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Vigil Honors Ito and Other Hate Crime Victims

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Joseph Ito, the Filipino American postal worker who was shot and killed by a white supremacist last year, will always be remembered as an innocent victim of a hate crime. But with a new acronym behind his name — Join Our Struggle: Educate, Prevent Hate, Instill Love, Equality and Tolerance for Others (J.O.S.E.P.H.I.L.E.T.O.) — he will now also be remembered as a symbol of the positive change which can come out of tragedy.

As part of "Hate Crime Awareness Week" in the state of California, the Ito family unveiled the acronym on Aug. 10, joining the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) and several community-based groups in

a candlelight vigil honoring Ito and other victims of hate crimes.

The "CommUNITY Candlelight Vigil: Communities United for a Hate-Free Tomorrow," held at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in downtown Los Angeles, marks the one-year anniversary of Buford O. Furrow Jr.'s hate-motivated shooting spree last August that claimed the life of 39-year-old Ito and wounded five others at a Jewish community center in the San Fernando Valley.

"[Joseph] was a simple man who never asked to be the center of attention," described brother Ismael. "It is so ironic that part of this movement is around him. We will never see my brother again, but we will never forget the memories of him."

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APAs No Longer a Silent Minority

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

On the first day of the Democratic National Convention, Washington Gov. Gary Locke became the first Asian Pacific American to address the national delegation during prime-time TV. His first day appearance was similar to the line-up at the Republican National Convention where Elaine Chao spoke during the first day of the GOP event in Philadelphia.

Locke came on stage a few speakers ahead of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Bill Clinton, who was at the top of his form as he set the stage for Vice President Al Gore to take center stage later in the week.

Touting the Democratic Party line of public education, welfare reform, lower taxes through the Earned Income Credit, gun control, health care and more police, Locke whipped up convention-goer fervor



Washington Gov. Gary Locke addresses the national delegation during the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles.

as he repeatedly shouted, "Who's going to be the next president of the United States of America?" to which the audience responded, "Al Gore."

In speaking with the *Pacific Citizen*, Locke urged more APA participation. "If Asian Pacific Americans do not vote, they will be left out, and only the very rich and the powerful in our country will benefit," said Locke. "All the progress and all the gains of the last eight years will be reversed."

Other APAs who spoke before the national delegation were California Congressman Robert Matsui, Guam Congressman Robert Underwood and California State Assemblyman Mike Honda.

On Joseph Lieberman
Although APAs differed with Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman on several issues, they generally felt Vice President Al Gore showed courage and a willingness to be inclusive by choosing Lieberman, whose views are seen as more conservative than Gore's.

Mary Miyashita, 80, the APA grande dame of the Democratic Party, felt that Gore's choice was the "right thing" but also admitted that she did not agree with all of Lieberman's political views.

"In politics, there are compromises. I'm very against (school) vouchers and the death penalty, but no one is perfect," said Miyashita, re-

ferring to some of Lieberman's stands. "But if he can win votes for us, that's fine."

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono, who may become the first APA woman and immigrant governor of any state if she succeeds in the 2002 gubernatorial race, felt the choice was "positive" and showed the "inclusiveness the vice president has in choosing the first Jew."

In explaining policy differences between Gore and Lieberman, which, in part, reflected her own, Hirono said, "It is clear that Vice President Al Gore is very comfortable with his selection, and I think they're going to work these things out. In addition, I think it is clear who the president is going to be."

Paul Iwasaki, an APA who grew up in a Jewish community, felt Lieberman was "a very good choice" although he added that Lieberman was "more conservative than I am."

Iwasaki added, "For the most part, he's been very solid on issues that matter to Democrats, certainly on issues that matter to Asian Americans."

Congressman Underwood was not worried that he did not necessarily agree with Lieberman on major subjects. "It is Al Gore's thinking that is going to take precedence so I think we should take comfort in

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Record Number of APAs Participate in DNC Convention

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Asian Pacific Americans broke new ground at the Democratic National Convention as a record number participated at all levels of the four-day event in Los Angeles.

A Who's Who of APA elected and appointed officials streamed into Los Angeles to take advantage of networking opportunities, push their political agendas and raise funds for their next campaign.

On the delegate side, Courtney Sunjoo Pugh, deputy base vote director of the Democratic National Committee, said there were a total of 180 APA delegates, constituting 3.5 percent of the total delegate population.

"We have more Asian American delegates at the Democratic National Convention than ever be-

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California Attorney General Bill Lockyer speaks at the recent candlelight vigil held during Hate Crime Awareness week in Los Angeles.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Mineta Addresses APIA Delegates at DNC Caucus

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Former Congressman Norman Mineta, recently appointed as the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the first Asian American to ever serve in a president's Cabinet, addressed Asian Pacific Islander American delegates during a caucus meeting Aug. 14, the opening day of the week-long 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles.

"I cannot express how thankful I am to all of you for your support at the time that my name was up for consideration. The kind of response that came from the community to the president and to the chief of staff was just overwhelming," Mineta said.

"Who would have thought 50

years ago after having been put on a train by military guards and being evacuated and interned that I'm able to be on the stage of the Democratic National Convention standing with the president as one of the members of his Cabinet," he said.

After thanking his predecessors and those who paved the way towards greater diversity and inclusion in this country, Mineta went on to compare the differences between the Democrats and Republicans on issues that particularly affect APAs.

The TV coverage from Philadelphia last week tried to show a reflection of the diversity within the GOP, Mineta said, but it was largely illusory.

"That wasn't the real Republican Party. It was something that was manufactured. It had a lot of glitz, it had a lot of appeal," he said. "But if you were to look at the floor of that convention, you won't find the diversity that you will find on the floor of [the Democratic National Convention]."

"The real meat is, what do they

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APAs Gather to Support Honda During DNC Convention

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

California State Assemblyman Mike Honda's race against his Republican rival and fellow State Assemblyman Jim Cunningham for the 15th congressional seat in California is shaping up to be a key battleground for control of the House in the November election.

The stakes are high as only six seats in the House separate the Democrats from the Republicans, and both parties are focusing on the 15th congressional district, in addition to about two dozen other races across the nation, four of which are in California.

Honda said he was "comfortable" with his campaign, saying "the polls look great, the support is great," but added that he foresaw a "very contentious race" and doesn't take anything for granted.

Honda currently leads in the tight race by seven points.

The importance of the Honda/Cunningham race is evident as President Clinton agreed to appear at a fund-raiser for Honda in September, and Sen. John McCain attended a luncheon for Cunningham in June.

Days before the Democratic National Convention convened in Los Angeles, several Democratic heavyweights appeared at back-to-back

fundraisers for Honda, hosted by a Pan-Asian group of supporters.

Courtney Sunjoo Pugh, deputy base vote director for the Washington D.C.-based DNC office, who referred to Honda as a Democratic "rock star," said, "A lot of times when people see an Asian American candidate running for office, one of the first questions they ask is how many Asian Americans are in that district, indirectly implying that if the person doesn't have enough Asian American voters, they won't get elected because they have no crossover appeal. But with Mike, people aren't asking that question.... The president is supporting him and he's definitely on the top of the list when we talk about taking back the House."

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-33, called it a "critical" race and felt the outcome will depend on the minority vote. "The Latinos and Asian Pacific American communities — we are going to be the margin of difference," she said.

Congressman Howard Berman, D-26, felt Honda was a strong candidate, especially after beating out Bill Peacock in the March primary despite the fact that Peacock raised over \$1 million to Honda's \$547,373. "We watched the open primary, and we saw a very well-financed opponent beaten," said Berman. "This is a tremendous

victory in the primary."

