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Yo-Yo Master Has World on a String

By LYNDALIN Assistant Editor


Maloney 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 stunned 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 distributor company, but he says his heart is in Chico, where he is enrolled at state college as a business administration major.

There are peaks 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-

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 Buddha 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 manufacturer 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,” said Rev. Kodo Umetsu 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 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 designs. 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

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

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.

In the movie “Goldmember” it’s all about the scene when Austin Powers meets noble 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 “C��cie”? But there’s a deeper meaning behind the laughter for generations of APIs who have had to correct pronunciation when answering to their delicate names rolling off of foreign tongues.

When 26-year-old Cathlyn

FOOD 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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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, I read the local evening news. I looked forward to the spots and weather reports, but I also looked forward to the local news stories. I felt that there were 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 innovative 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 national one. Stories and accomplishments are brought to me two times a month in the Pacific Citizen.

The hardworking P.C. staff create a national publication that exceeds 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 to the hardworking P.C. staff. The staff of JACL, inspired me. They tirelessly 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.

As American seldome 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 read in the P.C. have inspired you to write a letter, or attend an event, or run for office.

I am asking that you help support this vital program of JACL. Please give generously 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 County

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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, no water, sanitation supplies. We had rain, snow and mounting casualties. Unless you were there, no way will you understand the horrors of war. What I suffered is too horrible to describe. WAR IS HELL.

It was 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 saved hundreds of casualties, far more than they rescued. Even one killed is too many.

I have seen combat in Europe. I have seen in my lifetime. The 442nd Regiment was the most decorated unit in the U.S. Army for size and length of service. Please think about the change.

Incidentally, the Congress and President's decision to change the "Jap" on offensive and derogatory.

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Commander of the "Lost Battalion"
Anna Maria, FL

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National API Leaders Denounce President’s Changes to Historic Executive Order

By JAMES PRICHERD
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 Connedy 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.

Connedy 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.

Connedy is chairman of the National Asian American Political Council.

If hundreds of people filled the campus’ Dalton Theater to hear him speak and answer questions.

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

“We will not stand idly by while our government passes laws that discriminate against minorities based on race, sex, ethnicity or national origin,” Connedy said.

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If the issue goes 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 public agencies. Connedy said although he experienced the overt discrimination of the pre-civil rights era in the South, today’s racial preferences are a “discrimination of the modern era” and that much of this support comes from white conservatives but Connedy said that blacks uniformly oppose it.

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APAs in the News

Tomio Moriguchi was recently elected to the board of directors of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (Najam). Moriguchi serves as chair and CEO of Uswam, 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 Kotter Nursing Home, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, JACL, and the Japan America Society of Washington. He also serves as an officer on the board of Directors of NCAP (National Council of Asian Pacific American). Moriguchi was re-elected to the board of directors of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) for another term. He has served on the board for over 10 years and is a strong advocate for the preservation of Japanese American history and culture.

Kimi Nagi, a pianist who earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii, has been honored for his excellence in piano performance. Nagi is only one of two pianists to receive the award for his professional and community contributions. He is known for his dedication to promoting music education and his commitment to inspiring young musicians.

Tourism in Japan

Tourism in Japan has been growing steadily, with a significant increase in the number of international tourists in recent years. The country is known for its rich cultural heritage, beautiful landscapes, and diverse cuisine. Visitors can enjoy traditional customs, explore historic sites, and participate in various cultural experiences such as tea ceremonies, origami, and karate.

In terms of infrastructure, Japan has one of the most advanced transit systems in the world, with a network of high-speed trains known as Shinkansen. These trains connect major cities, making it easy for tourists to travel around the country. The Tokyo Metropolitan government is also investing in new subway lines to improve accessibility and connectivity in the capital city.

Economic Impact

Tourism in Japan contributes significantly to the country's economy. It generates revenue through hotel stays, transportation, and dining, and also creates jobs. In addition, the industry promotes regional development, supporting local businesses and livelihoods.

Cultural Preservation

Japan's rich cultural heritage is a major draw for international tourists. The country has a long history of art, architecture, and natural beauty, which are showcased in its various regions. Visitors can explore ancient temples, traditional festivals, and historical sites, enriching their understanding of Japanese history and culture.

In conclusion, tourism in Japan continues to thrive, driven by an increasing number of visitors and a growing appeal to tourists seeking cultural experiences and natural beauty. The country's commitment to preserving its heritage and investing in infrastructure further supports the growth of the tourism industry.
Addicted to JACL
By EMILY TERUYA
In a carpool ride home from a recent JACL board meeting, someone remarked, "JACL is adding speed..." The same person told me how to spot an addict: It's someone who stays to go to board meetings and isn't too impressed. Yet something compels him to keep going. Sooner or later, she's invited to attend a district council meeting or 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?" Within three years, she’s learning that board and日本語

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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 Temp 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 projects 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.

