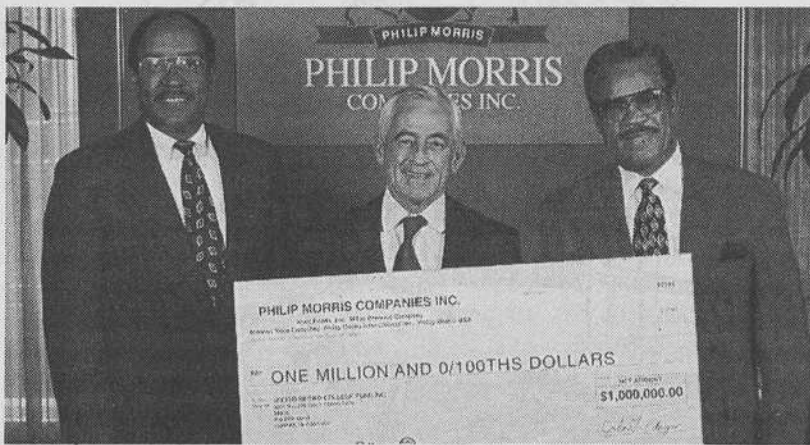


## First black medical school receives big dollars



Geoffrey C. Bible, Philip Morris Companies Inc., center, presents \$1,000,000 check to William H. Gray III, and Dr. Talbert O. Shaw. Special to the LVS-Voice

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Leonard Medical School at Shaw University was the first four-year medical school created for African-Americans in the United States. It graduated 432 new doctors from 1886 through 1914.

Shaw's founder-president, Henry Martin Tupper, had insisted on four-year training and urged the instructors to use a curriculum "as close as possible" to the curriculum of "Harvard and other first-class medical schools."

A lack of funds closed the Leonard Medical School in 1914. Recently, a \$1,000,000 gift was presented by Philip Morris Companies Inc. to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to ensure both the restoration of the Leonard Building as a landmark and its renewal as a modern facility dedicated to science and technology. The grant is part of Philip Morris' \$7,000,000 pledge to the UNCF Campaign 2000 effort. The \$1,000,000 gift is in response to a unique commitment made by the U.S. Department of the Interior aimed at the restoration of landmark buildings and complexes at historically black colleges and

universities in the South.

"We at Philip Morris Companies Inc. are pleased to join the effort honoring the proud legacy of African-Americans through the preservation of historic campus buildings that date back more than a century," said Geoffrey C. Bible, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Philip Morris Companies Inc.

William H. Gray III, President and Chief Executive Officer, UNCF, said: "The Philip Morris grant — and those it will inspire — should go far toward encouraging African-Americans to make black colleges and universities count among the best and most effective of this nation's educational institutions. The landmark's restoration effort will keep in our minds the struggles and sacrifices our forefathers endured to create, and maintain, this vital national educational resource."

The Philip Morris gift will be matched one to one by the U.S. government. Additionally, it will generate matching grants from the Annenberg Foundation and the Kresge Foundation, totaling \$750,000.

## Fujisaki will not buck status quo on matters of race

By Dennis Schatzman  
Special to the Sentinel-Voice

At a time when most of mainstream America is against him, the last thing O.J. Simpson needs is a judge who will ignore the rule of law in favor of appeasing the status quo on sensitive, yet critical matters of race. Unfortunately for Simpson, the judge who will oversee the latest "murder" case against the pro football Hall of Famer is just such a person.

Los Angeles County Superior Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki is a 60-year-old Angeleno who was once housed in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II. That's where his sensitivity towards racism and discrimination apparently stops.

That was then: This is now. Fujisaki is now one of the 'boys.' Or so he thinks. His recent rulings on racial matters suggest that the jurist will not allow certain testimony and evidence that points to racial motivation on the part of the Los Angeles Police Department detectives that raise questions about whether Simpson might have been framed. Yet, Fujisaki is certain to allow the plaintiffs suing Simpson in the civil "wrongful death" case to tee off on him at will.

