



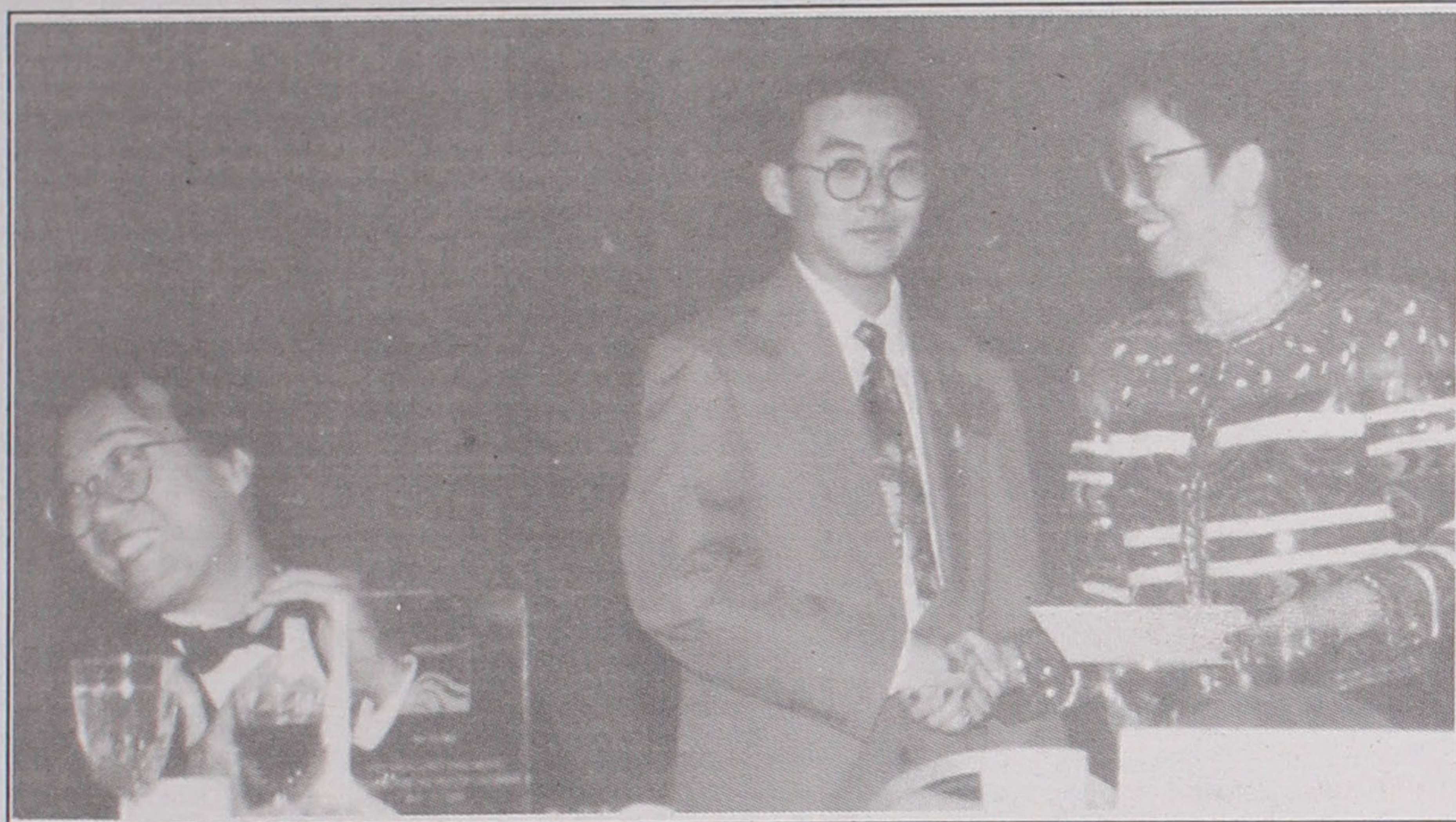
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## Congratulations

Eight Asian Americans were honored for their accomplishments at the "Excellence 2000" awards, May 11, in Washington, D.C. Susan Au Allen, president of the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, greets one of the award winners, Hamilton Tran. At left is cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Story: page 4.

## Furor

San Jose, Calif., African American councilwoman, who makes remarks about Latinos, Asian Americans and gays, is urged to resign

### Staff report

After making remarks about minorities that many believe objectionable, Kathy Cole, the only African American member of the San Jose, Calif., city council is being pressured to step down from her position.

Cole, 46, faces a possible recall and has been officially condemned by all 10 of her colleagues on the council, according to a May 27 Los Angeles Times report.

The remarks, made at a recent black workshop, were aimed at Latinos, Asian Americans and homosexuals, whom Cole characterized as enjoying preferential treatment at San Jose City Hall.

According to the Times, Cole said Latinos were "tenacious as pit bulls" and, using her fingers to pull her eyes into slits, said of Asians: "If you get up and slant your eyes, you might get something out of the deal."

That incident, recorded on videotape and later televised, created furor in the community. The reaction included an African American organization which called her a bigot and demanded her resignation.

A number of groups have called for her resignation, including the San Jose Chapter, JACL. President Tom Nishisaka told Pacific Citizen that he sent a letter to that effect June 1.

