

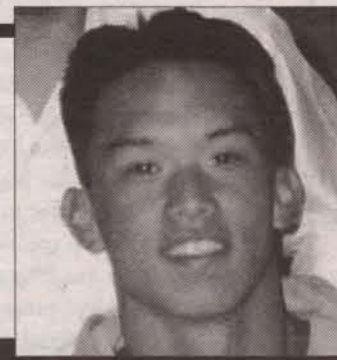
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'Fame' Winner Harlemm Lee Still Fighting for Recognition

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Mention the name Harlemm Lee and you'll likely get some blank stares. But no doubt most people will recognize William Hung, the "American Idol" castoff who has somehow managed to win over the hearts of millions of Americans.

It's ironic that Lee's name is still largely unrecognized considering he was the triple threat winner of last summer's NBC reality show "Fame," where the 36-year-old, Chinese/Filipino American danced and sang his way into millions of homes for ten straight

weeks. Hung on the other hand did one unsuccessful, off-tune audition for the "American Idol" judges but has since become a media darling with

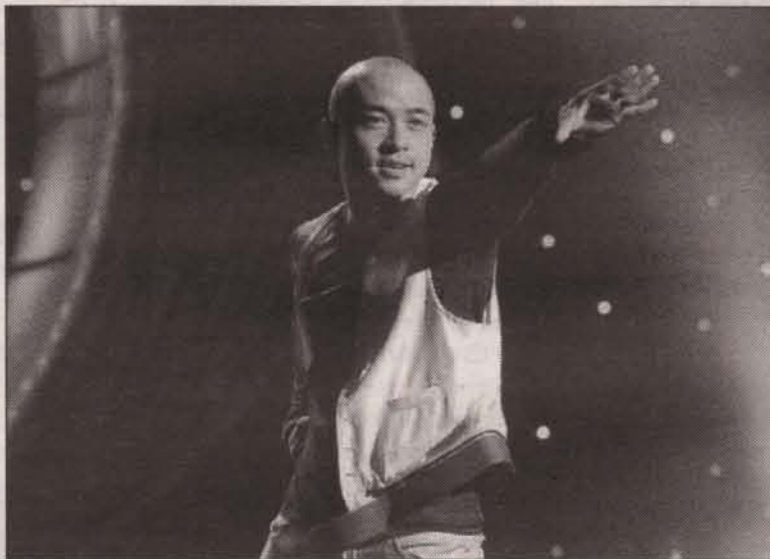


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Harlemm Lee performs live on last summer's NBC reality show "Fame." The tripple threat winner outshined performers much younger than him to take home the title.

non-stop press interviews, a record deal, and exposure that Lee to this day can only dream of.

"When I won the show I was on

cloud nine. I felt I had finally made it," said Lee. "I proved that an Asian has just as much talent as anybody else. I proved that it's our time as Asian American artists." He added, "But the [entertainment] industry has a lot of power. They can make or break the perception of any artist."

It's been about eight months since Lee proved his talents on "Fame," beating out much younger contestants, but he's still waiting for his career to take off and a chance to make his mark in the entertainment industry.

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JACL Continues Battle for Civil Liberties With New Bill

Advocacy groups rally behind a yet to be introduced bill seeking to diminish the power of the Patriot Act.

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL continues to champion civil liberties as part of a coalition that supports a new legislative bill intended to chip away at the powers of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

The Civil Liberties Restoration Act (CLRA) will restore civil liberties taken away by the Patriot Act, an act which most civil rights groups and legal experts denounce as containing draconian provisions allowing the government to deny detainees and enemy combatants the right to seek legal counsel.

The CLRA has yet to be introduced in Congress, but civil liberties advocates are hoping to move the bill in early June. Right now, the National Immigration Forum is working with local advocates, including JACL, to help build awareness, said Shoba Sivaprasad,

senior policy associate at the National Immigration Forum.

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi called the Patriot Act a "drastic departure from basic human rights for citizens" at the May 22-23 national board meeting and declared support for the CLRA and the Security and Freedom Ensured Act. He emphasized that in these cases it is not about an individual's guilt or innocence, but more about the infringement of fundamental civil liberties.

"In challenging the Patriot Act, we're not saying that the government should be completely hands off. If there is a justifiable reason to arrest an individual, that's law enforcement. It's the process that's questionable. When citizens or legal residents are held and denied their rights, that undermines the judicial process. It's persecution at its worse," said Tateishi.

The CLRA is co-sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-MA. If enacted, the CLRA will restore first amendment rights, ensure due process, focus law enforcement on

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JACL National Board Passes 2005-2006 Biennial Budget

Board debates use of Life Trust Endowment Fund for the Planned Giving program.

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—In preparation for the August national convention, the JACL national board members took up the 2005-2006 biennial budget at the May 22-23 quarterly board meeting.

The board unanimously passed the 2005-2006 biennial budget with \$4,205,717 in total revenue sources

and \$4,200,276 in program costs.

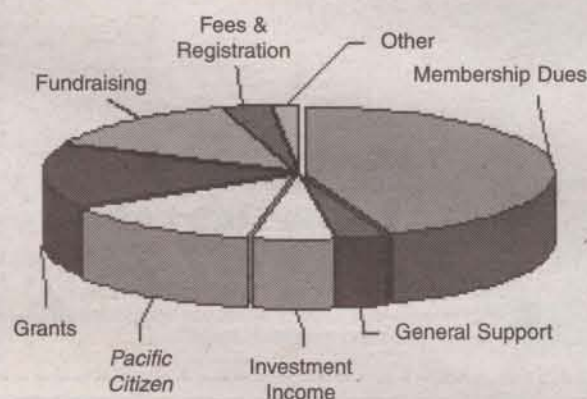
Revenue line items for both years include membership dues with an expected total of \$1,868,012, investment income estimated at \$218,000, grants at \$537,400, fund raising with \$818,700, and *Pacific Citizen* at \$384,205.

Some of the larger programs the JACL will be focusing on are general operations at a total of \$1,551,639, membership with \$233,204 and the *P.C.* with \$884,410.

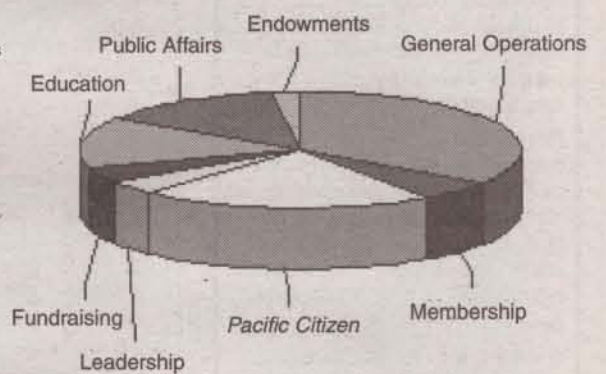
One sticking point at the meeting involved whether monies from the

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SPRING CAMPAIGN The Numbers Add Up

By GIL ASAKAWA
P.C. Editorial Board Chair

There's a reason I make my living with words: I'm not much of a numbers guy. In fact, when talk turns to budgets and finances, my head gets all fuzzy and I tune out.

Except when the *Pacific Citizen's* budget is at stake.

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Police Arrest 1970 Killer of JA Cop, Then Decide Not to File Charges

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif. —Police who arrested a man in alleged connection with the 1970 slaying of a Japanese American Berkeley officer that was called a political assassination at the time abruptly reversed course May 26 and said no charges would be filed.

Calling it a joint decision with Alameda County prosecutors, police spokesman Joe Okies said Don Juan Warren Graphenreed might be charged in the future, but "based on the direction this investigation has taken," authorities were changing course.

Berkeley police arrested Graphenreed, 55, of San Francisco, May 24 on suspicion of murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the killing of rookie Officer Ronald Tsukamoto, the first JA police officer hired in Berkeley and the first Berkeley officer killed in the line of duty.

The suspect was being held on an unrelated charge in a Fresno jail, where he will now be returned, according to Berkeley police.

Okies would not explain what had changed in the case. He said additional arrests are expected, but

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SPRING CAMPAIGN

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I recently attended a JACL national board meeting where one of the proposals for the biennium budget was to adjust the P.C.'s budget and make up for the shortfall by hiring a fulltime staffer to sell ads for the paper. I know you've heard it before, but it's a tough time for the JACL, and every program and everyone in the national office has tightened their collective belt until it hurts, and then some more.

But I was concerned because the P.C. proposal seemed unrealistic to me — this person would have to sell \$80,000 a year in advertising for a newspaper that only publishes twice a month, averages only 12 pages in size and reaches a shrinking subscriber base of JACL members.

I didn't think it would be possible for this employee to beat such odds, and felt the proposal was setting up your membership newspaper for financial failure.

The fact is, the P.C. is a financial success.

One reason some board members look at the P.C. as a target for cuts is that the paper is one of the larger line items in every budget. It costs a lot of money to publish a national newspaper. However, the P.C. staff is at a bare-bones level (even with the recent addition of assistant editor Lynda Lin, who's doing a terrific job!) as it is, and believe it or not, the P.C. is one of the few programs of the JACL that doesn't just spend money, it earns it.

The P.C. earns money through the advertising that it currently has (thanks to office manager Brian Tanaka, who's an under-appreciated hero in the organization), through annual fundraising ideas like the Spring Campaign (which is doing

well, thanks for your support), through its ability to promote JACL fundraising initiatives such as national membership and donation campaigns, and of course, through the hallmark annual Holiday Issue.

So even though on paper the P.C. looks like it's taking up almost a quarter of JACL's budget, please keep in mind that after all the money it brings in, the P.C. as a program costs half of that.

Beyond that, of all the great programs the JACL funds, the P.C. is the one that's connected to and can help all of them. The P.C. is where you learn about initiatives that JACL is undertaking, the many important fights it wages nationally, and where you can find out the latest about important events such as the Hawaii Convention (what a great excuse to go to the islands!). The P.C. is your pipeline that keeps you abreast of what the JACL's doing. It shows how your support of the organization is helping to change the world.

And, the P.C. reaches outside the organization to tell you about Asian Pacific American news in general, and issues of race and ethnicity in general — the heart and soul of what JACL focuses on, because the JACL isn't just for the protection of Japanese Americans' civil rights. We're in this organization because we care about everyone's civil rights.

