Nikkei at Puyallup Fairgrounds

PUYALLUP, Wash.—In early 1942, shortly after America went to war with Japan, the Puyallup Fairgrounds became "Camp Harmony," a holding facility for thousands of Japanese Americans until more permanent internment camps were built further inland.

"The reality of our position came to me when we reached the camp and saw the berbed wire and the machine guns," said Tama Tokuda of Seattle, who was 21 when she arrived at Camp Harmony. "I thought, 'We were the enemy.'"

This year, visitors to the annual Puyallup Fair can learn about the internment from an exhibit at the Fair Museum.

"Executive Order 9066: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After" is a traveling exhibit from the Wing Luke Asian Museum in Seattle.

Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, effectively ordered the evacuation of all JAs from the West Coast as a wave of paranoia swept the country after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The exhibit uses text and photos to describe the internment, which affected some 120,000 people by the end of World War II.

Camp Harmony was an assembly center for more than 7,300 JAs — most from the Puget Sound area — from April to September 1942.

All evidence of the camp is gone now, except for a Japanese American Memorial unveiled in 1983. The 10-foot bronze sculpture is near the fairground's main entrance.

Bob Sato, who lived in Sumner in 1942, recalled seeing convoys of buses carrying JAs toward Puyallup.

"I knew it was just a question of time before I'd be going," Sato said. "I knew that America stood for

something better, than what was happening to us."

Robert Mizukami agreed. "Our biggest concern was it was incarceration without due process," he said.

The fair's stables and concession stands were converted into living areas for some of the internees. Others lived in makeshift barracks with leaking roofs and little privacy.

Sharon Aburano, who was 16-year-old Sharon Tanagi in 1942, arrived with her brother, sister and mother. Government officials had taken her father into custody in February.

"My mother, she never cried when my father was taken. But when we arrived at Camp Harmony is the first time I saw her weep — when they threw us these canvas bags to stuff (with hay) for mattresses," said Aburano, who now lives in Seattle. "She was so brave."

Most Camp Harmony internees eventually were put aboard trains to Camp Minidoka in Southern Idaho. While there, some were able to leave temporarily on work-release, to attend college or join the Army.

Sato, Mizukami and many other internees joined the Army.

"We had to prove ourselves," said Mizukami of Fife. "We were just as good citizen as anybody else. We had to serve."

Sato and Mizukami, both combat veterans, said that when they returned from serving their country, the distrust and discrimination continued, and that understanding of the internment has been slow in coming.

"I've been speaking to different classes for about 50 years, and people ask me, 'Bob, how many times will you tell this story?'" Mizukami said. "I'll have to tell it for another 50 years if that's what it takes." ■

JUSTICES

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Justice Rehnquist and the other Supreme Court justices, we hope to highlight some of these practices and discuss how they might be used to improve the hiring process at the Supreme Court."

Nancy Choy, NAPABA executive director, noted that justices overwhelmingly select clerks from Harvard and Yale universities, and often rely on the recommendation of a small group of law school deans and professors and federal judges in selecting their clerks.

"Their hiring practices can be improved by casting a wider net to increase the pool of potential candidates for Supreme Court law clerks, instead of relying on a limited network that has pro-

duced a pattern of hiring that clearly does not reflect the diversity of our nation," said Choy.

Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. promised that he will continue to press for the passage of H.R. 1048, the Judicial Branch Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which he introduced on March 10.

"The Supreme Court currently operates above the law because it is set apart from the law," said Jackson. "Under current law, the Supreme Court is not legally accountable. That's why I have introduced The Judicial Branch Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1999. My legislation requires that the Supreme Court and the entire judicial branch of the federal government comply with the laws they currently interpret for

others. With my legislation, the Supreme Court can no longer merely say, 'Do as I say.' They will have to legally comply with, 'Do as I do.'"

