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UNITED NATIONS VISIT: Kamal Kishore (left), special representative of the U.N. secretary general for disaster risk reduction, shakes hands with Ishikawa Gov. Hiroshi Hase in Kanazawa, the capital of the central Japan prefecture, on June 20, following a visit to a market in Wajima in the prefecture that was gutted by a fire following a powerful earthquake that hit the Noto Peninsula area on Jan. 1.

FIT FOR TRIAL: A psychiatric evaluation of the man accused of fatally shooting former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has determined him mentally fit to be held criminally responsible for his actions, sources close to the matter said Wednesday. The defense for Tetsuya Yamagami did not contest the results of the evaluation, which had been conducted at the request of prosecutors, and effectively deferred a request for another evaluation, the sources said. The trial of Yamagami, 43, who was arrested for the shooting in July 2022 in the western city of Nara, is now expected to focus on how he grew up, as well as the lethality of the homemade gun he used in the incident. A date for the first hearing has yet to be determined.

INFLATION RELIEF: Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Friday that the government will compile fresh inflation relief steps around this fall, providing cash handouts to low-income households struggling to weather the cost-of-living crisis. The aid will come on top of government subsidies that Kishida also vowed to retain to cut household utility bills. Rising prices have weighed heavily on consumers despite his emphasis on wealth redistribution via pay hikes. The announcement came as Kishida has been struggling to shore up public support for his Cabinet amid growing voter frustration over his handling of a political funds scandal and the inflation-hit economy.

in the news

NAME CHANGE: Downtown Los Angeles' Pershing Square, which includes one of the city's oldest parks, would get a new name to honor former slave and early founder of the city Bridget "Biddy" Mason under a plan announced Wednesday by Councilmember Kevin de León. In a Juneteenth-related news conference, de León said he planned to introduce a motion Friday to rename Pershing Square to Biddy Mason Park. According to de León's office, the renaming would serve as a symbolic and overdue recognition of Mason's life. Born into slavery in Georgia in 1818, she became a prominent nurse and co-founded the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in the city. Pershing Square was originally dedicated in 1866 by then-Mayor Cristóbal Aguilar as La Plaza Abaja, then later dedicated in honor of World War I Gen. John J. Pershing in 1918.

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Yen-Dollar Rate

DOLLAR UP: The dollar was higher in trading Friday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market, finishing at 158.77-77 yen, up .51 yen from Thursday's close.

Dean Nakanishi to Retire as AADAP CEO

After 32 years at the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Dean Nakanishi will retire on June 30.

Joining in 1991, he served as administrative director for most of his tenure, and as CEO since 2021.

AADAP is grateful to Nakanishi for his service and commitment to the organization and its mission. He oversaw all aspects of AADAP's operations and furthered the organization's services, including expanding employment programs, HIV/AIDS outreach, and sober living homes. He played a crucial role in establishing core business processes covering auditing, insurance, health and safety, human resources, risk management, and marketing/fundraising.

Alongside Mike Watanabe, Nakanishi facilitated AADAP's growth from a grassroots nonprofit to one of Los Angeles County's largest substance use treatment providers.

Under Nakanishi's leadership, AADAP achieved full accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) International in 2014, underscoring the organization's commitment to service excellence and continued mission driven growth.

Passionate about supporting vulnerable populations affected by substance use disorder amidst neigh-



Dean Nakanishi

borhood gentrification, Nakanishi has advocated for equitable access to services, and championed for cultural competency to reach underserved AAPI and other diverse groups.

An alumnus of Pepperdine Graziadio School of Business, he enjoys fishing, gardening and traveling.

"It has been an incredible 32 years. I was here during the L.A. Riots, Northridge Earthquake, the AADAP expansion years and the most recent COVID pandemic," Nakanishi said. "AADAP has grown

so much. My legacy will always be working side-by-side with the G.O.A.T. of AADAP, Mike Watanabe. AADAP will always be my 'ohana and I will continue to fight the good fight for recovery services!"

Michael Yoshiba, board chair, stated, "On behalf of the entire board, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dean for his unwavering dedication to AADAP and steadfast commitment to advancing our mission. As Dean approaches retirement, we acknowledge his remarkable career achievements and unparalleled contributions over 32 years. His impact is immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire."

Rhea K. Mac, a social equity consultant with Nonprofit Growth Advisors (NGA), will serve as interim CEO starting July 1. She is a dedicated Angeleno with expertise in nonprofit organizations, social equity, and homelessness and looks forward to applying her expertise to serve and support AADAP during this transition.

Koya Partners will conduct an executive search for AADAP's next CEO, prioritizing finding a match that will value the rich history of the organization and carry forward AADAP's mission.



From left: VFW Post 3670 members Steven Nakauchi, James Nakamura, Jon and Janis Mauldin; Troop 578 Eagle Scouts Zachary Mauldin and Matthew Nakagawa; VFW Post 3670 members Ken Hayashi, Jon and Sandra Nakagawa.

Masuda VFW Post 3670 Honors Eagle Scouts

Kazu Masuda VFW Post 3670 honored three winners of this year's Scout of the Year award.

The selection committee found the accomplishments of Eagle Scouts Joshua Nomura, Zachary Mauldin, and Matthew Nakagawa all to be above and beyond the selection criteria.

Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout alone is considered to be an extraordinary accomplishment since only 4% of scouts achieve this rank.

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. recognizes Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

Troop 242's Eagle Scout Joshua Nomura from Torrance stood out as a prime performer for his efforts to further improve the quality of edu-

cation for youth. He took the lead in establishing a grassroots effort to organize a local community book drive that resulted in a collection of over 6,000 books to augment the Compton elementary school library.

Additionally, Nomura's drive to foster the education of youth was recognized for his active volunteering at Children's Ministry, where he mentors and assists younger members.

His caring for the less fortunate was also commended by the selection committee for his positive contributions to the Feed My Starving Children and the Journey of South Bay organizations focused on eliminating hunger throughout the world and local communities.

He is attending Pepperdine University.

OCBC Troop 578's Eagle Scout Zachary Mauldin from Anaheim, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2018, persevered throughout his

battle with the disease and continued to advance in the scouting ranks despite his condition.

During his treatment, Mauldin was granted a Make-a-Wish and met his longtime hero Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels. The great joy of meeting Trout inspired Mauldin to help others experiencing similar challenges. And just as Mauldin persevered to become an Eagle Scout, he once again demonstrated selfless perseverance by becoming an ambassador in the local Make-A-Wish chapter, offering inspiration and support for those in need.

He is attending University of Colorado.

OCBC Troop 578's Eagle Scout Matthew Nakagawa from Rossmore long recognized the importance of establishing a sports and fitness mindset early in our lives for lifelong health and well-being. His keen insight also understood that fitness must be enjoyable with achievable goals.

