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Mineta Sworn in as 33rd Secretary of Commerce



In a standing-room-only ceremony on July 25 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C., the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta was swom into office as the 33rd secretary of commerce by Vice President Al Gore. Having been confirmed by the Senate on July 24 with unanimous consent, Mineta becomes the first Asian American to serve in a president's Cabinet.

JACL Convention Bids for 2004 Now Being Accepted

The JACL is now accepting ids for convention sites for the bids for convention sites for the 38th biennium to be held in 2004. Bid packets with requirements for hosting a national convention are currently available from the Pacific Southwest District office.

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David Kawamoto, JACL vice president for general operations, said. The national JACL board is open to receiving bids from any, if not all, of the districts to host the and all, of the districts to host the 2004 convention. We hope that chapters will seriously discuss this opportunity to showcase their home city with their mem-bers and consider hosting a na-tional convention." The national JACL board would like to begin considering convention bids as early as the first board meeting in 2001.

The 2000 convention was held a Monterey, Calif., part of the lorthern California-Western Northern Nevada-Pacific District, and plans are in motion for the 2002 plans are in motion for the 20/2 convention to be held in Las Ve-gas, Nev., part of the Pacific Southwest District. The Mon-terey convention chair, Larry Oda, is available and willing to discuss convention responsibilities with anyone interested in hosting a convention.

For more information on bid packets or contact information for Larry Oda, please write, e-mail or call the PSWD office and ask for Beth Au, regional director, at: JACL-PSWD 244 S. San Pe-dro Street #406, Los Angeles, CA 90012; psw@jacl.org; 213/626-4471.

AAs Hold Their Own National Republican Convention Before the Republican National

Convention got underway in Philadelphia, nearly 100 Asian American Republicans from across the United States met for from two days at a Philadelphia China-town restaurant to hold a National Asian American Republican Convention.

For the most part, their plat-form mirrored the GOPs, but also included proposals to back efforts by Filipino and Southeast Asian veterans, who were promised

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benefits in return for their military service during World War II and the Vietnam War.

Several Korean American delegates, including John Jungmin Kim, 45, from Gardena, Calif., urged the Asian American GOPs to adopt a proposal to maintain American troops in South Korea.

Other Asian American GOPs pushed to have bail granted to Dr. Wen Ho Lee, the former scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory who is being accused of es-pionage but has only been charged with mishandling classified information.

Immigration was a top priority for Kim Wang, 53, a delegate from Torrance, Calif., but she felt sub-stantial policy changes will not oc-cur until Asian Americans vote in

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Seattle Police Reopen Nguyen Suicide Case

By LYNDSEY SHINODA

Peter Dung Nguyen was a 19-year-old University of Washington student with a bright future ahead of him. So when he was found dead, hanging from a weight ma-chine in the basement of the Zeta Psi fraternity house on June 5, sconething seemed wome. something seemed wrong.

But just two hours after Neuven

was found, Jason Bergman of the King County Medical Examiner's Office declared it a suicide according to the exa to the examiner's report. Jerry office declined to comment on the

case.

The Nguyen family disagrees with the examiner's report. They believe foul play may have been involved, because there was no reason for Peter to kill himself, said older brother Hank Nguyen.

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We'll find out something, whether it was suicide or murder, said Hank. "We just want to know the truth.

On July 27, the Nguyens met with the Mayor of Seattle's adviser, the captain of the Seattle Police's Homicide Department, and the chief medical examiner to further discuss Peter's death. As a result of the meeting as well as pressure from the media, Peter's case has

from the media, Peter's case has been reopened.

Sgt. David Ritter of the Homicide Unit of the Seattle Police Department, is part of the ongoing investigation. Ritter feels that the family is having a hard time coming to terms with Peter's death because all signs point to suicide.

We are interviewing the people involved, looking through records, and there's no indication that it's

anything other than suicide," said Ritter.

But among the inconsistencies in but among the inconsistencies in the medical examiner's report is the listing of Peter's weight as 210 pounds, when in actuality he is a slight 150 pounds. The Nguyen's also question how Peter could have lifted himself as well as 200 pounds

inted nimself as well as 200 pounds of weight up to hang himself. The family believes that the po-lice did not conduct a very thor-ough investigation, because they did not search Peter's room in the fraternity house. The Nguyen brothers searched the room a day



Peter Nguyen: 1980 - 2000

after Peter's death, and found his wallet, journal and drops of blood

wallet, journal and drops of blood on his pillow. He police tried to close the case so quickly just to "get it out of the way" and also, because his family is Vietnameer American, they wanted them to "disappear." But the Nguyen family will not disappear until they find out what really happened to Peter.

"If my family doesn't raise hell, nothing will happen," said Hank. In a facsimile of Peter's journal,

22, 1999, entry read, a Nov. 22, 1995; entry read, Just heard them make another Viet-namese comment ... "And an April 10, entry read, "... my whole atti-tude towards the house has really changed since pledge quarter. Things have been lethargic around here. No more fire that burns. Many times I feel almost no con-nection to the brothers and house."

nection to the brothers and house."
There have been three suicides in the Zeta Psi fraternity house in the last two years, ecording to the Daily, UWs student newspaper. Two of the three deaths, including Peter's, have been by hanging.
The Nguyen family suspect foul play was involved in Peter's death, particularly after reading his journal entries.

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Zeta Psi is a mainly Caucasian fraternity with only a handful of minorities. Hank said that hazing occurred in Zeta Psi, and Peter wrote that he 'lived in hell' during the hazing. The fraternity house could not be reached for comment.

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"Some members of the frat know," said Hank. "But he wrote (in his journal) that they have a code of silence, what happens in the frat stays in the frat."

Ritter disagrees, contending that he was not aware of any racial motive in the case. "For a murder there has to be two things: motive or opportunity," Ritter said. There is no motive for murder here is no motive for murder here.

The Nguyens also found it strange that neither the University of Washington or the Zeta Fit fraternity have helped them at all. Hank says that the school has just

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Gov. Davis Extends CCLPEP Another Two Years

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA

California Gov. Gray Davis signed into law Assembly Bill 1914 on July 19, extending the three year California Civil Liberties Pub-lic Education Program (CCLPEP) for an additional two years. Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, the author of the CCLPEP extension bill AB 1914 felt it was important to continue the program, which had been

the program, which had been scheduled to sunset in 2001.

"This program is one of the most comprehensive opportunities to use our educational resources relations to the second of the s tive to the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II," said Nakano.

said Nakano.

The original CCLPEP legisla-tion, Assembly Bill 1915, was intro-duced by Assemblyman Mike Hon-da, D-San Jose, in 1998, the year the federal Civil Liberties Public Education Fund closed. The California program went into effect a year later in 1999 and established year latter in 1898 and established at three year competitive grant program where \$1 million was appropriated per year to programs that educated the general public about the experiences of JAs during

WWII.
"Im glad George Nakano carried
this on," said Honda. "This is a continuation of a good bill This'll offer all the folks another shot at the
grants. This is good for the commu-

nity."
Even Assemblyman Jim Cunneen, Honda's Republican rival for the hotly contested 15th congressional seat this November, lent his support as a co-author of AB 1914.
"Im proud to be the only Republican on the measure," said Cunneen. "My view is that this event represents a history that both the conservatives and liberale should

esents a history that both ervatives and liberals sho

regret."
Nakano'said he had initially proposed to extend the CCLPEP for a onger period of time, but the committee on education advised him that anything beyond two years would require a full hearing. After consulting with Dr. Dale Shimasaki, former executive director of the federal program, Nakano agreed to a comprise, placing AB 1914 on the consent calendar, which in a comprise, piacing AB 1914 on the consent calendar, which in turn-al-lowed the bill to sail through both the assembly and the senate.

1999-2000 CCLPEP **Grant Recipients**

1. Laura Bajuk, Los Gatos Mu-seum Association, Los Gatos, Calif

The Heart Mountain Story 2. Lawrence DiStasi, Bolinas,

"Una Storia Segreta" 3. Cynthia Gates Fujikawa, Los

The 'Old Man River' Film Pro-

Dr. Darrell Y. Hamamoto, University of California, Davis, Davis, Calif.

"Voices: Sound, Historical Mem-ory and the Internment of Japanese Americans"

5. Clement Hanami, Los Ange-

"The Jason Project Japanese American Summaries on the Net"

6. Julie Hatta, NAATA, San Francisco.
"Exploring the Japanese Intern-ment in Film: An E-education

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Washington State Rep. Kip Tokuda, D-37th district, introduced Tokuda, D-37th district, introduced a similar bill two years ago, and following an uphill battle, was able to get the Washington Civil Liberties Public Education Fund passed earlier this year. Tokuda could not be reached for an update of the program by press time.

Instrumental in the creation of both the California and Washington legislation was Shimasaki. He said when the federal program was set to close, he sought out ways to

said when the federal program was set to close, he sought out ways to keep the program alive through the state level. California, with its large JA population, seemed like at good place to start. Shimasaid approached Honda, and the two drafted a bill which controlled.

and the two drafted a bill which originally proposed no sunset date. But by the time AB 1915 made its way to the governor's desk, it had been amended to a three year pro-gram. Nakano's AB 1914 had also initially sought to keep the pro-gram oneoine.

initially sought to keep the program ongoing.

