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**Pie in the sky**—Former national champion, Hironori Mii, says the yo-yo can be a friend. Here, he practices signature tricks.

## Yo-Yo Master Has World on a String

By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

Some people call him "Off String Man" because of his signature tricks that involve complex handling of the yo-yo actually coming off the string, but those in the know refer to Hironori Mii, 22, as the demi-god of yo-yoing.

Armed with his yo-yo of choice, a Duncan Flying Panda, Mii has collected many highly coveted awards and titles including world champion status in 2000.

"Hiro is an inspiring player who is widely known and well-respect-

ed," said Bob Malowney, director of the Chico, California-based National Yo-Yo Museum, home of the largest working wooden yo-yo and the annual National Yo-Yo Contest.

Malowney met Mii for the first time in 1997 in Buffalo, New York when the then 17-year-old was testing out his off string technique for the first time. Since then, Mii and a core group of yo-yo enthusiasts have pumped life back into one of the oldest toys of all time by elevating their performances to art form status and traveling to yo-yo hot spots all over the world to compete.

During one legendary performance at the 1999 World Yo-Yo Contest in Honolulu, Mii wowed the audience with the first-ever freestyle off string technique and became the poster child for aspiring yo-yoists everywhere.

Now, the Nagoya native is currently in Tokyo working for a yo-yo distribution company, but he says his heart is in Chico, where he is enrolled at state college as a business administration major.

There are perks to being one of the best in the world, a title he openly admits to holding — chicks dig the yo-yo gig.

But in his e-mail musings with the *Pacific Citizen*, Mii mixes tech-

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## SPRING CAMPAIGN What Inspires Me?

By **ALAYNE YONEMOTO**  
PSWD P.C. Board Rep.

What motivates you? We each find inspiration in different areas. I am continually inspired by the good works of other people. If I successfully emulate one characteristic from each of the people I admire, I bring myself closer to my personal life goals. I have found



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## Buddhists Decry Use of Bodhisattva Images on Swimwear

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI**  
Executive Editor

The current popularity of everything Asian can be seen throughout the fashion industry, from kimono-influenced dresses to Chinese collar shirts. But when swimwear companies splatter strategically placed Buddhist images all over their itty-bitty bikinis and tankinis, has fashion gone too far?

Yes, say Buddhists across the United States and internationally. And thanks to the Internet, Buddhists have launched a massive coordinated campaign against swimwear company OndadeMar and lingerie magnate Victoria's Secret, asking for the immediate removal of the questionable items, a recall of sold items, and a formal public apology.

"OndadeMar and Victoria's Secret lack common sense and respect for religious differences," said Kieu Dam Trang, a Buddhist who is helping to coordinate efforts against the two companies in the United States. "Their advertisements to sell such items are very inconsiderate, is lacking common sense and is very disrespectful."

"The Buddhist image represents something very meaningful for many Buddhists. We don't like these images to be used in a design,"

## MORI MEMO An Invitation to Paradise

By **FLOYD MORI**  
Nat'l JACL President

As summer quickly approaches with its warm weather and sunshine, it's a good time to think about spending time in Paradise. The Hawaii chapter has been very busy planning for an excellent National JACL Convention in August. We hope many of you are planning to attend the convention as boosters as well as delegates and alternates.

Many of our active JACLers who were our early JACL leaders are now aging, but they continue to serve JACL in various capacities. The national convention is a place



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said Rev. Kodo Umezu of the Buddhist Churches of America. "It's too commercialized."

OndadeMar, a swimwear company based in South America, is the manufacturer of both the bikini and tankini that features Bodhisattva images placed in prominent positions on both the tops and bottoms



Models pose in controversial Buddha swimwear by OndadeMar. Victoria's Secret sold the tankini above.

of the swimsuits. Victoria's Secret, a national company, had been selling OndadeMar's Buddha tankini on its Web site and through its 2004 swimwear catalogue.

Shortly after receiving numerous complaints, including petition letters threatening a boycott of their

stores, both companies removed the Buddha swimsuits from their Web sites and catalogues. Although OndadeMar and Victoria's Secret have agreed to no longer sell the items, they have not called for a recall of the items nor released a formal letter of apology.

The actions taken by the companies thus far are not good enough, said Trang. "What we seek is no more than righteous and considerate doings. It is up to them to mend what had been broken," she said. "Whatever the reason is behind depicting images of Buddha in this way, I would like to know it. These two companies owe us the truth."

Buddhists nationally and internationally plan to continue their efforts against both companies, including a boycott of the two stores and their affiliates.

Victoria's Secret is owned by Limited Brands which also includes Limited, Express, Henry Bendel, and Bath & Body Works. OndadeMar swimwear is sold at Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth

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## What's in a Name?

First generation immigrants changed their ethnic names to gain access, but experts say the continuing trend in younger generations is indicative of fractured identities.

By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

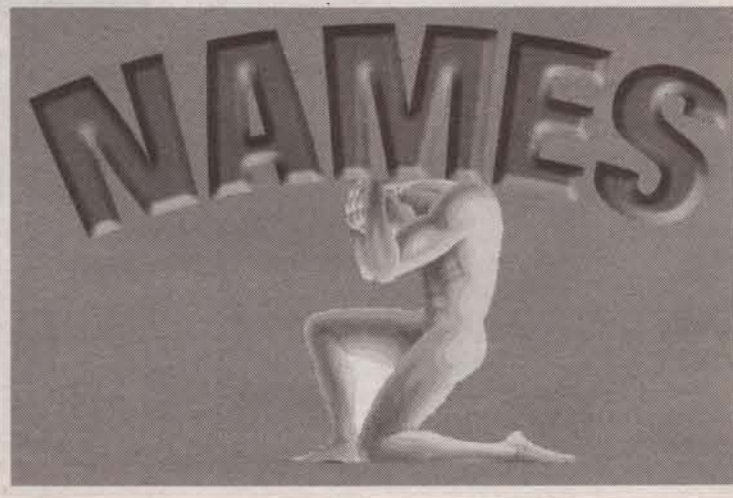
In the movie "Goldmember" it's all about the scene when Austin Powers meets nubile Asian twin girls named, "Fook Yu" and "Fook Mi," and delightfully banter about their names — names which take on new meaning when translated into English. The name joke was a hit with the film's audience but also touches on the pulse of an evolving trend among real-life Asian Pacific Americans and

their self-consciousness over poorly translated names.

Hollywood has always had a love affair with funny Asian names. Remember Long Duk Dong from "Sixteen Candles"? But there's a deeper meaning behind the laughter for generations of APAs who have had to correct pronunciations when answering to their delicate names rolling off of foreign tongues.

When 26-year-old Cathlyn

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## SPRING CAMPAIGN

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something to aspire to in every issue of the Pacific Citizen. The P.C. is our outlet to highlight the people of the JACL community.

When I was in high school, my favorite show was the local evening news. I looked forward to the sports and weather reports, but I also looked forward to the local news stories. I felt that there were people making a significant impact in my community and I enjoyed hearing the stories of their accomplishments. It seemed there were so many organizations and leaders that formed the foundation of my community.

I still watch the local evening news but those charming stories are no longer televised. Maybe it is because I now realize the heavy importance of each of the headline stories. But it is more likely the local stories are pushed to the very corners of the newscast so that mainstream pieces aimed at increasing ratings and national shock value fill our newscasts. Are these stories truly an accurate cross section of the people in America? These days, I'm looking for new inspirational people.

I have been fortunate to find great inspiration in the people around me. My community directly influences my goals and aspirations. And with JACL, my community is now a national one. Stories and accomplishments are brought to me two times a month in the P.C. Caroline, Brian, and the rest of the hardworking P.C. staff create a national publication that exceeds the journalistic merits of any other recurring publication available about our community.

The quality news in the P.C. is

the vein of communication for JACL. I look forward to the stories, editorials, and commentaries because they are overlooked by other national media outlets. I look forward to the stories that highlight the outstanding members in our community and their accomplishments. The work that is being done by JACL members might not be pleasant, but the service to civil rights and to our community is unparalleled. Without the P.C., there would be no outlet for these deeds to be acknowledged.

As a member of JACL, I am fortunate to be surrounded by hardworking staff and volunteers. I often question if I am doing enough to show my appreciation for the dedication that I see in others. The staff of JACL inspires me. They work tirelessly to keep our organization running; they work for the betterment of life for all people.

Our national budget continually faces difficulties. The P.C. Spring Campaign is a way that you can positively affect the budget of the P.C. This in turn will show support for the staff of the P.C. Your contribution will directly support the operating budget for a publication that highlights the people within our community.

Asian Americans seldom have a place in the news. It is quite infrequent that we hear about the good works that are done in our community. I hope that the articles that you have read in the P.C. have inspired you to write a letter, or attend an event, or donate your time, or even run for office.

I am asking that you help support this vital program of JACL. Please give to the Spring Campaign to help the P.C. staff continue to provide an outlet for our ideas and accomplishments. ■

## Honoring the 442nd

The following letter was sent to Texas commissioners in both Jefferson and Orange Counties

I understand there is a misunderstanding of the word "Jap Road" in Fannet and "Jap Lane" in Vidor. Please consider this suggestion to change the names to the "442nd Road" and "442nd Lane."

You rightfully ask, why? For the 211 men of the 36th Texas Division, rescued in the Vosges Mountains, Oct. 30, 1944. I was Commander of that 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment, 36th Texas Division.

We were cut off for seven days, little food, water, ammunition or supplies. We had rain, snow and mounting casualties. Unless you were there, no way will you understand the horrors of war. What they suffered is too horrible to describe. WAR IS HELL.

If it were not for the 442nd we would have been killed, wounded or captured. I think we owe them. Our other Battalions could not get us out. The 442nd suffered several hundred casualties, far more than they rescued. Even one killed is too many.

Please consider what these men accomplished. They were sons of parents who lost their farms, homes and businesses. Their constitutional rights were taken away; they were persecuted more than any group I have seen in my lifetime. The 442nd Regiment was the most decorated unit in the U.S. Army for its size and length of service. Please think about the change.

Incidentally, the Congress and Webster's dictionary say the term "Jap" is offensive and derogatory.

Marty Higgins

Commander of  
the "Lost Battalion"  
Anna Maria, FL

## Re: Efforts to Rename 'Jap Road' and 'Jap Lane'

I just read about the efforts to rename "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane" in the April 2-15 issue of the Pacific Citizen. I thought by now some of those Texans from the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Division, or their family members, relatives, or friends, would have come out and given support.

I hope there has been help from those Texans but if not, in my humble opinion, you should solicit their support. Remind them that 200 Japanese American soldiers were killed and 600 wounded in the fight to free 211 Texans!

John F. Masai  
via e-mail

Thank you for your coverage updating JACL on the unbelievably difficult process to rename "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane" in Texas. I commend Sandra Tanamachi, Thomas Kuwahara, and Sharon Seymour for their persistence and dedication, and commitment of personal funds. They can use your help. I hope all JACLers will send contributions to Thomas to continue their efforts (I will be glad to furnish contact information), as well as letters of support as recommended recently by George Hirasaki, Houston JACL president, in his email to all the chapters. Every letter counts.

An Ode for an Odious Name  
JAP Road? JAP Lane?

An honor?

Get real.

A slap in the face.

An epithet

Hurled from the '40s and World War II.

A kick in the pants.

Face hot, eyes down.

Get with it.

Honor overdue.

Do the right thing:

Hit delete.

Micki Kawakami.

Organizer of successful campaign to rename Chinks Peak to Chinese Peak  
Pocatello, ID

## Lifeline

To be honest, I was not going to renew your paper because it's so expensive (a senior on fixed income). However, after having read Maya Yamazaki's column, she changed my mind. As she stated, it's a "lifeline" to the Asian community to keep us in touch with what our people, young and old, are doing.

Thank God for the Pacific Citizen and its excellent journalists.

