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# JA Teen Shows Star Quality

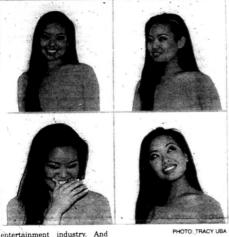
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# By TRACY UBA

Think boy bands, scream queens, or anything on the WB. Do Ricky, Britney, Brandy or Sarah Michelle ring a bell? If you hadn't already noticed, a

new generation of young per-formers is coming of age in the

movies such as "American Beau-ty," "She's All That," "End of Days," "Trippin," and "The Bach-elor" and in TV shows including "The Bold and The Beautiful," "Beverly Hills 90210," "Just Shoot Me" and "Get Real." She has also bed not an externing has also had lead and co-starring roles in projects like "Aloha Par-adise," "My Date in L.A.," "Not



soon, very soon, you may be counting 18-year-old Gina Hi-

raizumi among them. Although still relatively un-known, the Gardena, Calif., na-tive has been building an impressive resumé in the four short years since she began pursuing her dream as a professional actor dancer and singer. It is a lofty goal for an Asian American looking to achieve mainstream suc-cess in a field that, as competitive as it is, typically lacks ethnic di-versity. But the 5-foot-4 Hiraizumi is up for the challenge.

"Four years ago, there weren't really a lot of Asian Americans [on TV or in movies], except for maybe Tia Carrere, but now you see Lucy Liu on Ally McBeal' and Kelly Hu on 'Martial Law," she said, a particularly encouraging trend for someone like her.

Hopefully, once the public sees that a young Asian American girl can find work, that there are op portunities for us, it will influence other filmmakers to create different kinds of roles.

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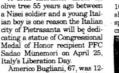
Earlier this year, Hiraizumi, who is fluent in both English and wao is duent in oon English and Japanese, put her bilingual skills to work when she was cast as a series regular alongside Tony Masa in the TV show pilot "Iron Head Chef," which aired in the United States on Thkynchese" United States on Tokyo-based KSCI

At the age of 17, she became the youngest AA dancer ever to be featured as a regular on Soul Train. That stint was later fol-lowed up with dance perfor-mances in such music videos as Mariah Carey's "Heartbreaker" and Enrique Iglesias' "Be With

Hiraizumi was able to further Hirazumi was able to further showcase her acting abilities, hip hop dance skills and singing tai-ent in last year's feature film "Ur-ban Love Story," contributing her vocals to the soundtrack in a bal-lad duet with Tyrone Gibson, brother of RCA recording artist Tyrese.

Specializing in a soulful R&B

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A brief encounter under an

years-old when he first laid eyes on an American soldier Japanese descent in the city of Valdicastello, Italy.

It was a late afternoon on April 3, 1945. Little Bugliani, who was a refugee after Ger-man forces had overtaken his hometown of Stringto near Strettoia, saw several soldiers wearing American uniforms under the cover of olive trees. One of the men beckoned Bugliani to approach and gave him some-thing to eat.

The following morning Bugliani again saw the soldier buguani again saw the soldier who gave him hore candy and C-Rations. Then the soldier went inside his tent and re-turned with several items. He gave the little boy a toothbrush, a tube of Colgate toothpaste, his woolen Class A uniform hat with the infantry insignia and a photograph of the solider sitting on a jeep. As the

soldier handed Bugliani his picture, he said, "My name is Paul Sakamoto." Little Bugliani never forgot

that name or those simple gestures

By the time Sakamoto met By the time Sasanow Bugliani in 1945, he was a sea-ound soldier who'd lived through some of the fiercest battles, including the famous "Res-cue of the Lost Battalion" in the Vosges Mountains in France Yet despite facing death and de struction on a daily basis, Sakamoto, then 27-years-old, never lost his sense of compas-

"I really felt bad for the chil-

dren," said Sakamoto, who cele-brated his 83rd birthday on April

Sakamoto and the rest of the 100th/442nd Nisei soldiers were shipped back to Italy in the spring of 1945 to take part in a critical assault on the western re-



Photo Courtesy of Americo Bugliani Nisei veteran Paul Sakamoto and Americo Bugli ani at their first reunion in Hilo: Hav ai on lan 8 1995

gion of what was then an impen-etrable Gothic line. More than five months of prior bombings by Allied planes had not made a dent on the Gothic Line's western end

It was up to the 100th/442nd men to climb an almost vertical 3 000-foot mountain in the dead of night with full fighting gear to carry out a dawn attack. The suc-cessful campaign was done in ab-solute silence with no voice or radio communication. Even Nisei soldiers who fell and were criti-cally injured did not break the si-

At 5 a.m., April 5, 1945, the Ni-sei men were in position. The 100th led the frontal assault while the Third Battalion, in a pincer movement, completely took the Germans by surprise Within 32 minutes, the Within the

Italy to Dedicate Monument in Honor of Nisei Soldiers 100th/442nd had secured their objective

objective. It was during this battle that Munemori of A Company had an unexploded grenade bounce off his helmet and fall towards off his helmet and fail towards two of his fellow soldiers. Munemori dove on top of the grenade as it exploded, killing himself but saving the lives of his-comrades. For this, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

As for Sakamoto, he, like most 100th Battalion men, was most 100th Battalion men, was a Nisei from Hawaii. He was drafted into the Army before the Japanese bombed- Pearl Harbor and was in basic train-ing at Schofield Barracks when the attack computed the attack occurred.

the attack occurred. Shortly thereafter, Sakamoto, along with other Nisei military men in Hawaii, were segregat-ed and sent to the mainland. En route to Camp McCoy in Wisconsin, the train stopped by a

consin, the train stopped by a barbed wire enclosure, "We didn't know where they were taking us," said Sakamo-to. "We'd heard about the camps and thought they were going put us in there."

But after a prolonged delay, the train moved on to Camp the train moved on to Camp McCoy. Later, the 100th re-ceived advanced training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi be-fore transferring to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and then to North Africa to join the battle-tough 34th "Red Bull" Division. tough 34th Red Bull" Division. From there, the 100th/34th headed for Salerno, Italy. During the attack on Mount Cassino Abbey, Sakamoto

During the attack on Mount Cassino Abbey, Sakamoto thought his days were num-bered. "I thought I'd never get out," he recalled. "It was rough up there. I think the kamisama [god] helped me. But I lost a lot of my friends out there." Throughout his combat years, Sakamoto never deluded bimself that he craid dia gery

himself that he could die any day. "When I left Hawaii, I nev-er thought I'd see it again," he

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# National APA Leaders Meet With U.S. Attorney Norman Bay to Discuss Wen Ho Lee Case

Several national Asian Pacific American leaders met with the newly sworn-in Interim U.S. At-torney for New Mexico Norman Bay on April 7 to convey the comity's concern with the Wen Ho Lee case.

Issues discussed included the detention conditions, racial profiling and selective prosecution. As U.S. Attorney for New Mexico, Bay is the chief federal law enforcement official for the New Mexico district (one of the 94 dis-



tricts) with jurisdiction over the entire state. The U.S. Attorney entire state. The U.S. Attorney serves under the direction of the Attorney General. Daphne Kwok, executive direc

for of the Organization of Chinese Americans, commented, "In the first meeting that Mr. Bay has had with the Asian Pacific American community since becoming the U.S. Attorney, he was very ea-ger and pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with the com-munity about Wen Ho Lee."

"We were able to convey the concerns of the Asian Pacific American community to Mr. Bay regarding the incarceration of Dr. Lee," Nancy Choy, executive di-rector of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, stat-ed. "Due to the outcry of the com-munity, the visitation hours per month for the Lee family has been increased and a Chinese translator is available for the family to speak in Chinese." Aryani Ong, staff attorney, Na-tional Asian Pacific American Le-gal Consortium, said "Mr. Bay was restricted from providing re-sponses to several of our inquiries ic American Bar Association, stat-

because they dealt with an ongo ing case; however, he took our concerns under advisement."

Yvonne Lee, commissioner with the U.S. Commissioner with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, added, "While we understand the government must ensure a fair trial for Dr. nust ensure a fair trial for Dr. Lee and cannot try the Lee case through public opinion, we stressed to Mr. Bay the impor-tance of making accessible to the community accurate and factual information surrounding this

Jin Sook Lee, executive direc-tor, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, commented, "As the entire Asian Pacific American community has been closely monitoring this case, we need to be able to acquire all the public information surrounding this case."

this case." "We will be following up with additional questions for Mr. Bay who welcomed our questions and is very interested in haaintaining open channels of communica-tion," commented Kristine Mina-mi, JACL Washington, D.C., rep-vecenturin





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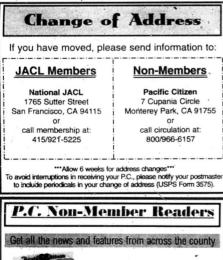
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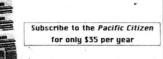
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### Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C. Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit; see Community Cal-endar.

#### Michwest

CINCINNATI Sat. May 6 (rain date May 13)-Yard Sale, 2933 Madison Rd., Oakley; Info: Jacqui Vidourek, 861/4860, Shiro Tanaka, 489-9079.

#### CLEVELAND

Through May 5-The Education Committee working with the Speakers Bureau for planning involvement. Sun., May 7 (tentative) = ACL installa-

tion dinn Sun., May 21—Cherry Blossom Festival; see Community Calendar.