This is such an important issue, said Shimasaki. Based on the applications, there is still a lot of interest.

As evidence of this interest, the California State Library, which handles the CCLPEP; indicated that within the past two years they had received proposals totalling in excess of \$10 million.

Shimasaki hopes that other states with a high Asian Pacific American population such as Hawaii, New York, Illinois, Texas and Florida, will adopt similar programs.

grams.

Diane Matsuda, CCLPEP program director, is pleased with this intest extension. It allows us to do more," said Matsuda. "The whole purpose of this was to educate the California community on the

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Sun., Aug. 13—Annual Potluck din-ner; 1:30 p.m. board meeting: 4 p.m. social hour, silent auction; 5 p.m. potluck dinner; 6 p.m. entertainment; p.m. door prizes; Hyde Park ethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. and Hyde Park Ave. CLEVELAND

Sun., Aug. 13—CIAF Annual Com-munity-Picnic; see Community Calat Akron. DETROIT

Sun., Aug. 6—Detroit JACL Picnic; Parkland Shelter, Hines Park.

Intermountain **UTAH CHAPTERS**

Sat., Sept. 16—Fifth Annual Autumn Golf Classic Scholarship Tournament; shotgun start at 8 a.m., Meadowbrook Golf Course. Entry Deadline Sept. 9: Info: Floyd Mori, 572-2287.

Pacific Northwest

LAKE WASHINGTON
Sat.-Sun., Sept. 23-24—Eastside Nihon Matsuri; see Community Calen-

Sat., Aug. 19—Olympia Obon; see Olyn Dominity Calendar. PORTLAND Sun. A

Sun. Aug. 20—Nikkei Community Picnic; see Community Calendar.

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WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ Sun., Aug. 13—Annual Community Picnic; see Community Calendar at

Aptos.
WEST VALLEY/Next Generation
Sat., Aug. 19—Daruma 2000 23rd
Daruma festival; see Community cal-

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sat., Aug. 19—Nikkei Career Day at Cal State Fresno; see Community Calendar Sat., Aug. 19—CCDC Third Quarter

Meeting: Fresno. FRESNO

FRESNO Sun, Sept. 17—15th Annual Shinzen Run and Walk; 6 a.m. registration, Woodward Park; to benefit the Friendship Garden and Nikkei Service Center. Info: Randy Aoki, 559/278, 0415, or Bobbi Hanada, 559/434-

Pacific Southwest

GREATER LA. SINGLES
Fri., Aug. 11—Meeting/grogram,
"Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches." Asians for Miracie Marrow Macches. Learn How You Can Save a Life*, 8 p.m., Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341. W. Gardena Blvd; speaker Elsie Akita Myers, whose daughter will need bone marrow transplant. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

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Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and number (including area ode) of a contact person.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Through Sept. 4—Exhibit, "An American Diary and Memories of Childhood" by Roger Shimomura; National Museum of American History, 12th & Constitution NW. Free. Info: 202/357-2700.

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony. Pre-registration required: NJAMF, 800/607-8550. (Hotel reservations accepted up to Oct. 15.)

The Midwest

AKRON, OHIO

AKRON, OHIO
Sun, Aug. 13—CJAF Annual Cornmunity Picnic; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Brushwood Shelter; Furnace Run,
Akron; Sponsored by Cleveland
Japanese American Foundation. Info:
John Ochi, 440/442-6133.

The Northwest

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 23-24—Eastside Ni-non Matsuri; Bellevue Community College gym; live stage performancy ege gym; live stage performances, an demonstrations, exhibits, food booth, etc. Free admission. w.enma.org, or 425/861-9109, OLYMPIA

Sat., Aug. 19—Olympia Obon; 6-9 p.m., Water St. at the Capitol Lake. for obon dance practice on Aug. 18, call Reiko Callner, 360/866-7709. Info: <sgtmilehibob Bob Nakamura.

PORTLAND

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13—Greater Port-land Reunion, "Nikkei Futures 2000; DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel; mixer, banquet, tours, golf tourna-ment, picnic, etc. Info: Kennie ment, picnic, etc. Info: Kennie Namba, 503/253-0848; Kurtis Inouye 503/682-3238

Nikkei Community m. Aug. 20-Picnic; noon-5 p.m., Oaks Park. RSVP: Connie Masuoka, 243-3291.

Northern California

APTOS

Sun., Aug. 13—Annual Community Picnic; 11 a.m., Aptos Village Park; races, senior Bingo, BBQ steak, chick-en, hot dogs, chili beans, raffle, taiko, karate-do, etc. Info: Marcia Hashi-moto, 722-6859. BAY AREA

Sun. Aug. 6—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting: new members, both men and women are welcome. For time and place call: M. Kusabe, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto,

510/444-3911. SAN IOSE

Sat., Aug. 19—Daruma 2000 23rd Daruma festival; Saratoga Lanes parking lot; 9 a.m. 4 p.m., children's games 10 a.m.4 p.m.; taiko, koto, food, farmer's market, crafts, dance, entertainment Free admission Info: <www.pgbgroup.com/darumafesti</p> vals

Central California

FRESNO

Sat., Aug. 12—Asian Cultural Faif & Appraisal Day; Fresno Metropolitan Museum.

Sat. Aug. 12—Toro Nagashi Celebra-tion at Shinzen Garden: Info: JACL, 559/486-6815.

Sat., Aug. 19—Nikkei Career Day; 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Cal State Fresno; refreshments, lunch, ice cream reception, planetarium show, campus tour. Register by Aug. 10: 559/278-2541, or JACL, 559/486-6815, JACLccro@ or JACL, aol.com.

Southern California

CALABASAS

Sat., Aug. 5—Beginner's Bird Walk; 9 -10:30 a.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy. Info: 818/878-

LOS ANGELES

Through Sun., Aug. 6—Nisei Week JACCC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; queen's coronation, food booths, arts and crafts, entertainment; street arts fair, taiko gathering, Grand Parade, Car Show, etc. Info, sched-ules: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193

Through Sun., Aug. 6—Nisei Week Japanese Festival Exhibition, works by community artists: Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Free. Info: Nisei Week office, 213/687-7193. Sun., Aug. 6—Exhibit Opening and Artists' Reception with Stone Ishi-

maru, photographer, and Ichiro Uehara, painter; 3-5 p.m., LA Artcore Center, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; Exhibit runs through Aug. 30. Info: 213/617-3274, fax 617-0303,

<www,laartcore.org>.
Sun., Aug. 6—Nisei Week Film
Festival: "Snow Falling on Cedars," 11 Am. & 4 p.m.; "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," 1:30 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Special group rates available. Info: 213/680-3700.

Thurs., Aug. 10—Book discussion series, "From Harsh Winters to Bountiful Harvests: The Journey of Japanese Americans" with Professor Mitch Maki: "Onlikely Liberators" by Masayo Duus; 12 noon-2 p.m.; bring your lunch; Japanese American

National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Books available on loan. Info: 213/625-0414.

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Stat-Sun, Aug. 12-13—5th Annual

*LA. Tofu Festival; Joe's Aoto Parks &
Second St.; Little Tokyo. Info: Little
Tokyo Service Center, 213/473-17601,
www.tofufest.org. Volunteers needed;
receive a free T-shirt. Sign up for orientation by Aug. 4; Julia Ishibashi,
213/473-1602 or jishibashi/66/clst.org.
Sat.-Sun, Aug. 12-13—Health &
Fitness Exoc. 11 a.m.? p.m. Saturday. Sat.-Sun., Aug. 12-13—Health & Fitness Expo; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, San Pedro St. between Second and Third, Little Tokyo.

Sun., Aug. 13—5K/10K L.A. Koi Fun Run/Walk: Info, registration: Cheryl , 310/246-1418, or Wendy, 626/683-

"Wed., Aug. 16-Tues, Aug. 22—
"Games for the Generations"; Cypress
Golf Course, Cal State Long Beach;
basketball, drums, Jr. 3 on 3, Jr. golf, karate, kendo, race, relay race, se-niors, softball, track, volleyball. Info: http://www.seyo.org/nikkei.html. Fri., Sept. 1—Asian Business League and Southern California Chinese

Lawyers Association 6th Annual Golf Tournament & Mooncake Bonanza; noon check-in, 1 p.m. shotgun start, California Country Club, 1509 S. California Country Club, 1509 S Workman Mill Rd., Whittier; four-person best-ball scramble, post-tourna-ment dinner, Info: 213/624-9975

RIVERSIDE COUNTY Mon., Sept. 11—8th annual Japan' America Golf Classic, Yorba Linda Country Club, 19400 E. Mountain View Ave. RSVP by Aug. 25: 213/627-6217 ed. 207.

SOUTH BAY Through Aug. 30-Exhibit: "Travels"; Through Aug. 30—Exhibit: "Iravels"; travel photography by Setsuko Owan (Seko); 1-4 p.m., Malaga Cove Library Art Gallery, 2400 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates. Info: 310/515-

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Sat., Aug. 5—Obon Odori, A Gathering of Joy; 6:30-8:30 p.m., Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market St.; refreshments and clothing for sale at 5:30. Info: 619/239-0896

Arizona - Nevada LAS VECAS

Sat., Aug. 12—Obon Festival; 12 noon-5 p.m., Cimarron-Memorial High School, 2301 N. Tenaya Way; pre-paid bento lunches, sushi, desserts, bon odori, raffle, etc.: Info: Dale tto, 702/869-0557.