After thinking about how to make this happen, Nakagawa created a unique NBA Skills Challenge Course that taught the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and challenging way by having players navigate through a series of stations along the course. After many long hours of developing and fine-tuning his program, he found success as many of his fellow students adopted his course into their fitness routine.

Additionally, Nakagawa continued to refine his program by examining the impacts of sports injuries from over-exertion, which led to the creation of guidelines on proper equipment and taping methods to maximize performance while preventing injuries.

In the fall he will be attending UC Santa Barbara.



From left: Troop 242 Scoutmaster Brian Terao, Eagle Scout Joshua Nomura, Jim, Lani and Kris Nomura.

2024 Nisei Week Baby Show Applications Now Available

The 2024 Nisei Week Baby Show will be held on Saturday, July 20, at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Arleta (note new location).

Children 1 year to 6 years of age are encouraged to enter this great family event in one of three categories:

Tiny Tots – 1 year to 23 months old (check-in 9 a.m./judging at 10 a.m.)

Romper Stompers – 2 to 3 years old (check-in 11 a.m./judging at 12 p.m.)

Jet Setters – 4 to 6 and 1 month (check-in 1 p.m./judging at 2 p.m.)

Price is \$60 per pre-entry (application must be received by July 10 for pre-entry price) with walk-in fee at \$65. All entrants must be of at least one-quarter Japanese ancestry.

The prince and princess of each division will receive a crown, trophy, sash and special prizes. A panel of judges, who are notable and leaders in the Japanese American commu-

nity, will select winners.

There will also be other award categories to be presented, including a Most Photogenic Contest, but you must be pre-registered and photos must be submitted with application by Friday, July 10. The pictures will be returned to you on the day of the Baby Show.

The prince and princess in each division, plus the most photogenic winner, will have an opportunity to ride on the Choo Choo Train in the 82nd Nisei Week Grand Parade to be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m. in Little Tokyo.

All participants will receive a color portrait photo by Toyo Miyatake, goodie bags filled with wonderful gifts, and a personalized certificate of participation.

Applications are available at NiseiWeek.org. For more information, contact the Nisei Week Office at info@niseiweek.org or (213) 687-7193.



MIKEY HIRANO CULROSS/Rafu Shimpō

Melanie Kha is all smiles at the Nisei Week Baby Show. This year's show will be held at the San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center.

Keiro Announces Survey and Focus Group on Facilities Providing Memory Care Services

The Keiro Board of Directors announced plans to engage with community members on its intent to develop small-scale residential models of care, commonly referred to as "board and care homes," to support those affected by memory loss.

Building upon previous community feedback, discussions with experts in the field of Alzheimer's research and care, as well as monitoring trends in aging services, Keiro will launch another online survey and conduct select focus group meetings as it pursues opportunities to meet the evolving needs of our older adults and their caregivers in the community.

"Keiro is very excited to share this new component of our strategic vision with our community," commented Keiro Board Chair Jack Kurihara. "While we remain steadfast in our commitment to focus on the overwhelming community preference to age at home, we recognize the importance of looking into supporting the needs of those who require additional care."

"Knowing that one in six persons age 65 and over will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and one in five will have other types of dementia, the need for advanced memory care services cannot be overlooked," added Keiro President and CEO Beverly Ito. "Keiro is excited to take another step forward as we seize upon opportuni-

ties to develop financially viable, self-sustaining memory care services. We invite everyone to engage with Keiro this summer as we commit to our vision to strengthen our community's infrastructure by supporting those with memory loss."

In February 2024, Keiro shared the findings from its 2023 Community Needs Survey held last summer. This survey, which was part of Keiro's ongoing commitment to understanding the evolving aging needs of the community, confirmed that the majority of community members want to age in place at home, unless they experience a decline in their physical or cognitive health or the loss of essential caregiver support.

In response to the findings from the survey and in its continuing efforts to strengthen the network of support for older adults and caregivers, the Keiro Board of Directors has decided to move forward with developing financially sustainable board and care homes that reflect the community's needs for additional memory support.

In developing an accessible, self-sustaining board and care model that provides quality memory care support, Keiro invites community members to engage via an online survey. The survey will be available through Sept. 30.

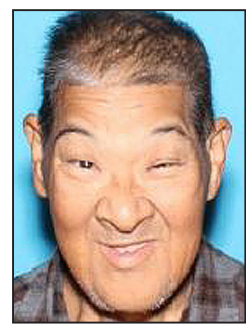
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Authorities Seek Help Locating 64-Year-Old Man with Medical Condition

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Authorities sought help from the public Wednesday in locating a 64-year-old man last seen in Covina who requires medication for an unspecified medical condition.

Jimmy Hagime Morinaga was last seen in the 2100 block of East



Jimmy Morinaga

Cloverton Street around 1 p.m. Monday, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Morinaga was described as a 6-foot-tall Asian man weighing 155 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He also has a prosthetic right leg and was last seen wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Morinaga was urged to contact the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau Missing Persons Detail at (323) 890-5500. Tipsters who prefer to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 or visit lacrimestoppers.org.



Dinner-Dance in Little Tokyo Benefits WWII Camp Wall

A fundraising dinner/dance was held June 8 at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Little Tokyo for the WWII Camp Wall with more than 300 people in attendance.

The monument, to be located in Torrance's Columbia Park, will contain the names of over 125,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated by the government during World War II. The goal is to make sure they are remembered so that such a violation of constitutional rights won't occur again.

Attendees danced to oldies performed by Asian Persuasion and Kokoro. Line dancing lessons were given by Jerry Fukui, Kay Niizawa and Kimi Watanabe.

Current and former elected officials showing their support for the cause included Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, Torrance City

Councilmember Asam Sheikh, and former Los Angeles City Councilmember Jan Perry, who received special recognition because it was her birthday.

Muratsuchi, who secured \$5 million in state funding for the wall, paid tribute to Kanji Sahara of Torrance, who came up with the idea for the wall. Sahara and his family were incarcerated at Santa Anita as well as Jerome and Rohwer in Arkansas. His granddaughters Kristen Tang and Kaitlyn Tang are the group's treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Two members of the wall's Advisory Committee who were appointed by the City of Torrance were introduced: Stacey Toda and Lisa Robinson.

Assisting with the raffle were Nisei Week Queen Kaitlyn Chu, First Princess Sarah Kubo and Princess

Kaili Inouye. Olympic karateka Sakura Kokumai lent her star power to the event.

WWII Camp Wall President Nancy Hayata said after the event, "We had a wonderful time at the dance with all of you, and appreciate the donations that came in. It was a very successful event for us, and we're just a little closer to funding the Educational Display Stations.

"A huge thank you to each and every volunteer that helped the night to run smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you. And an extra special thank you to Carol Tanita and Wayne Nagao, without whom the night would have never happened."

For more information on the project, visit www.wwiicampwall.org.

