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PRESS RELEASE

April 14, 2000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Kathay Feng, Esq.
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President Clinton Signs Bill To Name Los Angeles Post Office After Hate Crime Victim, Joseph Ileto

President William Clinton signed a bill today naming a Chino Hills post office after slain Filipino American postal worker, **Joseph Ileto**. Joseph Ileto was shot to death on his postal route during an alleged shooting rampage by a white supremacist. The bill, introduced by **Sen. Dianne Feinstein**, D-Calif., passed the House in November 1999 and the Senate in March 2000.

Joseph Ileto, a former Chino Hills resident, was shot August 1999 along his postal route in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. The alleged gunman was an acknowledged white supremacist, and has been charged with hate crimes and other federal violations involving Ileto's shooting death and the shooting injuries of five people at the North Valley Jewish Community Center. The defendant allegedly admitted to targeting Joseph Ileto because he was not white and because he was wearing a federal uniform.

Commented **Ismael Ileto**, brother of Joseph Ileto, "We are very pleased that Joseph Ileto will be remembered for generations to come by naming the Chino Hills Post Office after him. The Ileto family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those in the community, our Congress, and President Clinton for making this possible. In naming this post office after Joseph, I believe we are uniting to reaffirm our country's vigilance against hate and intolerance."

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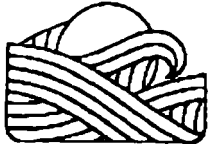
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April 14, 2000

Irene Bueno
Fax: (202) 456-5581

Dear Irene,

Thank you for extending the honor of meeting President William Clinton to the family of Joseph Iletto. Below is the personal information about the immediate Iletto family.

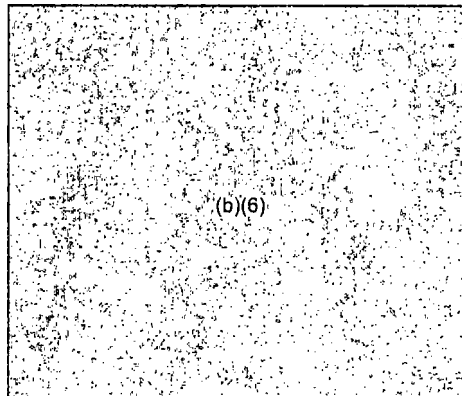
Family of Joseph Iletto

Lilian S. Iletto (mother)

Carmina S. Iletto (sister)
Edmund "Sonny" Benitez
(Carmina's fiancé)

Raquel S. Iletto (sister)

Ismael S. Iletto (brother)
Deena Iletto (sister-in-law)
Kyle B. D. Iletto (nephew)



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If you need additional information or if there are last minute changes, please feel free to call my cell phone at (213) 400-6238.

Sincerely,

Kathay Feng, Esq.
Director, Voting Rights & Anti-Discrimination Unit
Asian Pacific American Legal Center



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FROM: KATHAY FENG (x212)

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Heather L. Davis

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To: Irene Bueno/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: lax greet

Greeters must arrive at LAX by 6:15 pm

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I NEED DOB AND SSN FOR ALL OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS!!!!!!

*— attaching
see attached.*



Heather L. Davis

04/14/2000 06:00:49 PM



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CC:

Subject: Re: lax greet 

they should call glen rynwieski (pronounced ranooski) through los angeles signal at 310-772-2843. they don't need call and check in or anything, they should just call if they have problems. thanks.



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Subject: Ileta family contact number

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Marty J. Hoffmann

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cc:

bcc:

Subject: Ileta family contact number 

Sen. Feinstein's office wanted to pass along a phone number for the family:

Ismael Ileta (Joseph's brother) --pager number: 909 459 2335 (enter phone number and he will call back)

Heather L. Davis



Heather L. Davis

04/14/2000 01:39:51 PM



Record Type: Record

To: Marty J. Hoffmann/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: ileto post office bill? 

we have invited the ileto family to greet upon arrival at lax. we have not heard back from them.

The Honorable Jacob J. Lew, Director
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If you desire additional information regarding any of the issues that I have discussed,
USDA will be happy to provide it to you.

Sincerely,



DAN GLICKMAN
Secretary



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left a voice mail message

UPS truck driver

KFeng@apalc.org

(camera person)

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To designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the 'Joseph Iletto Post Office'. (Enrolled Bill (Sent to President))

--H.R.3189--

H.R.3189

One Hundred Sixth Congress

of the

United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday,

the twenty-fourth day of January, two thousand

An Act

To designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the 'Joseph Iletto Post Office'.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF JOSEPH ILETO POST OFFICE.

The United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, shall be known and designated as the 'Joseph Iletto Post Office'.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in any law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to the 'Joseph Iletto Post Office'.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.

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To: Karen Narasaki

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Phone: (202) 298-2300

Date: 08/22/99

Re: Request for President Clinton and Vice
President Al Gore

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Janet:

Here are the letters requesting President Clinton and Vice President Gore's presence at the Community Vigil and Memorial. Also included is a letter from Ismael Ito, Joseph Ito's brother.

Kathay

Family of Joseph Santos Iletto

August 22, 1999

President Bill Clinton
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Via FAX
Fax: (202) 456-2461

Dear President Bill Clinton:

On behalf of the Iletto family and the Asian Pacific American community, I am writing to request your presence as a keynote speaker at the Community Vigil and Memorial for Joseph Santos Iletto. As you know, my brother, Joseph was cut down in the prime of his life by white supremacist, Buford Furrow, because Joseph's skin was the wrong color in Furrow's racist eyes. Our family feels strongly that Joseph's story must be told and that our nation's stance against racism must be reaffirmed.

The Community Vigil and Memorial will also celebrate the Pilipino spirit of "Bayanihan," reaching outside of ourselves to our neighbors as a way of bringing our nation together. In that spirit we will be sending our prayers to the five North Valley Jewish Community Center victims also shot by Furrow. We will also be giving thanks to all of our fellow Americans who have opened their hearts to Joseph and our family.

The Community Vigil is scheduled to begin in the heart of Pilipinotown on Saturday, August 28, at 6:00 pm. We will proceed through the neighborhood where Joseph grew up to St. Columban's Catholic Church for a memorial mass. We hope to end the event at the sports field of Belmont High School just next door, where Joseph attended high school.

We would be honored if you would help us bring our communities together to speak out against hate crimes and to remember those who have lost their lives to similar acts of hate. We felt that the last stop of the Community Vigil, Belmont High, would be a wonderful setting for you, as our national leader to champion the celebration of diverse cultures and the teaching of tolerance to our next generation. This final part of the Vigil is planned to begin at 8:00 pm.

If you are available to speak, please call Rachel Estuar at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, at (213) 748-2022 (x 42) or Kathay Feng at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center at (213) 977-7500 (x 212). We would like to be flexible in our planning to accommodate your schedule because it is important to the family to have your presence.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Ismail S. Iletto

Ismail S. Iletto, brother of Joseph Iletto

cc. Eddie Wong

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Ismael S. Iletto, brother of Joseph Iletto

cc. Eddie Wong

213-977-7500

*A Letter from the Family of
Joseph Santos Iletto*



We write to thank you for opening your hearts to our family and our lost son and brother, Joseph Santos Iletto. Joseph, or "JoJo" or "Joe," as we called him, was cut down in the prime of his life by a white supremacist, Buford Furrow, because Joseph's skin was the wrong color in Furrow's racist eyes.

The papers talk about Joseph Santos Iletto as the slain postal worker. To us and all those whose lives he touched, he was so much more. JoJo had a big heart. When he was young, he walked five kilometers from school to home because he had given his bus money to a friend in need. Joe was the one you could count on. His fellow postal workers remember him for always being ready to give friends rides to the Metro station. He helped our family through our father's recent passing away, was always lending a helping hand to our mother and sisters, and even pitched in to help our brother buy his house. We will miss his laughter and his generosity.

In Joseph's memory, we ask that the nation invoke the Pilipino spirit of "Bayanihan." Reach outside of yourself to your neighbors; give to others as you would to your own. We can only overcome racism and intolerance when we learn to treat each other with respect and dignity. Now is the time for our nation to come together. Celebrate "Bayanihan."

In the Bayanihan spirit we have been sending our prayers to the five North Valley Jewish Community Center victims also shot by Furrow. We have offered to plant a tree for them at the Unity Garden of the North Valley Jewish Community Center on the 30th day after the shootings to honor all those who have fallen victim to hate crimes. We urge Asian Pacific American communities across the nation to do the same.

When Joseph was shot, our entire nation was attacked. America stands for equal justice and freedom for all. We cannot allow White Supremacists to tear apart our dream, the American Dream. More guns to defend ourselves are not the answer. Teaching our children tolerance and respect for others is. Monitoring and stopping hate groups at their source is. Passing a national hate crimes act that will reaffirm our stance against racism and intolerance is.