Rep. Norman Mineta of San Jose, who called Cole's remarks "outrageous," also called for her resignation, as did two other local organizations, the Asian Law Alliance and the Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

Among African American community leaders, opinions are divided. Some believe that the community should forgive Cole and move on, while others believe that her bigotry cannot be tolerated.

Cole at first said she was misinterpreted, then later issued an apology—but has refused to resign.

"The only consolation I have," Cole said in the Times article, "is that I know who I am. I know that I generally love people."

Cole successfully won her first bid for public office in a part of San Jose in which Latinos and Asian Americans outnumber blacks nine to one.

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## CCDC concerned over renaming highway for Pearl Harbor survivors

### Staff report

The Central California District, JACL, has expressed its concerns over the renaming of a section of California State Highway 99 as the "Pearl Harbor Survivors Memorial Highway."

Elisa Kamimoto, CCDC regional director, wrote a letter May 17 to State Sen. Don Rogers, who introduced the measure (CSR 13) that would designate the 45-mile stretch of Highway 99 between the cities of Tulare and Fresno in honor of the group which has been congressionally recognized.

In her letter, Kamimoto said, "A direct result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was the unjust incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of whom were American citizens. We cannot ignore

the emotions that Pearl Harbor continues to evoke in many Americans, as anti-Asian sentiment and violence continues to rise.

"It is commendable to pay honor to those who fought for their country. However, it is essential that we pay tribute in a way that does not inflame emotions or place undue emotional burden on a group of innocent people."

Kamimoto also faxed the letter to the members of the California State Senate Transportation Committee who on May 18 voted on and passed the measure. Seven members voted in favor of the measure, four abstained, which constituted "no" votes.

In a May 19 response, Rogers said, "I introduced this resolution at the request of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and

it is co-authored by Sen. Ken Maddy and Assemblymen Jim Costa, Trice Harvey and Bill Jones, all representatives of the affected area. The measure is not intended to bring concern or upset to any individual or group. Instead, it is intended to honor those members of the United States armed forces who were present at Pearl Harbor on the seventh of December, 1941. A number of American servicemen were killed and many were wounded. The Pacific Fleet of the United States was severely damaged in the attack

"While I can understand your concern as Japanese Americans about the subsequent incarceration of some 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, I need not remind you

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## Wards Cove repeal introduced in Senate

The Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, which would repeal the special exemption placed on the Native Alaskan and Asian Pacific American plaintiffs in the Wards Cove employment discrimination case by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 was introduced May 27 in the U.S. Senate.

While calling the original Civil Rights Act "historic," co-sponsor Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wa.) said, "It is a very simple bill, really. It is designed to ensure that we are all treated equally under the Civil Rights Act of 1991."

Other sponsors to the bill include: Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.), Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.).

Kennedy said, "The act has been drafted to ensure that it doesn't conflict with current U.S. Supreme Court deliberations on the entire Civil Rights Act. Our legislation is carefully drafted so that it will not affect the outcome of that litigation," said Kennedy. "Whatever the

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## Act gains wide support

JACL and other Asian Pacific American groups supported the recent introduction of the Justice for Wards Cove Act into the Senate. Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, urged Congress to "swiftly pass the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, especially in light of President Clinton's strong support for the bill."

Phil Tajitsu Nash, executive director, Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, said, "We are pleased that Senators Murray and Kennedy are helping to rectify this terrible injustice, and hope that their colleagues on both sides of the aisle will recognize the importance of these

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## Witness will lie, says defense in Arizona temple murder trial

Refuting the prosecution assertion that Jonathan Doody killed nine people at a Thai Buddhist temple outside of Phoenix, Ariz., in August, 1991, defense attorney Peter Balkan charged May 21 that prosecutors bought key witness, Alessandro Garcia, and that without his testimony, there is no case.

According to the Phoenix Gazette, Balkan said, "They

bought (Garcia) by virtually putting a gun to his head and telling him the only way he could live was to testify in this case."

The defense attorney said that the only evidence which ties Doody to the murders is Garcia's testimony. Garcia, who is testifying against Doody as part of a plea-bargain agreement, is expected to testify that Doody was the triggerman.

"Jonathan told police officers he was there at the temple ... but never, ever said he shot anybody," said Balkan.

The defense attorney also asserted that the police investigators mishandled the case. Prior to Doody and Garcia's arrest, four Tucson men were arrested in connection with the case and later released because of lack of evidence.

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## Lawyer organizations meet to call for minority nomination to Supreme Court

Minority bar associations, meeting in Washington, D.C., May 19 to discuss common goals and problems, urged President Clinton to nominate a minority to the U.S. Supreme Court and called for greater diversity in the federal and state judiciary and the Department of Justice.

The group, consisting of members of the National Asian Pacific Bar Association (NAPABA), Native American Bar Association (NABA), Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) and National Bar Association, met for the first time in a meeting entitled, "A Common Vision."

Allen Webster Jr., president, NBA, said, "This summit marks the beginning of true unity among the four minority bar associations and significant beachhead to attack the problem of bias and prejudice in the legal profession, the judicial system, and our coun-

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## JACL supports nomination of Guinier to assistant attorney general position

JACL came out May 30 in support of the nomination of Lani Guinier, for assistant attorney general for civil rights. Guinier has been the focus of criticism because of her liberal views on affirmative action and voting rights.