"The entire executive branch of government is subject to Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. When the Republicans became the majority in the House and the Senate in 1994, they brought the legislative branch under Title VII. Only the judicial branch of the federal government remains outside the law — and that is wrong. That is unfair. The Supreme Court should not remain above and outside the law."

Jackson urged the public to call their elected officials, voicing support of H.R. 1048. Information on the bill can be viewed at <www.jessejacksonjr.org>. ■

U.S. Supreme Court's Record on Hiring Ethnic Minority and Women Law Clerks

JUSTICE	TOTAL CLERKS	AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC	ASIAN AMERICAN	OVERALL MINORITIES	WOMEN
William J. Brennan Jr.	85	0	1 (1.2%)	0	1.2%	12 (14.1%)
John Paul Stevens	64	3 (4.7%)	0	5 (7.8%)	12.5%	19 (29.6%)
Sandra Day O'Connor	76	1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)	4 (5.3%)	7.9%	34 (44.7%)
Antonin Scalia	56	0	0	1 (8.0%)	1.8%	9 (16.1%)
Anthony Kennedy	53	1 (1.9%)	1 (1.9%)	3 (5.6%)	9.4%	8 (15.1%)
David Souter	39	0	1 (2.7%)	2 (5.1%)	7.7%	7 (17.9%)
Clarence Thomas	37	1 (2.7%)	0	3 (8.1%)	10.8%	7 (18.9%)
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	28	1 (3.5%)	0	1 (3.5%)	7.1%	12 (42.9%)
Steven Breyer	24	2 (8.3%)	1 (4.2%)	2 (8.3%)	20.1%	11 (45.8%)

APA Youth Conference Applications Available

Applications for the 10th annual Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP) conference, April 13-16, are now available.

The conference provides 50 high school seniors and juniors from California the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of the legislative process. Students participate in a mock legislative session, including the election of legislative

leaders, introduction of legislation, and lobbying. Additionally, workshops by Asian Pacific community and business leaders will help students develop leadership and public speaking skills, enhance cultural awareness and learn about other opportunities.

Although any junior or senior high school student may apply, the project is particularly interested in

receiving applications from students who are confronted with economic, geographic, language, or other barriers that prevent their participation in this type of event. All expenses will be paid. Applications must be postmarked no later than Nov. 12, 1999, and mailed to: AP Youth Leadership Project Selection and Outreach Committee, P.O. Box 22423, Sacramento, CA 95822. ■

Shows Explore Japanese Pioneers

PORTLAND—The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (ONLC) will hold its opening reception on October 10, at 2:00 p.m. for "Determined To Succeed - Oregon's Issei," an exhibit capturing the spirit of first generation Japanese immigrants in the state.

"This exhibit pays tribute to the strength and wisdom of the Issei who came to Oregon in the 1880s through the 1920s," says June Schumann, executive director of the ONLC. "Only a handful of this generation is still with us today."

Along with other Asians, the Issei struggle is distinguished for one remarkable reason: in the years between the American Naturalization Law of 1790 and the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952, Issei were excluded from becoming naturalized citizens. Classified as "aliens ineligible to citizenship," Issei built lives in a country that refused to give them the right to vote or to hold political office.

Upon entering the exhibit, a gallery of candid photographs shows Issei men and women in their everyday lives. Among others, visitors will meet Tadashi and Tomi Inuzuka, playing tennis on a Southeast Portland street in 1928; the graduating class of 1963 at The Americanization School, the first Issei to receive citizen-

ship papers in Oregon; Hisashi Okamoto, who was a "Downtown Smile Contest Winner" in 1975; and Kame Urata, a spirited sportsman who enjoyed fishing and *matsutake* (mushroom) hunting.

After viewing the photo gallery, visitors have an opportunity to put the Issei into historical context. When did they first arrive in Oregon? What did they do? Where did they live? How were they treated? A lively history of the Issei, told through text panels, photographs and artifacts, tells of the hardships and obstacles that Issei overcame to create a prosperous legacy for their descendants.