In the past year, five Asian Pacific Americans have been killed in hate-motivated shootings. Joseph was the most recent. We commit ourselves to do everything to make sure Joseph is also the last.

Thank you for your outpouring of support and prayers.

Ismail S. Iletto

Ismail S. Iletto, brother of Joseph Iletto

STATEMENT ON H.R. 3189
TO DESIGNATE THE JOSEPH ILETO POST OFFICE

Today I signed legislation designating the United States Post Office located at 14701 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California as the "Joseph Iletto Post Office." Joseph Iletto was a Filipino American postal worker who was tragically murdered last year in a crime of hate. He was a dedicated public servant, killed simply because he was an Asian American who worked for his country's government. It is a fitting tribute to the life and memory of Mr. Iletto that we name this post office in his honor.

During the last year, we have all been shaken by violent acts like the murder of Joseph Iletto, acts that strike at the very values that define us as a nation. Now is the time for us to take strong and decisive action to fight hate crimes, and I call on Congress, at long last, to pass strong hate crimes legislation. It is time for us all to raise our voices against intolerance and to build the One America that our hearts tell us we can be.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Martha's Vineyard

August 26, 1999

Hillary and I join all those gathered in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph Ito and in praying for their strength and comfort.

This event is a powerful and moving response by the Asian Pacific American community to the violence that ended the life of Joseph Ito. During the past year, Americans have been shaken by similar violent acts that struck at the heart of what it means to be an American and at the values that define us as a nation. Now is the time for us to take strong and decisive action to fight hate crimes, and I have pledged to work with Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. I know you stand with me in this effort.

It is also more important than ever that we strive to teach our young people to have tolerance and respect for one another and to understand that the more we appreciate one another's diversity, the more we reaffirm the fundamental values that we have in common. I thank each of you for raising your voice against hatred and intolerance and for reminding your fellow Americans that our diversity is not a cause for division but instead is one of our nation's greatest strengths.

Hillary and I are keeping the Ito family and all those who have been touched by this tragedy in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you will be sustained by the knowledge that, even as we grieve together, we also are recommitting ourselves to do everything possible to prevent another such tragedy.

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Vice President

For Immediate Release
Thursday, August 26, 1999

Contact:
(202) 456-7035

STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

Tipper and I offer our thoughts and prayers in remembrance of Joseph Ileto, to his family, to his friends, and to every American who shares our sense of outrage at this senseless killing. As we seek to understand the terrible nature of this crime – an act of violence motivated by hate – we must renew our commitment as a nation to end racial hatred and send a clear message to all who would commit these horrible crimes. We will not tolerate it.

Last year more than 8,000 hate crime incidents were reported in the United States – almost one an hour. That is unacceptable. America is too great a country to allow these crimes to go unpunished. We must pass strong legislation that will send a strong message to all who would attack others simply because they are different: Don't do it. It is wrong, it is illegal, and if you do commit these terrible crimes, we will find you, and punish you to the full force of our laws. Together we can practice, and teach a different way of life – one in which we celebrate our diversity and value tolerance.

We must never allow ourselves to forget Joseph Ileto or others who have lost their lives as a result of racial hatred. We must teach our children and let those lessons be reminders to us all of the strength our nation draws from the diversity of its people and the tolerance and understanding that must be part of our daily lives.

Today, we offer our condolences to the family of Joseph Ileto, and in mourning his passing, look forward to a time when hate crime no longer steal lives or leave a single family in pain.

Statement from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
National Day of Mourning and Protest of the Los Angeles Hate Killing
August 26, 1999

I want to commend all of you gathered tonight to honor U.S. postal worker Joseph Ileto and the other victims of the shootings that took place in Los Angeles on August 10. People all over our country have expressed their outrage at these senseless tragedies — and our thoughts and prayers are with all the victims and their families.

As a nation, we simply cannot tolerate hate crimes and gun violence. Americans should never be the target of hatred because of who they are, or where they worship, or where they were born. And children should never have to worry about the gun violence that too often plagues our schools, our homes and our communities.

We must always remember that our differences — be they race or religion, gender or sexual orientation — will never be stronger than the common humanity that unites us all. It is my hope that the collective sadness and anger that we all feel as a result of these crimes will motivate us to address the scourge of gun violence and hate crimes in America. And when we do, it will be because citizens like you stood up, spoke out and led the way.



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February 17, 2000

Ms. Irene Bueno,
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
217 OEOB
Office of the Policy Development
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Ms. Bueno:

We are pleased to present to you the recently released *1998 Audit of Violence Against Asian Pacific Americans* (the Audit). The Audit was produced by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (the Consortium) with assistance from its Affiliates – the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, the Asian Law Caucus and the Asian Pacific American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The Consortium has published the Audit since 1993 for the primary purpose of educating the public about anti-Asian violence.

Our report found that South Asians were targeted in significantly higher numbers despite an 11% decrease in anti-Asian incidents reported in 1998 from 1997. In 1998, 429 anti-Asians incidents were reported nationwide. The Consortium and its Affiliates continue to be challenged in its efforts to track all occurrences of hate-motivated acts against Asian Pacific Americans due to the ongoing problem of pervasive underreporting by law enforcement agencies.

Because of our experience in tracking and responding to anti-Asian violence, we included several recommendations in the Audit. We propose more investment of resources in community-based organizations where victims seek assistance and report anti-Asian incidents instead of police agencies. We recommend enhanced public education about hate crimes. To that end, the Audit encourages improving news coverage of the Asian Pacific American community, particularly of anti-Asian violence. Finally, we call on law enforcement agencies to fully investigate, prosecute and report hate crimes and elected officials to pass tough federal and state hate crimes laws.

We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to combat anti-Asian violence. Please feel free to contact or me at (202) 296-2300 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Narasaki
Executive Director

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Legal Center

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Defense & Education Fund

San Francisco
Asian Law Caucus



Bias Incidents Targeting South Asians Increase Despite Decline in Reported Anti-Asian Incidents in 1998

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (the Consortium) and its Affiliates, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) and the Asian Law Caucus (ALC) announced the release of the sixth annual *Audit of Anti-Asian Violence: The Need for Increased Commitment to Reporting and Community Education*.

In 1998 there were 429 reported incidents of violence against Asian Pacific Americans. In tracking bias-motivated incidents against specific ethnic groups where the information was available, the Consortium found that South Asians were targeted in significantly higher numbers in 1998 (41 incidents) compared to 1997 (two incidents) - despite an 11% decrease in overall anti-Asian incidents reported in 1998.

Although the number of reported incidents decreased from 1997 to 1998, the Consortium believes that the decrease in reported incidents may not accurately reflect the trend of anti-Asian violence. The Consortium continues to be challenged in its efforts to track all occurrences of hate-motivated acts against Asian Pacific Americans. Law enforcement agencies have not improved the ongoing problem of pervasive underreporting of hate crimes against all Americans. In 1998, over 83% of agencies reported that no hate crimes occurred within their jurisdictions or reported no data at all.

In addition, the Consortium is concerned with the diminished ability of community-based organizations to collect incident reports due to lack of resources from victims who do not report to the police. Community-based organizations play a vital role in providing incident reports from the Asian Pacific American community where they otherwise would not be reported.

"We are skeptical about the decline in reported anti-Asian incidents because law enforcement has continued to fail to adequately identify, document and report hate crimes," said Consortium Executive Director Karen K. Narasaki. "Moreover, the rising number of bias incidents against South Asians greatly concerns us," she said.

In addition to the problem of underreporting, the Audit raised the issue of whether law enforcement agencies were making hate crimes a priority. Margaret Fung, AALDEF Executive Director, said, "The inadequate police response to hate crimes has lulled the public into believing that racial violence is on the decline." In particular, Fung took issue with the low prosecution rates of hate crimes.

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"Vigorous prosecution of bias crimes is still urgently needed, and we must all work together to create moral barriers to hate," she said.

ALC Executive Director Joe Lucero agreed. He sees that more resources must be invested to prosecute hate crimes so that the community feels that coming forward with anti-Asian incident reports will result in justice.

"Victims are discouraged from reporting hate crimes to law enforcement because they know that the prosecution rates are low," Lucero said. "Police chiefs should demonstrate that they take hate crimes seriously, or else they risk exacerbating the underreporting problem."

The Audit noted that the public is still generally unaware that Asian Pacific Americans are targets of hate crimes, and recommended that news agencies improve their coverage of the APA community, particularly of anti-Asian violence. APALC Executive Director Stewart Kwoh believes that increasing public sensitivity to hate crimes generally is necessary to bring law enforcement and communities together to tackle the underlying problems that lead to racial violence.

"Hate crimes is tragic for all Americans, including Asian Pacific Americans," Kwoh said. "We must step up our vigilance in responding to hate crimes and more importantly to take proactive steps to prevent hate crimes from occurring."