### Intermountain

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Sat., April 15—Annual Fund-A-Rama; Cottonwood High School Cafeteria, 5717 S. 1300 E.; 6 p.m. manju/sushi/bake sale, 6:30 p.m.



# Fast Coast

NEW YORK CITY NEW YORK CITY Tues., April 18—"An Evening With David Mura," poet, writer, critic, per-formance artist; 6 p.m., Friends Seminary Meeting House, 222 E. 16th St. Info: Julie Azuma, 212/807-8104. WASHINGTON, D.C.

TASTINGTON, U.C. Tues, April 18—Washington Toho Koto Society performance; 12 noon, Church of the Epiphany, 13th & G St. NW; free. Info: 301/434-4487.

The Midwest

#### CLEVELAND

Sat, April 22.--"How to Appreciate, Know, and Taste Saké"; 7 p.m., Asia Plaza; Japan Society, sponsors. Info: Kei McWillian, 216/795-1604. Sun., May 21.--Cherry Blossom Festival; MetroParks Zoo.

#### Pacific Northwest KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4-Tulelake Pilgrim-Sat-Tues, Jury 1-4—Tutetake Pfignm-age; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology; busses from Seattle, Portland and Eugene. Info: Janie Matsushima, 503/643-3007. PORTLAND

Fri-Sun, Aug. 11-13—Greater Port-land Reunion, "Nikkei Futures 2000; DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel; mixer, banquet, tours, golf tourna-ment, picnic, etc. Info: Kennie

dinner; door prizes, bingo. Info: Laurie Noda, 486-0479, Dick

Mano, 972-6395. Mano, 972-6395. Tues, May 9—High School Senior Scholarship Dinner; 7 p.m., Joe Morley's, ° 106 West Center, Michale. RSVP by April 30: Dick Mano, 972-6395

# NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sun, May 7—District Meeting and Oratorical Competition; Salinas. Sat., June 3—NCWNP District's preconvention meeting to review resolu-tions, the budget and meet the candi

uons, une budge and mes uhe canol-dates running for national office; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JACL National Head-quarters, San Francisco. Info: NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada, 415/ 345-1075. RENO

KENO Sur., April 16—Easter Potluck; 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall; Easter egg-dyeing and egg hunt; Info: Tracey Tatebe-Miller, 351-2255. WATSONVILLE

Mon.-Thurs., April 24-27—Senior Center Tour to Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, etc. National Museum in Los Angeles, etc. Info: Cammel Kamigawachi, 831/722-1930; Shiğ Kizuka, 831/724-0116. Thurs, April 27—Minoru Yasui Ora-torical Contest; 8 p.m., JACL Kizuka Hall. Info: Mas Hashimoto, 722-6859.

#### Pacific Southwest SAN DIEGO

SAN DIECO Sun., May 7.—JACL Scholarship Awards Dinner, Tom Ham's Light-house Restaurant on Harbor Island. Info: 619/230-0314, e-mail: sdjacl@ iuno.com

Namba, 503/253-0848; Kurtis Inouye 503/682-3238. SEATTIE

SEATTLE Through April—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Racific Ameri-can Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4-Tulelake Pilgrim Sat-Tues, Juny 1-4- Turetake Finghthe age; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology. Info: Stan Shikuma, 206/725-1676, e-mail: Shikuma, 206/725-SNShikuma@aol.com. SEATTLE

Statille Fri-Sun, Sept. 15-17—Heart Moun-tain Reunion; SeaTac DoubleTree Hotel. Info: Toshi Terayama, registrar, 253/520-8005, e-mail: toshiter@ ix.netcom.com

April or May, 2001—Minidoka Re-union at Las Vegas; if interested, for-ward name and address by this April 30 to Minidoka Reunion Committee, c/o Tak (Yokoyama) Todo, 15537 32nd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98155-6530

#### Northern California MONTEREY

Sat., April 22-VFW Annual Easter Egg Hunt; Del Rey Oaks Park. SAN FRANCISCO

SÃN FRANCISCÓ Thurs-Sun, April 27-30—Nikkei 2000 Caniference; Radisson Miyako Hotel, Japantown; join students, pro-fessionals, community organizers, politicians, others, to make a differ-ence; Registration, \$100; students, low-income \$40. Info: JACCC, 415/567-5505, e-mail: nikkei2000@

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### SELANOCO

SELANOCO Sat., May 13—Guided tour of exhibit, "More Than a Game: Sport in the Japanese American Community"; 12 noon lunch, 1° p.m. tour, Japanese American National Museum. **RSVP by** May 9: BJ Watanabe, 714/779-4140.

# Resolutions Reminder

All resolutions require an accompanying budget, those chapters needing assistance with their resolution budgets can contact national headquarters, 415/ 921-5225, and ask for Clyde Izumi

### Reminder

Credential Guidelines Chapters in "Good Standing" are required to have the follow ind: A minimum of 25 members: an elected set of officers and the 2000 Chapter Board Roster; paid all National and District dues, fees and assessments. For assistance, call Tracie

I Ichino, membership coordinator, at 415/921-5225.

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis. Please provide the time and

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Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St, featuring the Threads of Remembrance quilt, Free, Info: 415/921-5007, www.njahs.org. Sat.Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pil-grimage; bus provided from the Bay Area. Info: Stephanie Miyashiro, 510/524-2624; Fran Ellis, 408/730-9974, Jimi Yamaichi, 408/26909458; Lon Tomita, 916/455-3120.

Lon iomita, 916/45-3120. SAN JOSE Sat, April 22—Nikkei Matsuri lun-cheon, to honor focal centenarians, "Our Living Treasures"; 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel. info., tickets: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, or www.pgbgroup.com/Nikkei/Matsuri. Sat., April 29—Workshops, "Reflec-tions of Nihonmachi," all day in the San Jose Japantown area. Info: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, www.pgb-

group.com/NikkeiMatsuri. Fri.-Sun., April 28-30-San Jose Taiko Fri.-Šam., April 28-30—San Jose Taiko Annual Spring Concerts & pm. Friday & Saturday, 3 pm. Sunday; San Jose Repetory Theatre, 101 Pasco de San Antonio. Box Office: 408/291-2255. Sun., April 30—Nildkei Matsuri; 9:30-4 pm., San Jose Japantown area. Info: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, www.pdgroup.com/Nildkei/Matsuri. SEBASTOPOL Sct. April 15. Exclusion fund calcing Sct. April 15. Exclusion fund calcing

# SEBASTOPOL Sat., April 15—Fashion fund-raising event by Asian Accents; Memorial Hall at Enmanii, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy. So. Info: Marie Totman, 707/ 829-7982, Sydney Yamashita, 415/ 883-4572

#### **Central California**

FRESNO Fri.-Sat., Oct. 13-14—Fifth Jerome Reunion; New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. Info: Rose Masuda Okajima, 559/ 875-3878.

# Southern California

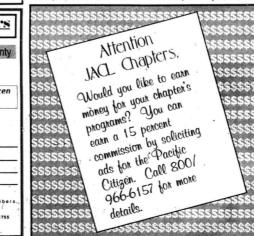
LOS ANGELES Fri-Sun, April 14-16—Performance, Fresh Tracks.00; 8 p.m., David Henry Hwang Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets: JACCC, 213/680-3700

t., April 22-Inaugural NAU-(Nis Athletic Union) Reunion; reception 2-5 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; light refreshments, Aki Komai Memorial

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Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-3700. Sat, April 29—Manzanar Pilgrimage; internees from Amache and Tule Lake to be honored. Info: 323/662-5102, fax: 323/666-5161

Fri-Sat., Oct. 13-14-Fifth Jerome Runion; New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. Info: Helen Yoshimura Takata, 626/968-2966; Miyo Kunitake Kawamura, 714/961-1249; Dollie Nagai Futawa, 310/323-9615; Rose Masuda Okajima, 559/875-3878. ■



Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit; Omni Shoreham (Woodley Park Metro). Info, tickets: 703/522-4231 or chieko@aol.com.

# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

#### Minorities with AIDS **Get Inferior Care** WASHINGTON\_Blacks

Hispanics with AIDS are getting inferior medical care compared with whites who have the disease, according to an audit released on government funding of AIDS pro-

Congress' General Accounting Office reported that blacks, His-panics and women with AIDS make up the majority of people served by state and local AIDS service groups, yet they receive sub-standard care when it comes to doctors' visits, emergency room vis-its, hospitalizations and drug therapi

spices. Such service groups are funded by Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Act grants, a gov-ernment program which provides money for health clinics treating low-income AIDS patients and for training of those caring for HIV-in-fected individuals. It has provided nearly \$8 billion in government funds to AIDS programs in cities with high concentrations of AIDS patients

Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), who requested the audit, said the sub-standard care is a result of the gov-ernment's emphasis on distributing funds based on the number of full-blown AIDS cases, instead of on the number of HIV-infected peo-

cks accounted for 49 perc of AIDS deaths in 1998, while Hisof AIDS deaths in 1998, while His-panics according to the Centers for Dis-ease Control. Thirty-two percent of deaths were among whites, and more than 23 percent of AIDS di-agnoses reported in 1998 were women. Statistics on Asian Ameri-cans by the audit were not report-ed ed

#### Thousands Brought to U.S. Annually as Prostitutes

NEW YORK—As many as 500,000 women and children from Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe are brought or lured to the United States each year and forced to work as prostitutes, abused la-borers or servants, according to a

CIA report which recently ap-peared in the New York Times. Completed in November, the re-port is based on more than 150 infor is based on more than 150 in-terviews with government officials, law enforcement officers, victims and experts in the United States and abroad, as well as investiga-tive documents and international

literature on the subject. For years, officials have seen episodic evidence of trafficking of

nmigrant women and children some as young as nine. The report said most of the cases are not pursaid most of the cases are not pur-sued, however, because they are difficult to investigate and prose cute due to insufficient laws an due to insufficient laws and alties aimed at curbing the nmblem

problem. Over the last two years, up to 100,000 victims poured into the United States, where they were held in bondage. Yet, federal offi-cials estimate the government prosecuted cases involving no more than 250 victims. The report de-scribed repeated cases of foreign women who answered ads for au women who answered ads for au pair, sales clerk, secretarial or waitress jobs but, upon arrival, found they did not exist. Instead, they were taken prisoner, held un-der guard and forced into prostitution or peonage. Some were sold outright to brothel owners. The report named Thailand,

The report named Thailand, Vietnam, China, Mexico, Russia and the Czech Republic as the pri-mary sources for traffickers.

#### Governor Signs **Hate Crimes Bill**

ATLANTA—A new hate crimes bill passed through the Legislature and was signed by Gov. Roy Barnes on March 30.

It sends a message that "hate crimes will not be tolerated," said Rabbi Robert Ichay, whose syna-gogue was vandalized with paint-ings of Nazi swastikas and slogans like "Go home, bloodsuckers last Novembor

fined a hate crime as one motivated specifically by the victim's race, religion, gender, national origin or sexual orientation.

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a hate crime as one in which the victim or his property was targeted because of bias or prejudice. Although some of the bill's sup-porters saw that as a weakening of norters

the bill, Barnes said he sees it as an opportunity. "As a former prosecu-tor, I can tell you that I wouldn't have any problems trying someone under this statute. In fact, I think unger this statute. In lact, I think it's easier to prove that a crime was done because of bias or prejudice than it is to show that a criminal chose a victim because he or she was a member of a specific group. The law takes effect in July.

### Second Chinese Movie to be Filmed in U.S. Wraps Shooting ST. LOUIS—For the last five

weeks, officials from Beijing Televi-sion Producers have been shooting "The Treatment" in various St. Louis locations. It is only the second Chinese movie ever to be shot in the United States, according to producer Victor Li

With a \$1.5 million budget, it's With a \$1.5 million budget, its the largest investment ever made for a mainland Chinese movie. The film, starring Tony Leung and slat-ed to be a blockbuster in China, fo-cuses on cultural clashes and how the Chinese revere their children in weys different from Western parente

ents. The story is based on an incident involving a Chinese immigrant family in New York in the 1970s, but Li chose the Midwest over New York as the location for the shoot after an American amhassador asked him to consider its old city feel

#### Hmong Pop Groups Aim for Mainstream

FRESNO, Calif.—As a new gen-eration of Hmong Americans comes of age in the central San Joaquin Valley, contemporary rock & roll bands and pop groups are emerging, encouraged by the boom in Latin music that has crossed over into the main

mainscream. Already, the Hmong community itself has become more accepting of new and different styles of music, but some groups from families that immigrated from Southeast Asia af s that ter the Vietnam War are trying to reach out to non-Hmong audiences

with their music, whether it is R&B-styled alow jams or N Sync teen-oriented pop. Paradise, Whyteshadows and High Voltage are among the few Hmong groups that have gamered attention in recent years. High Voltmong groups that have garnered tention in recent years. High Volt-re, one of the earliest Hmong unds in the United States, formed in the 1980s by three friends who started jamming at a party one night — a spontaneous perfor-mance that eventually led to six al-

# Scientist Links Tofu to Brain Aging HONOLULU-A Hawaii scien-

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lege of Nutrition. The Pacific Health Research in-The Pacific Health Research in-stitute scientist set off alarm in the medical community and tofu indus-try in November with a report link-ing the soybean curd directly with Alzheimer's disease.

White retreats from that original im in his recently-published arti cle but said the study of partici-pants in the Honolulu Heart Pro-gram found a link between two or more servings of tofu a week during

nore servings of tofu a week during middle age and faster brain aging. Researchers compared the di-etary habits and health of 3,734 men in mid-life on two cocusions be-tween 1965 and 1993, looking at 27 fords and drinks. They also per-formed 290 brain autopsies on par-ticipants between February 1992 and January 1999, identifying four independent indications that eating tofu at mid-life adversely affects the brain. brain

White stressed that further study

White stressed that further study is needed. "It's possible it wasn't re-ally tofu, but it's got to be something closely related to tofu," he said. Meanwhile, the U.S. soy industry has criticized the study. Nancy Chapman of the Soy Foods Associa-tion of North America called it "highly speculative" and said "it's total conflict with all other data."

ing the Renaissance Hotel no later

than April 17. It is located at 999 9th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Call 800/hotels1 or 202/898-

9000; fax number is 202/789-4213. Room rate is \$139 for single rooms; \$164 for double rates.

# CAPACD to Hold Inaugural Convention in D.C.

From May 1-3, the National Coalition for Acian Pacific Ameri-can Community Development (Na-tional CAPACD) will be holding its inaugural convention in Washing-ton, D.C., to officially announce its formation. It is the first factional or-ganization dedicated to the housing and community, development and community development needs of APAs. National CAPACD seeks to impact the legislative poli cy, leverage resources and support at a local and national level.

The APA population in the Unit-ed States has been rising at a rapid rate and now represents the fastest rate and now represents the tastest, growing ethnic group over the past 10 years. The continued increase and diversity of the APA population ooupled with the recent welfare re-form, devolution of the federal gov-ernment, cutbecks in housing and divertient coid statistic immirma. education, and stricter imm tion laws has made it critical for community development organiza-tions to join together. The National CAPACD conven-

The National CAPACD conven-tion will serve as an opportunity to build support and increase commu-nication among elected officials, funders, national intermediaries, government agencies and other community-based organizations.

The convention will include a na-tional CAPACD member meeting and membership drive, as well as speakers, workshops and discus-sion groups on APA/community development issues. Potential topics are economic development, mobi-lizing outreach in APA communities, changing trends of ethnic en-claves, APA public policy initiatives, fund-raising and revitaliza tion policies.

There will also be a congress

There will also be a congressional lobby and release of the national CA-PACD study on APA communities. Featured speakers for the event are: Patay T. Mink, U.S. congress-woman (D-HI); Bill Lann Lee, acing assistant attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice/Civil Rights Division; Shamina Singh, execu-tive director, White House Initia-

tive on Asian Americans and Paciftive on Asian Americane and Pacif-ic Islanders; Irene Packer, vice chair, National Hispanic Housing Counci; Daphne Kwok, executive director, National Council of APAs; Donna Tanoue, chairwoman, Fed-eral Deposit Inarumane Corpora-tion; Faul Ong, professor of Urban Planning, UCLA. The convection will also address

The convention will also address are creation of the White House Inithe cre tiative on Asian Americans and Pa-cific Islanders which was formed to improve the health and social needs for APAs through a partnership with federal agencies. Lodging can be arranged by call-

II veterans, Assemblymember Gilbert Cedillo (D-Los Angeles) re-

untert Cedulo (D-Los Angeles) re-ceived unanimous committee sup-port for his Filipino Vetran's Equi-ty Bill, AB 1978, that would pro-vide full State Supplemental Pro-gram (SSP) benefits to Filipino WWII veterans.

dependent members of the Califor-nia State Assembly Human Ser-vices Committee passed Cedillo's bill by a vote of 6-0, and some even asked him to include them as co-authors of the legislation.

"Our Filipino war heroes fought side-by-side, shoulder-to-shoulder with their fellow American counter-parts to defend democracy and our

nation. They fought courageously and gave their 100 percent. They deserve at least 100 percent of their SSP benefits," said Cedillo. Col. Hernando Manaois, a sur-vivor of the Bataan Death March, and Evia Lables creating direction direction and Evia Lables creating direction direction.

and Eric Lachica, executive direc-tor of the Filipino American Veter-ans Coalition, also testified before the committee. Veterans from San Jose, Oak-land, Delano, Daly City and San Francisco walked the halls of the

State Capitol to lobby support fo

nocratic, Republican and In-dent members of the Califor-

\$164 for double rates: Convention registration fee is \$150. Please make checks payable to National CAPACD and mail to: National CAPACD of Aleyamma Mathew, National Coordinator, 108-110 Narfolk Street, New York, NY 10002. For more information, call 212979-219 or e-mail: aleyam-ma@ anfeorg. ■ ma@ aafe.org. Committee Approves State Benefits for Filipino WWII Vets

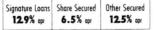
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the bill. "We thank the Honorable As-semblyman Cedillo and ask that all the members of the Assembly and state Senate vote favorably for this humanitarian bill," said Man-

aois. Cedillo's bill will not only provide Filipino veterans with the full SSP benefits, about \$215, but will sup-plement the 75 percent of Social benefits, about \$215, but will sup-plement the 75 percent of Social Security Income (SSI) funds re-cently approved by Congress and signed'by President Clinton if they choose to relocate to their home-land of the Philippines. Cedillo's legislation can poten-tially give veterans an additional monthly income of \$334 (about 13,360 pesce) per month. When, combined with \$356 federal SSI, their total monthly benefits could

combined with \$358 federal SSI, their total monthly benefits could be approximately \$592 (about 27,600 pesce). "In a time of tremendous pro-perity, we need to provide moral and just leadership. I want to fill in the 25 percent gap that was left in the federal SSI bill, "Cedillo stated. AB1978 now heads to the As-sembly Appropriations Committee. If it pesses there, it will proceed to the Assembly floor for a full vote of the 80-member chamber. ■

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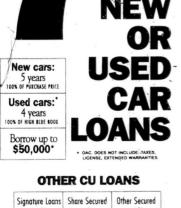
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By ROGER MINAMI Special to the Pacific Citizen.