Wed.-Thurs., April 4-5, 2001— Minidoka Reunion; Caesars Palace, Las Vegas. Info., registration: c/o Tak (Yokoyama) Todo, 15537 - 32nd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA ₱8155-6530, KMKAWACHI@HOTMAIL.COM. ■

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Mayor Daley Appoints Bill Yoshino to Human Relations Commission

YOSHINO

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley recently appointed JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino to serve as a member of the Chica-go Commission on Human Rela-

making the appointment

which became effective on July 1, Daley noted, on July 1, Daley notes, I look forward to your continued participa-tion, counsel and advocacy on behalf of Chicago's diverse communi-

The commission is responsible for enforcing the city's human rights ordinance pertaining to discrimination in areas

such as employment, housing and public accommodations. The commission also monitors and reports on hate crimes as well as undertaking programs to reduce community tensions. With this appointment, Yoshi-

win this appointment, rosin-no also becomes chairman of the commission's Advisory Council on Asian American Affairs, which focuses on issues of dis-crimination that affect Chicago's Asian Pacific American commu-

Yoshino has served on the commission's Asian American Advisory Council for a number of years as well as serving on its predecessor, the Chicago Com-mission on Asian American Af-fairs, during the 1980s.

In commenting on the work of the commission, Yoshino stated, The enforcement of discrimina tion laws is vital in a diverse ur-

ban area like Chicago. We must also find ways to encourage the Asian American community to utilize the services of we know that discrimination affects our com munity, perhaps even more so than the statistics would indicate

In May 1999, Yoshino

was also appointed to Gov. George H. Ryan's Commis-sion on Discrimination and Hate As part of its responsibility, the Commission on Discrimina

tion and Hate Crimes submits an annual report to the governor and the general assembly

The governor's commission will also work with law enforce-ment, the courts, religious leaders, schools, community organi-zations and social service agen-cies to foster acceptance and tol-erance, and will work to educate people on ways they can fight discrimination and hate moti-vated violence.



By Wire and News Reports

OCEAN SHORES, Wash.—A racially charged fight that escalated into a fatal stabbing in the resort town of Ocean Shores, followed another incident in which the stabbing victim was a by-stander, police said.

Christopher Kinison, 20, who was killed in a Fourth of July confrontation with Minh Hong and his twin brother, Hung Duc Hong, was on hand for an incident three days earlier between a group of whites and Filipino ericans, police said.

Minh Hong pleaded not guilty to first-degree manslaughter on July 7 in Grays Harbor County Superior Court, and is free on \$20,000 bond. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison. His brother was freed after testifying his brother wielded

ne knife during the fight.
Officers said the Hong brothers and a friend stopped at a Texaco mini-mart at about 2 a.m. July 4 and were confronted by Kinig and a group of white males.

Witnesses told police that Kin-on shouted "Gooks go home" and "White supremacy," and vaved a Confederate flag at the brothers. At one point, an intoxi-cated Kinison went up to the glass and held up the Confederate flag, according to Sgt. David McManus, a spokesman for the

Ocean Shores police department. The Hongs told police they entered the service station and bought food. While in the store, Minh Hong allegedly took a knife out of a package for self-protec-tion, and then stabbed Kinison after his twin brother was punched in the face, knocking off his glasses. Hong allegedly stabbed Kinison 22 times.

Randy Deibel, a construction worker who witnessed the inci-dent, told officers he heard Kinison yell to the Hongs, "I can take you both." Deibe"s wife, Amy, said her husband did not intervene because Kinison had picked

H. Steward Menefee, Grave Harbor prosecuting attorney, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "We don't think the killing was racially metivated. We think (Minh Hong) acted recklessly. He brought a knife to a fistfight and stabbed a man 22 times

But Hong's attorney, Brett Purtzer, said his client acted in self-defense.

July 1 Incident Police said Kinison was also present at a July 1 incident outside the Shores Mall where Kinison's friends taunted a group of visiting Filipino Americans. The mall is one block from the Texaco

Witnesses alleged that Kini-son's friend, Gabriel Rodda, con-fronted about a dozen Filipino Americans as they left a kite store and were walking to their cars, said McManus.

Jennifer Kalaw, a targeted visitors, said the men swore at them and made references to "white power." She said one person yelled that Ocean Shores "is my (enithet) town!" (epithet) town!" Mark Macariola, 20, another

targeted visitor, said one man punched the window of a car'be-longing to their group, blocking the vehicle from leaving and saying, "Why don't you guys step out?" Macariola said their group consisted of six men, six women and three children. The police escorted the tourists to the city limits to ensure their safety, said Mc-

Manus.
Rodda, 20, denied using racial slurs and accused the visitors of starting the fight, but McManus said Rodda referred to the group with an expletive and a racial

slur while talking to an officer.

No charges have been filed in the July 1 incident since the group from Seattle had not pressed charges. Police said Kin-ison arrived late in this incident

nd was only a bystander.

A third incident is also alleged to have happened during the same weekend, although Mc-Manus said they have no record of the incident. Joe Scott, an African American from Seattle, alleged being called a racial slur by a group holding a Confederate flag. Scott said he reported the incident to police and was told it would be looked into. Terre Rybovich of the North-

west Coalition for Human Digni-west Coalition for Human Digni-ty, a watchdog group, said the or-ganization is considering opening an affiliate coalition in Ocean

Kinison's Brush With the Low The Grays Harbor District Court records indicated that this

not the first time Kinison had a brush with the law.

In October 1997, Ocean Shores police charged Kinison with pos-session of marijuana and a dan-gerous weapon, a butterfly knife. Although he was found guilty on both counts, he served only one day in fail.

In June 1999, Kinison ple guilty to malicious mischief and ss endangerment, and was ordered to serve two years of pro-bation and undergo an alcohol evaluation.

Last summer, Kinison, who was working at a Subway store in Ocean Shores, was fired from his job, in part, for getting into a fight with the father of a co-worker that Kinison was having dif-ferences with.

(The Associated Press, Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the Seattle Times contributed to this story.)

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Davis Names Retired Judge Harry Low to Run Scandal-Struck State Insurance Unit

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO-Gov. Gray Davis on July 31 nominated re-tired Judge Harry W. Low as California's new insurance com-missioner, promising that Low's "unquestioned integrity and ab-solute independence" would re-store confidence in a scandal-

stained department.
"I believe at the end of the day, if anyone on the planet can restore integrity and credibility to the office of the Department

of Insurance, that person is Harry Low," Davis said Low, 69, would become the highest-ranking Asian American in state government if his nomination is confirmed by the Legislature. He has heard a wide array of insurance cases as a municipal and Superior Court judge and as an appeals court justice in San Francisco

before retiring eight years ago.
Since then, he has worked as a mediator considering, among other matters, insurance dis putes, including disagreements over Northridge earthquake claims. Consumer complaints about the claims sparked the department's scandal last spring.

Low said he had not thought

about whether to seek election to the commissioner's job in 2002, but would not rule it out. Davis had preferred someone without a powerful interest in

Tunning.

Low's level of political ambition is a critical question, because former Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush missioner Chuck Quackenousin accepted campaign contribu-tions from several of the compa-nies he regulated, and critics said he gave those firms favor-able treatment. Low said he had no intention of raising ey for such a run.

Interest groups appeared to agree that Low is generally fair, although one consumer advocate was disappointed.
"From what we have

"From what we have been able to research, he is a very fairminded and evenhanded judge," said Dan Dunmoyer, president of the Personal Insur-ance Federation of California ance Federation of California, an industry group. "We believe those qualities will be essential for him to have in order to ad-dress some of the complex is-

dress, some of the complex issues left by his predecessor."
Consumer advocate Harvey
Rosenfield, who co-authored a
1988 ballot initiative that made
the commissioner post an electde position, agreed that Low's
record suggested he is evenhanded, but Rosenfield questioned whether Low could be an
industry watchdog.
The insurance commissioner

The insurance commissioner is charged with regulating the industry. Quackenbush left office July 10 after revelations he allowed insurance companies to donate to a nonprofit fund that helped him politically, rather than face huge fines for their alleged mishandling of Northridee aerthuake claims. The insurance commissioner

ridge earthquake claims.
"As we've seen with Quacken-bush, the insurance companies can take care of themselves," Rosenfield said. "The commissioner has to go up against the companies every day, and he's supposed to be someone who's strong and can aggressively protect consumers."

Post Office Named for Slain Mail Carrier Joseph lleto

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A post office in Southern California was dedicated on July 29 to a mail carrier killed in a white su-premacist's alleged hate crime

premacists alleged have clime rampage.

About 100 people sat in the hot sun to see the Chino Hills Post Of-fice, which opened in February, re-named the-Joseph Ileto Chino Hills Post Office. It was the first named after a slain postal worker.

"I hope this post office will stand as a testament that the peo-ple of this country will not put-up with hate crimes," said U.S. Sen.

Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

lleto, a Filipino American, was shot to death on Aug. 10, the same day that five people, including three children, were wounded at a Jewish community center in

three children, were wounded at a Jewish community center in Granada Hills.