JACL, in supporting Guinier, joined a coalition of civil rights organizations which include: the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, NAACP, National Asian

Pacific Legal Consortium, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, AFL-CIO, National Women's Law Center, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Defending Guinier against claims that she favors minorities, Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said, "Asian Pacific Americans have suffered under discriminatory quotas imposed as ceilings. We

oppose these quotas and would not support Ms. Guinier if we had any reason to believe she was a 'Quota Queen.'"

Guinier is currently a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania. She also served in the Carter administration. The nomination makes her the first woman and the second African American selected for the position. If approved, Guinier would become the nation's top civil rights attorney.

## Mineta honored with Ellis Island award

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) was among those recently honored with the Ellis Island Medal of Honor by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations in New York City.

The yearly awards are intended to honor successful Americans who have contributed to national identity while still preserving the distinct values and heritage of their ancestors.

The congressman joined more than 120 distinguished Americans who have received the award, including Rep. John Murtha (D-Pa.); entertainers Gloria Estefan and Edward James Olmos; broadcast executive Percy Sutton; and Asian Pacific Americans such as Fili-

pino American businessman Dado Banatao, Korean American community leader Sadye Sinn Olivieri; and Asian Indian journalist Brij Lal. A special posthumous award was given to the late tennis star Arthur Ashe.

"Of all the honors I have received, this one is special," Mineta said. "Asian immigrants like my parents from Japan, may have arrived on the West Coast, but Ellis Island remains a powerful symbol of every American's immigrant journey. As a person from immigrant stock, we have all passed through Ellis Island, no matter from what shore we began, no matter on what shore we landed."



NORMAN MINETA

## Nikkei selected for U.S. attorney post

Michael Yamaguchi, a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office, has been selected to succeed John Mendez as the next U.S. attorney for Northern California, according to a report in the San Francisco Chronicle.

If approved, Yamaguchi will become one of the highest ranking Asian Americans in the U.S. Justice Department, overseeing an office of 90 lawyers. Yamaguchi's name was submitted to the Clinton Administration by Sen. Barbara Boxer, and the Chronicle reported that he also received key

support from Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Cal.) and Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii). Clinton has come under heavy criticism because of the lack of Asian American appointments and a recommendation from the president is expected shortly.

Yamaguchi's task according to Chronicle sources will be to increase major prosecutions and improve office morale as well as rein in budget expenditures. Currently, he is working on a federal investigation of a Dallas tycoon who allegedly swindled \$85 mil-

lion from a San Francisco payroll-tax processing firm.

George Walker, a San Francisco lawyer, said of Yamaguchi, "He has the ability to really define a case for what it's worth. Many prosecutors overcharge (to secure at least one felony conviction). He doesn't do that. He doesn't go forward with an empty case."

Yamaguchi received a law degree from the University of San Francisco and a master's degree in tax law from New York University.

## HIGHWAY

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that many of the young men of military age in that group went on to fight for the United States, and many lost their lives or suffered painful wounds in so doing. The attack on Pearl Harbor is a significant part of our nation's history, and I believe that it is fitting and right to honor the memory of the men who were present at the attack nearly 52 years ago and

survived to fight for their country. "Thank you for expressing your concern. I can understand your feelings. But I intend to go forward with this measure, and I feel sure that the vast majority of my fellow legislators agree with me on this..."

Kamimoto told Pacific Citizen that the resolution was scheduled to move on to the Senate Appropriations Committee June 3, which would likely approve it because signage costs would be privately funded. From there, it will

be scheduled to go before the full Senate, and from there to the Assembly.

Area chapters have been urged to write to their respective senators, but Kamimoto emphasized that JACL was not objecting to the measure but simply expressing concern that the Pearl Harbor incident and the subsequent internment of Japanese Americans are sensitive issues.

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## Stanford Nikkei worker victim of racial threats

Despite the apparent safety of a college campus, a Japanese American worker at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) has found himself the victim of an escalating series of racial threats and malicious harassment.

Chuck Taniguchi, a storeroom manager for SLAC, came to work May 17 and found a knife stuck in his office door and the words "Go home Jap" written on the chalkboard. There was also spit on the doorknob, documents slashed and a picture of Cesar Chavez had been taken down.

According to the *Hokubei Mainichi*, Taniguchi said that prior to the most recent attack he found spit on his doorknob and nails were driven into his tires, which caused him to have a blow-out on the highway.

Tom Matteoli, Stanford director of employee relations and development, said that SLAC and the university are doing everything they can to find the perpetrator.

"We're very serious about getting to the bottom of this," said Matteoli, speaking to the *Pacific Citizen*. "We don't condone this kind of behavior and are, as any employer, doing the best we can to

provide security." Matteoli said that Taniguchi is on administrative leave and that there are currently two detectives from the San Mateo Sheriff's office investigating the case full-time.

In the *Hokubei* article, Taniguchi said, "I'm starting to realize that this comes more now as personal retaliation, it comes down to race, rather than a personal conflict which I wasn't even aware of. I'm very emotionally upset about this."