—Report and photos by J.K. YAMAMOTO



Above, Olympic karateka Sakura Kokumai (left) helps with chili sales. Below: a birthday surprise for former L.A. Councilmember Jan Perry from Nisei Week Queen Kaitlyn Chu, Princess Kaili Inouye and First Princess Sarah Kubo.



Kay Niizawa and Jerry Fukui bust a move on stage, while line dancing (below) was a hit with the hundreds of guests.



From left: WWII Camp Wall board members Kay Oda, Kristen Tang, Kanji Sahara, Nancy Hayata and Kyoko Oda with Hiroko Higuchi and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi. Below: WWII Camp Wall advisors Stacey Toda and Lisa Robinson.



PASSINGS



Before turning to acting, Hawaiian-born Taylor Wily competed in professional sumo in Japan, under the wrestling name Takamishu.

'Hawaii Five-0' Actor Taylor Wily Dies at 56

CITY NEWS SERVICE / RAFU REPORTS

Funeral services were pending Friday for Taylor Wily, a former sumo wrestler who gained fame as an actor by portraying an imposing but endearing informant on CBS' "Hawaii Five-0" reboot.

Wily, 56, died Thursday. Peter M. Lenkov, an executive producer of "Hawaii Five-0," posted on Instagram about Wily's death, which was also confirmed by Hawaiian news station KITV. No cause of death was reported.

"I am devastated. Heartbroken. I'll post some detailed feelings later. Just too hard right now," Lenkov wrote, alongside a picture with Wily, on Thursday.

In a separate post with a photo montage, Lenkov wrote, "T, as I told you many times, I fell in love with you at the first audition. You came in with a towel on your head mopping up sweat, and I was smitten. You charmed me into making you a regular ... on the show ... and in my life. You

were family. And I will miss you every day, brother. PS: when we spoke last week, we laughed at how right you were from Day 1. 'Five-0' was our dream job. And I was so lucky we got to share that magic together."

In 171 episodes of the "Hawaii Five-0" reboot, Wily portrayed Kamekona Tupuola, a food truck owner who would often provide tips to the show's state police unit, led by Alex O'Loughlin's character Steve McGarrett and Scott Caan's Danny Williams.

Tipping the scales at 450 pounds, Wily found success as a champion sumo wrestler in Japan, and competed in mixed martial arts matches before turning to acting. He also had a memorable role in the comedy film "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and appeared in shows including "MacGyver" and "Magnum, P.I."

He was born Teila Tuli on June 14, 1968, in Honolulu.

Wily is survived by his wife, Halona, and their two children.

Chestnut, Kobayashi to Face Off in Live Hot Dog Eating Contest Sept. 2

COURTESY NETFLIX

It's a dog-eat-dog world out there — and on Sept. 2, it will be a man-eat-(hot) dog world, too.

Streaming live on Netflix, 16-time hot dog-eating champion Joey Chestnut will face off against rival and six-time hot dog-eating champion Takeru Kobayashi in "Chestnut vs. Kobayashi: Unfinished Beef" with all-beef hot dogs. The showdown will settle a 15-year rivalry between the two competitive eaters: Will Chestnut maintain his title as the world's greatest, or will Kobayashi come in with a vengeance and regain his throne?

Born and raised in San Jose, Chestnut holds 55 world records for competitive eating, including the world record for most hot dogs — 76 in 10 minutes, to be precise. He's also won the iconic Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest 16 times, including every year since 2016 — but on June 11, Major League Eating announced that Chestnut will be left out of the 2024 competition, citing issues due to Chestnut's recent deal with Impossible Foods.

"Through all of my years in competitive eating, Kobayashi stands out

as my fiercest rival," said Chestnut. "Competing against him pushed me to be so much better. I know that fans have waited a long time for another chapter of our rivalry and I can't wait for our massive showdown live on Netflix! It's time to give the people what they want!"

Described as the "godfather of competitive eating," Kobayashi won the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest six consecutive times from 2001

to 2006, breaking his own record. In 2010, Kobayashi was banned from the competition due to a contract dispute. He continued to break world records for competitive eating and currently holds more than 10 world records in the sport.

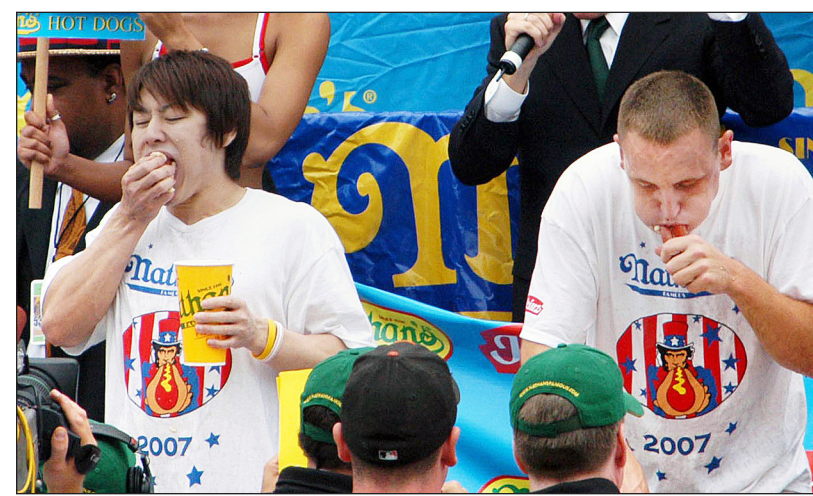
Though rumors swirled about his retirement, Kobayashi says he is here to stay: "Retiring for me will only happen after I take him down one last time," Kobayashi told Netflix. "This rivalry has been brewing

for a long time. Competing against Joey live on Netflix means fans all over the world can watch me knock him out."

For years, the rivalry between Chestnut and Kobayashi dominated headlines at the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest, but the two competitive eating legends have not faced off in a hot dog-eating competition since 2009, when Chestnut finally bested Kobayashi in a five-hot dog "sudden death" eat-off. The live event on Sept. 2 will be their first time coming face-to-face in 15 years. The location and timing will be announced at a later date.

"Chestnut vs. Kobayashi: Unfinished Beef" is the next live sports event to follow "The Netflix Cup" and "The Netflix Slam" along with the Jake Paul vs. Mike Tyson boxing event, which will stream Nov. 15. Netflix Sports continues to expand its offerings: It will exclusively stream "WWE Raw" every week of the year starting in 2025 and will stream NFL games on Christmas in 2024-2026.

To catch up on the long-standing competitive eating rivalry ahead of Chestnut and Kobayashi's rematch, check out "30 for 30: The Good, The Bad, The Hungry" on Netflix.



Defending champion Takeru Kobayashi was out-gobbled by three wieners and lost to Joey Chestnut, during the 2007 Nathan's Famous July 4 hot dog eating contest at New York's Coney Island.