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turning to their homes on the Monterey Peninsula faced a number of questions after World War II. Would the bitterness and hatred generated by the war still face them? What would they do

for work? How would neigh and bors them? strangers ceive Would they and their children continue to be victims of racial discrimination?

According to etired Monretired terey Peninsula College profes-sor and author David Yamada, many of these fear were eased by a full-page ad in the May 11, 1945, edition of the edition of the Monterey Penin-sula Herald. In Yamada's book, "The

Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula," that covers the histoof JAs in the Monterey Peninsula, the ad titled "The

Democratic Way of Life for All" served as a sig-nal to returning JAs that their

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return to the Monterey area.

400 local citizens led by the likes of Ed Weston, Frank Lloyd, Fritz Wurzmann, and Ted Durein wel-comed back Japanese Americans to this area. It also acknowledged the loyalty and military contribu-tions of JA citizens," said Yama

The article stated: The War Department has authorized all persons of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty has been investigated and attested by the Army or Navy intelligence or the F.B.I. to return to their homes. All relocation centers will accordingly be closed by the end of this year. The majority of these people will relocate in different parts of the United States. Some, in the coming months, will return

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ing from a statement by the War Department, released December 17th, 1944: The outstanding record which these men have made fighting for the United States in Italy, in France, and in the Pacific, has shown conclu-sively that it is possible to make sound judgements as to their loy-alty. The War Department believes that the people of the Pa-cific Coast area will accord returning persons of Japanese an-cestry all the considerations

to which they are entitled as loyal citizens and law abiding residents.' We, the undersigned, then believe that it is the privilege and responsi-bility of this community + to cooperate with the national government by

community." 400 people that signed the ad moral conviction courage.

thing for the people here to do. The signatures to this ad set forth the proposition that the de-

article or the JACL national convention, contact Roger Minami at rminami@ix.netcom.com.

General Eric Shinseki to	Speak in	
Monterey During Nationa	Convention	

By JUDY NIIZAWA cial to the Pacific Citizen

Sources at the Pentagon have confirmed that U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki will come to Monterey, Calif. on June 30 to keynote the program, "A Tribute to

Japanese American Vet-erans — All Wars." Gen. Shinseki is the first Asian American to attainthe rank of fouretar general and he is the



first AA to be appointed chief of staff

President Bill Clin in ourse 1959, President Bill Clin-ton appointed Shinseki, who is a Sansei born in Lihue, Kauai. He has served in the U.S. Army with distinction since 1966 after gradu-ating from West Point in 1965. He holds a master's degree in English literation from Dub Linearch holds a master's degree in English literature from Duke University.

Shinseki, age 56, served two tours in Vietnam and was wounded twice. His awards include, and are not limited to, the Defense Distin-guished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Clusters and many more. The honorary co-chairmen for this event are Col. Harry Fukuhara (ret. MIS) and Rudy Tokiwa (442 vet/K Co.). Acting as master of ceremonies will be former San Jose U.S. Congressman Norman Y. Mineta, now a resident

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of Virginia. The dinner has been endorsed by the national JACL convention com the national JACL convention com-mittee which is hosting the conven-tion in Monterey during the week of June 27-July 2. However, the din-ner is a community-wide event and no memberships or registration fees are required.

The cost for the dinner is \$75 per person, and checks should be written to the "San Jose JACL Dinner

ten to the "San Jose JACL-Dinner Tribute" and mailed to the Veterans Thibute Dinner, 834 Gary Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94096. For further information or to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Monterey, contact, Judy Niizawa, chairman of the tribute, at jniizawa@earthlink.net, or call 408/733-7692. The committee also has posted a Web site address http://javeterans.tripod.com.

# Enjoying a Good Glass of Wine at the **Upcoming JACL National Convention**

By ROGER MINAMI ial to the Basis

Special to the Pacific Citizen According to Amy Eldredge of the Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association, the first wine grapes were planted in Monterey County by Franciscan firars over 200 years ago. Since then, Mon-terey County boasts over 40,000 acres of vine grapes making it one of the largest premium grape-growing regions in California. "Winee from Monterey County have unique qualities which make them easily distinguishable from those produced elsewhere in Cali-fornia or the world. Grapes grown in Monterey County are character-ized by their intense varietal flavor, which results in wines with excep-tional varietal integrity," said El-dredge.

dredge.

Grapevines in Monterey County tend to produce builds in early spring (about two weeks earlier than the other regions) and har-vest, which takes place in the fall, typically begins two weeks later than other regions. Therefore the

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

advantage of reduced registration fees and discounts on special events. Please indicate your choice of package and/or individual and

Register before APRIL 30, 2000 to take

special events. Amounts listed will be available during the convention at the registration and hospitality tables.

Package Registration The Regular Convention Package admits registered badge holders to all National

contactical ousliess sessions, workshops, oratorical competition, Welcome Mixer, Awards Luncheon and Sayonara Banquet, the Youth Package includes the above plus's the Youth Luncheon. The Regular & Youth Luncheon Package is the Regular Package,

Individual Event Registration Registration is available for those interested

in attending only specific convention events. A registration fee of \$20 is required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis. Badges must

Cancellation Policy Written cancellation requests received by May 31 will be refunded in full. Cancellation

refunds if a registrant does not attend al

eved after that date will be denied and sidual amount will become a charitable intribution to JACL. There will be no parti

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for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are attending the JACL National Convention.

Reservations must be made by May 31 2000 to reserve the rates. Convention n

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grapes remain on the vine approxi grapes remain on the vine approxi-mately one month longer, which produces smaller berries with very concentrated fruit flavors. The longer growing season results in vi-brant fruit, which mature slowly, creating intense varietal flavors with a nice balance of sugar and orid

acid. The Next Generation Club, a group affiliated with the West Val-ley JACL chapter in San Jose, is assisting the JACL national con-vention by hosting a tour of some of the 40 wineries and vineyards in Monterey County. "We have very limited space for the wine, tour as many of the wineries in the area have a difficult time accommodating larger

wineness in the area nave a dimcuit time accommodating larger groups. If you are a JACL national convention delegate, guest, friend, etc, and would like to go on the wine tour with us, we need to hear from—you ASAP" said Julie Tachibana of the Next Generation

Club. If you are interested in taking part in the tour, contact Roger Mi-nami at rminami@ix.netcom.com. 

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### UPS Donates \$15,000 to National JACL

National JACL recently re-ceived a \$15;000 grant from the UPS foundation, the charitable arm of United Parcel Service. The grant will be used to support national JACL and national JACL youth programs.

JACL youth programs. "We are very proud to support national JACL's youth programs and pleased that we can play a role in young Asian Americans who aspire to leadership roles in the larger society," said Corporate Community. Relations Director Fred Fernandez. Enunded in 1951 and based is

Fred remandez. Founded in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., the UPS Founda-tion identifies spectra areas where its support will clearly im-pact social issues. "UPS hasbeen pact social issues. "UPS has been a longtime friend and supporter of JACL programs. Their many, many years of support of national JACL programs include scholarships, oratorical contest, hate crimes and general support," said John Tateishi, JACL national executive director.

The UPS Foundation has a unique philanthropic structure

that distributed approximately \$36.3 million in 1998 throughout the United States and interna-tionally. Of that, over \$20.8 million was awarded through the corporate grant program, \$3.1 million was distributed through the regional/district grant pro-gram, \$8.2 million to United Way gram, \$8.2 million to United Way and \$4.2 million in local charita-ble giving. "United Parcel Service delivers much more than 12 million pack-

ages each day. We deliver support to communities worldwide," said Even Cooper, executive director of the UPS Foundation. "By Support,' we mean much more than financial support. We mean longstanding programs to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees and the communities we serve, as well as hands-on community service through programs that reinforce our commitment to education and urgent human welfare needs. We are delighted that national JACL shares our vision of improving our communi-

# Florin's 18th Annual Time of Remembrance

"Voices from the Past: Lessons for the Future" was the theme cho-sen by the JACL Florin chapter as it held its 18th annual Time of Remembrance (TOR) program on March 4 at the Florin Buddhist Church's YBA Hall.