The exhibit runs through January 15, 2000, at the ONLC, located at 117 NW 2nd Avenue in Portland. The hours for the exhibit are Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The ONLC seeks to preserve the historical identity of the Japanese in Oregon. A project of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment, the ONLC creates and hosts exhibits, provides speakers for schools and community organizations, facilitates teacher's workshops, videotapes oral histories, provides a videotape library, and preserves historic documents and artifacts. ■

Placer County JACL Donates \$5,000 to NJAMF

The Placer County JACL board of directors recently voted to donate \$5,000 to the National Japanese Memorial Foundation towards its goal of \$8.6 million.

"It is a project that all Americans of Japanese ancestry should be proud of and support 100 percent," said Chapter President Thaya Craig.

The Placer County effort raised nearly \$9,000. This was a part of the Greater Sacramento Valley drive for the memorial in Washington, D.C. ■



Placer President Thaya Craig (right) presents the check to Toki Fujii (left), Sacramento Valley fund-raising chair for NJAMF.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

'Vas You Dere, Charley?'

Somebody, just who isn't important, was given three columns of space in this newspaper recently to argue that wartime hysteria directed against Japanese Americans wasn't really that terrible and implying that JACL overreacted in trying to protect us.

That reminded me of a radio comedian popular before television who told some preposterous stories with a straight face, and when someone questioned his veracity, he would ask innocently, "Vas you dere, Charley?"

Well, yes, there were some "dere" who witnessed what was happening at that time and they have a somewhat different story to tell.

By chance recently I happened to find a copy of this newspaper, *Pacific Citizen*, dated Jan. 28, 1943. That was nearly a year after President Roosevelt sent us into exile. The issue contains some interesting commentary on the times.

The *Pacific Citizen* reprinted a column by the eminent editorialist Chester Rowell in the *San Francisco Chronicle* in which he chided those seeking drastic action against JAs.

Rowell wrote: "The trouble is that the whole thing [the demand that they be punished] is ... but wishful thinking of a dangerous sort. It is not enough merely to be so angry at what 'Japan' is doing as to wish to exterminate, or at least to 'punish' the persons of Japanese race, citizen or non citizen, who happen to live in America and be in our power. ... Neither are we going to deport the American citizens among them ..."

Larry Tajiri, *Pacific Citizen's* editor, used his column in that issue to take after William Randolph Hearst who owned a chain of influential newspapers, one of which competed with Rowell's chronicle.

Tajiri wrote: He [Hearst], perhaps more than any other man, was responsible for the public opinion which demanded and accepted the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942. He was the father of that evacuation and its willing midwife, for his editorials had for four decades preached suspicion and hate of all persons of Japanese ancestry on the west American coast. Only last week his *Examiner* in San Francisco wrote: 'We have known the evils of Japanese immigration and the tendencies of that immigration to debase our standards of living.'

Tajiri added: "Had not public pressure, egged on by the Hearst press and by other newspapers, demanded the wholesale removal of all residents of Japanese ancestry, mass evacuation probably would not have been carried out ..."

And a young columnist named Bill Hosokawa in his 'Frying Pan' column wrote: "the lies that were told about us before evacuation — that we were responsible for sabotage and espionage, that we were plotting bloody uprisings, that we were the enemy in the nation's midst awaiting the day when we would spring up a native Fifth Column — have been refuted time and again ..."

"There is no reason after all these months for anyone to be

morally honest and yet base his charges against us on misinformation. Yet that is what is being done today by many groups and individuals ... in the name of Americanism."

And finally, in this same issue was an editorial reprinted from the *Irrigator*, the weekly publication of the Minidoka WRA (War Relocation Authority) camp in Idaho.

The editorial, written by Dyke Miyagawa, criticized the evacuee who indicts the JACL "on every conceivable count for a long list of accusations ranging from responsibility for evacuation (as if the war and the Army had nothing to do with it) to the absence of caviar from the mess tables. ... Hardly a single inconvenience, irritation and bump in the evacuation itinerary has failed to yield its share of irrational gripes against the League."