During the recent meeting, it became apparent that the board members who proposed this idea for the P.C. chose the \$80,000 figure somewhat arbitrarily, without checking with the people who know — the P.C. staff — about how the paper is put together. To accommodate \$80,000 a year in new ads, the paper would have to bump up in size, and that would cost so much in printing and distribution that the new salesperson might only bring in an extra \$10,000 for the organization.

JACL Should Not Support Mi-Choong O'Brien

I was truly disgusted about why the Pacific Citizen is garnering support and sympathy for this Mi-Choong O'Brien. It is not about being an innocent victim because she is NOT. She embezzled money from her employer and never bothered to apply for citizenship.

How can a publication that is supported by the members of the JACL feel sympathy towards this woman and her husband? How dare a white man liken her cause to the Japanese Americans interned during World War III! This is an INSULT to OUR relatives that were patriotic, honest people, not thieving and unpatriotic like this woman! This is unbelievable that OUR money is being used to try to help this man and his kleptomaniac wife!

The article makes the O'Briens look like completely irresponsible and ignorant people who deserve whatever they get handed down to them. I am disgusted that the JACL would support this case when there are other much more deserving causes involving real Asian people.

When I explained that, some other board members spoke out in support of the P.C., and after a weekend of intense discussion, the P.C.'s budget was maintained, and the regional director for the PSW district was reinstated in the budget. I felt like it was a good weekend, and left proud of the JACL and its board.

But I can't get too comfortable. Those board members — and other JACL members, I'm sure — think the P.C. should be cut back, even though they admit it's of value to you, the membership. They've suggested the paper should just be a monthly newsletter or a quarterly newspaper (which would make all the information in it "old news").

Sure, that would save money (it would also cut the jobs of the current P.C. staff). But is that what you want?

That's why the P.C. staff has to continue to work extra hard to earn its place as the "crown jewel" of the JACL, as current president Floyd Mori called it last year. And that's why, once again, I'm writing to ask for your support if you haven't already given it this year, for the P.C. Spring Campaign. Think of it as a vote of confidence in this newspaper.

Thanks, and hope to see you in Honolulu! ■

Real Asian people who are responsible and do not have children that they cannot afford. Real Asian people who do not steal just because they are poor. Real Asian people who are proud to be Americans.

It is really a shame that the P.C. wastes their paper and ink on someone such as this Mi-Choong O'Brien. If this is the type of cause that our memberships are supporting then myself and my friends will seriously have to reconsider our renewals for next year.

Kenneth Nishimura
Castro Valley, CA

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Re: Engrish.com

I think that the issue of whether Engrish.com (Pacific Citizen, April 16 - May 6 issue) is racist or not comes down to whether you are defined by what others say or by how you define yourself.

If someone calls me a "Jap" I think it defines the person who said it but it does not define who I am. If I take offence I am giving legitimacy to whoever called me a "Jap." Unfortunately many of us allow ourselves to be defined by what others think.

How many times have I heard Japanese who think a child of a mixed couple is "prettier"? As long as we think that way, we are going to be forever worrying about whether Engrish.com is racist or not.

Akio Tanaka
Alta, Calif.



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Government Declines to Reveal Potential Patriot Act Authorizations

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT—The federal government has refused the American Civil Liberties Union's request to tell a federal judge whether it has used certain investigative powers granted under a section of the Patriot Act in the past eight months.

The ACLU, Muslim groups and others in Michigan, Tennessee and Oregon filed a lawsuit in July contesting Section 215 of the Patriot Act. They argue that the powers it gives investigators violate the constitutional guarantees of due process and free speech and bans on unreasonable search and seizure.

As part of the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit, they have asked the government for information on when Section 215 was used.

The Justice Department has said the section was not used between the Patriot Act's enactment on Oct. 26, 2001, in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and Sept. 18, 2003, the period covered by the suit.

In December, the agency argued that the lawsuit should be dismissed because Section 215 had not been used during the time in question. But in a letter dated May 19, Justice Department lawyer Joseph W. LoBue told U.S. District Judge Denise Hood that the agency does not plan to reveal whether any requests had been filed.

The Justice Department plans to submit a classified report by June 30 to the U.S. House and Senate judiciary committees detailing the applications, if there were any, made under the act between July 31, 2003, and the end of 2003, LoBue's letter stated.

The ACLU of Michigan released a statement calling the refusal "alarming," and added: "This isn't the first time that the government has tried to overstep its bounds ... They should know by now that it is the court's right to call the shots about when information needs to be withheld from the public."

Hood was expected to rule on the request to dismiss the case sometime this month, *The Detroit News* reported. ■

Hate Crime Prompts State Legislation; 'Kenny's Law' Passes Assembly, Now Moves to Senate

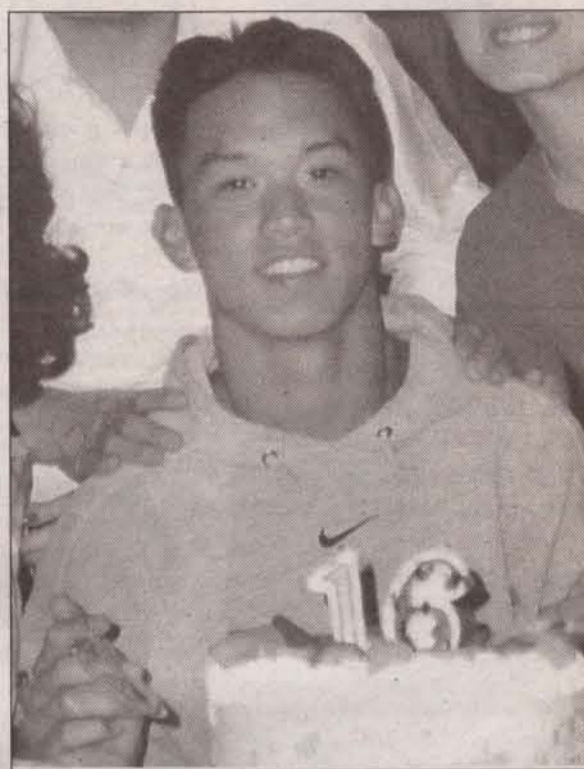
By Pacific Citizen Staff

A bill to strengthen protections for hate crime victims has passed out of the California State Assembly floor and now moves on for debate in the Senate.

AB 2428, or "Kenny's Law," requires a protective order to be issued when a hate crime perpetrator is released on parole, probation, or through a conditional release program. The bill also gives courts and relevant agencies the option of ordering anti-bias training, counseling or other rehabilitative programs for hate crime perpetrators to prevent future acts of discrimination and violence.

"Kenny's Law is necessary because research and experience has shown us that hate crime perpetrators may repeatedly victimize in the future if protections are not put in place and the perpetrator is not rehabilitated," said Assembly Member Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Hate Crimes and the author of the bill.

"Kenny's Law" is named after Kenneth Chiu, a 17-year-old Taiwanese American stabbed to death by his white supremacist neighbor, Christopher Hearn, on July 30, 2001 in Laguna Hills, California. Hearn previously stalked other members of the Chiu family and is believed to have scratched "CHINK" onto the Chiu family's car.



Kenneth Chiu celebrates his 16th birthday with family and friends during happier times.

In his confession, Hearn demonstrated no remorse for the murder and expressed hatred for Asians and other minorities. In September of 2003, an Orange County Superior Court judge found Hearn to have committed first-degree murder with special enhancements for lying in wait and hate animus. However, the court ultimately found Hearn not guilty by reason of insanity.

Chu introduced the legislation after the Chiu family testified at a special hearing of the California Assembly Select Committee on Hate Crimes on December 9, 2003.

"We need to know that California will work to protect us and prevent those who hate from hurting us again," said Christopher Chiu, Kenneth's father. "We have experienced firsthand the consequences of hate, and this bill will provide my family and all victims of hate crime with more tools to protect ourselves."

AB 2428 is co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality (AACRE) and Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA). ■

Claremont Professor Pleads Not Guilty to Alleged Fake Vandalism

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

POMONA, Calif.—A visiting Claremont McKenna College professor who claimed someone vandalized her car with racist and anti-Semitic slurs pleaded not guilty May 18 to charges of filing a false police report and insurance fraud.

Kerri Dunn, 39, was scheduled to appear May 19 but the hearing was moved up a day at her request, the Los Angeles County district attorney's office said. She remained free on her own recognizance and was scheduled to return to court June 1.

Dunn was charged with one count of filing a false police report, a misdemeanor, and two felony

counts of insurance fraud. If convicted on all counts, she faces a sentence ranging from probation to six years in prison.

Dunn, a psychology professor, claimed that she discovered the vandalism of her car on March 9 while she was on the Claremont campus preparing a lecture for a forum on racism.

The next day, she called her insurance company about the vandalism and theft of items from the car, authorities said. Police and the FBI began investigating, but within days police reported there were witness accounts of Dunn vandalizing the car herself.

Her report of the alleged hate

crime forced officials to cancel classes at the five undergraduate Claremont campuses on March 10 and thousands of students staged sit-ins to protest what was believed to be part of a series of racial incidents at the colleges.

Dunn, who remains on leave from Claremont McKenna College, denies any wrongdoing.

Claremont McKenna College is part of a consortium of seven independent institutions. The others are Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College, Claremont Graduate University and the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences. ■

Chicago Approves Ordinance That Removes AAs From Set-aside Program

By MELANIE COFFEE
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO—A new Chicago ordinance approved May 26 requires the city to continue to set aside a portion of construction contracts for minority- and women-owned firms, but it drops Asian Americans from the list of recognized minority groups.

Based on statistical evidence, and under a judge's direction, the new ordinance says blacks, Hispanics and women are considered members of socially disadvantaged groups.

The decision upset AA leaders as well as some aldermen who said the city was opening itself up to a return to discriminatory practices.

"It's not just about the contractors, it's about how Asian Americans are viewed as a community" said Asian American Institute Executive Director Tuyet Le.

The changes, approved 43-3, stemmed from a judge's order in a 1996 lawsuit filed by the Builders Association of Greater Chicago, which argued the set-aside program was unnecessary because past discrimination had been remedied.

U.S. District Judge James Moran in December determined that parts of the old ordinance failed to effectively target the companies most deserving of help.

