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"Fame" Winner Harlemm Lee Still Fighting for Recognition

By CAROLINE AOVAGI
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 hit "summer's" NBC reality show "Fame." The triple threat winner outshined performers much younger than him to take home the title. 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. See HARLEMM LEE/ page 12

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 depose 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 "draconian 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 worst," said Tateishi. The CLRA is co-sponsored by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. If enacted, the CLRA will restore first amendment rights, ensure due process, focus law enforcement on See BOARD MEETING/ page 8

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 $1,686,012, investment income estimated at $218,000, grants at $537,400, fund raising with $181,700, 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 $884,410, and public relations at $384,205. One sticking point at the meeting involved whether monies from the Life Trust Endowment Fund will be focusing on are general operations at a total of $1,551,639, membership with $884,410, and public relations at $384,205. One sticking point at the meeting involved whether monies from the Life Trust Endowment Fund

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

Berkeley police arrested Grafenstein, 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 killed 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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JACL Should Not Support Mi-Chooong O'Brien

I was truly disgusted about why the Pacific Citizen meeting support and sympathy for this Mi-Chooong 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 like him care about the Japanese Americans interested during World War II! This is an INSULT to OUR relatives that were patriotic, honest people, not thief, and not impotent like this woman! This is unbelievably that OUR money is being used to try to help this man and his kleptomaniac wife!

The article makes the O'Brien's look like completely irresponsible and ignorant people who deserve whatever they get handed down to them. I am disgusted that the JACL would support those who have other interests that cause 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 reinstated. It seems that the regional director for the PSW district was reinstated in the budget. I felt like it was a good weekend, and proud of the JACL and its board.

But I can't get too comfortable. These board members - and other JACL members, I'm sure, think that the P.C. should be cut back, even though they admit it's of value to the membership. They've suggested the paper should just be a monthly newsletter or a quarterly newspaper which would make all the information unavailable to the public.

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 "voice 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!!

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.

To use a "lap" 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 whatever they say. 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 "parrot"? As long as we think that way, we are going to be forced to define whether Engrish.com is racist or not.

Aiko Tanaka

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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. 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 ban 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.

Claremont Professor Pleads Not Guilty to Alleged Fake Vandalism

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 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 19. 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 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 a week police reported by now that 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.

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 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.

"We need to know that California will work to protect us and prevent those who hate from hurting us again," said Christopher Chu, 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).

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 Director Toyea Lin.

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 Morain 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 programs of the suit, allowing a return to a near-monopolization 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 appeal 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 Fredrenna 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 won unfair.

"It basically means that they don't believe Asian 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.
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, American Indians 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 decided to uphold the university's undergraduate formula of awarding admission points based on race, 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 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.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Asian American Museum of New Jersey's 12th annual celebration dinner recently. Honored at the event was former JACL president Lillian Kimura of Bloomfield, NJ, the JACL. She was the only Japanese American to lead a Fortune 500 company; and Dr. Navin C. Mehta, surgeon director of the Department of Plastic, Reconstrucational and Cosmetic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. The exhibit is also sponsored by the New York Nurses Association and the Hard Candy cosmetic company.

APAs in the News

Location

WAIIAIA, 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 main campus "visitor" 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.

Korean War Museum Looking for Mainland

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, Shafiy Moed, UCLA School of Law student, and Dolores Stein, 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 fellowships 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. 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.

Video Game Fans Dance Off Extra Pounds

By ANITA CHANG

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Forget the image of paunchy video game players huddled 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.

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Easy sound? 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 Eons, 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 "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.

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YOUTH FORUM

The Importance of Awareness

By MARIAS HARANO

"Why are there so many Firing 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 to hear this 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 is needed more than boreholes is that so many young AAs are ready to accept racist attitudes among their peers. A common opinion is that if we adopt the habit of life could be much worse for AAAs 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 freedom that 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, whatever 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 that our families struggled through it 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 you 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.

Marias Harano is a sophomore at UC Davis.

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By DAVID M. FORMAN

Angela E. Oh emerged as a voice of reconciliation in 1992, and hav ing served on the seven-member advisory board to President Clinton’s Initiative on Race, Oh brings a com bination of organizational acumen, community, and political acumen to the opportunities and challenges of diverse 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.”

The JACL Convention Committee is pleased to announce that Oh will be joined by William Tateishi, regional attorney for the San Francisco District of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and John Tateshi, 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 the University of Hawaii School of Law, lecturer at UCLA’s Asian American Studies Department, and a 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 Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Women’s Policy, Inc. and the board of directors for the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California.

Tateishi 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 California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Wake Island, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

During his tenure Tateishi’s office has filed several cases on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans (including Bangladeshis, Koreans, Sri Lankans, Filipinos, Japanese) and labor workers. Key settlements include EEOC v. Tanakas & Amata ($1.65 million sexual harassment award for farm worker women), Arnett v. EEOC v. California Public Retirement System ($250 million age discrimination settlement for public safety officers), and EEOC v. Heritage Corporation ($3.11 million harassment award for four Pakistani Muslims).