Kim Tobari

Salt Lake City, UT

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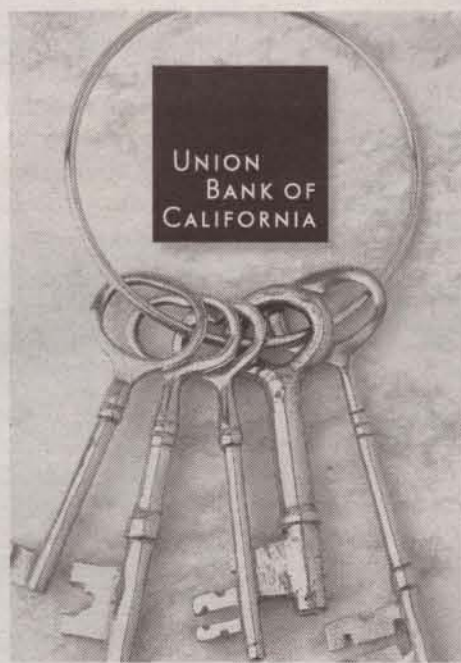
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# National AAPI Leaders Denounce President's Changes to Historic Executive Order

National leaders in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community criticized President Bush's changes and restrictions to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, an initiative originally established under Executive Order 13125 in 1999 under President Clinton.

The "Increasing Economic Opportunity and Business Participation of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders" Executive Order comes one year late and renews the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The original Executive Order issued by Clinton had a broad mandate to "improve the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through increased participation in Federal programs where they may be underserved (e.g., health, human services, education, housing, labor, transportation, and economic and community development)."

The new Executive Order announced May 13 moves the Initiative from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Commerce and narrows the mission of the Initiative and the Commission from broadly



President George W. Bush signs an executive order creating the new advisory commission on Asian Americans. Pictured with the President are (left) Susan Ralston, executive assistant to the senior advisor; Eddy Badrina, director, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and Chiling Tong, associate director, Office of Legislative, Education and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minority Business Development Agency.

the most vulnerable and underserved in the AAPI community."

The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) sent a letter to the President in March raising concerns about the direction the White House was taking the Initiative but received no response before the new Executive Order was issued.

After the new Order was issued and the new White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Director, Eddy Badrina, was announced, AAPI leaders spoke to him and he offered to set up a meeting.

"While we appreciate the focus on economic and community development, efforts to improve the quality of life for AAPIs needs to involve all sectors, not only businesses and will require policy and programmatic changes in multiple federal agencies such as HHS and HUD," said Lisa Hasegawa, executive director of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development.

"National CAPACD urges the administration to maintain an equal focus on increasing participation of non-profit community based organizations serving underserved AAPI communities." ■

helping underserved AAPI communities to solely focusing on the development of AAPI small businesses.

The new order instructs the Commission to "improve the economic and community development of Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses through ensuring equal opportunity to participate in Federal programs, and public-sector, private-sector partnerships, and through the collection of data related to Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses" and "increase the business diversifica-

tion of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, including ways to foster research and data on Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses including their level of participation in the national economy and their economic and community development."

"The quality of life of the AAPI community cannot be adequately improved by limiting the improvements of one facet of AAPI policy priorities," said Christine Chen, executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans. "Limiting the purpose of the

Executive Order ends any advances in education policy, for example."

"The Initiative has been seriously under-funded over the past few years," said Karen K. Narasaki, president and executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. "The changes make it likely that even fewer resources will be made available."

"Narrowing the focus of the Initiative signals a lack of commitment to support important efforts to ensure the federal government is adequately addressing the needs of

## Ex-FBI Handler of Alleged Chinese Double Agent Pleads Guilty

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
AP Special Correspondent

A former FBI agent pleaded guilty May 12 to lying about his sexual relationship with a woman alleged to be a Chinese double agent.

James J. Smith pleaded guilty to a single count of making a false statement and agreed to cooperate with the government.

U.S. District Judge Florence Marie Cooper said Smith faced up to five years in prison, but outside court defense attorney Brian Sun said the sentencing guidelines indicate his client would serve no more than six months and perhaps no time.

Sun emphasized that Smith admitted only that he had a sexual relationship with the woman, Katrina Leung, and that he lied to the FBI about it. He did not plead guilty to any counts involving misuse of classified information.

Smith, 60, was the longtime handler of Leung, a naturalized citizen and San Marino socialite who was recruited 20 years ago to work for the FBI, gathering intelligence during frequent business trips to China. Prosecutors claim she began working for China around 1990.

Smith was originally charged with gross negligence for allegedly allowing Leung access to classified materials and with mail fraud for allegedly filing false reports to FBI headquarters about

her reliability. He faced 40 years in prison if convicted of those charges. The charge to which he pleaded was added in a superseding indictment in February.

Leung is charged with taking classified documents from Smith's briefcase, although she has not been accused of relaying that information to China.

She faces up to 14 years in prison if convicted of illegally copying and possessing national security papers that she intended to use, or could have used, to harm the interests of the United States. She has denied the allegations.

Leung's trial is pending. Her attorneys, Janet Levine and John Vandeveld, were in court for the plea and issued a statement later.

"We are happy for James J. Smith and wish him well because, as far as we are concerned, he did nothing worthy of a criminal prosecution, but neither did Katrina Leung," the attorneys said.

"Although we may have to fight to the end because the FBI has tried to protect its own and shift blame for their mistakes to Katrina, an outsider, a Chinese American and a woman, we are confident that this case is much ado about nothing and Katrina Leung will be vindicated," they said.

The plea agreement calls for Smith to withdraw from any joint defense arrangement he may have had with Leung. ■



## Affirmative Action Foe Promises Michigan Vote on Ban

By JAMES PRICHARD  
Associated Press Writer

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—A leading opponent of affirmative action vowed that if a drive for a statewide vote to ban racial preferences does not get on the ballot this year, it definitely will in 2006.

"The voters of this state will get the chance to vote on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative," Ward Connerly said May 6 during a speech at Kalamazoo College, where his appearance sparked a demonstration in support of affirmative action.

The campaign has been slowed by an Ingham County Circuit Court ruling that the form of the petitions should not have been approved by the Board of State Canvassers. That ruling is now before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Connerly said if the case doesn't work its way through the court system in time for the campaign to gather enough signatures to get the initiative on the November ballot, it will continue to work to get it on a ballot in the next two years.

Connerly is chairman of the American Civil Rights Coalition. The Sacramento, Calif.-based group backs the Michigan campaign to

prohibit giving preference to race at the states' universities and other public agencies. Connerly led a failed 2003 ballot drive in California that would have banned government gathering of racial data.

The Kalamazoo College Republican Club invited Connerly to the school in a free event that was open to the public. Several hundred people filled the campus' Dalton Theater to hear him speak and answer questions.

Connerly told the crowd that the government should be trying to help disadvantaged people based on their socio-economic circumstances and not their skin color.

"I think the institutional problem we should be dealing in our society is more the haves versus the have-nots rather than race," Connerly said.

Before his appearance, a couple of hundred people attended a rally just outside the auditorium in support of affirmative action.

"We will stand in opposition of any organization or individual that comes to destroy affirmative action programs," said Elrico Hurley, youth director of the metropolitan Kalamazoo branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and one of the

rally's many speakers.

Connerly, a 69-year-old black man, has said although he experienced the overt discrimination of the pre-civil rights era in the South, today's racial preferences are a crutch for blacks. He has acknowledged that much of his support comes from white conservatives but denied that blacks uniformly oppose him.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative has been gathering signatures on petitions seeking a November vote to end affirmative action at Michigan's public universities and other public agencies.

The effort started after a U.S. Supreme Court decision last June that upheld a general affirmative action program at the University of Michigan law school but struck down the undergraduate school's formula of awarding points based on race.

If the issue gets to the ballot, voters will be asked whether they want to amend the state constitution to prohibit preferences based on race, sex, ethnicity or national origin by state universities, government and in contracting.

The proposal is opposed by the group Citizens for a United Michigan. ■

## Police Create Board to Hear Muslim Concerns

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX—Responding to growing concerns after Sept. 11 and the Iraq War, the Phoenix Police Department recently created a board to hear Muslim concerns.

The Muslim Community Advisory Board, believed to be the first in Arizona, will open communication between authorities and the Muslim community, police and board members said.

The 15-member panel will help

guide police policy that affects the Muslim community, address hate crimes, threats and workplace discrimination.

Arizona was one of the states that had the greatest increase of reported anti-Muslim incidents in 2003, according to reports.

According to a report by Washington, D.C.-based Council on American-Islamic Relations, reports of such discrimination and violence jumped by 584 percent in Arizona.

Religious and ethnic profiling, denial of religious accommodation and workplace discrimination were the most common complaints.

But Tucson has seen a decrease in anti-Muslim incidents from 19 in 2001 to 2 last year.

"I think the environment here in Tucson may be better than elsewhere. It's quite heartening. It makes me happy to live here," said Muhammad As'ad, a spokesman for the Tucson Islamic Center. ■



# National Newsbytes

## Anti-Muslim Incidents Increase Nationwide

A Muslim advocacy group released a report earlier this month citing a national increase in the number of bias acts against Muslims, Arabs or South Asians especially in New York, New Jersey and California.

According to the report by the New York-based Council on American Islamic Relations, nationwide bias complaints reported to the group rose from 602 in 2002 to 1,019 in 2003.

In New York, more than 200 reports of anti-Muslim acts were reported last year. California had 221 incidents reported in 2003. And bias incidents against New Jersey Muslims more than tripled. Michigan was the only state to see a decrease in anti-Muslim acts.

The report, titled "Unpatriotic Acts," said the national bias figures reflect an increase in the number of regional offices opened by the Washington-based advocacy group, which allowed more cases to be documented. The council also blamed continued fear of Muslims after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the misapplication of the USA Patriot Act, the antiterrorism bill.

## Ukulele Virtuoso Helps Promote Hawaii Tourism in Japan

HONOLULU—Ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro is helping to promote Hawaii tourism in Japan through a state marketing and advertising campaign.

Shimabukuro, 27, was paid 10 million yen or US\$88,000 to appear on commuter train posters, in television spots and in personal performances.

After six straight years of

declining Japanese travel to Hawaii, state statistics show signs of a turnaround. Japanese tourists are once again beginning to crowd the islands' beaches and the shops at Honolulu's Ala Moana Center.

Tourism officials are hoping that Shimabukuro will appeal to the younger demographic that the travel industry is targeting.

## Business Boom Caters to Asians in Northwest Florida

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.—Asian supermarkets, restaurants and other businesses are mushrooming because of Northwest Florida's sizeable Asian population.

According to U.S. Census figures from 1990 and 2000, about 2.5 percent of Okaloosa County residents identified themselves as Asian. The number may be larger since census workers don't count illegal residents.

Historically, Asian businesses have thrived in the Fort Walton Beach area, but the Census Bureau is projecting that the Asian population is expected to more than triple nationwide in the next 50 years, promising positive Asian business ventures and expansion.

## WWII Veterans to be Honored in New Postal Stamp

WASHINGTON—The men and women who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II will be honored with a 37-cent postage stamp. The commemorative stamp features a computer generated WWII War Memorial on the National Mall.

The stamp will go on sale at post offices nationwide on May 29, the same day as the formal dedication ceremonies at the war memorial. The stamp will remain on sale for a

year, the postal service said.

## Piano Student Faces Murder Charges for Slaying Teacher

AUSTIN, Texas—Jackson Fan Chun Ngai, 22, used a meat cleaver to kill a disabled University of Texas professor and piano teacher in her home and then left a note on her body that said she had a computer chip in her brain, police said.

Ngai, a pianist who earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii, had been helping the acclaimed piano professor suffering from multiple sclerosis with grocery shopping, cooking and other chores for the past nine months.

He is currently in Travis County Jail held on a murder charge with bail set at \$1 million. The state district judge ordered a psychiatric examination to determine whether Ngai is competent to stand trial.

## University of Virginia Hiring More Women, Minority Faculty

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—The University of Virginia's largest school is hiring more women and minorities as faculty members, a goal set by the Board of Visitors last month.