"Forgotten was the great good the JACL did in the hectic days immediately preceding our uprooting and dislocation when steady streams of Issei and Nisei stormed the JACL offices day and night seeking counsel and a desperately needed sense of stability in the midst of instability. And evidently forgotten, too, is the still greater good the League can do in the future as the one Nisei organization in a position to speak nationally for Japanese Americans."

Vas you dere, Charley? Yes, the people who wrote the preceding were there. ■

Bill Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the *Denver Post*. His column appears

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East Wind



By Bill Marutani

The Lone Grain of Rice

DISCOURAGING WASTE and promoting frugality, the Issei folks invoked the term *mottai-nai*.

Kenkyusha's *jiten* (dictionary) on page 1139, blandly defines the term as "wasteful; wasting" with illustrations such as "What a waste ... Giving money to a guy like that is just like throwing it away ... It is sheer waste ... It is bad economy to use so many sheets of paper."

Those of us who were under the direct tutelage of the Issei, gleaned the essence of the term through virtual reality. Thus we were admonished to use both sides of writing paper, pencils were to be used until they were mere stubs; when completing eating *go-han* (meal) there was not to be so much as a single grain of rice left in the *cha-wan* (rice bowl).

Mottai-nai.

SO INGRAINED is this precept of conservation that to this day I clean out my *cha-wan*. When I first worked in a law office, I was appalled by the amount of paper — pricey bond at that — of which only one side was used.

Upon entering state government service, I was to find a deluge of papers filed by lawyers — motions, counter-motions, peti-

tions, replies, affidavits, objections and so on and on. I adopted a habit of saving extra copies to be used in preparing preliminary drafts or in-house legal memos.

All too quickly we found ourselves inundated with a stack of paper which carried print only on one side. And, of course, in generating typewritten matter of our own, such bore printing on one side only.

THE PROFLIGATE consumption practices in government operations would spin *mottai-nai* on its head. For example, something seemingly minor as ballpoint pens which are routinely handed out by the supply department as often as requested — boxes of them.

A ballpoint pen will readily last 12 months and usually much longer. So when distribution of such pens results in dozens-per-capita, there's something amiss. There will be those who dismiss this assessment as picaresque, unrealistic. But a fiscal sieve is composed of a hole-here-a-hole-there. Moreover, our Issei would point out, "*Mottai-nai* is *mottai-nai*."

Even if it be a lone grain of rice left in the *cha-wan*.

THE MOTTAI-NAI concept can extend into various other as-

pects of one's conduct. Thus, when I come across some fallen merchandise such as a necktie lying on the floor, I impulsively find myself picking it up and restoring it to the display rack. Before someone steps on the goods and makes it unsalable.

If spouse Vicki is with me, not sure whether she's a bit embarrassed being seen with someone who keeps bobbing out of sight among the clothes racks, I'll wryly crack that "I guess you didn't know that I had this moonlighting job." (She makes no comment; or if she does, I didn't hear it.)

SPEAKING OF merchandise displays, a disruptive and destructive practice that I abjure is that of a shopper who sails into an orderly display digging down seeking god-knows-what, and leaves an unsightly mess. I find it particularly upsetting when the atrocity takes place in the men's section involving goods I had wished to look over.

Call it a "politically incorrect remark," but I resent it particularly if the digger is a woman. As it usually is. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the P.C.

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Letters to the Editor

Welcome to the Club, Ben Goshi

Welcome to the group, Ben Goshi. It takes one pompous ass to recognize another. Rather than answer questions for Mr. Frank Chin, why not reply to my questions to you?

What prompts you to be so protective of anti-JACL Chin? Civil rights concerns? Is a relative married to a Chinese? Why do you hide behind the shirttail of Mr. Chin to spread your own anti-JACL opinions — yes, it shows in the tone of your letter.

Also you need reading glasses. I did not give credit only to JACL and me.

