APA Democrats Rally Behind Davis

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As an Asian Pacific Islander American Democrat in California, Mushrave has been actively visible in contrast to the APA reputation. Mushrave has been held almost every other week since September where APA Democrats highlight democratic accomplishments for the APA community. Pictured above is an Oct. rally where the California Democratic Party launched the first APA Democratic Coalition.

Front row (l-r): Board of Equalization Chair Joe Chiang; Monterey Park Mayor David Lau; West Hollywood Councilman Steve Martin; Assemblywoman Judy Chu; Assemblyman George Nakano; Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees member Warner Tantum.

Second row: Torrance Councilman Ted Lieu; Assemblywoman Carol Liu; Democratic APA pioneer Mary Miyashita; former Mayor of Monterey Park Lily Lee Chen; and Mayor of Gardena Terry Terazaki. Third row: California Technology Trade & Commerce Agency Deputy Director Joe Ahn; Korean American Democratic Committee member Sukhee Kang; California Deputy Attorney General Kyungah Suh; and West Covina Councilman Ben Wong.

Back row: California Small Business Board Chair Joey Quintana; ABC Unified School District Board of Trustees member Armin Reyes; actress Marie Matiko; Masato Muho and Clark Lee, both with College Democrats of America; and Glendale Board of Trustees member Victor King.

Pictured below is an Oct. event where California Gov. Gray Davis offered to the APA community in Monterey Park and unveiled an APA television ad campaign. The ads will run in Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Japanese and Vietnamese. Ads are also being run in Spanish. [Image]

Matsunaka Makes Push for Colorado’s 4th Congressional District Seat

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Colorado’s 4th congressional district is one of the largest in the nation and encompasses 21 counties in the eastern half of Colorado, roughly the size of Indiana. The Arapahoe/Granada War Relocation Authority camp site, where Nikkei were incarcerated during World War II, is situated in the southern part of the district.

But Matsunaka faces an uphill battle. The Santé Fe-Denver area is running in a district where Republicans have held the seat for 30 years and has a higher Republican voter registration population. APAs make up only one percent of the district.

During much of the race, polls have shown that Matsunaka is in a dead heat, but a Denver Post poll published on Oct. 20 found Matsunaka trailing by 17 points. Matsunaka’s Communications Director Jeff Bridges attributed the Denver Post poll results to several factors, among them timing. He noted that the poll was taken at a time when Mushrave’s negative ad campaign was at its peak with constant mailings and TV ads blasting Matsunaka, while Matsunaka was able to see SEE MATUSAKA/page 12.

Costume Maker Apologizes After AA Groups Complain ‘Kung Foo’ Outfit Racist, Macy’s Yet to Respond to Protests Over Buddha Image on Boxers

By Associated Press

A costume distributor said Oct. it has stopped shipping its “Kung Foo” Halloween outfit to retailers after Asian American groups complained it was racist, but Macy’s has yet to respond to protests over its hot seller showing a Buddha image with the words, “Rub me for luck.”

Groups, including the Organization for Chinese Americans, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, the National Asian American Student Conference, and JACL, said Disguise Inc’s Halloween costume perpetuates stereotypes and called for the removal of the product from all retail stores.

The company, headquartered in Owego, Calif., said the adult costume — which includes a mask with buckteeth and slanted-eyes — has already been shipped to various retailers across the country but that no more will be distributed. The outfits now belong to the stores, Disguise said, though the company will accept returns from retailers.

In a letter to Disguise, OCA said the costume singles out and ridicules Asians.

“We’re perpetuating this racial ignorance instead of really celebrating the diversity of this country and portraying people more realistically in these costumes,” said Christine Chen, OCA executive director.

Chen also noted that the costume includes a headband with the Chinese character for “lones” on the front of it. Disguise said the costume was “a comedic parody of a Kung Fu karate character” and released a statement that said in part: “Disguise apologizes to any group or individual who may be offended by this costume and mask. No insult or offense was intended against any race, ethnicity or individual by the sale of this product.”