Of the 36 new full-time faculty members hired by the College of Arts and Sciences this spring, 19 are women, three are African American and five are Asian or Asian American.

Members of the board's special committee on diversity complained last month that the percentage of research positions held by women and minorities have remained the same for five years.

## Town Hall Event to Highlight APA Issues

A town hall forum, "Power of Our Voices: National Asian American and Pacific Islander Town Hall," will provide a chance for the public to make their voices heard on a number of critical election-year issues including immigration, civil rights, and health care.

The forum will take place May 22 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles.

"This town hall provides a forum for real people to discuss the issues affecting their lives, and helps CAPAC (Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus) communicate the priorities and concerns of the diverse AAPI community to the U.S. Congress," said Rep. Mike Honda, CAPAC chair. "The input we gather at the town hall will help shape CAPAC's policy agenda and elevate the voice of the Asian Pacific American community in this important election year."

To be held in conjunction with the

5th Annual Convention of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, the town hall event is open to the public. Organizers expect the convention and town hall to attract more than 400 people from across the country and the Southern California region.

"This town hall provides an unprecedented opportunity for federal, state, and local elected officials to dialogue with AAPI community leaders, activists, and service providers," said Honda. "As APIA voters prepare to make their voices heard at the ballot box this November, candidates need to know the issues of top priority to the community."

For questions about the town hall meeting, contact Bryant Tan at [btan@nationalcapac.org](mailto:btan@nationalcapac.org). For more information about the convention, visit [www.nationalcapac.org](http://www.nationalcapac.org). ■

## Groundbreaking Campaign Demands Equality

Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights (APIHR), the nation's first Asian and Pacific Islander (API) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexual, queer and questioning (LGBTIQ) agency, is launching their groundbreaking California API LGBT Equality Campaign to combat homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia within the API community.

The statewide multimedia campaign will begin in May and will be featured in Asian community publications and TV programs. It will

increase visibility by depicting openly LGBT Asians, from community leaders to college students, who are looking to build tolerance in issues that affect them directly. The campaign asks for acceptance and equality of LGBT people and targets the South Asian, Chinese, Filipino, and Thai communities.

The campaign is an expansion of a local campaign conducted in Southern California and was funded by a grant from the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund. ■

## APAs in the News

**Tomio Moriguchi** was recently elected as the new chairman of the board of directors of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. Moriguchi is the chairman and CEO of Uwajimaya, Inc., a company that manufactures, sells and distributes Asian foods. He has served on the NJAMF board for eight years. In addition, he has served as an officer and director for the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, JACL, and the Japan America Society of Washington. Also elected as officers were outgoing Chairman Warren Minami as the new treasurer and Major General James Mukoyama (Ret.) as the new secretary.

**Kim Ng**, vice president and assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, received the Anti-Defamation League's Deborah Award at the organization's 10th annual gala May 20. Ng received the award for her professional and philanthropic dedication to the L.A. community. She is only one of two female executives in Major League Baseball to hold such a position in baseball operations. The Deborah Awards are named after the prophetess Deborah who in the Book of Judges was known for her courage, wisdom and leadership. The ADL, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-




L-r: Hon. Mitsuo Sakaba, consul general of Japan; Kimi Hara, 2003 Mondale Award Recipient; and Hon. Walter F. Mondale, former vice president and ambassador to Japan.

Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.


**Kimi (Taguchi) Hara**, Twin Cities JACL past president and the chapter's scholarship committee co-founder, was the recent recipient of the 2003 Mondale Award presented by the Japan America Society of Minnesota in celebration of the 150th anniversary of U.S.-Japan relations. With over 160 in attendance at the Medtronic World Headquarters in Fridley, MN, Mondale recognized Hara for her outstanding contributions to the building of understanding, coopera-

tion and respect between the people of Japan and Minnesota.

**Denise Lee** was recently named director for Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Outreach for the Democratic National Party. In this capacity, Lee will direct the DNC's efforts to reach out and retain support of the APIA community through education, communication with APIA leadership, and actively working to include APIA's in the political process. For the past three years Lee served as legislative aide and legislative correspondent for Congressman Xavier Becerra, D-Calif. ■





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## YOUTH FORUM

## Addicted to JACL

By EMILY TERUYA

In a carpool ride home from a recent JACL board meeting, someone remarked, "JACL is addictive." The same person told me how to spot an addict: It's someone who starts by going to one board meeting and isn't too impressed. Yet something compels her to keep going. Sooner than later, she's invited to attend a district council meeting — not as a delegate but as a booster (who can't even vote on the issues). Her initial reaction is, "It's on a Sunday!?" Well, at least breakfast and lunch are provided." By the third or fourth district council meeting, she's looking forward to the next one where she'll see people from different chapters.



It took me three years to admit that I, too, am an addict. I've got most of the symptoms. The carpool riders and I went home raving about the recent board meeting where we went through the agenda but wanted to linger. Where else can you discuss JACL-related issues and learn so much more all in one place?

Dr. Seuss was an anti-Japanese racist and "Three-fingered Jack" aka "Captain Jack" led the Modocs in the only California Indian War. I became so engaged in one conversation that I started talking about a little-known California Mission Indian revolt. I may have overstepped the boundaries by talking about advanced stage syphilis and how it can cause insanity in men. I didn't even realize I may have said something inappropriate.

But that's the nature of our board. We can discuss almost anything. However, next time, I'll talk about something other than vene-

real diseases and their effects on California mission padres.

Maybe it was the spring air or the dynamics of having a few new board members, but we bounced around more ideas than usual. Whatever the reason, the entire board engaged in ideas, including how to host a general membership mixer where we could meet with all our members.

We also looked at digital photos from the March NCWNP district gala dinner. Everyone jokingly decided one member's picture stood above the rest. That person good-humoredly said, "What are you talking about? I had food in my mouth."

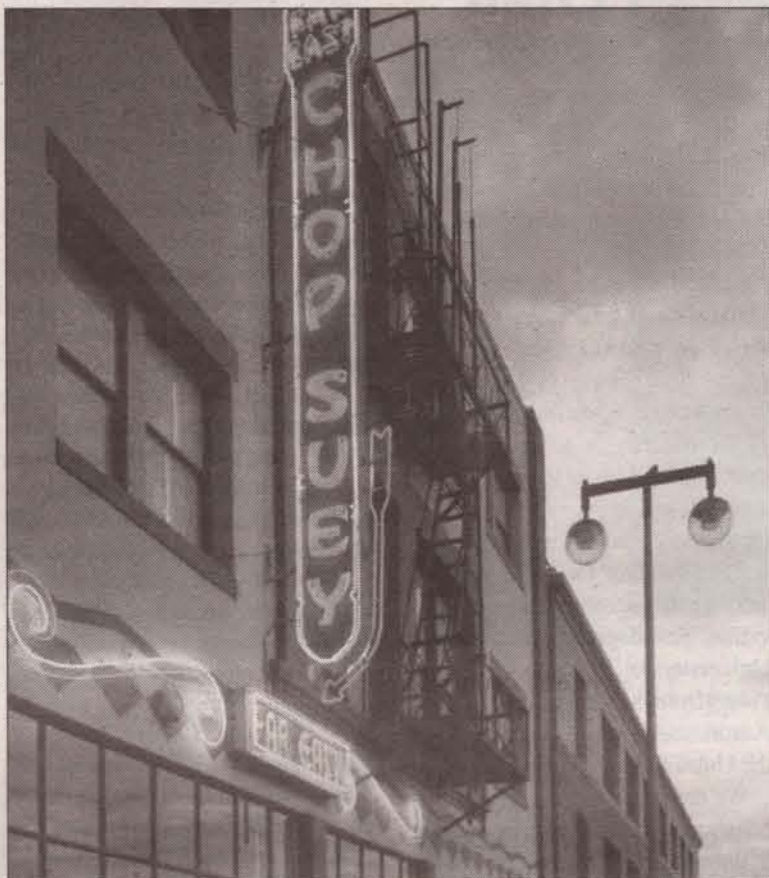
At the gala, I was stunned when someone introduced himself, because he recognized me from a picture in the *Pacific Citizen*. It's rare that I get feedback from people I don't know. Usually I'll just overhear someone say, "I love the Youth Forum." It's encouraging and validating to know people actually enjoy what youth write. I'm hoping other youth writers are getting similar feedback.

JACL events consistently show me that there are many unspoken benefits. It's allowed me to grow as a person, branch out, and make new friends. I'm glad I'm an addict. The Berkeley chapter's so supportive. It's nice going to meetings and being asked, "How are you and how the heck did you come up with that last topic for the P.C.?" It shows me people read!

Another thing that makes me love JACL is the membership. I send welcome letters to our new members, making sure I include my email address in case there are questions. One person wrote, wanting only to introduce himself. And now, over a year later, I still exchange emails with him.

My addiction can only grow — and it's a good thing. (I've already sent in my registration for the national convention in Hawaii. And it's in August!) ■

## Far East Building Wins Preservation Award



The Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation's (LTSC CDC) historic rehabilitation of the Far East Building in Little Tokyo has been awarded a 2004 Preservation Award by the Los Angeles Conservancy.

The award was presented at the Conservancy's annual luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown L.A. on May 6 before hundreds of guests, including California State Senator Pro Tem John Burton (D-San Francisco) and actress Diane Keaton, a Conservancy board member and prominent L.A. preservation advocate.

This is not the first time LTSC CDC's preservation work in Little Tokyo has been recognized by the Conservancy. In 1999, LTSC CDC's rehabilitation of the historic Old Union Church — Little Tokyo's first Christian house of worship — also received an L.A. Conservancy Preservation Award. ■

## 'Lost Battalion' Commander to Thank 442nd Vets at D.C. Reunion

Marty Higgins, commander of the World War II Texas "Lost Battalion," will express his gratitude to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team for the daring rescue of his trapped unit when they meet May 27 at the National WWII Memorial Reunion in Washington, D.C.

In October 1944, the 442nd, composed of Japanese Americans from Hawaii and U.S. internment camps, saved the 1st Battalion, 141st (Alamo) Regiment, 36th (Texas) Division, from certain annihilation in the Vosges Mountains of northern France.

The 442nd fought fiercely for six days and nights. The Texas unit's remaining 211 men in the "Lost Battalion" were saved but

the 442nd casualties were three to four times that number.

The battle to rescue the "Lost Battalion" is included in Army records as one of the 10 most fiercely fought battles in the history of the U.S. Army and the 442nd earned the distinction of being the most highly decorated unit for its size and time in combat in U.S. Army history.

The reunion is sponsored by the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project and the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA). During the Memorial Day weekend, JAVA will have an exhibit booth in the Department of Veterans Affairs tent where displays of WWII memorabilia will be featured. Combat veterans who fought in Europe and the Pacific and former WWII internees will be present to relate their experiences. ■

## Arizona Hosts Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Luncheon

More than 150 guests were in attendance at the JACL Arizona chapter's 43rd Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Luncheon May 2 where Phil Gordon, mayor of Phoenix, gave the keynote address.

This year's recipients of the Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards are: Lauren Ogino from Centennial High School and M.J. Sakata from Central High School. The Dr. Herbert Jensen Scholarship Award went to Brad Okuma from Pinnacle High School and the Joe Allman Scholarship Award went to Terry Teraji from Greenway High School.

