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WELCOME TO MONGOLIA: Emperor Naruhito (second from left), Empress Masako, Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh and his wife Luvsandorjin Bolortsetseg wave to the crowd during a welcoming ceremony at Sukhbaatar Square in Ulaanbaatar on July 8. The imperial couple attended a welcome reception in the Mongolian capital on July 7 in the first state visit to the country by a Japanese emperor. The couple's eight-day trip through July 13 is meant to reaffirm the friendship between the two nations, with this year marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Their itinerary included a banquet hosted by the Mongolian leader and a visit to a memorial to commemorate Japanese nationals who died while in internment camps there after the war. After arriving in Mongolia on July 6, the emperor visited the Chinggis Khaan National Museum and a water facility built with Japanese aid before attending the official events. Following World War II, the Soviet military transferred around 14,000 of some 575,000 Japanese POWs from Siberia to Mongolia, putting them to work on infrastructure projects for around two years. More than 1,700 are believed to have died.

EV PARTNERSHIP: Nissan Motor Co. is exploring a partnership with Taiwan's electronics giant Foxconn in the electric vehicle sector, a source familiar with the matter said July 6. The plan under consideration would involve producing Foxconn's EVs at Nissan's signature Oppama plant near Tokyo, which had previously been eyed for closure, the source added. If realized, the deal is expected to keep the Oppama plant in operation, reversing earlier closure plans prompted by Nissan's financial difficulties. The partnership could also give momentum to the company's ongoing restructuring efforts. Foxconn has been accelerating its EV operations, having already agreed to supply EVs to Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

in the news

FIREWORKS DEATH: Charges were pending July 7 against a Buena Park homeowner who allegedly operated an illegal Fourth of July fireworks display that misfired, killing an 8-year-old girl. The homeowner remains under arrest as the Orange County District Attorney's Office reviews the mishap that resulted in the death of Jasmine Nguyen of Anaheim. The girl's name was confirmed to City News Service by Sgt. Gerald McCann, public information officer for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Jasmine was injured at 9:45 p.m. on July 4 in the 8000 block of Cornflower Circle, north of La Palma and Stanton avenues, according to the Buena Park Police Department. Officers were patrolling there after seeing a large quantity of fireworks detonate in the area, and observed family members "frantically carrying a child into a residence." They stopped and attempted life-saving efforts before the girl was rushed to UC Irvine Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead.

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Whittier Hero and Army Veteran Yosh Nakamura Celebrates 100th Birthday

By JOSE HERRERA
CITY NEWS SERVICE

In a packed room in Whittier on June 30, family, friends and veterans erupted in a chorus of "Happy Birthday" to celebrate U.S. Army veteran and community hero Yoshio "Yosh" Nakamura.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn hosted a 100th birthday celebration for Nakamura at the Liberty Community Plaza to honor a man who answered the call for service during a difficult moment in history for Japanese Americans.

"There isn't much I can say except that I was surprised to see so many friends," Nakamura said. "So, it's a great feeling for me to have you all behind me as a friend."

Hahn, who represents the county's Fourth District, which includes Whittier and its adjacent unincorporated areas, presented Nakamura with a plaque to thank him for what she described as his "extraordinary service" to the county, but more importantly the nation.

At 18, Nakamura joined the Army during World War II.



Yosh Nakamura receives a plaque from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Despite Nakamura and his family members being U.S.-born citizens, they were among approximately 125,000 Japanese Americans taken from their homes and placed into

internment camps. Nakamura and his family were placed at the Gila River camp in Arizona.

On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans from the West Coast following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The internment of Japanese Americans remains one of the ugliest and most shameful periods in modern history of our country," Hahn said. "We turned our backs on Japanese Americans, and no one could have blamed Japanese Americans for turning their backs on us."

"But that's not what happened. Yosh chose love over hate, and he chose service," Hahn added.

Nakamura joined the 442nd Regimental Combat team, composed almost entirely of second-generation



The Tappettes danced to the 1940s hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

almost entirely of second-generation

Santa Fe Springs Renames Aquatic Center to Honor Fallen Hero

The Santa Fe Springs City Council on June 17 voted unanimously to change the name of the city's Aquatic Center to the Paul T. Nakamura Regional Aquatic Center "in recognition of Mr. Nakamura's honorable service to the city and ultimate sacrifice while serving his country."

Nakamura was a sergeant with the 437th Medical Company (Ambulance), 3rd Medical Command, U.S. Army. He was killed in action in the Iraq War as he attempted to save another's life.

The renaming was recommended by the city's Parks & Recreation Department, which once employed Nakamura. A dedication ceremony is planned for the summer of 2026, with signage and informational displays to educate residents about

Nakamura's life.

The members of the City Council are: Mayor William K. Rounds, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Angel Zamora,

Councilmember Annette Rodriguez, Councilmember Juanita Martin, and Councilmember John M. Mora.

Born in 1981, Nakamura grew up in Santa Fe Springs and was described as a boy who was outgoing, gregarious and a risk-taker. His passion was being in the water; he was a member of his high school's water polo and swim teams and also worked for the city as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Aquatic Center.

Nakamura's patriotism led to his joining the Army Reserve in 2000. After basic combat training he completed the Army medic course.

"He was the smallest soldier in our platoon, but there was nothing small about him," recalled a fellow soldier.

In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Nakamura was killed when his ambulance was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade on a highway in Al Iskandariyah, Iraq. He was posthumously awarded the Combat Medic Badge and the Bronze Star Medal.

In 2014, the headquarters building of the 79th Sustainment Support Command, located at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, was named the Sgt. Paul T. Nakamura Building.

Nakamura's parents, Paul and Yoko Nakamura, participate in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Japanese American National War Memorial Court in Little Tokyo, which contains the names of servicemen who gave their lives in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and other conflicts, including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

GLA JACL to Host 'All That Jazz' Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser

Greater Los Angeles JACL will host "All That Jazz," a scholarship and chapter fundraiser luncheon, on Saturday, July 19, from 12 to 3 p.m. at Torrance Municipal Airport's Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr., Torrance.

The event will include the presentation of this year's scholarship awardees and a silent auction.

The guest speaker is Kurt Ikeda, Go For Broke National Education Center's director of programs and engagement. He previously served as chief of interpretation and education and as an education specialist for the National Park Service at Minidoka National Historic Site in Idaho; education manager for the Japanese American Museum of Oregon in Portland; interim executive director for OCA-Asian Pacific Ameri-



Kurt Ikeda

can Advocates; co-president for GLA JACL; and English teacher and poetry coach at Camino Nuevo High School in Los Angeles.

Live music will be provided by Rumi Matthews, a gifted saxophonist

and teacher. She plays alto, soprano, and tenor saxophone, as well as clarinet. Her masterful solos always draw the crowd into the music and earn the admiration of other musicians.

Matthews began her musical journey as a youngster in Japan, studying piano and clarinet. After an extended break for academics, relocation, and motherhood, she now lives in Los Angeles pursuing her passion for music.

Admission is \$50 per person. No walk-ins; prepay only. For more information and to RSVP, contact Louise Sakamoto at (310) 634-9032 or lsakamoto@sbcglobal.net.



Rumi Matthews

JA and Local Community Leaders Condemn ICE Staging on Terminal Island

By J.K. YAMAMOTO
RAFU SHIMPO

Japanese Americans and residents of the Los Angeles Harbor area gathered June 27 at the Japanese Fishing Village Memorial on Terminal Island to denounce use of the island by federal immigration authorities participating in mass raids on local communities.

The memorial, dedicated in 2002, commemorates Terminal Island's once-thriving Japanese American community, which was wiped out when the residents were forcibly removed in 1942 and incarcerated at Manzanar and other camps. Most of the buildings were demolished, so Terminal Islanders had to resettle elsewhere after the war.

Pastor Joshua "Yoshi" Kuramoto of San Pedro United Methodist Church, noted, "This place where we stand is a historically Japanese American fishing village, and I was born in a place called Minamata, Japan, which is also a small fishing village. The universe has its ways of bringing us together."

Opening the press conference with a prayer, he said, "May You allow the historical cries of ancestors who once resided in this place to speak to us through the wind and the waves of the sea, so that we may confidently join their memories to resist injustice ...

"These days

we have seen great evils, and the participants named ICE are stationed here as an abomination against history. Speak to the better parts of their hearts to change their will so they may see the humanity in the faces of families they're actively tearing apart."

Speaking as "a proud descendant of Japanese American ancestry," Maya Suzuki Daniels, a San Pedro teacher and a member of the UTLA Harbor Area Steering Committee, said, "It is this lineage that compels me to stand in front of you today and say 'No ICE on Terminal Island.' My grandfather was born in Los Angeles in 1920. In 1942, he joined the U.S. military. During the time of his service, his relatives were moved into internment camps in Arizona. My family understands what forced displacement and mass incarceration looks like.

"My grandfather is the one who

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Cynthia Avina, ethnic studies teacher and member of the Community Self-Defense Coalition.



Dancers at the Santa Barbara Obon in 2013.

Santa Barbara Obon Returns on July 19

All are welcome to the Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara's Obon on Saturday, July 19, from 12 to 4 p.m.

The festival will feature Bon Odori, taiko, tasty snacks, arts and crafts, as well as ikebana and bonsai exhibitions. Dancing will start at 1:30 and 3 p.m., and everyone is invited to join in, let go of the ego, and dance with joy in gratitude for our deceased ancestors.

Dance practices will be held on

Friday, July 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, July 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The church is located at 1015 E Montecito St., Santa Barbara. Admission is free. For more information, call (805) 962-3633, email mail@buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org, or visit www.buddhistchurchofsantabarbara.org/obon.

This is our first Obon since the beginning of the pandemic and we are excited to welcome you!

JACL Announces Executive Director's Departure

JACL National President Larry Nevada-Pacific District, and Tom Oda made the following announcement on July 7.

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The Japanese American Citizens League announces that as of July 2, 2025, it has parted ways with former Executive Director David Inoue.

The National Board extends its sincere appreciation for his service and contributions to the organization and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

As we navigate this transition, Patty Wada, regional director of the Northern California-Western

Fernandez, director of finance, will provide executive leadership for our organization.

