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STAR LOSER: Haru Urara (pictured in 2004), a thoroughbred that captured the hearts of race fans and a wider public in the 2000s for a remarkable losing streak spanning all 113 of her appearances, died Sept. 9. She was 29. Haru Urara was spending her retirement at a ranch in Onjuku, a seaside town in Chiba Prefecture, the nonprofit Retired Horse Association said on its website, adding that the cause of death was colic. From her debut in 1998 to her final outing in 2004, the horse never won a race. Her track record at Kochi Racecourse drew popular interest, with fans and the public viewing her affectionately as the country's "star loser." Her popularity also helped revive the financial prospects of the racetrack in Kochi, a city on the western Japan island of Shikoku.

ISHIBA'S DEPARTURE: President Trump said Sept. 8 he was surprised to learn that Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has decided to step down less than a year after taking office. "I was surprised, because I knew him, I liked him, and he's just now stepping down," Trump told reporters as he traveled back to the Washington area from watching the U.S. Open men's singles final. "I found him to be a very nice man, actually. We dealt very well together." Asked by a reporter whether he plans to visit Japan this fall along with South Korea, which will host this year's summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, Trump said, "We'll see." A U.S. State Department spokesperson, meanwhile, told Kyodo News that regardless of Ishiba's decision, "We look forward to continuing our work with the government of Japan."

in the news

JOURNALISTS' RIGHTS: In another challenge to the Trump Administration's sweeping immigration raids in Southern California, a federal district court judge in Los Angeles issued a preliminary injunction Sept. 11 blocking the Department of Homeland Security from attacking, threatening and interfering with journalists, legal observers and protesters. In a 45-page opinion, Judge Hernán Vera of the Central District Court of California determined that "the record includes detailed and credible declarations from nearly 50 journalists, legal observers, and protesters," which showed DHS retaliation against people for protesting against and reporting on the violent immigration raids in Southern California. "[U]nder the guise of protecting the public, federal agents have endangered large numbers of peaceful protesters, legal observers, and journalists" as well as the public that relies on them to hold their government accountable," Vera's ruling states. "The First Amendment demands better." This preliminary injunction applies to the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

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An Unexpected Journey:
From Psychologist to Academic Administrator

By MARY ANN TAKEMOTO

This week's Rafu includes our special education issue. This is one of the essays submitted by local education leaders.

To be honest, it was never my intention to become an academic administrator. Growing up in Gardena as a first-generation college student, I had not considered the full range of career opportunities that would be open to me. I planned to follow in the footsteps of my older siblings and study biology in college.

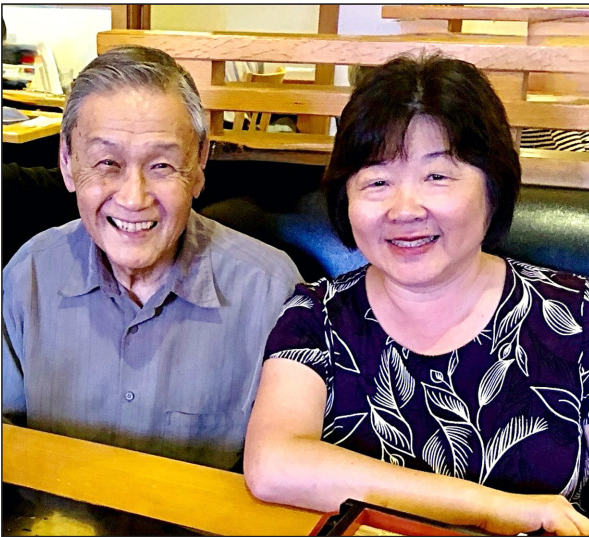
I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to attend a liberal arts women's college, Barnard College, at Columbia University in New York City. It was a transformational experience and I developed a passion for the study of psychology. I had a part-time job in the Psychology Department and did research with one of the faculty members, furthering my interest in the field.

Upon graduation, I chose to pursue a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Indiana University. I thought that a career in clinical psychology would allow me to do a variety of things, such as do clinical work in a hospital or school, teach at a university, or do private practice — all things I have been able to do.

Having lived in diverse environments all my life, it was quite a shock living in rural southern Indiana. I was the first Japanese American to go through the clinical psychology program at Indiana, one of the oldest psychology graduate programs in the country. There were only a few students of color in the program, and fewer in the city of Bloomington, which contributed to feelings of isolation and marginalization.

I was shocked that there were no women faculty in the clinical psychology program, especially

after attending a women's college. I was fortunate to meet a retiring faculty member at Indiana, Dr. Harry Yamaguchi, who introduced me to a professional organization called the Asian American Psychological Association.



Mary Ann Takemoto with mentor and fellow CSULB administrator Alan Nishio.

I had never met an Asian American psychologist before, so it was amazing to me to meet a small but growing number of Asian American psychologists from across the country. Many of these relationships have continued over the years and played an important role in my professional development.