This year's JACL Arizona chapter scholarship committee included: Marilyn Inoshita Tang, chairperson; Michele Namba, secretary; Nancy Haranaka; Kathy Inoshita; Jo Ann Kimura; Seiko Watkins and Jill Yano. ■

## Masaji Inoshita Awarded DAR Medal of Honor



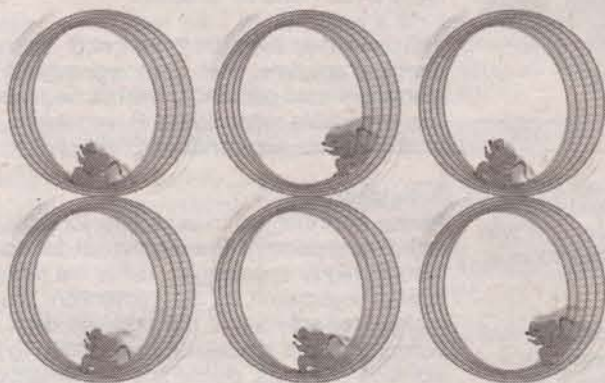
PHOTO: MARILYN INOSHITA TANG

The Arizona Anasazi Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the DAR Medal of Honor to Masaji Inoshita, a World War II Military Intelligence Service veteran, at their 102nd state conference recently. The Anasazi chapter sponsored Inoshita for the DAR Medal of Honor after learning about his heroics during WWII and his experiences at the Gila River Relocation Center. Inoshita regularly gives lectures to high school and university students, forest service and other groups about the Japanese American WWII experience.

Pictured (l-r) are: Jean Jasper Dracheff, DAR; Patricia Stewart, DAR; Betty Inoshita; and Masaji Inoshita. ■

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION State Sen. Mee Moua to Keynote Hawaiian Luau

By DAVID M. FORMAN

Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua, the first person of Hmong ancestry elected to a state legislature in the United States, has graciously accepted an invitation to keynote the Hawaiian Luau at the 75th Anniversary JACL National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.



MOUA

This event will be a tribute to our nation's Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in politics. Our dedicated and courageous politicians are being honored for doing their part to ensure that America remains a place where we respect our differences and celebrate our unique diversity.

Sen. Moua is an ideal person to help the JACL celebrate, "Our Legacy, Our Future: Ensuring Diversity in America," the theme for your 75th Anniversary National Convention.

First elected to the Minnesota Senate in a special election in January 2002, Sen. Moua was born in Laos and immigrated to the United States in 1978 with her husband Yee Chang and their two children, Chase and Sheng.

The Hmong people living in the United States come predominantly from Laos in Southeast Asia. Their ancestors originated in southwestern

China where they suffered from oppression, driving many Hmong to northern Burma, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. Many Hmong endured harsh living conditions before resettling in third countries, including the United States.

Sen. Moua is an attorney representing small businesses and also serves on the United Way board as well as the Minnesota Humanities Commission. While in office, Sen. Moua has fought to protect civil rights, made it easier to build affordable housing, improved tax policies for low income Minnesotans, and secured funding for crime victims, among other accomplishments.

She has degrees from Brown University, a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Texas-Austin, and her law degree is from the University of Minnesota.

We are proud to have Sen. Moua help honor all those who have made a difference by serving in public office and ensuring that America remains strong through our diversity. We hope that you will come listen to and meet Sen. Moua, and many other compelling speakers, Aug. 10-14 at the 75th Anniversary JACL National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

For more information, visit the convention website at [www.jaclhawaii.org](http://www.jaclhawaii.org). ■

*David M. Forman is one of the co-chairs for the JACL 75th anniversary convention's marketing and public relations committee.*

## NAMES

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Huynh watched the scene with the "Fook" sisters, she laughed along with many others, even adding that she knew someone in junior high named "Phuc" which actually means "luck" in Vietnamese.

Even though Huynh admits she didn't have it quite as bad as her former classmate, her given name "Ngan" (pronounced non), inspired many quizzical looks and pauses. She was called everything from "nun" to "non-fat."

"In school when the teacher was doing role call, there would always be a pause and that's how I knew to answer. I guess you could say I answered to silence!" said Huynh with a laugh.

Like many APAs past and present, when Huynh became a citizen she decided to change her name to sound more euphonious, and more importantly, more American. She said she chose the name Cathlyn because it was original and more feminine than Ngan, which in its original language connotes the beauty of the moon.

In fact, her entire family changed their names either with official government papers or by simply renaming themselves — Quyen became Justin, Thanh changed to Shannon and Phung turned to Michelle. It was just the thing to do, she said.

For APAs that are second generation and on, growing up in America isn't so different from their immigrant predecessors' experiences. Sometimes it means a new name for a new identity, but many still believe a name carries the burden of a fractured identity.

For some it's easy to reconcile. Levan Luong has gone by Lisa almost all her life. When it was time for her to start school, her parents said she needed an American name and picked one out. There were no issues.

However, Albert Shimabukuro says he understands the complex and sometimes self-conscious nature of a

name. In the 1970s, his father tried to change his name from Takemasa to Ted "purely for assimilation," but the name didn't stick and just faded to memory. His father's feelings of social awkwardness passed on to Albert who says he never took on his Japanese name, Takeshi, because having a complex last name was difficult enough.

Similarly, Arao Ota's Army buddies at the Monterey Bay Fort Ord Infantry called him "Art" because his Japanese name was too difficult to pronounce. From then on he juggled two identities, using his American name when talking business and his given name on all official documents. And when it came time, Ota gave all four of his children traditional Japanese first names and American middle names.

The history of anti-immigration laws, exclusion acts and internment, have all contributed to the tenuous APA identity, researchers say. The "paper name" phenomenon in the late 19th century contributed to mass name changes when immigrants literally bought the birth certificates of those exempt from exclusion of citizenship, namely students and diplomats.

"Depending on the family, everybody knew that you had a real name and a paper name," said Erica Gee, director of education at the Angel Island Immigration Foundation.

Stories of customs agents at both Angel Island and Ellis Island renaming immigrants upon entry into the country have become legend, which experts agree largely happened because of language barriers or the Asian tradition to give their last name first.

Sam Jew's father arrived in San Francisco from China in the 1950s and declared that his family name was Jue, but a customs agent spelled it out the only way he knew how.

Since the first waves of immigrants changed their names as a way to enter the country, are younger generations that followed carrying on the tendency because their identities are still being called into question?

For the most part, changing your name is increasingly popular because

it makes it easier for other people to pronounce and it provides opportunity to better assimilate, said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies in New York.

Elaine Kim, professor of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley sees a different pattern in the naming phenomenon. Immigrant parents used to pick out patriotic names for their children — like Jefferson and Lincoln — but these days she sees a return to cultural roots. Parents are naming their children "pure" Asian names that sound more Western. For example, the Korean name Soo Jin is currently very popular and sounds like Sue Jean.

Immigrants are also more conscious when it comes to names and their unintentional English connotations, said Kim. Although she personally knows someone named "Fuk Yu" and "Won Suk," she said these inconveniences are becoming few and far between.

"Fuk" is actually a very pretty Korean name. It means 'virtue' ... can you imagine?" said Kim laughing.

But even those who experienced butchered pronunciations and teasing because of their names said they would still give their children Asian names.

Sam Jew didn't always understand the irony of his last name and why people teased him, but he never thought about changing it even for his sons. He jokes that the combination of his last name and his Chinese ethnicity makes him a very savvy businessman.

"It builds character. People can laugh at my name, but not at me and all of my accomplishments," he said.

Shimabukuro said he has learned to embrace his melodious name now and he intends to give his future children both Japanese and American names.

"I encourage those who have unique names to accept and honor them," he said. "Don't just throw it away. That breaks down all culture and identity to the past." ■

## CONVENTION ALERT

The early registration period has passed. All registrations must be received by July 31.

### Convention Registration Form

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JACL Hawaii, Honolulu Chapter  
P.O. Box 1291  
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#### Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Full conference registration fees, less a \$100 cancellation fee, are refundable only if the JACL Honolulu Chapter receives written notice by July 15, 2004. Registrations and cancellations received after July 15, 2004, are non-refundable. Registration may not be rein-

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**Youth Registration includes:** (25 years or younger or is currently enrolled in a college, trade school or university) Opening Ceremonies and General Orientation, Breakfasts, ALL on-site Workshops, Youth Diversity Summit, Youth Luncheon (Open to the first 400 registrants only), 1 ticket to the Waikiki Welcome Mixer, 1 ticket to off-site tour of Hawai'i Plantation Village (Open to first 450 Youth registrants only), 1 ticket to the Sayonara Banquet.





## Starting Line

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Lily Kahumoku Scheduled to Stand Trial

HONOLULU—Former University of Hawaii women's volleyball standout **Lily Kahumoku** is set to stand trial June 23 on a charge of misdemeanor assault.

In court May 7, Kahumoku waived her right to a jury trial, so she will be tried before a judge.

The three-time All-American whose college career ended last season is accused of assaulting her then-boyfriend, UH men's volleyball player Jose Delgado, 20, on April 9 in an apartment on Ala Moana Boulevard. He suffered minor injuries.

Kahumoku has said what happened was "unfortunate."

Her attorney, Scott Collins, called the alleged assault "a misunderstanding."

The June 23 trial comes one day before Kahumoku turns 23. ■

### HOCKEY

#### Avalanche Could be in for Changes After Another Early Exit

DENVER—Losing to San Jose in six games was more than just the finish to a disappointing season for the Colorado Avalanche.

It might be the end of an era.



After nearly a decade of dominance, including two Stanley Cup championships, the Avalanche could be in for some big changes next season.

"We don't know yet what's going to happen next year," goalie David Aebischer said. "There's probably going to be some change, but there's every year some change."

Star forward Peter Forsberg could be headed back home to Sweden to finish his career, and Teemu Selanne and **Paul Kariya** could be gone after one less-than-productive season.

If the NHL reaches a new labor agreement that includes a salary cap, Colorado will have no choice but to make changes to its high-priced roster.

Colorado overcame injuries to Kariya and Forsberg early in the season to get off to a great start, but couldn't keep it up. Colorado pulled it together in time to knock off Dallas easily in the first round of the playoffs, but scored just seven goals in six games against the Sharks.

It wasn't what the Avalanche had in mind when they put together the best collection of scorers in recent memory. Signing Selanne and Kariya on the same day only added to the expectations, but neither had the impact the Avalanche had hoped.

Kariya missed 31 of the first 33 games with a wrist injury and played just once in the playoffs due to a sprained ankle. His contract is up, but has said he wouldn't mind coming back. ■

### GOLF

#### Pak Comes From Behind to Win at Kingsmill

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—Se Ri **Pak**'s comeback ability is undeniable. Just don't ask her to explain it.

"I think I have done that before so many times," Pak said after shooting a 6-under 65 May 9 to overcome a four-stroke deficit to win the Michelob Ultra Open by two shots. "I don't know why."

Pak not only won with her mother in the gallery on Mother's Day, but she also earned a spot in the LPGA Hall of Fame.

"Sunday, today, May 9th, is the best of my life," she said.

Moving into contention with an early string of birdies, the 26-year-old South Korean star finished at 9-under 275, passing five players en route to her 22nd career victory and the final point she needed to qualify for the Hall of Fame.

"My biggest goal was ... the Hall of Fame," Pak said.

Her new goal? A victory in the Kraft Nabisco Championship to complete a career Grand Slam in the majors.

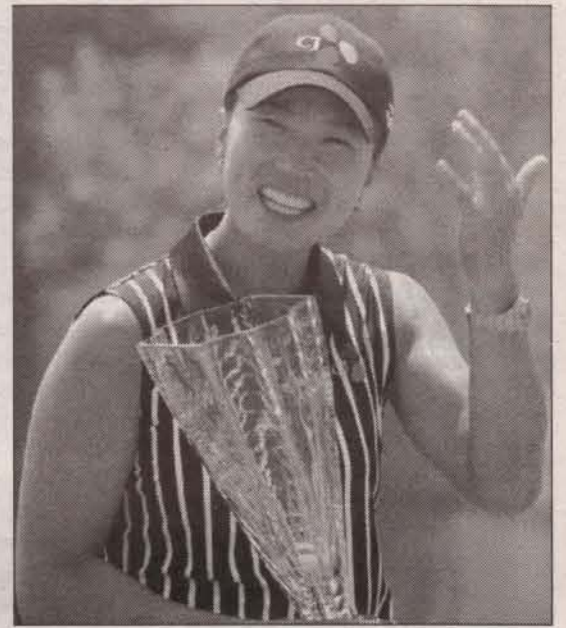
In just her seventh season on tour, Pak still needs to play three more years on the tour to meet the Hall's

10-year requirement. But with four major championships worth two points each, 18 regular-tour titles worth one apiece and a scoring title worth another point, she already has the 27 points needed.