In protest of the Halloween costume, the AA, news website Yellowworld.org started an online petition drive that collected 3,800 signatures in eight days. “Asian Americans don’t want to be Halloween masks,” said Elbert Oh, founder of the AA. In a similar incident, the JACL and the Buddhist Churches of Japan joined the petition. See COSTUME/page 12.
Chapter Asks Nat’l Board to Reconsider ‘Under God’ Vote

At its meeting on Sept. 14-15, theJACL national board failed expressly to uphold its published advocacy for the civil rights of all people in the United States. An NCWNP district motion, authored by our official delegate, Mari Harashima, which read: “Given our national JACL’s position on the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. in the world, the NCWNP Council urges the national board to go on record that they will not follow the Court’s ruling of ‘under God’ in the Pledge of Allegiance.”

We agree with the court that the term, “under God,” is constitutionally unconstitutional.

We note state law, that we are shocked, disappointed, and angered by the national board’s vote of 6-6, and since the decisions numbers 4. If the national JACL mission statement and program of action are meaningful, no vote. A national body should be made unanimous in support.

An ad hoc committee was appointed to include the Bill of Rights. The very first words of the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, clearly makes no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. In 1940, the national JACL resolution of religion meant ‘official religion.’ There is no religious the United States.

The oath of office for the President reads as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States.”

The oath of office of the President of the United States, to all intents and purposes, preserve and defend the Constitution of the United States. In the Constitution there is a mention of “God.”

The Civil Rights recently reported that the JACL national board had voted to withdraw its Pledge of Allegiance motion to support the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that “under God” is unconstitutional.

The vote was six yes, five no, and four abstentions. Montoya’s motion would have called it “passed” but there is a little used or known part of Robert’s Rules of Order that allows a chair (in this case JACL National President Floyd Mori) to vote to make a tie. An action称之为 “tie, the motion failed. Even with the knowledge that the national council at its convention just a few months ago voted to uphold separation of Church and State, this motion failed.

Mr. Mori communicated to me in no uncertain terms that it was not consistent with our principles to be involved in a position on a judicial decision. This is where I disagree. Did he not make the point that I am making on Loving v. Virginia? JACL wrote an amicus brief on that point and expressed its concern about the intermarriage. Did JACL NOT take a position on that matter? Did they not criticize the Japanese American redress movement and was involved in the movement and worked the legal system to a great deal. Did JACL NOT take a position on Min Yasui’s curfew orders? He lost.

Of course JACL should be involved in judicial matters. We have in the past and we shouldn’t stop now or in the future. It is common for many civil and human rights organizations to join in lawsuits to fight injustices. It is in the courts where we can have a course of action.

Mr. Mori was quoted in the P.C. as saying, “It the wrong time and the wrong place... It does nothing for our organization but it alienates many in the organization.” THERE IS NEVER A WRONG TIME AND PLACE TO ASSERT CIVIL RIGHTS.

To vote the resolution down was the worst decision we could make. We send the wrong message about our about to see clearly what a civil rights group believes. JACL says that the resolution out of the hands of judges is a serious lack of a new direction.

I urge the national board to reconsider the resolution and to take the courageous and difficult court decision.

names I see in the obituary columns. If the reporting like this, it is no wonder that younger people stay away from the organization. At this time the specific needs of our community, we need to focus on the issues that can help rather than alienate our younger generation.

Instead of trying to make some news out of nothing, where is the positive reporting of why we have a JA Army Chief of Staff who has been rendered a lame duck? Where is the emphasis on the slander of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta by a best-selling author? Where is the background research into the obviously hate driven motivations of two men who are out to destroy the distinguished record of our veterans and plant mistrust about our loyalty to the nations of allies?

While there are certainly examples of where we are battling our selves within the JA community, we have been the most successful as a community when we focus on a common cause. A healthy P.C. should focus attention on the kind of work we as an organization and a community do instead of creating spectacle for the newsworthy.

The best example of the P.C. states that it is the “National Publication of the Japanese American Citizens League.” Please represent us, not misrepresent us.

Douglas Iketa, Riverside JACL

Re: ‘Time to Quit Whining’

These are the words of wisdom written by George Yoshinaga (Koichi Shimizu) accepting the award that Horikoshi in the Pacific Citizen on Aug. 29, 1998. The two of them operated the U.S. Government internment camps for us who attend camp reunions. Back then, they accused reunion attendees of using camp personnel as our opportunity to complain and lament about all the wrongs and injustices and injuries that we went through in our camp experience. I have attended four Gila reunions in addition to the Stockton-area reunions and last year August and have no idea what our history was about our history. The reunions have provided the chance for friends to remember friends who perhaps have not had the opportunity to see each other for years. Yes, there are some tears. Not tears of sorrow or pain but rather of joy and happiness in reconnecting with old friends and memories of youth.