The JACL National Board will continue to work closely with staff, members, and community partners during this transition period.

Please be assured that this leadership transition will not impact our deep commitment to our membership, coalitions, and the communities we serve. We are confident in the path ahead and remain focused on advancing the mission and values of the JACL.



David Inoue

SPORTS

Ohtani, Judge Earn Automatic All-Star Starting Spots

KYODO NEWS SERVICE

DENVER — Los Angeles Dodgers two-way star Shohei Ohtani is set to start as the National League's designated hitter at the July 15 MLB All-Star Game in Atlanta.

Ohtani and New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge were the National and American League's top overall vote-getters, with 3,967,668 and 4,012,983 votes, respectively, the results of Phase 1 of the All-Star vote showed June 26.

That gives the two reigning MVPs automatic spots in their leagues' starting lineups.

Ohtani led a league in overall votes for the first time since he topped the AL in 2023, his final



Kyodo

Los Angeles Dodgers designated hitter Shohei Ohtani (right) runs to score on Freddie Freeman's RBI double in the third inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on July 3.

season with the Los Angeles Angels.

The Japanese slugger will make his fifth consecutive All-Star appearance as the starting DH.

Voting to determine the other starting position players started Phase 2 on June 30 and concluded on July 2.

Yamamoto, Kershaw Named National League All-Stars

Los Angeles Dodger pitchers Yoshinobu Yamamoto and Clayton Kershaw have been named National League All-Stars, joining teammates Will Smith, Freddie Freeman and Shohei Ohtani in the 2025 All-Star Game in Atlanta.

Yamamoto, 26, heads to the Midsummer Classic for the first time in his career after making five All-Star Game appearances for the Nippon Baseball League in Japan.

On the season, he is 8-6 with a 2.51 ERA in 17 games. The Japan native is among the National League leaders in ERA (third), wins (T-fourth), WHIP (1.014, fourth), strikeouts per nine (10.148, seventh) and strikeouts (109, 10th).

This is his second season with the Dodgers and he is 15-8 with a 2.75 ERA in 35 career starts.

Kershaw leads the National League All-Stars with 11 career appearances. With the nod, he surpasses Pee Wee Reese for the most All-Star appearances in franchise history.

In 2023, he became the 74th player in MLB history with double-

digit nods to the All-Star Game and is now one of five pitchers ever to make 11+ All-Star appearances, joining Warren Spahn (17), Mariano Rivera (13), Tom Seaver (12) and Roger Clemens (11).

On July 1, he joined another exclusive list, recording his 3,000th career strikeout on the 100th pitch of his six-inning outing against the White Sox. His strikeout of Vinny Capra made him the 20th pitcher in MLB history to accomplish the feat.

Kershaw is 4-0 on the season with 3.43 ERA and 32 strikeouts in 44.2 innings. The three-time Cy Young Award winner (2011, 2013-14), two-time World Series champion (2020, 2024) and five-time NL ERA leader (2011-14, 17) is 216-94 with a 2.52 ERA and 1.01 WHIP in his career.

The reigning world champion Dodgers, who entered play July 6 with a NL-best mark of 56-34, will send a Major League-high five players to Atlanta.

The 95th Midsummer Classic will be televised nationally by Fox Sports; in Canada by Rogers Sportsnet and TDA Sports; and worldwide by partners in more than 200 countries.

Fox Deportes will provide Spanish-language coverage in the U.S. ESPN Radio will provide exclusive

national radio coverage of the All-Star Game, while Univision will provide Spanish-language coverage on radio.

MLB Network and MLB.com will also provide comprehensive All-Star Week coverage.



Kyodo

Los Angeles Dodgers starter Yoshinobu Yamamoto pitches in the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on July 7 at American Family Field in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Nakase Named WNBA Coach of the Month for June

The WNBA announced July 3 that Golden State Valkyries head coach Natalie Nakase has been named the WNBA Coach of the Month for June.

The Valkyries went 7-4 (.636) during the month of June, which included three wins by 24 points or more, and wrapped up the month winning four of their last five.

Golden State averaged a 46.1 field goal percentage to go with 82.1



Natalie Nakase

points, 47.5 rebounds and 18.7 assists per game, while holding opponents to 75.1 points per game.

The Valkyries became the first WNBA team this season to have five players in double figures for three straight games (June 5 at Phoenix, June 7 vs. Las Vegas, and June 9 at Los Angeles). The team's +6.9 plus/minus in June was the second-highest in the league.

This is Nakase's first WNBA Coach of the Month honor, which she earned in just her second month as a first-year head coach.

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taught me to stand up for values of peace, justice, equality, and compassion. Living in San Pedro, I have seen how neighbors stand up for each other when someone is ill, when someone is struggling, or when people are scared. San Pedro is a community born out of immigration — Croatian, Italian and Mexican migrants moving to make their lives and blend their cultures in our hamlet by the sea. We protect each other and we defend this slice of Los Angeles.

"My experiences in San Pedro and my love for this community led me to organize the Harbor Area Peace Patrol, a group of neighbors, parents, educators, and concerned citizens. With the support of San Pedro Neighbors for Peace & Justice and the Community Self-Defense Coalition, we are peaceful and law abiding citizens who monitor ICE activities in our neighborhoods and educate our neighbors about their constitutional rights. We are greatly disturbed by the use of Terminal Island, a place already haunted by legacies of displacement and discrimination, to carry out this wave of terror in our city."

Terminal Islanders' Testimonies

Joy Yamaguchi of Little Tokyo-based Nikkei Progressives said, "My grandmother actually lived on, worked on a farm less than 10 miles from here in Harbor City before being forced during World War II into the American concentration camps. And so while my family wasn't from Terminal Island, they too had their lives ripped away from them because of what was later acknowledged by the U.S. government as race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership. So when I and other Japanese Americans heard that ICE was using this area ... right in front of me as a staging ground for agents to go out and kidnap community members, again, we were appalled ...

"Terminal Island was once a vibrant community from the 1800s until World War II, at one point reaching 3,000 Japanese immigrants. While the physical community was displaced, to this day Terminal Islanders continued to speak out, to preserve their history, with this monument behind me being a testament to their dedication and their resilience.

"In the testimonies that the Terminal Islanders made in the 1980s to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians during our community's fight for redress ... Terminal Islanders recalled the fear from the sudden and invasive presence of government agents immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Because of racist fear of Japanese espionage, never proven, along the coast and the isolated community's proximity to a naval shipyard, first-generation Japanese American men were among the first to be rounded up by the FBI, an action that was justified using these same Alien Enemies Act that Trump used this year to deport migrants illegally.

"Almost all of the fathers were taken away, leaving families who had no idea when they would be reunited. In his testimony, Mas Tanibata recalled seeing a mother with five children just sitting down and crying. Henry Murakami talked about how he was a fisherman who was denied access to his boat, his livelihood. In February 1942, he was picked up by the FBI, who would not even allow him to put on his shoes and dragged him out with his *zori*, his sandals, on. He ended up in Bismarck, North Dakota in 30-degrees-below-zero weather, forced to leave behind a pregnant wife and his children.

"Kuniko Saito, a teenager, testified that she carried her birth certificate with her to go to high school in Terminal Island to prove that she was a citizen. So circumstances change, but if you think that this all sounds

eerily familiar to this moment, so do we."

Yamaguchi concluded, "We speak out in defense of those who are being targeted now, not just because our families needed allies ... during World War II, but because it is the right thing to do and we believe in dignity and human rights for all and the right to due process regardless of immigration or citizenship status ... Nikkei Progressives believes that we must struggle in solidarity with others for a more just society."

Grandfather's Story

John Tonai, a digital specialist at the Japanese American National Museum, talked about his family history. "Terminal Island represented what my grandfather Gengoro was hoping to find when he immigrated here from Japan ... An opportunity to create a new life for himself, to work hard and raise a family. It represented his American Dream ... the same as the migrants who who are being rounded up and incarcerated today. My grandfather eventually left the fishing industry and started a chain of produce stands, and so he moved his family off Terminal Island into San Pedro.

"It was there in the summer of 1941 that he was first visited by FBI agents. The next time they visited him was the evening of Dec. 7, 1941,

government and their enforcement by ICE within a stone's throw of the fishing village that was filled with law-abiding, hard-working people."

A Thriving Community

Carrie Furuya Morita, a member of Nikkei Progressives and a retired LAUSD teacher, comes from a family of fishermen. "Chicken of the Sea, Bumblebee Tuna, StarKist are all names from my childhood," she recalled, "for I am the granddaughter, daughter and niece of men who spent months at a time out at sea as commercial tuna fishermen. My uncle was a union rep for the Japanese American fishermen as part of a larger union here on Terminal Island. Although I did not grow up here ... I grew up in another community of tuna fishing in San Diego, appropriately called Tunaville.

"My father would be gone for months at a time, sometimes traveling to the tip of South America or north to Oregon and Washington, but often unloading fish right here at Terminal Island ... Men held back-breaking jobs that many would not do. I've seen the photos of men throwing their poles back and forth in a rhythmic motion. I've had friends ... who are fishermen who like to go up to Mammoth and catch trout. Sometimes they even tell me, 'I caught a seven-pound fish.' Try

comparing that to one man pulling in a tuna that could weigh half a ton ...

"Terminal Island was once this thriving community with restaurants, shops, community centers, and home to many ... This community came to a screeching halt when the government arrested its 3,000 residents and sent them to America's concentration camps out in the Arizona desert, far from the beloved ocean ... They were feared to be communicating with Japan, although no Japanese or Japanese Americans were ever found to be guilty of any kind of espionage.

"Today our government is once again destroying the lives of many families and tearing apart immigrant communities, ignoring the history of what took place here. Currently, ICE agents are using this island as a home base for their operations in L.A. ... My grandfather was arrested

days after Pearl Harbor and was sent to the Lordsburg POW camp in New Mexico, where he was separated from his family for the duration of the war. We must speak out against history repeating itself."

Solidarity and Kinship

Cynthia Avina, an ethnic studies teacher and a member of the Community Self-Defense Coalition and the Association of Raza Educators, said, "The Community Self-Defense Coalition is a multi-ethnic, multi-racial coalition that has not only shown up at ICE raids in the Latino community, but also raids in Asian and African diasporic communities as well. We believe that we must continue to fight for ethnic studies and against censorship of educators. Youth need to know these histories, like that of the vibrant Terminal Island fishing village that was nearly decimated ...