And with the \$330,000 winner's check from the tour's third-richest event of the season, Pak has earned nearly \$8 million in her career.

Four shots off the pace at the start of the day, Pak birdied three of her first five holes and rebounded from a bogey on the No. 6 with three more birdies in the next five holes to take the lead.

It was the 10th time Pak has won after trailing entering the final round. Twice, she has made those charges in majors.



Se Ri Pak of South Korea holds the trophy after winning the Michelob Ultra Open at the Kingsmill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va. May 9. Pak shot a 6 under to win the tournament at 9 under. (AP Photo)

Pak and her mother flew home to South Korea after the tournament to join her father for some time off. Pak's father, she said, was with her when she won the 1999 ShopRite LPGA Classic on Father's Day. ■

#### Park Finding Fun, Success Go Hand in Hand

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—She is one of the rising stars of the LPGA Tour, a long hitter with enough short game and fearlessness to challenge **Annika Sorenstam** as the best female golfer in the world.

**Grace Park** has been aware of her potential for greatness since she arrived on tour fulltime in 2000, but not until the last two years has she felt like she's given herself a chance to measure up to the hype.

"I struggled my first two, three years on the tour," the 25-year-old Park said. "I didn't struggle struggle because I always finished in the top 20, but to me it was disappointing. I wasn't happy with the results."

"I wanted to win and I wanted to get better and I wanted to be at the top, so I needed to really just have fun," Park said recently.

To do it, she went back to work, figuring the only way it could get fun again was if her results started meeting her lofty expectations.

"I totally committed myself to getting better, being more disci-



plined the last two years and my hard work is starting to pay off," she said.

"I realized that the harder I work, the better I get."

The first bit of proof came a year ago on the 72nd hole at Kingsmill, where Park rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt to win the inaugural Michelob Light Open. It continued earlier this year when she made a 6-footer on the final hole to win her first major, the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

"In order to become great, you have to enjoy what you do and I didn't do that in the past," Park said. "I just did it because I liked the competition, I like to play. I did it, but that didn't make me happy."

"I have to work that much harder, but I'm having fun doing it."

Now a "wily veteran at age 25," according to LPGA Commissioner Ty Votaw, Park feels a lot more pre-

pared to assume a place among the top players, even with teenagers Michelle Wie and Aree Song on the rise.

"I need to win more tournaments to do that," she said. "I have no problem with Annika and Michelle getting the attention that they're getting because they deserve it. Their accomplishments, their poise, their abilities are so tremendous that they deserve every bit of it."

With women's golf on the rise in popularity, Votaw said it's important for others to challenge Sorenstam, already a six-time player of the year.

Park, he said, seems as likely a candidate to do it as anyone.

"You can't manufacture or create rivalries. I think what Annika has done is push every other player to be better," he said. "Grace is one of those who has rededicated herself to the game and has gotten better." ■

#### Chinese Making Small Inroads in Golf

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—The largest country is starting to make small inroads in professional golf.

**Zhang Lian-Wei** became the first player from China to play in the Masters last month, when he shot 77-72 and missed the cut by one shot.

Recently, **Hong Mei Yang** became the first Chinese player to win a tournament in the United States by capturing the IOS Futures Golf Classic in El Paso, Texas, the developmental circuit for the LPGA Tour.

Hong Mei, **Chun Wang** and **Li Chun Zhang** were chosen to train in America two years ago. All three qualified for the Futures Tour last year, while Yang missed the 54-hole cut at the LPGA Tour qualifying tournament.

"They will become like Yao Ming in basketball and they will have a very big impact in China for women's golf," said James Chen, who coaches them at Oak Valley Golf Academy in Beaumont, Calif. "These three are the pioneers."

The recent success can't hurt

golf's bid to become an Olympic sport.

USGA Executive Director David Fay, who represents the World Amateur Golf Council in Olympic negotiations, said it is not too late for golf to be included at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

A key date is July 2005, when the IOC meets in Singapore to review the Olympic program. It has been said that golf cannot be added unless other sports are dropped.

Fay said adding a new sport to the program usually requires seven years.

"But they have a provision where they can make changes whenever," he said. "The key to me is if they get a sense from the Beijing organizers that they want golf. That would go a long way." ■

#### Wie Wins Laureus Award

LISBON, Portugal—**Michelle Wie** was honored as the Newcomer of the Year by the Laureus World Sports Academy on May 10, the youngest athlete to win one of the awards.

Wie, 14, played seven times on the LPGA Tour last season, missing the cut only once. She played against the men on the Canadian and Nationwide tours, and her only victory in any event came at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, making her the youngest winner of a USGA event for grown-ups.

The Laureus Awards were selected in voting by 400 sports journalists from more than 70 countries. ■

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# Racial and Ethnic Harassment in the Workplace

While I was serving at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) I got a bird's eye view of workplace discrimination around the country. There were a great many trends reflecting the changes in our country. Among the most troubling to me, however, has been the increase in

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Paul Igasaki

racial and ethnic harassment, ranging from insensitive jokes and comments to death threats and assaults.

Racial and sexual harassment has been illegal since the passage of the Civil Rights Act in the 1960's. Racial and ethnic discrimination has become more subtle overall as progress has been made in social standards and in understanding of legal guidelines. Harassment is different. To meet the legal standard of discrimination, the harassment must be offensive enough to interfere with a person's ability to do

their job.

The EEOC receives from 80,000 to 100,000 charges each year. During my eight years at the EEOC, I saw the incidents increase and, in my opinion, worsen. For example, I had never seen incidents involving nooses in my first few years at the EEOC, but by my last three or so, we could count about a dozen such cases each year.

As a visible symbol of coercive racism and implied violence, the display of a noose — placed in work spaces, lockers or vehicles — is one of the few forms of environmental discrimination that is likely to be illegal even as a single occurrence. It carries the symbolic weight of a whole history of lynching in this country to terrorize African Americans. Most targets of these noose incidents were African American, though at least one was an Asian American.

Where action is taken quickly in such cases, there may not be corporate liability, but the fact that these incidents are occurring — and increasingly reported — is very serious. Consider also that in addition to civil rights ramifications, there may also be tort liability for the perpetrator, especially if it amounts to assault or infliction of emotional distress.

### The "New Harassment"

With the widespread use of electronic mail it is no surprise that harass-

ment of all kinds often takes place over this medium. A request for a date would not be problematic normally, but repeated through interoffice instant messaging ten times a day would be. A racial joke or epithet shared with a whole network becomes "augmented," carrying far larger consequences than the same expression shared around the water cooler.

In addition to racial jokes, epithets used in messages or even in official communications could create a hostile environment. If the company acts quickly to hold the responsible parties accountable, there might not be liability, but the increased incidents and the intensity of the messages are troubling.

Why is this occurring? In the public discourse, resentment and frustration are widely expressed, and that resentment has been expressed in less law-abiding ways as well — even to the point of hate crimes.

Harassment may also reflect reactions to current events. In the aftermath of 9/11, there was widespread backlash against people of Arab or Muslim American backgrounds. This included fatal hate crimes, but more frequently involved harassment, including in the workplace.

### Employer's Responsibility to Know

The courts have found the employer to be in the best institutional position under the law to respond to and hopefully prevent workplace harassment. Not knowing about a situation is no legal excuse if a reasonably diligent employer "should have known" about it.

If an incident occurs, acting quickly to maintain a discrimination-free environment may well protect the company from legal difficulties. Where the harassment is serious enough, suspension or even termination of the perpetrator, if they are known would also be expected. Damages awarded in litigation often go up when these actions are not taken.

Where there is not adequate proof of an employee's discriminatory behavior and the employer acts too quickly in a public way, the possibility of a defamation suit also exists. The importance of a quick investigation should be obvious.

The company cannot control its workers' thoughts, but it is responsible for their actions on the job. Civil rights laws cannot make us love each other, as Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, but they might prevent us from harming each other. ■

Paul Igasaki served as the vice chair and later as acting chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 1994 to 2002.

# A Need to Continue Efforts

JACL chapters and districts: once again we request your support.

As you are well aware, membership — gaining, maintaining, and servicing members — is an ongoing process; such is the norm for membership-based organizations. In 2003, a clear impact was demon-

strate as a result of the dedication to membership. A year ago we remarkably exceeded the goal of raising 1 million dollars from membership, generating nearly 1.1 million; a tremendous accomplishment by any standard.

However, analyses of our results thus far this year indicate that we have dropped off significantly. Bottom-line: with this continued pace, a budgetary deficit will occur, potentially reaching into six figures. What type of value is national JACL providing its membership today? Two primary examples include JACL's Anti-Hate Campaign and the efforts of the organization to help preserve civil liberties which have been at risk since the attacks of 9/11.

With the Anti-Hate Program, the JACL has established a nationwide network to combat defamation, hate crimes and anti-Asian sentiment. The network, which is expanding everyday, includes representatives from our chapters, as well as JACL student members on college campuses throughout the country.

In addition to combating incidents of defamation and hate, the network will hold workshops so chapter, campus and community members know what their rights are under state and federal hate crime laws. The JACL will continue to

publish its anti-hate newsletter that features articles on legislative activity in the area of hate violence, recent incidents and how the JACL network responded to them, as well as educational materials for use by chapters and others on what one should do if victimized.

The organization continues to pursue social justice, one major goal being to help preserve the civil liberties which have been at-risk since 9/11. On the education front, JACL continues to put on workshops training teachers on how to educate about the ramifications of treating Arab Americans and Muslims similar to Japanese Americans in World War II; the latest installments occurred in Houston, Detroit, and San Francisco.

Utilizing the judicial system, the JACL has signed on an amicus brief in the case of Jose Padilla to protest the powers provided to the federal government through the U.S.A. Patriot Act. Padilla was arrested by federal agents, then held by the Department of Defense and was not permitted contact with his counsel, his family, or any other non-military personnel for 18 months.

During the last convention, the organization challenged itself by setting the bar high; building a budget that required more money from membership dues than ever before. Last year, we were not only able to reach a record in membership revenue, but we also surpassed the expected membership amount by over 100,000 (10 percent over budget).

Membership is a constant activity, but we have demonstrated that we can be successful when we focus. As always, there is support available from national JACL. Please let us know what can be done to help you — 415/921-5225 or mbr@jacl.org. ■

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## MORI MEMO

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where all are able to renew acquaintances and build new friendships. The older leaders are able to help the younger generation understand JACL and its value.

The convention provides an excellent learning opportunity for younger JACL leaders and youth. It is a chance to see how JACL works and to realize the importance of our national JACL organization in preserving freedoms and learning to value our cultural heritage. It is an opportunity to make new friends and to foster relationships with JACLers from all over the United States as well as Canada and Japan.

The business sessions of the convention are always exciting with national council meetings held to discuss the policies and procedures of JACL. Delegates are given a chance to voice the opinions of their chapters on important issues which are presented and to cast votes for their jurisdictions. Each district and chapter is ably represented by local JACL leaders. Proxies are permitted where chapters are unable to send delegates.