He gave the city until June 29 to find a way to narrow the requirements of the program without allowing a return to a near-monop-

oly by white construction firms.

Some aldermen wanted the city to appeal the order rather than make the changes.

"If you do it today in the construction industry, every other industry will do the same thing," said Alderman Bernard Stone.

But Jennifer Hoyle, a spokeswoman for the city's law department, said city officials worried that if they failed to win in appellate court, the entire program could be scrapped.

"To me, that was the goal," Mayor Richard Daley said. "Doing what was needed to assure our program was maintained."

Under the new ordinance, for AAs to maintain the favored status that gives them a leg up in getting city contracts, they must apply individually and document past discrimination.

"For the city of Chicago, this is the best program we can introduce at this time," Alderman Fredrena Lyle said. "And if we don't introduce this, come June 29, there will be nothing."

But Le said requiring that only AAs prove they'd been discriminated against was unfair.

"It basically means that they don't believe Asians face discrimination unless you can prove it otherwise," she said.

The revised ordinance included some other changes as well, including lowering the maximum amount of revenue allowed for companies to be eligible for the program. ■

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National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and
Associated Press

University of Michigan Minority Applications Plummet

DETROIT—The number of applications to the University of Michigan from African Americans, Hispanic Americans and American Indians are down 21 percent from the same time last year, while overall applications decreased 18 percent.

The figures represent the first freshman class to apply to the university since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the school's undergraduate formula of awarding admission points based on race.

The university adopted a new application that still considers race, but does not award points, and includes new short-answer questions and an optional essay.

University officials stressed admissions figures were compiled as of May 16 and will not be final until official enrollment is reported in October.

The high court in June upheld a general affirmative action policy at the University of Michigan law school but struck down the university's undergraduate formula as too rigid because it awarded admission points based on race.

Korean War Museum Looking for Mainland

Location

WAHIAWA, Hawaii—The National Korean War Museum has run out of space just three months after settling into its Central Oahu home, and is looking for space to open a mainland "sister" gallery.

The 10,000-square-foot Quonset hut that's home to the museum is too small for planes and tanks and a wall featuring the names of more than 33,000 fallen American soldiers lost in the war, backers say.

It is more cost efficient to secure space on the mainland according to Kyle Kopitke, president of the museum's board of trustees.

Kopitke said he is looking at 70 closed military bases to find a 15,000-square-foot space.

The museum has only attracted just a few hundred visitors since it opened Feb. 20 because of its remote location.

Universities May Consider Race, Gender in Admissions Under Bill

SACRAMENTO—California's public universities could consider race, gender and income in admitting students as long as they didn't grant preferences based on those factors, under legislation approved in late May by the state assembly.

The bill by Assemblyman Marco Firebaugh, D-South Gate, is a response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld the

"narrowly tailored" use of race in admissions.

Opponents contend the bill would violate Proposition 209, the 1996 state constitutional amendment that eliminated affirmative action programs designed to aid minorities and women.

But proponents say the bill wouldn't violate the proposition's ban on granting preferences based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

City Forms Support System for Hmong Refugees

FRESNO, Calif.—Fresno County officials are forming task forces to help the wave of Hmong refugees feel more comfortable in their new homes.

Up to 3,000 Hmong refugees are expected in the next few months.

The refugees have spent decades in a camp with little health care or education and will need help. The first group will arrive in a few weeks, and supervisors said they wanted to move quickly to make sure area residents are ready to receive them.

Fresno will not be the only area receiving the refugees. About 5,000-6,000 will arrive between June and September, and 10,000 more between October and December, but only about one-third of the refugees will settle in California. ■

Video Game Fans Dance Off Extra Pounds

By ANITA CHANG
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Forget the image of paunchy video gamers holed up in a dark room, surrounded by sticky Twinkie wrappers and empty soda cans.

Dance Dance Revolution players burn extra pounds along with their quarters. Weight loss is an unexpected benefit of a game designed for dance music.

Natalie Henry, 14, was drawn to the pulsing techno songs, and didn't realize she had slimmed down until she went clothes shopping.

"I went to go buy pants and the 14s were too big. The more I played, I gradually had to get smaller size pants," said Natalie, who now buys size 8 baggy cargoes.

The premise of DDR is simple: Players stand on a 3-foot square platform with an arrow on each side of the square — pointing up, down, left and right. The player faces a video screen that has arrows scrolling upward to the beat of a song chosen by the player. As an arrow reaches the top of the screen, the player steps on the corresponding arrow on the platform.

Sound easy? Throw in combinations of multiple arrows and speed up the pace, and the game is

as challenging and vigorous as a high impact aerobics class.

More than 1 million copies of DDR's home version have been sold in the United States, said Jason Enos, product manager at Konami Digital Entertainment-America, which distributes the Japanese game in the United States. About 6.5 million copies have been sold worldwide.

The home version, which costs about \$40 for a game and \$40 for a flat plastic dance pad, includes a "workout mode" that can track how many calories the user burns while playing.

One pediatrician is so convinced of the health benefits that he's planning a six-month study of DDR and weight loss among 12- to 14-year-olds, in an effort to give the game credibility among physicians.

Dr. Richard Adler, of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, said he likes the game because it "gets the kids off their butts and they lose weight."

But one possible downside, Adler said, is that DDR might cause discomfort in the joints of players who are heavy and have arthritis.

DDR has been so effective in getting teens off the couch that some schools have incorporated it into their physical education programs. ■

APAs in the News



KIMURA

A total of 18 Asian Americans were recognized for their contributions in various fields at the Asian American Heritage Council of New Jersey's 12th annual celebration dinner recently. Honored at the event was former JACL president **Lillian Kimura** of Bloomfield, NJ, the first female president of the JACL. She was the only Japanese American recognized for her community service in various leadership positions in various professional and ethnic organizations.

Alberta Lee, a student at UC Davis School of Law, **Shaffy Moel**, UCLA School of Law student, and **Debra Sudo**, a student at the American University in Washington, D.C., are the winners of the fifth annual Judge Robert M. Takasugi Fellowship for public interest law. These fellowship grants are awarded annually to support summer positions in public interest law and are given to law students who best exemplify the spirit and ideals of U.S. District Judge Robert M. Takasugi, the person for whom

the fellowship is named. Takasugi was appointed to the Municipal Court bench in 1973 and in 1976 he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. He has also served as legal counsel for the JACL.

The Asian American Federation of New York honored three individuals for their achievements on behalf of the Asian American community at their "Spirit of Asian America" gala May 24. The honorees included: **Lolita B.**



KINGSTON


Compas, president of the New York Nurses Association and the first Filipino American to be elected to the position; **Andrea Jung**, chairman and CEO of Avon Products, Inc., and the first AA to lead a Fortune 500 company; and Dr. Navin C. Mehta, surgeon director of the Department of Otolaryngology at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. The Asian American Federation of New York is a non-profit leadership organization that provides public policy and community service to identify and meet the

critical needs of AAs in the New York metropolitan area.

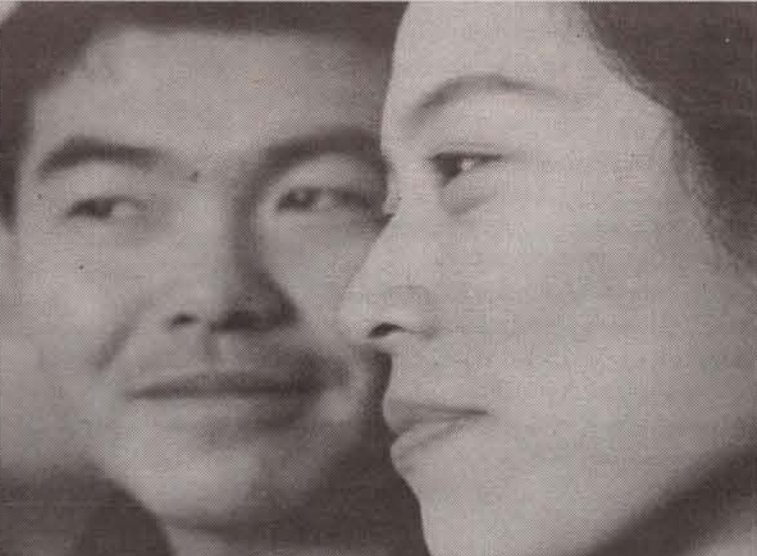
The achievements of nearly 200 of California's remarkable women have come to life in a major exhibition at the California State History Museum. Featured are several Asian Americans including: **March Fong Eu**, California's first Asian to hold statewide office and the first female Secretary of State; **Amy Chow**, member of the first women's gymnastics gold medal Olympic team in 1996; **Kristi Yamaguchi**, 1992 Olympic Gold medalist and four time World Pro figure skating champion; **Ruth Asawa**, nationally recognized artist and sculptor; **Maxine Hong Kingston**, writer of "The Fifth Book of Peace" and "To be The Poet"; **Mine Okubo**, author, illustrator, and writer; and **Dineh Mohajer**, CEO and founder of Hard Candy cosmetic company. The exhibit is sponsored by California First Lady Maria Shriver and presented by the California State Parks. ■



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YOUTH FORUM The Importance of Awareness

By MARISA HARANO

"Why are there so many f***ing Asians here?"

This was a comment scrawled onto a desk in the UC Davis library.

Not only is this incredibly disturbing to find at a university that prides itself on diversity and tolerance, it is surprising how often comments such as this are heard in conversations between students.



I have even heard other Asian Americans making fun of the high number of AAs on campus. Some of them have even mocked the many Asian professors whose accents some students find difficult to understand.

I'm outraged by this type of behavior. These experiences show me how prevalent racism is in our society and that drastic changes must take place in order to achieve complete equality for AAs.

What I find even more bothersome is that so many young AAs are ready to accept racist attitudes among their peers. A common opinion seems to be that life could be much worse for AAs and that we should be satisfied with the current state of our society.

But it is this attitude that hinders any progress towards complete

equality. We should follow the examples of our grandparents and parents who fought for our rights and gave us the foundation upon which we stand today.

We must remember that in a nation that boasts of freedom, it was exactly that which was stripped away from Japanese Americans during World War II. Progress came with the blood, sweat, and tears of our families who struggled so that we might be able to sit in classrooms where we do not feel openly discriminated against.