Ohtani's Disgraced Ex-translator Erased From School Textbook

TOKYO.—A Japanese publisher has decided to remove references to Ipe Mizuhara from an upcoming junior high school English textbook after the former interpreter to Los Angeles Dodgers star Shohei Ohtani was charged with crimes related to his alleged theft of millions of dollars from the baseball player.

Kyoiku-Shuppan Co. was planning to feature Mizuhara as a leading example of someone providing support to a sportsman in the textbook to be used from next spring by students in the third year of junior high school. But it said Thursday it will instead feature Yoshiteru Nishi, a dedicated chef for the Japanese men's national football team for five

straight World Cups through 2022.

"We have decided that we need to replace the portion (regarding Mizuhara) in response to media reports since March," the publisher said in a press release, noting that the changes have already been approved by the education ministry.

In the earlier version of the textbook, Mizuhara was introduced as "not just an interpreter" but also a person who helps Ohtani "fit in with the team and supports his private life," along with some photos of him.

The Mizuhara scandal, which surfaced in March and also involved allegations he engaged in illegal sports gambling, sent shockwaves through Japan and the U.S. as he was a familiar

face in his role as Ohtani's constant companion during the player's rise to international stardom.

In the screening system of school textbooks by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, publishers can apply to revise content even after the textbooks are approved, citing changes in objective facts and other reasons.

On Thursday, Ohtani led off the game with a National League-leading 21st home run Thursday as the Dodgers held on to win 5-3 against the Colorado Rockies.

The Dodgers were set Friday to host Ohtani's former team, the Angels, in the three-game Freeway Series. —Kyodo News / Rafu reports



Shohei Ohtani rounds the bases after hitting a leadoff home run in Colorado on Thursday.



Photos by Mark Kuroda

SEJSSC board members and honored guests. Front row, from left: Ted Yoshimura, Karrie Takeuchi, Kimie Matsumoto, Richard Shinomoto, Japanese Consul General Kenko Sone, Mami Sone, Norwalk Mayor Margarita Rios, Norwalk School Board member Jose Rios, Cerritos City Councilmember Frank Yokoyama, Linda Kusuda, Miki Suzuki. Back row, from left: Fred Matsumoto, Tye Masaki, Masa Lau, ABC Unified School District Vice President Ernie Nishii.

Summer Festival Season Has Started

Southeast Japanese School and Community Center opened the summer festival season on June 8 and 9 with delicious food, games, exhibits, entertainment, and bingo.

Many of us used this opportunity to relax, visit with old friends and meet new friends.

To help us celebrate our 61st Summer Cultural Festival, we were honored to have Norwalk Mayor Margarita Rios and her husband, Jose Rios, Norwalk School Board member; Cerritos City Councilmember Frank Yokoyama; and the Honorable Japanese Consul General Kenko Sone.

Our entertainment included: Kozue Matsumoto's Koto Ensemble, The Hawaiian Delites, Kamake Keawe's Ukulele Jammers, Kekaimoku's Hawaiian Dancers, and Hikari Taiko.

There was a show-stopping performance when Shiho Tendou danced to "Tabaru Zaka." Audience member Fei Kahanolani said, "Her dance was so beautiful, it brought tears to my eyes."

Ray Sakaida remarked, "Shiho Tendou danced from her soul." He was captivated by her expressiveness. Ray, whose aunt was a classical dance teacher in Japan, added that Shiho is an exceptionally gifted artist and dancer, and must be seen to appreciate her artistry.

We are fortunate that Shiho Tendou is located in the Los Angeles area. She will be starting a Japanese dance class for children in August at the SEJSSC. For information, please call (562) 863-5996.

This summer season for celebration and dance is just starting. Be sure to visit the many Japanese festivals and Obons throughout the Southern California area. Enjoy the camaraderie and share the joy dancing in the community dance circle.



Shiho Tendou and students perform. Japanese dance class for children will begin in August at SEJSSC.



Kozue Matsumoto's Koto Ensemble. Koto classes are offered on Saturday afternoons at SEJSSC.

'J.T. Sata: Immigrant Memories' on View at JANM

"J.T. Sata: Immigrant Modernist" is currently on view at the Japanese American National Museum, 100 N. Central Ave. (at First Street) in Little Tokyo, through Sept. 1.

James Tadanao Sata (1896-1975) created some of the most adventurous photographs made in America in the 1920s and '30s. Abstract spheres and triangles, complex arrangements of figures and shadows, and spaces rich with deep and delicate tones emphasized geometric forms and conveyed newness, modernity, and irony.

Sata came to the U.S. in 1918. Despite his good education and the elevated social status of his samurai heritage, he worked a variety of menial jobs, including as a servant and custodian. However, Sata's artistic ambitions led him to become an amateur art photographer. He photographed in and around Little Tokyo, at the sea, and in the mountains of Southern California. He also created

modernist portraits and abstractions.

At the onset of World War II, Sata was forced to abandon photography since cameras were deemed contraband for those of Japanese heritage. During the forced removal of Japanese Americans, the Sata family lived in a horse stall at the Santa Anita temporary detention center. Later, they were moved to the Jerome and Gila River concentration camps in Arkansas and Arizona, respectively, where Sata made drawings and paintings of life in the camps.

Both his prewar photographs and camp artwork expressed a sense of beauty, isolation, and fortitude in the face of a daunting and complicated world.

Curated by Dennis Reed, this exhibition comprises 60 photographs by Sata, photographs of Sata's concentration camp paintings and drawings, and family artifacts from camp. All of the photographs created by Sata

were donated to JANM by his family.

A walkthrough of the exhibition with Reed and J. Paul Getty Museum curator Virginia Heckert will be held on Saturday, July 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reed will talk about Sata's photography and legacy as well as the process of curating the exhibition. Heckert will share her reflections on Sata's work, bringing in her expertise in modernist photography in Europe and the U.S. Entry included with museum admission.

Museum hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; last entry is at 4 p.m. Thursday, 12-8 p.m.; last entry is at 7 p.m. Closed Mondays and the Fourth of July; museum will close to the public at 1 p.m. on July 21 for a private event. Admission: \$16 for adults; \$9



J.T. Sata, Untitled (Man Walking Out of Tunnel), ca. 1930. Gelatin silver print. Japanese American National Museum, Gift of Frank and Marian Sata and Family. (2005.187.2)

Suma Sugi Yokotake: The Woman Who Became the First JA Lobbyist (Part 2)

By JONATHAN VAN HARMELEN

Upon her return to Los Angeles, the Los Angeles JACL and *The Rafu Shimpo* feted Suma Sugi's successful lobbying efforts. The papers particularly noted the fact that Hiram Johnson, a noted anti-Japanese politician, voted in favor of the bill.

Sugi's lobbying served as a valuable test for future lobbying efforts. *The Rafu Shimpo* commissioned her to write a column about her experiences in Washington.