Xavier Becerra, D-30, who authored legislation to address unresolved redress cases, noted that with Honda in the House, he can pick up another co-sponsor on his redress bill. He also added that Honda would be the person "who could bring back the same type of integrity and wisdom that Norm Mineta had when he was there," referring to the seat formerly occupied by this newly appointed Secretary of Commerce.

But while Honda doesn't lack mainstream appeal, he is attracting special attention from the APA community not only because he is of APA descent but also due to his record of championing issues relevant to APAs.

Charlie Woo, vice chair of the L.A. Convention 2000 host committee, said he supported Honda based on his voting record for the past four years.

"It's really fair for me to say that on every major national and domestic issue related to Asian Americans, Mike was out front, leading the charge for the community," said Woo. "I cannot think of any exceptions.... I'm glad people like Mike are running in such a high profile race because he's the kind of leader that can create interest and excite

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JACL Calendar

Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun, Sept. 10—D.C. Chapter Picnic: 1 p.m., Wheaton Regional Park, 2000 Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, Md. Info: Laura Nakatani, 703/519-9378.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun, Sept. 22-24—District Council Meeting: Milwaukee.

ST. LOUIS

Sat.-Mon, Sept. 2-4—24th Annual Japanese Festival: see Community Calendar.

TWIN CITIES

Sun, Sept. 17—5th Annual Headwaters Fund Walk for Justice: see Community Calendar.

Intermountain

UTAH CHAPTERS

Sat, Sept. 16—Fifth Annual Autumn

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

MINNEAPOLIS

Sun, Sept. 17—5th Annual Headwaters Fund Walk for Justice: 11 a.m. registration; walk 3.5 miles around Boom Island; sponsors also wanted. Info: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, 952/925-2429.

ST. LOUIS

Sat.-Mon, Sept. 2-4—24th Annual Japanese Festival, "Spirit of Stone": 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday; Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.; food, taiko, nani, music from Japan. Okinawa deigo kai, hanamizuki, bon-sai ikedana, tea ceremonies, bon odori, fashion show, raku pottery, children's activities, much more. Info: 577-9400, 800/642-8842.

The Northwest

BELLEVUE

Sat.-Sun, Sept. 23-24—Eastside Nihon Matsuri: Bellevue Community College gym; live stage performances, artisan demonstrations, exhibits, food booth, etc. Free admission. Info: www.enma.org, or 425/861-9109, Broderick.

PORTLAND

Thurs., Aug. 31—"Stardust Follies," a salute to 20th-century veterans, with tribute to Nisei vets; 7 p.m., Oregon State Fair, L.B. Day Amphitheater, Salem, Info, transportation: George Azumano, 253/770-0777.

SEATTLE

Fri.-Sun, Sept. 15-17—Heart Mountain Reunion: SeaTac DoubleTree Hotel. Info: Toshi Terayama, registrar, 253/520-8005, e-mail: toshiter@ix.netcom.com.

Northern California

SACRAMENTO

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 8-9—Tulelake Reunion: Doubletree Hotel and Resort; Friday registration and gala mixer; Saturday Sayonara banquet. RSVP early: Tulelake Reunion, P.O. Box 22877, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Sun, Sept. 10—Greater Sacramento Valley Region-wide Reunion;

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 Calendar at Bellevue.

NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat, Sept. 30—Fourth Quarter District Executive Board Meeting: WEST VALLEY/Next Generation
Sat, Aug. 19—Danuma 2000 23rd Danuma Festival: see Community calendar at San Jose.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat, Aug. 19—CCDC Third Quarter Meeting: Fresno.

FRESNO

Sun, Sept. 17—15th Annual Shinzen Run and Walk: see Community Calendar.

DoubleTree Hotel; 11 a.m. fellowship/mixer, 1 p.m. buffet lunch; keynote speaker Cheryl Tsutsumida of the NJAMF; the historical book of the Sacramento region will be available. Info: Toko Fujii, 916/421-6968.

SAN FRANCISCO

Through Sept. 29—Exhibit, "Latent August: The Legacy of Hiroshima & Nagasaki": National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St.; a video by Robert Hamada accompanies the exhibit. Info, schedules: 415/921-5007; www.njahs.org.

SAN JOSE

Sat, Aug. 19—Danuma 2000 23rd Danuma Festival: Saratoga Lanes parking lot; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., children's games 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; food, farmer's market, plants and cut flowers, handmade gifts, crafts, teriyaki, sushi, yakisoba, udon, chicken salad, pyroza, hurricane popcorn, beef kushiyaki, beer, strawberry shortcake, entertainment, taiko, koto, children's dance group, raffle, more. Free admission. Info: <www.pgbgroup.com/danumafestval>

Central California

FRESNO

Sat, Aug. 26—Central California Nikkei Foundation Casino Night: Info: JACL, 559/486-6815.

Fri, Sept. 8—Fat Friday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fresno Chinatown; food vendors, handmade goods, live band, relaxed parking meters. Info: 559/441-7915.

Sat, Sept. 9—Chinatown Jazz 2000 featuring Hiroshima and Fattburger. Ticket giveaways, KEZL-96.7 FM. Info: 559/441-7315.

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, 559/434-1692.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat, Aug. 19—Little Tokyo Walking Tour: 10 a.m.-noon. RSVP: JANM, 213/625-0414.

Sat, Aug. 19—Shotokan Karate of America Tournament and Demonstration: 5-7:30 p.m., Nishi Hongwanji Gymnasium, 815 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: James Uyeda, 213/489-6873.

Sat, Aug. 19—"Showtime 2000" with jazz fusion band Hiroshima; 7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets: 213/680-3700.

Through Aug. 20—"Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations"; Cal State Long Beach; bowling, basketball, drums, Jr. 3-on-3, Jr. golf, karate, kendo, race, relay race, seniors, softball, track, volleyball. Info: 714/350-

Pacific Southwest

Sat, Aug. 20—District Council Quarterly Meeting: 8:30 a.m., registration 9 a.m., Torrance Airport, Zampertini Field. Info, map: 213/626-4471.

Sat, Sept. 16—PSW Annual Awards Dinner: see Community Calendar.

WEST LOS ANGELES
Sat, Sept. 9—BBQ and Bingo scholarship fund-raiser: see Community Calendar. ■

Correction

The correct e-mail address for Ryan Chin, national JACL v.p. of public affairs (July 28-Aug. 3 issue), is <vppublicaffairs@jacl.org>.

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

2634, <http://www.seyo.org/nikkei.html>.
Mon-Fri, Aug. 21-25—Summertime Japanese Beer Garden: 5:30-8 p.m., The Ginger Cafe, Holiday Inn Torrance, 19800 S. Vermont Ave. Info: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217.

Thurs., Aug. 24—Book discussion series, "From Harsh Winters to Bountiful Harvests: The Journey of Japanese Americans" with Professor Mitch Maki: "Achieving the Impossible Dream" by Maki, Harry H.L. Kitano and S. Megan Behl; 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.

Sat, Aug. 26—Panel discussion, "Japanese International Brides: Heritage, Identity, Community and Legacy"; 1 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; telling the story of Japanese women who married American GI's after World War II. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Through Aug. 27—Mainichi Shimbun Calligraphy Exhibit: Doizaki's Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/628-2725.

Through Aug. 30—Exhibit "Japan, Past and Present"; works by photographer Stone Ishimaru and painter Ichiro Uehara; 3-5 p.m., LA Artcore Center, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/617-3274, fax 617-0303, <www.laartcore.org>.

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. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier; four-person best-ball scramble, post-tournament dinner. Info: 213/624-9975.