Neither did I say that the *Pacific Citizen* staff were "flotsam and debris." That reference was directed to those who perennially criticize JACL in a regular pattern. It also applies to nameless critics, who do not have the courage of their convictions.

By distorting my statements, you wanted to alienate the P.C. staff against me, hardly credible for a venerable bona fide New York lawyer. But we know lawyers are human. On any given day, thousands of lawyers are involved in prosecution and defense. Fifty percent are on the losing side unless the cases are mediated or deferred.

I express my views without using a corny alias like Ben Goshi (Japanese word for lawyer). This nom de plume enticed me to write a siller haiku as follows: *Benjo ni koshi wo kakenagara, monku wo yuu.*

This translates into "One who sits on a toilet and composes criticism."

Short translation: "outhouse lawyer."

On General Eric Shinseki: He is a West Pointer, according to recommendation of the Hawaiian Nisei war vet senators. Conscious of his heritage, he was not just another cadet as he won top honors. His two tours in Vietnam earned him two Purple Hearts (luckily, he did not die).

There are five other Japanese Americans who served or who are serving as generals and admirals, and all of them attribute much of their success to those Nisei veterans who preceded them.

I've already stepped on real horse manure in the stables of the Stockton Assembly Center in May 1942, and will heed your caution, realizing that some people produce more manure than horses.

Oh yes, Ben mentioned my name 14 times in his letter as if to butter me up. Then he clouts me with "pompous ass."

This reminded me of the pre-war Hollywood scenarios, which produced a sly Asian who plays up to the good guy before stabbing him in the back with a shiv. Thank you, Ben, for reminding me of those pre-war anti-Asian tactics.

I could have lowered my response to your level, but why lower my prestige?

There is a difference between pompous and having pride. I take pride in some of the things I have done.

It is your jealousy and envy that changes my pride into your pomposity.

Barry Sakai
Stockton, Calif.

'Daikon Ashi' and the Resisters

Tak, Tak Still swinging the double-edged sword of opinion

intent on cutting each other and everybody else to pieces till everyone's down to the (mental) midsize. Ain't "snuff" is "nuff" on this resisters stuff?

Kudos to the P.C. editor, for putting "Daikon Ashi," whether by accident or design, on the same page (page 6 of the Sept. 23 issue) as the other article. It made me think twice about the two side-by-side articles, made me believe that it is always better to laugh with others than to be mad (literally) with others. Makes one sleep better too.

Hopefully, the kick by "Daikon Ashi" scores points to bury the resisters and related issues or sends them into orbit, so that we can go on to the next game, with Naomi as our referee, of course!! Note: I was told that in Japan, the daikon are now slender, long and smooth, and someone else also said something like "beauty is in the eyes of the beholder."

Tom Obata
Sacramento, Calif.

Hosokawa Too Harsh on Ed Mitoma

Reference is made in the *Pacific Citizen* (Sept. 10-16) concerning JACL's U.S.-Japan Relations Committee by Bill Hosokawa. If the rest of the JACL's U.S.-Japan Relations Committee have to be reminded, like Ed Mitoma's reminder to Bill Hosokawa, the committee must be obscure. However, although I am not a committee member and occasionally contributor of articles of possible interest, Ed keeps me up to date on pertinent activities of the committee.

In my opinion Bill Hosokawa was a bit harsh with Ed in the article. On the other hand, it could be that Hosokawa is creating some heat on JACLers to fire up the committee. Mike Honda's resolution, AJR 27, would be a good start. It was approved by both the California Assembly and Senate. The national JACL board took a neutral stand, and at the Pacific Southwest JACL district meeting on Aug. 29 the district voted to support the AJR 27 resolution except for one negative vote by Arizona (mine).

Joe R. Altman
Phoenix, Ariz.

U.S.-Japan Committee May Be Presumptuous

I think JACL with its 24,000 members is a little presumptuous to think that it could in any way influence or change the subject matter. The JACL long ago took the biased position of being singularly and wholeheartedly American in all its thinking and sentiment.