When I look back on my career, I am reminded of the importance of connection — finding a professional community and having good mentors. I know that I would not have been successful without them.

My first "real" job was as a staff psychologist at the UC Irvine Counseling Center. When I arrived on campus in the late '80s, UCI was still considered a young campus (only 23 years old) with 15,000 students. The student population has more than doubled since that time. Being a smaller campus, it seemed easier to get to know people and work collaboratively across departments. The campus community was diverse and

a welcome place to call home.

I served as chair of the Asian Faculty and Staff Association and advisor to the Asian/Pacific Student Association. In the early '90s, I attended my first APAHE (Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education) conference and became connected with a larger network of AAPI staff and faculty. This organization served as another important professional organization for me and I would serve as a board member later in my career.

I assumed different administrative roles in the Counseling Center at UCI and was fortunate to meet Dr. Joseph White, a prominent senior African American psychologist, who provided mentorship and guidance to me as a young professional. He included me on different projects and opportunities and I became part of Dr. White's "freedom train" of diverse young psychologists.

During that time, I taught one or two courses per year at UCI, where AAPI students comprised about 30% of the population. There were few courses on AAPI-related topics, and a course I taught on Asian American psychology regularly had over 200 students. It coincided with a growing development of multicultural psychology within the field.

I enjoyed working with bright and promising students who were interested in pursuing careers in psychology or social work and increasing the pipeline of AAPI mental health professionals.

Students were frustrated by the lack of an Asian American studies program at UCI. It was through student activism and protest on campus, as well as the support of the local AAPI community, that campus administrators listened and made a commitment to a future Asian American studies program. It began as an interdisciplinary program in 1991 and the Asian American Studies

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The VSEDC team at the JACCC's James Irvine Japanese Garden.

VSEDC Awarded \$20M Metro Pilot Investment Fund to Support South L.A., Crenshaw, Little Tokyo

Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation (VSEDC), a long-standing nonprofit and certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), has been awarded Los Angeles Metro's \$20 million Pilot Investment Fund.

The announcement was made at VSEDC's annual Partnership Appreciation Mixer on Aug. 7 held at the James Irvine Japanese Garden at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center in Little Tokyo.

The fund, part of Metro's Transit-Oriented Communities Economic Development Program, is aimed at supporting small businesses and nonprofits along the K Line and Little Tokyo segment of the A/E Line. The initiative focuses on economic resilience, displacement mitigation, and the preservation of cultural and community vitality near transit corridors.

VSEDC Board Chair Kecia Washington said, "This funding will play a vital role in advancing the cultural and economic vitality of South L.A., the Crenshaw Corridor, and Little Tokyo for years to come."

VSEDC has a deep-rooted his-



VSEDC hopes to fill in the second eye of the Daruma with the Little Tokyo community.

tory with the Japanese and Japanese American communities. In 2000, Fuji Bank & Trust supported the organization's acquisition of the Vermont Slauson Shopping Center, marking a significant partnership that included a ceremonial Daruma doll eye-coloring by Fuji Bank President Kenichiro Tanaka and VSEDC founder Marva Smith Battle-Bey.

VSEDC President and CEO Quentin Strode added, "Today, I am proud to celebrate 45 years of VSEDC and honor Marva's legacy by expanding access to capital, technical assistance, and sustainable growth for our communities. With the support of Metro's Pilot Investment Fund, we're not just investing in businesses, we're investing in the future of South L.A., the Crenshaw Corridor, and Little Tokyo, ensuring that these communities continue to thrive with resilience, equity, and purpose."

VSEDC has deployed over \$28.3 million in loans since 2020 in these target areas and will continue its impact by partnering with a Minority Depository Institution to deliver the program.

As a symbolic next step, VSEDC will deepen its partnerships with Little Tokyo community organizations with hopes of one day filling in the second eye of the Daruma doll together, signifying shared success and a fulfilled vision for community-driven growth.

For more information, visit www.vsedc.org.



The Little Tokyo Community Impact Fund has bought a building located at 323 E. First St.

Little Tokyo Community Impact Fund Acquires First Street North Property

How do you fight gentrification? This was the question a small group of Little Tokyo activists asked themselves about seven years ago as they met in a suite at the Teramachi Condominiums. The group came together out of concern that a number of small businesses, some legacy businesses, were being priced out of the neighborhood.

After scratching their heads and contemplating various scenarios such as land trusts and co-ops, the group came up with something akin to a "community-controlled real estate investment trust" that could attract investors and seek to purchase Little Tokyo commercial properties with the added benefit of keeping rents under control.

Such an entity had never existed before, but the thinking among the group members was "If you own it, you can control it," and to try to do something to fight gentrification was better than doing nothing.

Thus, the Little Tokyo Community Impact Fund (LTCIF) was started with the formation of a board of directors to launch the effort.

