

The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is a voluntary organization of lawyers of Asian heritage or who have Asian American interests, dedicated to promoting diversity within the legal profession and Houston community.

## **THE AABA COMPLETES MOST SUCCESSFUL GALA & SILENT AUCTION IN ITS HISTORY!**



*Pictured from left to right: Steve Wu, Gala Co-Chair; Catherine Than, President-Elect; Emily T. Kuo, President; Honorable Hannah Chow, 2007 Impact Award Recipient; Tommy M. Shi, Keynote Speaker; and Joyce Kao Soliman, Gala Co-Chair*

On Friday, September 14th, at the InterContinental Houston Hotel, the Asian American Bar Association of Houston enjoyed its largest and most successful Gala & Silent Auction ever, attracting over 450 guests, supporters, and civic leaders from the Greater Houston area and from around the country.

This exceptional event raised an astounding **\$135,000** for the AABA and its charitable and educational arm, the Asian American Bar Foundation (AABF), including almost **\$10,000** realized from the proceeds of the Silent Auction. These amounts represent a greater than 50% increase over the revenues generated from the 2006 AABA Gala, which last year already constituted record-high sponsorship levels.

Tommy M. Shi, Corporate Development and Transformation Officer of Mercedes-Benz USA, delivered an engaging and entertaining, yet challenging, keynote address on the importance of diversity and inclusion within the business and legal communities. The AABA also presented its third annual Impact Award to the Honorable Hannah Chow, special assistant to Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee and former judge of Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 5 from 1987 until 1998. Judge Chow is the first woman of Chinese origin to be licensed by the State Bar of Texas; the first Asian American judge elected in the state of Texas; and the first Asian American elected to any public office in Harris County.

KHOU-TV Channel 11 weekend anchor Chau Nguyen presided as Mistress of Ceremonies, and electrifying cultural entertainment was provided by renowned Japanese performing group Kaminari Taiko. The AABA extends sincere thanks to all of the AABA members, sponsors, and friends who attended the 2007 Gala. The AABA is also deeply indebted to its officers, directors, Gala Committee members, and especially to its outstanding Gala Co-Chairs, Joyce Kao Soliman and Steve Wu, for their dedication and hard work in accomplishing the phenomenal success of the evening.

# AABA GALA & SILENT AUCTION

## September 14, 2007



*Gala Reception Decadent Chocolate Buffet, courtesy of Chocolate Designs*



*Mercedes-Benz Replica Pedal Car, up for Silent Auction*



*Kaminari Taiko welcomes AABA guests*



*Linda Wu, Joanne Doherty, and Y. Ping Sun*



*Matthew Wong, Lisa Wang, and Joyce Soliman*



*Hon. Ted H. Wu, Judge Larry Joe Doherty, Hon. Hannah Chow, Jason Luong, and Steve Wu*

**ADDITIONAL EVENT PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.AABAHOUSTON.COM](http://WWW.AABAHOUSTON.COM)**



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**September 14, 2007**



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*Emily Kuo, Chau Nguyen, and Tommy Shi*

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*Joyce Soliman and Hon. Hannah Chow*

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition Southwest Regional in Houston • October 19-20, 2007



**CALLING ALL ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES!** We still need judges for the 2007 Thomas Tang Moot Court Southwest Regional Competition, which will be held at South Texas College of Law. The rounds requiring judges are listed below:

**Friday, October 19**

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Saturday, October 20**

9:00 am to 10:30 am

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

We are also looking for brief grading judges. Briefs will be available for grading approximately 2 weeks prior to the tournament. Each judge will grade no more than 5 briefs. If you are interested, please contact Joseph Tung at [jtung@slb.com](mailto:jtung@slb.com) or 281.285.7026, or e-mail [ttmootcourt@gmail.com](mailto:ttmootcourt@gmail.com).