White supremacist Bufford O. Furriow Jr. is accused of the attacks. He has been charged with leto's murder and could face the death penalty if convicted. Feinstein and U.S. Rep. Gary Miller, R-Diamond Bar, shepherded the legislation through Congress to name the post office after leto. He was killed on his route in

Chatsworth but lived in Chino

"Joseph was a very humble man. He would have never sought this honer for himself," Miller said. "Regardless of whether he would have wanted this, this is a fitting honer." The lletos were showered with plaques from Feinstein, Miller, local politicians and the postal workers union. Also, a new hybrid orchid was named after him.

Ileto's brother, Ismael, thanked President Clinton for signing the bills that allowed the post office to be named after his brother.

Sequel Film Launches More Pokémania!

By TRACY UBA

If kids know one thing, it's that a sprightly little yellow fellow named Pikachu has taken over the world, and if you've never seen him shoot bright lightning belts firm his belts travels. bolts from his body, you've been

issing the boat altogether. But thanks to the new Warner Bros. Kids animated feature film "Pokemon the Movie 2000," which opened in theaters nationwide July 21, you can get a taste

of the popular Japanese cartoon series which spawned a rabid fan base among American television

viewers two years ago.

"Pokémon 2000" is the highly anticipated sequel to last fall's box-office smash hit "Pokémon the First Movie," which grossed over \$50 million in its first five days and, with the subsequent barrage of games, trading cards and toys, had kids — as well as a good number of grown-ups — go-

ing absolutely ga-ga.

In the latest tale, we are rein-

troduced to the world of Pikachu and Co., where oddly shaped ani-mal-amoebic creatures, otherwise known as "pocket monsters," bat-tle the bad guys alongside their human counterparts using an ar-

ray of unique mystical powers.

The movie begins with a 22-minute short called "Pikachu's Rescue Adventure," a quaint fable in which a group of Pokémon weather a nasty forest storm and learn a lesson about teamwork; followed by an hour-long feature called "The Power of One,"

has young "trainers" Ash, Brock and Misty on a plight to prevent earthly destruction by an evil nemesis who plots to collect Moltres, Zapdos and Articuno, three powerful Pokémon birds charged with maintaining nature's balance from the islands of fire, ice and lightning.

Their adventure begins when a powerful storm beaches Ash and his friends on Shamouti Island as the locals are about to celebrate their annual festival. Just as Ash their annual resultation of the state of the "Chosen One" by the islanders, the greedy collector Lawrence III captures Moltres and then Zapdos, setting into mo-tion the disruption of peaceful co-existence among the three guardian birds and unleashing el-

emental chaos upon the world.

Ash, at first reluctantly, accepts his duty as the Chosen One, embarking upon a dangerous jour-ney with his trusty Pikachu, froliesome as ever and whose communication skills consist almost solely of "Pee-ka?" and "PEE-ka-CHOO!!!"

Meanwhile, Team Rocket, Pokémon's perennial foe and foil, follow the group to the island and clum-sily wreak havoc of their own.

Along with veteran characters such as Squirtle and Balbasaur, several new Pokémon are introduced this time around, including Lugia, a legendary sea-dwelling creature rumored to lurk within the depths of the ocean and Slowking, guardian of the ancient legend of the islands who asks Ash to retrieve the three trea-sured orbs needed to restore the

world's harmony. In "Pikachu's Rescue Adven-ture," new characters include Hoothoot, an owl-like Pokémon spotted in the trees; Bellosom, a wer Pokémon that performs a nower Pokemon that performs a hilarious musical production number in the tropical forest; La-dyba, a ladybug Pokemon with a swarm of friends; and Elekid, an electrically-charged Pokémon that combines energy with Pikachu to create a formidable

Although the rescue adventure was rather simplistic in its moral, the kids will enjoy it if for nothing else than the characters, and adults may get a kick out of watching them ooh and aah in delight. In fact, I consistently heard Pokémon savvy 6-year-olds in the theater name off the different creatures and their powers for the benefit of their. I'm sure, somewhat bewildered parents.

However, the real treat for movie-goers is "The Power of One," which is a bit darker and more intense partly because the plot as well as the animation are more sophisticated.

Even if you are a die-hard cynic and are sick of the whole overmarketing aspect of Pokémon, there are several scenes in which you'll find yourself cracking up out loud from the sheer silly fun and sometimes unintentionally droll dialogue, wherein lies the charm of the film; it never lets you take it — or yourself — too seriously. Rather, it allows you to indulge that inner kid in you, which, every now and then, deserves a good guilty pleasure. de-



Photo Co. Pikachu, along with ace Pokémon trainer Ash Ketchum, Squirtle (lower right) and Balbasaur (top right), battle the bad guys in the new Warner Bros. animated flick "Pokémon the Movie 2000," a 4Kids Entertainment production.

National

By Pacific Citizen Staff

☐ Racial Profiling Bill PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Civil

rights activists say a law enacted July 25 requiring a study of all po-lice stops is a major step toward ending the practice of pulling dri-vers over because of the color of their skin, otherwise known as racial profiling.

A similar bill failed last year,

A similar bill failed last year, but many say the questions of racism surrounding the death of Sgt. Cornel Young Jr. this year helped convince state leaders and

Sgt. Cornel Young Jr. this year nelped convince state leaders and police to take action.

A racial profiling study will start in January and run until 2003. Officers in all communities and state police will be required to record the race, sex and age of the persons they pull over. These are approximately 600,000 traffic stops in Rhode Island each year.

Updates on the statistics collected will be reported quarterly. The collection and analysis will be coordinated by the office of the attorney general.

A committee of 13 advisers, made up of educators, police officers, minority activists and politicians will be created to assist Attorney General Sheldon White-house in conducting the study. North Carolina and Connectival set year became the first two states requiring police to keep track of race in their traffic stops.

Clinton Asks AAs for

Political Donations
NEW YORK—President Clinton did comething July 29 that he has many done since the fundraising conducts of the 1996 Clinton-Gon re-shotton compaign he habit an nucleous of Assan Americans for political donations.
Helping to relies about \$250,000

fewer public overtures since illegal

fewer public overtures since illegal donations and questionable fundraising tatches became the crux of a Justice Department, investigation into the 1996 campaign.

Vice President Al'Gore's attendance at a 1996 fundraiser at a California Buddhist temple Jed to \$60,000 in illegal donations to Democrats. Gore has said he did not know the event, organized by a Chinese American businesswoman, was a fundraiser.

Hmong American **Becomes City's First** Asian Officer MORGANTON,

Chue Lor recently became the first Asian officer to work at the Morganton Department of Public Safety.

"People haven't seen an Asian of-ficer here before," Lor said, "Some-times they refuse to talk to me. I step out of my vehicle and see the expression on people's faces. Especially at night, some of them are scared and wonder if I'm really an

officer."

Lor, 27, was born in Laos during the Vietnam War and moved with

the Vietnam War and moved with is family to Sacramento in 1987. Sergeant Rick Brendle said, "We appreciate him and he's a great asset to our shift. He is knowledgeable of gangs and their stang and hand and arm signals. He has opened our eyes to the Asian culture, plus we can use him to interpret for us. We have a lot to learn from him."

Both I'ce and his supergriser, Billy.

from him.

Both Lor and his supervisor Billy
Bradshaw said they would like to
see more minorities at Public Safe
ty. "I would like to encourage more
Asians to become officers," Lor said. Maybe then people will get used to

□ Police Issue Warrant for Suspect in Attacks

On Asian Women
CHICAGO—Police have issued
an arrest warrant for a man suspected in a series of attacks against

Asian women.

The suspect, Mark Anthony
Lewis, 33, of Chicago, is believed to
have fied to the Philippines, Chicago police asid July 28. The FBI also
obtained a federal fugitive warrant.
Lewis was identified by victims
through photographs, while cioth-

ing and other items described by the victims were found at Lewis' last known address in Chicago,

A string of nine physical and sexual assaults since April 7 have spread fear through Chicago's Asian communities. Seven of the assaults were on Asian women. assaults were on Asian women. One victim was an Asian girl and another was a Hispanic woman who police said may have looked n to her attacker

The attacker has posed as a census taker, a police officer, an FBI agent and an immigration officer to get into women's homes. The most recent attack was July

A Philippine immigration disembarkation card shows that a men named Mark Anthony Lewis arrived in Manila on July 21 from Japan. He entered on a tourist visa, giving his U.S. residence as

Judge Rules on S.F.

Chronicle Sale
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thearst Corp., publisher of rival
daily newspaper the San Francis-

niner. District Judge Vaughn U.S. District Judge Vaugtn Walker's July 28 ruling epds the high-profile antitrust trial and now clears the way for Hearst to hand off the Examiner to Asian-Week publisher Ted Fang.

During the May trial, the Examiner's publisher, Tim White, testified that he offered favorable citizen's fire Mayor Willie Brown's

testified that he offered favorable editorial for Mayor Willie Brown's support of the newspaper deal. Hearst executives denied any deal with Brown took place and put White on leave. Hearst announced plans last August to purchase the Chronicle, the second largest newspaper in California, saying they would sell or close the struggling Examiner after 120 years under Hearst ownership.

ership.

But under civic pressure to keep
the Examiner alive, Hearst agreed
to pay Fang a \$66-million subsidy
over three years if he assume
ownership. Meanwhile, Examiner
staffers have questioned Fang's
ability to run a visible competitor
to the Chronicle.