Sat, Sept. 16—JACL Pacific Southwest District's Annual Awards Dinner: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, Torrance Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way; California Appointments Secretary Michael Yamaki, speaker; \$85 tickets; 213/626-4471.

Sat, Sept. 9—BBQ and Bingo: dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m., then Bingo; Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave., West L.A. Info, tickets, directions: Frank Hirata, 310/478-7845.

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 ext. 207.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Thurs., Aug. 24—Concert, "The Sound Fusion of Tenku"; 8 p.m., Orleans Hotel & Casino. Info: Margie Usugi, 702/736-1515. ■

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MANAA Calls for Removal of Ms. Swan Character from 'Mad TV'

The Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), a non-profit organization dedicated to monitoring the media for fair and balanced portrayals of Asian Americans, is asking the producers of the Fox comedy show "Mad TV" to drop "Ms. Swan" from its lineup of recurring characters.

Played by series regular Alex Borstein, Ms. Swan is a nail-salon owner who infuriates those around her with her inability to speak or understand English in a competent manner. A non-Asian, Borstein dons a black wig and eye makeup for the role.

"Ms. Swan is clearly intended to be Asian," says MANAA president Guy Aoki, "and by making fun of the way she talks, 'Mad TV' just mocks her ethnicity. If you took the racially based humor out of her sketches, there'd be nothing to laugh at."

Aoki continues, "The Ms. Swan character drives home the same message that Hollywood has been putting out there for years: all Asians talk funny, we're culturally incompatible with other Americans, and we don't really belong in our own country. This notion has led to a serious rise in hate crimes against Asian Americans."

For years, MANAA has made its misgivings about Ms. Swan known to Fox. Last year, an executive at the network promised that a meeting would soon be set up between the organization and the producers to address MANAA's concerns. That meeting never happened, as

the producers were reportedly trying to avoid such a discussion by "de-ethnicizing" Ms. Swan.

What made matters worse was that in one episode, guest star Susan Sarandon — an actress known for championing liberal causes — also donned "yellow-face" makeup to look like Swan. Consequently, it seemed as if everyone was given permission to join in and try to look like Swan too.

Last month, Aoki wrote producer Rick Blasucci: "We believe in the right of creators to choose their own approaches to material and so, gave you a full year to try to rectify the initial problem. Instead, you have made matters worse. In the past, we'd heard how popular Ms. Swan was with viewers. Thus, in past seasons, she was included in just about every other episode. During the past year, however, as you tried to figure a way out of your dilemma, you used the character five or six times. Her absence did not hurt the popularity of the show. On the contrary: Ratings rose 8 percent from the previous year."

"We think 'Mad TV' will do even better without Ms. Swan in it at all."

Because repeated calls to Blasucci's production office went unanswered, MANAA has now decided to go after the program's sponsors, asking them not to support a show which is an affront to the AA community.

As Aoki wrote in his July 13 letter: "Once again, the Asian image is being defined by non-Asian creators

with little understanding of who Asian people actually are. In the past, Asian characters weren't even played by ethnically Asian actors: Warner Oland as Charlie Chan, Boris Karloff as Fu Manchu, Ona Munson in "Shanghai Gesture," Mickey Rooney in "Breakfast at Tiffany's," and more recently Jonathan Pryce in "Miss Saigon."

"This tradition of white actors playing Asian roles — putting on 'yellow face' — has been hurtful in two ways. First, these portrayals were inaccurate. They perpetuated the notion that Asians had 'unusual' racial features and manners of speech which were inherently foreign and that they deserved to be treated differently." When MANAA heard that the producers were considering adding AA regulars to last season's cast, they supplied the names of half-a-dozen candidates to Fox. In the end, none were hired. "I wonder if any were even auditioned," said Aoki. "Was this just a smoke screen to give the Asian American community some hope and to deflect criticism of Ms. Swan?"

Said MANAA's Kwok, "There's a lot more to Asian American life than running nail salons and talking funny. We're doctors, lawyers, everyday people who speak perfect English, but you don't see that on 'Mad TV.' After a pause he added, "Or on most TV shows for that matter."

MANAA, which was formed in 1992, can be reached at 213/486-4433 or P.O. Box 11105, Burbank, CA 91510. ■

Martha Choe Appointed to Serve as New Chair of President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs

President Clinton announced on Aug. 8 his intent to appoint former Seattle City Councilwoman Martha Choe as the new chair of his Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Former Congressman, Norman Y. Mineta, the first chair of the commission, was recently sworn in as the secretary of the Department of Commerce, the first Asian Pacific American to serve in the U.S. Cabinet. Choe succeeds Secretary Mineta and begins her new responsibilities as chair of the commission that was installed by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala on May 18.

"I am honored that the president has asked me to serve," said Choe, "and I look forward to fulfilling the action-oriented agenda that the commission has set in motion. The Clinton-Gore administration is dedicated to improving the lives of our communities and this commission will get the job done."

Choe, currently a member of the commission, is director of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development of the state of Washington. Prior to her appointment, she served as a member of the Seattle city council, having been elected in 1991 and again in 1995. Previously, Choe was vice president of the Bank of California in commercial lending, credit administration and private banking.

She has been widely recognized for her public service and commitment to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. She has received awards and accolades from *Newsweek* magazine, the *Seattle Chinese Post*, the JACL, the Korean American Professional Society and the Korean American Alliance.

"Martha is a well-known and greatly admired leader in the AAPi community," said Shamina Singh, executive director of the White House Initiative on Asian

Americans and Pacific Islanders. "She has also earned the respect of her fellow commissioners and clearly established herself as a leader."

Choe will begin her duties as chair of the commission as the group prepares its interim report to the president. This report will detail the commission's recommendations for the health and well-being of AAPi communities across the nation. They are also working in conjunction with a Federal Intergovernmental Working Group to address the needs of the almost 10.4 million AAPis living in the United States and the U.S.-associated Pacific Island jurisdictions.

The president's Advisory Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders was created by Executive Order 13125, issued by President Clinton June 7, 1999, to improve the quality of life of AAPis through increased participation in federal programs where they may be underserved. ■

Xerox Gunman Gets Life Without Parole

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—The worst mass killer in Hawaii's history was sentenced Aug. 8 to life in prison without parole for the slayings of his seven Xerox coworkers.

Byran Uyesugi stood without expression, staring straight ahead as Circuit Judge Marie Milks ordered him to spend the rest of his life behind bars. The judge also ordered Uyesugi to pay \$70,500 restitution to the victims' families.

Attorneys for Uyesugi said their client plans to appeal, but wouldn't comment further since they weren't sure they would be the attorneys handling the appeal.

Jurors in June convicted Uyesugi of fatally shooting John Sakamoto, Ronald Kawamae, Ronald Kataoka, Jason Belato, Ford Kanehiro, Melvin Lee and Peter Mark. He fired shots at an eighth man, Steven Matsuda, who was able to escape unhurt.

Uyesugi was sentenced to "life with parole for the attempted murder of Matsuda, who was in court for the sentencing."

"Byran, I hate you for what you have done," Susan Sakamoto said between sobs as she spoke of her husband, John, who she said was "gunned down without warning. You have stolen our lives away and

you can never suffer enough for what you have done."

Reid Kawamae, son of Ron Kawamae, spoke of the intense anger and rage he still feels over the senseless loss of his dad, and how his own 5-year-old son has begun to act out angrily because of the loss of a grandfather he hardly knew.

"I don't think he should ever get out," Kawamae said. "I hope he suffers in jail."

Lorna Kanehiro spoke of how hard it is for her to get up each day since her husband, Ford, was killed for no reason.