Matteoli wouldn't go into the specifics of the investigation or the possibility that a Stanford employee committed the crime. He said to his knowledge, such a hate crime hadn't occurred at Stanford or SLAC in recent memory. The employee relations director said there have been other recent incidents at SLAC, but is not sure if they are related.

"There have been a couple other instances at SLAC of janitors lockers being broken into, officers' lockers broken into," said Matteoli. But he said that none of these break-ins showed evidence of racial targeting.

"This is most disturbing," said Matteoli, "And we need to stop it."

## Student suspended for remarks

A 17-year-old MountainView High, Calif., student was suspended for shouting racist remarks at a group of students from Japan, according to a *Hokubei Mainichi* story.

The youth was heard by the school's principal, Steve Hope, yelling the slur "Nips" at the visiting students from Iwata Minami High School March 22.

The Mountain View student, whose name was withheld, was suspended from school for five days and placed on social proba-

tion, which disqualified him from playing on the baseball team.

Hugh Ridell, assistant principal who imposed the disciplinary action, said, "We are not represented well by people who yell racial epithets."

According to the *Hokubei*, Hope said that many students and staff approved of the action. Baseball coach Larry Vilaubi, however, said that he had lost one of his best pitchers, but added that "As an educator, I think it was absolutely the right thing to do."

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# 8 Asian Americans honored at Excellence 2000 ceremony

Eight Asian Americans were honored for outstanding achievements at the Excellence 2000 scholarship program held May 11 in Washington, D.C.

The event, attended by approximately 500 Americans from across the country, was sponsored by the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC), a national non-profit organization representing Asian American professionals.

The eight award winners were, in alphabetical order, Kavelle Bajaj, president, I-Net, Inc., Bethesda, Md.; Donna Fujimoto Cole, president, Cole Chemicals and Distributing, Inc., Houston, Texas; Yuet Wai Kan, M.D., professor of hematology at the University of California, San Francisco; and Mrs. Yong-Soo Koh, president and chief executive officer of Koh Systems, Rockville, Md.; world famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma, Boston, Mass.; Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, San Francisco; Lillian Gonzalez-Pardo, M.D., immediate past president of the American Women's Medical Association, Kansas City, Kan.; and Jhooon Rhee, president, the Jhooon Rhee Foundation for International Leadership, Fairfax, Va.

A special scholarship panel selected the eight recipients from hundreds nominated by members of the USPAACC. Proceeds from the program will be used to finance college scholarships to five deserving Asian American stu-

dents. The five scholarship winners were:

- Antonio de Guzman, first in his class at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, Washington, D.C., with a 4.2 grade point average. Guzman has applied to Harvard University.

- Carmel Portugal, senior at Schenley High School Teacher Center in Pittsburgh, Pa. Portugal had a high honor roll status in the International Baccalaureate Program. She plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh.

- Miki Suetsugu, first in her class at Renton High School, Renton, Wash. She has received more than 100 awards for academic excellence. Suetsugu has applied to Stanford University;

- Hamilton Tran, an all-A student at University High School in Los Angeles. An aspiring writer, Tran was second in his class of approximately 575 students.

- Jiao Xie, a senior at Bell Multicultural Senior High School, Washington, D.C., and recipient of "most outstanding" awards in algebra, calculus, life skills, and chemistry.

Many of the United States leading institutions sponsored the event. These included Federal Express, General Motors, Toyota, Ford, Mobil Oil, McDonald's, AT&T, Northwest Airlines, U.S. Spring, All Nippon Airways, Fannie Mae, General Electric, Miller Brewing, The Washington Post, Chesapeake and Telephone, Anheuser Busch, the Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts, and the American Association of Retired People.

Prior to presenting the awards, Susan Au Allen, USPAACC president, told the audience that the Asian American community was at a crossroads. Speaking of the politics of inclusion, she said that the "doors that are only slightly open now will open even further. Within a very short period of time, we will be just like the Irish, the Italians, the Greeks, Polish and the Jews who overcame ethnic adversity and became included."

Allen said the United States was "on an irrevocable path toward a nation that in the very near future will—for the most part—be blind to color, race and ethnic origin. We will be a nation that thrives and takes great pleasure in its diversity."

The speaker said she shared the audience's outrage at the recent riots in Los Angeles where more than 2,000 Korean businesses lost more than \$350 million. "Think of what that means to those families," she said, "think of what it means to the children."

Accepting his Excellence 2000 award, Mineta said that such outrages as occurred in Los Angeles "should not go unanswered." But he urged the audience to celebrate the freedoms America has to offer. He also paid tribute to former Congressman Frank Horton who was the prime mover behind legislation to permanently establish May as Asian Pacific heritage month.

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## REPEAL

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ply to the Wards Cove litigants too. It was unfair for Congress to single out the plaintiffs for adverse treatment."

Explaining the original exemption, Kennedy said, "Several Republican senators insisted on including a provision specifically stating that the Act would not apply to the parties in the Wards Cove case itself, the case that had dominated much of the public debate over the legislation. As a result, section 402(b) was included

in the Act, which exempts that controversial case from the Act's coverage."

## SUPPORT

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issues for Asian Pacific Americans and all working Americans."