The reason I write this letter is that the was shocked to read in your Oct. 4-17, 2002, issue at that last Mountain reunion Mr. Horikoshi’s tirade was well known and even featured as a guest speaker. I would just like to comment on this civil rights group. As Mr. Horikoshi told us all to “quit whining.” I would also love to have the opportunity to speak. I would look forward to him standing there waving his finger at the attendees shaming them for attending the reunion? Did he accept his award gracefully and in his acceptance speech did he apologize for his comments that were directly aimed at those present?

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Hmong Picked as Rail's Third Tongue
ST. PAUL, Minn.—The rail transit committee of the Metropolitan Council has decided to make English, Spanish and Hmong the three languages on the machines that will dispense tickets on the Hawliwight Light Rail line.

While English and Spanish were a lock, the committee chose Hmong over Somali, as it is the third most widely spoken language in the seven-county metro area.

The language will go into service on Feb. 23. The committee also decided to make tickets available in the three languages.

The Minneapolis Star reported that a group of Somali speakers in the area had been lobbying for Somali to be added to the list of languages available on the rail system.

Hmong is a language spoken by some 10 million people in Southeast Asia, primarily in Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The decision to include Hmong on the rail system was made to ensure that all riders, regardless of their linguistic background, can easily access the information provided on the tickets.

In conclusion, the inclusion of Hmong on the rail system is a step towards ensuring that all riders, regardless of their linguistic background, can easily access the information provided on the tickets.
Public Meetings Scheduled on Minidoka National Monument

Japanese Americans living along the West Coast were evacuated to remote internment camps from 1942 until the end of World War II without being charged of any crime. Bringing that part of our nation's history to light in a constructive way is the challenge facing the National Park Service at its new national monument in south-central Idaho: Minidoka Internment National Monument. The National Park Service hold public open houses and workshops at various locations; for more information, the public and former JA internees want this site to be developed and the internment stories to be told.

Over 13,000 internees were held at Minidoka, among them 7,000 from the Seattle area. Minidoka was one of 10 internment camps where 120,000 JAs were incarcerated during WWII. On Jan. 17, 2001, 73 acres of the original site were designated a national monument, under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service by presidential proclamation. Little remains of the 600 buildings that once supported the Minidoka community but many of the original workers and residents still alive, and some are generously assisting the National Park Service in helping to share their experience.

"Stories of courage and loyalty will emerge from these fields," said Neil King, superintendent, who believes the site has particular poignancy today. "I know there is potential here for a very powerful monument that will have meaning for every generation. For this generation, we see in the aftermath of September 11 some of the same fear and suspicion that haunted our nation in World War II. We need to be sure the lessons here are passed on to serve our nation in the future."

The National Park Service will hold nine public meetings, each in an open-house and workshop format, at locations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington during November. This is an opportunity to learn about Minidoka, provide comments, raise issues, offer suggestions and help define the future of this national monument. The meetings will help develop a general management plan for Minidoka. Anyone interested is welcome. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Eden, Idaho, Tues., Nov. 12, Senior Citizen Center, 210 East Wilcox; 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.
- Twin Falls, Idaho, Wed., Nov. 13, Shields Building, College of Southern Idaho, 1630 Main St., 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.
- Ontario, Ore., Thurs., Nov. 14, Ponderosa Cultural Center, 676 Southwest 5th Ave.; 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.
- Buhl, Idaho, Wed., Nov. 15, Minidoka Bank, 1101 Main St., 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.
- Seattle, Tues., Nov. 19, Nisei Veterans' Hall, 1212 South King Street; 9 a.m. Open House, 9:30 a.m. Workshop.
- Seattle, Tues., Nov. 19, Husky Union Building, Room 106B, University of Washington, 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.
- Seattle, Wed., Nov. 20, Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway; 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.
- Portland, Ore., Fri., Nov. 22, Oregon Holocaust Legacy Center, 117 Northwest 2nd Avenue; 4:30 p.m. Open House, 6 p.m. Workshop.