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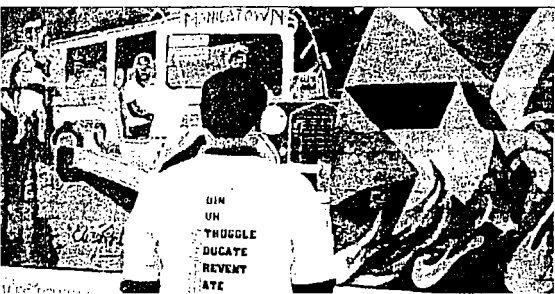
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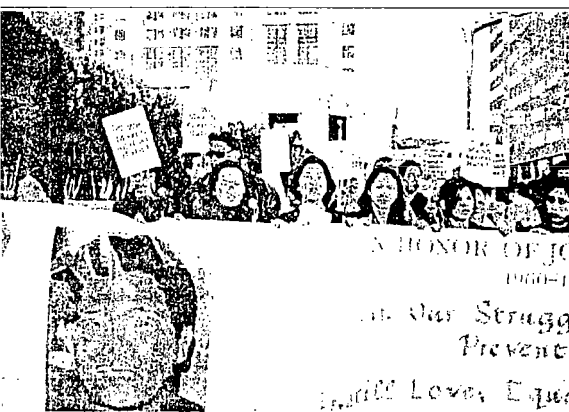
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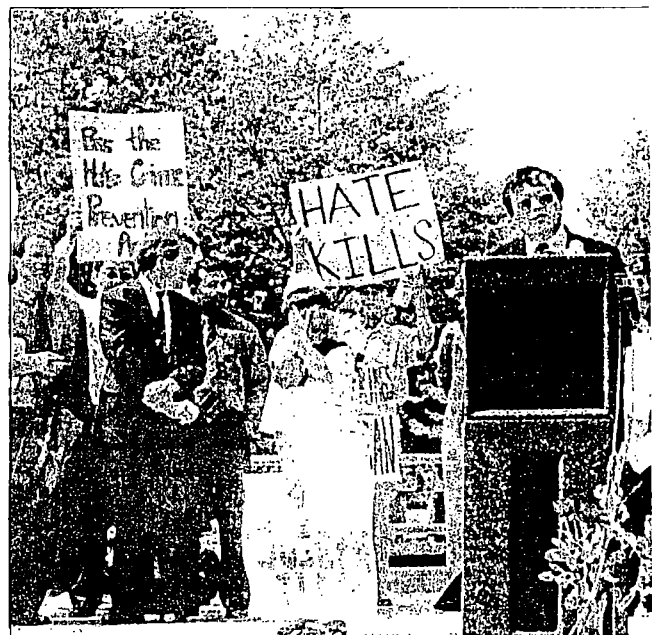
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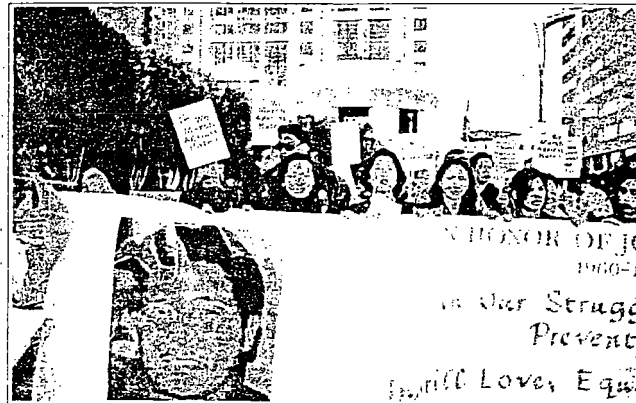
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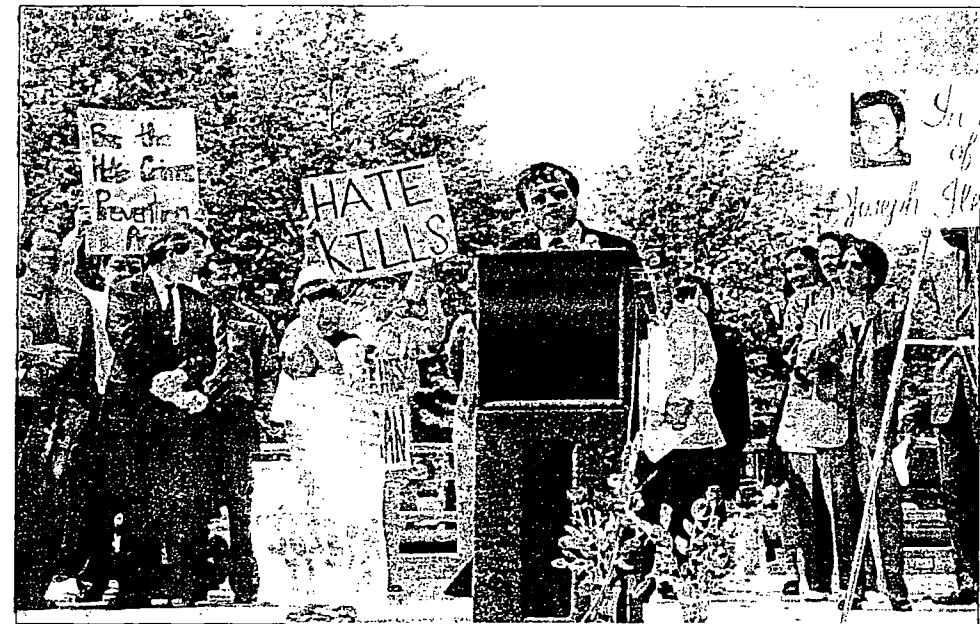
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Thus observed San Francisco Public Utilities Commission president Dennis Normandy whose insight on the hate crime incidences in the United States reflected the mood of demonstrators and parade groups honoring slain letter carrier Joseph Ileto at the Yerba Buena Gardens the other night.

Normandy was joined by hundreds of Filipino Americans and other citizens representing the mainstream and a number of other ethnic minorities.

Organized by Ray Fong of the National Association of Letter Carriers and Lillian Galedo of the Oakland-based Filipino Civil Rights Advocate, the demonstration started from the Yerba Buena Gardens and ended at Saint Patrick's Church for the memorial service in honor of Joseph Ileto.

Participants in the rally expressed similar sentiments of condemnation of the so-called racial supremacist's obvious propensity to resort to violent crimes. Brenda Sanduarez of the National People Campaign demonstrated her remorseful feelings with a placard denouncing racism. "Our nation must wake to the reality of the problem and find a solution to such."

The grief, shared by many of those in attendance, was clearly shown in the mournful appearance of Joseph Ileto's family. His sisters, twins Raquel and Carmina, could hardly hold their tears when they talked to Philippine News. "We are all a family," Raquel said.

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Such Filipino American civic, business and educational leaders were very visible during the San Francisco memorial. Normandy was seen discussing the hot issues with individuals like Greg Macabenta, Ernesto Llorente, Marico Enrique, Tim Dayonot, Helen Mareti Bautista. "We are shocked," was the sentiment expressed by Bautista.

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"it is up to Americans to acknowledge diversity, and to understand that everybody here is an American."

Jeffrey Weintraub, director of the American Jewish Committee's Center for American Pluralism, also stressed that neither the children at the Granada Hills, Los Angeles Jewish community center "had to suffer pain and trauma" from the "twisted ideology of white supremacy."

He ran a list of suggestions on how to resist "the war against the soul of America," notably speaking out as individuals, lobbying for the passage of anti-hate crime legislation, encouraging school districts to enhance "tolerance promotion" programs, supporting effective gun control laws, and convening hearings and studies to promote awareness of the nature and activity of white supremacist groups.



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Attorney General leads sympathizers at peace rally for Ito in Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES - A mother's pain. A president's message. A political crusade replete with visiting dignitaries. A priest's plea for peace. A rallying cry calling Filipinos to action.

The murder of postal worker Joseph "Jojo" Santos Ito by a white supremacist brought all those to the fore, but nothing brought the tears to my eyes like the poignant words of a mother who has suffered the ultimate loss.

"The sorrow I felt that August 10th was beyond words," Ito's mother, Lillian, said in her first public disclosure. "It numbed my being. I kept praying that it was just not true. I wanted to believe Jojo was still alive. I went through the motions of living because of my other children and a grandson, a grandson who will never know the love of his uncle."

An August 28 rally and memorial Mass held in the heart of "Pilipinotown" just outside of downtown Los Angeles, brought U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, Congressman Xavier Becerra and Bill Lan Lee, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, Carson Mayor Pete Fajardo, and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa. Gerald Gubatan, spokesman for Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, also attended along with numerous other lawmakers.

U.S. Attorney General Reno stood by Lillian Ito during a crowded Mass at St. Columban's Catholic Church. And she kissed Mrs. Ito on the cheek, just as she kissed the cheek of each Ito family member that shared the podium with her at the Belmont High School rally and candle light vigil.

"When I first met the Ito family two-weeks ago, I was a stranger to them," Reno told the crowd of about 500 people sitting in the stands of the high school football stadium. "I return today feeling they will be my friends for life. This family, in their time of grief and sorrow, reached out to me. They touched my soul with gentle loving and kindness. They have inspired me."