Before joining the EEOC, he served for three years as an immigration attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, a San Francisco-based public-interest law office for 16 years. Among his accomplishments, Tateishi emphasized the practice of civil rights litigation and advocacy involving employment discrimination, affirmative action, immigration, rights, and voting rights.

As many readers of the Pacific Citizen already know, Tateishi has testified in 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 National Japanese American Redress and Reparations Act 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 more, be sure to register for the 75th Anniversary JACL National Convention. Visit the convention website www.jaclbawaii.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-chairpersons for the 75th anniversary convention’s market and public relations committees.

Aloha! We invite you to register for the 2004 JACL 75th Anniversary National Convention “Our Legacies, 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 participant and payment to:

JACL National Convention
JACL Hawaii, Honolulu Chapter
PO Box 1291
Honolulu, HI 96807

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

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Early Registration: Received by May 15, 2004
JACL Member: $200
Youth Member: $100
Non-JACL Youth: $125 (One year JACL membership included)
Non-JACL Youth: $175 (One year JACL membership included)
Non-JACL Youth: $250 (includes all activities)

TOTAL FROM THIS SECTION $_____

IN ADDITION, as a registered convention attendee, I would like to purchase additional tickets to the following events (this is in addition to what is included in my registration package):

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- $100 per person x (of tickets) $_____
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Check enclosed (Make checks payable to JACL 2004 National Convention)

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Hotel Reservations:
To make reservations, please call the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel at 800-367-0370 and mention JACL Convention to receive the special convention rates. The Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel is very popular and hotel rooms will fill quickly. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. The last day to take advantage of the convention rates is Friday, July 11, 2004.

Participants in Tomodachi Registration will be double occupying Clay View ($115, Partial Ocean $125, Ocean $150), Deluxe Ocean View $195; Additional Person $30.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:
Full conference registration fees, less a $100 cancellation fee, are refundable only if the JACL Honorable Counties receives written notice by July 15, 2004. Registrations and cancellations received after July 15, 2004, are non-refundable. Registration may not be renewable after it has been cancelled. JACL membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please expect all conference refunds within 60 days post-conference.

Registrants unable to attend may send a substitute, if the substitute is not a JACL member, the non-member fee will be required. Substitutions must be made in writing to JACL, Honolulu Chapter.

JACL reserves the right to cancel or reschedule programs at any time, or to close registrations when programs are sold out. JACL is not responsible for non-refundable airline tickets. By registering, you agree to all terms and conditions set forth.

Activities:
Please note that you must register for tours and family activities separately. Pre-registration for activities and tours is highly encouraged, but it is not required at the time of registration for the convention. You may also register for activities at the activities desk during the convention on a space-availability basis. To register for activities and tours, please see “activity/tours” icon on our website and print out the registration form. You may mail your completed form and payment to JACL, Hawaii at address noted above. For additional information, please contact Pam Funati at activities@jachawaii.org.

JACL Members & Tomodachi Registration Includes:
- Opening Ceremonies and General Orientation, Breakfasts, ALL on-site Workshops, Youth Diversity Summit (Does not include Youth Luncheon). 1 ticket to the Waikiki Welcome Mixer. 1 ticket to ticket to off-site tour of Hawaii Plantation Village (Open to first 450 Youth registrants only). 1 ticket to the Awards Luncheon. 1 ticket to the 1975-1976 conference workshop and Banquet. 1 ticket to the 75th Anniversary Banquet.

Youth Registration Includes:
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An artist's rendering of a Tule Lake...
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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," she said, the defending champion.

Seventeen of the 21 South Koreans eligible to compete on the PGA Tour, there are 40 competing this week on the U.S.-based tours. Koreas were set to begin play May 20 at Wykagyl Country Club.

It hasn’t always been that way on tour.

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**BOARD MEETING**

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**Fremont Chapter Hosts Annual Graduation Luncheon**

The JACL Fremont Chapter held its annual graduation luncheon on May 16, 10 at Cutting’s in Newark. The keynote speaker was Kyoko Hayashi, former JACL executive director, a member of the subcommittee on the admittance of President Clinton and California Gov. Gray Davis, and a recent candidate in this 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 Kitamura Scholarship, the Masutani Kim Scholarship, the Joseph Kato/Fremont JACL Scholarship, and the Tom Kitayama, Jr. Scholarship, S.F. Senate by Pepperdine University this fall.

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OCAI NEWS this past year has related how dilapidated of Parker Center, Victory 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 "interiorable." Furthermore, to accommodate the city, Nishi had already relocated three blocks east in 1968 from its previous site at East First and Central.

In May, the City Hall was contemplating widening East First Street between San Pedro Street and Alameda by curving 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 plans. About the same time, the city organized an agency to work out an overall redevlopment 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 to move again— a "second evacuation" wherever the city abandoned plans to widen East First Street.

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

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

A t the end of the day, television producer Michael Hong wanted 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, ImagineAsian TV (iaTV), set to launch this August. Here’s the kicker: iaTV executives want to push this channel as a free product with less than two months until its launch, iaTV’s schedule will include the U.S. premiere of the riotous black comedy feature film “Last Supper” starring Bo-Sung Jun, Jong-won Lee and Youn-Ho Cho as part of their line-up.