Other groups in support of the Act include: the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA); Chinese American Citizens Alliance; the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Organization of Chinese Americans; and the Philippine

Heritage Federation. The Act, which would repeal the exemption of the Wards Cove case in the Civil Rights Act of 1991, has also garnered the support of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and a wide sampling of minority and workers rights groups.

"To deny 2,000 Asian Pacific Americans coverage under laws meant to protect all Americans is appalling," said Daphne Kwok, executive director, OCA. "We will continue to support the steadfast determination of the plaintiffs to fight for justice, regardless of how long it takes to attain victory."

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

The nose'll know natto

Before they began using a lot of dairy products, the Japanese during the U.S. Occupation complained that Americans were *batah-kusai*—that they stank of butter. I don't know whether this is true. In any event, now that the Japanese themselves use plenty of butter on their bread, eat cheese and drink coffee with cream, the smell of butter doesn't seem to bother them.

(Parenthetically, let me observe that while dairying was not a traditional Japanese occupation, a number of Issei-operated dairy farms in the White River Valley south of Seattle in the early decades of this century. Probably there were other Issei dairymen elsewhere.)

Compared to butter, the Japanese diet includes some foods whose odor is truly world class. For example, I am thinking of *takuwan*, which is pickled *daikon*, which in turn is giant white radish. In the interest of political correctness I shouldn't be saying this, but in times past the human lower leg has been described, without intent to flatter, as being *daikon*-shaped.

What brought this up? Well, the other

day I saw a feature in a Japanese magazine about the delights of an old-time dish called *natto* which is regaining some popularity. It is a traditional delicacy, if that is the proper word, relished by many despite its plebeian nature and an utterly repulsive appearance.

Never heard of *natto*? Hold your nose while I tell you about it. Its main ingredient is the versatile soybean which also makes *tofu* as well as plastic, paint, and other inedibles. The soybeans, according to the magazine story, are boiled, then wrapped in straw and left to ferment in a warm place for a few days.

Presently the soybeans develop slime as well as a pungent aroma. The magazine reports that refined Japanese shunned the word *natto* but referred to it as *ito* (thread) because of the delicate, stringy white nature of the slime.

*Natto* is available commercially in small packages. The fermented beans can be added to *miso* soup. Or they can be mixed with some minced onions and soy sauce and poured over a bowl of hot rice, somewhat like tomato sauce over pasta. Because the

mess by its nature is slippery, it is not considered bad manners to slurp the rice.

The article reports that *natto*, while once considered a very inelegant food, is now stocked in many grocery stores, and it is served in many first class hotels. "Natto's renewed popularity is probably linked to growing health consciousness among Japan's aging population."

I suppose *natto* as a delicacy is no more strange than the gristle in pickled pigs' feet, the mold in Roquefort cheese, blood head cheese, calves' brain omelet, chitlins, sweetbreads and some other items I'd rather not mention that are part of the cuisine of the West.

If you encounter some *natto* at your favorite sushi bar, and have the courage to try it along with sea urchin eggs, warty green sea cucumber and other uncooked oddities, I hope you'll tell me what you think. ☺

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Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

The power of language

"People judge you by the words you use," blares a radio ad for a vocabulary-building outfit. True? You betcha. Well—if not "judge," people can tell a lot more about you than you might guess by what comes out of your mouth.

Language, say linguists and anthropologists, is the single most powerful instrument belonging to us mortals. They even suggest that thinking is a language process. Think about that. We formulate thoughts within the confines of the words we have at our command. This makes us all language-bound, limited and biased in our view of the world.

It's not that language limits our senses but it does direct our perception and thinking into certain habitual channels. Say, for instance, a child is born into a verbal environment in which terms relating to violence, used in different ways and often, invade ordinary conversation, as they do in our society. Consider: *hit* the books, *strike* up a conversation, a heart *attack*, not to mention *crash*, *smash*, *kick* and *bump*. Chances are, that child's thinking patterns will unconsciously follow the tracks laid down by this language and he or she will no doubt be initiated to accept violence as a large part of reality. Extrapolating from this, we can see the importance of eliminating demeaning, damaging language like racist and sexist terminology.

It follows that the language of a particular group of people pretty much mirrors their world view. Their vocabulary expresses shared assumptions and the implicit values they hold. A friend, conversant in both Japanese and American cultures, once noted that one of the worst insults you could hurl at a Japanese was *baka* (fool, idiot), it being the opposite of *kashikoi* (wise, intelligent), a trait supremely valued in Japan. In America, however, a devastating four-letter insult would most likely refer to a sexual act, a bodily function, or God, subjects with which we are inordinately preoccupied.

Groups within a culture, have their own argot by choice, need or accident. The generations within the Japanese American society, for example, because of their discreteness, often manifest language characteristics that set them apart from one another.

My good friend Chizu Iiyama, a community activist, notes that whenever Nisei and Sansei women jointly sponsor an event involving food, the Nisei are apt to think *potluck*, while the Sansei think *catering*. That tells you reams about the difference in the worlds in which the two generations orbit. It might tell you that the Nisei hark to a time when sharing food loomed large in their social activities, constituting a means by which community solidarity could be maintained. It was also economical and a way that they could show off their mastery in the kitchen where they spent a good deal of time. The Sansei, on the other hand, we might infer, are likely busy, career people, who lean toward conveniences and shortcuts. They are apt to be financially comfortable so that the table they provide will be tasteful, if not bountiful.