The 39-year-old Ito's death, at the hands of white supremacist Buford Furrow, also inspired heated words to ban assault weapons and to pass national hate crime legislation.

Dennis Arguelles, director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, said Ito was the fifth Asian Pacific American killed during a hate crime.

"No more Buford Furrows can exist!" shouted Prosy de la Cruz of the Filipino Civil Rights Advocate, Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter. "We Americans must stand up to the wounding words of hate so that Joseph Ito will be the last victim of hate crime."

Rep. Xavier Becerra agreed. "I pledge to work with Attorney General Reno but we don't have a majority to make the Hate Crimes bill into law," the Democrat said. "At least Joseph's death will be the impetus. Let Joseph, in his death, symbolize something. Filipinos have been

300 New Yorkers join vigil for slain postman

Rallies also take place in Washington D.C., Chicago, Dallas, Seattle and San Francisco

By Cristina DC Pastor
PNews Correspondent

NEW YORK — Some 300 Asian Americans, joined by a sprinkling of Jewish Americans, held a memorial Mass here for Joseph Ito where they denounced race-motivated violence and extolled him a "hero" comparable in rank to Martin Luther King or Gandhi.

Members of the Ito family, consulate officials and activists filled the Epiphany Church in lower Manhattan praising the 39-year-old postal employee who was killed by white supremacist Buford Furrow who went on a shooting spree inside a Jewish community center in Los Angeles.

A candle procession commenced the Mass followed by the solemn singing of "We Shall Overcome."

"The bullets that pierced the heart of Jojo Ito pierced our hearts as well," said businesswoman Loida Nicolas-Lewis.

"He was killed because he looked like us, spoke like us, was working ordinarily like all of us. He was killed because he was Filipino," she continued in a speech that touched many because she was not reading from a prepared text.

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said 8,000 hate crimes were reported in the United States in the past year alone, a rate of around one every hour.

"That is unacceptable. America is too great a country to allow these crimes to go unpunished," he said in a separate statement.

Consul General Linglingay Lacanlale, said Filipino Americans should shake off their apathy and confront the ugly reality of racial intolerance that seems embedded in American life.

"Sadly, it takes a powerful catalyst to shake many of us from our daily apathy," she said. "Let us hope that this tragedy will help us to unify against bigotry."

Officiating priest Fr. Erno Diaz said Ito's death is almost comparable to the heroism of Jose Rizal, Ninoy Aquino, Martin Luther King or Gandhi. Like them, he said, Ito's "falling to the earth (in the hands of an assassin) brought new life to the hearts of people."

Ben Ito, an uncle of the deceased and a longtime New York resident, said Jojo, a modest, self-effacing man, would be the first to protest the media adulation being heaped on him.

"I'm sure Jojo would not have agreed, for he does not believe being killed by chance was an act of heroism," he said.

He described his nephew as a responsible son, a loving brother and an excellent chess player.

Many of the speakers and position papers from a kaleidoscope of organizations like The National Association of Korean Americans, the Japanese American Citizens League, to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project urged the passage of gun control bills and legislation calling for tougher hate crime prevention. Similar demonstrations were scheduled during the week in Washington D.C., Chicago, Dallas, Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

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"We must commit ourselves to healing and reconciliation," he said. "Our message is one of love, not

denial. When the attorney general read Clinton's message, the crowd responded with applause.

"Hillary and I are keeping the

FilAms unite in solidarity

By Corin Ramos
PNews Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — In a strong display of both solidarity and intolerance for a crime continually plaguing their communities, Filipino Americans and members of other ethnic groups participated in vigils throughout the country during the national "Days of Remembrance" August 26-31 in honor of slain postal worker Joseph Ito.

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But in Los Angeles August 26-31 was the theme of a well attended and vigil was not hate, but the pino spirit of *bayanihan*.

"In Joseph's memory, we that the nation invoke the Pili spirit of *bayanihan*," member the Ito family read from a list during an emotional press co-

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man, would be the first to protest the media adulation being heaped on him.

"I'm sure Jojo would not have agreed, for he does not believe being killed by chance was an act of heroism," he said.

He described his nephew as a responsible son, a loving brother and an excellent chess player.

Many of the speakers and position papers from a kaleidoscope of organizations like The National Association of Korean Americans, the Japanese American Citizens League, to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project urged the passage of gun control bills and legislation calling for tougher hate crime prevention. Similar demonstrations were scheduled during the week in Washington D.C., Chicago, Dallas, Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

there are no words or actions that can remove the pain of loss.

"We must commit ourselves to healing and reconciliation," he said. "Our message is one of love, not hate. Jesus was the victim of violence and hate. He was the victim of the death penalty but he conquered hatred and violence. Only life and love will triumph. Sadly, some among us choose hate instead of love, death instead of love. Let us resolve in Joseph's memory to reject hatred, violence and rage and speak the language of love, peace, reconciliation and unity."

Also in the message of unity, President Bill Clinton sent a heartfelt and strongly worded message while he was vacationing in Martha's Vineyard. "Now is the time for us to take strong and decisive action to fight hate crimes, and I have pledged to work with Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. I know you stand with me in this effort," the presi-

dent wrote. When the attorney general read Clinton's message, the crowd responded with applause.

"Hillary and I are keeping the Iletto family and all those who have been touched by this tragedy in our thoughts and prayers," Clinton wrote. "We hope you will be sustained by the knowledge that, even as we grieve together, we also are recommitting ourselves to do everything possible to prevent another such tragedy."

The community vigil at the SIPA Gardens in front of the Filipino American Mural, the march through Pilipinotown, the Mass and rally ended with performer Emy Baysic singing a touching song about every mother's prayer. The words brought more tears as she sang the words while looking at Lilian Iletto, Ismael, Carmina, Raquel and Deena: "Guide him with your grace to a place where he'll be safe."

ly two weeks ago. I was a stranger to them," Reno told the crowd of about 500 people sitting in the stands of the high school football stadium. "I return today feeling they will be my friends for life. This family, in their time of grief and sorrow, reached out to me. They touched my soul with gentle loving and kindness. They have inspired me."

The 39-year-old Iletto's death, at the hands of white supremacist Buford Furrow, also inspired repeated words to ban assault weapons and to pass national hate crime legislation.

Dennis Arguelles, director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, said Iletto was the fifth Asian Pacific American killed during a hate crime.

"No more Buford Furrows can exist!" shouted Prosy de la Cruz of the Filipino Civil Rights Advocate, Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter. "We Americans must stand up to the wounding words of hate so that Joseph Iletto will be the last victim of hate crime."

Rep. Xavier Becerra agreed. "I pledge to work with Attorney General Reno but we don't have a majority to make the Hate Crimes bill into law," the Democrat said. "At least Joseph's death will be the impetus. Let Joseph, in his death, symbolize something. Filipinos have been denied justice for so many decades, beginning from the World War II veterans who fought for these two flags."

There also were statements about banning automatic guns from Joe Hicks, of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission and Carson Mayor Pete Fajardo. "How many have to die before people in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento will ban assault weapons?" Fajardo asked.

While there were forceful words from speakers, a Mass celebrated at St. Columban's pleaded for calm and forgiving.

The Rev. Fr. Gerald Wilkerson, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, who was representing an out-of-the-country Cardinal Roger Mahony, reminded people that

al leads sympathizers or Iletto in Los Angeles

00 New Yorkers join igit for slain postman

illies also take place in Washington D.C.,
 icago, Dallas, Seattle and San Francisco

Cristina DC Pastor
 ws Correspondent

EW YORK — Some Asian Americans, joined sprinkling of Jewish Americans, held a memorial here for Joseph Iletto as they denounced race-ivated violence and lled him a "hero" compa-e in rank to Martin er King or Gandhi. embers of the Iletto ly, consulate officials and vists filled the Epiphany rch in lower Manhattan sing the 39-year-old al employee who was d by white supremacist ord Furrow who went on ooting spree inside a sh community center in Angeles. candle procession menced the Mass wowed by the solemn ing of "We Shall Over-e." he bullets that pierced heart of Jojo Iletto pierced hearts as well," said essagewoman Loida alas-Lewis. le was killed because he ed like us, spoke like us, working ordinarily like f us. He was killed

said 8,000 hate crimes were reported in the United States in the past year alone, a rate of around one every hour.

"That is unacceptable. America is too great a country to allow these crimes to go unpunished," he said in a separate statement.

Consul General Linglingay Lacanlale, said Filipino Americans should shake off their apathy and confront the ugly reality of racial intolerance that seems embedded in American life.

"Sadly, it takes a powerful catalyst to shake many of us from our daily apathy," she said. "Let us hope that this tragedy will help us to unify against bigotry."