Church's YBA Hall. The program was in remem-brance of the experiences of the Is-sei and Nisei who endured immi-gration, settlement and intern-ment, as well as a tribute to the chapter's ongoing work in collect-ing oral histories from Nikkei and non-Nikkei from the surrounding communities

communities: More than 200 persons entered the exhibit and program hall through a life-size replica of a camp barrack which contained steel and canvas cots, mattresses, a chair and chest of drawers made a chair and chest of drawers made from scrap lumber, a hanging light bulb and blankets hung as parti-tions. Once inside the hall, a his-torical collection of artifacts, pho-tographs, books, posters and pictorial exhibit were displayed on the walls, tables and display boards. The program's site had served as

the assembly point for the Florin Japanese American community's internment as directed by Execu-tive Order 9066. The contents of the exhibit change with each year according to the theme.

histories with his own poetry on the internment experience. Inada, who was interned in Jerome and Amache, read the male voices while Patricia Wakida, a Yonsei



Lawson Inada accents a Daruma from Christine Umeda at the Florin JACL's 18th annual Time of Remembrance

#### read the female voices

The Community Friend Award was presented to George S. Oki, Sr., whose company Oki Nursery Sr., whose company Oki Nursery provided employment for many JAs, but especially for the elderly, to énsure they worked enough quarters to collect Social Security. The Educator's Award went to the Tanaka sisters, Myrtle Furukawa, Myrna Hitomi and Teri Mizusaka, end teachers of the Elorin Bud. and teachers of the Florin Bud dhist Language School.

Completed oral history books were presented to Shuki Hayashi and Robert Ichiji Kashiwagi. Othand Kenneth Kaneto Kinoshita, were completed but not presented

because of travel constraints. Florin's own Tom Nakashima, radio personality with FM 96.9, Eagle, a consummate master of ceremonies, provided continuity throughout the program. Nakashima has maintained his involvement with the program

since its inception in 1983.

since its inception in 1983. . The planning committee mem-bers were Ernest Abe, George Fu-rukawa, Frank and Joanne Iri-tani, Amos and Mary Preeman, Bill Kashiwagi, Sam Kashiwagi, Tied Kobata, Kern Kono, Lenny Mizusaka, Tom Nakashima, Andy Noguchi, Heidi Sakazaki, Marielle Tsukamoto, Stan Umeda, and cheir Christina Ilmeda.

Tsukamoto, Stan Umeda, and chair Christine Umeda. "Justice is a Matter of Continu-ing Education" is the abiding theme for all of the Florin chap-ter's programs and activities relat-ed to the Time of Remembrance since its inception under the guid-ance and leadership of Mary Tsu-ruko Tsukamoto. The program is geared to educate the audience through the involvement of their intellect, senses and emotions.

Interiect, senses and emotions. Planning begins immediately for the next event. Call 916/427-2841 to suggest a theme, a speak-er, or to participate in the plan-ning meetings.

## Twin Cities Chapter Participates in Social Studies Conference

Forty-seven teachers attended a workshop coordinated by the JACL Twin Cities chapter titled, Teaching the Japanese American Internment Experience and World War II," at the Minnesota Council of the Social Studies 2000 Spring Conference on March 2

March 2. Speakers were Sally Sudo, chair of the TC education com-mittee, and Tom Ohno, both former internees and retired teach-ers. Historical background and perspectives, personal experi-ences, and lesson plan examples were shared in the one-and-ahalf hour session. The JACL national education

mmittee's curriculum and re source guide, a teacher guide de-veloped by the National Japanese American Historical Society, and a packet containing addition-al resources and handouts were



Sally Sudo, TC education committee chair, and Tom Ohno, speakers at the statewide social studies teacher's conference.

distributed. The chapter's collection of books, teacher guides, videos, and archival photographs were on display.

Funding for this workshop was provided by the JACL Legacy Fund. The TC chapter has also formerly participated in two all-

day workshops. The first was held in June 1998 as part of JACL's NISEI project funded by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. The second, held in Rebruary 1999, also received funding from the JACL Legacy Fund. ■

# WSU Asian Pacific American Awareness Month Continues

Asian Pacific Awareness Month activities continue at Washington State University with a workshop on the Korean War

The theme for the month, the fourth annual such event at the university, is "Celebrating Our Heritage Towards the New Mil-lennium."

Activities during the month include

• April 15, 6 p.m., Hui Hau'oli Hawai'i, WSU's Hawaiian 0 Club, presents its annual luau. The theme is "2000 Years of Hawaii's History." It will be held in Pullman's Lincoln Middle School gymnasium.
April 19, 6 p.m., Filipino

Culture Night, presented by FASA/Filipino American Student Association, will be held in the Stephenson residential com-

plex's Downunder. • April 19-21, an Asian Amer ican/Pacific Islander-sponsored conference, "Shaping High School Asian Pacific Islanders for the Next Generation," will be held in the CUB

• April 20, 7 p.m., the Los An-

geles-based Asian American Month closing banquet will be held in the CUB Cascade Room. performing theatre ensemble Here and Now will perform in For additional information, the CUB Auditorium contact the Asian American/Pa-April 22, 7 p.m., the Asian

cific Islander Student Center, 509/335-1986. Pacific American Awareness

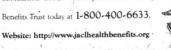
# Sac'to JACL Honors Nao Takasugi



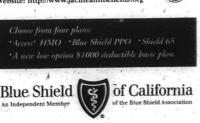
The Sacramento JACL and Anheus er-Busch hos d a reception on M The sacraftence JACL and Anneuser-Button hosted a reception on Mail 26 in honor of former Assemblyman Nao Takasugi, who was recently profil in Tom Brokaw's bestseller, "The Greatest Generation." Many legislators a Asian Pacific American community leaders were in attendance to honior Tai sugi for his many years of public service in state and local government. P tured above from left to right are Nao Takasugi and Toko Fuji, vice preside of the Sacramento JACL III rs and

Blue Shield health plans for California JACL members Blue Shield of California offers group health care coverage to current JACL members age 18 and over who reside in California. Plans may include a wide range of benefits.

including vision care, worldwide emergency coverage. dental care, prescription drug benefits and more. For more information about these plans, call the JACL Health



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\$10,000 to Nikkei 2000 Conference will be a working conference where participants will not just

Union Bank of California Donates

Union Bank of California re-cently contributed \$10,000 to support the Nikkei 2000 Con-ference, April 27-30 in San Franrisco

The conference will address the vision of the Japanese Amer ican community of the 21st cen tury and is expected to draw 500 attendees from across the United States and some foreign coun-

Conference co-chairs Steve Nakajo, Paul Osaki and Laura Takeuchi emphasized that this

where participants win hot just passively listen to speakers, but will actively engage in "commu-nity building" dialogue in dis-cussing the issues and challenges facing the general Nikkei community. The Nikkei 2000 Conference is

being organized by the California Japanese American Community

Lawson Fusao Inada, Professor at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, writer and poet, wove excerpts from the seventy-plus oral

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From the Frying Pan



he intelligence (a word used advisedly) from Washington is that the Feds. who have life or death authority over matters, agree it's okay to have Mike Masaoka's name and me and a few of his words on the National Japanese American memorial.

Thus ends, I hope, a chapter of Japanese American history reminiscent of a kabuki vendetta. On with the memorial's dedication celebration.

It is passing strange that Mike Masaoka should become such a controversial figure years after his death. In 1942, as JACL's national secretary, he was made spokesman for the Japanese American community by federal authorities who had no idea who else to talk to

The vast majority of JAs -fearful and confused - were grateful at that time to have Masaoka in that role. And when confronted by the inevitability of mass incarceration, JACL counseled acceptance of an abhorrent and obviously illegal mandate as the alternative to the blood that the Army was ready to spill. / A half century later one of the

complaints against Masaoka and the decision to cooperate is that he was not authorized to speak for JAs. Do the complainants think an election for spokesman should have been held and a

plebiscite conducted to set policy? Decades ago Masaoka himself proposed the memorial as a tribute to Japanese American servicemen who gave their lives in World War II. A group of veterans picked up the idea. When the concept of the memorial was changed as required by federal regulation, and the project be-came much broader than first projected, a group of volunteers

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# It's Time to Move On

joined with the vets to form the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and sought public support. By then Masaoka was dead. The response to the appeal for funds was little short of astonishing. More than 20.000 contributors nationwide, most of them JA, gave in exce of 10 million dollars

History shows that the cold marble of memorials can stir hot controversy. There is argument even today that the well-loved inscription on the venerable Statue of Liberty is inappropriate be-cause it was intended originally to celebrate not immigrants but to celebrate not immigrants but the freedom of black slaves. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mémorial has stirred passionate disagreement. And within memo-ry is the bitterness that greeted the stark, brooding, now-revered the stark, brooding, now-revered Vietnam Memorial.

The most outspoken opponents of Masaoka on the memorial were primarily younger JAs with no firsthand knowledge of the years of war and imprisonment. Their tactic was to bombard the press — which dutifully pub-lished it, with rhetoric that succeeded in dividing the community.

As the controversy raged, it be-came obvious opposition was less to the words chosen for the inscription than mention of JACL and Masaoka's links with it. In the approved version, Masaoka is identified as a soldier and civil rights advocate with no reference to JACL. It was not a good com-

promise. Oddly enough a minority of the NJAMF was involved in the No-to-Masaoka movement. One member coldly threatened legal action to block the Masaoka quo-tation even though the board had

endorsed it several times, most lately by a vote of 27 to 6 with one abstention. If a majority of the board can't make binding decisions, who can? At this point there is no indication that the federal agency, which has found Masaoka worthy of memorializa-tion, will be made party to the suit if and when it is filed.