### AABA Community Service Corner

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### AABA & HVLP Law Day

**Saturday, October 13, 2007**

**MetroBank Community Center**

Volunteers are still needed for the AABA's inaugural Law Day, scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. We welcome Vietnamese and Mandarin-speaking persons (you do not need to be a lawyer) to man the sign-in desk and hand out program materials; help pick up morning and lunch refreshments from nearby restaurants; and to help clean up following each language session. Assistance is also needed on Friday evening, October 12th, to set up the venue for the program. Please contact AABA Vice President of Community Relations Warren Huang at [whuang@fulbright.com](mailto:whuang@fulbright.com) or 713.651.3633 if you can help. See the flyer on the following page for more information about this event, and be sure to share the news with your friends, families, and colleagues!

#### Vietnamese Will-a-thon

**Saturday, October 27, 2007**

**Viet Hoa Center**

Co-sponsored by the Houston Bar Association, VN TeamWork, Boat People SOS, Radio Saigon Houston AM 900, Kho Bo Houston, and the AABA, a Vietnamese Will-a-thon is scheduled for October 27th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for volunteer attorneys to provide free assistance to the local Vietnamese community with simple wills and related documents. The Will-a-thon will take place in the food court of Viet Hoa Shopping Center, 8388 West Sam Houston Parkway (at Beechnut). Attorneys, notaries, and witnesses are all needed for this pro bono event. Volunteers are requested to participate from 12:30 until 4:00 p.m. that Saturday and will need to be able to speak Vietnamese or provide their own Vietnamese language assistance. If you are interested and available to volunteer, please contact Tom Hoang at [TomHoang@hoangla.com](mailto:TomHoang@hoangla.com) or 713.498.9904 by October 12th.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**



**The Asian American Bar Association of Houston (AABA)  
and Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVLP)  
invite all community members to attend**

## **2007 AABA & HVLP LAW DAY**

**Local Asian American lawyers will be teaching classes  
and answering questions on:  
Estate Planning • Family Law  
Immigration Law • Small Business Law**

**➡ ALL CLASSES WILL BE TAUGHT IN VIETNAMESE ◀  
AND MANDARIN CHINESE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007  
8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Vietnamese classes)  
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Mandarin Chinese classes)**

**METROBANK COMMUNITY CENTER  
Dynasty Plaza  
9600 Bellaire Boulevard, Suite 201**

**Attendance is FREE, and breakfast and lunch will be provided!**



Join us if you dare  
for a Halloween scare...

## A COSTUME PARTY

will be undertaken at  
8:00 p.m.  
on Friday, October 26th

at the final resting place of  
Emily Kuo  
2417 McClendon Street

baby monsters welcome  
prizes for best costumes

free for AABA members and families



\$10 for non-members

refreshments provided

We're dying to hear from you!  
rsvp to Emily at [etkuo@yahoo.com](mailto:etkuo@yahoo.com) or 713.745.9692  
or on-line at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)

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## LAW STUDENTS v. ATTORNEYS BOWLING NIGHT



**7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**

**Dave and Buster's (formerly Jillian's)  
in the Marq\*E Entertainment Center  
7620 Katy Freeway**

**Space is limited, so sign up today!  
RSVP to Eunice Song at [esong@gardere.com](mailto:esong@gardere.com) or 713.276.5079**

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston presents:

### *Runaway Jury:* **Practice Tips on Picking the Right Jury for Your Client**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2007**

**Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Courtroom  
First City Tower, 1001 Fannin Street, 24th Floor**

**7:30 a.m. – Registration and Breakfast  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. – Program and Q&A Session**

### *Featured Speakers:*

**Stephen Boutros**  
*Stephen Boutros, Ltd.*

**Hon. John Coselli**  
*125th Civil District Court*

**David Warden**  
*Yetter & Warden, LLP*

**Alison Wong**  
*Senior Research Associate, DecisionQuest*

**\*\* Approved for 1.0 hour MCLE credit \*\***  
**FREE** for AABA members / \$20 for non-members (breakfast will be provided)

**RSVP on-line at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)  
or to Lynn Chuang Kramer at [lkramer@munsch.com](mailto:lkramer@munsch.com)**