JACL leader Saburo Kido later stated that the Cable Act offered an important lesson: "We were babes in the woods then as far as legislative movements were concerned. JACL was not able to be included in the council groups pushing the amendment to bring equality to women citizens... The fact that the chief beneficiaries of this amendment would be of Japanese ancestry was injected by JACL to present one facet of the picture."

Bill Hosokawa noted in his book "JACL: Quest of Justice," remarked positively about Sugi's trip: "There is no denying the fact that a representative of JACL had gone to Washington and pleaded successfully for a bill of special interests to the organization. And she had set a precedent of sorts by working on a minimal budget, letting the merits of her cause do the talking."

Journalist and historian Togo Tanaka, a close friend of Sugi, also described her early lobbying efforts for the JACL as groundbreaking. However, women married to non-citizens could regain their citizenship by taking a loyalty oath.

The lobbying campaign catapulted Sugi into stardom among the Nisei. In the months that followed, she spoke at several JACL chapters across the West Coast describing the success of her campaign. At one point, in August 1931, she was named JACL representative at an event welcoming a group of wrestlers from Japan.

As part of the leadership of the



The Tulean Dispatch, Oct. 19, 1943

JACL Los Angeles chapter, Sugi helped organize the 1932 National Convention in Los Angeles. In July 1932, while at the convention, she was nominated to be president of the National JACL, although she lost to Dr. Terry T. Hayashi. It would not be until 1992 when the JACL elected its first woman president, Lillian Kimura.

Sugi's success also motivated others to follow suit and lobby Congress. In 1935, Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum, a World War I veteran of the 82nd Division, went to Congress to lobby for the creation of a bill to grant citizenship to "Oriental" World War I veterans. Initially, the U.S. Army offered immigrants who were banned from receiving citizenship with the chance to become citizens after serving in the Army during the war.

Hundreds of immigrants from

for seniors (62 and over); \$9 for students (with ID) and youth; free for children 5 and under; free for JANM members.

For more information, call (213) 625-0414 or visit www.janm.org.

JACL Applauds New Family Immigration Policies

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American Citizens League issued the following statement on June 18.

Today, as it celebrated the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the Biden Administration announced new immigration policies that look to support American families and strengthen our workforce.

The first policy supports undocumented immigrant spouses and children of U.S. citizens who have lived in the U.S. for 10 or more years to apply for green cards, without fear of deportation. The second policy enables DACA recipients or Dreamers who have graduated college and are offered U.S. employment to more easily obtain work visas, especially in high-demand professions. These new policies come as good

news following the recent policies limiting asylum-seekers' humane entrance to our country. While we applaud the announcement today, we recognize these changes only apply to specific categories of immigrants. They do little to aid future migrants or many others stuck in the visa backlogs.

JACL continues to urge Congress to pursue legislation to not only support expanded opportunities for immigrants to come to our country, but also contribute to our society, culture, and economy. We hope that these announcements can mark a turn away from the xenophobic rhetoric and policies that persist across our country.

We call on Congress to make these changes permanent and work towards a more humane immigration system supporting students, workers, and their families.

East Asia and the Middle East enlisted and fought in France. When they returned, they learned that their offers of citizenship were rescinded. As Slocum was among one of the founding members of the American Legion, he used his influence among World War I vets to push various members of Congress to draft a bill.

In 1935, the Lee-Nye Act was passed and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, granting Issei veterans like Slocum with citizenship. On Jan. 27, 1936, Sugi married

lobbyist. Although her name occasionally appeared in the Japanese American press in reference to her 1931 lobbying campaign, she largely disappeared from the public eye.

In July 1962, Saburo Kido wrote in *The Shin Nichei* a piece lauding the accomplishments of Suma and Tokie Slocum: "It was a coincidence, that Slocum and Miss Sugi added glamour to our life during those days because they were the first lobbyists to go to Washington to espouse the cause for persons of Japanese an-

Our Pioneer JACLers of 1930



The first JACL conference in Seattle, 1930. Suma Sugi is in the first row, fifth from the right. (Pacific Citizen, Dec. 21-28, 1979 issue)

Hitoshi Yokotake, an ice salesman and sumo wrestler. The couple had two children: a son, Makoto, and daughter, Shizue. Although Suma reduced her involvement in the JACL around this time, she remained active in several social clubs, namely the Hawaii Club, and occasionally contributed to *The Rafu Shimpo*.

On Dec. 22, 1939, Suma Yokotake penned an article decrying the inability of several qualified Nisei women to find jobs as teachers in the Los Angeles school system. She argued in her article that "the Nisei has one strike against him with physical difference when he is being introduced or interviewed." Suma pointed out that among the five Nisei who worked for the L.A. school system, all worked in secretarial or custodial positions despite having the qualifications to be teachers.

She promised readers that "one of these days there will be a Nisei employed as a teacher in the Los Angeles school system."

Following the declaration of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, Suma was fired from her job with the Los Angeles Board of Education. In April 1942, the Army sent Suma and her family to the Pomona Assembly Center, where she worked for the camp school staff. Her husband Hitoshi served as a sumo instructor and organized wrestling matches.

A few months later in September 1942, the Yokotake family was transferred to the Heart Mountain concentration camp in Wyoming.

At Heart Mountain, Suma continued her work in education even as Hitoshi became a police officer in Internal Security. In February 1943, Hitoshi became assistant chief of police at Heart Mountain.

In October 1943, Suma left Heart Mountain for Tule Lake to work as a research assistant to Dr. Marvin Opler in the camp's community analysis section, where she studied the effects of segregation on the community. *The Tulean Dispatch* noted Suma's previous work with the 1930 Stanford study as part of her qualifications. Suma remained at Tule Lake until the camp's closure, and returned to Los Angeles afterwards.

In the years after the war, Suma Yokotake remained active in local politics in Los Angeles. In March 1947, the African American newspaper *The Los Angeles Tribune* reported that she was appointed as a board member for the Los Angeles chapter of the National Urban League.

In July 1962, the JACL honored Suma with a special commendation for her work as the JACL's first

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cestry without any official status as a government representative. They were plain citizens who had a message to present to Congress."

Even in retirement, Suma remained a lobbyist. In October 1967, she worked with the California State Assembly to pass a bill, AB 1607, that would allow Nisei state employees who worked before the war to claim retirement benefits in the form of "war relocation leave" credits. Suma was included as a recipient for her work for the Los Angeles city school system from before and after the war.

Suma Sugi Yokotake died on Nov. 26, 1980 in Los Angeles. Among the Nisei who helped found Japanese American Citizens League, few had as much impact as her. Through her work with Congress, she demonstrated the importance of lobbying as a means of enacting legislation that benefited the community and established a pattern that was repeated by Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum in 1935 with his bill for Issei veterans, and by Mike Masaoka in the postwar years.