For more information about Minidoka Internment National Monument or to submit comments, visit www.nps.gov/min. Or contact Neil King, Superintendent, Hagerman Fossil Beds, PO. Box 570, Hagerman, ID 83332, 208/837-4973, MINI_GMP@nps.gov, or Anna Tamura, National Park Service, 500 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104, 206/220-4154, Anna.Tamura@nps.gov.

APAs in the News

Tian Dang, East West Players' producing artistic director, was one of five nonprofit leaders to be recognized with the Durfee Foundation Sabbatical Award. Dang has been with EMP since 1980 and has served as producing artistic director since 1993. Recipients of the Durfee award are given $30,000 to travel, study, write or otherwise renew themselves so they may return to work with fresh perspectives and visions for their organizations. Marilyn Tokuda will serve as interim artistic director while Dang is on leave from Oct. 23 to Jan. 22, 2003.

Deborah C. Gee, 47, of Alameda, Calif., was appointed a judge of the Alameda County Superior Court by California Gov. Gray Davis. Gee has been a partner with Pacific West Law Group since 2001 and began his career in 1980 as a deputy district attorney in Ventura County. Gee has been a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, Asian American Bar Association of the Bay Area, California Society of Healthcare Attorneys and the Bar Association of San Francisco. Currently, he is a member of the Oakland Chinatown Community Development Corporation and the Wa Sung Service Club, a leading service group in Oakland's Chinatown.

Sumi Haru was honored at the 12th annual Bringing Up Daughters Differently (BUDDY) awards luncheon. The BUDDY award is given to Los Angeles community leaders who have emerged as role models for young women and girls. Haru is an actress, organizer and politician. She is the co-founder of the Ethnic Minorities Committee of the Screen Actors Guild and is the national vice president of both the Ethnic Employment Opportunity Committee and the AFL-CIO.

Dr. Heo-Peh Lee was appointed by Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao to serve on the Committee on the Skills Gap in the Workforce, part of the President's Council on the 21st Century Workforce. Lee is president of Shino-Ike Enterprises, a real estate development, construction and business consulting company in Whittier, N.Y. He has been a visiting professor at National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan and was named one of 30 outstanding Chinese Americans in business in 2001. Lee joins 13 other APAs appointed by Chao to various positions in the labor department.

Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi was elected president of the American Dental Association (ADA) at the annual ADA House of Delegates in New Orleans. He will be installed as president next fall in San Francisco. The ADA is the largest and oldest national dental association in the world, with more than 141,000 members. Sekiguchi previously served as president and interim executive director of the California Dental Association. He has been practicing dentistry for 28 years. His dental office is located in Monterey Park, Calif., which he shares with son Kevin and daughter Jill, both practicing dentists.

2003 JACL/OCJA D.C. Leadership Conference Dates Set

The JACL Washington, D.C., office announced that applications are now available online for its 2003 JACL/OCJA D.C. Leadership Conference, which is scheduled for March 7-11.

Founded in 1983, the annual D.C. Leadership conference is one of JACL's most successful programs with an alumni roster of 1,000 JACLers. Since 1994, JACL has been working with the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) to co-sponsor this four-day leadership training conference, which brings together 30 up-and-coming leaders for an intensive program structured to provide a broad overview of the decision-making process at the federal level, including meetings with and briefings by public officials and key policymakers who serve in Congress, the White House, various federal agencies and the media.

The D.C. Leadership Conference was a whirlwind four days that I'll never forget," said JACL National Youth/Student Council Chair Maya Yamazaki, an alumnus of the 2002 program. "The direct access the program provides is unparalleled. From visiting the White House to sitting in the floor on the House of Representatives to conversing with local politicians, I learned firsthand the scope of Asian Pacific Americans in politics, gained a greater understanding of the issues that affect our community and came away inspired to promote activism among other Asian Pacific Americans and become more involved in the JACL." Each JACL district council may select up to two delegates to attend the program. The $500 tuition for the program, which includes housing, curriculum materials and some meals, is paid by the sponsoring chapter and district council.

Criteria for selection include demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment to making an active contribution to the JA community. For more information on the JACL D.C. Leadership conference dates is available on the JACL website at www.jacl.org/dclconf.html or contact your district governor. Deadline for completed and approved applications to be submitted to the D.C. office is Feb. 1, 2003. Check with your governor for district deadlines.