We must use this knowledge to motivate us to make further progress in a society where racism still exists, even if not as blatantly as it has manifested in the past.

As a college student, I realize that academic obligations often consume most of our time and that not everyone can be an activist. However, what I am proposing is a simple change that can make an enormous impact.

Change is rooted in raising awareness. With awareness comes a deeper understanding of why changes in society need to take place. Education of our peers is vital in raising awareness about the prevalence of racism and how deeply it can affect its victims. In this sense, it is also important to know about the history of racism in the United States.

So many young people take the relative ease with which they go through life for granted. Knowing what our families struggled through is vital if we are to appreciate the

level of equality that exists for AAs today. It is this understanding and knowing that we still have a ways to go before reaching true equality that will help raise awareness that changes still need to be made today.

And the easiest place to raise this awareness is among young AAs. Not only does racism deeply involve AAs, it is among youth that the most potential for change exists. So many young AAs simply do not realize that such a problem exists. Most AAs have been raised within communities that are relatively tolerant; enough so that they probably have not been exposed to blatant acts of racism.

This type of childhood often generates a passive and complacent attitude regarding the push for change in society. A new awareness among AAs will hopefully lead to the spread of this consciousness among other races. Additionally, if the youth of America can change, then improvements may take place more rapidly as these same young people come into more influential roles in society.

In a culture that promotes progress and equality, there exists much potential for change. However, there must exist a catalyst for change. Perhaps it is the youth of the nation who will rise to the challenge of calling for this change. ■

Marisa Harano is a sophomore at UC Davis.



Pictured (l-r) are: Ko Ijichi, Doug Suda, Kimberly Nakamura, Sydnie Kohara, Thomas Leong, Michael Leong, T. Robert Yamada, and Gordon Kono.

Berkeley Chapter Holds Annual Scholarship Banquet

The JACL Berkeley chapter recently held its annual scholarship awards luncheon where scholarships totaling \$3,500 were awarded to four graduating high school seniors.

This year's winners are: Thomas Leong of College Preparatory School in Oakland who plans to attend Cornell University in the fall and study biology and society; Douglas Suda of Campolindo High School will attend UC Berkeley or UCLA and pursue a biology degree; Michael Leong will study electrical engineering/computer science at UC Berkeley; and Kimberly Nakamura of Skyline High School will attend UC Berkeley and major in international relations.

Nakamura was awarded the first annual Bea Kono Memorial

Scholarship thanks to a generous donation from the Kono family in memory of Bea Kono, a past Berkeley JACL "Pioneer Award" recipient and longtime JACL supporter.

The chapter also honored "Pioneer Award" recipients Ko Ijichi and T. Robert Yamada. This award recognizes the contributions of individuals for their dedicated and distinguished service to the Berkeley JACL and/or the communities it serves.

The keynote speaker was Sydnie Kohara, CBS 5 Eyewitness News Early Edition anchor. This year's Berkeley JACL scholarship committee members were: Ron Tanaka (chairman), Neal Ouye, Al Satake, Kelly Shintani, Sharron Sue, DeAnn Tabuchi, and Roger Tanaka. ■



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NATIONAL CONVENTION

Civil Rights: Still Relevant Today

By DAVID M. FORMAN

Angela E. Oh emerged as a voice of reconciliation in 1992, and having served on the seven-member advisory board to President Clinton's Initiative on Race, Oh brings a combination of organizational, community, and political insight to the opportunities and challenges of diversity and change. Accordingly, she is a natural fit for the JACL's 75th Anniversary National Convention theme of "Our Legacy, Our Future: Ensuring Diversity in America."



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Studies Department, and Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow at UC Irvine's School of Social Sciences.

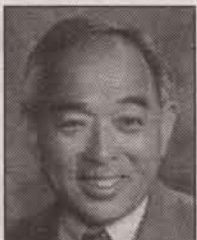
In 2002, Oh published a collection of essays about the people she has met and the experiences she has had in a book entitled, "Open: One Woman's Journey." She currently serves as a member of the board of directors for



TAMAYO

Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Women's Policy, Inc. and the board of directors for the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California.

Tamayo is the first Asian American appointed regional attorney. He is the EEOC's chief legal officer in San Francisco, overseeing the litigation and legal program of the Commission in Northern and Central California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Wake Island, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.



TATEISHI

During his tenure Tamayo's office has filed several cases on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans (including Bangladeshis, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans, Filipinos, Japanese), Latinos and farm workers. Key settlements include EEOC v. Tanimura & Antle (\$1.855 million sexual harassment award for farm worker women), Arnett & EEOC v. California Public Retirement System (\$250 million; age discrimination settlement for

The JACL Convention Committee is proud to announce that Oh will be joined by William Tamayo, regional attorney for the San Francisco District of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and JACL Executive Director John Tateishi, at a workshop entitled "Civil Rights: Still Relevant Today."

Although designated as a youth event, all convention attendees are welcome to attend this workshop on Aug. 10 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the Waikiki Beach Marriott in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Oh is a partner at Oh & Barrera, LLP and has been teaching, writing and lecturing on the subject of race and human relations since 1992. She has served as lawyer in residence at UCLA's School of Law, lecturer at UCLA's Asian American

public safety officers), and EEOC v. Herrick Corporation (\$1.11 million harassment award for four Pakistani Muslims).

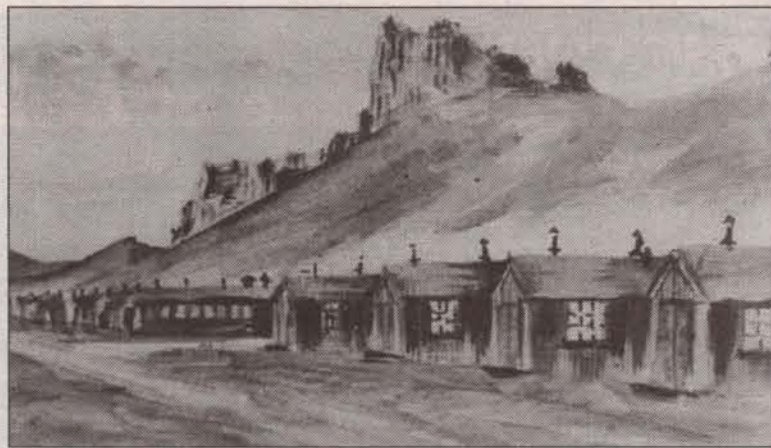
Before joining the EEOC, he served as a staff attorney and managing attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, a San Francisco-based public-interest law office for 16 years. Among other things, Tamayo emphasized the practice of civil rights litigation and advocacy involving employment discrimination, affirmative action, immigrant rights, and voting rights.

As many readers of the Pacific Citizen already know, Tateishi has been involved in civil rights work with AA communities for over 30 years. He gained national prominence in 1978 by launching a national campaign to seek redress for Japanese Americans interned in U.S. detention camps during World War II.

Tateishi crafted the legislative and public affairs strategies of the ten-year campaign, culminating with an apology from the President and Congress along with monetary redress for victims of the internment. He has been executive director of the JACL since September 1999.

To hear from these accomplished speakers, and many other inspiring individuals, be sure to register for the 75th Anniversary JACL National Convention. Visit the convention website www.jaclhawaii.org or click on the link at www.jacl.org for registration forms and to find out more about this historic convention. ■

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



An artist's rendering of Tule Lake.

Judge Takasugi to Open Tule Lake Pilgrimage

The Hon. Robert M. Takasugi, senior Federal Judge in the Central District of California, will make the opening remarks at the 2004 Tule Lake Pilgrimage, July 2-5 at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon.



TAKASUGI

Addressing the theme of "Citizens Betrayed" and focusing on the betrayal of the Issei, Kibei and Nisei at Tule Lake, Takasugi will share his experiences during his incarceration with his family at Tule Lake.

In addition to a special panel of renunciants speaking out about their experiences at Tule Lake, the 2004 pilgrimage will also feature a cultural program emceed by actor and community leader George Takei.

Participants in the cultural program include: poet Lawson Inada accompanied by Russel Baba and Jeanne Aiko Mercer, founders of Shasta Taiko; Lee Takasugi and Glenn Suravech of Visiting Violette; koto master Barbara Muramoto; sto-

ryteller Megumi; and poet Hiroshi Kashiwagi.

A special preview screening of "From a Silk Cocoon," a new film produced by Satsuki Ina about her parents' story of forsaken loyalties and hope for a better life in Japan after being incarcerated, scheduled to air later this year on PBS, will also be featured as part of the weekend program.

The four-day event will also include a tour of the Tule Lake camp, as well as a series of optional activities, including discussion groups, film presentations, taiko workshops, and a Castle Rock hike.

The registration fee of \$300 covers all transportation, housing, and meals. A special fee of \$250 is available to students and those on fixed incomes. Full and partial scholarships are also available upon request. The deadline for registration has been extended to June 12 for the remaining slots.

Further information can be obtained at www.tulelake.org or by calling 310/578-0090 in Los Angeles, 415/566-2279 in San Francisco, 916/392-5416 in Sacramento, or 408/269-9458 in San Jose. ■

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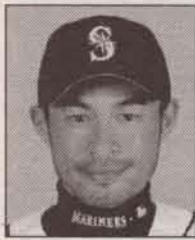
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Starting Line

BASEBALL

Suzuki Gets Career Hit No. 2000



SEATTLE—Mariners right fielder **Ichiro Suzuki** singled off Detroit starter Nate Robertson in the fifth inning May 21 for hit No. 2,000 of his career in Japan and the major leagues.

Suzuki lined a shot past second baseman Omar Infante, and the crowd cheered as the accomplishment was announced and "2,000" flashed on the video board at Safeco Field. The Mariners trailed 4-0 at the time.

Suzuki had 1,278 hits in nine seasons with the Orix Blue Wave of Japan's Pacific League. Along with a single in the third, Suzuki boosted his major league total to 722. It was his 14th multihit game over a 19-game stretch.

He won the AL batting title and MVP award as a rookie in 2001. ■

GOLF

Players Credit Se Ri Pak for Breaking LPGA Glass Ceiling

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.—Hee-Won Han had a quick explanation for the strong South Korean presence in the Sybase Classic.