Lastly, her work to challenge legal and social obstacles that prevented Nisei women from advancing in their careers as educators made her a model for other women combatting discrimination.

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OBITUARIES

Joan Fujita

Joan "Joni" Takako Fujita peacefully passed away at home on June 6, 2024. The youngest of six daughters born to Takeo and Aiko Fujita, she was raised in Boyle Heights and attended Maryknoll, Bishop Conaty, and Cal State L.A. She was a devoted mother who successfully juggled single parenthood with her career as an elementary school educator. Creative, warm, and spirited, Joan had a knack for befriending many kindred souls who shared her interests in dance, music, art, bookmaking, and quilting. While a teacher herself, she was also a passionate lifelong student who never stopped learning and growing.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Simone; her dog, Kiba; her sisters, Yo (Mary), Pat, and Penny; her nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Her memorial will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Maryknoll (St. Francis Xavier Chapel). She requested that those who attend wear bright colors.

Yasuko Yoshida

July 26, 1932 - April 30, 2024
Yasuko Yoshida (91) passed away on April 30, 2024. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Dennis) Hirata; son, Glen (Nadine) Yoshida; granddaughter, LeeAnn Yoshida; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, Kenji; and sisters, Kikuye Yamamoto, Kimiko Nomura, and Kazuko Nakatsuka. Memorial services were privately held.

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Failing Japanese Shopping Area Using Nostalgia to Reclaim Past Glory



Photo taken on May 29, shows a sparsely populated Yanagase shopping arcade on a weekday in Gifu, Gifu Prefecture.

By HIROKO KUROSAKI
KYODO NEWS SERVICE

GIFU, Japan — A once-bustling shopping district in the city of Gifu which boasts a 135-year history and inspired a hit song that defined its heyday will see the withdrawal of department store mega-chain Takashimaya Co. at the end of July.

Takashimaya's departure from the Yanagase shopping arcade in the central Japan city is a portent of a more worrying trend sweeping the country, as commercial districts that have co-

existed with major department stores lose customers amid Japan's declining birthrate and aging population.

Despite the setback, individual store owners in the Yanagase arcade are determined to turn their fortunes around by using social media to remind people of the area's historical charm while changing their offerings to attract a younger, more vibrant clientele.

"I've always come to Yanagase because Takashimaya was here. If the store closes, it will be gloomy all around," part-time building cleaner Akira Hayashi, 77, said on one weekday afternoon in May while standing in the sparsely populated street of shuttered storefronts.

Hayashi fondly recalls his days of drinking at thriving local taverns along the shopping street as a young man.

Located about a 15-minute walk from JR Gifu Station, Yanagase began developing as a commercial and entertainment district toward the end of the 19th century and flourished in the 1950s through the 1970s after recovering from war-time devastation.

Driven by singer Kenichi Mikawa's 1966 million-seller ballad "Yanagase Blues," the district achieved nationwide fame and was so lively at times that people would often be shoulder to shoulder while walking



Photo taken on May 29 shows a banner in front of the Takashimaya department store in the Yanagase shopping district in Gifu, Gifu Prefecture, that reads: "Thank you for 47 years of patronage."

along the boulevard.

More than 1,000 stores lined the street at its peak as Yanagase boomed as a central hub for the city's 350,000 to 400,000 inhabitants at that time.

In 1977, the Takashimaya Gifu store opened, but over time it waned due to the opening of large shopping malls in the suburbs in conjunction with the shift to a more car-oriented society and the collapse of the asset-inflated bubble economy.

With the upcoming closure, which the store announced in October last year, Gifu will follow Yamagata, Tokushima and Shimane to become the fourth of Japan's 47 prefectures to have no department store.

In Japan, there are approximately 12,000 traditional-style "shotengai" shopping districts, which are typically pedestrian streets or malls lined with many retail shops.

According to a 2021 survey by the central government's Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, some 40 percent of the shopping districts have a vacancy rate of 10 percent or more. The shopping malls are considered "in disuse" when the vacancy rate exceeds that level.

"Yanagase will not have anything to rely on anymore," said Takuro Mizuno, who runs a tailor-made suits shop and in April became president of the Yanagase shopping center promo-

tion association.

But the 35-year-old quickly added, "This will finally put a fire in the belly of the individual shop owners. Our district will definitely make a comeback."

In May, an official Yanagase account was opened on X, the social media site formerly known as Twitter. In addition to promoting events and details about eateries and shops, it also looks to draw in shoppers by highlighting an anime in which the shopping district appears. The account also includes updates on Mizuno's official activities.

Within two weeks of its launch, the number of followers had approached 1,000.

Each store in the arcade is also putting in work to bring in new customers. Seizaburo Iwata, 47, is the third-generation president of Iwata Watch & Jewelry, a shop that was founded in Nagoya in 1937 and moved to Yanagase after World War II.

In addition to traditional high-end

jewelry, affordable wedding rings for young customers are also displayed in the showcases. The entrance's signboard, which had been in place for 60 years, will be replaced to create a fresh look.

"We are aiming to become a time-honored business where young people also feel comfortable casually dropping in," Iwata said.

Mizuno sees the withdrawal of Takashimaya as an opportunity for each store to reassess its services.

He believes that today's increasingly efficient consumer-driven society conversely makes the traditional relaxed atmosphere of the Yanagase shopping district all the more appealing. He shared his vision looking ahead to the district's 150th anniversary, officially slated for 2039.

"This place is not as refined as a large shopping center and has many imperfections. I hope to make use of such human frailties so that people will again say that Yanagase is the best shopping district in Japan," Mizuno said.

Former West Covina PD Officer Alleged Ex-Colleagues Called Him 'Wuhan'

CITY NEWS SERVICE

A gay former West Covina police officer of Chinese descent has tentatively settled his lawsuit against the city in which he alleged management did nothing when, after the 2020 coronavirus breakout, colleagues called him "Wuhan" and made derogatory remarks about his sexual orientation.

Christopher T. Huynh's Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit alleged discrimination, harassment and retaliation. On June 4, Huynh's attorneys filed court papers with Judge Barbara M. Scheper notifying her of a "conditional" settlement of the case and the expectation a request for dismissal will be brought by Dec. 31. No terms were divulged.

Wuhan, China, is believed by many to be the early epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic. Officers began calling Huynh "Wuhan" in March 2020, according to the suit, which further stated that they made offensive comments about the plaintiff being gay as well as foods favored by Asians.

"Despite command staff being present and hearing the ... comments

being directed towards plaintiff and others, nothing was done to curtail the harassing conduct," the suit alleged.

Protests by Huynh and two sergeants regarding the alleged offensive conduct by the other officers fell "on deaf ears," according to the suit. Instead, management retaliated against Huynh by subjecting him to unwarranted scrutiny, denying him a pay increase and ultimately firing him due to alleged dishonesty, the suit filed in October 2022 stated.