Officiating priest Fr. Emo Diaz said Iletto's death is almost comparable to the heroism of Jose Rizal, Ninoy Aquino, Martin Luther King or Gandhi. Like them, he said, Iletto's "falling to the earth (in the hands of an assassin) brought new life to the hearts of people."

Ben Iletto, an uncle of the deceased and a longtime

FilAms unite in solidarity vs. hate crimes

By Corin Ramos
 PNews Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—In a strong display of both solidarity and intolerance for a crime continually plaguing their communities, Filipino Americans and members of other ethnic groups participated in vigils throughout the country during the national "Days of Remembrance" August 26-31 in honor of slain postal worker Joseph Iletto.

From Washington D.C. to Chi-

cago and Los Angeles, a coalition of Asian American organizations staged rallies and memorials decrying the spate of racially motivated slayings of five Asian Americans in the past 10 months.

But in Los Angeles August 28, the theme of a well attended rally and vigil was not hate, but the Filipino spirit of *bayanihan*.

"In Joseph's memory, we ask that the nation invoke the Filipino spirit of *bayanihan*," members of the Iletto family read from a letter during an emotional press confer-

ence held in front of the Filipino American mural at the SIPA garden.

Five hundred Filipino Americans marched down Beverly Boulevard for a memorial service at St. Columban Church. The demonstrators carried placards with Iletto's picture; others held signs with the full name of Joseph Iletto as an acronym: J.O.S.E.P.H. I.L.E.T.O. "Join Our Struggle - Educate to Prevent Hate. Instill Love, Equality, and Tolerance to Others."

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Asian American Vigil Decries Hate Crimes

Violence Often Unnoted, Activists Say

By MICHAEL A. FLETCHER
Washington Post Staff Writer

A coalition of Asian American organizations led a vigil yesterday to honor Joseph S. Iletto, the Filipino American postal worker slain by a white supremacist in Los Angeles earlier this month. The event was the first of a national series of memorials to be held in cities from New York to Seattle over the next several days to highlight a spate of deadly hate violence targeting Asian Americans.

Several dozen people, some carrying placards, gathered in Freedom Plaza in downtown Washington to listen to speeches decrying a wave of racially motivated slayings that claimed the lives of at least five Asian Americans in the past 10 months. Activists called the killings the most visible part of largely overlooked hatred routinely encountered by Asian Americans.

"Acts of anti-Asian violence are taking place every day and they are largely unnoticed," said Karen Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

Activists speculated that the violence is driven in part by the pervasive sense that members of the nation's fast-growing Asian American population are all foreigners. Through the years, "we've gone from the invisible minority, to the model minority, to just foreigners," said Irene Na-

tividad, executive director of the Philippine American Foundation. That sense has contributed not only to violence against Asian Americans, activists said, but also to muted coverage of that violence in the national press.

Iletto, 39, a letter carrier, was gunned down by white supremacist Buford O. Furrow near Los Angeles on Aug. 10, authorities said, because he worked for the federal government and was not white. Earlier that day, Furrow had opened fire at a Jewish community center, wounding a receptionist and four children. Activists said that while Iletto's death was widely reported, it was overshadowed by the shooting at the community center.

Won Joon Yoon, a Korean graduate student, was shot and killed on July 4 by a white supremacist during a weekend-long shooting rampage that victimized blacks, Jews and Asian Americans.

Other racially motivated slayings have received less national attention, activists said. Among them were the killing last October of two Indian immigrants who were allegedly taunted for their broken English before being slain during a robbery at a Dunkin' Donuts in suburban Washington. Also, a Japanese American shop owner was shot to death in Crystal Lake, Ill., near Chicago, apparently because of his race.

the three victims were stabbed as they tried to subdue Hall.

Jacqueline Williams of Worcester, Mass., who boarded the train in Toledo with her 12-year-old daughter, said one of the wounded conductors burst into her car.

"As soon as he came in, I heard the worker shout into a walkie-talkie: 'He's got a knife! He stabbed me! He stabbed me!'" she said.

Michael Dwyer, 52, was in critical condition with a head wound. John Henry Crotty was in serious condition with stab wounds to his cheek and jaw. His age was not immediately known. Sean Wilcox, 26, was treated for wounds to his shoulder and chin and released.

Man Stabs Three on Train in Ohio

clothes in his court appearance, was charged with three counts of attempted murder and jailed on \$1 million bail.

When police searched Hall, who was bleeding from a wound to his left hand, they found the knife in his pants, said Dennis McCafferty, police chief for Olmsted Township, about 15 miles southwest of Cleveland. Hall apparently cut himself when he tried to hide the knife, McCafferty said.

Police said the attack apparently began in a dining hall. Amtrak said

acted in self-defense when a train porter pulled a gun on him.

Passengers on the Lake Shore Limited run from Chicago to New York were jolted awake about 3:20 a.m. as the suspect and the victims ran through the train, leaving a bloody trail through seven cars. The train carried 376 passengers and 12 crew members.

Aaron Hall, 41, of Ontario, Calif., was arrested when a passenger in a crowd leaving the stopped train told police, "That's him. That's him."

Hall, still dressed in bloody

Associated Press

OLMSTED FALLS, Ohio, Aug. 26—A man with an eight-inch knife stabbed two conductors and a passenger on an Amtrak train outside Cleveland today and was pulled from a crowd and arrested after a rider pointed him out, police said.

One man was in critical condition with a head wound and another was in serious condition.

Police said they had no motive. The suspect, before a court appearance, shouted to reporters that he

The Washington Post

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1999



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1999

Mrs. Lilian Iletto
c/o The Honorable Brad Sherman
Member of Congress
1524 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Iletto:

I want to express my deepest sympathy to you after the death of your son, Joe. I know all too well that words are inadequate consolation at this time, but Tipper and I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Joe was a public servant committed to fulfilling his responsibilities, and during the course of his everyday duties, he gave the ultimate sacrifice. His death as a result of a senseless act of violence has shaken America and torn the hearts of her citizens. Certainly, his story moves me, and it motivates me to intensify my resolve to work closely with law enforcement officials, local leaders and public activists throughout our nation to make America a safer place.

While your son's untimely passing has created a void in the lives of many, his spirit will continue to live on in cherished memories held within our hearts and minds. Tipper and I hope that the love and support of family and friends will help see you through this difficult time. Please be assured of our personal support for you and your loved ones.

Again, please accept our most sincere condolences.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1999

Mrs. Lilian Iletto
Montebello, California

Dear Mrs. Iletto:

Hillary and I were deeply sorry to learn of your son's death. There are no words to ease the pain of such a devastating loss, but we wanted to let you know that we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Violence in our society hurts all of us, but few have had to endure its effects so personally as have you and your loved ones. Our hearts go out to you, and we hope that the loving support of your family, friends, and community will strengthen and comfort you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Irene Bueno

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Subject: Re: Vigil and Hate Crimes event

Wanted to get your thoughts on this event and related issues:

1. I think someone from the WH should attend this vigil and hate crimes event since this is an opportunity to condemn hate violence and to call for Congress to pass hate crimes legislation. Laura suggested John Podesta. What do you think and do you have any suggestions as to who should attend this vigil representing the WH?

2. Also any thoughts about the other recommendations (see below) - radio address on hate crimes and guidance on how federal agencies recognize those who die in the line of duty? I think a radio address makes sense. It seems that the guidance may make some sense but I would want to find out more about this issue. I will bring you a copy of the letter.

Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Vigil and Hate Crimes event 

The letter is on the AAGEN web page, it basically asks that the President attend the Aug 26th event, use a radio address to denounce hate crimes against APA's and other Americans, sign hate crimes legislation, and clarify how federal departments recognize employees who dies in the line of duty.

Both the POTUS and VPOTUS are on vacation. I am talking to the VP's office about getting a statement from him for the event. And I am hoping to get someone else from the White House to represent the Pres. Let me know if anyone has any ideas.

Irene Bueno

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Subject: Vigil and Hate Crimes event

FYI - The DC vigil will be held at Lafayette Park on Thursday night.

Has anyone seen the letter mentioned in this e-mail and what kind of recognition for Mr. Ileto they have requested?

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Subject: AAGEN Announcement 99-046

- > AAGEN Announcement 99-046
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- > Vigil for Joseph Ileto and Hate Crime Victims
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- > On August 10, after shooting several people at a Jewish day
- > camp, a white supremacist shot Joseph Ileto nine times and
- > killed the Filipino American postal worker in Los Angeles.
- > According to the gunman, Joseph was killed because he was "a
- > target of opportunity" - being an Asian and being a federal
- > worker. Come join all of us in remembering Joseph in
- > Washington, New York, and across the country on August 26.
- > Community organizations, Asian Pacific American or not, are
- > calling for passage of the hate crime prevention bills.
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- > The Coalition of Asian Pacific American Federal Employee
- > Organizations, including AAGEN, APANA, and FAPAC, wrote to
- > President Bill Clinton, urging him to take leadership in
- > combating hate crimes and in properly recognizing Joseph
- > Ileto. There are over 120,000 Asian Pacific American federal
- > employees who fit the profile of "a target of opportunity."
- > Visit the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN)
- > web site at www.aagen.org for more details.