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FOOTBALL
Chang Sets Hawaii Records in Tulsa Win
HONOLULU—By the time Hawaii coach June Jones called for Tommy Chang to hand the football off, the quarterback already had thrown the ball 48 times.
Chang threw for 403 yards and four touchdowns to lead Hawaii over Tulsa 73-14 Oct. 19, extending the nation’s longest winning streak to 17.
Chang was 49 of 64 and became Hawaii’s career leader in passing and touchdown passes. The third-year sophomore has 6,267 passing yards, breaking Don Robinson’s mark of 6,038 yards set from 1977-99. His 6,216 total yards broke Garrett Gale’s 2004 mark of 6,181 yards from 1987-90.
Those personal records got to roll as Chang and his team have planned, and that’s winning,” Chang said.
The Warriors (5-2, 4-1 Western Athletic Conference) went up against the WAC’s top pass defense team to open up a 2-0 halftime lead. In building the lead, Hawaii threw the ball 39 times while running it out 10 times. Chang was 19 of 21 passing for 300 yards and four touchdowns, and the Warriors’ defense held Tulsa (1-8, 0-5) to 244 yards.

VOLLEYBALL
Tom Tallies 25 Kills in Win Over Oregon State
Senior outside hitter Logan Tom tallied a match-high 25 kills and 18 digs to lead the Stanford women’s volleyball team to a 3-2 win over Oregon State Oct. 26.
Game scores were 24-30, 20-30, 30-27, 27-30, 25-17 and 25-22 for the match with a season-high 25.5 blocks.
Junior middle blocker Sara McGee had 18 kills and 10 blocks, sophomore outside hitter Ogonna Nnorovisi added 16 kills and five digs. Lawson added 12 kills and 16 digs for OSU.
The Cardinal went 3-0 last week, including a 3-0 sweep of Oregon State, and 12-22-0 overall. Stanford leads the Pac-12 with a 23-12 record.

FILM
ABC Offers Grant to Minority Filmmakers
Visual Communications is currently accepting applications for the ABC New Talent Development Scholarship Grant Program, which seeks to support aspiring writers, directors, cinematographers and producers from diverse backgrounds.
The program is designed to assist high school and college students and members of nonprofit arts institutions in their development of new creative projects or works-in-progress.
In addition to sending Pacific (3-0) and Oregon (3-0) are currently 19-6-7 in the conference. The Beavers fell to 7-13-2, 9-12 in league play.
Stanford senior outside hitter Lindsey Yasumasa is currently averaging 1.44 kills and 2.05 digs per set with 12 blocks and has 13 service aces.
Stanford will face No. 13 UCLA on Nov. 1 and No. 1 USC on Nov. 2.

BASEBALL
Mariners’ Sasaki to Undergo Surgery
Seattle Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki has reluctantly decided to undergo surgery to remove a floating bone chip from his right elbow.
"I was very worried about having surgery because it will be the third time for me on my elbow, but I have no choice," Sasaki told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
The 34-year-old Sasaki was examined Oct. 16 at Minami Kyosai Hospital in Yokohama, Japan, by Dr. Katsuhisa Yamada, who performed the second surgery on the elbow in midseason in 1999.
An operation had been recommended by Dr. Larry Pedergana, the Mariners’ medical director, and Dr. Lewis Yocum, orthopedist for the Anaheim Angels. Yamada agreed with the decision.
Yamada said he would call Pedergana to discuss the next step. Sasaki has already proved that because of his familiarity with Yamada, he would be the first choice to do the operation.
Because of elbow pain, Sasaki managed only two back-to-back relief appearances in September and concluded the season with a 4.63 ERA, 1-1 record and 37 saves in 45 tries. He is the Mariners’ all-time saves leader with 119.
Sasaki pitched 10 seasons for Yokohama in Japan before joining the Mariners in 2000.