**Courtroom and breakfast generously provided courtesy of  
Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.**



# THIRD ANNUAL AABA CORPORATE COUNSEL DINNER



Thursday, November 8, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

MORTON'S STEAKHOUSE  
1001 McKinney Street

All In-House Counsel will be hosted by the AABA

Outside Counsel Cost (must be members of the AABA):

\$110 per person through October 26th

\$125 per person afterwards

Space is limited, so rsvp today at [www.aabahouston.com](http://www.aabahouston.com)  
or to Jason Luong at [jluong@skv.com](mailto:jluong@skv.com) or 713.221.2306

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## CORPORATE COUNSEL BULLETIN

### **ACC 2007 Annual Meeting: Enjoying the Ride on the Track to Success**

#### **Hyatt Regency Chicago ~ October 29-31, 2007**

Presented by The Association of Corporate Counsel, the ACC Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of in-house counsel in the world. Choose from over 100 interactive programs led by international expert panels of corporate counsel, members of academia, and government agency representatives. Programs will include hot topics such as the role of in-house counsel in the compliance function or risk management; maintaining attorney-client privilege in the face of new challenges from regulators and plaintiffs; taking advantage of technology to create a "virtual law department"; conducting effective internal investigations; and much, much more. Whether you are newly in-house or a seasoned manager practicing in a large or small department, our educational sessions will provide you with the knowledge to handle any dip or curve on the ride. The Annual Meeting also offers a variety of social events and other opportunities to meet and interact with fellow in-house counsel along for the ride. For more information and to register, please visit [am.acc.com](http://am.acc.com).

### **MCCA 8th Annual Creating Pathways to Diversity® Conference:**

#### **Diverse Backgrounds | Complementary Ideas | One Focus**

#### **Marriott Marquis Hotel Times Square, New York City ~ November 8-9, 2007**

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association's 2007 Creating Pathways to Diversity® Conference is a special one-and-a-half day event organized to help celebrate MCCA's Tenth Anniversary. The Conference features an outstanding line-up of programs in separate Law Firm, Law Department, Professional Development, Marketing Diversity, and Research Studies tracks, developed to engage you in thought-provoking dialogue by spotlighting the critical issues facing the profession. To register and to download a copy of the Conference brochure, please visit [www.mcca.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=654&parentID=472&nodeID=1](http://www.mcca.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=654&parentID=472&nodeID=1). If you have questions about the Conference, please contact Peter Chin, MCCA Education Manager, at [peterchin@mcca.com](mailto:peterchin@mcca.com) or 202.739.5901.



## 19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS: A SMART BET

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
NOVEMBER 15-18, 2007**



### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED!**

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) will be holding its 19th Annual Convention this fall in exciting Las Vegas, Nevada. Convention registration includes admission to two full days of CLE panels as well as to all breakfast and lunch events, the NAPABA Welcome Reception, Trailblazers Awards Reception, Late Night Karaoke with Bud, NAPABA Installation Banquet, and more. Additional special events include a golf tournament at Badlands Golf Club (for the first 72 to sign up); a tennis round robin tournament; a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament (for the first 64 to sign up); and tickets to Las Vegas shows *Le Rêve* and Cirque du Soleil's *Love*. Registration prices are as follows:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Attorneys:	\$475	\$575
Judges/Public Interest/Government/ Small Firm (<10) Attorneys:	\$275	\$375
Students	\$100	\$200

All prices will increase by \$100 after the early bird deadline of OCTOBER 15, 2007. For more information and to register on-line, visit [www.napaba.org](http://www.napaba.org) and click on "Convention."

For room reservations at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa, call 800.297.5056 and indicate that you are attending NAPABA's Annual Convention to receive the group rate of \$189 by October 13, 2007. Overflow accommodations are available at Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 9090 Alta Drive in Las Vegas, by contacting 866.636.7111 (reservation ID NAT1115).