"In the New York area there are many Koreans," said the defending champion.

Seventeen of the 21 South Koreans eligible to compete on the women's tour this year were set to begin play May 20 at Wykagyl Country Club.

It hasn't always been that way on tour.

In 1997, there were five Koreans. If you include the Futures Tour, there are 40 competing this year on the U.S.-based tours.

"I give a lot of credit to Se Ri Pak, because when she first joined she was really the first player that came from Korea to this sport and she had a huge impact in women's golf not only in the States, but also in Korea, more in Korea," Grace Park said. "People wanted to come to the big tour where the big players are and try to compete."

Pak did so well she has qualified for the LPGA Hall of Fame. She won the Michelob Ultra Open two weeks ago for her 22nd career victory and it gave her enough points to get in, although she needs 10 years on tour to meet the final requirement and that comes in 2007.



Se Ri Pak

Pak and Park played in an event in South Korea recently.

The last two winners of the Sybase tournament were Koreans: Gloria Park in 2002 in a one-hole playoff with Han, and Han last year.

Grace Park is second on the money list and three other Koreans are in the top 10. Pak is fourth, Mi-Hyum Kim sixth and Jung Yeon Lee eighth.

Park has won \$538,725, second by \$8,000 to Annika Sorenstam. Her one win was a major — the Kraft Nabisco — and she also has two seconds and a third. ■

Michelle Wie's Master Plan

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga.—She still hasn't graduated from the ninth grade, and Michelle Wie already is working on the Masters.

Then again, that was the plan all along.

The first golf tournament she watched on TV was Tiger Woods winning the 1997 Masters, about the time she was learning to play. Five years later, with braces on her teeth and baby fat in her 12-year-old cheeks, Wie stood behind the 18th green at Waialae County Club in Honolulu and shared her dream.

This brought nervous laughter to her father, not wanting his little girl to sound irreverent. But she had done her homework, and Wie proceeded to count the ways she could get invited to Augusta National — win the U.S. Amateur or the U.S. Amateur Public Links, both men's tournaments.

When the USGA decided to give the 14-year-old from Hawaii an exemption to the U.S. Women's Open — the only amateur to get a free pass to the biggest tournament in women's golf — it allowed Wie her first crack at the Masters.

Without the exemption, she would have had to qualify for the Women's Open. Now, she can go to Manada Golf Club in Hershey, Pa., and try to qualify for the U.S. Amateur Public Links.

"I really wanted to play in the Public Links this year, because I really want to play in the Masters," Wie said. "That's my dream. And I'm the kind of person where if I really want something, I just have to do it. If I accomplish that dream, golf is going to change. Because that will be the first woman to play in the Masters."

"Even though it's hard, and I'm going to have to practice really hard, I really want to achieve it."

The odds of a 14-year-old girl winning the Publinx — recent champions include Trevor Immelman and

Tim Clark of South Africa — are about as likely as a ninth-grade girl making the cut on the PGA Tour.

Some question why Wie got an exemption to the Women's Open in the first place. Those typically are reserved for women who have been playing the Women's Open since before Wie was born.

And the timing could not have been worse.

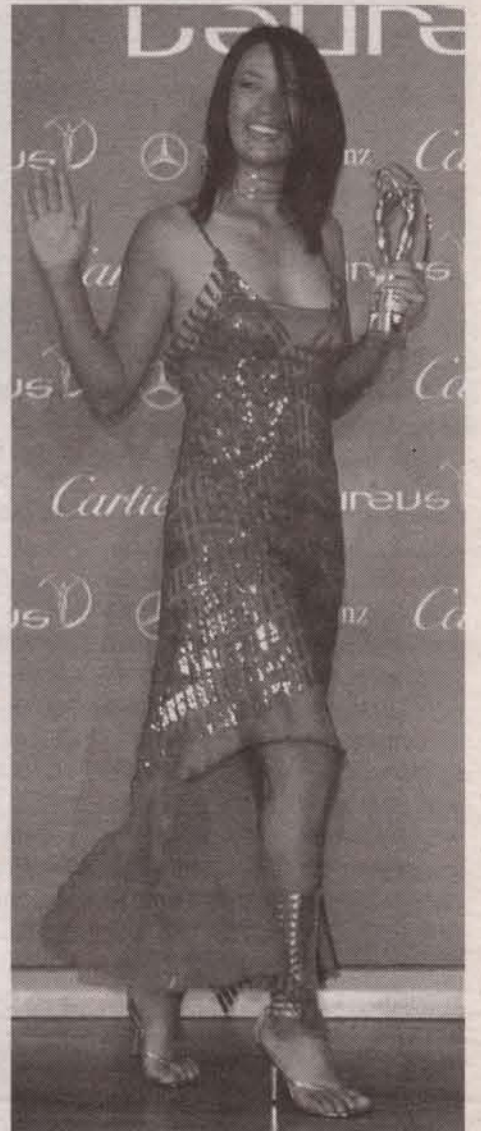
She is in Sea Island with seven other amateur stars, and this is the first year the USGA revoked Women's Open exemptions for Curtis Cup team members.

Plus, Wie has won only one title of distinction — the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, an event hardly anyone knew about until she won last year at Ocean Hammock in Florida to become the youngest winner of a USGA championship for adults.

The youngest player to compete on the PGA Tour, she missed the cut at the Sony Open despite a 68 in the second round, the lowest score ever by a woman competing in a men's tournament. That left her at even-par 140, one shot from playing on the weekend.

Wie has played 10 times on the LPGA Tour the last two years and missed the cut only once. In three LPGA Tour events this year, she finished fourth in the Kraft Nabisco Championship — a major — and her worst finish is a tie for 19th in Atlanta. Had she been cashing checks, Wie would have earned enough money — \$131,130 — to be 28th on the money list.

That's better than Laura Davies, Rachel Teske and Kelli Kuehne. Wie would have made more money per start than Juli Inkster and Karrie



Wie will become the first woman to play the Masters if she wins the U.S. Amateur Public Links Tournament. Here, accepting the Laureus World Sports Award, she proves she's got more to offer than just her golf swing. (AP Photo/Armando Franca)

Webb. And because the top 35 are exempt to the Women's Open, USGA executive director David Fay saw it as a no-brainer.

Wie offered no apologies for getting an exemption.

"I feel I did kind of deserve it," she said. "It's not like I missed every cut on the LPGA and then I got this exemption because I'm 14 years old. I did get in the top 40 on the money list."

When told she would be 28th, defiance in her voice turned to girlish glee.

She muses about buying a red Ferrari with the six-figure prize money and driving it to school—a dream that's really not far-fetched. ■

Book Author Seeks Internees' Stories

I'm writing a book entitled, "Remembering: Voices of the Japanese-American Internment." The book targets a young adult audience and will be published by John Gordon Burke, Inc. Publishers.

I am collecting remembrances from internees who were between the ages of 10 and 18 when they were in the camps. Stories can be any length.

Subjects can include: Memories of Dec. 7 and/or Executive Order 9066, pre-evacuation atmosphere in school or community, everyday life in the camps.

Readers should learn what it was like to leave your home and friends, how your life changed in the camps and how the evacuation affected you as a young adult.

In addition, all stories should answer the question: If you could pass along one piece of advice or wisdom to the youth of today, what would it be?

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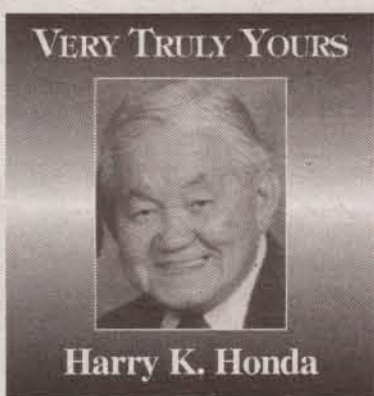
LOCAL NEWS this past year has related how dilapidated Parker Center (aka Los Angeles Police Headquarters) is and how a new police building and jail needed to be built next to Nishi Hongwanji. Little Tokyo cried "foul." A jail next to a church was "intolerable." Furthermore, to accommodate the city, Nishi had already relocated three blocks east in 1968 from its prewar site at East First and Central.

In 1963, City Hall was contemplating widening East First Street between San Pedro Street and Alameda by carving out 20 feet along the northside. The city asked Nishi Hongwanji for remodeling plans if part of the temple, built in 1925, could be sliced off to accommodate the proposed plan. About the same time, the city organized an agency to work out an overall redevelopment plan of Little Tokyo. What followed was the rescue of northside as a historic district. The city abandoned plans to widen East First Street.

The mayor has offered the Transamerica Building, a good mile south of city hall, as a possible police headquarters site. Another proposal before the city council is that the new jail be located near the federal detention center on Alameda Street.

Almost forgotten in the present-day turmoil is that Little Tokyo sustained a big loss of its face 50 years ago. This *shikataganai* fate of Little Tokyo is history, not to be forgotten. A recently discovered chart shows 62 lots, house numbers and identifies the occupants. Once evacuated in 1942, resettling after World War II at the same stand, they were forced to move again — a "second" evacuation — for the police headquarters.

The northwest quadrant of two blocks in Little Tokyo was razed by "eminent domain" in 1951-52. The old city jail and police station on



West First Street between Hill and Broadway were torn down for a State building, now condemned and empty, occupying the whole block.

Starting from the *Rafu Shimpo* at 104 N. Los Angeles and Iwaki Drug Co. #1 at the corner, the second floor above the drug store were offices for Nanka Yamanashi Kenjinkai and Yamanashi Kaigai Kyokai.

On the northside of E. 1st were Asahi Shoes (209), Wakayama Kenjinkai, legal counselor Mitsumori, Nanka Tennis Club, men's clothing store Tokyo Co. (215-17), First St. Garage for 150 cars (the prewar Kazahayas repaired cars here), Kogetsu-do Restaurant and Fountain (221), Rafu Ryoriya Kumiai (an association of Japanese restaurant owners), eye doctor Matsumoto (223), T. Nakamura Barber Shop (225), Greater Los Angeles Hotel or Iwaki Hotel prewar (227), Hori Bros. Dry Goods (231).