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Marin JACL Awards Scholarship



Aja Gabel is the winner of the Marin JACL-Dr. William Obata Memo Scholarship, Gabel, an honor student, talented musician, and student at Piner High School in Santa Rosa, will be attending Wellesley College. Carole Hayashino, president of Marin JACL, made the presentation at the Asian Hayashino, president of Mann JACL, made the presentation at the Asian Scholarship Endowment Fund (ASEF) awards dinner held recently in Sausalito. The ASEF president for the past four years has been June Minami, a Marin JACL member. This year ASEF awarded 12 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 (L-R): Kyle Tatsumoto, Carole (Hayashino) Tatsumoto, Aja Gabel and her parents, Mrs. and Mr. Gabel. ■

San Jose Awards Scholarships

The largest dollar amount in scholarships in the history of the San Jose JACL was awarded at the annual scholarship luncheon held at the Wesley United Methodist Church Social Hall recently.

This year's scholarship committee composed of Gary Jio, Mark Kobayashi, Mitsu Kumagai, Joanne Okabe-Kubo and Claire Omura selected the following recipients:

ients:
Trisha Lee Okubo, Lynbrook
High School, \$3,000 Dr. Tokio
Ishikwa Scholarship; John H.
Matsui, The King's Academy,
\$2,500 George Matsunaga Endowment Scholarship; Lindsey Mari
Yamamoto, Leigh High School,
\$2,000 Kay Shimiru Scholarship
and a \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter

Agent Matsui, Maria School,

Maria Scholarship and a \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter and a \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award; Joshua Fumio Morey, San Mateo High School, \$2,000 Phil Matsumura Community Scholar-ship; Alane Izu, Piedmont Hills High School, \$1500 Kenji Sakauye Scholarship and a \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award; Michelle Chieko Yasukawa, Iyahrook High School, \$500 William K. Yamamoto Memorial Award and a \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award; Sherri Lin Dairiki, Henry H. Gunn Senior High School, \$500 San Jose JACL Chapter Award; Lindsey Iyama, Del Mar High School, \$500 Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Business Scholarship; Kelsey Nakano, Mountain View High School, \$500 Ninja Youth Club Scholarship; Michael W. Nakanuera, Foneer High School, \$500 Ninja Youth Club Scholarship; Michael W. Nakanuera, Pioneer High School, \$500 VJA Scholarship; and Linda Tanaka, Piedmont Hills High School, \$355 Lanette Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial Scholarship; and Linda Tanaka, Piedmont Hills High School, \$355 Lanette Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial Scholarship, Shiaron Uyeda, vice-president for scholarships, chaired the scholarship committee and luncheon. Chapter President Ken Sakamoto presented the chapter awards.

Chapter President Ken Sakamoto presented the chapter awards.
The following donors presented certificates to the recipients: John Hayakawa, Carol Ishikawa, Michi Matsunaga, Gary and Sue Matsumura, Mrs. Kenji Sakauye and Robert Sakauye, and Esau Shimizu.

Public Support Welcomed in Endowing **UW's Hirabayashi Professorship**

The University of Washington has raised more than \$170,000 and is about \$80,000 short of raising their targeted goal of \$250,000 to endow the Gordon Hirabayashi Professorship for the Advancement of Citizenship, the first UW professorship to honor an Asian American alumnus.

The goal of \$250,000 was set be-cause the State of Washington agreed to donate a matching grant through the state's Distinguished professorship Trust Fund. The terms of the match require that funds be raised by Sept. I. The Hirabayashi professorship was established in May to enter IIWs shiftly to attract and match.

UWs ability to attract and retain distinguished faculty in the College of Arts and Science, and will be awarded to a faculty member whose work most captures the spir-it of Hirabayashi's vision and commitment to civil liberties. The en-dowment will also honor and recog-

downent will also honor and recog-nize Hirabayashi's lifelong work for human rights and his distin-guished career in higher education. Hirabayashi, 82, entered UW in 1937, and paid his way through school working as "school boy," farming and a statistician in the sociology department. It was at UW that Hirabayashi became a Quaker and registered as a conscientious objector. By March 1942. Hirabayashi was classified

1942, Hirabayashi was classified as a CO and preparing to leave for a CO camp when he was notified that all citizens of Japanese ances-try were reclassified as enemy

Soon a curfew imposed on JAs required Hirabayashi to be home by 8 p.m. and prevented him from venturing beyond a five-mile ra-dius of his residence. Hirabayashi, an American citizen, challenged the government's action, which he regarded as unconstitutional. He wrote a letter to the FBI and arranged for Art Barnett, an attor-ney and Quaker, to take him to the FBI office. The FBI held him at the King County jail. About 10 days later, Hirabayashi's family was sent to the Tule Lake Relocation

enter. The ACLU refused to take on Hirabayashi's case, but a handful of Seattle people pulled together funds to pay for his legal expenses. Hirabayashi went to trial in the summer of 1942 where he lost his case and was sentenced to 90 days

Although Hirabayashi appealed Aitnough rimanyasmi appeaied his case all the way up to the Supreme Court, it would take an-other 40 years before documents uncovered in 1981 by Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga and Peter Irons would help overturn his convictions.

At his sentencing, Hirabayashi, asked to serve his remaining time at a federal road camp. The nearest one was in Tucson, Ariz, and the FBI had no funds to send him. But FBI had no tunas to send num. But Hirabayashi volunteered to get there on his own, and the FBI ap-proved. He then hitchhiked his way from Washington to Arizona, stopping along the way to visit his parents and friends at Tule Lake.

After his release, Hirabayashi returned to Spokane and resumed work with the American Friends Service Committee. By February 1944, the FBI began questioning

Hirabayashi about his CO status. He decided to resist going to a CO camp because he saw it as another facility serving the military conscription process. He was then sent to federal prison at McNeil Island and was not released until shortly after V-J Day.

Hirabayashi returned to UW, earning bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in sociology Currently, he is professor emeritus at the University of Alberta, where he continues his work in ethnic studies and social justice. ies and social justice.

Anyone interested in con-tributing to the Gordon Hirabayashi Professorship for the Advancement of Citizenship is asked to send donations to: University of Washington College of Arts and Sciences; At-tention: Michael Podlin; Box 353765; Seattle, WA 98195-3765.

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Second Annual Nikkei Career Day, Aug. 19

The Second Annual Nikkei Ca reer Day will be held on Aug. 19 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Univer-sity Business Center of the Cali-

fornia State University, Fresno.
This event is to help Japanes
American Youths and their pa ents in planning for the future. Seventh-grade through college students are strongly encouraged to attend. There will be sessions of interest for both students and par-

The registration deadline is

Aug. 10, and the cost is park-son. Included in the cost is parkan ice cream reception, a show at

an ice cream reception, a show at the new Downing Planetarium, and an optional campus tour.

To register or for more informa-tion, contact the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs of Students at California State Uni-versity, Freson, 559/48-6815. E-mail to the JACL, 559/486-6815. E-mail to the JACL, 559/486-6815. E-mail to the JACL of the Vice of the inquiries may be sent to JACLo-cro@aol.com.



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By Harry Honda

'Cuff Notes' and 'Penny Thoughts' From the Y2K Convention

FTER ALL THAT has ap-A peared in these pages about the well-received and con-troversy-cushioned national JACL convention in Monterey, here are of my "cuff notes." inally met Capt. Gordon Nak-

agawa in person, retired from the Navy for 10 years, but currently with the faculty at Navy Postgrad-uate School in Monterey. I say "fi-nally," because his father, Bunny, a nally, because his father, Bunny, a Placer County JACL pioneer and manager of the Auburn District Fair, in 1973 reported the plights and promise of offsprings in the JACL family. It was a happy moment when Bunny's son was coming home from Hanoi Hilten.

Gordon was flying over March

ing home from Hanoi Hiltan.
Gordon was flying over North
Vietnam when he was shot down
Dec. 21, 1972, by anti-airrarfa fire.
He was detained in Hanoi and released four months later, at home
after five stops: first at Clark AFB
(Philippines), Hickam AFB, meeting his newpite at Thous AFB, dection his newpite at Thous AFB de-(Philippines), Hickam AFB, meet-ing his parents at Travis AFB, de-briefed at Bremerton, Wash., and home at Oak Harbor, Wash., where his wife and three children lived. The couple now lives in Marina.

Gordon was among a dozen speakers at the tribute dinner which extended for six hours, from the reception to greet Gen. Eric Shingki till the colors were finally retired at 11 p.m. by the multi-branch service detail from the Defense Leves heatitut. The MS branch service detail from the De-fense Language Institute. The MIS group which came by bus had to leave by 10 p.m., but MIS NorCal president Marvin Uratsu (Contra Costa JACLer) negotiated a later departure time in order to hear Gen. Shinseki's speech. His voice projected well; he enunciated clear-ly the Japanese names of the Medal of Honor awardees and the Japanese names of the ledal of Honor awardees and there was a polish to his speech. Af-ter all, he has a master's in "EngThe White House had pre-ferred that Norman Mineta, secre-tary-designate of commerce, not

emose the tribute dinner for securi-ty reasons. But he convinced them otherwise and many of us are hap-py that he persevered, for his per-formance at the podium was unfor-

our dinner companien this time was a Honda, Earl, president of the Fowler chapter. And another Hon-da was Yoshio, a Fresno delegate with Fred Hirasuna at the first national convention in Seattle in 1930. Now an alternate delegate, 1930. Now an alternate delegate, Fred says this was going to be his last national convention. Some may have forgotten that his daugh-ter Joanne Kagiwada (with her parents and brother Alan) served a stint as Washington JACL repre-sentative. And finally, another Honda in the crowd: Honorable

Mike, who won the coveted Japan-ese American of the Biennium honors for politics and law, thus giving all us Hondas a Y2K to remember.