For information on becoming a 2007 Convention Sponsor, please contact NAPABA President-Elect Helen B. Kim at [hkim@bakerlaw.com](mailto:hkim@bakerlaw.com), or contact NAPABA Executive Director Les Jin at [ed@napaba.org](mailto:ed@napaba.org) or 202.775.9555. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

## AABA WINS NAPABA AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR!!

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston has been selected, out of a highly competitive slate of candidate organizations, as the first ever **NAPABA Affiliate of the Year!** This prestigious inaugural award will be presented to the AABA in November at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Annual Convention in Las Vegas. We are thrilled to receive this honor and encourage all AABA members and friends to attend the Convention to witness the award presentation. Many thanks to Emily Kuo, Catherine Than, Judy Liu, Warren Huang, Steve Bae, Hoang Quan Vu, Patricia Lin, and Hugh Chong for their invaluable assistance in preparing the award application!

## SIDEBAR

On September 11, 2007, the AABA's very own Director **Theresa W. Chang** was appointed **District Clerk of Harris County** to replace outgoing clerk Charles Bacarisse. All 59 of the county's state district judges voted unanimously in favor of Theresa, who is now the highest ranking Asian American in county government. Congratulations to Theresa on this well-deserved recognition, and best wishes to her in this exciting new career endeavor!

**Alex Chae** and **Emily Kuo** have been elected to 2007-2008 NAPABA Board positions as Vice President for Communications and Vice President for Membership, respectively. Thank you to the AABA members who voted in the election, and thank you all for your tremendous support!

## Get to Know an AABA Member!



### Y. Ping Sun

*Of Counsel, Yetter & Warden L.L.P.  
University Representative,  
Rice University*

**If I weren't an attorney, I would be...** a social worker.

**My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is...** cruising around the world.

**In my spare time, I enjoy...** chasing Daniel and Merissa (my children) in the yard.

**In my iPod (or other mp3 device), you will find...** "American Pie," "La Bamba," and "Lady in Red."

**Most AABA members probably don't know that I...** was a high jump champion.

**The best restaurant in Houston is...** Café Annie. **My favorite place in Houston is...** Rice University.

**The sports teams I root for are...** the Rice Owls, Houston Astros, Rockets, and Texans.

**If I won the lottery, I would...** give it to Teach for America, Rice, and Texas Children's Hospital.

**I recommend reading...** *Colors of the Mountain*, *Sounds of the River*, and *Brothers* by Da Chen.

**How do you balance being an attorney, a mom, and the First Lady of Rice University?** It is a bit challenging to balance all of these responsibilities. I feel like a juggler, always having three balls in the air. Working part time helps. I try to pick up the children from school whenever I can because the time after school is very special for us to be together, since David and I have many events in the evenings. I feel fortunate to have a supportive husband and parents who help me take care of the children. I wish there could be more than 24 hours in a day!

**You forgot to ask me about...** my wonderful female colleagues at Yetter & Warden, LLP. They are: Wendie Childress, Janet Guggemos Garza, Pamela Hohensee, Dori Kornfeld, Kimberly McMullan, Anna Rotman, and Xiaoxu Cathy Sun. Each of them makes my time at the firm special in her own way.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Tradition and Invention: The Woodcut Prints of Akira Kurosaki ~ Reception on October 3, 2007**

The Museum of Printing History is pleased to announce that Akira Kurosaki, one of the foremost print artists in Japan, will be appearing in Houston for an exhibition and series of lectures and demonstrations. *Tradition and Invention*, a retrospective of the past twenty-five years of the artist's work, will appear at the museum, located at 1324 West Clay, from October 1 - December 20, 2007. One of Japan's leading woodcut artists, Kurosaki works in the tradition of *ukiyo-e* prints made famous by such artists as Hiroshige, Hokusai, and Kunisada. Kurosaki engages and updates this tradition for the contemporary world, utilizing the centuries-old techniques of Japanese printmaking to create a dynamic new form. The Opening Reception for the exhibit is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on October 3rd. For more information, please visit [www.printingmuseum.org](http://www.printingmuseum.org) or call 713.522.4652.