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President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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August 23, 1999

Dear Mr. President,

Asian Pacific Americans were shocked and outraged by the August 10 shooting of children at a Jewish Community Center and the murder of a Filipino American postal worker, Joseph Ileto, by a white supremacist in Los Angeles. We were further horrified to learn that the gunman killed Mr. Ileto because he was a "target of opportunity" as an Asian and a federal worker.

The Coalition of Asian Pacific American Federal Employee Organizations (CAPAFEO) represents more than 120,000 Asian Pacific American federal employees who fit the "target of opportunity" profile. Recurring racial hatred and violence continue to wound the Asian Pacific American and other minority communities.

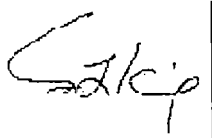
In response, we ask you to join us in sharing our grief at a memorial vigil for Joseph Ileto on August 26, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th Street. We urge you to use the forum of your Saturday morning radio address to denounce hate crimes against Asian Pacific Americans and other Americans. We also urge you to quickly sign legislation against hate crimes that Congress sends to you. Finally, we request timely clarification of your policy on how federal departments and agencies recognize employees who die in the line of duty. It is our understanding that the U.S. Postal Service has refused to issue a statement recognizing Joseph Ileto.

With warm regards,

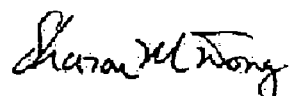
Sincerely,



Jeremy Wu
Chair, AAGEN



Yann King
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Sharon Wong
Chair, FAPAC

**PRESIDENT CLINTON:
ANNOUNCING NEW STEPS TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE**

August 17, 1999

"Schools ought to be right next to our houses of worship as sanctuaries in America. They ought to be places where young people are completely safe and absolutely certain that they are. And each of us bears a responsibility."

President Bill Clinton
August 17, 1999

Today, at the White House, President Clinton announced a series of steps to help reduce youth violence: a sweeping new anti-violence public service advertising campaign; the appointment of an executive director of the National Campaign Against Youth Violence; and the distribution of \$15 million in grants to local law enforcement agencies to target crime and violence in and around schools. The President also called on Congress to pass common-sense gun measures to help keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals.

Unveiling a Network Anti-Violence Campaign. At the White House Strategy Session on Youth Violence on May 10, President Clinton challenged the entertainment industry to do its part to reduce youth violence. Today, the President announced that an extensive coalition of broadcast and cable networks will simultaneously air the prime-time debut of public service ads on "Talking with Kids About Violence." The ads, which feature children and the President discussing the need for parents to talk with their children about violence, will air between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on August 18th. This unprecedented effort will include every major television network, more than 20 cable channels, and a website which will provide the ads online. Many of the participating networks have pledged strong support for the new ads and will show them throughout the remainder of the year. A free booklet for parents on how to talk to their children about violence is available at www.talkingwithkids.org, or by calling 1-800-CHILD44.

Appointing an Executive Director for the National Campaign Against Youth Violence. Following up on his call for a nationwide effort to address the issue of youth violence, President Clinton announced that Jeffrey Bleich will be the executive director of the National Campaign Against Youth Violence. Mr. Bleich has been nationally recognized by the American Bar Association as one of America's leading young attorneys, and is the managing partner in the San Francisco office of Munger, Tolles and Olson. Mr. Bleich will head an independent, national, non-partisan campaign that will:

- * serve as a clearinghouse with communities nationwide on programs that work;
- * secure commitments from all sectors of society to do their part to help reduce youth violence; and
- * help give parents more tools to protect their children from violence.

New Grants to Strengthen Partnerships between Law Enforcement and Schools. President Clinton announced \$15 million in Justice Department COPS grants for local law enforcement agencies across the country to form partnerships with schools and community organizations to target school violence and crime. A total of 247 grants will be awarded to 226 communities in 41 states and the District of Columbia. COPS School-Based Partnerships grants emphasize the use of community policing and problem-solving methods to address the causes of school-related crime, such as drug dealing and use, assaults, truancy, vandalism, and other student safety issues.

Urging Congress to Pass Common-Sense Gun Laws. President Clinton emphasized the importance of addressing the issue of youth access to guns as part of an overall strategy to reduce youth violence. The President urged Congress to pass measures that will close the gun show loophole and the loopholes in the

assault weapons ban.

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

Tuesday, August 17, 1999

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCING PSA ON SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Presidential Hall

11:12 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Leilani, most people twice your age couldn't do that. (Laughter.)

Ladies and gentlemen, because this is my first chance of the week to speak to the press, before we get on to showing the spot I have to say just a couple of words about the awful earthquake that occurred in Turkey, which I'm sure a lot of you have heard about. It has claimed hundreds of lives and many injuries.

So let me begin by saying, on behalf of all Americans, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. Most of you know that Turkey has been our friend and ally for a long time now. We must stand with them and do whatever we can to help them get through this terrible crisis. We've already released aid for the Turkish Red Crescent. We're sending a team to Turkey to help with search and rescue today.

Our Energy Secretary, Bill Richardson, and General Hugh Shelton, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are actually in Turkey, and they have personally conveyed our willingness to provide additional assistance. General Shelton has met with his Turkish counterpart to offer the military's help with disaster relief. And we will continue to determine what further help is needed. But you can only imagine how difficult this is for them and we will do what we can to help.

Now, let me thank Leilani again and Wyatt Keusch and Harrison Boatwright, who are the young people here with us, who are also in the PSA. I want to thank Secretary Riley and Attorney General Reno, who have really done a wonderful job of trying to have a coordinated and balanced approach to keeping our children safe. Governor Romer, thank you. I want to thank all the people here from the entertainment industry -- Jack and Richard and Eddie, Sheila and all the others who stood up. Thank you so much for your generosity and your farsightedness.

Thank you, Peggy Conlon, you're a great spokesperson for the people you represent and you've been great in helping us to get this far. And I want to thank my long-time friend, Drew Altman, and the Kaiser Foundation for their support in this endeavor. I'd also like to thank the young AmeriCorps members who are here today, who spent a lot of time working with our young people and trying to help them stay safe. This is a very important issue to Hillary, to me, to our entire administration.

In two weeks, Leilani's going to start at a brand new school. That's probably more scary than introducing the President to a bunch of strangers. (Laughter.) And, you know, there are always a lot of worries associated with going to a new school. All these strange people -- are they going to like me? Am I going to like them? You've got to get to know the teachers,

you've just got to find your way around -- got to remember the combination to a new locker.
(Laughter.)

Those are the things that our kids ought to be worried about. They shouldn't be worried about whether what they saw in Littleton, or Conyers, or what that young madman in Illinois and Indiana, or at the Jewish Community Center in LA, could possibly happen to them. That's what they shouldn't worry about.

But they do, because they've seen the press reports, and so has our entire nation. We're still grieving for the young children, the teacher, the counselor, the receptionist, at the Jewish Community Center -- or the family of that young Filipino-American, Joseph Ito, who was killed only because he was an Asian-American who worked for his country's government.

Secretary Riley has gone across the country trying to make sure that all of us can put this in some kind of context. The Attorney General has, as well. The crime rate in this country's at a 26-year low, juvenile crime is going down, the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Education show that overall violence has actually decreased in our schools. It's important to tell these children here with us today, and others, that the chances of a tragedy happening are small, less than they used to be, less than one in a million.

But that's not good enough when you see how horrible it is when it occurs. Schools ought to be right next to our houses of worship as sanctuaries in America. They ought to be places where young people are completely safe and absolutely certain that they are. And each of us bears a responsibility. If Hillary is right that it takes a village to raise a child, it will take our whole national village to keep the nation's children safe in their schools.

A big part of that responsibility lies with parents and giving parents and their children the capacity and courage to communicate with one another. And that's a big part of why we're here to launch this public service campaign. As you will see in a moment, the PSA sponsored by the Kaiser Family Foundation, by Children Now and the Ad Council sends out a powerful call to action. If you're a child and you see someone committing violence, or even just talking about it, that's very important, given the evidence we now have about the situation in Colorado and others.

If you see someone just talking about it the best thing you can do is to first tell your parents. And if you're a parent, you have to take it seriously. You have to sit down and talk and listen, to draw your children out, to give them a chance to express their fears, to give you early warning and then to share that early warning with your children's teachers and principal.

This is an important message, so I'd like to, again, with thanks to all concerned, turn the lights out and watch the ad.

(The public service announcement video is shown.) (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thanks to the commitment of America's broadcast and cable networks and cable channels, this ad and others like it will be seen by just about every single person in America who turns on the television tomorrow night, during the family hour of prime time.

This so-called television roadblock is really unprecedented. The networks are donating \$1.5 million of free air time in one night alone. That's more blanket coverage than I get for the State of the Union. (Laughter.) Many of the networks have already pledged to continue airing these PSAs during different time slots for the remainder of this year.