"This history is important not only to the descendants of those who are shamelessly incarcerated, but also to every American who needs to be informed by the truth every day as they make decisions about how they relate to the Japanese American community and all Asian American communities in general. We must understand one another in order to build solidarity and kinship. The histories of Japanese Americans and all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are intertwined with Chicano, Latino, Indigenous and the Black diaspora peoples. Our stories are rooted in resistance and resilience, and we are seeing this so clearly today."

An "ICE Off Terminal Island" community vigil was held that evening at 6th Street and Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro, followed on June 28 by a South Bay rally against the Trump Administration's policies on Harbor between 3rd and 6th streets.



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The picnic features activities for all ages, including Bon Odori.

Community, Culture, and Summer Fun at Okinawa Picnic

Umanchu OAA Picnic uti majun ashibibusan! (We want to have fun with everyone at the OAA Picnic!)

The Okinawa Association of America (OAA) will host their Annual Members Picnic on Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in South El Monte.

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of community, culture, and summer fun, including live performances, games, raffle drawings, and Hawaii-style Okinawa Bon Odori. Non-OAA members are also welcome and encouraged to apply for membership.

For many OAA members, the picnic is rooted in their family's history. The gatherings were pioneered by early Okinawan immigrants in the 1930s to build fellowship and to joyously partake in their shared cultural heritage.

The organizers later added a high school scholarship award to recognize the academic and service achievements of young Okinawans in the organization. The picnic has since become a multigenerational event centered around community and connecting with Okinawan culture.

Enjoy games throughout the day, including a water balloon toss tournament, relay races, tama-ire (popular beanbag toss game in Japan), and more; prizes awarded to all child participants while supplies last. The picnic will conclude with the much-anticipated chinahichi (tug-of-war); age restrictions apply.

Picnic-goers can also enjoy and cheer on local talent during the entertainment program. From traditional dances and folk music to the dynamic Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko drum-dancing group (celebrating their 30th

anniversary), this is one of the few annual events in Southern California that spotlights the diverse culture of the Ryūkyū Islands.

The festivities will culminate with Bon Odori, a community dance circle that is performed in honor of our *uyafafuji* (ancestors). Audience members of all ages are invited to join, and no experience is necessary as the movements are repetitive and easy to follow.

The OAA's Hawaii-style Okinawa Bon Odori is unique in that all of the songs are Okinawan, and live music will be provided by *sanshin* (traditional three-stringed lute) and *paarankuu* (hand drum) musicians.

Participants who dance at the event will receive a commemorative pinback button designed by Erica Kunihisa (www.linktr.ee/ekunihisa) while supplies last.

In-person dance practices to be held on Saturdays at 2 p.m. (July 5, 12, 19); more information and practice videos: oaamensore.org/bondance.

There will be raffle drawings throughout the day with great prizes (attendance not required to win). One grand prize winner will take home a 43" Toshiba LED 4K Smart TV generously donated by Kamiya Insurance Agency. Other prizes include two Loge tickets to the Dodgers vs. Phillies game (Sept. 17), gift cards, and more.

Basket raffle prizes (attendance required) include Dodgers tickets, five-day/four-night stay for two at California Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas (generously donated by Boyd Gaming), Hello Kitty gift basket, and more. All proceeds will benefit the OAA.

The picnic will be held at Whit-

tier Narrows Recreation Area, Group Picnic Area, 750 S. Santa Anita Ave., South El Monte (if using smartphone map: 622 Santa Anita Ave., South El Monte). Parking (cash only) is \$7 per car, \$5 for seniors 65+ or disabled persons with placard. Golf cart service from parking to event site available for members with physical restrictions.

Food not provided. No alcohol, smoking, or pets permitted (except for service animals). Gates open at 10:30 a.m. Raffle tickets (\$1) are available for pre-order at www.oaamensore.org/picnic or by calling (310) 532-1929.

Volunteers needed on July 19 and 20: www.tinyurl.com/oaapicnicvolunteer25 (service hours available for students).

The OAA would like to say *ippee nifee deebiru* (thank you very much) to this year's Gold Level sponsors, Kamiya Insurance Agency and Uyehara Travel, for their generous support.

Hiroshima Returns for 'Rhythm on the Vine' Concert

The legendary band Hiroshima will make a special appearance at the opening of the 25th "Rhythm on the Vine" concert series on Sunday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. at South Coast Winery, 34843 Rancho California Rd., Temecula.

"Two years ago, they stopped touring and retired," said series organizers Michael and Terri Paulo. "They are coming back to do a one-time special concert for us at South Coast Winery. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to see an American jazz icon.

"There will never be another band like Hiroshima. Their music is unique. Join us for the only full band performance in California."

Los Angeles-based Hiroshima, led by composer and producer Dan Kuramoto, has been captivating audiences for more than four decades with its unique blend of contemporary jazz, pop, rock, and traditional Japanese folk music. The ensemble, nominated for a Grammy in 2010, features Kuramoto on woodwinds, koto virtuoso and composer June Kuramoto, pianist and keyboardist Kim Cornwell, drummer Land Richards, and bassist Davie Inamine.

"There was a rumor that Hiroshima was going to stop performing in 2022 — I think maybe we even started it?" said Dan Kuramoto. "After more than 45 years of touring and recording, some kind of prolonged hiatus seemed in order. Also, June was about to be honored with an NEA Heritage Award — the highest cultural honor in this country.

"This year we performed together for the first time (since then) in a benefit for Altadena. We also decided to play a few dates—just to see. Detroit,



Photo By KEN FONG

Photo from 2022 Domo Tour. From left: Kim Cornwell, Land Richards, June Kuramoto, Dean Cortez and Dan Kuramoto.

a city that has supported the band from the beginning, invited us to play, so we decided to do just a week of shows."

Reserved table seats for "Rhythm on the Vine" are almost sold out. All seats are reserved seating. For tickets, go to www.tix.com. For more information, call (951) 696-0184, email saxhawaii@aol.com or visit www.apauloproductions.net.

Special concert room rates are available at the resort. The concert series also includes:

Smooth Jazz All-Stars (benefiting Michelle's Place) on Aug. 3

Saxman Tom Braxton, vocalist Rebecca Jade and guitarist Andrea Lisa on Aug 17

An Evening of Yacht Rock fea-

turing Tris Imboden Yacht Stars on Aug. 31

Al Jarreau Reunion Band with Chris Walker on Sept. 14

Kalapana 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 28

Hiroshima's other tour dates: Aretha Franklin Amphitheater in Detroit on July 23

The Birchmere in Alexandria, Va., on July 24

The Ramshead in Annapolis, Md., on July 25

Dan Kuramoto, June Kuramoto and Kim Cornwell will perform at Yosemite Jazz Train on Oct. 12, a benefit for the WWII Camp Wall in Torrance on Oct. 15, and Catalina Island on Oct. 16.

For more information, visit www.hiroshimamusic.com.

Venice Hongwanji Obon Festival to Be Held July 19-20; Odori Both Days

Celebrating their 65th anniversary, the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will hold their Obon Festival on Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20, from 3 to 9 p.m. each day.

Obon is a time when we gather to express our gratitude to friends and loved ones who have passed on before us.

This year's festival will feature many of your favorite Obon foods, including chicken teriyaki, fried won ton, andagi (aka dango), sushi, hot dogs and chili rice, and Asian chicken salad from Feast from the

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Our Bon Odori will begin at 7 p.m. both days. Everyone is welcome to join in the dancing fun featuring many of your Obon favorites. Live performers will be on hand too. You may visit www.givebut-



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Dancers at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple's 2019 Obon Festival.

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All-inclusive tickets allow attendees to sample a diverse selection of 50+ premium Japanese sake and shōchū, savor an array of delicious

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This fun summer night festival becomes "Sake After Dark" as the sun sets over Grand Park. Guests can jam to a live DJ, watch an exciting scavenger hunt and cocktail contest, and cheer on local dance troupe Culture Shock L.A., while continuing to enjoy unlimited food and drink.

Proceeds from "Sake in the Park" support LTSC's affordable housing,



social services, cultural preservation work and more.

Guests must be 21+ with valid ID. Tickets are available at www.sakeinthepark.com.

For more information on LTSC's programs and services, visit www.ltsc.org.

"We've just been overwhelmed by the variety of sake that they have here. It's beyond my expectations!" — Kristy, previous sake event attendee

"Originally, I was going to stay for a short period of time, but I was having so much fun... I ended up staying until the end. I truly enjoyed the event." — Yuko, previous sake event attendee

"To me, LTSC operates at another level. It's hard to put into words how effective and responsible the organization is. You're going to be hard pressed to find another organization that really maximizes the results from the dollar you donate." — Kirk Sasaki, co-owner of Breweryard Beer Co. and sake event beverage provider for eight years

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This business is being conducted by: a **General Partnership**. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2025. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

Signed:
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **JUNE 10, 2025.**

NOTICE—In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. **DEAN C. LOGAN**, Los Angeles County Clerk.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CMCP00122 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Compton Court
200 W. Compton Blvd.
Compton, CA 90220

PETITION OF: Constance Marie Gray AKA Constance Marie Gray Wagner for change of name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Constance Marie Gray AKA Constance Marie Gray Wagner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

1. Present name: Constance Marie Gray AKA Constance Marie Gray Wagner

Proposed name: Constance Marie Gray

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25CMCP00123 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
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PETITION OF: LETICIA ISABEL GARCIA RODRIGUES for change of name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: LETICIA ISABEL GARCIA RODRIGUES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

1. Present name: LETICIA ISABEL GARCIA RODRIGUES

Proposed name: LETICIA ISABEL RODRIGUEZ

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Trump Says 25% Tariffs to Be Slapped on Japan on Aug. 1

By TAKUYA KARUBE
KYODO NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The U.S. will impose 25% tariffs on imports from Japan and South Korea starting Aug. 1, President Trump said July 7, citing trade imbalances and further ramping up pressure on the key U.S. allies to make compromises to get deals done.