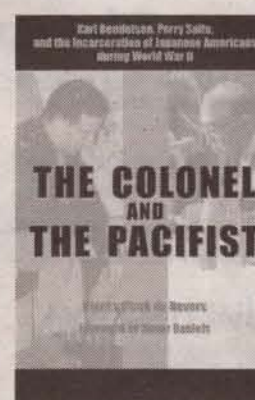
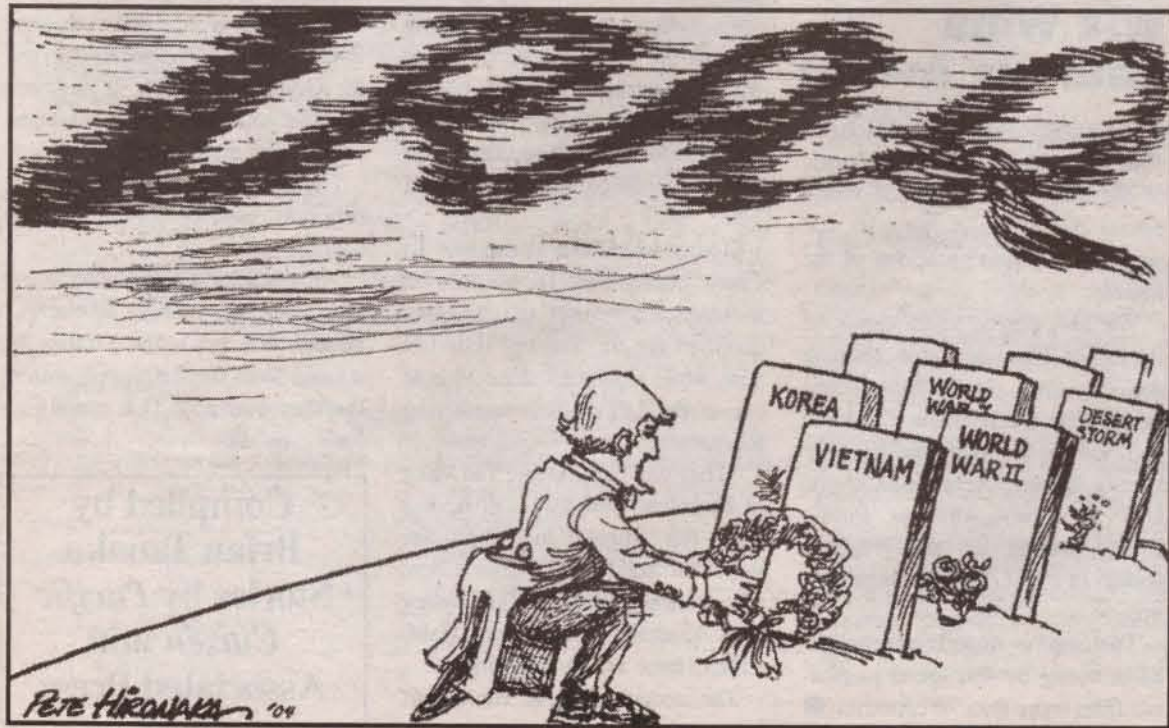
Elections for national JACL officers are held during the convention. At this time I would like to thank JACL members for the opportunity I have had to

serve for eight years on the national board (four as vice president and four as president). It has been an honor to be involved in the workings of JACL and to work with outstanding JACL national board members as well as an excellent national director in John Tateishi and all the JACL staff. JACL is fortunate to have able leaders willing to serve the organization.

The convention committee has planned outstanding special events during the convention which should be of interest and value to all. Check out the registration form for additional information on all the events.

This national convention provides the opportunity to embrace the Hawaiian culture and to enjoy the gracious hospitality abundant in the Islands as well as to take in the beauty. In the humble opinion of the Hawaii chapter members (with myself in agreement), there is no more beautiful place on the face of the earth than Hawaii. We hope all convention participants will have time to enjoy the beauty which is Hawaii during, before, or after the convention.

Please try to attend the National JACL Convention if at all possible. It should be an extremely enjoyable, worthwhile, and memorable experience for all who attend. ■



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# 'THIS IS HOW WE LIVE'

Thousands of nameless ethnic Burmese escape death by hiding in the jungles and working like slaves. For the first time, they talk about their plight in front of the camera.

## Film Review

By LYNDA LIN  
Assistant Editor

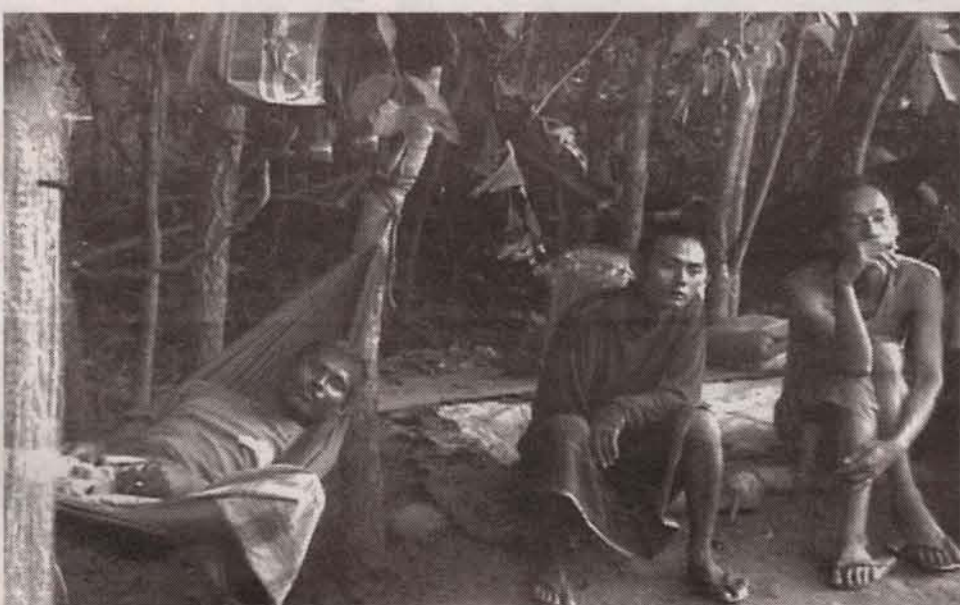
The images are stark — ethnic Burmese huddled in masses around makeshift homes in the jungle; in the center, a mother flanked by her two young sons and cradling her feverish baby tells the camera there is no medicine. But in this case Arnold Schwarzenegger does not gallop into the scene on a white steed to liberate the people.

There's a sort of disconnect between the viewer and subject with documentaries as personally uneasy to consume as these three shorts: "Entrenched Abuse: Forced Labor in Burma"; "No Place to Go: Internally Displaced People in Burma"; and "Burma Report: May 30 Incident."

We are taught by Hollywood that in the most distressing moments, the alpha male hero swoops in to the rescue. But there is no such star-studded hero here.

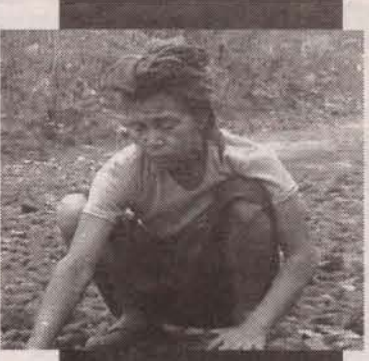
There are only the faces and voices of those oppressed and victimized by a militia junta called the State Peace Development Committee (SPDC). Perhaps for the first time, these people are given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

We quickly realize this is not a fun night at the movies. This is real-life and the stage is Burma, a country with one of the worst ruling regimes



Take me home—(Left) Displaced ethnic Burmese linger in the country's disease-ridden jungles listening for sounds of danger. They are among the 270,000 who live in fear.

Photos: Witness



Narrator: 'Grandma ... Are you PAID for the work you do?' 'NO.'

in the world, according to the United Nations agency that monitors forced labor.

Often, the country's ethnic population is forced into hard labor with no compensation, driven out of their homes and into a predator versus prey existence in the jungle.

Each face, oddly distinctive and memorable, forms a mosaic that simultaneously arrests and overloads the senses. One woman can't keep herself from smiling even when talking about the countless times she has had to flee from the SPDC's tyranny. It's a very uneasy moment of self-consciousness — the emotionally battered woman flushes with pleasure over the attention of the camera.

Another boy's stone-face erupts into emotions as he describes his ordeal over being forced into joining the army. "I hate the army," he pronounces. He is only 12 years old.

The people's one promise of democracy in the hands of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy, came crashing down

one bloody day in May. This subject is explored in "Burma Report," a short by an anonymous director.

These heart-wrenching shorts have been put together by human rights advocacy groups (Witness and Burma Issues) and Asiaworks Television and are primarily comprised of face-to-face testimonies, guerrilla shoots of places cameras are forbidden, and historic file footages.

But the most intriguing scenes involve a single person free-associating with the camera, and this is the element that makes these documentaries so personal and exceptional. We get the feeling that these subjects are speaking from the bottom of their souls, nothing like those contrived "Real World" confessionals.

The films premiered at the Third Annual Amnesty International Film Festival last week, but can now be seen on the Witness Web site.

Sam Gregory, 29, the Witness program manager, said he's excited the documentaries received the exposure and hopes to make it to other festivals.

jects open up and fully understand the safety implications of appearing in a documentary. These truly embedded activists and filmmakers travel across the border from Thailand to Burma risking their own lives to tell these stories.

In the wake of graphic videos of Iraqi prisoner abuse, Gregory said the goal of the documentaries are not to shock with violence, but to tell a story, understand and take action. These documentaries, funded in part by grants, are key elements to campaigning for change by raising awareness at local and governmental levels.

Gregory got involved with championing for human rights in Burma 14 years ago when working with the Aung San Suu Kyi campaign. In his experience, he has seen many footages of gross abuse, but the images that continue to haunt him most are of people just speaking to the camera.



'They abused us and tortured us in many ways. They make us poor and we starve.' — Male escaped porter in "Entrenched Abuse."


"In one scene, an old man talks about how the SPDC keeps burning down his home and he says all he wants is a home. It's a direct statement to the viewer out there of what he wants, which he is not given the opportunity to do in his life. I find that very moving and powerful," he said.

On June 19, there will be a movement to stay at home in support of Aung San Suu Kyi, who is currently under house arrest in Burma. Gregory encouraged people to take action by watching the "Burma Report: May 30 Incident" and talking about the issues.


For more information on Witness, Burma Issues or to watch the documentaries, visit their web site: [www.witness.org](http://www.witness.org).



'I don't understand why they come and order us to work. We have to do it because we are afraid.' — Porter living in the jungle in "Entrenched Abuse."



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8/26-9/8	Alaska 10 Day Land Tour and 4 Day Inside Passage Cruise - Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Tok, Dawson City, Whitehorse, cruise from Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, ending in Vancouver.	Sharon Seto
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10/29-11/11	Yamato Tour to China with Yangtze River Cruise - Beijing, Xian, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise, Shanghai and Suzhou.	Sharon Seto
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## National

**Wed., May 26**—PBS Documentary, "Sumo East and West," a rare inside look at the cloistered world of sumo wrestling. Check local TV listings for time.

**Tues. June 8**—PBS Documentary, "Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire," the unknown story of a mysterious empire, its relationship to the West, and the forging of a nation. Check local TV listings for time.

**Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14**—National JACL 75th Anniversary Convention: Waikiki, Hawaii. Honolulu chapter hosts say, "Come early and enjoy an extra day."

## East Coast

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Thur., May 27**—War Time Story on JAs in WWII; 4 p.m. Speakers include Grant Ichikawa (MIS), Norman Ikari (442nd), and Jean Kariya (Internment Camp Survivor). Franklin Odo moderates. Info: 202/357-2700.

**Fri., May 28**—Documentary screening, "A Tradition of Honor"; 2 p.m.; Smithsonian Institution Ripley Center Lecture Hall; panel discussion follows with Go for Broke Educational Foundation producers Craig Yahata and David Yoneshige and veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT and MIS; limited seating — first come, first served. Info: 202/786-2409 or www.apa.si.edu.

**Sat., May 29**—Dedication of the National World War II Memorial; 2 p.m.; Memorial honors all veterans of the war, citizens on the home front, and the nation at large.

**Sun., May 30**—Annual Memorial Day Service; Arlington National Cemetery's Columbarium. Info: Ellen Williams, 301/587-6067 or Lily Okura, 301/530-0945.

**Sat., June 12**—Lecture, Rituals in the Buddhist Practice; 2 p.m.; Meyer Auditorium; Reverend Kodani will present an overview of the historical development of rituals in Buddhist practice, and the relevance of such rituals to day-to-day life in both a cultural as well as a religious context. Info: 202/357-2700.