By Bill Hosokawa

The finest words of wisdom to come out of this tawdry mess were written by one of Mike's, nieces, Jan Masaoka, in a letter published in the San Francisco Examiner. She wrote: "The real, lasting tragedy of in-

ternment was its power to divide our community against itself, a division that is still hurtful and damaging. Each person at that time was forced to make terrible choices about complicated mat ters, and with multiple and complex motivations. The crime was that we were forced to such deci-sion, not that any of us caught in context of the time made them.

"Rather than continue to fight old battles we should see every-- the no-nos, the yes-yes one the conscientious objectors, the 442 soldiers, the Japanese Amer ican Citizens League leaders, the families and children — as vic-tims. And we should refuse to perpetuate our victimhood by damning one another.

It is time to bring down the curtain on the kabuki drama and prepare for the celebratory dedication The JA community de serves it. It's been a long time since Feb. 19, 1942, E.O. 9066, and an armchair general named DeWitt

(Bill Hosokawa's column will appear\*from time to time.)

By Bill Marutani

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# JAKWV to Dedicate Memorial in Korea

The Japanese American Kore-an War Veterans (JAKWV) will build a memorial dedicated to the 247 Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) who were killed or missing in action during the Korean War, 1950 to 1953, it was announced March 22 at a press conference held in the National Japanese American War Memorial Court at the Japanese Ameri-can Cultural and Community can Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles. The memorial will be built at Imjin-Gak, Paju City, Kyonggi Province, Korea, and will be ded-icated in May 2001. draws an average of 1,200,000 Korean and international visitors annually

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Measuring 50.7 inches across and 76.8 inches from the ground level to the top, the black granite memorial will contain the names memorial will contain the names of each of the 247 Japanese American KIAs and MIAs from the Korean War. The JAKWV has almost achieved its fund-rais-ing goal for the monument. Although the monument will be completed by April 25 of this year, Tonai explained that it will not be officially dedicated until Mary 2021 where the LAKWV

May 2001, when the JAKWV



Edward M. Nakata, JAKWV vice president and chairman of the Korea Memo Edward M. Nakata, JAKW Woo president and chaintain of the Rotea Mento-rial Committee (left) and Minoru Tonai, JAKWW vice president and member of the memorial committee, stand where a memorial to Americans of Japanese Ancestry killed or missing in action in the Korean War will be located in the Imjin-Gak memorial park in Paju City, Korea. In the foreground is a monther to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army.

Present at the press confer-ence were Consul Myongbai Kim of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Los Angeles, Chairman Kap-jong Chi of the UN Korean War Association, who flew in from Seoul, and President Nan-tai Cho of the Korean Veterans Association West rean Veterans Association, West-ern United States. Edward M. Nakata, JAKWV vice president and chairman of the Korea Memorial Committee, emceed

the program. Minoru Tonai, JAKWV vice president and member of the memorial committee, related that with the year 2000 marking the 50th anniversary of the be ginning of the Korean War, the JAKWV decided to build a memorial to their fallen comrades in Korea.

The memorial will be located at Imjim-Gak, a memorial park 27 miles north of Seoul and five miles north of Seoul and five miles south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), adjacent to the Freedom Bridge, and is part of the Unification and National Security Tourist site. The park

plans to send a large delegation to Korea. He said the monument will help to explain to the people of Korea that there were Japan-ese Americans who fought for ese Americans who tought for their freedom and independence and hopefully help bring closure for relatives and friends of JAs missing in action by providing a memorial in the land where they fell

"The Korean people are grate-ful to the UN soldiers who helped protect us from communism. They will never forget the contri-butions of these soldiers who gave their lives for us," said Pres-ident Nan-tai Cho of the Korean

ident Nan-tai Cho of the Korean Veterans Association, Westerm United States. The JAKWV is having a 50th anniversary dinner on April 28 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Los An-geles. The proceeds from the event will be used to help pay for the huiding of the memorial in the building of the memorial in Korea For additional informa-Korea. For additional informa-tion on the dinner, contact Robert Wada, 410 W. Amerige Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832, 714/992-5461 or fax: 714/535-9761. ■

S I RECALL I was in the second grade when, along with my classmates, I shook hands with Postmaster General James A. Far-ley at the Kent (Washington) post office. Of rotund build, he post office. Of rotund build, he was the cartoon epitome of a politician, which he very much was. The sinecure of the cabinet post of postmaster general tra-ditionally being awarded to the chieftain of the political party that won the election. Mr. Far-ley was a member of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's cabinet. I've often wondered what Mr. Far-ley had honed to gain shaking ley had hoped to gain shaking hands of tots who had more than a dozen years to go before becoming eligible to vote. How-Initial a toben eligible to vote How-ever, in retrospect, Mr. Farley must have possessed political perspicacity far beyond the ken of even the most politically as-titic: Who would have thought that FDR would remain en-sconced in the presidency for more than a dozen years, run-ning (and winning) his fourth term as late as 1944? Some may point out that Farley was seeking to reach the parents of those second graders, parents who would learn that evening about their child shaking the hand of a cabinet officer. Fine and dandy, except in my,

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barred by law from attaining U.S. citizenship, they were de-nied access to the ballot.

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**OUR ISSEI FOLKS** showed great respect for those possess-ing political power. If one could claim having "connections" (whatever that means) even at the lowest rung, such as a ward committeeman, that was re-garded with a touch of awe. In my hometown of Kent, just being able to claim friendship with the police chief's (Hoffman) son was a bragging point. Even in later postwar periods, there was a time when having some low-level county official as a main speaker at a Nikkei dinner meeting was considered a coup. Seems pathetic by today's dinde But that was the way it once

SINCE THE DAY I shook hands with Postmaster Farley, the lot of the Nikkei has changed. Dramatically so. To-day Nikkei themselves hold high positions, consort with cabinet members as well as the president. (U. S. Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, Hawaii, related an anecdote of being invited to a White House reception for some Japanese dignitaries. Among those coming through

the reception line was best recall — Secretary of State Alexander Haig. When Haig reached Sen. Matsunaga, the secretary welcomed him to this country. Whereupon, Sparky (no doubt with that mischievous the upper wind that mischievous twinkle in his eye) reminded Haig that Matsunaga had nonetheless had the pleasure of casting a vote in the U.S. Senate for Haig vote in the U.S. Senate for Haig's confirmation. Sparky relished relating this incident as manifested by his countenance lighting up.) An Asian American has been elected to a governor-ship on the mainland. In eastern United States we now have AAs presiding as judges in courts of record, not only at the state level but also at the federal level. And I fully anticipate that the trend will permeate into upper echelons of the judicial system. Even that second-grader who shook hands with grader who shook hands with the postmaster general sought to accelerate the process a bit by making a run in 1983 for a seat on the Supreme Court of Penn-sylvania. He discovered that en-dorsements of the state bar as-sociation as well as the newspa-pers from both ends of the state are not enough to overcome the absence of statewide political party endorsement.

#### Lesson: Politics 101:

San Jose to Host Nikkei Matsuri 2000

The Nikkei Matsuri Committee of San Jose, Calif., will celebrate two weekends of pride and cul-ture with Nikkei Matsuri 2000.

ture with Nickel Matsur 2000. The festival will be held on April 30, and will consist of tradi-tional food, arts and crafts and performing arts. To commemo-rate the millennium this year, the committee has added several events leading up to San Jose Japantown's annual cultural festival.

On Saturday, April 22, there will be an afternoon celebration of "Our Living Treasures," where the San Jose Nikkei community is proud to honor 10 local cente-narians and their families at a humboon at the DarubleTree Ho. luncheon at the DoubleTree Ho tel. A video of their stories and lives will be shown during this cial occa sion. spe

The 10 honorees for this inau-The 10 honorees for this inau-guràl community-wide celebra-tion will be: Kunji Doi, I.K. Ishi-matsu, Kikuye Kimagai, Moto Ono, Haruyo Ouchida, Henry Suezaki, Yoshie Terakawa and Hisako Yamamoto, Kima Konat-wa ad Uk-Kadawa su and Uta Kodama

On Saturday, April 29, there will be a day of hands-on cultural workshops called "Reflections of

Nihonmachi."

It will be a day to share cultural activities with local performing arts groups and craftspersons, ex-perience Japanese flower arrang-ing or learn classical dance, watch master chefs make sushi and watch Japanese dolls being creat-ed, all in a hands-on environment

On Sunday, April 30, there will be a day-long celebration of Japanese American foods, performing arts, and craft items from local vendors as well as vendors from Southern California and waii.

Community organizations incommunity organizations in-cluding churches, youth groups and cultural groups will gather together to celebrate and share their Nikkei heritage.

Nikkei Matsuri is located in the heart of San Jose Japantown along Jackson Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets. Admission is free. The festival is open from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Registration forms for the luncheon as well as schedules for all activities will be announced on the committee's Web-site: www.pgbgroup.com/nikkeimat-suri.

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said. "I never thought I'd come back because we were there to sacrifice our lives."

For this reason, Sakamoto got in a habit of giving away his belongings since he felt a dead soldier didn't need material goods. He even admitted to secretly giving away food to some of the German prisoners of war on condition that they "not say I gave it to you."

you." "It wasn't their fault [the war happened]," said Sakamoto. "They were given orders. They just had to do what they were told."