Huynh, who once was used by the WCPD to interpret for Cantonese speakers, was humiliated by the alleged conduct toward him by fellow officers, the suit stated.

In their court papers, defense attorneys maintained that Huynh's claims were meritless.

"Simply put, plaintiff was terminated for his dishonesty in relation to his involvement in an on-duty car accident," the city's lawyers argued in their court papers. "The city never considered plaintiff's sexual orientation, race or any complaints he alleges he made in making the decision to terminate him."

Keiro

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Community members are eligible to participate in this Memory Care Survey if they meet the following criteria:

- Consider themselves a part of the Japanese American and Japanese community
- Reside or have a close loved one living in Los Angeles, Orange, or Ventura counties

Note: The survey is for adults, age 18 and older. You do NOT have to be affected by memory loss or cognitive decline to participate.

Community members may access the survey at keiro.org/survey. The online survey is available in both English and Japanese.

Paper surveys will be available upon request. Call (213) 873-5700 or email survey@keiro.org. The final date to request a paper survey is Sept. 1 and completed paper surveys must be received by Sept. 30.

Separately, an invitation to participate in small focus groups has been sent out to individuals who signed up for the 2023 Community Needs Survey. Keiro will invite individuals with diverse backgrounds to participate in these focus groups. Keiro will also continue to meet with key stakeholders to further its vision to develop accessible board and care homes for those with memory loss.

For more information and to participate in the Memory Care Survey, visit keiro.org/survey. For any questions, contact survey@keiro.org.

「ボード&ケアホーム」設置へ

記憶障害重視 アンケート参加呼びかけ Keiro

日系コミュニティの高齢者とその介護者を支援し、さまざまなプログラムを実施するKeiro理事会は18日、記憶障害を抱える人々を支援するため、一般的に「ボード&ケアホーム」と呼ばれる小規模な居住型ケアモデルを作る意向を発表した。これまでのコミュニティからのフィードバック、アルツハイマー病の研究・ケア分野の専門家との話し合い、高齢者サービスの動向のモニタリングなどの結果を基に、これからオンラインでのアンケート調査を行ったリサーチグループを実施したりして、「ボード&ケアホーム」計画についてコミュニティと関わる意向を示している。

さらに一歩前進できることを非常に楽しみにしている。この夏、記憶障害を抱える方々を支援することで、コミュニティのサポート基盤を強化するというビジョンにまい進するKeiroの取り組みに加わっていただければ幸甚である」と語る。

Keiroは昨年夏にコミュニティニーズ調査を行い、2月に結果を発表した。この調査は、Keiroがコミュニティの変化する高齢化ニーズを理解するための継続的な取り組みの一環として実施された。それによれば、コミュニティメンバーの大多数は身体的または認知的健康の低下や、不可欠な家族介護者のサポートが失われ、自費で過ごすことを望んでおり、この調査の結果を受けて経済的に持続可能なボード&ケアホームの開発を進めることを決定した。質の高いメモリーケアサポートを提供するアクセス可能な施設を建設する。



日系コミュニティの高齢者とその介護者を支援し、さまざまなプログラムを実施するKeiroのスタッフとプログラムの参加者

Keiroのジャック・クは戦略的ビジョンの新たな要請を「Keiro」素をコミュニティと共有している。私たちは引き続き、なるべく在宅で年齢を重ねたいと望むコミュニティの圧倒的な希望に専念する一方で、さらにケアを必要とする人々への支援検討も重要だと認識している」と述べている。

また、ベバリー・イトウ代表兼CEOは「65歳以上の6人に1人はアルツハイマー病と診断され、5人に1人はその他の種類の認知症と診断されるという統計を考えると、高度なメモリーケアサービスの必要性は見過ごせない。Keiroは財政的に実行可能で自立したメモリーケアサービスを開発する機会を捉え、

能で自立したボード&ケアモデルの開発に当たり、Keiroは現在、オンラインアンケートへの参加をコミュニティメンバーに呼びかけている。オンラインアンケートは6月18日から9月30日まで、以下に該当する人であれば、メモリーケアアンケートに参加できる。1、自身が日系米国人および日本人コミュニティのメンバーであると認識している。2、自身または親族がロサンゼルス郡、オレンジ郡、ベンチュラ郡の住民である。（注）参加資格は18歳以上。回答者が記憶障害や認知症低下を患っている必要はない。オンラインアンケート調査はウェブサイト（www.linkunionstation.com）よりアクセス可能。アンケートは日本語と英語で提供している。また郵送で回答する場合は9月1日までに電話213・873・5700または、メール（survey@keiro.org）でアンケートを請求し、9月30日までに回答を返送する。また、アンケート調査とは別に昨年のコミュニティニーズ調査に申し込んだ人々を対象に、小規模フォーカスグループへの招待通知を発送した。異なるバックグラウンドを持つ人々をフォーカスグループに招く予定だという。

メモリーケアアンケートへの参加、詳細、よくある質問はウェブサイトに www.linkunionstation.com keiro@linkunionstation.com 質問はメール survey@keiro.org

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ナイスダイブ!

アルゼンチン生まれの作曲家マウリシオ・カゲル（1931〜2008）の「ティンパニとオーケストラ」のための協奏曲は、一度聴いたら（見たら）忘れられない、強烈な印象を残す作品です。20分ほどの演奏の中で、普段使われないティンパニの音、ドラムセット用のパチや金属のプラシ、素手、マラカス、メガホンなどを使って音を出し、それだけで十分に楽しむことができます。曲が始まる五つ目のティンパニで演奏している、いざその時が来ると、紙を張った楽器にダイブするわけです。奏者の方には、練習のために新しい紙を張り変えるのをさうです。こ



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環境影響評価書／捕捉環境影響報告書(EIS/SEIR)草案のご用意と、一般公開／公聴会開催のお知らせ

ロサンゼルス郡都市交通局 (Metro) は、Link Union Station プロジェクト (Link US あるいはプロジェクト) の環境影響評価書／捕捉環境影響報告書(EIS/SEIR) およびセクション4(f) 評価草案の入手可能性を一般に通知するため、本通知書を発行します。カリフォルニア州高速鉄道公社 (CHSRA) は、国家環境製作法(NEPA) およびその他の連邦環境法を順守している主管機関です。MetroはNEPAに基づく共同主管機関であり、プロジェクトのスポンサーでもあり、カリフォルニア州環境質法(CEQA) に基づく主管機関です。

このプロジェクトに関して、NEPAおよび最も適する連邦環境法によって要求される環境面での検討、協議、その他の行動は、合衆国法典 (USC) 23条327 項及び2019年7月23日付で連邦鉄道管理局(FRA) とカリフォルニア州によって締結された覚書(MOU) に従い、カリフォルニア州によって実施され、あるいは実施されてきました。そのMOUに基づき、CHSRAはNEPAに基づくプロジェクトの主管機関です。