So let me say once again, I am very, very grateful to all the people involved who have fulfilled the commitment that they made at our Youth Violence Summit in May -- to use the

power of your medium to send out positive messages to our children. This is the kind of thing we can do when we work together, and we need to continue to do so -- and to include all parts of our society.

You remember that when we had the national summit, the First Lady and I said we wanted to organize a national campaign against youth violence, to have the same sort of galvanizing impact on our people that Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Students Against -- I think it's now called Destructive Decisions, the campaign to promote seat-belt use. These grassroots campaigns can have a profound effect on the way Americans think and the way they behave. It will be much, much easier now, because of the work that all of you involved in the media have done to bring these public service spots to the people of the United States.

But we also need our organized campaign. So today I have the honor of announcing and introducing the person who will be the Executive Director of this campaign. His name is Jeff Bleich and he's here with us on stage. He's been recognized by the American Bar Association as one of our country's leading young attorneys. He's also one of San Francisco's leading civic-minded citizens. He is the father of three beautiful children he desperately wants to have a safe childhood. He has received several prestigious awards for his pro bono legal service. He's built strong connections in Silicon Valley and in Hollywood, both of whom can be of immense help to us in this endeavor. And, perhaps most important, he has written a very fine book on youth violence.

So I'd like to ask Jeff to stand up, and to thank him for his service. (Applause.) And thank you for taking on this challenge to protect our children.

Today, the Department of Justice is also releasing \$15 million to fund innovative partnerships between local police and school and community groups, something the Attorney General has been pushing since the first day she came here. These partnerships will help schools do everything from training students in conflict resolution techniques to combatting drug dealing and use on school grounds.

But as every police officer in America knows, we're kidding ourselves if we think we can conquer youth violence without addressing one of its undeniable catalysts: the appalling ease with which young people gain access to guns. Hillary has already said, and you know that I strongly agree, it is long past time for Congress to step up to its responsibility and restore some common sense, sanity and strength to our nation's gun laws.

Today, I ask the Republican majority: when you come back to work, our children will be going back to school. Think about them. Let's not wait until the next senseless tragedy to pass common-sense gun safety measures to protect them.

Now, I know in a country of 270 million people, and tens of millions of guns, no law can stop every disturbed person from committing a violent act with a gun. But we would never do anything, as a people, if we gave in to the objection that all of our actions would have less than 100 percent impact. The Brady Bill has kept over 400,000 gun sales, which should not have occurred, from happening. It has saved countless lives. Closing the gun show loophole will have the same impact. Closing the loopholes in the assault weapons ban will have the same impact.

Doing these other things -- will they solve every problem? No. Will they stop every act of violence? No. Will they prevent every madman? No. If we used that kind of excuse, we would all stay in bed every day. We would never get out of bed. We would never get of bed. We would never hit a lick. (Applause.) So we need all the tools at our disposal. Look what these media people have done. Will this public service ad get every parent in America and every child to talk about every dangerous thing that happens at every school? No. But it will have a huge impact. (Applause.)

And so if the media people are doing their part, and the school people are doing their part, and the law enforcement people are doing their part, it is time to pass the reasonable and entirely modest measures before the Congress. For those who want to do more, I say, so do I. But that is no reason not to do this. This will make a difference. And it is certainly not an argument not to do it, that it won't solve every problem. It will save some lives, and we ought to do it.

We have got to work together. That's what our national campaign is about; that is the message that the Ad Council is putting out in these ads; and down deep inside, that's what all of us know we need to do, so that when we see children like Leilani -- don't you wish all you ever had to worry about was that the kid you're pulling for can get through the speech in front of the strangers? (Laughter.) Can make it through the athletic event? Can play the solo, or sing the song, that is so excruciatingly difficult the first time you did it? These are the things that our children ought to be worried about.

We ought to give our kids back their childhood. And we can do it, if we do it together. Thank you, and God bless you. (Applause.)

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~~Under federal law, she must only reside in New York to run for the U.S. Senate. Being outsiders didn't hurt Robert F. Kennedy in 1964 and James Buckley in 1970, who both fought off the carpetbagger charge and went on to win Senate elections.~~

For Clinton the issue may soon be put to rest, once she concludes her house-hunting.

The sniping is relentless, but it's a different story on the campaign trail. Many New Yorkers who have attended Clinton's listening sessions are struck by her understanding of complex state issues and her willingness to take suggestions.

"I am very impressed she's here," said Kathleen Cummings, a schoolteacher at the Queens meeting, which focused on women who balance work and family. "She has a lot to say, and you generally don't hear politicians talking about these issues in such detail."

Political Dynamics Unchanged After Bush's Straw Poll Win **By Ronald Brownstein and Mark Z. Barabak** **Los Angeles Times**

DES MOINES, Iowa Questions outnumbered answers for most of the Republican presidential contenders Sunday, one day after a hotly contested straw poll of GOP activists tested the field here in Iowa.

With Texas Gov. George W. Bush defending his front-runner status by finishing first, Steve Forbes placing a respectable second and Elizabeth Hanford Dole running a surprisingly competitive third, campaign strategists agreed that the results in the nonbinding straw poll did not reshape the basic dynamics in the GOP contest.

But the extravagant contest, which attracted nearly 24,000 voters to nearby Ames even though no delegates were at stake, did spotlight the strengths and weaknesses in each campaign and offer clues to how the race may evolve. In one breath, the straw poll gave the other campaigns new hope that Bush may not be as unstoppable as he has appeared but it also demonstrated the difficulties any of them will face in toppling him.

"There are strong competing messages," one of the GOP candidates said in an interview Sunday. "The fact is that 25,000 people wouldn't show up if they didn't want there to be a race. The problem is: Who's going to provide the contest against Bush?"

Two names that appeared increasingly unlikely to fill that role were former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and former Vice President Dan Quayle, who finished far behind the leaders in sixth and eighth places respectively. Quayle insisted in Sunday television talk show interviews that he would remain in the race though other campaigns predicted his poor finish would squeeze his already anemic fund raising near the choking point.

By contrast, Alexander, who had bet his financially strapped campaign on a strong showing in Ames, planned a news conference for Monday in Nashville, Tenn., where he is expected to announce his withdrawal from the race. "You won't have to hold your breath," one senior adviser said.

A thoughtful and exceptionally dogged candidate, Alexander was unable to establish a clear niche in the field (especially after Bush emerged to dominate the center-right terrain he had targeted) or escape the perception that he was used goods after his loss in the 1996 primaries. Alexander's likely departure underscores the pressure that Bush's advantage in the polls, endorsements and fund raising has placed on the other candidates.

Bush did nothing to alleviate that pressure with his victory Saturday night. After campaigning in the state for only the first time in June, Bush won more votes in the straw poll than any Republican ever; Bush's 2,497 vote margin of victory over Forbes was nearly as large as the total number of votes won by co-leaders Bob Dole and Phil Gramm in 1995. "We came to the state on June 12, 1999. Some of these candidates have been here since June 12, 1909," crowed Karl Rove, Bush's chief strategist, on Sunday.

Yet, other campaigns took heart from the fact that Bush's 10-point margin of victory over Forbes was not nearly as commanding as his lead in most polls. And the tepid audience response to Bush's address Saturday raised questions about whether his message of "compassionate conservatism" is tilted too heavily toward centrist general election voters, rather than the party activists who dominate the primaries.

"He gave a speech as if he were already president," said Tony Fabrizio, the chief strategist for Dole. "I thought it was cocky when it's the first major candidate speech and you're talking as if you're already taking the oath. There wasn't a lot of red meat in it."

Questions loomed for Forbes, too. The millionaire publisher met his goal of finishing second overall and ahead of the other Republicans. But Forbes didn't separate himself from the rest of the

field chasing Bush as much as Forbes' supporters hoped or that his massive expenditures (including spending nearly \$1 million in TV ads) might have predicted. Dole finished closer to Forbes than Forbes did to Bush.

Those results led operatives in the other campaigns to question whether Forbes faced a ceiling of voters willing to consider him a viable nominee no matter how many times they saw his ads on television. Bush advisers archly pointed out that Forbes will never enjoy such unchallenged air superiority again: Bush bought no television or radio ads for the Ames contest, but will undoubtedly match Forbes dollar-for-dollar (at least) in advertising during the primaries next winter.

Complicating Forbes' problem was that activists Gary Bauer and Patrick J. Buchanan both ran respectably enough in Ames finishing fourth and fifth respectively to sustain their campaigns. That promises to further splinter the conservative vote Forbes hopes to unite.

Buchanan's future in the race indeed in the party was less clear than Bauer's. In appearances Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" and CBS' "Face the Nation," Buchanan refused to close the door on bolting the GOP and joining the Reform Party.

"I'm going right now down this road" toward pursuing the GOP nomination, Buchanan said on "Face the Nation." Then he pointedly added: "I don't know exactly where I'm going to be in August of 2000."