As fate would have it, both Bugliani and Sakamoto survived the war. Sakamoto returned to Hawaii and worked for the city and county of Honolulu until his retirement.

As for Bugliani, he made his way to the United States. Although born in Italy, Bugliani was an American citizen since his father, a World War I veteran, became a naturalized American citizen.

Bugliani almost seemed destined for the United States upon his birth since he was named after America. (The "o" ending denotes a masculine ending in the Italian language.) A few months after Bugliani

A few months after Bugliani landed in America, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Körean War. Later, he received his clearance as an interpreter and was sent to Occupied Austria, Germany and Italy.

preter and was sent to Occupied Austria, Germany and Italy. After his two year stint in the military, Bugliani returned to the United States where he held down various jobs while attending night school through the GI Bill. After earning a bachelor and masters degree in business administration from Northwestern, Buglianis' instructors urged him to attend college full-time for a doctorate degree.

Thus, Bugliani quit a lucrative job in the travel industry and earned his doctorate in Spanish and Italian literature from Northwestern University. From there, he taught at various places, eventually ending up at the University of Illinois. But in 1980, Bugliani left academics to reenter the business world as a wholesale jeweler.

December 1991, during the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Bugliani's war experiences came back to him when he saw a news clip of Sam Yoshinari, a World War II Nisei veteran, being interviewed on TV.

A few days later, Bugliani, while going to purchase an air filter for his car, chanced by a store called "Articles of War." The name caught his attention and he dropped in. As it turned out, this was a bookstore that specialized in military memorabilia. Bugliani inquired about the Japanese American soldiers and also about the African American 92nd "Buffalo" Division, which had also fought in Italy. Bugliani struck out on both accounts, but the store owner asked Bugliani to leave his name and number.

A few days later, the store owner called Bugliani and urged him to contact Ed Kelley, who had fought in Italy with the 34th Division. Kelley, in turn, invited Bugliani to join him as a member of the Chicago Nissei Post of the American Legion, which Bugliani eventually did, even becoming the Nisei Post's commander.

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Armed with only the inowiedge that a high concentration of JAs lived on the West Coast and in Hawaii, Bugliani started making cold calls. "I made so many telephone calls," said Bugliani. "And each time, I d try to tell my story quickly so the person on the side wouldn't hang up on me. This went on and on until I spoke with Mrs. Akiko Nosaka."

Nosaka, with Hawaii's Club 100, informed Bugliani that the man he was seeking had an unlisted phone number and referred him to Motoyoshi Tanaka, who was Sakamoto's bowling buddy on the Big Island.

Bugliani contacted Tanaka who gave him Sakamoto's number and address. Bugliani dialed the number and spoke with somesne who promptly told him there was no Paul Sakamoto at that number.

It took a few days for Bugliani to muster enough energy to call Tanaka again. As it turned out, the last two digits on the plone number that Tanaka gave Bugliani were wrong. After the initial mishap,

After the initial mishap, Bugliani was finally able to talk to the man whose simple gestures had touched his heart.

One of the first things Bugliani asked Sakamoto was why he had given Bugliani his hat. Sakamoto, although he could not specifically remember Bugliani, told him he gave away his material possessions in preparation for death.

"I thought I was going to die that day," said Sakamoto. "If I died, I wouldn't need those things anymore."

In 1995, the two had their first face-to-face meeting since the war when Bugliani flew out to Hawaii. Bugliani rented a car and drove across the Big Island, assuring Sakamoto, who had sent a recent photo of himself, that he would find the Nisel's bone.

When Bugliani finally located Sakamoto's home, the Nisei was standing outside waiting for him. An emotional reunion ensued.

It was from this event that Bugliani was inspired to push for a creation in Italy of a monument and possibly a museum in honor of the Nisei soldiers.

Bugliani immediately contacted his boyhood friend Paolo Tummasi, a president of a bank in Italy, and convinced him to get the ball rolling. Tomassi's borther, Marcello, a renown sculptor in Pietrasanta, Italy, volunteered to work an the monument pro bono.

The monument will include a is bronze, almost six-foot high, sculpture of Munemori to symbolize all Nisei soldiers who fought in Italy. Nearby will be a bas relief depicting the destruction of the war, the mountains where the Nisei men fought, the olive trees which were both real and symbolic of peace and a mother holding up a child to represent the future. Bugliani and Tommas, within

Bugliani and Tommassi, within a span of three years, were able to collect funds to purchase land for the monument and secure the support of the local politicians and residents. Local dignitaries and possibly the Italian president are expected to attend the April 25 monument unveiling.

As for Sakamoto, he will not be attending the Pietrasants ceremony. The 83-year-old said the pain in his knees becomes even more painful when he travels. He blames the problem to the extraordinary strain placed upon them during the war.

during the war. "We had to hike for miles over rough land and up mountains, carrying these heavy supplies and weapons and ammunition and even dead bodies," recalled Sakamoto. "And if you fell, you just had to get back up again. It was hard on the body, hard on the knees."

The widower, who lost his wife Jane three years ago, often visits the cemetery in memory of his wife and fallen comrades. "When I think about my friends, it gets me down," said Sakumoto. "But I hope they're resting in peace in heaven or wherever."

Anyone interested in attending the Pietrasanta, Italy, dedication on April 25, should contact Chase Travel at 818/246-1662 or 800/ 304-5100.

# **Obituaries**

All the towns are in California except as noted

Ina, Shizuko, 83, San Francisco, March 16; Seattle-born, Japan educated; survived by sons Kenny and wife Yvonne, Michael and wife Vickie, Satsuki; daughter Carey Covéy; 7 gc.; brother Sam and Jim Mitsui; sisters Kim Nakanishi, Sumiko Hoshino; predeceased by husband Itaru.

Ishizu, Beverly Fumi, 86, San Leandro, March 12; survived by daughter Deanne Shinizu and husbaad Keiji, sons Byron and wife Judy, Gaylan and wife Lily, 9 ;c; sister Dorothy Wehara; prødeceased by husband Charles.

Kubose, Rev. Guomay, 94, Chicago, March 29; San Francisco-born; Heart Mountain internee, author, pionéer in the Americanization of Buddhism; recipient of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Fifth Class, from the Emperor of Japan; survived by wife Minnie; son Dr. Don and wife Joyce Okamura, Rev. Dr. Koyo Sunnan and wife Adrienne Kimura, daughter Joyce Sosho and husband Robert Prosise; 5 gc, 4 ggc.

Mera, Mary Mieko, 79, Culver City, March 22, Madera-born; survived by husband James Hideo; son Richard; daughters Arlene Wada and husband Johan Chicago), Jean Gima and husband Len; 4 gc; brother Tom Okano (Fresno); sisters'Alice Yamada and husband Yeshito (Kingsburg), Edith Mikamo and husband Art. 4

Moriguchi, June, 69, San Francisco, March 21; San Francisco-born; survived by son Randy Jong and wife Judy; daughters Doreen Lew and husband John (Castro Valley), Karen Jong-On, Nancy Jong; 6 gc; sisters Lilly Campos, Katherine Baishiki, Barbara Iwai.

Nagatome, Tomiko, 71, Santa Monica, March 25; Los Angeles-born; survived by sister Nobuko Kamikhara, nieces and nephews.

Nishinaka, George Masatoshi, 76, Los Angeles, March 21; Selma-born; WWII 442nd RCT (H Co.) veteran; survived by sons Robert and wife Gail, James, Randall and wife Barbara, Mark, Wesley and wife Martha, Andrew; daughters Debra Skelton and husband Keith, Victoria Leon and husband Bernard; 11 gc; sister Eikk Rose Ito and husband Tom; brother Frank and wife Sally.

Wile Sany. Obucht, Akira, San Mateo, March 17; Selma-born; survived by son Roy T; parents Taisuzo and Once, brother Willis; sisters Shizuka, Teruko; sisters-in-law Chieko, Richiko; predeceased by sister Kiyoko, brothers Fred and Paul.

Sumida, Yoshiye, 98, Los Angies, March 19; Kumamoto-kenborn; survived by son Henry Sumida; 2 gc., 4 ggc.

Takakura, Kiyoko, 89, San Francisco, March 17, survived by son Raymond Shizuo Kawamoto and wife Kaye; daughter-in-law Reiko Kawamoto; step-son Donald Takakura and wife Sandi; 6 gc., 7 ggc.; sisters Pat Honda, Jane Yamashita, Ruth Kunimura.

Takeuchi, Hisaji, 82, San Francisco, March 14; survived by wife Kazuko; son Dennis; daughters Diane and Cynthia Takeuchi.

Tanaka, Seiichi, 86, Mountain View, March 21; survived by sons James Isao and wife Tsugiko, Charlie and wife Kay, Richard Koichiro and wife Mayumi, Richard "Dick" and wife Junko, Sam and wife Teruko; 15 gc, 4 ggc.

Tatsumi, Hiroshi Frank, 70,

Orange, March 15; Los Angelesborn; survived by wife Yoshiko; daughter Mari Tatsumi; mother Kimie Tatsumi; eister Sumiko Mattingly; brother-im-law Toshio Tanaka and wife Hissae; sistersin-law Hideko Hiroshima and husband Howard, Tokuko Tanaka, Fumiko Takenaka and husband George.