Just because your parentage is Japanese (in some cases) you think the government of Japan will think of you people as the perfect go-between? You've got to be kidding! They would rather deal directly with the U.S. government! They have the lowest esteem for Japanese Americans, no matter what they seem to be saying on the surface. Please stop thinking of yourselves so highly!

Get down to more realistic goals where you can make some difference like leaning a little to the right and stop being such bleeding-heart liberals.

Richard Kawanishi
St. Louis, Mo.

Reader Disagrees with Marutani's on AJR 27

Bill Marutani (P.C., Aug. 13-16) argues that Mike Honda introduced AJR 27 "simply because, as an American, it was the right thing to do" and that "His ethnicity was incidental."

I am confused by Marutani's logic. Apparently I am not an American, because I happen to believe that Honda's resolution is wrong-headed.

I feel that Honda endorsed an odd and dangerous mixture of proper concern for victims of war crimes and improper concern for historical, social, and political facts and processes.

Honda takes his cues from the demagoguery of heart-in-the-right-place, facts-in-the-wrong-place authors like Iris Chang, and the emotional agendas of victim support groups that are often more concerned with political correctness and publicity than with truth and balance.

Just as Honda's American citizenship may have little to do with his motivation to morally browbeat Japan with a missile from the State of California, it would also be politically naive to deny that his Japanese ancestry does not play into the hands of some of his most ardent supporters.

While Honda's resolution may not have been the act, per se, of a person of Japanese ancestry, neither was it the act of an American. It was simply the act of a politician, motivated both by personal beliefs and by the need to create and nurture a following in order to survive as an elected politician.

If true that Honda did the right thing by AJR 27 because he is an American, then America ought to be a perfect country.

But from where I have sat for the past quarter of a century — in Japan, surrounded by the continuing local and global controversy over World War II and its aftermath in Asia and the Pacific — the United States, including California, has been, and continues to be, as fallible as Japan.

As Fred Hirasuna argues (P.C. Aug. 13-16), it would be wrong for California to call only one kettle black, when there are so many others.

It would also be wrong to call a charcoal gray kettle soot black — but that is precisely what AJR 27 would do.

William Wetherall
Abiko, Japan

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Hamabata, Takashi, 78, San Diego, Sept. 16; survived by wife Yaeiko; daughters Sachiko Furukawa, Keiko Ito and husband Bob, Michiko Hamabata-Rambeau and husband Bob; 8 gc., 7 ggc.; sisters Haruko Ikami, Mitsuko Hamano, Masako Nakashibe; brother Kiyoshi and wife Satsuki.

Higuchi, Wiley Hitoshi, 70, Los Angeles, Sept. 25; Seattle-born; survived by son E. James "Jim" and wife Keiko; daughter Frances Franz and husband Charles (Honolulu); 2 gc.; sisters-in-law Tomoko Inouye and husband Henry, Mary Higuchi (Riverside); brothers-in-law Jack S. Nomura and Isamu Nakayama.

Inouye, Tatsuo (Ryusel), 88, Los Angeles, Sept. 19; Montebello-born; survived by daughters Sayuri Takeda and husband Takeshi, Masako Nishii and husband Kikuo, Kyoko Oda and husband Kay; 8 gc., 4 ggc.; brother Tadashi Inouye and wife Masako (Japan); sisters Yoshi Kawasaki and Kuniko Inouye, (both Japan).

Kazuo, Suzuki, 74, Gardena, Sept. 20; Terminal Island-born; resident of Huntington Beach; survived by wife Kazue; sons Steve, Dale; daughter Diane Suzuki; 1 gc.

Miyoko, Kay Kazuyue, 78, San Francisco, Sept. 10; San Francisco-born; survived by sons Tom Miyoko, John Miyoko and wife Shirley.