And Y2K isn't over yet.

The trustrating flummox in the convention publicity department, ably contained by Watsonville JACLer Mas Hashimoto, was the first of its kind in JACL convention history — unable to even hint that U.S. Attorney Gentle of the convention of the conv eral Janet Reno was principal speaker at the sayonara banquet. On the other hand, we best re-

The frustrating flummox in

member when Sen. Daniel Inouve as principal speaker didn't use what he had prepared because of the late hour. Instead, he scored with his experiences as a 442nd trainee at Shelby and going to a Rohwer USO dance, where his kinship with the mainland kotonks

Troubled in Paradise

was welded. That was at the 1992 national convention at Denver.

Convention golf tournament re-sults seldom creep into the P.C. Here's one for a change: Hashimoto won both low gross and net; "No trophy to hoist and kiss," he cried in his keen-witted chapter newslet-ter. Incidentally, he and NCWN-PDC Governor John E. Hayashi both sported official green jackets worn by U.S. Open marshals at the

worn by U.S. Open marshaus at the Monterey Aquarium mixer. The four hours there were fleeting and fantastic, to say the least. During the Mixer, I found our ed-itorial intern Lyndsey Shinoda is the granddaughter of Paul Shino-da, onetime P.C. board chair in the '50s, and of the Shinodas of San Le-

508, and of the Shinodas of San Le-andro flower fame. National direc-tor John is her uncle-in-law. Talk about JACL being a family!

To the Monterey County Herald:
Thanks for the convention cover-age. Your information that two people were murdered at a convention two decades ago is incorrect. Only ple were murdered at a convention two decades ago is incorrect. Only one girl was slain, the other left to die. Her throat was slashed from ear to ear, but she survived and be-came an attorney. Perhaps the miscame an autorney. Fernaps the mis-information was given at the hate-crime workshop. But many of us were at this gruesome incident in 1970 in Chicago. Who can ever for-get that year, hotel and circum-stance?

For my record: Grayce Uyehara and Denny Yasuhara won the JACL Ruby Pin — symbolizing trustworthiness, dedication and sacrifice. The JACLs redress cam-

sacrifice. The JACLs redress cam-paign was their hallmark. Vicki Marumoto Mikesell, Day-ton JACLer in the 70s, a regular docent at Monterey Aquarium, was there directing the convention mix-er crowd. She's been there since the

By Brian Nijva

early days of the aquerium, motor-ing from Belmont (by the SFO air-port) once a week for nine years. And vivacious as ever.

port) once a week for nine years.
And vinozious as ever.
Sonoma County JACLer Robert
Fuchigamis "Anache 1942-1945:
Granada, Golorado, "is an album of
photocopied photographs in a 3-1/2inch binder. Nisei internees in
their 80s might wonder why their
camps didn't have some of the
goodies pictured in this album.
Look and see!

Y2K Nisei Week Festival was initiated in Little Tokyo last week with expected care and vigor, but the afternoon heat was beyond their control — in the 90s. Lucky that some photos of the prewar Ni-sei Week personalities and prome-nade which Toyo Miyatake Studio had on display at Little Tokyo Koban provided me with the com-fort of their air-conditioned offices at First and San Pedro (now Judge John Aiso St.) to see the photos and to view the parade. What makes the historic scenes

of the first seven festivals, which

Archie Miyatake selected from his father's vast collection, are some current photos in daytime of the same spots 60 years later. They bear little or no resemblance to the estival-in-prime — in the cooler ours of evening, illuminated by assiva-in-prime — in the cooler hours of evening, illuminated by the chochin strung above the side-walks of Little Tokyo and the crowd — five rows deep. The Y2K turnout at First and San Pedro was sparse

At the head of the two-hour long At the head of the two-hour long pgrade was Orange County berry grower and community leader Tomio Ito, followed by some 30 open vehicles with arm-waving cvic officials and Japanese dignitaries, seven onde groups with sound trucks, taiko groups, four marching bands and eight floats, the eighth ANA-sponsored float bearing the Y2K Nisei Week Queen, Tricia Tanaka.

The presence of the LAPD ped-

Queen, Tricia Tanaka.

The presence of the LAPD pedalling detail was a quiet change from the times when the LAPD motorcycle squad cavorted in a showy and entertaining manner. Best change: Ice cones at Fugetsudo that were fine as falling snow.

Exhibit to Reveal Portland's Lost Japantown

Portland resident Cannon Ki-tayama is recreating his childhood Japantown community for the next exhibit at the Oregon Nikkei Lega-cy Center (ONLC) titled "Nihom-machi: Portland's Japantown Re-membered." The ONLC, located at 117 N.W. Second Ave., will host the exhibit's omening reception on Aug. exhibit's opening reception on Aug.

exhibits opening reception on Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.
"My family operated and lived in the Royal Palm Hotel on Northwest Third Avenue and Flanders," said Kitayama. "Because of the location our tenants were railroad workers—brakebene, conductors and porters. We were a couple blocks from the Japanese School that kide attended after school for two hours each day and on Satur-

days."

At the turn of the century, Japantown began developing by the Willamette River north of West Burnside, in the area known today as Portland's Old Town-Chinatown. During the 1930s and into the 1940s, these hotels, groceries, laundries and restaurants operat-ed by Japanese immigrants

With testimonials, photos and artifacts from private collections, this exhibit profiles a thriving Japantown, an economic and cul-tural center that evolved because of the intense discrimination prevaent against Oregon's Japane

idents.

With the news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the FBI arrested many Japanese business owners and leaders. Government officials padlocked the stores, confiscated newspaper printing equip-ment, and set curfews, swiftly shutting down Japantown and the community.

"Nihonmachi: Portland's Japantown Remembered" runs from Aug. 19-Jan. 13 at the ONLC. Admission is free.



While in Los Angeles for our annual summer annual summer visit, I have been surprised to find two sport related buildings very much in the news among local Japanese Americans.

Awhile ago in this space, I wrote about the Holiday Bowl, a land-mark Crenshaw area JA-built bowling center, which had shut down recently. Since that article appeared, Holiday Bowl's nomination for landmark status went be fore the Los Angele es Cultural Heritage Commission. Since this group is appointed by the very pro-busi-ness mayor of Los Angeles, they have historically been quite hostile to such nominations when they are to such nominations when they are opposed by the property owner, as this one was. (The new owner of the property reportedly wants to tear it down to build some sort of

tear it down to build some sort of new retail development.)

But to the surprise of nearly everyone, the commission voted in favor of Holiday Bowl's nomina-tion. For the time being, at least, the building still stands. The issue now goes before the entire LA. City, Council, who must approve the nomination before the building will be protected.

will be protected.

As a footnote, the chairperson of the Cultural Heritage Commission was fired shortly after this vote was taken.

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Though the victory was unex-pected, there is still much to do. Holiday Bowl supporters—an un-usual coalition of former employ-ees, bowlers, and historic preserva-tion activists—have been working to lobby city council members be-fore the upcoming vote. Perhaps Holiday Bowl's days aren't num-bered after all.

The other story is about a build-

ing that doesn't exist yet. For as long as I can remember, there has been talk about a gymnasium in LA's Little Tokyo. It was part of the redevelopment plan for the area which dates back to the early 1970s and talk about the gard re-1970s and talk about the gym pro-ject has resurfaced over the years

ever since.

Most recently, a coalition headed by the Little Tokyo Service Center has been working hard to bring a gym to Little Tokyo. Gym propo-nents see it as a key to the future witchit of the owne. vitality of the area.

Much has been done over the past 30 or so years to retain the JA quality of Little Tokyo, from the construction of a community center and senior citizens' housing to the more recent addition of a JA museum and Asian American theater company. These additions along with the annual Nisei Week festival and other events ensure that Little Tokyo remains the center of the larger Southern California JA

the larger Southern California JA
community.

But for the most part, it is an older
crowd that, is drawn to these
venues and events. The much
sought after young adults and
young families with children are
not likely to come downtown very
often, particularly with the many
suburban JA enclaves throughout
Southern California. Whether one
lives near Gardena, Sawtelle,
Venico/Culver, or wherever, there is
a place to buy Japanese foods,
along with JA churches and other
community institutions. One doesnt need to go to Little Tokyo.

community institutions. One does-n't need to go to Little Tokyo: It would seem that a gymnasium would be about the best possible way to get a younger crowd to come downtown. JA basketball leagues nain a huge part of life for many

JA families in Southern California. In addition to leagues for children, many young adult men and women many young adult men and women in their 20s and 30s play, as do a few in their 40s and even older. Many of the people who play in these leagues may have little interest and few connections to other parts of the JA community. They may never otherwise visit Little Takyo downtown.