"Byran Uyesugi took away my life," she said. "My heart would leap whenever I saw him. He was my life. It's been nine months and I still don't know how to pick up the pieces."

Lynn Kataoka, wife of Ron Kataoka, said it was up to a higher power to dispense justice to Uyesugi.

"Only God can give Byran the punishment he deserves," Kataoka said. "This will be my only comfort."

Uyesugi declined to speak in court, but earlier submitted a two-page letter whose contents weren't revealed, since they are part of a pre-sentencing report state law says must remain confidential.

While Xerox finds comfort in knowing Uyesugi is being held accountable for his crimes, the sentence doesn't erase the loss the company feels for the families of the seven workers who were killed, Xerox Hawaii vice president Glenn Sexton said.

Deputy Prosecutor Chris Van Marter wouldn't comment on whether Uyesugi might have been deterred from seeking deadly revenge if Hawaii had a death penalty, but did say Uyesugi was mistaken for thinking he had some how won because his seven coworkers are dead and he isn't.

"He feels like he won. He didn't win," Van Marter said. "Byran Uyesugi today and the rest of your life, you lose."

"We've said he always felt he was morally justified, so I can't say he thought about what the consequences were or whether or not the death penalty would have made a difference," Defense attorney Jerel Fonseca said.

Fonseca asked the court to show some compassion for Uyesugi, whose mental illness he said also made him a victim in this tragedy.

"In this case there are victims on both sides," Fonseca said. "Mr. Uyesugi is a victim of his own mental disease and condition." ■

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Japanese Community Organizations to Honor Steven J. Doi, Recipient of the *Kunsho*, at Aug. 25 Dinner

The Hokka Nichibei Kai, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the JACL San Francisco chapter, and other community organizations will honor Steven J. Doi at a tribute dinner on Aug. 25 at the Radisson Miyako-Hotel in San Francisco's Japan Town.

Doi, one of San Francisco's most distinguished and civic-minded citizens, received the *Kunsho*, The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette, conferred by His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of his contribution to mutual understanding and the promotion of better relations and friendship between the United States and Japan.

The award was presented to Doi in a private ceremony June 13, at the residence of the consul general of Japan, Nobuaki Tanaka. Along with the award, the consul general presented Doi with the Patent of Decoration, a proclamation signed by the Japanese prime minister, Yoshiro Mori, with the Seal of State



(From left): Sandra Doi, Michael Swan, Sharon Doi, Steven Doi, Nobuaki Tanaka, Charlotte Doi, Steven Doi, Consul General of Japan Nobuaki Tanaka

being affixed to these presents at the imperial palace on April 29.

Doi has been a dedicated supporter of the JACL for many years. He was the co-chair for the committee to raise funds for the Masao Satow Building, national JACL headquarters in San Francisco. In addition, he served as national

JACL 1000 Club chair.

The program will include congratulatory remarks from prominent officials, including Judge Quentin Kopp, and the presentation of proclamations from the state of California and the city of San Francisco. For details, contact Hokka Nichibei Kai, 415/921-1782. ■

WWII Asian, Pacific Islander Vets Saluted for Legendary Valor

The third in a series of salutes to the World War II Asian and Pacific Islander veterans awarded the Medal of Honor for their legendary valor is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 22, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The West Coast banquet luncheon culminates tributes to the 22 heroes that began June 21 with a White House ceremony.

The 100th/442nd MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, the Japanese American National Museum, and more than a dozen more veteran and community groups including organizations representing both Chinese and Filipino Americans, are co-hosting the event. Of the Medal of Honor recipients, 20 are Japanese Americans who served in the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Central Postal Directory, one is a Filipino American who fought with the 7th Infantry, and one is the only Chinese American to have ever been

awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and a veteran of the 34th Infantry Division.

The bravery and sacrifice of these heroic soldiers was not bound by ethnic barriers. Now, 55 years after their battles have passed, these men have received this nation's highest honor for valor.

The events celebrating the long-overdue recognition of the 22 brave soldiers included a June 22 induction into the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon. On Aug. 25-27, these veterans will be honored in Honolulu with a candlelight service at the Punch Bowl Cemetery, a parade and a luncheon.

Co-sponsors of the "Legendary Valor" program also include the Go for Broke National Veterans Association, JACL, the Japanese American Veterans Association, the National Council of AJA Veterans, the National Federation of Filipino American

Associations, the National Japanese American Historical Society, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, and the Organization of Chinese Americans.

Additional co-sponsors are the 100th/442nd Veterans Association, AJA WWII Memorial Alliance, Club 100, the MIS Association of Northern California, MIS Veterans Club of Southern California, Sacramento Nisei Memorial Post 8985 VFW, and more.

Sponsors are invited to help pay for the costs of travel and hotel accommodations for the 22 Medal of Honor recipients and/or their next of kin. Tickets for the "Legendary Valor" event are \$100 per person, and early reservation is encouraged. The Beverly Hilton Hotel is located at Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards. Sponsorship and reservation information is available by calling 310/715-3141. ■

Fresno's Annual Shinzen Run to Be Held Sept. 17

The 15th annual Shinzen Run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, in Woodward Park, Fresno, Calif. The event is presented by the Fresno chapter and the Central California District council of the JACL.

The run benefits the Woodward Park's Japanese (Shinzen) garden and the Central California Nikkei Foundation, a nonprofit organization serving seniors. Last year's event raised over \$7,000, with more than 730 entries. Sponsors, donations of prizes, and volunteers for the event are welcome.

The feature event is the 5-mile run. There is also a 2-mile run, a 2-mile walk and a kids run of 1/4 mile. All entrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

The event will include docent-led tours of the gardens and two performances by the Fresno Gumyo Taiko group, in addition to the race rewards, prize drawings, and post-race refreshments

featuring locally grown fruits.

Entry fees are: \$11 (\$6 for age 9 and under) if mailed in by Sept. 9, \$13 (\$8 for age 9 and under) for walk-in registration/pickup (available Sept. 15-16 at Kitahara Pontiac Buick GMC Inc., 5515 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno), or \$15 (\$10 for age 9 and under) on race day between 6-7:30 a.m. in the Shinzen Garden parking lot. Entry forms are also available at most sporting goods outlets in Fresno.

The day's schedule will be: pre-registration pickup, 6-8 a.m.; age 7-9 kids run, 7:15 a.m.; age 6 and under, 7:18 a.m.; the 2-mile run and 2-mile walk, 7:30 a.m.; and the 5-mile run, 8 a.m.

The park entrance is located on Audubon Drive between Friant Road and Highway 41.

For more information, call Kenneth K. Takeuchi at 559/275-6318, or Darlene Kim or Kathy Hirasuna at 559/292-7037. ■

Twenty-two Students Receive JA Scholarship Fund Award

Twenty-two high school graduates of Japanese ancestry residing in Southern California recently received the coveted Japanese American Scholarship Fund awards, announced Kenji Ito, president. The awards were presented at a luncheon program at the Miyako Inn in Little Tokyo on Aug. 12.

The scholars in alphabetical order are: James Nagao Fujita, Krieger Yukio Fukuda, Allyson Akeko Hoppe, Heather Nagaki Inoue, Fumihide Itokazu, Ryan Y. Iwamoto, Tracey Joy Katagi, Rick Jason Kotani, Anne Yuri Masuda, Michelle Akemi Masuda, Marc Tashio Matoba, Wesley Thomas Matsui, Michael B. Meskin, Shigao Nakajima, Lauren Michiko Nitta,

Aimee Kumiko Shimamoto, Jake Choyei Pinato, Satoshi Victor Tabuchi, Chris Eugh Shioya, Keiki Suzuki, Mariko Mai Tran and Marisa Kawata Watanabe.

