

On the local level, we have Alhambra Mayor Stephen Sham; Alhambra City Council member Gary Yamauchi; Alhambra Unified School Board members Chester Chau and Robert "Bob" Gin; Garvey School Board members Janet Chin, Henry Lo, and John Yuen; Monterey Park Mayor Anthony Wong; Monterey Park Council members Mitchell Ing, David Lau, and Betty Tom Chu; San Gabriel Mayor Albert Huang; San Gabriel Unified School Board member Philip Hu; South Pasadena Council member Mike Ten; South Pasadena Unified School Board member Joseph Loo; Temple City Council member Vincent Yu; and Temple City Unified School Board member Janet Rhee.

The contribution of Asian Americans to our community, our State, and our Nation are not limited to these individuals. Our Nation has benefited from the contribution of Asian Americans for decades. The Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, commonly known as the "Go for Broke" regiments, courageously served our Nation during World War II and earned several awards for their distinctive service in combat. During this Congress I introduced legislation to pay tribute to the "Go for Broke" regiment by awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' highest civilian honor. And continuing the spirit of service to our Nation, I am happy to announce that two of my service academy nominees who received appointments this year are Richard Hyun Kim, a resident of Temple City and student of Temple City High School, who will be attending the Military Academy at West Point this fall, and Marcus Nguyen, a San Gabriel High School student from the city of Alhambra, who received an appointment to the Naval Academy. We're so lucky to have these wonderful people in our community. As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I urge all of us to reflect upon and celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our history, our way of life and the future we will share as citizens of this great Nation.

#### ACTION NEEDED NOW AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, Mr. POE of Texas comes down here quite frequently and talks about the problems along the border between the United States and Mexico. Yesterday I received an email that I would like to read to my colleagues. The subject is "The Wild Southern Border." And it starts off, and it says, "A lesson: Don't leave your weapons in the car, don't turn your back on strangers who are somewhere they don't belong, use your cell phone with your off hand, not

your strong hand." And the reason they start off with that lesson is because of what is said in this email, and I would like to read it to you.

"As you know, one of the local ranchers was murdered in Douglas, Arizona, 2 weeks ago. I received three messages similar to the one below from different officers within the Rangers and law enforcement. Yesterday afternoon, I talked to another rancher near us who is a friend of ours and whose great grandfather started their ranch here in 1880. These are good people. He told me what really happened out at the Krentz ranch and what you won't read in the papers. The Border Patrol is afraid of starting a small war between civilians here and the drug cartels in Mexico.

"Bob Krentz was checking his water like he does every evening and came upon an illegal alien who was lying on the ground, telling him he was sick. Bob called the Border Patrol and asked for a medical helicopter to evacuate the gentleman. As he turned to go back to his ATV, he was shot in the side. The round came from down and angled up, so they know the shooter was on the ground. Bob's firearm was in the ATV, so he had no chance. Wounded, he called the Cochise County Sheriff and asked for help. Bleeding in the lungs, he called his brother, but the line was bad. So he called his wife, but again the line was bad. Several ranchers heard the radio call and drove to his location. Bob was dead by this time. The ranchers tracked the shooter 8 miles back towards Mexico and cornered him in a brushy draw. This was all at night.

"The sheriff and Border Patrol arrived and told him not to go down and engage the murderer. They went around to the back side, and if you can believe it, the assassin managed to get by a B.P. helicopter and a sheriff's posse and back into Mexico. So much for professional help when you need it."

And I would like to say that I think the Border Patrol and the sheriffs do a great job with what they have down there. Nevertheless, this is what he says in his email. "One week before the murder, Bob and his brother Phil, who I shoot with, hauled a huge quantity of drugs off the ranch that they found in trucks. One week before that, a rancher near Naco did the same thing. Two nights later, gangs broke into his ranch house and beat him and his wife and told them that if they ever touched any drugs they found, they would come back and kill them.

"The ranchers here deal with cut fences and haul drug deliveries off their ranches all the time. What ranchers think is that the drug cartels beat the one rancher and shot Bob because they wanted to send a message. Bob always gave food and water to illegals, and so they think they sent the assassin to pose as an illegal who was hungry and thirsty, knowing it would catch Bob off-guard. What is going on down here is not being reported. You need to tell the people how bad it is along the bor-

der. Texas is worse. Near El Paso, it's in a state of war; 5,000 people were killed in Ciudad Juarez last year, and it's over 2,000 so far this year. Gun sales down here are through the roof, and I get emails from people wanting firearms training. Something has to be done, but I don't hold out much hope. These gangs have groups in almost every city in the United States. Please read below. This is serious business. The Barrio Azteca and their subgangs are like Mexican corporations and organized extremely well. If this doesn't get dealt with down here, you guys"—meaning us up north—"will deal with it on your streets." And it's signed Bud.

All I can say is that Mr. POE and others have come down here day after day, week after week, month after month, talking about the horrible problems on the border, and this government, the Federal Government, is not doing anything about it. They're not approaching this as it should be approached. We need to send the National Guard down there. We need to continue with the border fencing and stop the illegal aliens from coming across, number one, and stop the drug traffic and the terrorists who are coming across. This is a war down there. We're fighting wars in other parts of the world. This is our border, and we need to address this problem.

#### THEY CARED FOR US: A TRIBUTE TO OUR LOCAL DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, in 1914, a young Chamorro by the name of Jose Diaz Torres began his training in medicine at a small hospital opened by the German colonial administration on the island of Saipan. Chamorro people had their own healing and medicinal traditions from ancient times, but Spanish colonizers introduced the indigenous people to Western medicine, and the Germans continued this practice upon taking control of the Northern Mariana Islands at the end of the 19th century. The Germans had a commitment to training local people, and Jose Torres, or Dr. Torres as he came to be called, thus became the islands' first local doctor. When Japan supplanted Germany, Dr. Torres continued his practice in a hospital the Japanese constructed. There too, the careers of Saipan's first Chamorro dentists, Dr. Manuel Manibusan Aldan and Dr. Juan Charfauros Reyes, began.

Victory over the Japanese in World War II brought the United States to control of the Northern Mariana Islands. After the war, the islands were administered under a United Nations trusteeship arrangement that required the United States to improve the standard of living. This responsibility