In nearly identical letters addressed to the leaders of Japan and South Korea, which Trump posted in full on his Truth Social platform, he told each that trade relations with his country have been "far from Reciprocal."

"Please understand that the 25% number is far less than what is needed to eliminate the Trade Deficit disparity we have with your Country," Trump wrote to both Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and South Korean President Lee Jae Myung.

Trump also warned each country that any increases to their tariffs on U.S. goods will be met with an equivalent tariff hike by his administration, above and beyond the 25% rate.

At the same time, Trump said he may consider making "an adjustment" if the countries remove what he claimed to be trade barriers.

"These Tariffs may be modified, upward or downward, depending on our relationship with your Country," he said.

Under Trump's so-called reciprocal "Liberation Day" tariffs, the administration has also levied a baseline, or universal, duty of 10% covering imports from almost all countries in the world.

Until now, Japan was facing an additional tariff of 14%, for a total rate of 24%. South Korea's was 25%.

Trump said the updated rates are completely separate from the higher industrial-sector tariffs that have already taken effect, such as those targeting all imports of cars, auto parts and steel.

The signed letters were posted two days before a 90-day pause on country-specific tariffs was due to expire and despite weeks of bilateral negotiations between the administration and each of the Asian allies.

Both Japan and South Korea have been dealt a severe economic blow by Trump's hike in April of a tariff on imported passenger vehicles to 27.5% from 2.5%.

Meanwhile, Trump has upped the pressure especially on Japan in recent weeks, venting frustration that it does not import a significant amount of American cars or rice.

He reiterated his complaint that Japan does not import enough cars or rice from the U.S., claiming that it has "ripped us off for 30, 40 years."

On July 1, Trump told reporters that the two countries have had a "great relationship" over decades, but when it comes to trade, Tokyo has been "very unfair, and those days are gone."

With the U.S. leader showing no signs of granting Tokyo's persistent requests to remove the auto and other tariffs, the new 25% rate has created another headache for Japanese officials trying to break the deadlock in negotiations with Washington.

Trump later posted on social media similar trade letters to the leaders of Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand and Tunisia, notifying them of tariff rates from 25% to 40%.

Trump unveiled sweeping country-specific tariffs on April 2, targeting about 60 countries with which the U.S. runs trade deficits, before pausing them for 90 days to have time for talks mainly with its major trading partners.

On July 7, the White House said the pause will be extended to Aug. 1, meaning that the time for deal-making could continue until then.

Although top U.S. trade officials had said they could clinch 90 trade deals in 90 days, only two agreements, with Britain and Vietnam, have been sealed so far.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said July 7 in a CNBC interview that the administration was set to announce "several" trade deals over the next 48 hours, without naming any countries or offering other details.

Monterey Park Responds to ICE Raids, Joins Lawsuit Challenging Alleged Unlawful Enforcement

The City of Monterey Park issued the following statement on July 3.

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The City of Monterey Park remains firmly committed to protecting the safety, dignity, and rights of all its residents.

In light of recent immigration enforcement operations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) across the Los Angeles region, the city acknowledges the fear and uncertainty these actions have caused — and wants the community to know: we stand with our residents.

On July 2, 2025, the Monterey Park City Council voted unanimously to authorize the city attorney to take all necessary actions to intervene in a federal lawsuit, *Perdomo, et al. v. Noem, et al.*, filed that same day in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

The lawsuit alleges that since early June 2025, federal agents have engaged in indiscriminate immigration raids, targeting individuals based on race and ethnicity, without reasonable suspicion or legal warrants. These operations have reportedly resulted in unlawful detentions, denial of access to legal counsel, and inhumane conditions for those detained.

By intervening in this case, the city seeks to support legal efforts to halt these practices and ensure that federal agencies are held accountable for any violations of constitutional and human rights. Monterey

Park joins a growing coalition of voices across California and the nation calling for transparency, fairness, and justice in immigration enforcement.

In addition, the City Council expressed unanimous support for two key pieces of state legislation, Senate Bill 627 — "No Secret Police Act" and Senate Bill 805 — "No Vigilantes Act." A formal letter of support will be sent on behalf of the city.

The Monterey Park Police Department does not question individuals about their immigration status, detain individuals on behalf of federal agencies, or participate in federal immigration enforcement operations.

The city encourages residents to seek support and guidance through trusted community organizations and legal resources. For a list of immigration and citizenship resources, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/immigrationresources.

Immigrants are a vital part of Monterey Park's history and future. The city affirms its commitment to creating a community where every person feels safe, valued, and respected.

The Monterey Park City Council: Mayor Vinh T. Ngo, District 5; Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Yang, District 2; Councilmember Henry Lo, District 4; Councilmember Jose Sanchez, District 3; Councilmember Thomas Wong, District 1

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Nakamura

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Japanese Americans, or Nisei.

The regiment is best known as the most decorated unit in U.S. military history, according to Go For Broke, a nonprofit organization that honors the contributions of Japanese American World War II veterans. It is headquartered at Little Tokyo.

"Go for Broke" was the combat team's slogan, according to the nonprofit's website.

"We tell the story of the Japanese American young men and women, who during World War II, chose to uphold the wisdom of America's promise — the promise that in our nation no one is to be judged by the color of their skin, the nation of their origin or the faith that they choose to keep," Mitchell Maki, president and CEO of Go For Broke, said.

"In our good friend, Yoshio Nakamura was in the lead of upholding America's promise," he added.

Maki noted that Nakamura was part of a mortar company that was assigned to break the Gothic Line, the German defensive line of the Italian campaign. That group was required to climb Mount Folgorito by night in order to conduct a stealth operation on a German outpost.

It marked the "beginning of the

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IT PAYS TO KNOW By Judd Matsunaga, Esq.

Get Yourself a Walking Buddy

According to a Harvard Medical School study, all it takes is 30 minutes of walking five days a week to increase your lifespan by three-and-a-half years. Who wouldn't want that?

Dr. Thomas Freiden, former director of the CDC, called walking the "closest thing we have to a wonder drug." Walking can have a bigger impact on disease risk and various health conditions than just about any other remedy that's readily available to you.

What's more, walking is completely free, and has practically no negative side effects. All of us realize that walking is good for your health. Yet, many (if not most) *Rafu Shimpo* readers still don't do enough walking in the course of their daily lives to reap the myriad of health benefits that this "magic pill" has to offer, e.g., better health, less stress, improved mood, better sleep, etc.

It's been close to two years since I last wrote about the health benefits of walking (*Rafu Shimpo*, "How to Add Years to Your Lifespan," Oct. 28, 2023). The purpose of this *Rafu Shimpo* article is to place my proverbial shoe in the seat of your pants to get you moving off the couch, i.e., sitting disease. The following tips and suggestions come from a Harvard Medical School Special Health Report titled "Walking for Health."

There's an old saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." The most helpful suggestion I found in the Special Report mentioned above is: Go find a walking buddy. You'll have better luck staying on a walking routine if you go with a walking buddy. A walking buddy provides encouragement and accountability, making it easier to adhere to a regular walking routine.

While it is totally feasible to walk solo, there are many great reasons to walk with a partner. Most importantly, there will be days when you just don't feel like walking. On those days, your buddy acts as a support system, offering motivation, accountability, and a pep talk. It's a great way to catch up or get to know someone better. Furthermore, working towards shared goals with

a buddy, like increasing distance or speed, adds a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Try to find a walking partner who shares similar goals with you. It's important to keep a similar pace so that you each reach the maximum level of activity desired. Exercising with a partner can increase your chances of sticking with a program. You'll be much more likely to hop out of bed if you know that your neighbor is waiting for you at the corner. This buddy system also makes walking more fun, as you chat about your days, share family stories, and even help each other through tough times.

According to Dr. Edward Phillips, associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School, "You'll have better luck staying on a walking routine if you go with friends, primarily for two reasons (Source: Harvard Health Letter, "Better Together: The Many Benefits of Walking with Friends," Heidi Godman, June 1, 2023):

(1) Accountability. "Friends have expectations, and we tend not to want to let them down. We jump through hoops to be there for others. So if you agree to walk with a friend, you're more likely to do it," Dr. Phillips says.

(2) Motivation. "When you walk with someone else, you challenge and encourage each other. Imagine that you hit a wall while walking, but other people around you are still going. That makes you realize that it's doable, and you keep walking," Dr. Phillips says. "The other piece is that being with others is fun, and you might be more inclined to go for a brisk walk if you think about it as spending time with friends rather than a chore. You'll want to go."

Many years ago, I first learned about the "buddy system" when I would scuba dive for abalone off Catalina Island. "Walking with a buddy is safer than walking alone. There are more eyes watching for hazards (e.g., cars or sharks) you may miss. And you'll be more visible to drivers when you walk in pairs or a group. Also, if you experience any kind of health problem while walk-

ing, or if you fall, a friend can take care of you and call for help," says Dr. Phillips says.

If finding the right walking buddy is a problem, utilize your network of friends, family, or neighbors who might be interested in walking with you. Join your local Japanese American community center and look for opportunities to meet like-minded people. You may find that many community centers already have walking clubs or groups that you can join.

Explore online resources and consider using platforms like Meetup.com to find walking groups or apps



specifically designed for connecting walking buddies.

If you can't find a walking buddy or walking group, don't give up (your health is depending on it). Simply stepping in place will burn calories — about 250 in an hour if you weigh 180 pounds. Try doing it while you watch your favorite TV show in your living room (or any other room in your house). Even if you step during the commercials only, you can burn about 150 calories during a typical hour-long show, between the stepping, getting up, and sitting down.

The Harvard Special Health Report also lists some more ways to increase activity:

- Set your watch or computer alarm every hour as a reminder to get up and move around a little.
- Take phone calls standing up.
- Get up and do a few exercises or just move around during TV commercials.
- Skip drive-through banks, pharmacies, coffee shops, and restaurants. Instead, park your car and walk.
- Park far away from entrances.
- Take the stairs instead of elevators and escalators.

Remember to wear good shoes — and replace them regularly. The right shoes can help you avoid injuries. Shoes with thick, cushiony soles are commonly believed to help protect your joints and reduce pain. But research is challenging

that conventional wisdom, suggesting that thinner, more flexible soles actually put less load on the knees, though the reasons why are still not completely clear.