Above these two businesses, Aratani's Pacific Printing (233) and Lion Cafe (235), was Toyo Hotel, where San Fernando Valley JACLer Tak Yamamoto and his family lived after leaving Poston. With ten in his family, they felt fortunate to have two rooms, so he writes in JAHSSC's "Nanka Nikkei Voice III," (P.O. Box 3164, Torrance CA 90450, \$20 postpaid) that we covered in this space last month.

The ground floor of Naniwa Hotel accommodated Ohmi Dry

Goods, Moon Belt Gakki-tai Mfg. (237), Nichibei Sign (239), Imada Photo Studio (241) and Kyosai Drug (243). Urologist Dr. Murakami and dentist Dr. Enomoto had offices upstairs.

The next building, Silver Star Hotel was above Kino & Somers Drug Store (245) and Toyo-do Confectionery (247). S.P. Hat/Toyo Shirts Mfg., Gifu Kenjinkai, Geijitsu Sashin Kyokai and legal counselor Danzo Kiyowara were on the second floor.

At First and San Pedro was the two-story building, Asia Co. (249-251). Upstairs were Rafu Zakkasho Kumiai (association of dry goods store owners), the Asia dressmakers and with entrance at 103 N. San Pedro St. was Ichifuji Restaurant.

On the westside of North San Pedro were Showa Drug (107), Yanagawa Restaurant (111), Kingyo gold fish (113), Akiyama Grocery and Nishi Hongwanji Seinenkai (115), Olympic Hotel (entrance at 117), with dentist Dr. K. Niiya, physician Dr. I. Sekiyama, attorney Elmer Yamamoto, legal counselor Gongoro Nakamura, Godo Insurance Agency of Ernest Fujimoto, Saburo Nakashima and Frank Kagiwada; offices of M. Yahiro, K. Sonoda in the four-story building.

Two buildings, housing 100 residents, had Hosozawa Soda (121), Wakamizu Restaurant (123), Sakura Billiard Parlor (125) and Wakamizu Restaurant (127). Then came our favorite spot for Japanese noodles, Hosoi's Mansai-An (129), an entry way for lodging on the second floor (131), Tokyo Pool Hall (133) and Shogatsu-tei (135), at the Jackson St. corner.

On Jackson Street were Yasuhara Shoyu Mfg. (219), apartments and dwellings (231-235). Stretching northward on San Pedro St. were import-export firm Nichi Bei Kogyo and the Japanese archery range (201), California Candy Mfg. and physician Dr. P.M. Suski (205), Taiyo Hotel with Kotobuki Baths and Kochi Kenjinkai (207) and C. Abe Barber Shop (207.5). In a wooden house was Rafu Dojo for judo and kendo (219), then a two-story building for Miwa Carpenter (225) and Kansai Hotel (227) and, finally, another two-story A.B. Hotel (229).

This litany is of people who endured a "second" evacuation to make way for Parker Center. This time, however, there's no sign of a "third" evacuation wherever the city decides to locate the new jail. ■

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terrorists not on immigrants, and protect privacy.

Provisions of the CLRA include providing minimum due process safe guards to detainees held on suspicion of immigration violations by giving them timely notice of charges, ending the government's ability to issue blanket orders closing all deportation hearings to the public and family members, and requiring public reports to be submitted to Congress regarding privacy and due process rights.

The SAFE Act, a bipartisan bill introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Larry Craig, R-ID, and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-IL, in October 2003, seeks to ban "sneak and peek" searches by limiting the federal government's use of surveillance equipment and search warrants including wiretaps, investigation into library records, citizen surveillance and multi-jurisdictional warrants.

Because the Patriot Act is so difficult to repeal, the CLRA bill and the SAFE Act are integral in trying to undermine its power, said Tateishi.

Support for the CLRA is one of

the many ways that JACL has been involved in denouncing post Sept. 11, 2001, policies. In April, JACL announced that it had signed on to an amicus brief in the Jose Padilla "dirty bomber case" along with: Fred Korematsu, the Bar Association of San Francisco, Asian Law Caucus, Asian American Bar Association and the Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach.

Padilla was arrested after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and held without any contact with his counsel or family members.

JACL's involvement in supporting the CLRA is a continuing effort to make sure that individual civil liberties don't get crushed in the name of national security, said Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C. representative.

As support and advocacy for CLRA begins to gather momentum, Tateishi envisions mobilizing all JACL chapters to encourage members of Congress to support the bill.

"I think in terms of JACL taking a strong position [on these issues] it is to make sure we keep in mind our civil liberties ... it's been what we've been about since the very beginning," said Minami. ■

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would not comment on that timing.

Calls to the district attorney's office were not returned.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* quoted unidentified sources in its May 26 editions as saying the August 1970 shooting was intended to raise the suspect's stature in a black organization that advocated violence against police. The *Los Angeles Times* described Graphenreed as a former low-level associate of the Black Panthers.

Okies said he did not have specific information linking Graphenreed to the Panthers — or to any other group.

David Hilliard, who was chief of staff of the Panthers, said in a tele-

phone interview that he had never heard of Graphenreed and doubted he was a party member.

Tsukamoto, 28, was on the force less than a year when he was gunned down in August 1970. Just before he was killed, he had stopped a motorcyclist for a traffic violation. As the officer talked with the motorcyclist, another man approached, exchanged a few words, then fired two shots from a pistol — one hitting Tsukamoto in the eye.

At the time, the killing was the third targeting an officer in the San Francisco Bay area within a two-month span. Bruce Baker, then Berkeley's police chief, called it an "assassination."

"There is no doubt that this shooting was political," Baker said in 1970. ■

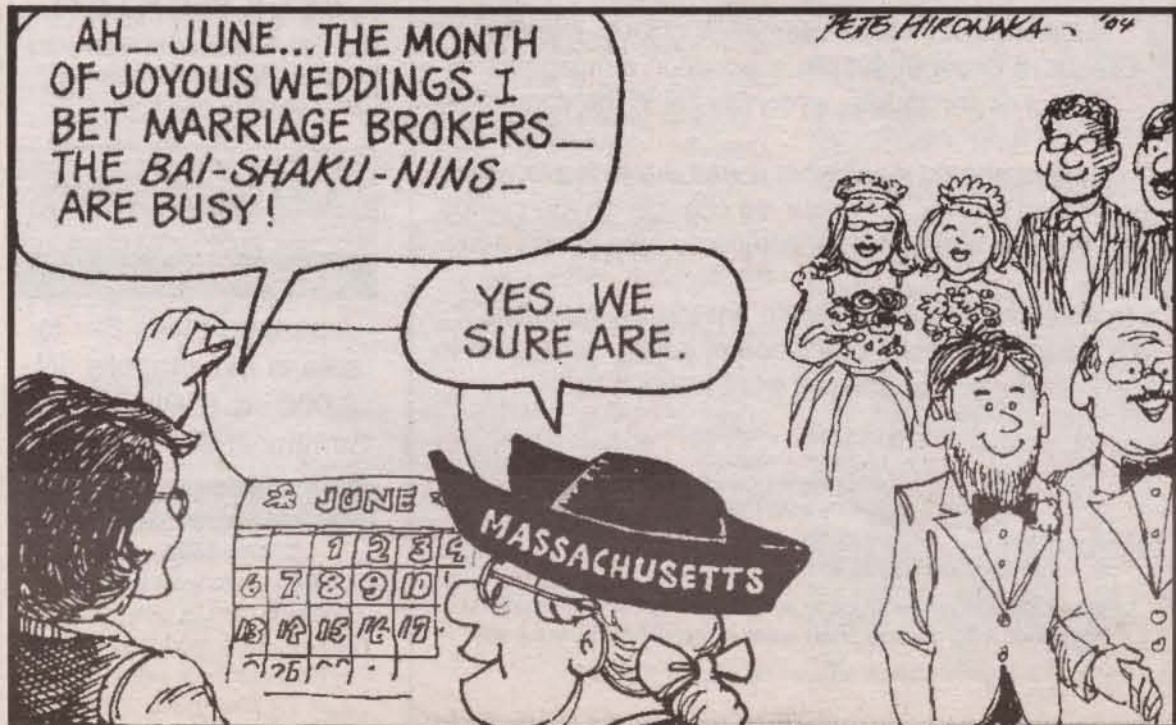
Fremont Chapter Hosts Annual Graduation Luncheon

The JACL Fremont Chapter held its annual graduation luncheon on May 16 in Newark. The keynote speaker was Dennis Hayashi, former JACL executive director, a member of the administrations of President Clinton and California Gov. Gray Davis,



and a recent candidate in the primary election for the Assembly.

Jennifer Iso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Iso, and a 2004 graduate of Irvington High School in Fremont was the recipient of the Frank and Mary Kasama Scholarship, the Masutaro Kitani Scholarship, the Joseph Kato/Fremont JACL Scholarship, and the Tom Kitayama, Jr., Scholarship. Iso will be attending Pepperdine University this Fall. ■



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Dream no more, the first national 24-hour Asian-themed network promises to fill the television void



By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor

At the end of the day, Michael Hong wants you to turn on your television set and see Asians in different roles other than convenience store owners and foreign exchange students, but he doesn't think you should pay through the nose for it.

That's why Hong, 37, founded the first national 24-hour Pan-Asian American television network, ImaginAsian TV (iaTV), set to launch this August. Here's the sinker: iaTV executives want to push this channel as a free product for the growing Asian Pacific American population and also at the basic tier level for cable television where APAs have had to pay up to \$80 to watch in-language programs.

Hong says this is a long time coming since almost all Asian channels are relegated to premium cable services. African Americans have Black Entertainment Television (BET) on basic cable and Hispanic Americans have Univision and Telemundo.

"No other minority group has to pay," said Hong, CEO of the New York-based ImaginAsian Entertainment, Inc.

With less than two months until its launch, iaTV's schedule will include films, sitcoms, variety and game shows, animation, music

videos and more; all were hand-picked from networks around the world to appeal to 18 to 34-year-olds of Chinese, Filipino, South Asian, Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese ethnicity living in America.

Original programs are still being developed, but iaTV executives are already promising a music show like FOX's "American Idol" to premiere at the end of the first season along with three other original productions yet to be announced.

But don't look for shows like, "Blind Date for Asians" or "Asian Real World" on iaTV. For Hong, it's not enough just to get Asian faces and personalities onscreen to appeal to just AAs; programs need to appeal to a general audience to lure important advertisers.