Twenty students received \$1,000 each from the fund and two from the Teruo Yoshimoto Trust Fund. The program was emceed by Tatsushi Nakamura, executive vice president of the fund, and congratulatory greetings were extended by Tom Kamei, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Ito and the Japanese consulate general in Los Angeles.

The selection committee members are Ito, Kamei, Nakamura, Yoshimoto, Shinji Abe and Frank Hirata. ■

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Thursday, November 9

DEDICATION CEREMONY 1:00 pm
Memorial site

DEDICATION RECEPTION 7:00 pm
Marriott Wardman Park

Friday, November 10

JA FILM SERIES (two separate shows)
Smithsonian Ripley Center Auditorium

Film Premier by Gayle Yamada 10:00 am
Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties

Films by Robert Nakamura 1:00 pm
Noted JA Documentary film maker

THE MAKING OF AN EXHIBIT: A MORE PERFECT UNION 10:00 am
Smithsonian Museum of American History

PANEL DISCUSSION 1:00 pm
Smithsonian Museum of American History

ARLINGTON CEMETERY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 11:35 am
Arlington National Cemetery

SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 pm
Marriott Wardman Park

GALA DINNER 7:10:00 pm
Featuring performance by Jon Nakamatsu
Marriott Wardman Park

Saturday, November 11

VETERANS BREAKFAST 8:30 am
Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE 11:30 am
Memorial site

MORE PERFECT REUNION 6:00 pm
RECEPTION
Smithsonian Museum of American History

ILETO

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It's important for people not to overlook his ethnicity, Imanuel stressed, because it's the very reason why he was targeted and killed.

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who gave the evening's keynote address, expressed his gratitude to the Iletto family for their community activism in continuing to spread hate crime awareness.

"I want to acknowledge the Iletos and their commitment and their heart," Lockyer said. "They are still making a difference after this tragic event one year later."

"We honor Joseph," he said, "a mailman in a federal uniform of a different racial tone [who was shot] nine times. What a dreadful, cowardly act, one we cannot tolerate and that we must vigorously prosecute."

Stewart Kwah, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), echoed Lockyer's remarks about the Iletos, saying, "When the police called them and many of us found out about what happened to [Joseph], part of our hearts were lost as well. But the family did not just leave. They have looked at what they could do for all of us. Just like reaching out to the Jewish American community, they have reached out to others so that no other family would have to go through what they've gone through."

Along with APALC, the convening organizations which sponsored the vigil included LACCHR's Network Against Hate Crimes, Filipino Civil Rights Advocates, UC Irvine Cross Cultural Center, American Jewish Committee, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, and Southern Christian Leadership Conference-Youth Empowerment Project.

Their participation and support helped to underscore the new community partnerships which have been forged within the past year across ethnic, religious, gender and sexual lines by individuals and groups in Southern California committed to fighting violence and hate.

"It's sad that tragic events have brought us together, but sometimes it takes tragic events to bring us together so that we can move forward," said John Saito, representing the JACL Pacific Southwest District. "I think [this event] shows a united effort to feel compassion for each other and for victims of hate crimes, but also to mobilize people to get our politicians to vote for hate crime bills before Congress."

In addition to Iletto, the candlelight vigil

honored recent hate crime victims Joshua Stepanoff, a 6-year-old who was injured in the North Valley Jewish Center shooting. Thien Minh Ly, a Vietnamese American who was stabbed to death by a white supremacist in 1996, and Chris Lynch, a 16-year-old who was killed in racial gang violence.

Also noted were James D. Byrd, a black man who was dragged to death by three white men in Texas, and Matthew Shepard, a gay college student who was beaten and tied to a fence to die in Wyoming.

"Unfortunately, this county has one of the highest rates of reported hate crimes of any in the United States," said Robin Toma, acting executive director of LACCHR. "But to be fair, this county's high rate of crimes has a lot to do with the fact that for 20 years we've been working with police agencies, schools and community-based organizations to recognize and report hate crimes."

"Our statistics, which record over 40 police agencies in L.A. County, tell us that every single racial group is a target of hate crime perpetrators," Toma said. In 1996, there were 1,000 hate crimes reported in L.A. County. Today, there are well over 800, he said, which averages out to about two incidents per day.

"All communities need to address not only supporting victims in their communities but addressing the sources of hate — be it racism, homophobia or religious bigotry — that exist within our very own communities," Toma said.

Just one day before the vigil, Joseph Iletto's mother, Lillian, along with the parents of three children wounded in last year's shooting spree, filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court suing the gunmakers and sellers of the weapons allegedly used by Furrow.

The lawsuit claims that Glock Inc. and several other manufacturers and distributors of guns found in Furrow's possession are partially responsible for Iletto's death and the wounding of those at the community center.

Furrow, a former Olympia, Wash., resident, is a convicted felon with a history of mental instability who should not have been allowed to own semiautomatic and assault-style weapons, said Joshua Horwitz, the attorney representing the families.

"It's not good enough to let guns go out of your factory door and say, 'Sorry, we don't know where they're headed,'" he said. "Companies like Glock need to make sure the retail purchaser is the end purchaser and not turn their back on the distribution of deadly weapons."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

HONDA

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ment in our community."

But one sticking point within the APA community is Honda's introduction of Assembly Joint Resolution 27, a nonbinding resolution calling for the Japanese government to apologize for its wartime atrocities and to offer compensation.

Civil Rights Attorney Angela Oh, who served as an advisory board member for the President's Initiative on Race, had mixed reactions to A/JR 27. Although Oh, who organized a fund-raiser for Honda, praised him for being "tremendously courageous," she also questioned the role of a state legislature taking on such an issue.

"I think it was important to have the capacity to do something after introducing a resolution like that because effectively, what you've done is you've drawn attention to this wound among our people historically and you're not in a position to do anything to now make reconciliation happen," said Oh. "It would have been very important for that second step to have taken place because now you've exposed an issue which nobody is happy about."

Warren Furutani, assistant to the California Assembly Speaker, Antonio R. Villarreal, voiced similar sentiment, saying he had differences with Honda over how to approach the subject, but added that he supports Honda because his intent was sound and just.

"Although people might say this took place a long time ago in another part of the world, the immigrants from those countries have come here with family members who remember those things that happened during World War II," said Furutani. "Just as our community remembers what took place when we were in camp, there is no way of avoiding the issue and ignoring it. It is here on our shores."

Furutani noted that both parties will pour resources into this tight race and felt the margin of victory will be based on community support. "That's our challenge," said Furutani. "The challenge is to get everyone involved and push him over the top."

Calling Honda's move on A/JR 27 "gutty," actor George Takei pointed out that Honda is not a single-issue candidate and that critics, especially JA critics, should educate themselves on the rest of Honda's track record.

"Mike spearheaded the effort to get \$1 million for the Japanese American National Mu-

seum two years in a row," said Takei, JANM board chair. "We again tried to have that kind of funding this year, but Mike was involved in the congressional campaign and it didn't happen, so we can see the difference that Mike makes."

"In terms of the leadership on the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, he was the one who spearheaded that and conceived of that for California."

Bill Watanabe, executive director of the Los Angeles-based Little Tokyo Service Center, also described Honda's action as "gutty." "Other people think there was a more indirect way of doing this, but Mike is not an indirect kind of person," said Watanabe. "He makes statements that may not rub everybody the right way, but at least he's out there fighting for things that are principled."