Here's the bottom line regarding shoes: If you're happy with the shoes you're walking in and don't have any aches or pains, then don't change a thing. But if you wear a very cushiony or stiff shoe and you're having problems, it may be worth trying a slightly more flexible shoe with a somewhat lower heel. But shoes wear out, and walking in worn shoes can make you more susceptible to problems.

Materials inside sneakers that provide support and cushioning usually wear out long before your shoes look like they need replacing, so try to be aware of how much of a beating you've subjected them to. Experts recommend replacing your shoes about every 300 to 500 miles — or every six months to a year if you're walking 30 minutes a day five days a week at a brisk pace.

Finally, here are more strategies to help you overcome potential obstacles and make walking more enjoyable and a lifelong habit from the Harvard Special Report:

- Bring your cellphone. Especially if you have a chronic condition that can lead to sudden symptoms, such as heart disease, asthma, or a balance disorder. One caution: Don't leave your phone at home and assume you'll use someone else's in an emergency. If that person is unable to speak and share the phone's passcode, you'll be out of luck. It's better if each person on the walk brings a fully charged phone. No texting while walking, though! Distracted walking leads to accidents.

• Wear brightly colored clothing. To avoid blending into your surroundings, dress in red, yellow, or other vibrant colors instead of dark or drab colors like black, gray, navy, or dark green. The more visible you are to motorists, the more time they have to react to your presence on the road, and the safer you'll be.

• Familiarize yourself with the area. Walking in new locations makes walking more adventurous and interesting, but before your first jaunt in a new place, scout out the area. Either drive around it at the time of day when you plan to walk, or if that's not possible — for example, on trails — ask a friend or family member to join you the first time. Whenever you're hiking, it's always a good idea to hike with someone else, in case of injury.

- Carry ID. In case of an emer-

gency, you want medical personnel to know any relevant information and be able to contact your family. You can grab your license or another identification card before you head out for a walk, but there's always a chance you might forget it. That's why it's wise to invest in an ID bracelet or tag that you wear or attach to your sneaker or waist pack. Keep it with your sneakers, so you'll always have it when you walk.

• Have some cash. Or a credit card. It may come in handy if you run out of water or need a snack, or in the unlikely event that you need to take a cab or bus back home. If you're walking in a retail area, you'll be thankful that you have it if you find a great deal on something you want. Just finish your walk before you stop to make a purchase.

• Walk against traffic. If you have to walk in the road because there are no sidewalks, the general rule is to walk against traffic so you can see what's coming. The exceptions are when you're walking up hills or around curves. In these situations, you'll want to switch to the opposite side of the road, walking with traffic, since drivers coming up a hill or heading into a bend will see you sooner. No matter what side you're on, always be alert, and remember: if you can't see a car coming, the driver can't see you either.

• Use only one earbud. It's safest to unplug when you're walking because you want to stay alert to your surroundings for possible hazards, such as cars or dogs. To do that effectively, you need to be able to hear what's going on around you. Wearing earbuds impairs that ability.

• Be cautious about walking alone at night. This may be the only time that you can fit in a walk, and it can be very pleasant. But if you do walk after dark, choose areas that are safe, well-lit, and have sidewalks — and if possible, venture out with someone else. Also avoid places with lots of trees and shrubs and any remote areas.

In conclusion, get yourself a walking buddy. Staying active and engaged in a fun activity with a friend can reduce feelings of loneliness and even reduce depression in some individuals. It also builds relationships. Friends may share advice, stories, recipes, or engage in fun subjects such as sports or music. Socializing also helps exercise the brain, which protects your thinking skills.

So that extra effort from socializing, even if you're unaware of it, promotes brain cell connections, which keeps thinking and memory sharp.

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JAVA to Commemorate 79th Anniversary of Return of the 100th/442nd RCT from Europe

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) is honored to host a commemorative ceremony marking the 79th anniversary of the historic return of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team from Europe.

The event will take place on Tuesday, July 15, at 9 a.m. EDT, at the Price of Freedom Wall at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

This anniversary reflects a pivotal moment in American history. On July 15, 1946, President Harry S. Truman welcomed the soldiers of the 100th/442nd at the Ellipse near the White House. Despite the rain, Truman honored the unit with its seventh Presidential Unit Citation, recognizing their extraordinary heroism during World War II. Addressing the troops, he declared:



Paris Davis

"You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice — and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win — to make this great republic stand for just what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all the people all the time."

Composed primarily of Nisei, the 100th/442nd became the most decorated units for its size and length of service in U.S. military history. Their valor in Europe and the contributions of the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific not only helped shape the outcome of the war but also laid a foundation for the advancement of civil rights for Japanese Americans in the postwar era.

The July 15 ceremony will include a wreath-laying in honor of the 33,000 Japanese American men and women who served during World War II. JAVA is privileged to welcome Col. (U.S. Army, retired) Paris Davis, Medal of Honor recipient, who will offer remarks reflecting on the legacy of the Nisei soldiers of the 100th/442nd.

This annual observance — known as the Day of Affirmation — is a tribute to the enduring values of courage, loyalty, and equality. The event will be live-streamed on JAVA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JapaneseAmericanVeteransAssociation/> and on the JAVA website at www.java-us.org.

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Harold Haruo Honda

A private graveside memorial service for Harold Haruo Honda, 80-year-old, Manzanar, California-born, passed away on May 27, 2025, in Los Angeles, was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Los Angeles National Cemetery.

Harold is survived by his siblings, Norma Honda Wagoner (William, predeceased); predeceased by Victor (Doria Gould Honda); Joyce Honda Tucker (Leslie, predeceased); Richard (Barbara); also survived by two nephews and nieces. Predeceased by parents, Tom Tokuchi and Harriet Tsurue.

Harold was well-loved by family and friends, leaving a legacy of loving kindness, laughter, and service, and will long be remembered.

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Setsuko Tanaka

Mrs. Setsuko Tanaka, 100, of Valencia, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025. She is survived by son, Jerry Tanaka (Arlene); daughter, Beverly Oyama (Clifford); grandchildren, Kellen, Brianna, Jeffrey, Erin, Randi; and great-grandson, Zander. She is predeceased by husband, Shigeo Tanaka. Setsuko was loved by her many nieces and nephews, had a spirit of generosity and was devoted to helping her family members. She enjoyed travels around the globe along with her husband, Shigeo and friends. Setsuko was blessed to have lived many years in the picture of health and lived a fulfilling life. A luncheon commemorating her life was held on May 31, 2025.

Motomi Arai

6/27/1933 – 6/26/2025

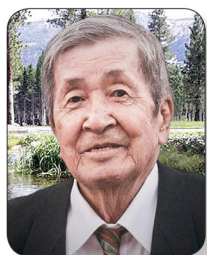
Cherished father, Papa, and great-grandfather, Motomi Arai, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2025, one day shy of his 92nd birthday. Affectionately known as "Mutt," Motomi was truly loved by those who knew him. His warm heart and friendly nature were endearing to all. He enjoyed spending time with family and his many friends, ballroom dancing, dune bugging, and camping and had a passion for classic automobiles. Motomi is survived by daughters, Terral (Michael), Cindy (Jay) and Pam (Scott); son-in-law, Bryan; grandchildren, Andrea (Brandon), Addison (Tina), Aaron, Nathan (Saira), Tristan (Emily), Tyler, Ryan, and Nicholas; and great-grandchildren, Margo, Nolan, Olivia, Quinn, and Jaxon. We are comforted in knowing that he will be reunited with his loving wife, Jo-Dell and daughter, Peri.

Motomi will live on forever in our hearts. In lieu of koden, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charities in Motomi's name. No funeral service will be held.

Motomi Arai

Tsugio Fujimoto

February 3, 1933 – June 14, 2025



Private funeral services for the late Tsugio Fujimoto, 92 years old, born in Wakayama, Japan, who passed away June 14, was held on Wednesday, July 2. He is survived by his loving family: sons, George, Steven and Mike; daughters, Helen (Yoshimitsu) Kikuchi, Susan (Masahiro) Suzuki, Darlene (James) Motoyasu and Joanne Fujimoto; 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; and is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral and interment service was held at Green Hills Memorial Park, Reverend Yuryu Mori of Koyasan Buddhist Temple officiating.

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Tsugio Fujimoto

Michiyo Nakayama

Michiyo Nakayama, 79-year-old resident of Los Angeles, passed away at her home on June 19, 2025. Michiyo was born on Independence Day, 1945, at the Rohwer, Ark. Relocation Center, a euphemism for the concentration camp where her parents and siblings, along with all West Coast residents of Japanese descent, were incarcerated during World War II. Her early life was spent living in Boyle Heights, where she attended Roosevelt H.S. and Cal State L.A. University. Michiyo was kind, intelligent, gentle, creative, and fun. She loved her Dodgers, staying up until 3 a.m. to watch them play live in Japan. She loved all kinds of music: oldies, light jazz, '70s rock, and even modern country.

Michiyo was preceded in death by her parents, (Frank) Tomojiro and Masako Kariya Nakayama; and her brother, Tomoki. She is survived by brothers, Takeshi (Pat) Nakayama and Makoto (Lily) Nakayama; sisters, Yoshiko (Wallace) Fong and Kikuko Nakayama; nephew, Gregory (Melba) Fong; nieces, Michelle (Rick) Parent, Cindy Fong (Merv DeGuzman), Mitzi (David) Yamashita, Kelli Nakayama (Jay Yamakawa) and Whitney Nakayama (Dexter Yu); and six grand-nephews and two-grand nieces who miss their beloved fun auntie. A family celebration of Michiyo's life will be held at a later date.

John Tatsuo Watanabe

February 26, 1940 – June 24, 2025

John passed away on June 24, 2025, in his home in Fremont, Calif. He was born in Los Angeles on February 26, 1940 and was the eldest son of John and Betty Watanabe and had two younger brothers, David and Ronald.

John lived his whole life in California, mostly in Los Angeles and the S.F. Bay Area, except during World War II, when the family was interned at Amache Relocation Center in Colorado starting from when John was 3 years old. After the war, his family returned to the East Los Angeles area, where John attended grammar school and high school. John attended East Los Angeles College and UCLA and lived in Venice Beach before moving to San Francisco. While living in San Francisco, he met his wife, Aiko through family friends and they were married for 50 years.