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 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: subtitled. All in-language programs will be subtitled by iaTV’s in-house translators and English-speaking hosts will provide commentary 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.

And Srivatsa, ImagineAsia senior vice president, said that iaTV will be in English and therefore parallel that success for the medium.

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“I have to see what else they picked from networks around the world to appeal to the shows are interesting, but problem is how to get the shows into English,” said Philip Ignacio, 25, said he would watch iaTV if the shows are interesting, but would prefer the programs to be in English.

“No other minority group has to think about it,” said Hong, CEO of the New York-based ImagineAsian Entertainment, Inc.

“Our notion of what the audience wants is to be premium cable, but with iaTV we are trying to bring in basic level for cable television where APAs have had to pay up to $100 to watch in-language programs.

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

The question is, will viewers, whether AA or not, turn on?

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**JACL COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**National**
Tues., June 8—PBS Documentary: "Japan: Memory of a Secret Empire," the first film of a two-part series, detailing Japan’s relationship to the West, and the forging of a nation. Check local TV listings for times.

Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14—National JACL 75th Anniversary Convention; Waikiki, Hawaii. Hotel room bookers: "Come early and enjoy an extra day."

**East Coast**
NEW YORK
Tues., June 8—Mental Health Seminar for Japanese Families; 6:30 p.m.; Nippon Club, Room 105, 45 W. 23rd St. Speakers include: Jeanette Takamura, Dean of the Columbia School of Social Work and Fumiko Matsuki Raith, supervisor of the Hamilton-Madison House Japanese Community Center.
Tel.: (212) 720-4565 or yuko@hmhc.org.

Tel.: (858) 530-2000 or littmann@jacl.org.

Gardena, CA
Sat., June 12—Lecture, Rituals in the Buddhist Practice; 2 p.m.; Moyer Auditorium. The lecture will present an overview of the historical development of rituals in Buddhist practice, and the relevance of such rituals to-day to-day life in both a cultural and religious context. Info: 203/572-7700.

**Mountain Plains**
BOISE, ID

Elem., June 27—Annual JACL picnic; Holiday Park (Comanche NE); between Juan Tabo and Tramway NE.

DENVER
Sat.-Sun., June 26-27—Annual Denver Cherry Blossom Festival, 11-7 p.m.; 48th and Broadway; admission charged; all proceeds go towards the church's 150th anniversary; Japanese volunteers on a space-available basis.

**Intermountain**
SALT LAKE CITY
Fri.-Sun., June 25-27—2004 Minidoka Pilgrimage; buses from Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo, Twin Falls, Pocatello, guided tours of the 75-acre Minidoka Internment National Monument and a restored barracks; Sunday memorial service will honor internees who served in the armed forces; Sunday handchop and special program. Registration: Gloria Shigematsu, 801/916-8710 or koigirl140@hotmail.com.

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Jul.-Aug., 2004
**Southern California**
BUENA PARK
Fri., June 18—20th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser; 6-10 p.m.; Pacific Citizens Center. Info: yfw@pacificcitizen.org.

FRESNO
Mon.-Mon., June 6—Fresno Buddhist Temple and Church Food Fund: 10 a.m.-noon.

SACRAMENTO
Fri., June 18—20th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser: 6-10 p.m.; Pacific Citizens Center. Info: yfw@pacificcitizen.org.

**Northern California**
FRESNO
Fri., June 6—Floral FIA Festival; 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; 7th St. Baptist Church; First and 15th. Info: 415/931-2294.

SACRAMENTO
Sat., June 6—Annual Asian Festival; 11-9 p.m.; Gateway Plaza. Info: sacramento@jacl.org.

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**San Francisco Bay Area**
LOS ANGELES
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San Francisco
Fri., June 18—Tule Lake Vigil; accommodations at the Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge (California) for late 20th century Japanese American veterans. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: registration@tulelakevigil.org or Kay Yamamoto, 408/294-2505.

**Southwest**
RENO
Sat., June 6—20th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser; 6-10 p.m.; California Citizens Center, 355 E. Nevada St. Info: 775/884-2436.

**Midwest**
BUENA PARK
Fri., June 4—Annual Asian American Association of New England Cultural Center Fundraiser; 6:30 p.m.; Chateau de France; 110 E. Broadway; Free. Info: john@jaclpsw.org.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sat., June 20—Annual Festival of Cultures; 11 a.m.; 1106 14th St. NW. Info: 202/332-7383.

**Arizona - Nevada**
LAS VEGAS
Sun., June 6—Annual Asian American Association of New England Cultural Center Fundraiser; 6:30 p.m.; Chateau de France; 110 E. Broadway; Free. Info: john@jaclpsw.org.

**DEADLINE for Calendar is Friday before date of issue, on or before 5 p.m.**
If you are unable to provide the time and place, as well as the phone number and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

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Goro Hokama, Longtime Maui Councilman, Dies at 75

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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.

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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 working to turn 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 "Fame," which he co-wrote.

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