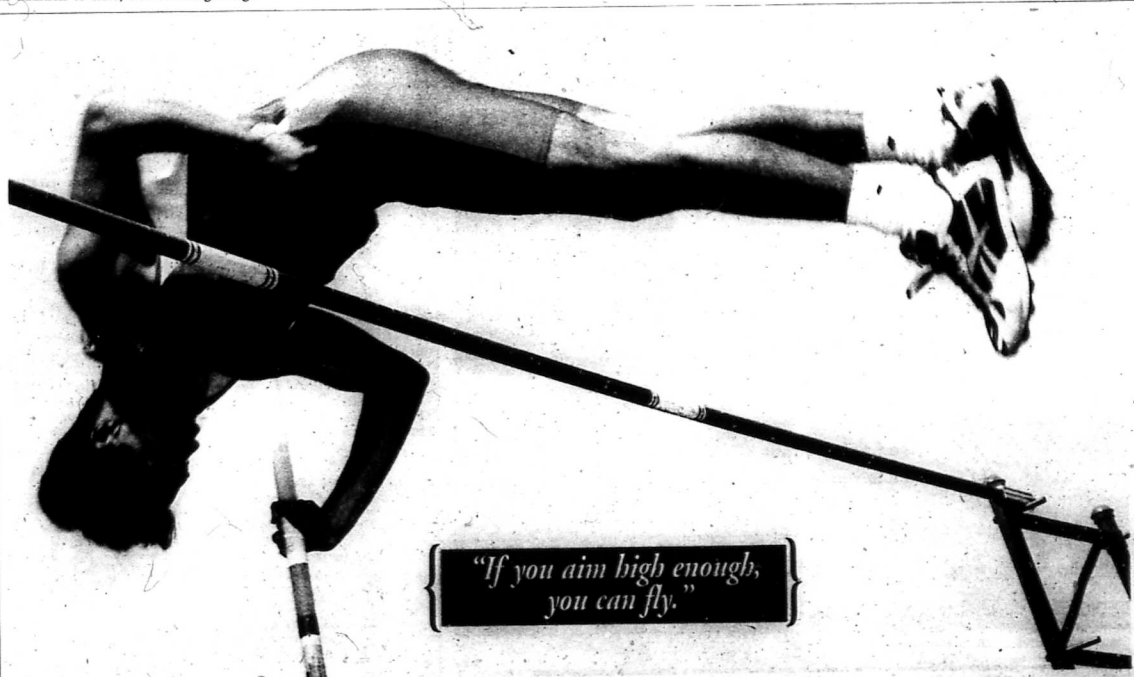
Watanabe's key reason for supporting Honda was his accessibility. "Even though he doesn't represent Los Angeles, he's accessible to a wide range of people, including people like myself, so as a congressman, I feel he'd be the same way."

Attorney Mike Yamamoto, who gained national prominence as a commentator during the O.J. Simpson trial, gave the analogy that if a German American denied the discussion of the Nazi Holocaust as Germany bashing, the "German American community would lose credibility in the collective American community and internationally." He drew the same conclusion with the JA community, saying that if the community hides from it, "it makes the entire Japanese American community look as if they're in mass denial."

He did concede that there may be some degree of backlash against APAs, but rather than run from it, Yamamoto felt the JAs needed to fight harder to have the APA voice accepted by the general public.

"The Japanese American community needs to stand up, and by doing so, I think we stand up for every Asian Pacific American community. We can demonstrate that the glory of a national history is not as important as the truth, not as important as accepting responsibility and facing history. If we can do that, maybe we can reconcile a lot of different issues that exist in the community. But more importantly, I think we have to stand up to the international community and say that our position is a principled one."

Yamada added, "What is lost on these single-issue focuses is the long history of commitment and principled legislation. In my point of view, he's taken positions that have been sensible, progressive and necessary."



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From the Midwest

By Bill Yoshino
Midwest Regional Director

This Land is Your Land

Last week while waiting for the start of a news conference I participated in on the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, I was reading the newspaper and came upon an excerpt from the speech made by Hadassah Lieberman on the selection of her husband, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, as the Democratic nominee for vice president.

Mrs. Lieberman, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, came to the United States at the age of 3. She said that she stands in the place of all immigrants and ended her speech by saying, "this land is your land." In a larger sense, that's what the Hate Crimes Prevention Act is all about.

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which hopefully will be considered by the House after Labor Day, will strengthen and expand existing federal hate crime legislation. Most of us have not been victimized by a hate crime, but we certainly have heard about hate crimes committed against Asian Americans. The insidious nature of hate crimes is that while they may victimize an individual, they are attacks on groups and communities.

All of us understand the consequences of hate. In 1942, our parents, or our grandparents, were forced into concentration camps and in so doing, our government in effect said, "this land is not your land." A little over a year ago in April of 1999, Naoki Kamijima, a Japanese immigrant, was tending his general store in Crystal Lake, Illinois, when a man walked in and without saying a word shot and killed him. It was later learned that the offender had previously entered another store and asked the employees to

identify their ethnic backgrounds. He left the store saying "This is your lucky day," whereupon he went to Naoki's store. The assailant was caught a few days later and the McHenry County state's attorney charged him with murder and a hate crime. The assailant's actions also said, "this land is not your land."

The news conference to promote the passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act was organized by a number of groups in Chicago as part of a larger campaign called UnitedAgainstHate. UnitedAgainstHate (check out its impressive website UnitedAgainstHate.org) supports the organizing efforts of individuals and organizations around the nation who want to enact the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The effort is organized by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the oldest and largest civil rights coalition in the United States.

At the Chicago news conference, a presentation was made by Michael Messing, the first person Benjamin Smith shot at during his two-state shooting spree a year ago when he killed two people and wounded a number of others. Messing described the terror of looking down the barrel of a gun when he realized that Smith was shooting at him and his son as they returned from Temple.

Naoki's widow, Cindi, also participated. She said, "My children and I are survivors of a horrific tragedy. It is important for Congress to pass legislation to strengthen hate crime laws because these crimes target groups of people. Naoki shouldn't have been killed because he was Japanese or because he looked different. But our lives are changed because of that." ■

Legacy

By Ryan Chin, V.P. Public Affairs

Preserving Memories, Preserving a Legacy

thing I heard repeatedly at convention. The JACL is a huge family that will sometimes fight, disagree, and argue. In this family, it is inevitable that there will be certain issues that other members support that we will not like, but in the end we always come back together. Please help preserve the memories of those family members by submitting a piece to the PC.

The JACL will never forget those that have given so much to it. The JACL will always love those that have given so much to it. I will always love those that have given so much to the JACL.

Shigeko Uno

Strong. Strong businesswoman, strong voice, and strong leader. How else can you describe Shigeko Uno? After becoming active in the

JACL 64 years ago, Shigeko has never stopped contributing to the community.

Upon returning from World War II, Uno worked as the business

manager for Rainier Heat and Power, in charge of handling accounts for the majority of Seattle's Chinatown. Utilizing the network of people she met during her 28 years with the firm, she became a leader in the Asian Pacific American community.



Uno's friendships with many of JACL's local leaders, along with the organization's outstanding reputation, prompted her involvement. In 1948, she would serve as the first female president of the Seattle chapter of JACL. Her contributions during these critical rebuilding years following WWII still represent one of her biggest JACL accomplishments. Currently she serves on the Seattle chapter's Annual Installation Banquet, its largest annual fund-raiser.

Uno's greatest JACL memories center around the 1988 JACL national convention held in Seattle. The many hours that the local members labored organizing and putting on the event were stressful, but they also provided a great deal of fun and lifetime memories. Also included in her favorite JACL memories are the many visits to Seattle by Mike Masukawa.