DOODGERS’ ISHII ANTICIPATES SECOND SEASON
Itoshi said that he was looking forward to his second season with the team.
“I have some unfinished work to do,” Itoshi told reporters Oct. 15, a day after returning to Japan. “I think next year will be the true test of my abilities.”
In his first season in the majors, Itoshi got off to a solid start, winning his six games. But the former Yakult Swallows pitcher struggled over the second half of the season, when he picked up only three wins.
Itoshi was struck in the forehead by a line drive hit by the Angels’ Brian Hunter in a Sept. 8 game against Houston and was taken off the field on a stretcher. He was able to pitch again for the Dodgers.
Itoshi finished the season third in the National League voting, losing to the San Francisco Giants in a tight wild-card race.
“I was pleased with 14 wins,” Itoshi said. “But if I think I was able to get a couple of more we could have got into the playoffs.”
Itoshi finished the season with a 14-10 record and a 4.27 ERA along with 143 strikeouts in 154 innings.
A 10-year veteran of the Yakult Swallows of Japan’s Central League, itoshi was 12.3 million, four-year contract with the Dodgers in February.

HAWAII FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS NOV. 1
The Hawaii International Film Festival will screen over 100 feature films, shorts and documentaries Nov. 1-10 in Honolulu and Nov. 8-10 in the islands of Maui, Kauai, Molokai and the Big Island.
Among the films to be screened at the festival are: Justin Lin’s “Better Luck Tomorrow,” Greg Pak’s “Robot Stories,” Kuo Lung’s “East Side,” Julia Kwan’s “Three Sisters on a Mission,” Donald Tumamaito’s “Lola’s Child” and Linda Ohmura’s “Obachan’s Garden.”

Mets Cut Komiyama
NEW YORK—The New York Mets recently waived pitcher Saio Komiyama, declaring him outright on Monday.
Komiyama was signed as a free agent in December. He was 0-3 with a 5.30 ERA in 23 games with New York and 3-1 with a 1.42 ERA in 17 starts with Triple-A Norfolk of the International League.

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LEARNING BY ROTE — that is, mechanically re-peating words to memory without thought as to their meaning — is a practice many of us have resorted to. As early as elementary school I recall the teacher drilling into our heads the formula "ST. WAPNICAL," an acronym for the ten federal cabinet positions. Removing some of the cobwebs, the best I recall the cabinets were: State, Treasury, War, Army, Post Office, Navy, Interior, Commerce, Agriculture and Labor. (If you score me at 70, I'll gladly take it.)

THEN THERE'S the matter of remembering the number of days in each of the months of the year. I don't know when or how, but sometime early along the line, I picked up a short dirty loping in rhyme or reason. It goes something like this: "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November; all the rest have thirty-one, except February alone; which has but twenty-eight日子 by rule of thumb, and twenty-nine in leap year." When how lacking artistic appeal, the dirty has flawlessly served me of these many years.

And the rote goes on.

WHEN LEARNING NIHON-GO at Ft. Snelling, I extensively resorted to rote memorization, so much so that I became linguistically hidebound. Thus it was that in identifying the days-of-the-week at any point in particular, especially Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — I would have to recite "nichi-ku-kasai-mo-ku-ku-de" (sun, moon, fire, water, wood, dirt), so I could then pick out the applicable weekday. This practice of rote memorization became so pervasive that, for example, to remember the kanji (Chinese character) for utama (bread), I memorized the composition of the two radicals: "ichi-kichi-so-cho-i," the left radical which sounds a bit like "moe" and the right which sounds like "mei." Each word has a picture in a book. How complicated double-choosing approach facilitated remembering how status is written. I cannot explain. But so far it's worked.

WHEN IT COMES to recalling European names or places, I laboriously blow through the English alphabet, A-to-Z, dwelling on each letter until a not-so-bright light goes off. It still works, but sooner or later the light tends to die. When it comes to Nihongo names and words, the English alphabet is not a facile tool. For one thing, there is no "L" or "Q" or "V" in the standard Japanese language. So spending time wandering around in those zones leads to dry wails. While there is a "T" section in the jaws (Japanese dictionary), it consists almost entirely of foreign words plus some onomatopoeic words. For example, "pachinko" emulates the sound of those steel balls being propelled by the snap of a spring lever. Instead, I resort to the Japanese alphabetic arrangement of あ-け-お-え-お-お-お (somewhat comparable to the English vowel sounds), plus the consonant or the "hard" sounds, commencing with か-き-さ-さ-さ-さ.

I've tried the i-ro-ka route, which doesn't work as well for me.