### **YAMATO, The Drummers of Japan: SHIN-ON = HEARTBEAT ~ October 4-5, 2007**

With a massive six-foot diameter drum made from a 400-year-old tree as their centerpiece, the highly skilled musicians of YAMATO play 40 taikos of various sizes, blending phenomenally powerful and dramatic drumming with music of delicate beauty and humor. Athleticism, superhuman feats of coordination, and incredible intensity are the trademarks of this irresistible ensemble. YAMATO infuses its performances with the idea that the drumbeat, like the heartbeat, is the very pulse of life. Presented by Society for the Performing Arts (SPA), performances begin at 8:00 p.m. each evening in Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana Street. Join SPA and the Japanese Consulate on opening night at 7:15 p.m. in the Jones Hall Lobby for Kagami Wari, the traditional sake barrel breaking ceremony. To order tickets, please visit [www.spahouston.org](http://www.spahouston.org).

### **Update on U.S. - Japan Relations with Ambassador Thomas Schieffer ~ October 5, 2007**

U.S. - Japan relations have an increasing influence on the international community. Problems ranging from climate change to the threat of North Korean nuclear weapons programs have been at the forefront of recent bilateral talks. The Honorable J. Thomas Schieffer, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, will discuss the latest state of U.S. - Japan relations and its impact on the Asian region. Part of the 2007-2008 BP Speakers Series, this program is supported by Asia Houston Network, Japanese American Citizens League, Japan American Society, and Japan Business Association of Houston. The event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Houston Club, 8111 Rusk Avenue. Cost is \$30 for Asia Society members, \$35 for non-members, and \$300 for a preferred table. For more information, please visit [www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org) or call 713.439.0051.

### **6th Annual Aloha Fest ~ October 6, 2007**

The islands of the South Pacific come alive at the 6th Annual Aloha Fest, Houston's only "South Pacific" Island Festival. Enjoy island foods, crafts, and entertainment from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Clear Lake City Park, Landolt Pavilion, 5002 NASA Road 1 in Seabrook (just past the Johnson Space Center). Admission is \$4 for adults, and children 10 years and younger are free. For more information, please visit [www.alohafesthouston.com](http://www.alohafesthouston.com) or call 281.332.0360.

### **1000 Lights for Peace ~ October 7, 2007**

Mahatma Gandhi, apostle of peace and non-violence, demonstrated to the world the effectiveness of non-violent means for bringing about profound social changes and lasting peace. The Mahatma Gandhi Library was founded in 2002 to promote universal values of truth, non-violence, love, and service. In recognition of the wisdom and effectiveness of Gandhian principles and philosophy, the Library, in association with over 75 other organizations, celebrates Mahatma Gandhi Week each year around October 2nd, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. As the grand finale to Mahatma Gandhi week, festivities on October 7th will begin with a Peace Torch Relay starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Gandhi statue in the Rose Garden of Hermann Park. From 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Miller Outdoor Theatre, the program will continue with a multi-cultural, international dance and music show by children and will conclude with a candle lighting ceremony for peace, initiated by Mayor Bill White and other dignitaries. For more information and to register for the day's events, please visit [1000lightsforpeace.org](http://1000lightsforpeace.org).

### **Meet the Author: An Indian in Cowboy Country ~ October 11, 2007**

Pradeep Anand's first novel, *An Indian in Cowboy Country: Stories from an Immigrant's Life*, is drawn substantially from his own life experience. Consisting of nine progressive but independent stories, the book begins with the teenage protagonist and his ethnically diverse group of friends coming face-to-face with a violent aspect of communal prejudice. Subsequent stories trace the young man's progression through college, working for a multinational company in India, a spiritual pilgrimage, and, ultimately, the hero's life in Houston, Texas. Come meet the author at Brazos Bookstore, 2421 Bissonnet, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on October 11th. Admission is free, but donations to Asia Society are always appreciated. For more information, please visit [www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org) or call 713.439.0051.

## COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

### Keo Wolford - I LAND ~ October 12-13, 2007

Expanding the Hawaiian tradition of *talk story*, Keo Wolford tells his "American" story of unromantic realities growing up in "paradise." *I LAND* brings together dramatic narrative and comedy, hula, and hip-hop to tell of another Hawaii, beyond the "li'l grass shack." Commissioned by DiverseWorks with The Asia Society, Ma-Yi Theater Company, and the National Performance Network, performances will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 12-13, at DiverseWorks, 1117 E. Freeway (N. Main Street at Naylor). For more information, please visit [www.diverseworks.org](http://www.diverseworks.org) or call 713.223.8346.

### EXPANDING HORIZONS: An Overseas Investment Workshop for Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses ~ October 18, 2007

As minority- and women-owned small businesses grow by participating in the global marketplace, they face unique challenges. Lack of knowledge about government programs available to support overseas investment, the scarcity of private sector capital to pursue opportunities abroad, or concern over political risks in emerging markets can prevent minority- and women-owned businesses from expanding overseas. The EXPANDING HORIZONS Workshop, sponsored by The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) – which is the U.S. government agency responsible for supporting private sector investment in developing countries – addresses these concerns by providing participants with an understanding of the programs and resources provided by OPIC. Speakers will include senior government officials from OPIC and other agencies, international bankers, and representatives from businesses investing overseas who will share their insights and experiences. Networking opportunities will also be available, and participants will be able to arrange one-on-one meetings with OPIC officials. EXPANDING HORIZONS is being held in cooperation with the *U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency* and the *National Women's Business Council*. This day-long event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Houston Hotel, 1200 Louisiana Street, and the registration fee is \$50 per person. For more information, please visit [www.trademeetings.com](http://www.trademeetings.com) or call 866.636.4729.

### NAAAP October Mixer ~ October 18, 2007

The National Association of Asian American Professionals-Houston (NAAAP-Houston) will hold its October Mixer at 6:30 p.m. on October 18th at The Social Lounge & Patio Bar, 3730 Washington (at Yale). Admission is free, with happy hour drink specials until 9:00 p.m. and a free dinner buffet. For more information, please contact Stacey at 713.426.5585.

### Eighth Annual Golden Harvest Gala ~ October 18, 2007

Save the date for the Eighth Annual Golden Harvest Gala, benefiting Asian American Family Services, to be held at the Omni Hotel at Four Riverway. AAFS will honor DePelchin Children's Center, Dr. John Burruss, Nasruddin Rupani, and Donna Fujimoto Cole. Individual tickets are \$150 per person; and dress is cocktail attire or Asian chic. For more information, please contact Kim Szeto or Alice C. Lee at the AAFS office at 713.339.3688.

### Dance of Asian America: Splendid China ~ October 19-20, 2007

Dance of Asian America collaborates with highly acclaimed, nationally recognized guest artists from Shanghai Dance Company and Mitsi Dancing School to bring all the splendor of China to Miller Outdoor Theatre. These amazing dancers will present new and unique high caliber choreography in dazzling authentic costumes from China's various ethnic regions. Admission is free, and performances begin at 8:00 p.m. each evening. For more information, please visit [www.danceaa.org](http://www.danceaa.org).

### Oni-Con Anime Convention ~ October 19-21, 2007

This year, Oni-Con will be hosting its Fourth Annual Anime Convention in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas. The event will include anime rooms, cosplay, concerts, video games, contests, a dealer's room, art show and auction, and panels with special appearances by voice actors, artists, and anime industry guests. For more information and to pre-register for convention day passes, please visit [www.oni-con.com](http://www.oni-con.com).

### 28th Annual Asian American Festival ~ October 20-21, 2007

Houston's 28th Annual Asian American Festival will be held the weekend of October 20-21 at Houston City Hall, 901 Bagby Street, from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Experience all of Asia in Houston with free entertainment, delectable cuisines, and displays of international Asian arts. This year's festival also features the 1st Texas Freestyle Lion Dance Championship and a special guest appearance by Hollywood star James Hong (*Balls of Fury*, *Bladerunner*, and *Art of War*). Join us for this sparkling celebration of TEXASIA - Deep in the Heart of Asian Art! For more information, please visit [www.AsianFestivalHouston.com](http://www.AsianFestivalHouston.com).