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 Hara; Marilyn Inoshita Tang, chairperson; Yano; Seiko Watkins and Jill YamO

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"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 four 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.

Masajl Inoshita Awarded DAR Medal of Honor

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 WWI 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.

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PHOTO: MARILYN INOSHITA TANG

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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 to become a State Senator in the United States, has graciously accepted an invitation to keynote the Hawaiian Luau. 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 everyone respects 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 2003, Sen. Moua was born in Laos and immigrated to the United States in 1978 with her husband Yee Chang and their two children, Cathlyn and Albert. The Hmong people living in the United States came predominantly from Laos in Southeast Asia. Their ancestors originated in southwestern China when 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 prevent individuals from getting deported, made it easier to build affordable housing, improved tax policies for low-income Minnesotans, and secured funding for crime victim assistance among other accomplishments. She has degrees from Brown University and a Master’s degree 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 serving in public office and ensuring that America remains strong through our diversity. We hope that you will come listen and to meet Sen. Moua, and enjoy other compelling speakers, Aug. 10-14 at the 75th Anniversary JACL National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

For more information, visit the convention website www.jachawaii.org.

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

CONVENTION ALERT

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

Convention Registration Form

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Accommodation for Disability? Yes No

Early Registration (Received by May 15, 2004)
JACL Member: $300
JACL Affiliate: $250
Youth Member: $100
Non-JACL Youth $100 (one year JACL membership included)

Registration (Received by July 24, 2004)
JACL Member: $350
JACL Affiliate: $295
Youth Member: $150
Non-JACL Youth: $150 (one year JACL membership included)

Friends of JACL Tomodachi/Booster: $500
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Alloha! We invite you to register for the 2004 JACL 75th Anniversary National Convention “Our Legacy: Our Future: Ensuring Diversity in America.”

Registration Information:
The following is information on how to register for the convention. Please complete one registration form per attendee. The form and survey and payment must be completed to ensure your registration.

Please mail your completed registration form, survey, and payment to:

JACL National Convention
475 Kamehameha Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96817

Payment Methods:
Checks, money orders, VISA, MasterCard (No Purchase Orders Accepts are offered). Please submit payment with your registration form and survey to the above address.

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A confirmation letter will be sent to you either by e-mail or by U.S. mail within 2 weeks of receipt and approval of payment. If you do not hear from us within 2 weeks, please call 808/531-8000, ext. 389, Armando Smith, JACL Hawaii, or e-mail him at armando@jachawaii.org, or 808/533-6564.

Registration Deadline: Received by July 31, 2004.

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For JACL hotel reservations, please call the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel at 800-587-3570 and mention JACL to receive the special convention rates. The Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel is centrally located and hotel rooms will fill quickly. Please make your reservations early and before August 5 as the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel is very popular and hotel rooms will fill quickly. Please make your reservations as early and before August 5 as the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel is very popular and hotel rooms will fill quickly.

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SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Lily Kahumoku Scheduled to Stand Trial

HONOLULU—Former University of Hawaii women's volleyball stand­
out 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, Delgado, 20, on April 9 in an apartment on Ali Moana Boulevard. He suf­

fered minor injuries.

Kahumoku has said what happened was "unfortunate."

Her attorney, Scott Collins, called the alleged assault "a misunderstand­

ing."

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

HOCKEY

Avalanche Could be gone after one less-than-productive season.

DENVER—Losing to San Jose in six games was more than just the fin­

ish 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.

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

Colorado overcame injuries to Kasey and Forbush 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. Signining Salmela 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 come back again.

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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.

Pak claimed her second win in as many major tournaments last week after shooting 65-67-69-72 for a 1-under total of 279 to take the LPGA Legends event at Kingsmill, Va.

Pak, who was two strokes back after the first two rounds and four

back after the third, posted the only bogey-free scorecard of the final

three rounds to claim the title.

"It was a great week," she said. "I was happy with the way I hit the ball and putted."

Pak, who has won four majors, the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links in 1998 and the Kraft Nabisco Championship in 1999, said this victory was especially meaningful for several reasons.

"I'm so happy because it's been a long time since I've won," she said. "I think I was so nervous because I was going to win a major this year, but I didn't want to get too high."