In the wake of recent U.S. Census Bureau reports projecting APAs to be the fastest-growing ethnic population over the next half-century, media companies have been scrambling to reap the fruits of this untapped, lucrative market.

Up until this point, APAs have relied on KSCI (Channel 18) for their free Asian media fix and some one-hour programs here and there, but what distinguishes iaTV from its predecessor is a simple formula — subtitling. All in-language programs will be subtitled by iaTV's in-house translators and English-speaking hosts will provide com-



The Air Up There—ImaginAsian TV will air the U.S. premiere of the riotous black comedy feature film 'Last Supper' starring Bo-Sung Jun, Jong-won Lee and Yoon-Hee Cho as part of their line-up.

mentary during prime-time programs in hopes of attracting a larger mix of viewers.

"Eighty five-percent of the Asian American population still prefer programs in their native languages," said Hong. "We have fantastic drama [programs], we just need to make it accessible to the general audience."

Subtitling Asian films and programs in English, iaTV executives effuse, bridges the gap between native language speaking first generation viewers with English-speaking second generation viewers, and with the crucial general public which can determine the success or failure of ethnic media outlets.

Anil Srivatsa, ImaginAsian senior vice president, said that iaTV will be heading into 6.2 million households including APAs and the general market. Through its initial agreement with Equity Broadcasting Corporation, iaTV will debut in Las Vegas, Nevada, Denver and Ventura, California in August.

"I think it's going to be like a WB [Channel 5] UPN [Channel 13] starting up," said Steven Soldinger,

Equity Broadcasting Corp. vice president of television. "We've seen advertisers flocking to the Univision segment and we think ImaginAsian will parallel that success for the Asian market."

But some AAs find the idea of in-language programs hard to swallow for a network that calls itself AA.

Michael Tsang believes iaTV is not a direct competitor with his WorldAsia TV that is set to launch this fall because programs on WATV will be in English and therefore more relevant to APAs.

But Hong says marketing APAs so narrowly for an ethnic group is the reason why AA media ventures like *A Magazine* or *Yolk Magazine* live and die after a short amount of time.

Hong was turned-on to the idea of a Pan-Asian network last June by a colleague. The TV marketing and sales veteran then spent the next two months researching the details and came up with outstanding results — the time was ripe for progress. Hong had previously worked with Paramount and TBS Media Management and quickly turned the

ImaginAsian staff of four into the 37 at their present-day New York headquarters.

The question is, will viewers, whether AA or not, tune in?

Philip Ignacio, 25, said he would watch iaTV if the shows are interesting, but would prefer the programs to be in English.

"I have to see what else they come up with," said Eddie Wong, executive director of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association. "They do [subtitling] to bridge the gap, but Asian American is a term with many different meanings. The jury's out. Let's see how it does over time."

In addition to the TV network, ImaginAsian Entertainment, Inc. will be opening a new AA arthouse theater and cultural center aptly named, "The ImaginAsian," in New York just in time for the Asian American Film Festival this June. The theater will be the only theater in New York City dedicated to Asian and AA films.

Industry buzz over the new all-Asian network ebbed soon after the announcement of its launch early this year, but recent commercials, print advertisements and an open casting call in Los Angeles for AA talent began stirring some excitement again.

"I think lots of Asians are excited about it; so am I. I hope they will feature lots of news," said Ayako Ito.

"It's great that people are excited. It's about having the opportunity to show Asian Americans in a different light in the mainstream, not off in a corner or on premium, high-priced cable," said Hong. ■

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Akazawa, Yoneko, 81, Harbor City, April 15; survived by son Melvin (Joyce); daughter Gayle (Robert) Hirano; and 5 gc.

Fujimoto, Kiyoshi, 85, Tucson, Ariz., March 29; survived by daughter Janet (John) Lew and Joann Fukushima (Douglas Iwamoto); and 4 gc.

Kiyo; son Gordon; and sisters Mary Niimi and Ada Honda.

Imamura, Riichiro Dick, 82, Los Angeles, April 27; Calexico-born Nisei; MIS Veteran; survived by wife Kikuye "Kay"; son Rick (Jerilyn); daughters Jeanne and Joy (Duane) Hirayama; 3 gc.; brother Harry (Mary); brother-in-law Michi Yoshimura; and sister-in-law Sanaye Yoshimoto.

Inukai, Tadashi "Tom," 86, Portland, Ore., May 13; Dec, Ore.-born; interned at Tule Lake and Minidoka; survived by sons Richard and Marvin; daughters Myra and Carol Sugimura; 6 gc.; 6 ggc.; sisters Ruth Namba and T.A. Yamasaki; and

brother Harry.

Ishihara, Kohei, 62, Altadena, April 1; Kyoto, Japan-born Issei; survived by wife Atsuko; son Hiroki; daughters Mariko, Emi and Yumi; brother Takashi of Japan; mother-in-law Hide Hori of Japan and brother-in-law Keishi Hori of Japan.

Kobata, Harold Setsuo, 92, Tustin, March 30; survived by wife Haruko; son Roger (Grace); daughters Sharon (Charles) Wakamoto and Linda (Gary) Yamauchi; 7 gc.; 9 ggc.; and brother Raymond (Tanmayer).

Morimoto, John M., 87, Gering, Colo., May 12; survived by wife Kay; son Dennis; sister Ruby Morimoto; and brothers Tom and Gene.

Morimoto, Tomoe, 90, Los Angeles, March 28; Marysville-born Nisei; survived by son Ken (Bonnie) Morimoto; daughter Kozue (Stanley) Shono; 6 gc.; and 6 ggc.

Naka, John, 89, Whittier, May 19; Colorado-born Bonsai master; survived by wife Alice; sons Gene, Bob (Nina), and Richard (Stephanie); 12 gc.; and 7 ggc.

Nakane, Aiko, 95, Chicago, May 19; Seattle, Wash.-born; survived by grandsons Douglas (Pam) and David (Marcia); sister Misae Hoshino; niece Edie (Philip) Altbach; and nephew Dr. Peter (Ruth) Hoshino;

Nozawa, Natsuko, 86, Los Angeles, March 28; San Pedro-born Nisei; survived by son Kay; daughters Aimee Hamaguchi and Jean (Ralph) Koizumi; 4 gc.; brother Peter (Fumiko) Shimada; and sister Hisayo Matsumoto.

Okura, Mikio "Mike," 92, March 16; San Gabriel-born; survived by wife Toshiye; brothers

Gengo and Ben; sisters Mitsuye Hanano and Shizue Sandie Nakayama; 4 children; 7 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Onuma, Michi, 96, San Francisco, May 15; early English Editor of the *Hokubei Mainichi*; survived by daughter Rumiko (Hiro) Miyahara; son Taiki (Robin); 3 gc.; and 6 ggc.

Sakaguchi, Mitsuko, 86, San Gabriel, March 30; Greeley, Colo.-born; survived by sons Takeshi and Susumu (Shizuno); daughters Tamiko (Masato) Myodo and Kinuko Okusu; and 5 gc.

Sasano, Hideo, 87, Los Angeles, March 27; Sacramento-born; survived by daughter Joyce; brothers Katsukazu (Yoshiko), Kiyoshi (Kyoko), Hiroshi (Yukiko), Masao (Yoshiko) and Akira (Michiyo); and sisters Mitsuko (Frank) Kuwamoto and Aiko Ikeda.

Shimada, Roger Yoshinobu, 60, Montebello, April 2; Gila, Ariz.-born; survived by mother Toshiko; sisters Helen and Amy (Steven) Hashimoto; uncle Fred (Viola) Nakagawa; and aunts Nami (Floyd) Ezaki, Arlene Shimada and Yukino Nishimoto.

Shintaku, Misao, 89, Fresno, May 24; Riverside-born, Poston internee; survived by sons Ken, Robert (Jane) and Eric (Cathy); daughters Yulene (Bud) Brasel and Kathleen (Larry) Ishimoto; brother Hiroshi (Yoneko) Ishida; brother-in-law George Shiraki; and 7 gc.

Yamada, James Y., 65, Fountain Valley, April 23; Los Angeles-born; survived by parents Kumasao and Masayo; brother David; and sister Louise Inouye.

Yamanaka, Kikuko, 67, Gardena, March 27; Aichi-ken,

Japan-born Issei; survived by husband Hiroyuki; son Michael (Jeanne); daughter Aline; and 2 gc.

Yasuda, Yasukazu, Costa Mesa, March 27; Kyoto, Japan-born; survived by wife Sumiyo; son Tetsuya (Mutsumi); 3 gc.; and brother Yoshihiro (Miyoko) Yasuda.

Yoshida, Kimiye, 81, Montebello, April 3; survived by husband Jim; sons Larry, Daniel (Susan), Richard (Julia) and Thomas (Babette); daughter Jolene; 5 gc.; 2 ggc.; sister Tazuko Akagi; and brother-in-law Henry Kaneko.

Yoshimizu, Rodney, 55, Alhambra, March 19; Los Angeles-born Sansei; survived by parents Henry and Ruth; brothers Kary (Joyce) and Daniel (Jan); and sisters Karen (Wes) Nobuta and Sharen (Randy) Kanemoto. ■

ters Janet (John) Lew and Joann Fukushima (Douglas Iwamoto); and 4 gc.

Ichikawa, Thomas, 89, Owego, Ill., May 6; 442nd Regimental Combat Team; survived by wife

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IN MEMORIAM

Goro Hokama, Longtime Maui Councilman, Dies at 75

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAILUKU, Hawaii—Goro Hokama, a former Maui County Council chairman and Democratic Party leader, died May 20 at his daughter's home in Wailuku. He was 75.

The cause was cancer, his family said.

A native of Lanai, Hokama was first elected in to what was called the county Board of Supervisors in 1954, just as fellow Democrats began to take control of the state legislature and county governments.

He served 40 years with the county before he ran unsuccessfully for

mayor in 1994 against Republican Linda Lingle, who is now the governor.

He also worked for 45 years at Dole Pineapple, becoming a leader in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. Hokama retired from Dole in 1991.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, who knew Hokama for a half-century, called him "one of a kind."

"He was a leader in every sense of the word," Inouye said.