The Reverend Sid Ogino of the Phoenix Japanese Free Methodist Church offers further examples of "how different the two generations are."

"For one thing, they talk differently. Nisei go to the *shopping center*. Sansei go to the *mall*. When the Sansei buy a CD they go to the *mall*. When Nisei buy a CD they go to the *bank*. Nisei *concentrate*. Sansei *focus*. Nisei have *heroes*. Sansei have *role models*. Nisei eat *noodles*. Sansei eat *pasta*."

If language has this awesome power of directing our thoughts and revealing who we are, it is also ours to exploit and invent. The vocabulary of our Yonsei grandson who recently visited us for the weekend, is peppered with terms derived from rap, like *kickin' it* (used mainly for "getting it," but has broader application, depending on context), *Hey* (for "Hi"), *posse* (for "gang" or

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East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Fast food

A traveller seeking an inexpensive lunch in Tokyo might try one of the cafeterias operating in government ministry buildings located just beyond Hibiya Park. Around the noontime hour, you will find the office personnel coming down in droves to the cafeteria in the basement. The assortment isn't broad and like any cafeteria it's an assembly line operation. But then, at the prices charged, you can't have everything. Aside from a low-priced lunch, the experience of dining with the denizens is an off-the-beaten-path experience. The basements also feature helter-skelter shops selling everything from pens, electrical appliances, rugs—you name it—at non-Ginza prices. Both MITI (Ministry of International Trade and Industry) and the Agriculture-Forestry Ministry (*nô-rinsho*) buildings have such operations in their basements.

Whenever fast food is in your hankering, there will be those Golden Arches almost any place: McDonalds has 956 shops in Nippon. Also KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) has more at 1,017 shops. Impressive as these numbers may be, five other operators have more outlets than either McDonalds or KFC. These five, with the number of outlets, are: Hokkaidokate Sohonbu with 2,261 featuring take-out

lunches; Kozozushi Honbu with 2,082 and—as its name suggests—take-out sushi; Honke Kamadoya with 2,145 shops also featuring take-out lunch; Mos Food Services with 1,191 serves hamburgers; and Yoronotaki with 1,802 operating as pubs. Although McDonalds and KFC may be out-gunned on a store-count basis, these two operations take in more money than any of their competitors: McDonalds heading the list with gross sales of ¥212.08 billion followed by KFC at ¥141.84 billion.

Slice this any way you wish; it totals up to a lot of hamburgers and fried chicken.

The third largest food operation at ¥137.60 billion (with 753 shops featuring Western-style fare) is Skylark. I don't recall seeing any of their shops. "Lotteria" is a name familiar to many of you, I'm sure: it has 600 shops with sales of ¥66.16 billion, thereby giving it No. 15 ranking. I've stopped in at a Lotteria for a quick cup of coffee and donut, but not very often; it seemed a shame to be passing up Japanese fare. While travelling by train, we look for *eki-bento* (station lunch) boxes, invariably containing more than I can consume. Also as we speed through various regions of Japan, there are the hucksters aboard the train pushing a cart bearing the *mei-butsum* (famed goods) of each region.

Just give me a bag of fresh *mikan* (tangerines); that'll be quite adequate.