Park is already the oldest woman to win a major on the LPGA Tour and the youngest athlete to win one of the big four championships in women's golf.

"I'm so lucky to be around," she said. "I'm glad I woke up and realized that the harder I work, the better I get."

The first major of the year, the U.S. Women's Open, was held just two weeks ago at Kingsmill, where Park rolled an 18-foot birdie putt to win the inaugural Michelob Ultra Open. It continued that run in May 9 to overcome a four-stroke deficit to win the LPGA Hall of Fame Classic, sponsored by Michelob Ultra.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I think I just took a deep breath and played my best."

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this directory are licensed by proper government authority.

"I need to win more tournaments to do that," she said. "I have no problem with Amika and Michelle getting the attention that they're get­

ting because they deserve it. Their accomplishments, their poise, their achievements are so tremendous that they deserve every bit of it."

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

"You can't manufacture or create riv­

alries," he said. "I think what Amika has done is push every player of any age to be better."

"I'm a big fan of those who have rededicated themselves to

the game and gotten better."
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 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 of 1965. Racial and ethnic discrimination has become more visible 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 so many in my first few years at the EEOC, but by any 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.

When action is taken quickly in such cases, there may not be correlative 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 National Convention to Know

With the widespread use of electronic mail it is no surprise that harassment serves 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 members as well as an excellent national director in John Inouye 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 wealth of culture and the exquisite hospitality abundant in the islands as well as to take in the beauty, by the humble homestead of the chapter members (with workers' interests 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 at all possible. It should be an extremely enjoyable, worthwhile, and memorable experience for all who attend.

Paul Igasaki

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 organization's activities. JACL leaders are given a chance to voice the opinions of their chapters on important issues which are presented to and 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

A Need to Continue Efforts

By the Board

Ryan Chin

Nat'l V.P. of Membership

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

However, analyses of our results thus far for this year indicate that we have dropped off significantly. Bottom-line: with this continued pace, a budgetary deficit will occur, potentially reaching 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-Arab sentiment. The network, which is expanding everyday, includes representatives from across the country as well as JACL student members on college campuses throughout the country.

In addition to combating inci­
dents 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 activ­

ites in the thirty-four states, 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 train­
g teachers on how to educate about the ramifications of treating Arab Americans and Muslims similarly to Japanese Americans in World War II; the latest instillments occurred in Houston, Detroit, and San Francisco.

Utilizing the judicial system, the JACL has signed on an amicus brief in the case of José Padilla to protest the powers provided to the federal government through the U.S. 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 non-military personnel.

During the last convention, the organization challenged itself by setting the bar high: building a budget that required more membership dues than ever before. Last year, we were not only able to meet the challenge, but to exceed 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 I am sure there is support available from national JACL. Please let us know what can be done to help you meet your goals.

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

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**JAC National**
**May 25—**War Time Story on JAs in WWI—P.עונש.
**May 26—**Screening of documentary: "Nisei and the Unknown Story of a Mysterious Empire, its Relationship to the West, and the Forging of a Nation."

**May 27—**War Tune Story on PBS.

**May 28—**Documentary screening, "Sumo East and West," a rare inside look at the grueling world of professional sumo wrestling.

**May 29—**Groundbreaking of JACCC's 24th Anniversary Recognition Night, 6:30 p.m.; Salt Lake City Buddhist Temple, 211 W. 100 South; Donor, Donation 10,000; Info or tickets: 537/2331, 537/2250.

**June 1—**Nisei Week Parade, Honoring the Honorable Charles M. Kamiya.

**June 4—**Annual Memorial Cemetery's Columbarium.

**June 6—**Easter Egg Hunt, Jr. Olympics; Chabot College; Entry deadline is May 7; age divisions for 8 years and under with "open" entry for 9 to 15 years old.

**June 7—**Groundbreaking of San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 367 N. 18th St.; 4 p.m.; Flo Oy Wong; Japanese American Citizens League.

**June 9—**Japanese Casualty Recognition Night; 6:30 p.m.; Three Rivers Japanese Men's Club; Nakaoka PSW District Oratorical Contest, 514/446-7711; Info: Madeleine at 415/663-8331 or jacc.org.


**July 1—**Civil War Veterans of the San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles County Committee Memorial Day Service; 3:30 p.m.; San Gabriel Valley National Cemetery.


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

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

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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 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. 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 practiced 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-yo will ever be popular again?

HM: Yes. Yo-Yo 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 memom­th, a relaxation item, a communi­cator tool, a friend—I 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-yoist, who would it be?

HM: Joel Zink, 1999 World 1A champion.

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