A gymnasium in Little Takyo would obviously change all that, A steady stream of basketball players could only help the shops and

steady stream of basketball players could only help the shops and restaurants in Little Tokyo. Par-ents dropping off their kids would eventually wander into the Japane American National Museu ese American National Museum of Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and may well like what they see. It seems that everyone has something to gain by this project.

this project.
And yet, the news is not good.
Most recently, it was revealed that
the Los Angeles Children's Museum would move to the large vacant
parcel north of First Street, which was thought by many to be the most logical place for the gymnasi-um. This space is bordered by the JANM, East West Players, the Go JANM, East West Players, the Go For Broke memorial, and the Gef-fen building of the Museum of Con-temporary Art. Though gym propo-nents are fighting to be a part of this parcel, it has yet to happen. If it doesn't happen, that would be a

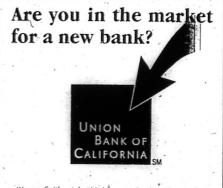
sname.

So we have two sport-related buildings, one old and one new, both with uncertain futures in Los Angeles. I'll be rooting for them both.

*Brian Niiya is a member of the Honolulu JACL chapter. k of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Group



Jim Kida at the J.K. Kida Grocery, circa 1936



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Letters to the Editor

Re: Resister Resolution

In response to Tum Masamori's, "Veteran Angry Over Resister Reso-lution," letter to the editor dated July 14-20, as a veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Vet-errors and the Veterans of Forcier can Legion, Disabled American Vet-erans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I feel dubious about the pas-sage of the resister resolution. Such a resolution not only would be rejected by the VFW national

onvention but would bring disre-spect and disgrace towards the Ni-sei veterans present.

A few years ago the State of Flori-da VFW introduced a resolution to

make JA veterans ineligible to join the VFW.

H.R. Rainwater and Ken Robbins, both of whom are from Cali-fornia, spoke in favor of rejecting that resolution saying they had 13 VFW JA posts in California. They are good American citizens and do their duties as VFW members, they

Every department voted in favor rejecting that resolution except edepartment of Florida.

In 1952 or thereabouts, the Nis in Salt Lake City started a VFW
post. Within weeks they found out
that the Sugarhouse VFW Post
3586 was practicing racial discrimination. Needless to say, they quickly vacated that post.

ly vacated that post.

I am the only minority in Utah to
be elected and serve as a VFW state
commander. Anyone from the Salt
Lake City area who voted in favor
of the resister resolution was entitled to his or her own opinion but voted against my wishes.

John Owada Past State Commander Dept. of Utah, VFW

Saburo Kido was my brother-inlaw, Edison Uno was a nephew and Mike Masaoka was a very close friend, especially during his latter years as we served together on the Go For Broke National Veterans ciation. I found them to be of the highest integrity, honesty, sin-cerity, and most concerned for the welfare of their fellow Japanese Americans. Without their leadership in our times of crisis, I believe we would not be where we are today. They were well aware that their decisions would touch the lives of many.

Revisionists and those that were Revisionists and those that were not present should have, maybe could have, or would have done things differently. Sort of like an aunt or an uncle on how they were endowed. Where were these contemporaries in those times, who are so critical of JACLE history today?

When I was slandered, it cost me to have an apology accorded me. Did JACL, as a group, slander or discriminate the group of resisters

The Rev. Norman Ishizaki, pa tor of the St. Albans Episcopal Church i Westwood, Calif., was the officiant for JACL leader Tats Kushida's last rites. Father Ishizaki in his benediction included these four dynamic words: "ENDURE WEAKNESS WITHOUT SUR-

My life membership in the na-tional JACL will not be surren-dered JACL has a bloody history in dered. JACL has a bloody insury in war and peace. Sen. Daniel Inouye's father said to him, "...and don't bring shame to the family." My dad had very similar words for the four of us. Out of respect for the thou-sands of Americans of Japanese ansands of Americans of Japanese an-cestry who served, were killed, wounded or missing in action, and the stoicism of the Issei and older Nisei, I personally cannot applogize. I would FORGIVE the resisters of conscience for making their choice not to help when their presence—revisionists might state—would, could or should have helped on April 5, 1945.

I would suggest an amendment to the resolution be made substitut-ing "forgive" for "apology."

Harold S. Harada D.D.S. Former Aid Man 100th/442nd RCT Veteran

Re: Eji Suyama's letter

Eji Suyama is right, we must remember (P.C. July 28-Aug 3). And to remember we must continue to "bitch" despite Bill Hosokawa's ad-

"bitch" despite Bill Hosokawa's ad-monishment (PC. July 14-2@). The question posed by Mr. Suyama was, "Can it happen again?" It DID happen again! When the bomb leveled the Federal building in Oklahoma City, President Clim-ton declared, "Middle Eastern Ter-verim Hitcher Schoeff" Analogue. rerism Hits our Shores!" Analogous to the actions of the government un-der the cries of the "Japs Bombed Pearl Harbor," the FBI sprang into action identifying airline passen-gers throughout the nation with Middle Eastern surnames, accents and physical characteristics. De-taining them for questioning only because they share the same physical features as "typical terrorists, the government justified their ac tions in an effort to preserve and maintain our national security. Sound familiar?

The irony of this all is that the person convicted of the bombing was a white American male. If the FBI focused their investigation

FBI focused their investigation upon relevant facts instead of racial profiling, you think they would have found the suspect sooner? I maintain that because we con-tinue to "bitch," the detention of American citizens of Middle-Eastern ancestry was not taken to the level that our people experienced.

Damon Senaha Lt. Commander U.S. Navy

Presidential Unit Citation for MIS

The Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, Gen. Eric Shinseldi, personally awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the MIS (Military Intelligence Service) at the di tribute to Nisei veterans at the JACL national convention in Mon-

terey, Calif., on June 30.

The Presidential Unit Citation is equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross for individual service-men, and thus, is a high honor for those eligible to wear the ribbon. But aside from its significance as an award, the fact that it was presented to the MIS is in itself unprece-dented. Army regulations limit the award only to combat units such as the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which have shown extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy force. Services such as the MIS are not eligible to receive the award.

Because of this limitation, a spe cial act of Congress allowing the MIS specifically to receive the award was necessary. Harry Fukuhara and other MIS veterans of California succeeded in working with U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, and other concerned legislators to push through a special act of Congress allowing the MIS veter-ans to receive their rightfully de-

ans to receive their regitting de-served recognition.

The Chief of Military Awards Branch of the Department of the Army has sent a letter describing the application procedures for the award to a number of the MIS associations, including to the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA). Some questions have been clarified by the Awards Branch

such as eligibility.

The Awards Branch has stated The Awards Branch has stated that all veterans who had been assigned to the MIS in any capacity are eligible, provided they were on duty between May 1, 1942, and Sept. 2, 1945. This includes Department of Army civilians who were assigned to the MIS.

assigned to the MIS.

When submitting an application, it is necessary to include a copy of the July 17, 2000, letter from the Chief Military Awards Branch to the presidents of various MIS asso-

ciations. The copy of the letter sent to myself, the president of JAVA, in-cluded as part of this article, may be

used.

One of the required forms is WD

Form 53-55, which was given to veterans upon their separation from
duty. If this is not available, DD duty 4f this is not available, DI Form 214 may be used. Service records and forms are available at the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63182-5200. It is requested that MIS associa-tions gather questions by their members and submit them to JAVA at Pt. Box 391, Vienna, VA 22183-0391, Attn. S. Phil Ishio.

en answers to questions have obtained, the MIS associations will be informed.

> S. Phil Ishio President of JAVA

July 17, 2000

Mr. Sunao Phil Ishio President Japanese American Veterans Association of Washington, D.C. P.O. Box 391 a VA 22183-0391

Dear Mr Ishio

The purpose of this letter is to proyou information concerning an award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) for its gallant contributions during World

its gallant contributions during World War II

Congressman Robert A. Underwood, Senator Daniel K. Akaka, and ether members of the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus, referred a recommendation to the Secretary of the Army, on behalf of the Military Intelligence Service of Northern California. The Caucus members recommended that pursuant to legislation authored by Senator Akaka — section 576, Public Law 106-85, "Eligibility of Certain World War II Military Organizations for Award of Unit decornations," enacted November 18, 1997 — the MIS be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The Army Unit Awards Board determined that the degree of action displayed by the members of the Military Intelligence Service met the criteria for the proposed award. Therefore, the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army have approved an award of the Presidential Unit Citation for the Military Intelligence Service for the Period May 1, 1942 to September 2,1945.

We are enclosing a cow of the citation for Western and the control of the citation was a control of the citation of the citation for the Military Intelligence Service for the Period May 1, 1942 to September 2,1945.

2,1946.

We are enclosing a copy of the citation for the Presidential Unit Citation which will be published in a Department of the Army General Order. Individual requests for the ribbon (emblem) should quests for the ribbon (emblem) should be submitted to the National Personnel be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: Array Medals Section, 9700 Page Avenue, St., Louis, Missouri 63132-5200 along with a copy of this letter and their War Department Form (WD) 53-55 (Report of Separa-tion! The lapel pin is authorized for op-tional purchase for wear on civilian clothing, Department of the Army civil-ians employed with the Military Intelli-gence Service during the cited period may wear the land pin.

gence Service during the cited period may wear the lapel pin. The United States Army is honored to issue this symbol in recognition of the faithful, courageous, and dedicated ser-vice of the members of the Military In-telligence Service.

