

Biden signs bill for national Asian Pacific history museum

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden signed a bill in June that will create a commission to study establishing a national museum on the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

“I’m honored to sign into law something that’s long overdue,” he said at a White House ceremony.

The “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act” creates an eight-member commission to study how to make such a museum a reality in Washington, including whether it should be part of the Smithsonian Institution.

The senate majority and minority leaders, and the house speaker and house minority leader each would name two members of the study commission.

The house passed the bill in April, and the senate did so in May, which Biden had designated as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Biden was joined at the ceremony by Vice President Kamala Harris, the first person of Indian descent to be elected to the position. Harris’ mother



APA HISTORY & CULTURE. Representative Grace Meng (D-N.Y.) holds up a pen given to her by President Joe Biden during a bill signing ceremony for the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act” on June 13, 2022 in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C.. Also on stage are Vice President Kamala Harris, second from left, representatives Young Kim (R-California) and Mark Takano (D-California), and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

was Indian.

Harris said such a museum will help “fight ignorance” and “dispel misinformation” about Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander people in the U.S.

The Smithsonian is in early planning stages for two new museums, the National Museum of the American Latino and the Smithsonian

American Women’s History Museum.

Both the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of African American History and Culture are run by the Smithsonian.

The legislation was sponsored by representative Grace Meng (D-N.Y.) and senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii).

Pianist, 18, from South Korea wins Van Cliburn competition

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old from South Korea has won the 16th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, one of the top showcases for the world’s best pianists.

The competition, held in Fort Worth, Texas, ended with Yunchan Lim becoming the competition’s youngest winner of the gold medal. His winnings include a cash award of \$100,000 and three years of career management.

The silver medallist was Anna Geniushene, a 31-year-old from Russia, and the bronze medal went to Dmytro Choni, a 28-year-old from Ukraine.

Lim told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that he’ll discuss with his teacher what the next move for his career should be.

“I am still a student and I feel like I have to learn a lot still,” Lim said. “This is a great competition and I feel the burden of receiving this great honor and award so I will just push myself to live up to the honor I received today.”

The competition was founded in 1962 in honor of the celebrated pianist Van Cliburn, who lived in Fort Worth. Cliburn, who died in 2013 at age 78, played for U.S. presidents, royalty, and heads of state around the world.



MARVELLOUS MUSICIAN. Yunchan Lim of South Korea performs a concerto with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in the final round of the 16th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition at Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 12, 2022. The 18-year-old won the competition, one of the top showcases for the world’s best pianists. (Richard Rodriguez/The Cliburn via AP)

He is best remembered for winning the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1958, at the height of the Cold War.

The competition is traditionally held every four years. This year’s competition was originally scheduled for last year but was postponed due to the pandemic.

Ravenous worm species disrupting Connecticut’s forest ecosystem

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A ravenous species of earthworm has arrived in Connecticut with the potential to cause all sorts of damage to forests and wildlife.

The so-called “jumping worms” can destabilize the soil and make it harder for some plants to grow, state scientist Gale Ridge told Hearst Connecticut Media Group. They also can accumulate toxic metals like mercury and lead, which are then eaten by birds and other animals.

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Grandpa – The matchmaker in heaven

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In the end, my dad lived his dreams. He became a businessman. Yes, he was an engineer, but he also owned a laundry and a Chinese restaurant. And he ended up owning a hotel, as well as a portfolio of rental homes and apartments in town. In addition, he happened to marry a beautiful and accomplished woman who became his wife.

My final suggestion for Tyler in his dating profile was for him to mention his grandpa — how he lived his life and how much Tyler would like to emulate him. If the potential dates on the apps have any sense in them at all, they’ll get it.

Humor writer Wayne Chan lives in the San Diego area; cartoonist Wayne Chan is based in the Bay Area.

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Correction

A recent column, “A mother’s grief” (June 6, 2022), incorrectly spelled the first name of Sadylen Nguyen. We sincerely apologize for the error.

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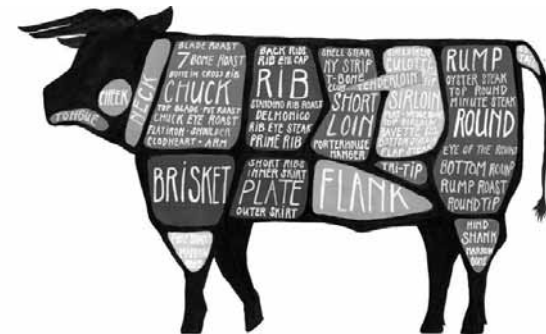


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Avoiding counterfeit at-home COVID-19 tests

The FDA has identified two counterfeit tests that are made to look like Flowflex COVID-19 Test Kits and iHealth Antigen Rapid Test Kits.

If you have either of these tests, look for these signs that they may be counterfeit. Note: iHealth tests distributed by OHA are not counterfeit.

- ✗ Poor print quality of text or images
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