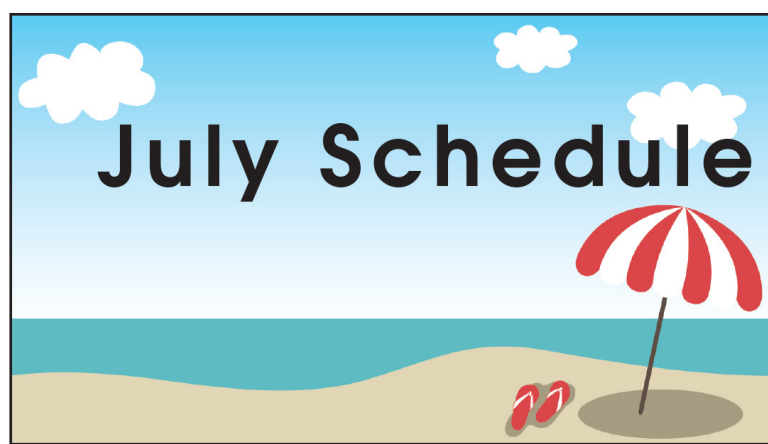
In his younger days John was an artist and enjoyed painting, photography, attending concerts in SF, fishing, and playing on the Station A Post Office's softball team. Since he retired in 2004 after 36 years of working as a mail carrier for the Post Office, he had time to work in his garden, watch his favorite teams, the San Francisco 49ers and Golden State Warriors, hunt for treasures at Japanese rummage sales, spend time with family, and enjoy good meals with wine.

John is survived by his wife, Aiko; daughter, Jennifer; granddaughter, Maya; brother, Ronald; sister-in-law, Laurel; brother-in-law, Koichi Seki, and his wife, Liz; sister-in-law, Mariko Kelley, and her husband, Mike; nephews, Andrew Seki, Dan Seki, Joey Watanabe, Lance Michihira, and Sean Kelley; and many cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his father, John; mother, Betty; and brother, David.

John will be deeply missed by his family and friends and remembered for his laid back and easy-going demeanor and his wonderful sense of humor.



RELIGION



July Schedule

Gardena Buddhist Church 1517 W. 166th St, Gardena 90247, 310-327-9400. Gardenabuddhistchurch.org. July 13 (Sun), 9:30 am—Hybrid special Sunday service: Obon and Hatsubon service, virtual and in-person. Hatsubon is for a memorial service as the first Obon after a loved one's passing. For Zoom link, please register on our website: www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org. To attend in-person, please follow all safety protocols. July 15 (Tue), 7 pm—Obon dance practice. July 16 (Wed), 7 am—Virtual Meinichiko service. July 17 (Thu), 7 pm—Obon dance practice.

Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple 505 E. 3rd St, L.A. 90013, 213-626-4200. hbbt-la.org. Bishop Noriaki Ito.

Jodoshu North America Buddhist Missions P.O. Box 11068, Torrance, CA 90510, 213-346-9666.

Koyasan Buddhist Temple 342 E. 1st St, L.A. 90012, 213-624-1267. www.koyasanbetsuin.org.

Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha 4110 N Martin Luther King Blvd, North Las Vegas, NV 89032, 702-483-9754. LVBS.org. Led by Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada and minister's assistants. Please join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10 am.

L.A. Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 815 E. 1st St, L.A. 90012, 213-680-9130. nishihongwanji-la.org. Rimban William Briones. Services are back in-person. We do recommend that masks be worn while indoors.

Long Beach Buddhist Church 2360 Santa Fe Ave, Long Beach 90810, 562-426-4014.

Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church 144 S. Greenwood Ave, Montebello CA 90640,

(323)721-5568 Montebelloucc.org. Join us for in-person and online worship service at 10 am Sunday mornings or Youtube.com/mpcucc. Contact mpcc@montebelloucc.org for details.

Orange County Buddhist Church 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim 92804, 714-827-9590. Ocbuddhist.org. July 12 (Sat), 7 pm—Zoom BEC Japanese class (Rev Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). July 13 (Sun), 10 am—Obon service (hybrid), Rev. Kory Quon, Venice Temple, and Rev. Hibiki Murakami, LA Betsuin, message in English and Japanese; 1 pm—Hatsubon service; no mindfulness service. July 14 (Mon), 7 pm—Bon Odori practice. July 15 (Tue): Office closed; 7 pm—Zoom BEC English class (Rev Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). July 16 (Wed), 7 pm—Bon Odori practice; 7 pm—Zoom mindfulness service. July 19 (Sat), 2-8:30 pm—Obon Festival. July 20 (Sun), 2-8:30 pm—Obon Festival. July 21 (Mon), 10:30 am—BEC Japanese in-person class (Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). July 22 (Tue): Office closed. July 23 (Wed), 7 pm—Zoom mindfulness service. July 24 (Thu), 9 am—Tai chi class (in-person). July 26 (Sat), 7 pm—Zoom BEC Japanese class (Rev Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). July 27 (Sun), 10 am—Summer Dharma service @ Kodo (in-person).

Pasadena Buddhist Temple 1993 Glen Ave, Pasadena 91103, 626-798-4781. PasadenaBuddhisttemple.org. Resident minister: Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs.

Senshin Buddhist Temple 1311 W. 37th St, L.A. 90007, 323-731-4617. senshintemple@gmail.com, senshintemple.org.

SNI Church (Seicho-No-Ie) South Bay Center 14527 S. Vermont Ave, Gardena 90247.

SNI Church (Seicho-No-Ie) Orange Center 2225 E. Lincoln

Ave, Anaheim, 92806, 714-776-5759.

Union Church of L.A. 401 E. Third St, L.A. 90013, 213-629-3876. www.unionchurchla.org. Email: English@unionchurchla.org, Nichigo@unionchurchla.org. Weekly worship is held at 11 am in-person and on Zoom.

Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 12371 Braddock Dr., Culver City, 90230. 310-391-4351. vbht.org. We are open for in-person Sunday and Tuesday morning services at 9:30 am, except for Tuesday, July 15, Sunday, July 20, and Sunday, July 27. Services are also conducted by Zoom. During July, we are planning several special services and activities, including our Obon Festival. Special services include the following: On Tuesday, July 15, at 7:30 pm, we will hold our ABA Memorial Service, where we remember our dear ABA members who have passed away over the years. On the weekend of July 19 and 20, we will have our annual Obon Festival with lively Obon street dancing, oishii food, games, silent auction, and lots of family fun. Please check our website, vbht.org, for more information.

W. Covina Buddhist Temple 1203 W. Puente Ave, W. Covina 91790, 626-689-1040. livingdharma.org. On Sunday, July 13, Sunday service will be held at 10 am both in-person and online. Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Miyoshi. Discussion will follow. Please contact the temple (wcbt.livingdharma@gmail.com) to receive a meeting ID and passcode to join the service online.

W.L.A. Buddhist Temple 2003 Corinth Ave, L.A. 90025, 310-477-7274. Rev. Koho Takata and Rev. Koe Umezumi. July 12 (Sat), 10 am—Shotsuki Hoyo. July 13 (Sun), 10 am—Obon/Hatsubon service.

Wintersburg Presbyterian Church 2000 N. Fairview St, Santa Ana 92706, 714-740-9400. wintersburg.org.

Zenshuji Soto Mission 123 S. Hewitt St, L.A. 90012, 213-624-8658. Check for details and schedule changes: www.zenshuji.org. Zen Aerobics for Seniors and their family and friends on Sundays, 1 pm offered online Zoom and in-person when conditions are deemed safe. Call to confirm the schedule and check the website for additional classes.

Pacoima 91331, 818-899-4030.

South Bay Adventist Church 401 S. Prospect Ave, Redondo Beach, 90277, 323-214-3123.

South Bay Japanese Episcopal Church 408 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach, 90277, 323-616-4208.

Sozenji Buddhist Temple 3020 W. Beverly Blvd, Montebello 90640, 323-724-6866.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 1432 Engracia Ave, Torrance, 90501, 310-328-3781.

St. Francis Xavier Chapel Japanese Catholic Center (Maryknoll) 222 S. Hewitt St, L.A. 90012, 213-626-2279.

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral 514 West Adams Blvd, Los Angeles, 90017, 213-747-6285.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 961 S. Mariposa Ave, L.A. 90006, 213-387-1334.

Sukyo Mahikari Centers for Spiritual Development 860 E. Mariposa St, Altadena, 91001, 626-529-4160, 23151 Camino Altozano, Rancho Santa Margarita, 949-459-1409 and 3525 Lomita Blvd., Torrance, 310-987-3082.

Sunrise Foursquare Church 5853 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village 91607, 818-782-8738.

Sunrise Van Nuys Church 14705 Wyandotte St, Van Nuys 91405, 818-782-8738.

Tenrikyo Mission HQ in America 2727 E. First St, L.A. 90033, 323-261-3379.

Torrance First Lutheran Church 2900 Carson St, Torrance 90503, 310-320-9920.

Venice Free Methodist 4871 Centinela Ave, L.A. 90066, 310-822-8094.

W. Covina Christian Church 1100 E. Cameron Ave, W. Covina 91790, 626-917-0743.

Westlight Community Church 2650 Federal Avenue, L.A., 90064.

W.L.A. Holiness Church 1710 S. Butler Ave, L.A. 90025, 310-473-2138 (E), 310-473-2130 (J).

W.L.A. United Methodist Church 1913 Purdue Ave, L.A. 90025, 310-479-1379.