ALTHOUGH THE JTVEN has a section under "F," a contention can be made that the word is not to be found in the Japanese language. The sound comes under "fu" or "hu," something akin to the English pronunciation of the "wh" sound, such as in "who, what, then, where," Chinese, the root mother language for Nihongo, has the "wh" sound, such as "whang" or "whack." If this is so, the pronunciation of "Fukacana," for example, should be pronounced and written "Whukanaga."

IN CLOSING (which can come now too late) I must share a recent discovery of the origin of the term "pogin English." Many of us have been led to believe that the pidgin spoken by our Hawaiian Nākele was invested by them. To the contrary, may it's the English dictionaries attribute the derivation of the term to a period of about 1890-1900. In the Chinese-English traders with Westerners developing a spoken language which included the English pronunciation of the word "business" to "pidgin."

Mandarin or Toy-sen? 

After leaving the beach, Bill Marutani practiced writing in Philadelphia. His colophon appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen. 

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HADA
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Becoming a finalist in no small feat. During the last appointment process, Hada competed against 48 applicants. The judicial nominating commission then narrowed the pool to nine applicants, whose names were forwarded to the governor’s staff. From the nine, the governor’s staff selected four finalists, including Hada.
Hada along with the other three finalists was called into the governor’s office for what Hada thought was a confirmation interview. While Owens did confirm the other three, he singled out Hada to write up a position paper in one night to justify his appointment.
“I was the only judicial finalist ever forced to write judicial papers,” said Hada, who was then turned down despite accommodating Owens’ unusual request.
Hada has been appointed, he would have become the only APA serving as a judge at the state level in a state where APIs make up roughly 2.3 percent of the population.
Ovens’ office did not return phone calls for comment by press time, but Hada, in a memo, said Owens had not appointed him because Owens had heard Hada might be “left of center.”
But nothing in Hada’s activities, past or present, indicate any problem-atic leftist ties. In college, Hada graduated first in his Army ROTC class at the University of Colorado, and was commissioned as a regular Army officer where he received numerous awards and also became an academic researcher. In the 1980s, he worked as a prosecutor for the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office before opening up a private practice.
Among Hada’s community services, he is a founding member and past president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado; a founding member and past president of the Minoru Yatsu Imm of Court, a chapter of the National American Italian Imm of Court; board member and current officer of the Arapahoe Bar Association; and a faculty instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.
As a JACL, he was recognized for his pro bono work in assisting Nikkis with their redress claims.
Ovens’ controversial handling of Hada has reverberated throughout Colorado’s legal community.
“I believe the way Mr. Hada was treated will have a chilling effect on qualified judicial candidates,” said Jim Castle, president of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar (CCDB). “I do believe that the experience of Mr. Hada, and Hada and others who have sought a judicial position and been rejected will galvanize the legal community to seek more input in the judicial selection process. I believe the judicial community will begin to take more active in trying to create a more balanced judiciary.”
The CCDB issued a statement blaming Owens for failing to appoint Hada, saying in part: “Mr. Hada was chosen by a non-partisan commission made up of attorneys and citizens and had been selected as one of four finalists by a panel of judges picked by the governor, but his nomination failed because he was left of center.”
Joseph G. Webb, president of the Sam Cary Bar Association, which is an African American legal organization in Colorado, said, “I think that Kerry’s experience will prevent a number of good lawyers from applying for judicial vacancies.”
The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado, in a written statement, said in part: “...even if Mr. Hada had participated in some activities that were other than conservative, the Governor’s office has declined requests to explain which ‘left of center’ activities would serve to disqualify an otherwise qualified individual to be a judge. Colorado’s legal professionals and many other concerned citizens are demanding to know if the door to the judiciary is closed to anyone who is registered Democrat or independent, or to anyone who has ever made a contribution to the wrong candidate who holds a wrong idea. Without further explanation, it appears that the Governor is placing politics before experience, professionalism, reputation, service to one’s community, sacrifice for one’s country, and even his own staff’s evaluation of an individual’s qualifications.”