## Midwest

### COLUMBUS, Ohio

**Sat.-Sun., May 29-30**—Asian Festival; Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St. Info: <http://asian-festival.org>.

## Intermountain

### SALT LAKE CITY

**Tues., May 25**—Welcome Reception for Counsel-General of Japan Yuzo Ota and Honor for Alice Kasai; 5:30-7 p.m. Info: JACL Credit Union, 801/355-8040.

**Sat., June 5**—Tanoshimi No Yoru, Salt Lake JACL chapter fundraiser;



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The Grateful Crane Ensemble's Moonlight Serenaders will be performing "The Camp Dance: The Music & The Memories" in Northern California. Cast members include (l-r) Kurt Kuniyoshi, Haruye Ioka, Jason Fong, Keiko Kawashima and Darrell Kunitomi.

6:30 p.m.; Salt Lake City Buddhist Temple, 211 W. 100 South; Donation \$10, includes dinner. Info or tickets: Marc Stillman, stillman\_marc@hotmail.com.

## Pacific Northwest

### PORTLAND

**Sat., May 22**—Reception and Book Signing, "Music for Alice" with author Allen Say; 2 p.m.; NW Natural, 4th Floor Conference Room, 220 NW 2nd Ave.; Alice E. Sumida, the subject of the book, will also attend; hosted by the Nikkei Legacy Center. Info: 503/224-1458.

### SEATTLE

**Mon., May 31**—Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Day Service; 10-11 a.m.; Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15th Avenue East; guest speaker, Tom Ikeda, Densho Project; service will be in the northeast section of the cemetery. Info: Bob Kiga, 253/859-5142.

## Northern California

### HAYWARD

**Sun., June 6**—52nd Annual JACL Junior Olympics; Chabot College; Entry deadline is May 7; age divisions from 8 years and under with "open" and "masters" division available; Sequoia JACL hosts. Info: Tom Oshidari 408/257-5609 evenings, 650/623-1314 days or email toshidari@dittech.com

### SACRAMENTO

**Sat., June 12**—The Camp Dance: The Music & The Memories; 2 p.m.; Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. \$15. Tickets: Tak Ito or Meri Fong, 916/446-0121.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

**Sun., June 6**—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto,

510/444-3911.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Sat., June 5**—"The Camp Dance: The Music & The Memories; 1 p.m.; Buddhist Church of San Francisco, 1881 Pine Street. \$20, \$12 for children 12 and under. Tickets: Kimochi, 415/931-2294.

### SAN JOSE

**Sun., June 6**—"The Camp Dance: The Music & The Memories; 2 p.m.; San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. Fifth St. \$15. Tickets, Yu Ai Kai, 408/294-2505.

**Through June 30**—Exhibit, "1942: Luggage From Home to Camp" by Flo Oy Wong; Japanese American Museum of San Jose; 535 N. Fifth St. Info: 408/294-3138; www.jamsj.org.

## Central California

### FRESNO

**Fri., May 28**—Groundbreaking of Akira Yokomi Elementary School; 10 a.m. at Fresno and McKenzie. Info: 559/434-1662.

**Sun.-Mon., June 6-7**—Fresno Buddhist Church Fundraiser; Sun. 1-4 p.m., Mon. 10-4 p.m.; Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1340 Kern Street; Eileen Sachiko Fitzpatrick is bringing her Spring/Summer Sachiko Collection of ladies fashions for a 2-day shopping event. A portion of the sales will go towards the church's building fund. Info: Lee Ozaki, 559/442-1978.

## Southern California

### BUENA PARK

**Fri., June 11**—38th Annual Suburban Optimist Club Youth Recognition Night; 6:30 p.m.; Holiday Inn, Buena Park, 7000 Beach Blvd; KTTV Fox 11's Jane Yamamoto is scheduled speaker.

Reservations: Garry Wada, 714/681-5043.

### GARDENA

**Sat., June 5**—Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarship and Fundraiser Dance hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL; Nakaoka Center; 162nd Street; Donation: \$15. Info: Miyako Kadogawa, 310/839-1194.

### LOS ANGELES

**Through May 23**—Takusen Inouye Calligraphy Exhibition; George J. Doizaki Gallery at JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St.; Tues.-Fri. noon-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 11-4 p.m. Free. Info: 213/628-2725.

**Sun., May 23**—Novelist/playwright Perry Miyake will read from his novel, "21st Century Manzanar"; 2 p.m.; JANM, 369 E. 1st St.; \$6 for non-members. Parking in adjacent lots.

**Sat., May 29**—Pre-Memorial Day service; 11 a.m.; JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St.; Yoko Nakamura, mother of Nikkei soldier Paul Nakamura, will represent the Gold Star Mothers with a floral tribute; sponsored by JAKWV, AJAWWII Memorial Alliance and the JAVV. Info: Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113 or Bob Wada, 714/992-5461.

**Sun., June 6-Aug. 1**—"Through My Father's Eyes: The Filipino American Photographs of Ricardo Ocreto Alvarado"; UCLA Fowler Museum; Free; Parking: \$7 in Lot 4. Info: 310/825-4361.

**Thur., June 10**—JACCC's 24th Anniversary Dinner; George and Sakaye Aratani / Japan America Theater; Honoring the Honorable A.G. Kawamura and Noritoshi Kanai. Info or tickets: 213/628-2725 or [ac@jaccc.org](mailto:ac@jaccc.org).

### PASADENA

**Through June 20**—Exhibit, "Kam-pai! The Arts of Japanese Sake"; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Robles Ave.; explores the history of sake and the religious and social significance of Japanese rice wine; featuring sculpture, ceramics, lacquer ware, paintings, prints. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19; [www.pacificasiamuseum.org](http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org).

### TORRANCE

**Sun., June 6**—2004 Dr. Roy Nishikawa PSW District Oratorical Contest; 11:30 a.m.; Zamperini Field, Torrance Municipal Airport, 3301 Airport Drive; Open to high school students, age 16 or older, or full time undergraduate college students. Must be a JACL member before the competition. Deadline for entry is May 28. Info: Gerald Kato at the PSW District office, 213/626-4471 or [youth@jacp-sw.org](mailto:youth@jacp-sw.org).

### WEST COVINA

**Sun., May 30**—Memorial Service to honor War Veterans of the San Gabriel Valley; 1 p.m.; East San Gabriel

Valley Japanese Community Center courtyard, 1203 W. Puente Avenue, West Covina. Info: 626/960-2566.

### WESTMINSTER

**Mon., May 31**—Nisei VFW Post 3670 Memorial Day Service; 3:30 p.m.; Westminster Memorial Park, 14801 Beach Blvd.; Guest speaker: George Grupe, III, military pilot-patriot and research historian. Info: Deen Matsuzawa, 714/826-2425, Norio Uyematsu, 714/281-1155 or Bob Wada, 714/992-5461.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sat., May 22**—Las Vegas JACL Friendship Picnic; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Floyd Lamb State Park; potluck, hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, charcoal and paper plates will be provided. \$6 parking. ■

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Earring Found at NCWNP Dinner

An earring with pearls was found at the NCWNP dinner at the Blackhawk Museum. Call Patty Wada, 415/345-1075 to describe and claim. ■

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Seeking Former Residents/Workers from Mandeville Island

Madeleine and Tupper Blake are working on a book about Mandeville Island in the Delta near Stockton, Calif. The book will be about the people and the environment, and will include stories and photos. They will be completing it in mid-July. They want to hear from Japanese Americans who lived or worked there, and who would be willing to share photos and stories about life on the Island. Please call Madeleine at 415/663-8331 or email her at [MGBPhoto@horizoncable.com](mailto:MGBPhoto@horizoncable.com) or write to her at P.O. Box 152, Inverness, CA 94937. ■

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Abe, Toshio William, 84,** Bloomington, Minn., April 18; WWII Veteran, San Diego native; survived by wife Mary; daughter Jo Ann (Wes) Toy; sons Tony, Matt (Lynn) and Mark; and 4 gc.

*This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$15 per column inch. Text is reworded as necessary.*

**Hada, Tsutomu Tom, 84,** Gardena, March 17; Lincoln, Neb.-born; survived by daughter Chiyo Jane (Hiromi) Otomori; son Lawrence Hisao (Susan) Hada; 4 gc.; brother Isamu Hada and sister Hisaye

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Miyashita, Fundraiser for Democratic Party, Passes Away at 83

Mary Miyashita, a fundraiser and campaigner for the Democratic National Party for five decades passed away April 27 in Whittier, Calif. after a long battle with cancer.



Miyashita was born in Los Angeles and was interned at Gila Bend, Ariz. during World War II. In addition to her political activities, she participated in demonstrations for civil rights, education, and farmworkers. Miyashita was a Democratic

Helen Hiyoshida.

**Hanada, Hatsuji, 80,** Seattle, March 24; Veteran; survived by wife Peggy; sons Doug (Joanne), Ronald (Marie), and Terry; daughter Alecia; 5 gc.; brother Peter (Miyuki); sister Mary Akada; and sister-in-law Fumi Hanada.

**Honda, Shin, 68,** Pasadena, March 24; Gunma-Ken, Japan-born; survived by wife Setsuko, son Nobuo, daughters Risa and Aki, mother Tomoyo of Japan, brother Takeshi (Michiko) of Japan and sister Hiroko (Toshitaka) Akamatsu of Japan.

**Izawa, Betsy Tokiko, 87,** Torrance, March 24; Seattle-born Nisei; survived by husband Sho; daughters Yoshiko (Hirotochi)

National Convention delegate eight times from 1972 to 2000 and often held fundraisers in her own backyard, sometimes hosting up to 1,000 people.

She was a longtime friend of the Kennedy family and campaigned for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's presidential bid in 1968. She was babysitting some of his kids the night he was shot to death at L.A.'s Ambassador Hotel.

Miyashita also campaigned for former President Bill Clinton and staunchly defended John Huang during the 1996 presidential campaign fundraising scandal. ■

Ichikawa and Cindy (Yoshiyuki) Sakaguchi; sister Ruby (Kay) Kitsuta; 5 gc.; and 3 ggc.

**Kadoguchi, Dora Tsuyuno, 84,** Gardena, March 19; South Kona, Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by sons Larry Akahoshi, James (Patricia) Kadoguchi, Ronald (Kathleen) and Edward (Virginia) Kadoguchi; daughters Shirley (Craig) Watanabe, Janie (Eugene) Terao and Gayle (Fletcher) Forte; 13 gc.; 6 ggc.; brother Suenori Akahoshi of Hawaii and sister Sueno (Clyde) Milam of Mississippi.

**Kinjo, Tosh, 79,** Arcadia, March 21; California-born; survived by wife Tae; brothers Isamu (Shizuko), Mas (Millie) and Hiro Kinjo, and sister Nobuko (Sam) Adachi.

**Kojima, Ted Terumasa, 88,** Newport Beach, March 27; Seattle, Wash.-born Nisei Veteran; survived by wife Dorothy; son Don (Susan); and 1 gc.

**Nakano, Fred Yeichi, 86,** Seattle, April 3; Los Angeles-born, MIS member; survived by daughter Nyla; sister Aiko Wakita; and brother Ryo.

**Okuda, Noboru, 77,** Los Angeles, March 24; survived by wife Takako; daughter Linda; son David (Kris); 3 gc.; brother Jack (Sakae); and sister Nancy (Aram) Haroutunian.

**Shinoda, Mary Kazuko, 74,** Saugus, March 27; Vista-born Nisei; survived by husband Seiichi; daughters Diana (Steve) Furuyama, Janice (Tom) Nagatoshi and Nancy (John) Hicks; 8 gc.; sister Eleanor (Kazu) Sasai; and brothers Hideo (Fran), Ted (Marge) and Fred.

**Tabata, Jimmie, 87,** Pacific Grove, May 10; Monterey-born, Jerome internee; survived by wife Cedar; sons James, Jr. and Thomas;

and 3 gc.