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### **4th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta ~ October 20-21, 2007**

The last dragon boat race of the year, the 4th annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta will take place from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Pasadena Lake, Clear Lake Park, east of the Johnson Space Center on NASA Road 1. The focus this year is on breast cancer survivors. Regatta Honorary Co-Chairs are Michael McCulley, President and CEO, United Space Alliance, and Oliver Luck, President and General Manager, Houston Dynamo. For more information, please visit [www.texasdragonboat.com](http://www.texasdragonboat.com).

### **RED HOT - Asian Art Today from the Chaney Family Collection ~ through October 21, 2007**

*RED HOT - Asian Art Today* offers Texas its first survey of the major currents coming out of the new art centers in Japan, China, South Korea, and Vietnam, as well as responses from the United States and Europe. Drawn from the extraordinary holdings of Houston collectors Robert, Jereann, and Holland Chaney, the exhibition focuses on artists who emerged after the political and economic upheavals of the late 1980s and early 1990s. An international phenomenon, literally "red hot" in its energy and rapid development, Asian art has redefined the parameters of today's contemporary art scene. This exhibition is installed in the Audrey Jones Beck Building of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, 5601 Main Street. For more information, please visit [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org).

### **National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys ~ October 26-27, 2007 in Orange, Southern California**

The Second National Conference of Vietnamese American Attorneys (NCVAA) will be held October 26-27 at Chapman Law School, located at One University Drive in Orange, California. This year's conference theme is "Reaching New Heights" and will focus on strengthening existing relationships, building new ones, and bringing together Vietnamese American attorneys from all over North America to discuss topics affecting Vietnamese Americans in the legal and at-large communities. A welcome reception will be held on Friday evening, October 26th, followed by keynote speakers, panels, and a closing gala banquet on Saturday, October 27th. Additional details and event information may be found at [www.ncvaa.org](http://www.ncvaa.org).

### **LEAP Houston Community Leadership Conference ~ October 27, 2007**

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) invites you to a day of networking, leadership skills development, and community action focused on "Growing Leaders" in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. This program will be held from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Houston Chinese Church, 10305 South Main. Cost is \$10 for students and \$20 for general admission (includes breakfast, lunch, and materials). For more information, please contact Scott Chan at [schan@leap.org](mailto:schan@leap.org) or 213.485.1422, extension 4108.

### **CPC 18th Annual Asian Golf Scramble ~ October 27, 2007**

The Chinese Professional Club (CPC) will hold its 18th annual Asian Scramble at Southwyck Golf Club, 2901 Clubhouse Drive in Pearland. The tournament is limited to the first 60 players who register by October 13th, and the entry fee is \$55 per person. Shotgun start is at 1:30 p.m. A raffle will be held; and door prizes and awards for longest drive and closest to pin will be presented. For more information, please contact Chris Lim at 713.215.4312 (office) or 713.973.2311 (home).

### **Shaolin Warriors ~ October 27-28, 2007**

For more than 1,000 years, the Shaolin Temple has been the heart and soul of Chinese Kung-Fu. Perfecting the art of hand-to-hand and weapons combat, the Shaolin Monks train in martial arts for several hours every day. Now they will bring their fully choreographed theatrical production to Houston for the first time, displaying their disciplined spiritualism, stunning movement, and deadly martial arts prowess. Presented by Society for the Performing Arts (SPA), performances are in Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana Street, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 27th, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 28th. To order tickets, please visit [www.spahouston.org](http://www.spahouston.org).

### **Asian Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament ~ October 29, 2007**

The Asian Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf tournament at Bear Creek Golf World Masters Course, 16001 Clay Road. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$250 to \$5,000; and individual players can play for \$150 (cost is \$50 to attend the awards dinner only). For more information, please contact Tournament Chair Lee Walthall at 713.654.9100, or contact the Chamber office at 713.782.7222.

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