OBON AND SUMMER FESTIVALS

JULY 12 — Obon Festival, 1-8 pm at Oxnard Buddhist Temple, 250 S H St, Oxnard. Games, food, taiko. Bon Odori 5-7 pm. Info: (805) 483-5948, www.oxnardbuddhisttemple.org

JULY 13 — Obon Festival, 12-6 pm at Nishi Hongwanji, 815 E First St, Little Tokyo. Activities and food sales will be in the Kaikan and west parking lot. Bon Odori at 3:30 pm. For info on dance and taiko practices: (213) 680-9130, www.nishihongwanji-la.org

JULY 13 — Obon service and festival, 1-7 pm at Sozenji Buddhist Temple, 3020 W Beverly Blvd, Montebello. Obon and Manto-e service, 1 pm; food and other booths open, 2 pm; entertainment, 3:30 pm; Bon Odori, 5:15 pm, followed by raffle drawing; closing ceremony 6:30 pm. Info: (323) 724-6866, sozenjibuddhisttemple@gmail.com

JULY 19 — Obon Festival, 1-4 pm at Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara, 1015 E Montecito St, Santa Barbara. Featuring Bon Odori, taiko drumming, karate demonstration, origami, games, hula dance, Okinawan dance, Japanese craft sale, ikebana, bonsai and more. Dance practices July 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, and July 15, 6:30-7:30 pm. For info on dance practices, contact: Setsuko Furuike, (805) 969-4691, setsuko_furuike@yahoo.com

JULY 19-20 — Obon Festival at Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S Dale Ave, Anaheim. Sat 2-8:30 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Taiko at 4 and 6 pm, Bon Odori at 6:30 pm. Food (including take-out), games, boutique. No pets; service dogs allowed. Free parking and shuttle 1:30-9 pm at Magnolia High School, 2450 W Ball Rd,

Anaheim. Dance practice: July 14 and 16 at 7 pm. Info: (714) 827-9590, ww.orangecountybuddhist.org

JULY 19-20 — Obon Festival at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Dr, Culver City. Food, games, silent auction, opportunity drawing, Bon Odori at 7 pm. Dance practice July 14 at 7 pm. Info: (310) 391-4351, temple@vbbt.org

JULY 26 — Nova Vita Festival, 11 am-9 pm at Tanaka Farms, 5380 3/4 University Dr, Irvine. Traditional Japanese games, food, beverages and vendors, entertainment and cultural presentations, happy hour at Beer Garden, secret menus. Free admission. Parking reservation required. Info: https://novavitafoundation.org/nvf-events/nova-vita-festival-2/

JULY 26-27 — Obon Carnival, 12-7 pm at Zenshuji Soto Mission, 123 S. Hewitt St, Los Angeles. Obon service at 1:30 pm. Bon Odori, tea ceremony, food booths, crafts, white elephant sale, games, taiko drumming. Info: (213) 624-8658. www.zenshuji.org

JULY 26-27 — Obon Festival, 2-8 pm at Vista Buddhist Temple, 150 Cedar Rd # B, Vista. Japanese food, Bon Odori, taiko drumming, cultural demos, local produce, plants and crafts, Buddhist discussions. Dance practices July 14 and 21, 6:30-7:30 pm. Info: (760) 941-8800, www.vbtemple.org

JULY 26-27 — Obon Festival at West LA Buddhist Temple, 2003 Corinth Ave, West Los Angeles. Sat 4-10 pm, Sun 3-9 pm. ABAsonics at 4:30 pm, WLA Taiko at 5:30 pm, Dharma service at 6 pm, Obon dancing at 6:30 pm. Food booths, games, live music. Relaxed parking in neighborhood. Dance practices July 15 and 17 at 7 pm. Info: (310) 477-7274, www.wlabt.org

RAFU Event Calendar

We welcome submissions to our Events Calendar. Email information to ryamamoto@rafu.com.

Note: Events in Little Tokyo may be postponed due to the ongoing protests. Please confirm before attending.

JULY 11-20 — “Reanimated,” an exhibition in celebration of animation, at Giant Robot Store, 2015 Sawtelle Blvd, West Los Angeles. Closed Mon, open 12-6 pm all other days. Check out beloved characters and scenes from some of your favorite animated films and TV, reimagined in each artist's personal style. Info: (310) 478-1819, giantrobot.com

JULY 11-27 — Philip Kan Gotanda's “Yankee Dawg You Die” at East West Players' David Henry Hwang Theatre, 120 Judge John Aiso St, Little Tokyo. Starring Kelvin Han Yee and Daniel J. Kim; directed by Jennifer Chang. July 12, Masked Matinee and Artist Talkback at 2 pm. July 14, Pay-What-You-Can Night at 8 pm. July 18, understudy performance at 8 pm. July 19, Masked Matinee at 2 pm. July 26, Masked Matinee at 2 pm, ASL interpretation at 8 pm. Info/tickets: www.eastwestplayers.org/blog/ydyd-2025-cast-and-creative

JULY 11-27 — Dream Within Dream Exhibition at George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Student anime exhibition showcasing the creative talents of young artists from Japan. Hours: Tue-Sun, 12-4 pm. Free, no RSVP required. Info: https://jacc.org/events/dream-within-dream-exhibition/

JULY 11-AUG 23 — “Considering Summer 2025” at Patricia Sweetow Gallery, 1700 S Santa Fe Ave, Suite 351, Los Angeles. 12 artists, including Wakana Kimura, reframe memory, loss, ceremony, family, history, politics, culture, labor, and the here and now through textiles, ceramics, paint, drawing, metal, beads, repurposed miscellany, and glass. Hours: Closed Sun-Mon; 11 am-6 pm Tue-Sat. Info: (213) 265-7471, www.patriciasweetowgallery.com

JULY 12-DEC 13 — Hiro's Bokashi Workshop. July 12, 10 am-12 pm at Isamu Noguchi Plaza, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Aug 9, 1-3 pm at Zenshuji Soto Mission, 123 S Hewitt St, Los Angeles. Oct 11, 10 am-12 pm at Isamu Noguchi Plaza. Dec 13, 1-3 pm at Zenshuji Soto Mission. Learn the Okinawan tradition of bokashi composting, an anaerobic process that uses a special additive to ferment kitchen waste into healthy soil and nutrient-rich fertilizer for your plants. \$15 + \$1.50 fee, includes DIY bokashi bag and mottainai refreshment. Supplies and bokashi kits, \$35 each. Info/tickets: https://jacc.org/events/hiros-bokashi-workshop-2025/

JULY 12-13 — Belly Laughs, LA's first Asian American comedy and food festival, 12-11 pm at LA Live, 800 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Featuring 30 comedians, including Hasan Minaj, Kumail Nanjiani, Margaret Cho, Joel Kim Booster, Joe Wong, Helen Hong, Fumi Abe, Paul Ogata; 20+ food and beverage vendors curated by Mama's Nightmarket. Info: www.nederlanderconcerts.com/bellylaughsfestival

JULY 14 and SEPT 8 — Sound Bath at the Garden of the Clear Stream at James Irvine Japanese Garden, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Group sound bath, 11 am-12 pm. Garden lounge,

12-1:30 pm. Escape the noise of daily life and find calm in the Seiryu-en. \$35 + \$3.50 fee. Info/tickets: https://jacc.org/events/sound-bath-at-the-garden-of-the-clear-stream/

JULY 15 — “Next Artisans: Lacquer Design and Woodwork,” 7-8:30 pm at Japan Foundation Los Angeles, 5700 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 100, Los Angeles. Hana Ishizeki, maki-e lacquer design artist, and Mikki Annen, woodworking artist, will introduce their techniques. Free; registration required. Info: (323) 761-7510, www.jflalc.org/event-details.php/282/next-artisans-lacquer-design-and-woodworking

JULY 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 — Dance practice for Nisei Week Grand Parade (Aug 10) and Closing Ceremonies/Street Ondo (Aug 17), 7-9 pm at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Info: https://niseiweek.org

JULY 16 — “From Spirited Away to Death Note: Kami in Popular Anime,” 7-8:15 pm online. Lecture examining how contemporary anime brings Shinto kami, the divine spirits of Japan's indigenous religion, to life for global audiences. Speaker: Jayson Chun, professor of history at University of Hawaii-West Oahu. Part 4 of “Japan and Kami” series. Free but registration required. Info: www.jflalc.org/event-details.php/281/japan-and-kami-4-from-spirited-away-to-death-note-kami-in-popular-anime

JULY 17 — Young Professionals Workshop: “Create Your Next Level — A Vision & Strategy Session,” 4:15-7 pm at Japan America Society of SoCal, 1411 W 190th St, Gardena, and online. Topics include strategic vision casting, actionable growth planning, optimizing performance mindset. Speaker: Adeline Young of Meaningful Joy Coaching. Free for students and members of JAS and cooperation organizations; \$30 for non-members (in-person). Info/registration: www.jas-social.org/event-6204063

JULY 18 — “From Brush to Fabric,” 6:30-8 pm at Mise 店 at Toshizo Watanabe Exhibition Center, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Explore the timeless art of shodo (Japanese calligraphy) in this immersive noren-making workshop led by Kuniharu “Kuni” Yoshida, celebrated calligrapher and founder of JACCC's Shodo for Little Tokyo program. Spots are limited. \$120 + \$12 fee; includes workshop materials and take-home 27” x 34” noren. Info/tickets: https://jacc.org/events/from-brush-to-fabric-with-kuniharu-yoshida/

JULY 18 — Sake in the Park, 7-10 pm at Grand Park in DTLA, 200 N Grand Ave, Los Angeles. 50+ sake and shot varieties from 20+ brewers; 22+ food and beverage providers; local craft beer and special nonalcoholic drinks. Proceeds support Little Tokyo Service Center. Info: www.LTSC.org/Sake

JULY 18 and 25 — Asian American Film Series, 6-9 pm at Alhacama Theatre, 215A E Canon Perdido St, Santa Barbara. July 18: “Nobuko Miyamoto: A Song in Movement” at 6 pm, “Third Act” at 7:30 pm. July 25: “Starring Jerry as Himself” at 6 pm. Suggested donation: \$5. Free for Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation members. Free parking behind Panino Restaurant, 834 Santa Barbara St. Info: (805) 965-0093, kevin@sbthp.org, www.sbthp.org/aafs

JULY 19 — On the Veranda: The

Way of Brush (Shodo), 10 am-12 pm at Kosaka Center for Arts & Crafts, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St (5th Floor), Little Tokyo. Immersive Japanese calligraphy workshop that explores the meditative art of shodo. \$35 + \$3.50 fee, materials included. Info/tickets: https://jacc.org/events/on-the-veranda-the-way-of-brush-shodo-july-2025/