However, Uno has volunteered in many more APA groups than just JACL. Aside from her JACL leadership positions, she has been actively involved in Nikkei Concerns, helping provide adequate facilities for older Nikkei. Furthermore, her contributions to the International District Economic Association, Inter-Community Development Association, and Seattle Chinatown/International District Preservation and Development Authority helps ensure that Seattle's International District/Chinatown remains as a precious landmark for all to enjoy. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Re: "Getting on With Life"

I enjoy reading Bill Hosokawa's "From the Frying Pan" column and glad to see he is still writing. His latest piece "Getting On With Life" (P.C. July 14-20) traces apologies to Japanese Americans by six different U.S. presidents as a result of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of the infamous E.O. 9066.

Hosokawa writes "that FDR signed E.O. 9066 'out of ignorance and expediency nearly 60 years ago.' To that should be added the possibility of racism. This is evidenced by his nine 'Roosevelt Says' columns he wrote for the *Macon Daily Telegraph* beginning April 16, 1925. His writings reveal deep-rooted anti-Asian feelings especially towards the Japanese."

Among what he wrote was that the Japanese were "not capable of assimilation into the American population" when in fact it was American hatred that did so. To him miscegenation resulted in "most unfortunate results" and that Eurasians were looked down upon by Europeans and Americans. He concluded it was necessary to exclude the Japanese due to "undesirability of mixing the blood of two peoples."

It is also interesting to read about FDR in Robert S. Stinnett's book "Day of Deceit: The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor." There is a chapter discussing the "Eight Action Memorandum" which was the overall strategic plan which FDR and his staff drew up and put into effect to provoke Japan into attacking and declaring war against the United States.

This plan resulted in what the book claims was FDR's knowledge of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japanese armed forces on December 7, 1941. The plan also had the desired secondary effect of uniting and awakening the American people for war.

What can be said of FDR is that he was an unfortunate product of his era when anti-Asian racism was at its highest in America.

Hosokawa concludes by querying "when are some of us going to stop bitching about the injustice of the evacuation and get on with life."

But to get on with life there is the other side of this admonishment. There are the mixed feelings of the victims as to the forgiveness of the injustice and to never forget that injustice for

120,000 reasons. To forget this past injustice may result in its happening to another group merely by a president's signature on another executive order.

Stanley N. Kanyaki
New York

Re: "The Last Hurrah"

"Hurrah" to Bill Marutani for remembering the efforts of Mike Masaoka, who brought together a select committee consisting of Toro Hirose, Joe Ichijiro, Ben Obata, Key Kobayashi and Orville Shirey. This original nucleus worked sincerely and tirelessly, traveling, meeting to get support for the now real National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMP). Toro, Ben, and Key have since passed on.

Having been chairman of the efforts to organize the Washington, D.C., chapter and the Arlington National Cemetery committee, I saw firsthand the many hours Mike put in to get legislation through Congress from which we are all benefitting.

In closing, let's all stick together and support Mike's past efforts. His name deserves to be included on his "last hurrah" so that future JAs can proudly see and touch it like the Vietnam Memorial. ■

Jack Hirose
Chevy Chase, Md.

Reader Supports Inclusion of Masaoka's Creed

I support the inclusion of Mike Masaoka's "creed" because this move will permanently record the humiliation imposed by the government on Japanese Americans in order for us to simply survive. Not just to be acceptable, but to survive.

At that time during WWII we had no rights as American citizens, regardless of the Constitution. The recorded "creed" will permanently show how future generations just how great was our despair and suffering and just how low we were forced to grovel.

One can only speculate as to Mike's motives in creating the "creed." With a clever turn of words and indirection, he gave the appearance of bending and

accepting humiliation. But, for what purpose? I speculate that he was to gain time, so that the Nisei could go out and die and thus show the American people that we were superior in spirit and soul to those who hated and incarcerated us.

Was that strategy successful? I think "yes," as evidenced by where America is today. ■

Mooney Kajima
New York

West Coast Nikkei, '42-'45

I am seeking information about persons of Japanese ancestry who were exempt from relocation or internment, and had special U.S. government permission to remain in California, Oregon or Washington in 1942-'45.

I am particularly interested in such persons who may have been associated with my father, Rex Tussing, in connection with the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service (FBIS), Office of War Information (OWI), Office of Strategic Services (OSS), or military intelligence during World War II.

Please contact Arlon R. Tussing at P.O. Box 1380, Mercer Island, WA 98040; 206/ 275-0655; e-mail Tussing@alcyon.com.

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UH-Manoa Named Best College Campus for Asian Americans

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—A national magazine has named the University of Hawaii at Manoa the best college campus in the country for Asian Americans.

The Manoa campus topped a list of 25 schools that were selected from hundreds of colleges and universities surveyed by *AM* magazine.

The university won high marks for having the largest percentage of Asian Pacific American students and best overall student diversity.

The magazine said APAs make up 71 percent of the student body on the Manoa campus, 29 percent of tenured faculty and 66 percent of high-level administrators.

Other schools making the list of 25 include Polytechnic University of New York, Cornell University, Stanford University, the University of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and several campuses in the University of California system. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Maile Nishino.

Rikimaru, Hana, 95, Los Angeles, August 4; Fukuoka-ken-born; survived by sons Satoshi Arthur and wife Yukie, Yasuyoshi Ronald and wife Ruri; daughters Masako Yusa, Yuri Okida; daughter-in-law Aiko; 11gc; 12 ggc.

Saisho, Taira Tee, 76, Los Angeles, August 5; survived by daughters Patti Shannon, Theresa K.; brother Ted; sisters Nobuko Masaki, Helen Yamada, Masako Ishikawa; predeceased by wife Flora.

Sakata, Sadame, 97, Los Angeles, August 3; Kumamoto-ken-born; survived by son Hiroshi and wife Sadako.

Tamura, Faith Y., Culver City, August 9; Portland, Ore.-born; survived by daughter Peggy Ishida and husband Sam; 2 gc; sisters-in-law Margaret Keimi, Alice Okuda, Chiyoiko Tamura.

Tamura, Helen Taniguchi, 78, Oregon City, Ore., July 29; The Dalles, Ore.-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by husband Kaz; son Paul and wife Laura; daughter Pam Oja and husband Mike; 3 gc; sisters Mable Thugawa (Woodland, Wash.), Yuriko Tamoto (Vancouver, BC-Canada).

Tsujimoto, Fumiko, 86, Las Vegas, Nev., August 6; Oakland-born, formerly of Hayward; survived by daughter Janet Yee; 2 gc; brothers Mas, Michael and Richard Maruyama; sisters Norma, Yeniko and Mitsuko Maruyama; predeceased by brother Tom T. Maruyama.

Yamassaki, Ronald Shigeru, 67, Glendale, August 4; Sacramento-born; survived by wife Atsuko; sons Brian and wife Susan, Thomas and wife Andrea, Toshio; 5 gc; brother Burt and wife Fujiko; sister Irene Sahara and husband Henry; brother-in-law Eiro Yamamura and wife Tyoko of Japan.

Yoshinaga, Kenneth M., 76, Parker, Colo., July 9; Oahu-born; survived by wife Masuko; sons Arthur, Edward, David. ■

DEATH NOTICE

CHIYO MOROHASHI

HATTORI

Chiyo Morohashi Hattori, 73, passed away. Beloved wife of George Nobutaka Hattori; mother of Dr. Vernon Takao (Jennifer Benson) Hattori; grandmother of Anzaki, Alisse, and Audrey Hattori; sister of Kiyo (Masahiko) Morohashi; sister-in-law of Tsuyu (Haruo Harry) Hamada, Aiko Hattori, and Mary Katsuki (Masao Paul) Usui; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Private funeral service was held on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Green Hills Memorial Chapel, under the direction of Fukui Mortuary with a minister from Zenshuji Soto Mission officiating.