For GOP contenders, the best news Saturday may have been that Dole ran well enough to invigorate her campaign. That means she may be able to attract more centrist voters who might otherwise prefer Bush.

At a rally in her campaign headquarters in Des Moines Sunday, Dole unabashedly portrayed her third-place showing as "a great victory." In some ways it was. Dole demonstrated a formidable ability to generate enthusiasm among women; her campaign estimated that women provided two-thirds of her votes.

But it is difficult to build a campaign on third-place finishes even surprising ones. In 1996, third-place showings in both the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary gave Alexander a bit of a boost but not enough to truly make him a viable contender. The question for Dole is whether this result will be enough to significantly boost her modest fund raising, or to convince GOP voters in large numbers to give her a second look.

"There is no win, place, and show in these things," said Tom Rath, a top Alexander adviser. "You can only afford to come in third a couple times."

Questions surfaced even for the one major candidate who skipped the contest: Arizona Sen. John McCain. On "Face the Nation," McCain all but announced he would skip the Iowa caucus itself next January to focus on New Hampshire and South Carolina making public what his advisers have privately acknowledged for months. "I may not want to be a part of that (caucus)," McCain said.

Shooting Renews Debate Over Federal Oversight of Extremists **By Eric Lichtblau and Norman Kempster** **Los Angeles Times**

WASHINGTON Three decades ago, federal authorities claimed wide-ranging and often-abusive powers in the name of national security as FBI agents trailed, harassed and threatened liberal demonstrators, black militants and many others whose ideas were deemed dangerous.

Today, the pendulum has swung so far away from the abuses of the J. Edgar Hoover era that authorities are wary of proceeding against an extremist group without a "reasonable indication" of criminal activity.

But last week's shootings in Granada Hills, Calif., to which whit supremacist Buford O. Furrow Jr. reportedly has confessed, have set off a vigorous debate over whether the federal government has become too lax in seeking to contain extremists who spew out hateful and potentially dangerous ideas.

"We're going to have to change our policies. I think the safety of our citizens requires that these groups be kept under some surveillance, no less than suspected terrorist groups," Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., a leading civil rights activist, said in an interview.

Such talk is anathema to civil libertarians, who fear a return to widespread political harassment by federal authorities of groups engaged in legally protected activities.

But statements by federal law enforcement officials suggest that such fears are premature. Although the recent spate of high-profile hate crimes has sparked demands for change, prospects are

uncertain for a significant shift in federal policies on the monitoring of extremist groups.

With reports of hate crimes increasing, it has been left to private groups such as the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center, which first turned up a photo last week of Furrow in neo-Nazi garb, to assume the role of watchdog over the nation's extremists.

These watchdogs work by compiling voluminous research on hate groups, often using the information to sue them for damages and sometimes even infiltrate their ranks. The people sent by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles to infiltrate white supremacist groups "look more Aryan than the Aryans," declared Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the center.

Yet for all their newfound prominence, many of these activists would just as soon see the government take the lead again in ferreting out dangerous extremists such as Furrow.

"It is up to the Congress to say they want the FBI back in the business of fighting hate groups," Hier said.

"We're not saying that the FBI should automatically eavesdrop on everyone who hits a hate site on the Internet," Hier said. But when an extremist group runs a Web site featuring military commandos shooting at the pope, he said, "it might cross the line from speech to threat."

But civil libertarians warn that such policies could invite political repression.

"We don't need to return to the days when the FBI routinely investigated people like Martin Luther King or John Lennon because of their political views," said Gregory Nojeim, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union here.

As the embarrassing details of the FBI's political abuses emerged in the mid-1970s, federal authorities first began reshaping the way they went about investigating possible threats to domestic security.

Authorities must have a "reasonable indication" of criminal activity to open an investigation. And the current guidelines, which date to 1989, ban any investigations "based solely on activities protected by the First Amendment."

Attorney General Janet Reno spoke forcefully last week about the Granada Hills shootings, calling for a redoubled attack on hatred and bigotry. But she said she sees no need to loosen the rules for monitoring hate groups, and she declined to name those groups that may be under investigation by her department.

As a matter of policy, the FBI does not keep lists on or actively monitor the activities of groups considered extremist unless it has reason to suspect them of criminal activity, said bureau spokesman Tron Brekke in Washington.

"We always want to be proactive and hopefully aid in prevention. It doesn't do society any good if people are just around reacting after a crime has occurred. But oftentimes, we can only do so much," Brekke said.

Conyers said that he was "astounded" to learn from the FBI at a congressional hearing that it does not maintain a list of extremist groups.

Some activists believe that the standoff near Waco, Texas, between federal agents and religious separatists in 1993 that led to the deaths of more than 80 Branch Davidian cultists has made authorities gun-shy about moving aggressively against fringe groups.

But Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said that federal authorities have allowed hate groups to use the First Amendment as a cover, moving in only after the damage is done.

"We need to have an ability to defend our civil liberties in order to enjoy them," he said. "The Constitution is not a suicide pact."

Hateful speech on the Internet is a case in point.

Some critics have said that the Justice Department has dragged its feet on the issue. Reno said the department is reviewing the question of potentially incendiary speech on the Internet and federal authorities have gained convictions against two young men in Southern California who sent threatening, racist-laden messages into cyberspace.

But when it comes to civil litigation against hate groups and extremists, the Justice Department often has left that to private watchdogs who have successfully sued the Ku Klux Klan and other groups for damages.

For now, much of the Clinton administration's effort on the hate crime issue has focused on congressional passage of expanded federal hate crime laws, which would make crimes based on gender, sexual orientation and disability also subject to special prosecution. Currently, only race, religion and national origin are covered under federal hate crime statutes.

The expansion has passed the Senate, but it appears in danger of stalling in the House, where the sexual orientation provision has come under particular fire from gay rights critics. Others have attacked the hate crime measure as a needless expansion of federal law that would serve only to divide the country into different groups and classes.

Conyers, sponsor of the House measure, said that the prospects are "iffy." But he said the Granada Hills shootings might serve to rally support.

Reno, Davis Urge Ban on Weapons, Intolerance By Terry McDermott and Andrew Blankenstein Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and California Gov. Gray Davis told more than 1,000 people at a Sunday rally for victims of last week's neo-Nazi shooting spree to renew commitments to rid society of both assault weapons and intolerance.

More concretely, Davis said he would extend state technical and financial aid to improve security at child-care centers and churches.

The rally, held at California State University, Northridge, in the city's San Fernando Valley, was organized in the aftermath of last Tuesday's killing of U.S. postal worker Joseph Iletto while he was delivering mail in the city's Chatsworth district and the wounding of three children and two child care workers at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills.

Buford O. Furrow, a member of the white separatist group the Aryan Nations, confessed to the shootings, police said last week. An unemployed mechanical engineer from Washington state, Furrow, 37, eluded a citywide manhunt after the Tuesday shooting and took

a taxi cab to Las Vegas. Once there, he walked into the local FBI office and turned himself in Wednesday.

Iletto was buried Saturday. All but one of the other victims has been released from the hospital. Benjamin Kadish, the 5-year-old boy nearly killed in the attack, remains hospitalized in serious condition, but was removed from a respirator and began breathing on his own Sunday for the first time since the shooting.

Furrow faces state and federal murder and attempted murder charges. After he turned himself in, law enforcement officials reported Furrow said he wanted the shootings to be a "wake-up call" to Americans to kill Jews.

Rabbi Jerald Brown of the Temple Ahavat Shalom in the San Fernando Valley said it was time for those who oppose terror to "issue a wake-up call of our own."

Reno urged the crowd to be vigorous in confronting hate-mongers.

"At moments like this, I think back to 1951, when as a 13-year-old, I visited Germany," she said.

"I asked people who I met how the Holocaust could have happened," she said. "They told me again and again, it happened because they stood by silently. We cannot stand by."

Davis had to speak over the shouted objections of a man who did not want the government to outlaw any weapons. The man, Irv Rubin of the Jewish Defense League, said innocent people needed guns to protect themselves from a coming war. He handed out fliers that warned: "Don't leave yourself unarmed against those who want to murder you."

Davis said he was working with legislative leaders on a program that would help plan and pay for greater security at child-care centers and churches. He said the program would be modeled on legislation passed earlier this year that seeks to do the same thing for schools.

He said he wanted to make state funds available to match local government and/or philanthropic grants.

The rally was organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, working with the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Los Angeles, the Board of Rabbis of Southern California and the Anti-Defamation League.

Guests at the rally included members of Iletto's family.

Shootings Put Focus on Weekend Gun Show By Jeffrey L. Rabin and Steve Berry Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES Four times a year, the Los Angeles County fairgrounds in nearby Pomona becomes a supermarket of firearm ammunition, antique weapons, body armor and survivalist gear.

And if undercover operations undertaken by state and federal agents in recent months are any indication, the Great Western gun