Laurel D. Cunnane Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Chief, Military Awards Branch



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Although we are unable to print all
the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those
who take the time to send us their
comments.

Obituaries

Akashi, Hisano, 100, Garde na, July 27; Okayama-ken-born; survived by son Kazuyuki and wife Kazuye; daughters Dorothy, Nobuko Kunimune and husband Makoto (Hawaii); many gc., ggc.;

This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your rewspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a time-ly manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published rate of \$19 pe inch. Text is reworded as needed.

Amate, Sachiko, 72, Torrance Amate, Sachiko, 72, Torrance, July 22; Riverside-bern; survived by husband Shigeru; daughters Carolyn Iwamoto and husband Raymond, Peggy Higuchi and husband C. Glen; 4 gc.; brothers George, Tak and wife Rose, Aki and wife Midori, Eori Ishimoto and wife Arlene; sisters Toshi Asato Yaek, Ishimoto Asato: Yaeko Ishimoto.

Fujii, Riyo, 102, Stockton, July 12; Yamaguchi Prefecture-born; survived by son Ben and wife Kazuko; daughters Fusako Kazuko; daughters Fusako Okamoto and husband Takeshi, Mitsuko Masuda and husband Jack, Emi; gc.; ggc.

Hatada, Sachiko H., 60, San Rafael, June 24; Santa Barbara-born; survived by husband Terry M.; son Michael; mother Shizuo Honda; sister Ely Ayako; brother Leland Honda.

Hazemoto, Frances Satsuki, Torrance, July 22; Pomona-born; survived by sister Keiko Nishii and husband Kazuyoshi; brothers George and w Michiko, Shigeo and wife Yoko.

Higa, Tsuruko, 86, Azusa, July 19; Waipahu, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Kiyoshi and wife Kimiko, Kei and wife JoAnn; daughters Tamiko Sukimoto and and Hideo, Kazuko Lane and husband Harvey; 7 gc., 6 ggc.; sitters Shizue Ikehara and husban Kazuo, Kiyoko Nakama and hus-band Tsutomu.

Horiuchi, Shizuko Jeanette, 86, Los Angeles, July 12; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Harvard and wife Helen; daughters Sharlene Ono and husband Paul, Elaine Ishida; 6 gc.; 1 ggc.; sister Mickey Kubota

Ichikawa, Chizu, 80, Los Al-tos, July 8; Mabton, Wash-born; survived by sons Gerald, Donald and wife Susan, Michael and wife Joyce; 5 gc.; brothers Tadao In-ouye and wife Susan, Tadage In-ouye and wife Shiz, Jim, Yoshio Inouye and wife Darothy; sisters Miko Vorwerk and husband Bill, May Wakabayashi and husband Roy, Chiyo Yakushi.

Kambé, Atsuko Ogawa, 85, Loma Linda, July 17; Covina-bora; survived by husband George Kambe; sons Raymond Ogawa and wife Reiko, Howard Ogawa and wife June; daughter Gail Morikone and husband Arnold; 9 gc., 4 ggc.; sister Sachiko Fujikawa

Kido, Hatsune, 88, San Fran-Kido, Hatsune, 88, San Fran-cisco, July 18; Alviso-born; sur-vived by husband Kazuma; son Daniel and wife Elissa; daughter Bessie Fellezs; 2 gc., 2 ggc.; broth-ers Tachiyo Inouye (Japan), Hiratoshi Inouye and wife Junko, Joe Nobutoshi Inouye.

Kuwahara, Saburo Shap, 74, Las Vegas, July 18; Los Ange-les-born; Manzanar internee; survived by wife Sumiko; daughter Kary Willis and husband Jay; Kary Willis and most brother Jim; sister Fuji.

Maruyama, George Akira Weeder," 71, Pasadena, July 20: Maruyama, George Akira
"Weeder," 71, Pasadena, July 20;
survived by sister-in-law Fudeko
T. Maruyama; nephew Warren
Maruyama and wife Karen;
nieces Nancy Maruyama, Marian
Stanton and husband Michael, Karen Maruyama.

Masuhara, Allen Masao, 62, Chatsworth, July 17; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Lynne; son Glen; mother Miyoko; brother Craig; sister Joanne Nakamura

and husband Mark; prede by daughter Wendy

Matsui, Kimiko, 67, Whittier, July 17; Kanagawa-ken-born; survived by husband Ted S.; daugh vived by husband Ted S.; daugh-ter Maryjane; brother Yuzo Uchi-da; sisters Takako Iwasaki and husband Chiaki, Yoshiko Hashi-moto and husband Koichi; father-in-law Minoru Mateni; in-law Minoru Matsui

Nakamura, Joan, 64, Los Angeles, July 19; survived by brother Richard; sister Dorothy.
Nakayama, James "Jimmy,"
67, Monterey Park, July 25; San-

ta Monica-born; survived by wife Toshie; son Sho; sisters Helen Takahashi, Merrian Dunn and husband Bill; brother-in-law Masaaki Omitsu; sisters-in-law Michie Nishikawa, Akemi Ikeda.

Nerio, Dick Yukio, 64, Huntington Beach, July 20; Los Ange-les-born; survived by wife Kazuyo Margaret Nerio; son Michael; daughters Charleen Meisen-Margaret Neno; son Michae; daughters Charleen Meisen-heimer and husband Greg, Elaine; 2 gc.; brother Art and wife Lily; sisters Sumi Leonard and husband Bob, Betty Imamura and husband Akira

Shibata, Haruko, 88, Stockton, July 20; Fukuoka Prefectureton, July 20, rukuoka Freiecure-born; survived by sons Rev. George Eishin and wife Yasuko, Tom Kyodo, Henry Nobukki and wife Joann, Tad Tadanobu and wife Jackie, Mike Hidemichi, Mas Masanobu; daughters Alice Terue Okubo and husband Robert, Mary Okubo and husband Robert, Mary Kazuko Kelley and husband William, Judy Aiko Schmal and husband Timothy, Nobuko Fujita and husband Roger, 8 gc.; sister Akiko Fukuyoshi (Japan).

Akiko Fukuyoshi (Japan).

Shimizu, Toru, 75, San Pedro,
July 23; Terminal Island-born;
survived by wife Peachie; son
Dennis; daughters Linda Fiefer,
Cynthia Machado, Sherry Calstrello and husband George, Billie
Jean Rodriguez and husband
Richard, 12 ge; brother Susumu;
sister Toshi Shigei.

Shigii Mittero, 77 White City.

-Shioji, Mitsuo, 77, White City, Ore., July 15; Terminal Island-born; survived by daughter Patti; 4 gc., 3 ggc.; brother Tats and wife Diane; sister Chimi Miura and husband Mako.

Suzuki, Joseph Toshimichi, 74, Monterey Park, July 24, Stockton-born; survived by wife Yoshiko; sons Kenneth and wife Yoshiko; sons Kenneth and Wal-Christiane, Gary and wife Tama-ra, Russell; 2 gc.; mother Shizuye; brother Michael and wife Georgia; sisters Mary Ichino and husband Philip, Angela Nakamura and husband Joseph; brother-in-law Kenneth Miura.

Wattson, Chio Ruth, 86, Glendale, July 5; Los Angeles-born; survived by brother Masao Kadomatsu; nephews Steven Kadomatsu and wife Susan, Gary Kadomatsu and wife Marilyn; niece Patrice Mito and husband Ryan; stepson Terry Lynn Watt-





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kept their mouths shut, and the fra-ternity immediately took Peter's picture off of their Web site after his death, offering no condolences to the family. Repeated calls to the university seeking comment were not returned.

There are many other reasons to believe that Peter did not commit , according to Hank. He said suicide, according to Hank. He said that Peter made plans to visit his girlfriend in California just one week after his death. He had also made plans to meet with another friend that very day. Also, Hank said that Peter was very organized, and & spontaneous suicide with no suicide note seems out of character for his vaniouser bother.

succide note seems out of character for his younger brother.

"Two weeks before he died, he re-ceived notice to become a U.S. cit-zen," Hank explained. "Why did he do all of this if he knew he was com-

mitting suicide?

Derek Inaba, a University of Washington student and good friend of Peter's, also questioned the motive for suicide.

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The Saturday before his death, he e-mailed me and said that we should go do something at the end of finals week before we left for sumek before we left for sur plained Inaba in an e-m mer," explained Inabe in an e-mail to Hank. "My question is, why would be plan something at the end of the week if he was going to kill himself? Why was he studying for fanals and why did he even take the final that morning?

"Also, he was Catholic, and that's a cardinal sin," wrote Inaba.

The family has hired a private investigator to help their cause. as

vestigator to help their cause, as well as posted flyers with a \$10,000 reward for information on the truth

regarding Peter's death.

Hank also sent out a mass e-mail to many Asian American publications as a plea for help, because he said that mainstream media cover-age in Washington was minimal. The media coverage that followed

lied to the re-opening of Peter's case.
"The police and medical examiners have agreed that they treated us unfairly," said Hank. "The police are reinvestigating the case and the city officials are recognizing our pleas."

The Nguyen's can be contacted at 206/325-2248, fax 206/325-2278, or you can e-mail the family through their Web site dedicated to Peter: eocities.com/tai301/petern-

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