**Takakawa, Kiyoko, 88,** Gardena, March 20; Hilo, Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by sons Allen, Curtis, Edward (Rose) and Paul Takakawa; daughters Patricia A. Takakawa and Irene (Ken) Shimamoto; 3 gc. and 1 ggc.

**Umemoto, Tosh, 77,** Wapato, Wash., March 31; Veteran; survived by wife Maye; daughters Jana (Kyle) Wakasugi, Judi (Ted) Tsuchida, Tami Wakasugi and Tina (Craig) Fujii; 7 gc.; brothers Mas (Ruth) and Harry (Kiyo); and sisters Pat Namekawa

DEATH NOTICE

**CHISAKO UYEHARA**  
Passed away on May 7 at age 86. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Otto A. Uyehara, her son, Otto Kenneth Uyehara, her daughters, Susan J. Schultheiss and Emi R. Uyehara (Pablo Stewart), grandchildren: Michael C. Schultheiss (Kristine), Elizabeth A. Schultheiss, Kiki Stewart, Mika Stewart, Ben Stewart and her brother, Dr. George M. Suda (Sumi). She graduated from Fresno State College with a B.A. in Accounting in 1939. She married Otto on Aug. 12, 1945. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who will be missed by all whose lives she touched. A memorial service was held May 14. Donations may be made "In Memory of Chisako Uyehara" to the Arthritis Foundation, 4311 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 530, Los Angeles, CA 90010

**Whereabouts**  
Whereabouts is free of charge and run on a space-available basis.

**IDA HAYASHI**  
Ida Sigelkoff of Berkeley, Calif. is searching for Ida Hayashi. Both were third graders at Whittier Elementary School in Berkeley until the attack on Pearl Harbor. With information, contact Ms. Sigelkoff at 510/845-5293.

and Sunnie Umemoto.

**Yamamoto, Harry K., 83,** Spokane, Wash., Nov. 23, 2003; 100/442 member; survived by wife Yoshiko Hayashi; stepdaughter Jan Miyamae; stepson Don Miyamae; 3 stepgc.; 2 step ggc; sisters Kimi Teraoka, Grace Katahira and Tillie Maruyama; and brothers John and Dave.

**Yamanaka, Yuriko, 89,** survived by sons Kenneth and Oran; daughter-in-law Suzanne; sisters Marion Nishi and Margaret Ikeda; and 3 gc.

**Yokoe, Helen, 83,** Culver City, March 27; Honolulu-born Nisei; survived by daughter Stephanie (Jim) Phelps; step-daughter Jo-Dell (Motomi) Arao; 1 gc.; 4 step-gc.; brother Laurence (Anne) Yamaguchi; and sisters Betty Segrin, Mary and Hilda Kikukawa. ■



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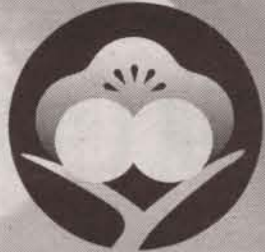


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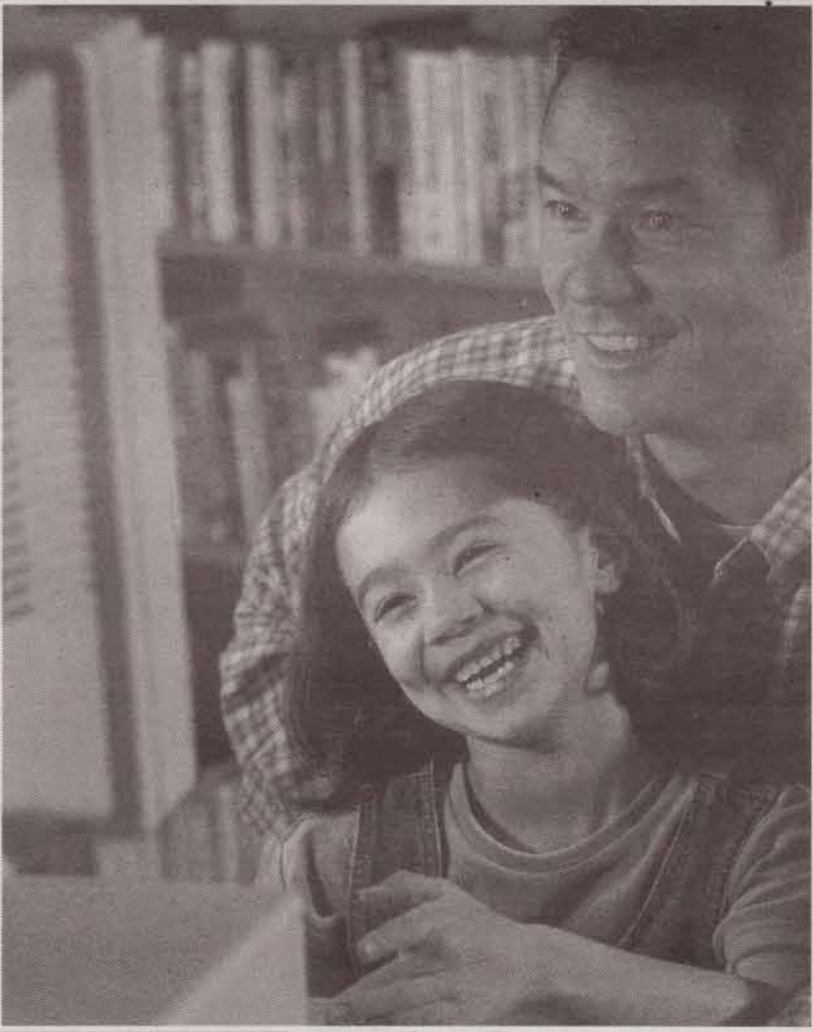
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## YO-YO

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nique tips with pragmatic advice about seriously becoming a yo-yoist: Keep your day job.

**Pacific Citizen:** When did you receive your first yo-yo? Was it love at first sight?

**Hironori Mii:** When I was little, I played with cheap yo-yos which didn't work well — like toys in souvenir stores. My first actual working yo-yo was the "Yo-Yo with a Brain" from Yomega. This yo-yo would come back to your hand automatically when the spinning power was weak. It is a really nice yo-yo for beginners.

**PC:** When did you realize you had a talent for yo-yoing and wanted to make a living off of it?

**HM:** I don't think I have a talent for yo-yoing; I just like it. I don't make a living off of yo-yoing. I work for a yo-yo distribution company in Japan. You can't make much money just playing yo-yo. You should know other things like business web-design, retailing, importing and marketing.

**PC:** Are your parents supportive of your yo-yo ambitions?

**HM:** I am one of the best competitors in yo-yo contests. My parents didn't object to my decision. They respect and understand my choices.

**PC:** Did someone teach you yo-yo tricks or did you learn everything on your own? Do you have a yo-yo role model?

**HM:** I learned some tricks from books, videos, and my friends. Also, I created some tricks. I don't have any role model as a yo-yo player. I am the best in the world. I have some favorite players though.

**PC:** Were you a good student or did you ditch class a lot to play with your yo-yo in the back alley?

**HM:** When I was a high school student I overslept a lot on school days because I was tired from weekend yo-yo events. But now that I am in college, I am a good student.

**PC:** Did you attract a lot of girls with your yo-yo tricks? Is the yo-yo a chick magnet?

**HM:** Maybe yes. Girls like to see the tricks.

**PC:** Did you really hitchhike through the United States to compete in all the yo-yo hot spots? Where is the best place to be a yo-yoist?

**HM:** No. I used airplanes to get around. I just visited some yo-yo hot spots. I started in Southern California, drove down to Florida, then to Kansas City, Minnesota, San Francisco and Chico. The best place to be a yo-yoist is Chico.

**PC:** Is yo-yoing more accepted in Japan than in the United States? Can you make more money as a yo-yoist in Japan or the United States? Which city tips the best?

**HM:** The United States has a longer history because of Duncan yo-yos. Americans understand and accept yo-yoing more. I think you can make more money in the United States with the yo-yo too, but I have never performed for tips on a street.

**PC:** Do you have a signature or favorite trick?

**HM:** Off string is my style.

**PC:** One of our staff members nearly put someone in a coma while he was performing a yo-yo trick. Did you ever hurt yourself or anyone else while performing a trick?

**HM:** Not really. With good skills, you won't hurt anyone.

**PC:** What other goals have you set for yourself?

**HM:** I want to make yo-yoing bigger and more popular.

**PC:** Do you think yo-yos will ever be popular again?

**HM:** Yes. Yo-Yos will come back.

**PC:** Is yo-yoing a sport or a hobby?

**HM:** A yo-yo is a toy, a sport, a performance, a science, a memorabilia, a relaxation item, a communication tool, a friend — It can be anything.

**PC:** Why aren't there any good female yo-yoers?

**HM:** Yes, there are. The 1998 World Champ is a girl. But mostly boys play. Maybe it is too simple for girls.

**PC:** What is your advice to aspiring yo-yoists out there?

**HM:** All you need to do is practice.

**PC:** If you can't do yo-yo what would you do?

**HM:** I would work to promote yo-yoing.

**PC:** If you could compete with any other yo-yoer, who would it be?

**HM:** Joel Zink, 1999 World 1A champion. ■



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## SWIMWEAR

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Avenue, Henry Bendel, Barney's, Neiman Marcus, and Bloomingdale's. The groups are also encouraging Buddhists to contact their representatives and senators to inform them of their displeasure with OndadeMar and Victoria's Secret.

"We need to let [OndadeMar and Victoria's Secret] be more sensitive to how we feel," said Rev. Umezu, who sees similarities between the current situation and the complaint launched against Macy's recently after the department store carried boxer briefs with the image of Buddha and the words, "Rub me for luck." The Buddhist Churches of America plans to write letters of concern to both companies, he said, letters similar to those sent to Macy's.

Both Trang and Rev. Umezu believe that such a use of religious imagery would never have been used if it were Christianity or Islam. "I do not believe that this would occur with any other religious images. They would never have put images of Jesus nor Allah on the same spot of swimwear," said Trang.

Victoria's Secret did not respond to a request for an interview but Anthony Hebron, vice president of external communications for Limited Brands, Inc., sent *Pacific Citizen* a standard letter the company has been sending to individuals concerned about the Buddha swimwear.

"Limited Brands, Inc. and Victoria's Secret sincerely apologize and regret that the company has inadvertently offended any person, or group of persons with the sale of the Floral Tankini. There was absolutely no intention of showing any disrespect to Lord Buddha or Buddhism," the letter states.

But in a separate letter from Iris L., a Victoria's Secret client services representative, the company denies that the images on the suit are those of Buddha. "Based on the information provided to us by our merchandise department, we do not believe that the personage depicted on the tankini is Buddha."

In both letters, Victoria's Secret notes that they did not manufacture the swimsuits, shifting the blame to OndadeMar.

Trang does not consider the above statements to be an official apology and will continue to press Victoria's Secret. "They do not sound apologetic but want to pass the responsibilities onto OndadeMar," she said. "They denied that the picture in the swimsuit is Buddha. Not only that, they said 'We are not responsible for it.'"

OndadeMar did not respond to inquiries from *P.C.* But in an e-mail response to Trang's complaint, OndadeMar President Pily Queipo explained, "It is never our intent to offend a customer by the nature or content of our merchandise. We regret very much if we have offended anyone with our design and would like to apologize for this. We thought of it as something beautiful, never disrespectful."

Ken Inouye, JACL vice president of public affairs, believes Buddhists should continue their protest of these two companies for portraying Buddha in an offensive manner.

"The stores must issue a formal apology, and recall the products, in order to acknowledge the fact that they sold a product that was offensive and culturally insensitive," he said. "In addition, the stores should state that they are going to adopt a corporate policy which would preclude them from selling such products in the future." ■

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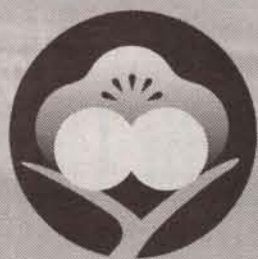
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