Simpson, who was exonerated on double murder charges that he killed his estranged wife and her friend, is

now being sued by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Lyle Goldman.

Aiding the plaintiffs in this case, which was rushed to court in record time, has been the mainstream news media, a horde of law professors and the influential talk show industry who have nearly all portrayed Simpson as a person who got away with murder and, therefore, must be punished.

In order to carry out this mission, the proper court had to be selected along with the proper judge. Santa Monica, CA. is just such a venue; Hiroshi Fujisaki is just such a jurist.

Based on past history, this what Fujisaki will do for the plaintiffs. He will rule against the admittance of any testimony or evidence pointing to the taped confession of retired Detective Mark Furhman who vowed that he would plant evidence on black men he caught in the company of white women.

This will be major coup for the plaintiffs since it was Furhman who "found" the bloody glove behind a bungalow on Simpson's estate after first testifying that he had seen "them" (the pair of gloves) at the scene of the murder two miles away on Bundy Drive where Nicole lived. That revelation, coupled with the fact that Detective Philip Vannatter, also retired, carried Simpson's blood around with him

longer than police regulations say he should have, could have as much impact on the civil trial as it did in the criminal trial.

But evidence that suggests that race animus could have played a role in the skewering of Simpson will not be allowed to see the light of day in a Fujisaki courtroom. He never has allowed it.

Consider the case, Wilson vs. J. Paul Getty Museum, J. Paul Getty Trust et. al. (1990). The plaintiff, Glenna Wilson, a deeply religious security guard with supervising and training duties, was placed on probation and her career subsequently ruined by Getty interests for "unsatisfactory professional conduct" shortly after she had complained that she had been the subject of "racial slurs."

Even though Wilson's attorneys cited a litany of cases supporting the admission of racist statements, Fujisaki ruled that the slurs could not be introduced to the all-white jury because the evidence tended to be "prejudicial" against the defendant. Yet he allowed the defense to introduce "deliberately false statements" from Wilson's subordinates claiming that she had made sexual advances towards them.

In Santa Monica, where the jury will likely be predominately white, the handcuffing of

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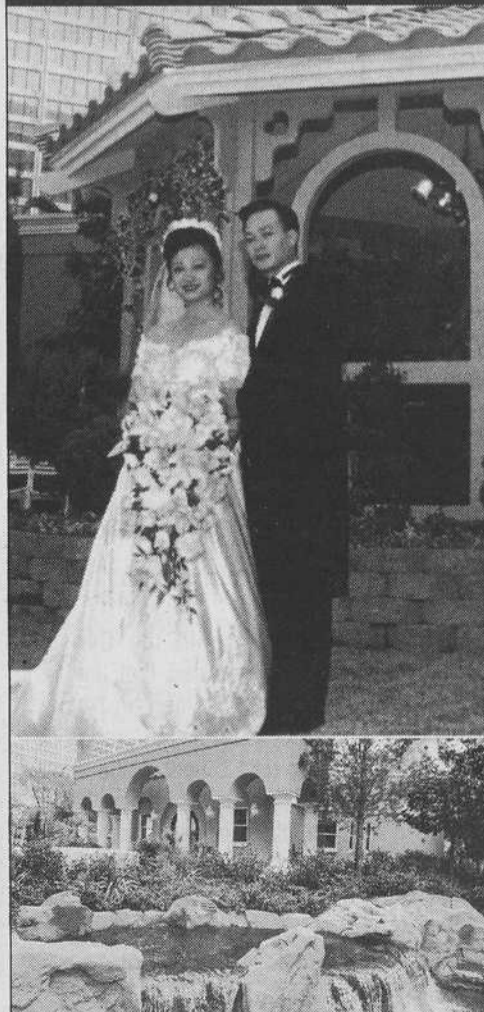
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