日程: 45日間の公開審査期間は、2024年6月21日から2024年8月9日までです。
住所: EIS/SEIR草案およびセクション4(f) 評価草案のコピーを入手していただける場所は、捕捉情報のセクションをご覧ください。これらはオンラインのwww.linkunionstation.comからも、入手していただけます。

プロジェクトの概要
Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) は、カリフォルニア州ロサンゼルス市Alameda Street 800番地に所在します。LAUSは南をUS-101、西をAlameda Street、北を Cesar Chavez Avenue、東をVignes Streetに囲まれています。このプロジェクトは、ロサンゼルス市内北の終点North Main Streetから、南の終点First Streetまで延びています。

Link US プロジェクトは、LAUSの既存の容量制限に対処するために提案されています。このプロジェクトは、LAUSの2番線から6番線ホームにかけて南側に10本のプラットフォームを延ばし、US-101の上方の高架橋に最低4本の線路に合流させ、さらに南下してロサンゼルス川の西岸沿いの主線路に接続し、LAUSをストップエンドからランスルーの駅に変え、LAUSのホームと線路下にある既存の歩行者通路を新しく拡張した通路に置き換えることで、LAUSの南側に、地域/都市間列車用と将来の高速鉄道のランスルー線路を10本新しく設置します。さらに、Vernon市にあるBNSF鉄道のMalabar Yardの敷地外鉄道の改良も含まれます。Malabar Yardの鉄道改良は、49th Streetのat-grade鉄道道路切の閉鎖と、Vernon市の46th Street に沿う既存線路2本の間の新しい線路接続という内容になります。

環境影響についての要約
EIS/SEIR草案は、プロジェクトの潜在的な環境への影響を分析し、潜在的悪影響を回避、最小化、緩和する手段を特定するために、NEPAの主管機関であるCHSRAと、CEQAの主管機関としての Metroによって作成されました。EIS/SEIR草案は、Build Alternative(望ましい代替案およびMalabar Yard 鉄道の改善)と、No Action Alternative(無アクション代替案)のプロジェクト評価を含んでいます。EIS/SEIRには、以下の環境資源分野の分析を網羅しています: 土地利用とプランニング、輸送交通、視覚的な質と美観、大気質と気候変動、騒音と振動、生物と湿地資源、氾濫原、水文学と水質、地質、土壌と地震性、有害廃棄物と物質、公益事業とエネルギー、文化と 古生物資源、経済と財政的影響、安全とセキュリティ、社会経済と影響を受ける地域社会、環境正義、およびセクション4(f)。

緩和対策を実施後、プロジェクト (Build AlternativeおよびMalabar Yard鉄道の改善) は以下の資源分野に悪影響をもたらすことがあります: 騒音(建設関連の影響)、文化と古生物学的資源(採掘中にも残る建設関連の影響)。プロジェクト (Build AlternativeおよびMalabar Yard鉄道の改善)、その他すべての環境への影響は、緩和手段の実施によってより軽減されます。

予備的な4(f) 項の裁定においては、建設代替案は3つの史跡(ロサンゼルス・ユニオン旅客ターミナル、Vignes Street アンダークローリング、North Main Street橋)を永久的に使用することになり、ロサンゼルス・ユニオン旅客ターミナルを一時的に占有することになります。

危険物取扱所
プロジェクトのサイトは、カリフォルニア州令65962.5項に記載されている場所に位置します。プロジェクト関連の建設工事に伴う掘削作業の結果、環境に影響を及ぼす可能性があり、中高度のリスクのランク付けがなされた、合計13か所の認識済環境条件のサイトが特定されました。

文書の入手可能性
EIS/SEIR 草案は、Metroのウェブサイト www.linkunionstation.com で入手していただけます。EIS/SEIR 草案の電子コピーやハードコピーをお求めの方は、Records Management Center (住所: One Gateway Plaza, Plaza Level, Los Angeles, CA 90012)、Eメールアドレス: rnc@metro.net; 電話番号: 213.922.2883までご連絡ください。Executive SummaryのハードコピーとEIS/SEIR 草案および付属書類の電子コピーは、以下の場所で一般公開されています:

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公開審査期間
45日間の公開審査期間は、2024年6月14日から始まり、2024年8月2日に終わります。

文書の入手可能性
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- LA Central Public Library – Downtown**
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語とスペイン語でご用意しています)
- Chinatown Branch Library**
639 N. Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語、スペイン語、中国語でご用意しています)
- Benjamin Franklin Branch Library**
2200 E. 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語とスペイン語でご用意しています)
- Lincoln Heights Branch Library**
2530 Workman Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語とスペイン語でご用意しています)
- Little Tokyo Branch Library**
203 S. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語、スペイン語、韓国語、日本語でご用意しています)
- LA Union Station/Metro Library One Gateway Plaza, 15th Floor**
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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- LA Union Station/Metro Records Management Center**
One Gateway Plaza, Plaza Level, Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語とスペイン語でご用意しています)
- William Mead Homes Administrative Office**
1300 North Cardinal Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語、スペイン語、韓国語、日本語、中国語、クメール語、ベトナム語でご用意しています)
- Care First Village Administrative Office**
1060 North Vignes Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語、スペイン語、クメール語、ベトナム語でご用意しています)
- Vernon City Hall**
4305 Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, CA 90058
(Executive Summary のハードコピーを英語とスペイン語でご用意しています)

ご意見の提出
関心をお持ちの方はAttn: Carlos J. Montez, Deputy Executive Officer, One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-18-2, Los Angeles, CA 90012までご意見を郵送してください。Eメールアドレスは LinkUnionStation@metro.net; または www.linkunionstation.com のサイトから、オンラインでご意見をお送りください。Eメールでお送りいただく場合は、件名のごとに “Link US – Draft EIS/SEIR” と明記し、ご意見をワード文書で添付のうえ、ご自身のアメリカ国内郵便先のご住所を明記してください。いかなるご意見も公記録であり公に投稿されます; 個人情報には送信しないでください。最終EIS/SEIRに反映させるため、一般からのご意見は全て、2024年8月9日 5:00 PM までに受領されなければなりません。

一般公開と公聴会
MetroはプロジェクトとEIS/SEIR 草案の分析について説明するため、一般公開と公聴会を開催します。公聴会では、コメントカードまたは法廷記者を通じて、一般参加者からのご意見を提出していただけます。一般公開と公聴会に関する情報は以下の通りです。
日付: 火曜日、2024年7月9日
時間: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
場所: Metro Headquarters, One Gateway Plaza, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Zoom (Webinar)でのご参加: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89642763819>
すべての Metro 会議は ADA 準拠の施設で開催されます。スペイン語、中国語(北京語、広東語)、日本語の通訳が付きまします。他の ADA の宿泊施設や通訳をご希望の場合は、少なくとも 72 時間前までに 213-922-2524 までお電話ください。