Onoda, Kimiyuki, 78, Los Angeles, Sept. 26; Montana-born; survived by son Masayuki Setuko; 4 gc.; brothers Hiromi Hanafusa, Saburo (Japan); sister Shizuko Hoshijima (Japan).

Sugimoto, George Susumu, 81, Pico Rivera, Sept. 10; El Centro-born; survived by wife Lillian;

daughters Debbie Sakaguchi and husband Gary, Denise Kubota and husband Daniel; 1 gc.; sisters Tsuneo Tada and husband Jimmy, Mieso Inana.

Takeshita, Kazuaki Roy, 66, San Jose, April 5; Alameda-born; survived by wife Betty; daughter Jenni; sons Randy and wife Audrey; daughter Eileen and son Joshua.

Tanaka, George Chitoshi, 80, West Los Angeles, Oct. 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Keiko; sons Edward and wife Heidi, Arthur and wife Joyce; 4 gc.

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Tsuchiyama, George Tatsuo, 86, Rosemead, Sept. 15; survived by wife Yuriko; son Don and wife Betty; 2 gc.; brother Sei and wife Kimie; sisters-in-law Tsutayo Harada and husband George, Tomiyo Nakashima and husband Jim.

Uehara, Yachiyo, 83, Portland, Ore., Sept. 26; Tokyo-born writer, Heart Mountain internee, longtime San Francisco resident; winner of American Japanese National Literary Award for "A Piece of Cake" and "Two-kan"; survived by son Andrew (Salem, Ore.) 1 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Tadashige Okubo (Chicago).

Yamanaka, Setsuko, 84, Rolling Hills Estates, Sept. 20; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughters Ann Jong, Sharon Yamanaka, Wendy Furuno and husband Gary, Emily Takeuchi and husband Vincent; 6 gc.; sister Kiku Kaneko. ■

Sony Co-Founder Morita Passes at 78

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO—Akio Morita, the entrepreneur, engineer and savvy salesman who helped give new meaning to the words "Made in Japan," died Oct. 2, Sony Corp. said. He was 78.

The co-founder of the company, Morita had been in failing health since a stroke in 1993. He died at a Tokyo hospital of pneumonia, said Sony spokesman Aldo Ligori.

Morita co-founded Sony in a bombed-out department store after World War II. He was the last of a generation of Japanese industrialists that included carmaker Soichiro Honda and electronics rival Kenesuke Matsushita.

Under Morita's guidance, Sony was instrumental in changing Japan's image from maker of slipshod products to a world leader in high-quality automobiles and electronics. A native of Nagoya, Morita retired as Sony's chairman in 1994. A year earlier he had suffered a stroke that left him in a wheelchair. He stayed on as honorary chairman, with current chair Norio Ohga.

Morita pioneered new behavior for corporate Japan by pushing engineers to take risks with new products and criticized lavishly

paid American executives. He caused a stir in 1989 by co-authoring "The Japan That Can Say No" with current Tokyo Gov. Shintaro Ishihara, then refusing to authorize an English translation. In it, Morita criticized U.S. corporate culture as overindulgent. He also warned that America must revitalize its electronics industry by investing in research and development.

In the late 1980s, Morita called for many of the economic reforms now being carried out by Japan's government, but he reportedly declined an offer to become foreign minister in August 1993.

Even without Morita at the helm, Sony continues to lead the world in electronics and computer entertainment. Earlier this month, the company launched a new attack on rival game makers by announcing an improved version of its popular PlayStation system. But all is not rosy at Sony Japan's rising yen has hurt the export-oriented company's earnings, with group net profit plunging 56 percent in the three months ending June 30. ■

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immigrants grew at a faster pace than Indiana's white population from 1990 to 1998, but not nearly as quickly as Asians and Hispanics, according to census estimates.

The number of Hispanics in Indiana has increased to more than 145,000 from just under 100,000 between 1990 and 1998. The APA population increased to 53,000 from 37,000 during the same period.

Melanie Castillo-Cullather emigrated from the Philippines to Washington, D.C., in 1993, then moved later to Bloomington, where nearly every new person she met asked her where she was from.