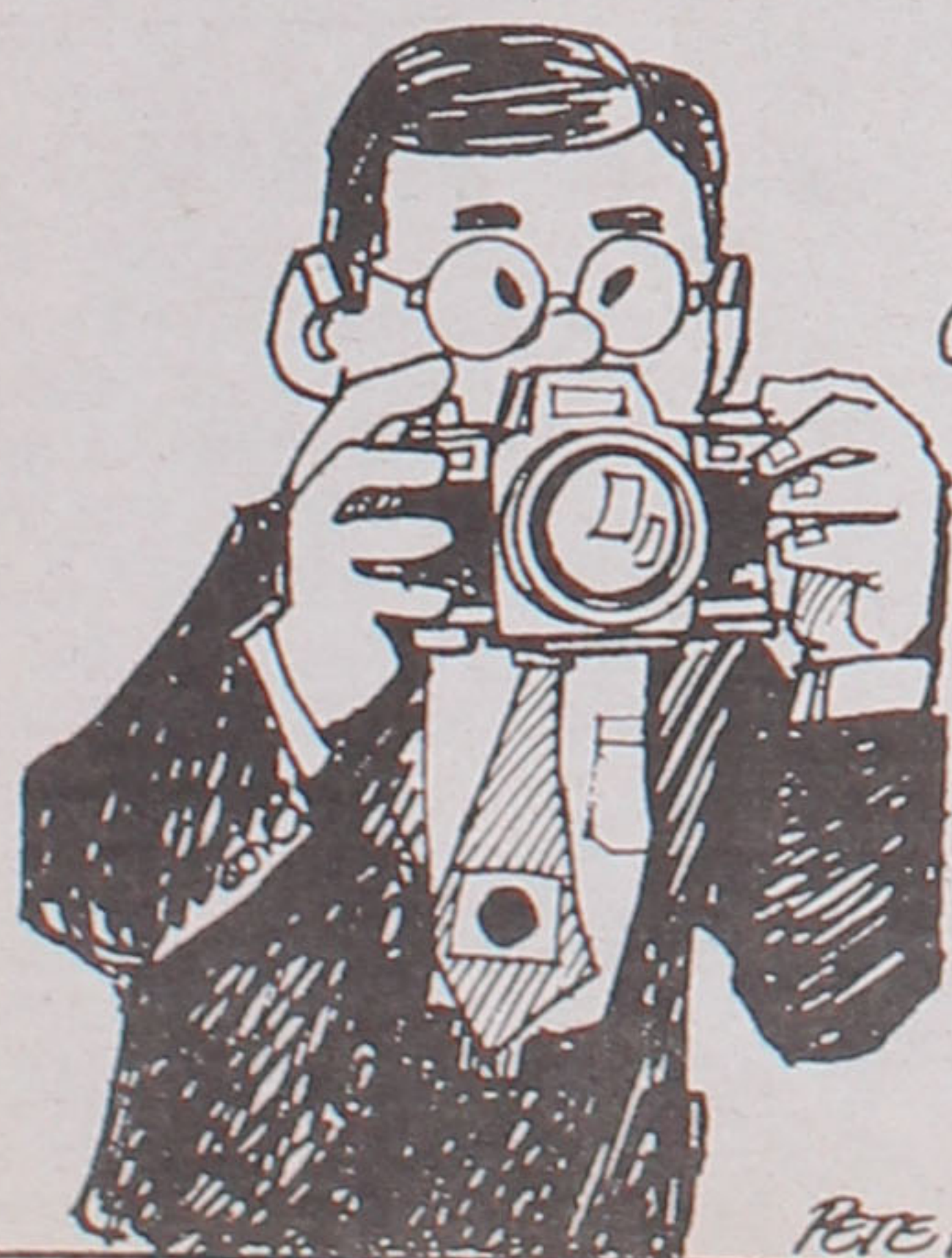
Switching back to the matter of donuts. I don't recollect seeing a Dunkin Donut, although there surely must be a number of them in Japan. There is a similar operation featuring donuts which operates under the name "Duskin"—ranking among the top 10 in sales in Japan. However, I don't recall seeing a "Duskin" sign in Tokyo. Such a label would lead me to associate it with "Nan Duskin" which is some kind of women's store, and I'd hardly patronize such, particularly for coffee 'n' donuts. There's also Denny's which ranks 11th in sales in Japan, but I've not patronized their restaurants.

And if what I read recently about Denny's down in Annapolis, Md., refusing to serve some U.S. Justice Department (or was it ATF?) agents because they happened to be African Americans, it is less likely that they'll see any of my money.

Even Nan Duskin will see my money before Denny's. ☺

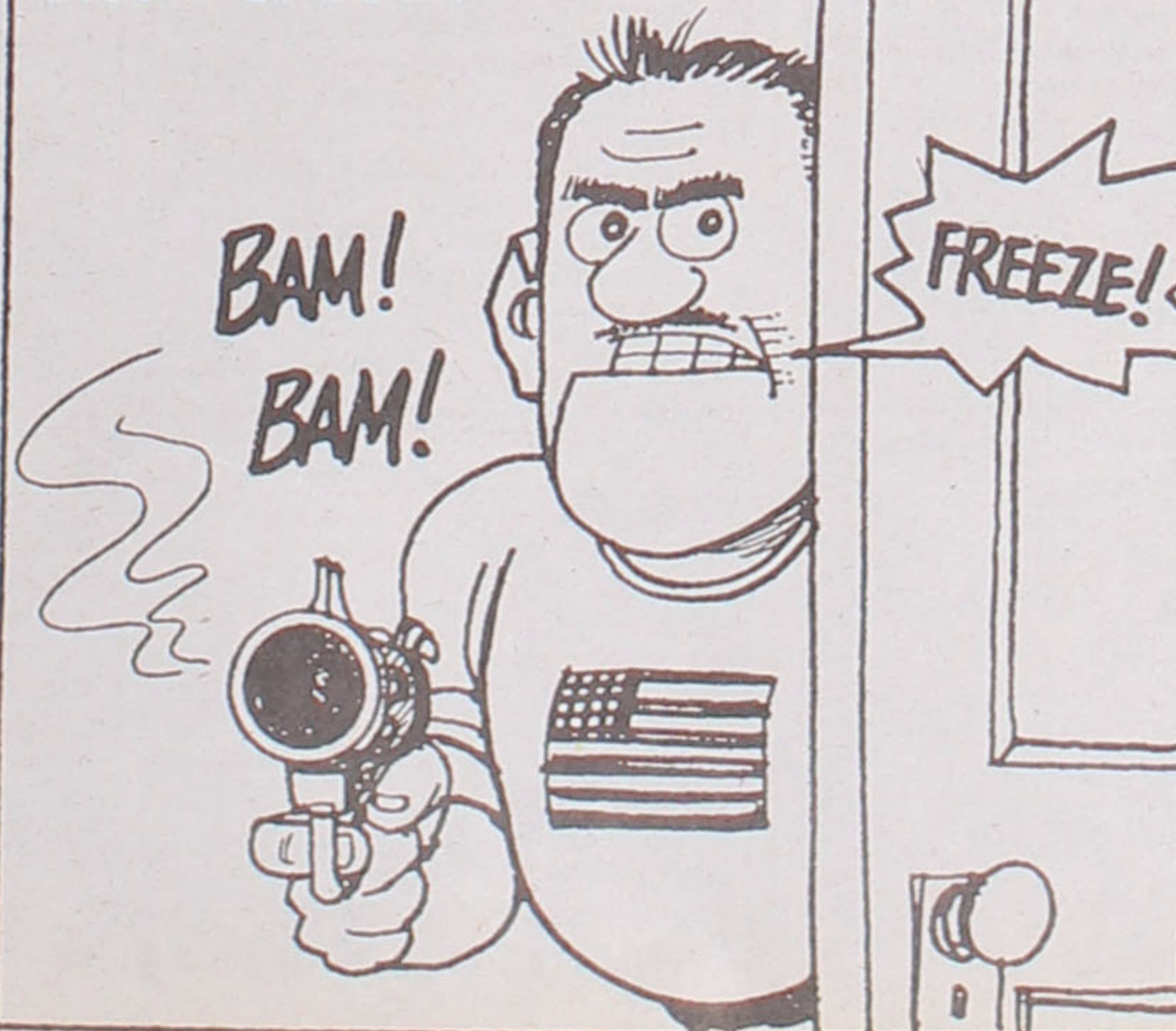
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## IN-SIGHT