P.C. Holiday Issue Photo Contest
Break out your photo archives! This year’s theme is “Our Town.” Whether it’s Japantown, Chinatown, or Thai Town, this issue will explore the significance and role of these ethnic enclaves. Let us know what role these “towns” have played in your and your family’s lives. Points will be given for creativity:
Winning submissions will be featured on the full-color cover. Don’t be shy! Send to: Photo Contest, c/o Pacific Citizen, 7 Cuppa Cindo, Monterey Park, CA 91755 or e-mail JPEG-formatted photos to: pac@aci.org. Photos will not be returned without a SASE.
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OBITUARY
Harry Kitano, UCLA Professor and Social Scientist, Passes at 76

Harry H.L. Kitano, UCLA professor and renowned expert on race relations, particularly the Asian American experience, passed away on Oct. 19 at the age of 76. Kitano died of a stroke at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in West Los Angeles.

Kitano was a professor at UCLA for close to four decades, serving as co-director of UCLA’s Alcohol Research Center and twice serving as acting director of the Asian American Studies Center. In 1990 he was named the endowed chair in Japanese American studies at UCLA, the only position of its kind in the nation.

His pioneering community research studies expanded a reay of topics including interracial marriage, juvenile delinquency, mental health and alcohol abuse, and diverse Asian Pacific American communities.

Kitano’s first book, “Japanese Americans: The Emergence of a Subculture,” published in 1969, is said to be the first in-depth, sociological analysis of the JA experience.

His last book, “Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Achieved Redress,” co-written with Professor Michelle Maki and S. Megan Berthold, analyzed how key elected officials and various community organizations were able to achieve redress.

A native of San Francisco, Kitano grew up in the city’s Chinatown where his family resided in a room.

After Pearl Harbor Kitano and his family were interned at Topaz for the duration of World War II.

After his family was released from camp, Kitano, fearing lingering racial hostility, changed his name to Kitano and moved to Milwaukee where he worked as a farm hand. Later he moved to Michigan, playing in several jazz bands.

Kitano received his degrees in sociology, anthropology and social work and later his Ph.D. in education and psychology, all from UC Berkeley.

Kitano is survived by his wife Lynn and five children, Keith of Tokyo, Kimberly and Kerry of Los Angeles, Christine of Santa Monica, and his grandson Conoco.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 14 at the UCLA Faculty Auditorium, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Harry Kitano Scholarship Endowment/UCLA Foundation, c/o UCLA Asian American Studies Center, P.O. Box 951546, 3230 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546.

Dr. Ben T. Uyeno, Helped Found Seattle’s First Hospice, Dead at 83

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE—Dr. Ben T. Uyeno, who helped establish the city’s first hospice and founded a nursing home, is dead at 83.

Uyeno, one of the first physicians to advocate hospice care, died Oct. 7 after a long battle with intestinal cancer.

The 76-year-old Japanese immigrant, who avoided interim treatment during World War II when a University of Washington professor arranged a cross-state transfer to Washington State College, now Washington State University, outside the West Coast security cordon.

Waiting to get into medical school, he was sent to the University of Rochester, N.Y., School of Medicine in 1945.

OBITUARIES

All the towns in the California except as noted.

Chihan, Kay, Nee Kyiko Horikawa, 83, Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 18. Survived by sister, Mrs. Helen Fong, 70, Seattle, and brother, Edward Horikawa.


Ihinoaka, Shigeki, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 24. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Yuriko; brother and sisters.

Kawaguchi, Haruo, 83, Seattle, Wash., July 17. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, May; son, Robert; daughters, Sherry and Mary; 10 grandchildren.


Shinoda, Kiyohito, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 8. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Masako; daughter, Shizue; 10 grandchildren.

Yamashiro, Richard Tonomori, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 3. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Shizue; father; brothers and sisters.

Yamamoto, Kiyoko, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 3. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Teruko; sister, Mamiko; brother; and nieces.

Yamashita, Shigeki, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Reiko; brother; and sisters.

Yamashita, Yoneko, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by husband, John; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yamashita, Yukiko, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by husband, Tom; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yamashita, Yuriko, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by husband, Ken; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yoshida, Norman, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Yoshie; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yoshida, Roberta, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by parents; and sisters.


Yoshida, Shizue, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by husband, Minoru; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yoshikawa, Shigeki, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Helen; son, Robert; and grandchildren.

Yoshimura, Kiyoko, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by husband, Shigeki; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yoshinaga, Sada, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Sada; daughter, Roberta; and grandchildren.

Yoshida, Roberta, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by parents; and sister.

Yoshida, Shigeki, 83, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 12. Orchard-bred; survived by wife, Helen; son, Robert; and grandchildren.

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