Hokama is survived by his wife, Kiwae Deguchi Hokama; two brothers, Eisuke and Eiso; a son, Riki; a daughter, Joy Helle, and two grandsons. ■

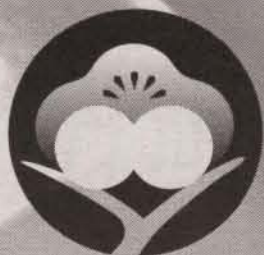
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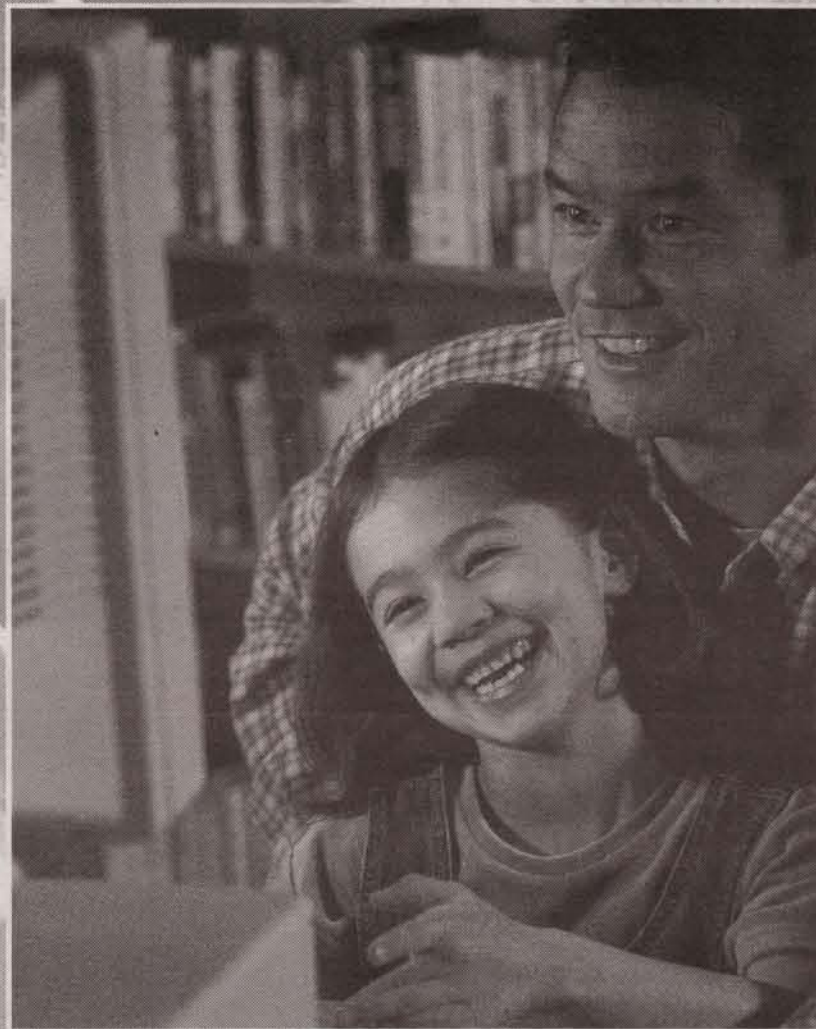
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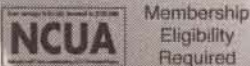


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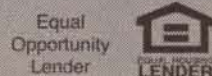
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HARLEMM LEE

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As the show's winner, Lee was awarded a number of lucrative prizes, including a recording contract with WIRE Records to release a single, a \$100,000 spokesperson contract with Wilhelmina Artist Management, and a principal role in the hit musical "Fame." Lee also received one year of training at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, representation from one of Hollywood's top agencies, and one year of free accommodation at the W Hotel in Los Angeles.

But even after being declared the "Fame" winner by millions of fans, Lee is still waiting for many of his promised prizes to come through.

Lee's album, "Introducing Harlemm Lee," was released last November but has received very little promotion and marketing, and selling a dismal 500 copies during its first week of release. Even in his hometown of Michigan, Lee's family and friends haven't been able to buy his record in local stores. Ironically, Lee's label WIRE Records is the same company promoting Hung's album, "Inspiration," which sold more than 30,000 during its first week.

In fact Lee's album is mostly covers, having been recorded on a limited budget, but nevertheless Lee's soulful voice comes through in songs like "Blessed My Soul Again," "Careless Whisper" and "Jasmine Rain," which he co-wrote.

"This is a machine. You plug A, add B and you get C, which equals record sales. But these basic things were denied me," he said. "I wasn't able to capitalize on my success. You can't get anywhere without the machine, even if you have talent."

Although Lee is currently training

at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, his stay at the W Hotel ends in August. Having quit his job as an office assistant at a hospital to pursue "Fame," the UCLA graduate is managing to survive on unemployment checks since many of the promised endorsements and projects have not materialized.

"I'm penniless and homeless," he said.

Lee has often questioned why he is not receiving the promotion and exposure he believes he earned by winning "Fame." He is often told by record executives that his story is not marketable.

"I've been told, 'Sorry. We can't play your record or promote you because your story isn't compelling enough,'" said Lee. "I'm a short, bald, Asian, 36-year-old guy who won against 16 and 17 year olds. Now if that's not a story I don't know what is. Millions of people voted for me but suddenly my story's not compelling enough."

Lee sees a lot of similarities between his story and that of Hung. But he notes though that unlike him, Hung fits into many of the Asian stereotypes that still exist in Hollywood today.

"On 'Fame' I was able to be myself, warts and all," said Lee. "I did not have an accent, I can't do karate. But Hung represents all the stereotypes of what the record executives think Americans will like."

And Hung has benefited from a media love fest, largely encouraged by media executives who are more than willing to promote him. Still, Lee does not hold any ill feelings towards the "American Idol" castoff, calling him an "inspiration."

"I don't want to take away from Hung. I wish William Hung all the success," he said. "There's room for everyone. My gripe is with the industry."

And in an industry where so few Asian Pacific Americans are represented in the mainstream, Lee wonders what more he can do to convince entertainment executives that America is ready to embrace a talented APA artist.

"The media and entertainment industry refuses to represent us accurately," he said. "In the real world, Asian Americans are everywhere. And we're not all nerdy, some of us have soul and spunk to us."

He added, "I busted my chops, I worked my ass off. How many hurdles do I need to jump over? It's very frustrating."

A couple of years ago, Lee was ready to give up his dreams after having spent almost 20 years in Hollywood with little success. But when the chance at "Fame" came along he decided to give it one last shot, even going so far as to lie about his age, telling producers he was 27.

Lee's recent "Fame" triumph is actually the second time around for him. In the late 80s, Lee was known by his real name Gerry Woo, and released an album with Polygram. Although album sales were not impressive, Lee still feels proud of his past success, noting that he had two top 20 R&B hits.

Lee may still be waiting to be accepted by the music industry but he refuses to give up, plowing ahead into an unknown future, hoping to convince those involved with "Fame" that he can be a success.

"I have faith. I'll find a way to continue to be fearless and fight this industry snubbing," he said. "I just want a chance. I'm somehow going to make a career out of this."

He added, "It's a difficult business ... but it's also a blessing and has given me immense joy. Performing is what I am and no one can take that away from me." ■

JACL BUDGET

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Life Trust Endowment Fund be taken as a loan or a grant to fund the Planned Giving program in the 2005-2006 biennial budget and the current 2004 budget. In each of the years the Planned Giving program is budgeted at \$25,000.

Ken Inouye, vice president of public affairs, said that overall JACL's budget is moving along positively and is more revenue based, which helps create a more realistic budget and ensures that the organization does not spend money without meeting certain revenue goals.

Some board members expressed reservation about taking money out of the Life Trust Endowment Fund and also debated whether the monies should be considered a grant or a loan. The Life Trust Endowment Fund consists of monies paid for by Thousand Club members.

After a thorough assessment of the JACL by-laws and various documents, JACL Legal Counsel Michelle M. Yoshida determined that it was lawful to take money out of the life trust fund as a grant to support a JACL program.

According to a memo prepared by Yoshida to national board members, the JACL Thousand Club Permanent Fund was established by Tom Arima and Frank Sakamoto in January 1981 to allow the one-time lifetime member fee to be placed in a trust fund. Under provisions of the club, the accumulated interest should be available to the general operating budget.

The national board is hoping that the up-front cost of the Planned Giving Program will generate more revenue for the organization in the future by encouraging donors to place JACL in their wills. The funds from the trust will assist staff members in counseling donors.

In the end the national board approved a motion to raise a total of \$50,000 in grants for the Planned Giving Program in the 2005-2006

biennial budget but the monies will not come from the Life Trust Endowment Fund. Thus, a balanced 2005-2006 budget will now go before the JACL national council to be voted on in August. Board members voting against the motion were: Art Koga, secretary/treasurer; Ryan Chin, vice president of membership; Inouye; and Mark Kobayashi, NCWNP district governor.

Koga explained that his "No" vote was based on the budget's lack of programs, initiatives, resource allocations and inflated revenue budget.

"Our current financial condition presents an opportunity for JACL to reinvent itself. The budget, as passed, misses that opportunity," said Koga.

But in the 2004 budget the national board voted unanimously to use \$50,000 from the Life Trust Endowment Fund to fund the Planned Giving program. The monies withdrawn from the life trust fund will be considered a loan to be paid back with interest and thus, the JACL will be looking at a deficit budget for this year.

Although the 2004 budget is already in progress, the national board reexamined the current operating budget and made additional changes accordingly. In the end, the board approved the adjusted 2004 budget with a total of \$2,044,222 in program costs.

Clyde Izumi, JACL business manager, reported that the organization's sum of investments is moving ahead. Izumi reported that as of March 31, JACL's total investments were valued at \$7,561,140 and as of May 12 the Legacy Fund sits at \$5,359,000 and there is \$417,000 in the Life Trust Endowment Fund.

"I believe that this budget, coupled with strong leadership, can help to provide the resources to strengthen our infrastructure and our image during the next biennium for the 2007-2008 biennium and beyond," said David Hayashi, vice president of planning and development. ■

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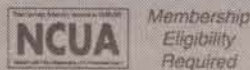
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