LILLIAN C. KIMURA

## Taking care of business

Memorial Day weekend allowed me to catch my breath before heading out again. Recently, a 10-day trip took me to Phoenix, to San Francisco, to Los Angeles, and back to New York on the "red eye" to attend the New York Chapter's annual scholarship luncheon. This jetting back and forth gives me frequent flyer mileage points but also I've accumulated thousands of miles by traveling for the YWCA so now I am able to cash some of those for free tickets.

In Phoenix, a group of National Board members and local YWCA folks got together to identify the issues the organization should bring to its next convention for consideration. My responsibility is to write up these issues into an Action Agenda from which YWCAs formulate additional concerns put forth as resolutions. This has been an effective way to have grass roots participation in determining the YWCA's agenda for the coming years.

On to San Francisco where I worked with

Neal Taniguchi, vice president of general operations, and the executive committee (by phone) to set in motion the search process for a new national director. The personnel committee has been augmented by an advisory group to review the job description and qualifications to post the vacancy. I met with the headquarters staff to enlist their cooperation during the transition period and the others by conference call.

I then flew to Los Angeles for the Pacific Citizen Board meeting. It is incumbent on others to report on that meeting, however, I want to say how much I appreciated Paul Shinkawa's leadership and the rest of the Board for their very thoughtful deliberations on some hard issues facing PC. Richard Suenaga had been most efficient in the way the information to be discussed was organized. Thanks to Cressey Nakagawa for making possible a gift for additional equipment much needed to help the staff put the paper out.

Back home in New York, I've had a busy week with first the Chapter's Scholarship Luncheon and then appearing on a panel at the Asian American Federation's Tri-State Conference, "Strength in Diversity: The Evolving Asian American Presence." The conference was designed to foster mutual understanding and respect among different ethnic groups and to mobilize ourselves into effective action to deal with the problems we face.

As an advisory member of Cause Effective, an organization which helps nonprofits with special events management, I sat in on a session to plan how to deliver this help. I think this is something JAACL Chapters can benefit from. We all need to raise funds for our programs and special events seem to be the way to do it. We need to maximize our efforts to raise the most money for the amount of energy expended.

Before taking off again, I will be talking about JAACL with a Korean American group which wants to organize itself similarly. I

also have been participating in a discussion about the organizing of a national Asian Pacific American coalition. At this point, we are not sure in what direction this group wants to go. If we can help determine a logical rationale for such a group, we will keep communications open.

Lastly, a comment on the jury verdict on the Hattori case—we are concerned that Americans find it necessary to own so many guns and that their use of them is so indiscriminate. America is the most violent nation in the world. What a reputation to have for a country which is supposed to be the leader of the free world! We all need to support efforts to control easy accessibility of guns and to stop the violence. That's thirty for now. ☐

*Kimura is the JAACL National President. Her IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.*

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## View on verdict of Louisiana trial

In reference to what happened to that Japanese student in Louisiana and his (killer) getting off scot-free, I offer this bit of positive

thinking that came to me in a sudden flash of light during World War II: Pay your taxes, observe the red lights, respect the flag, but keep a bag packed.

The plaque should look good on any wall, especially next to Home Sweet Home, and if all it does is

save one life, hey, it would be worth it!

*Ambrose Uchiyamada*

Bangor, Me.

## SIDEBAR

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"group"). But his favorite expression remains the jazz-born *cool*, (as in "Too cool!") a term that has prevailed over *rad*, *ba-ad* and *neat* over the years to express approval. The word is so infectious and convenient, I even let it slip out at one point. "Whoa!" my grandson exclaimed happily, "I've hip-ified grandma!" Presto, a new word born.

I don't mind being "hip-ified,"

for I believe the most important facet of language is its function as an instrument for social action. And a greater awareness of words and how they work helps us to inform, learn, protest, preach and teach more effectively, the aim of which should be to bring people together in a more harmonious and humane society.

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