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Asia Foundation Appoints Tami Adachi Associate Director, Marketing and Communications

The Asia Foundation of San Francisco recently appointed Tami Adachi associate director, marketing and communications. Adachi will be responsible for developing marketing and communications plans, external communications and media relations.

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization working to advance the

mutual interests of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region.

Adachi is a native of Oakland and a graduate of California State University at Hayward.

The Asia Foundation was founded in 1954. It has a network of 14 offices in Asia, an office in Washington, D.C., and headquarters in San Francisco. ■

MINETA

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really do when it comes to voting? If you look at their voting record when it comes to civil rights, look at their voting on immigration, look at their voting on English-as-a-second-language, or in terms of bilingual education, ... there's a big difference," said Mineta.

Citing Bill Lann Lee, who was recently named the U.S. assistant attorney general for civil rights, Mineta praised President Clinton and his administration for supporting and appointing a greater number of minorities in federal positions of government than any other before him.

Mineta further urged the APIA

delegates to recruit greater numbers of Democratic voters and to continue being assertive so that we can develop the kind of doubt that will help our communities.

Even amidst the 1996 Democratic fund-raising scandals, in which several AAs were accused of making illegal contributions, Mineta said, "We have always been tapped for our financial resources, but not for our human resources."

This election is a critical juncture, he stressed. Hanging in the balance is whether the Democrats retain control of the Senate and House, which will ultimately help ensure that APAs are represented and have their voices heard. "Individually, we don't carry that much weight," he said. "But collectively we do." ■

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that," he said. "No two people think alike. Both Mr. Lieberman as well as the rest of us will take our lead from where Al Gore stands."

Lon Hatamiya, Secretary of California Trade and Commerce Agency, voiced similar sentiment. "The Democratic Party is open to everyone and all points of views, and I think that is what adds to his being on the ticket. He may not totally agree with the vice president but he'll give the vice president various options. That is what is so important about having an inclusive party and not just being lock step in the same line of the same people like our opponents are."

John Chiang, member of the California Board of Equalization and a rising star in California politics, felt having differences was healthy for the democratic process. "We have wide-open intellectual discussion because we have inclusiveness," said Chiang. "When we convey it, it may look to people like we disagree but this is America. It's healthy to disagree, and Joseph Lieberman represents the best of what we're trying to do with future generations."

On Voter Turnout in November

November 2000 will be the first presidential election following the campaign finance scandal and the Wen Ho Lee espionage controversy. While these issues have cast a negative spotlight on the APA community, APA leaders felt there was minimal damage and urged APAs to come out to the polls this fall to make their voices heard.

Paul Iwasaki also felt both parties shared the blame on the campaign finance fiasco but personal experience has made it clear to him that the Clinton/Gore administration was more open to APAs. "I was a lobbyist for JACL during the Bush administration, and we pushed very hard on many issues. One of them was to stop discrimination in the fishing industry in Northern California.... They responded but it took a lot more work," said Iwasaki. "In this administration, the people who make decisions are in touch with the community, and they act before they're contacted by the community. That's the big difference."

California Assemblyman George Nakano criticized the Republican Congress in connection to the campaign finance scandal.

"I think given the fact that it was the Republicans who were pushing the scandal and ignoring some of

the wrongdoing you found with non-Asian contributions, I think it's quite obvious to many Asian Americans that it was a Republican political agenda," said Nakano.

Mike Honda, California Assemblyman and candidate for the 15th Congressional District race, felt the flap over the campaign finance was over. "There's no chill anymore," said Honda. "I think we worked really hard to let the Asian Americans know that participation is critical in all our races, from the school board to the presidency. And if you look around the states, there are Asian Americans participating in great numbers."

Underwood said he was "very comfortable with the Democratic Party's response" to the campaign finance scandal, saying "We're over that." But he blamed the Republicans for fanning anti-Asian sentiment in connection to the espionage allegations.

"It was the Republican Congress that brought up and pumped up the notion that there was foreign involvement in the so-called breaches at the Department of Energy," said Underwood. "So I think we ought to take a long, hard look at how they're framing the issues."

Bob Kent, Calif., D-3rd, said, "I believe the Asian Americans will come out in unprecedented numbers partly because of this," referring to the scandal. "I have not heard from any community so far as my constituents are concerned, they are not affected by this."

Congressman Robert Matsui

came down hard on the Republican-led Congress, blaming them for the espionage scare that targeted APAs. He likened the current situation to his own childhood experience when he and his parents were herded into U.S. concentration camps for being of Japanese descent.

"In 1998, Newt Gingrich, as the leader of the Republican Party said he was going to use the China card to win the 1998 election," said Matsui. "And you all know the consequences of that, from the Cox Report to ultimately the Wen Ho Lee case. So that's what we're talking about in the year 2000. We're not talking about little games like who's ahead and who's behind. We're talking about something fundamental in America, that if you're a citizen, you're entitled to due process. That if you're a citizen of our country, you're entitled to all the rights guaranteed in the United States Constitution."

Congressman David Wu, D-Oregon, encouraged APAs to continue making their voices heard in the political process. "The way Asian American voters and political activists should react is to step forward and not back because I think this is a situation where more representation would have helped in both the campaign finance and Wen Ho Lee cases."

The Wen Ho Lee scandal also hit home for Ben Wong, mayor pro tem for West Covina, Calif., when he telephoned one of his constituents and was told, "Funny, you don't sound like a Wong" and that a Wong spoke "usually with

an accent but you sound so American."

"As I think about that, I worry that I'm not a big step from that mentality to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II," said Wong, a native-born American. "If we got into a conflict with mainland China, would someone question my loyalty? When I talk about my country, would people think the U.S. or China? I think this is why it's important to take these kinds of opportunities to show how we are a big part of this American society. The political reality is that if we don't vote, we don't have a place at the table."

"This is the very reason our people need to come out and vote, because our voices need to be heard," said Sandra King, national director for APIA outreach for Governor Lieberman 2000. "We need to send the message that we are a political force in this democracy."

Hawaii Gov. Benjamin Cayetano agreed. "Asian Americans make up a relatively small percentage of the total population of America. However, this election promises to be a close one, and one in which the smallest voting blocks could actually make quite a difference. That places a greater importance on the Asian American vote this year," said Cayetano.

Carel Liu, who is running for a California Assembly seat, also urged participation. "There are a lot of Asians on the ballot across the country so if we vote, we can make some significant changes."

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fore," said Fugh.

Politicians and delegates alike were kept busy with a string of events. The APIA Caucus held daily morning briefings, while the rest of the day was packed with functions such as Congressman Robert Matsui's reception, the Japanese American National Museum's gala dinner, the Korean Community luncheon, South Asian American Vote 2000 dinner, Filipino Democrats welcome reception, the Little Tokyo Tofu Festival and a fund-raiser for Washington Gov. Gary Locke by Christopher Lee, the highest ranking Asian American executive in Hollywood, to name just a few. Squeezed in between these events, APA delegates found time to attend the DNC convention at the Staples Center.

Capturing every moment of APA history in the making were minority media outlets, which the Democratic Party brought into the fold — a far cry from the past when political convention coverage was the sole domain of the mainstream media elite.

APA faces were also visible out in the streets, where APA protesters had a packed calendar including "Free Wen Ho Lee" and "Stop Sweatshops, Amnesty for Immigrants" rallies. ■

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