"Here, you have to do your job of familiarizing the community with who you are," Castillo-Cullather said. "But you also have this opportunity to educate people."

She was surprised the Asian-born population has grown so quickly in Indiana. There is a rising number of APA students at Indiana University, where she directs the Asian Cultural Center.

MINNEAPOLIS—The explosive growth of Minnesota's minority population totaled 97,000 during the 1990s, and was equal to one-and-a-half times the state's minority population in 1970, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Between 1990 and 1998, blacks, APAs and American Indians accounted for nearly one-fourth of the state's population increase, according to the report. There are now more than 322,000 minorities in the state. Overall, the state's population grew by 8 percent between 1990 and 1998. It is projected to reach about 4.8 million in 2000, according to Minnesota Planning, a state agency.

"It's what you'd expect — people are coming here looking for opportunity," said Minnesota State demographer Tom Gillaspay. "I've been saying it for 20 years and I'm going to keep saying it. But we're still a very non-diverse state by national standards. For us to ever catch up to the national picture won't happen until long past our lifetimes."

From 1990 to 1998, about two-thirds of America's population growth came from blacks, APAs, American Indians and Hispanics. These minority groups increased at more than six times the rate of whites. The nation's minority population passed 75 million last year, meaning that more than one-quarter belong to a racial or ethnic minority group.

Demographic experts say the nation's rapid move toward a multi-racial, multiethnic society — fueled in part by one million immigrants each year — is likely to continue into the next century. By 2015, according to the U.S. Census Bureau,

minorities will make up one-third of the population. But the overwhelming number of U.S. minorities are continuing to live in a handful of states that are traditional immigrant gateways. Four states — California, Texas, Florida and New York — accounted for well over half of the nation's minority population growth during the 1990s. The state's highest minority growth rates were among Asians, whose numbers increased by 58 percent, and Hispanics, whose population surged by 61 percent.

LOS ANGELES—California's APA population is outpacing the state's Hispanic residents, especially in the largest urban areas, according to U.S. Census estimates. The numbers continue an almost decade-long trend for the two groups, which have grown faster than any other in the past eight years.

State figures also show that most of the Asian growth comes from immigration, while Hispanic growth comes from those born in California.

"It's not [Hispanic] people coming into the country," said Rosanne Morrison, director of clinic services for Northridge Hospital Medical Center. "It's people giving birth here."

California's growth mirrors increases in Hispanic and Asian populations across the country during the 1990s. Nationwide, the number of Hispanics grew by more than 35 percent and Asians, by 40 percent, the Census Bureau says. Growth for blacks and American Indians in California was slower — at about 3 percent and 2 percent, the figures show.

Demographers are watching 1998 estimates closely because they approximate the numbers and breakdowns they expect for the 2000 Census, an count that could have a significant impact on the state's political and social landscape, said Larry Sink, a statistician with U.S. Census Bureau's population division.

The figures show the percentage of Hispanics in California jumped about 30 percent since 1990, and the percentage of Asians leaped by almost 33 percent to 3.7 million. Hispanics, at 10.1 million, remain

the state's largest minority.

APAs grew faster than Hispanics in the largest counties. From 1990 to 1998, their numbers jumped more than 23 percent in Los Angeles County, where they number 1.1 million, compared with almost 20 percent for Hispanics. More than 4 million Hispanics live in the county.

Hispanics are also growing in states that are not traditional destinations, such as Arkansas, Georgia and North Carolina, Sink said.

Andy Malatakes, planning supervisor for Los Angeles County, said larger numbers of Hispanics are showing up in small business rosters and among first-time homebuyers.

But he said Hispanic growth rates might not mean more integrated communities. The average price for an apartment in Los Angeles County is well above the income of most local Hispanics, he said, effectively keeping minority neighborhoods intact. The lack of integration could put a strain on school districts that would have to provide more bilingual education, he said. ■

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