JULY 19 — Greater LA JACL hosts “All That Jazz,” scholarship and chapter fundraiser luncheon. 12-3 pm at Torrance Municipal Airport Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr, Torrance. Presentation of scholarship awardees and silent auction. Guest speaker: Kurt Ikeda of Go For Broke National Education Center. Live music by saxophonist Ruri Matthews. \$50 per person. No walk-ins; pre-pay only. Info: Louise Sakamoto, lsakamoto@sbcglobal.net, (310) 634-9032

JULY 19 — “A Taste of Belly Like Drum,” a community cookbook celebration, 2-4 pm at Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Get a taste of dishes cooked from recipes in the book. Meet the artists, writers and cooks who contributed. See the original artwork. Books available for purchase. Presented by Nikkie Progressives. Info: nikkieprogressives@gmail.com

JULY 19 — Taiko Project 25th Anniversary Concert, 7 pm at Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles. An electrifying blend of taiko, koto, vocals marimba and shinbone. With special guests Grammy Award winner Quetzal and shamisen virtuoso Sumie Kaneko. Info/tickets: https://www.musiccenter.org/tickets-free-events/lease-events/taikoproject-25th-anniversary-concert/

JULY 19-AUG 30 — “how deep how far we can go” at Perrotin Los Angeles, 5036 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles. Opening: July 19, 5-7:30 pm. Hours: Closed Sun-Mon, 10 am-6 pm Tue-Sat. Exhibition by internationally acclaimed artist Aya Takano, her 11th solo exhibition with the gallery. It brings together new paintings, drawings, and installations that explore memory, ancestral consciousness, and the timeless connection between all beings — human and non-human alike. Info: (323) 433-4063. www.perrotin.com

JULY 20 — Screening of Kenji Mizoguchi's “A Geisha” (1953), 2:30 pm at Faith United Methodist Church, 2115 W 182nd St, Torrance. A drama centered on the milieu in post-war Gion, Kyoto, starring Michiyo Kogure, Ayako Wakao and Seizaburo Kawazu. Free admission and popcorn. There will be a short reflection after the movie. Info: (310) 217-7000, www.faithsouthbay.org.

JULY 20 — Hiroshima in concert, 7:30 pm at South Coast Winery, 34843 Rancho California Rd, Temecula. Part of 25th Rhythm on the Vine Jazz Concert Series. Hiroshima is coming out of retirement by special request for their only Southern California performance of the year. Featuring June Kuramoto (koto), Dan Kuramoto (woodwinds), Kimmo Cornwell (keyboards), Land Richards (drums), David Inamine (bass). Info: saxhawain@aol.com, www.apauloproducts.net. Tickets: (951) 696-0184, https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/apaulomusic/2914/event/1423808

JULY 23 — Sound bath with singing bowl, 7-7:25 and 7:30-7:55 pm at Japan Foundation Los Angeles, 5700 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 100, Los Angeles. Meditation with art from Ibuki Kuramochi's exhibition “m/Other.” Free but registration required. Info: www.jflalc.org/event-details.php/283/meditation-with-art

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「ゴ・フォー・ブローック記念碑」の追悼記念式典

第26回「ゴ・フォー・ブローック」追悼記念式典(YouTubeチャンネルより)が行われ、その様子が「ゴ・フォー・ブローック」の追悼記念式典(GFBNEC YouTubeチャンネル)で公開された。小東京にある同記念碑は、第二次世界大戦中に国外で戦った日系米国人男女1万6千人以上をたたえるものとして、1999年6月5日にロサンゼルス市が寄贈。以来、毎年6月の最初の週末に追悼と記念の集いを開いてきたが、GFBNECは

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ゴ・フォー・ブローック記念碑

現在、新たな展開として多目的複合施設「ゴ・フォー・ブローック・プラザ」の建設を進めていることから、今年はいよいよオンライン形式で行われた。番組はデイビッド・オノ氏を司会に、退役軍人の写真特集「Honor a Veteran」(退役軍人に敬意を)を含み、将来の計画について触れている。GFBNECは「日系2世の退役軍人たちが示した勇氣、愛国心、そして尊厳をたたえたい」とコメントしている。GFBNECが建設を進める多目的施設「ゴ・フォー・ブローック・プラザ」には集合住宅「アストロストリート・レジデンス」、地域の老舗ビジネス、そしてGFBNECの常設拠点が含まれる予定で、2024年2月には起工式が行われ、完成は26年後半を見込んでいる。同工事の進行に伴い、来場者の安全面を考慮して今年度の記念式典はオンライン形式で開催された。

露 草

歌人・カリフォルニア短歌会主宰 松江久志

朝露に青には9首採録されています。道端にも家の庭にも、鉢植えにもどこにでも見られ、私たちが身近なところに見える春で咲いている1年草の雑草です。けれども、とてもかわいらしい花を咲かせる草です。私も好きで、バラの花の下にはびこらせています。植木鉢にも植えて藍色の花を咲かせる草です。ポウシヤ、青花、染花、藍花、トンボ花、ちんちん花、草花、カマツカなどいろいろあります。カマツカは中国地方で使われていた繭糸(繭)を染めるのに使われていた色(はなだいろ)という色がありますが、露草で染めた藍色のことです。

露草も露の力の花開く 飯田蛇笏
露草の瑠璃いちめんの昼目 木村蕪城
朝露の庭に露けき藍色を点じてやさしくつき草咲きぬ 松江久志

起工式で前進、モノロピア市 サトル・ツネイシ記念公園

日系史と多様性を伝える役割も

この公園は同市に暮らした日系移民のサトル・ツネイシさん(1888~1987年)の名を冠しており、地域に根差した日系の歴史と多様性を次世代に伝える役割が期待されている。

ツネイシさんは1907年、19歳で四国から米国へ渡り、14年にモノロピア・アーカイブ・ドゥアルテ高校を卒業して卒業生として卒業生を初のアジア系として卒業生を志していたが、妻のシヨウさんと共に養鶏・イチゴ栽培・育児に専念。夫妻の間には10人の子がいた。第2次世界大戦中、ツネイシさんと家族はワイオミング州ハートマウンテンの日系人収容所に強制収容された。その間、4人の息子は米軍に従軍し、2人の娘は通訳として従軍した。戦後はモノロピアに戻り、俳句を詠み始めた。やがて俳句クラブを立ち上げ、米国や日本で俳句を発表するように

なった。戦前・戦後の人種差別の時代を乗り越えたツネイシさんの生涯は、まさに日系1世の軌跡を体現している。モノロピア市はこれまでも、長年地域に暮らしたマイノリティ出身の市民であるアフリカ系系のアジア系として卒業生を志していたが、妻のシヨウさんと共に養鶏・イチゴ栽培・育児に専念。夫妻の間には10人の子がいた。第2次世界大戦中、ツネイシさんと家族はワイオミング州ハートマウンテンの日系人収容所に強制収容された。その間、4人の息子は米軍に従軍し、2人の娘は通訳として従軍した。戦後はモノロピアに戻り、俳句を詠み始めた。やがて俳句クラブを立ち上げ、米国や日本で俳句を発表するように

さん、われわれのコミュニティを築くために多大な貢献をした普通の人々だ」と語った。ツネイシさんの孫のマークさんは「初期の日系人の貢献が今のコミュニティの基礎に築いている。こうした歴史を対する理解と継承が重要だ」と話す。生前の祖父について「家のどの部屋にも、本や書いた物が山のように積まれている。昼食時にはビール

を楽しんでいた。モノロピアのおおの家の庭で孫たちと遊んでいた祖父の姿が、私の最後の記憶だ」と思い出を語った。

モノロピア市議会が全会一致で2024年に可決したツネイシ記念公園は、建設が本格的に始動した。約8,600平方フィートの土地に、ビクニックテーブル3台、遊具エリア、公園の由来を記した庭

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モノロピア市に建設されるさまざまな設備を備えたサトル・ツネイシ記念公園

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2025年7月15日 日系兵士の帰還79周年で式典
戦後の公民権向上にも寄与

日系米国人退役軍人協会（JAVA）は、第2次世界大戦の戦場からワシントンDCに凱旋（がいせん）した第100歩兵大隊／第442連隊戦闘団を記念する「顕彰の日」式典を開催する。同歩兵大隊／戦闘団が欧州戦線より帰還した1946年7月15日から数えて今年で79周年にあたるこの記念日は、米国史における重要な転換期を象徴している。

ハリー・S・トルーマン大統領は、ホワイトハウス前の芝生広場「ザ・エリプス」で憲法大通りを行進してきた第100歩兵大隊／第442連隊戦闘団を雨の中で迎え、7度目とな

る大統領部隊感状を授与し、次のように述べた。

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将校を除くほぼ全員が日系2世から成る第100歩兵大隊／第442連隊戦闘団は、その規模と在籍期間において米国軍史上最も多くの勲章を受けた部隊となった。彼らの活躍は戦争の行方を左右しただけでなく、戦後の日系米国人の公民権向上の基盤を築いた。



2024年の「顕彰の日」に米陸軍退役中佐のマーク・ナカガワ氏（左）と共に花輪を手向けるJAVAのハワード・ハイ会長（写真提供 JAVA）

日系米国人退役軍人協会（JAVA）は、2025年7月15日（火）午前9時（東部夏時間）より、ワシントンDCの第2次世界大戦記念碑広場にある「自由の壁」に献花し、従軍した約3万3千人の日系米国人の男女に感謝を表します。

今年の来賓として、ベトナム戦争での勇敢な行動により名誉勲章を授与された米陸軍退役大佐のパリス・デイビス氏が出席し、第442連隊戦闘団が残した功績について語る予定です。

この式典は「顕彰の日」として毎年開催されており、勇気・忠誠・平等という普遍的な価値を次世代へ継承することを目的としています。式典の様子は、JAVAのフェイスブック（<https://www.facebook.com/JapaneseAmericanVeteransAssociation/>）および公式ウェブサイト（www.java-us.org）でライブ配信される予定です。



1946年7月15日、第442連隊戦闘団の連隊旗に自らの手で大統領部隊感状をくくり付けるトルーマン大統領（右）。国立公園局アビー・ロウ撮影、ハリー・S・トルーマン大統領図書館および博物館所蔵