Umekita, Rev. Nobuo, 63, San Mateo, March 21; survived by wife Miyoko; daughter Kaori; brother Hayao and wife Noriko; brothers in Japan: Masami and wife Sui; Yasuo and wife Atsuko; sister Kuniko Matsuura and husband Kiyoshi.

Yamaguchi, Yoshimi, 57, Foster City, March 25; Koreaborn, survived by husband Takumi, daughters Midori Gray and husband Tom, Linda Stenzl and husband Mike; gc; brothers Keiji Muranaga and wife Priscilla, Alfred Muranaga and wife Joy; sister-in-law Hisako Dairokuŋo; brothers-in-law Etsuo Yamaguchi and wife Atsuko, Tadashi Yamaguchi and wife Noriko, Osamu Yamaguchi and wife Louise.

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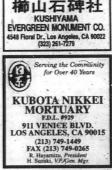
Yamane, Masako, 97, Fresno, March 16; Tottori-born; survived by daughter Kinuko Hayashi and husband Shigeo; sons Ken and wife Doris, Ejiji, Hideo and wife Keiko; 9 gc., 9 gc.

Yuba; George Toshishige, 87, Altadena, March 21; Tokyoborr; survived by wife Mary; sons Anthony and wife Yoshiko, Gregory and wife Cocilia; daughter Kathlynn Fujikawa and husband Bruce; 4 gc., 2 ggc; sister Mary Zoriki and husband Itsuo; brother Arthur and wife Martha.

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#### TSUGEJI "ALICE" IIJIMA SHIGEMI

ATLANTA, Ga.-Born in Okkland, Calif. Taugei, 'Alice' lijima Shigemi, 85, pased away peacefully on April 1. Surviving family from Atlanta includes: hushand Shigeto Loo Shigemi, daughters Virginia Brinkley, Angela Keating and hushand Michael; grandadughter Penny Brinkley. Other surviving family includes: eisters Misak Aki and inushand Rev. George, Claremont, Calif., Mayme Harris, Larkapur, Calif., brothers Tak lijima and wife Karu, New York, Shori lijima and wife Yoshiko, Modesto, Calif. Iasae lijima and wife Shiru, W. St. Paul, Minn.; 13 nicces and nephews, and numerous grand-nicces and grandnephews. A memorial service was held on April 10 in Alanta. Her final resting place is Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, the family asks' that donations be made to the World Wur II Memorial, PO. Box 96766, Washington, D.C. 2009e-8766.



**CCLPEP Grant Recipient Develops** High School Curriculum

The Stanford Program on International and Cross-cultural Education (SPICE), a recipient of a 1999 California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) grant, recently began the development of a high school curriculum unit that introduces the subject of the Japanese American incarceration and experience before, during and after World War II.

The unit focuses on the issue of civil rights, using the interment and post-intermments" era to encourage students in the California metropolitan area and inner-city high schools to contextualize it within the civil/rights issues affecting them and their communities today.

The unit consists of seven lessons: historical context for JA internment, internment years, JAs and the military, the resisters, Japanese Latin American internment, redress and contemporary U.S. Japan relations and JAs. This chapter of U.S. history has largely been ignored in history textbooks and in the general high school curriculum. SPICE director Gary Mukai plans to use an interdisciplinary approach to reach a diverse audience of students.

Those who participated in developing the curriculum unit included Mukai; Dr. Gordon Chang, Stanford History Department; Shig Doi, 442nd veteran; Diane Matsuda, CCLPEP director; Dr. Daniel Okimoto, Stanford Political Science Department; Dr. Ruth Okimoto, artist; Dr. John Sadanaga, 442nd veteran; Art Shibayama, former WWII JLA internee; Lois Takaoka, assistant director of Stanford's Institute for International Studies (IIS); and Roy Uyehata, MIS veteran. Steve Yoda, a Stanford graduate student in the history department, is serving as the research assistant on this proiect

SPICE is a program of the IIS and has been developing curricula for schools since 1973. Once the curriculum unit is complete, Mukai will conduct teacher staff development programs that introduce JA internment to both foreign cities as well as major cities, in the U.S. Programs have already been held in Honolulu, Los Angeles, New York, Beijing, Seoul, Jakarta, Manila, and Bangkok.

The project aims to maximize the long-term educational impact of creating a legacy of remembrance of JA intermment through the 'teaching and learning from the curriculum in years to come. If students can apply lessons learned from civil rights violations that occurred during the interment period in confronting civil rights violations in their own irves, a legacy will have been eetablished

SPICE is confident that it can eventually disseminate the unit not only to every California high school, but to every high school in the United States.■

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style that caught the attention of A&R representatives at Columbia Records, Hiraizumi is currently working in the studio with producworking in the studio with produc-er Walter Thompson on a full-length demo, which may well posi-tion her to emerge as the next teen sensation. Already, she's been caught off guard by people asking for ...pictures and autographs.

When you get that recognition, the feeling is so inexplainable." Her introduction to the enter-tainment world came only a couple of years ago in a national commer-cial for "House Curry," in which she was cast alongside her entire family, her father Gary, her mother Junko and her two younger sisters Keli, 15, and Jill, 14.

Keli, 15, and Jill, 14. Even though they initially had doubts about her aspirations, Hi-raizumi credits her parents for keeping her grounded and sup-porting her both emotionally and financially. 'My parents are a big innancially. "My parents are a big part of my career, my entertain-ment life. They kind of act as my consultants," she said. "At first, they were a little skeptical, a little apprehensive, because it didn't re-ally look like a promising career. "There was actually a lot of con-

"There was actually a lot of con-flict as far as opinions over how to handle me in this whole acting thing," she added, partly because her Shin Issei mom is more tradi-tional than her Sansei dad. "I think they thought I was going through a phase. It took a while for them to actually let me take [acting classes, but they let me do it as long as I kept my grades up." The "phase" turned into a full-

time job, however, and between au-**NEED ESTATE PLANNING?** (free consultation for JACL members RALPH T. KOKKA, ESQ. The Schinner Law Group 40 First Street, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94105 (415) 369-9059 kokka@schinner.com WILLS, TRUSTS. CHARITABLE GIFTS anat 3 anat Japaniese Charms Japanese Names anese Family Crests 12546A Valley View St. Garden Grove, CA 9264 (714) 840-0276 Japan Spring Ura-Nihon Tour Aoi Festival & Kii Shirahama Onsen Tour Mackinac Island & the Great Lakes 6

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dition and shoots, Hiraizumi attempts to juggle life as a student at El Camino College, majoring in film and TV production. Some-times it's really draining, she said,

times its really granning, she saw, but I'm sticking it out. That perserverance, as well as her showbiz savvy, has helped her to deal with many of the downsides to deal with many of the downsides of the profession, such as grueling hours on sets, driving to and from different auditions and agencies and expenses for headshots and promotional items.

promotional items. Hiraizumi also described a clas-sic "casting couch" experience in which a producer came on to her during an audition, asking her to re-enact with him an intimate scene that was in the script. She refused and reported him to the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) union. Screen/Actars Guild (SAG) union. Because these types of incidents do happen, especially to young women hoping for a big break, she stressed the importance of know-ing your own boundaries and not allowing anyone to take advantage of you. For herself, she does not do any scenes requiring nudity.

of course, being an actor of Asian descent presents an entirely different set of problems as well. "Recently," Hiraizumi said, "I went on an audition for a series pilot. We did the reading and all of a sudden they asked, Can you translate that

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into Chinese? And I said, Tm not Chinese. And they said, Well, you're Asian aren' you? And I said, Well, yeah, but I don't speak Chi-nese. It's so frustrating, but you're only option is to be hone

Although there have been vari-Although there have been var-ous occasions on which she was asked to revert to a stereotype, she said the negatives generally don't outweigh the positives. It's all a matter of perspective, according to Hiraizumi. 'I feel so special some-times when I'm the only Asian girl in a surdeminerative mitte cost in a predominantly white cast.

in a predominantly white cast. "But you gotta stay humble and keep at it. Never think that you're too good for a part. You've got bit parts, and I've heard people turn them down because they think it's not worth their time. But, still, I never miss an opportunity because

hever miss an opportunity occase that opportunity can lead to some-thing else," she said. "I know one thing for sure. This career path, I just feel so passion-ate about it. There's nothing else I think about all the time, everyday." 

Tentatively due for release this summer, look out for Hiraizumi's latest project, a teen comedy feature film called "100 Girls," co-starring Larisa Oleynik ("10 Things I Hate About You") and Jaime Pressly ("Jack & Jill").

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# Celebrate its 60th Anniversary

The Nisei Week Japanese Festi-val celebrates its 60th Anniversary July 29-Aug. 6, throughout the streets of downtown Los Angeles' Little Tokyo community. "Only through the commitment

and support from volunteers, the Little Tokyo community and our sponsors, have we been able to achieve such an accomplishment for the Nisei Week Japanese Festi-val to reach this milestone," said Tim Itatani, general chairperson. "We want to ensure that this tradition with our community continues and grows for future generations. "The dates are earlier than usual,

but we were concerned about con-flicting with the Democratic Na-tional Convention scheduled for mid-August," said Itatani, the 1999 general chairperson who will once again take the reins in leading the

festival into the 21st century. Nisei Week events include a grand parade, 5k run, many cultur-al exhibits, a street arts fair, carni-

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