According to Bill Watanabe, one of the original group members and now the board president, "We knew normal community folks, meaning not the uber-wealthy types, would like to participate in such a venture and become 'owners of Little Tokyo property' and also would have an interest to invest to help preserve the historic ethnic neighborhood, so we designed the LTCIF to have two levels of investment — one at the \$1,000 level and a second at the \$10,000 level.

"We did a lot of informational and outreach gatherings and we were getting investors to buy into the concept — but then COVID 19 came and put the kibosh on in-person outreach meetings. But nevertheless, we did manage to raise just under \$1 million — not enough to buy a property outright but enough to be in the game."

Glenn Sanada, another LTCIF board member, stated, "A property came up for sale right on First Street in the historic core of Little Tokyo, and we approached a local foundation to help us buy the property and keep it out of the hands of some outside investor who didn't care about Little Tokyo and only cared about making money."

"The foundation board saw the importance of keeping this valuable historic property under community control and supported our request, which allowed us to buy the building. When we closed escrow on Aug. 18, the LTCIF board members were very excited and elated after these many years of trying to own a piece of Little Tokyo."

The property, located at 323 E. First St., has three small business tenants and also office spaces on the second floor.

According to board member Dr. Dean Toji, "We are planning a community public celebration sometime in November to let people know what we are up to, and to encourage more investors to support the work of LTCIF."

For more information on the organization, go to: <https://littletokycif.com/>

JA Community Welcomes New Consul General

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A community welcome reception for Kosei Murota, the new consul general of Japan in Los Angeles, was held on Sept. 8 at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center's Toshizo Watanabe Culinary Cultural Center.

Murota has been with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan since 1994 and this is his second assignment in the U.S., following his time at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. He arrived in Los Angeles with his wife Toako and their son Yuki, just in time for the second weekend of Nisei Week.

Sponsors of the reception included JACCC, Japan America Society of Southern California,

Japan Business Association of Southern California, Japanese American National Museum, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Keiro, Little Tokyo Business Association, Little Tokyo Community Council, Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai, and Orange County Japanese American Association.

"Japan is not an economic giant anymore," Murota noted in his speech. "According to Price Waterhouse Coopers' survey, Japan, currently fourth in the world GDP ranking, will be eighth in 2050, surpassed by Brazil, India, Russia and Mexico."

"And Japanese companies are not as mighty as in the 1980s and 1990s. The current Japanese company laws are very strict. All

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JUN NAGATA / Rafu Shimpō

Consul General Kosei Murota (right) joins JCCSC President Haruo Takehana and other community leaders in a toast.

Nikkei Games Basketball Returns to Form

By ERIKA JAMES

The 30th annual Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations is in the history books for 2025, but the participation and competition have proven that the games are on their way to becoming the greatest Nikkei sports festival in our country.

Held July through August, the Nikkei Coordinating Council and all of the sponsoring organizations invite a community of generations to celebrate sports, culture, and the Japanese American heritage together. Over multiple weekends across Orange and Los Angeles counties, people of all ages show up to compete and honor the traditions and athletics of the Japanese American community.

Most of the events were held at the Cal State Long Beach Pyramid, including the basketball tournament, which notably this year, brought back the opening ceremony for the first time in 13 years.

Historically, the basketball tournament began with just 300 participants, but has grown substantially – from 175 teams in 2000 to nearly 1,600 participants across 97 divisions in 2025. Truly a game for the generations, families and friends gathered to witness this opening ceremony, which was last held in 2012.

Emceed by Fox 11 anchor and co-host of “Good Day L.A.” Sandra Endo, the opening ceremony kicked off with a performance by Kibou Taiko, a local and beloved drumming group. Lauren Kinkade, a past Nisei Week Queen and backup singer for Gladys Knight and Jessica Simpson, sang the national anthem.

Then, all eyes were on the ceremony

as Endo walked the audience through the recognitions and excitement of the Nikkei Games basketball tournament.

The Parade of Athletes returned with the opening ceremonies, including 300 participants representing 17 different organizations. The representation was energetic as the young athletes took the court and stage to honor their communities and teams.

Jun Endo, a professional women’s soccer player for Angel City Football Club, was the guest speaker, and she spoke before members of the 2024 Nisei Week Court (Princess Caitlyn Sasaki and Princess Anita Komatsu), the 2025 Miss Orange County Japanese American (Casey Kuramoto), and so many sponsors, players, families, and friends.

Endo talked about her dreams as a child and shared the challenges she had to overcome to pursue those dreams.

Endo had the gymnasium’s bleachers in an excited uproar, children jumping and squealing, as she raffled off and threw prizes – Ryoko Rain and Bucketsquad gear, Labubus, and AirPods. “Let the games begin!” she said.

With a return to a two-day format after two years, the basketball tournament was thriving and under way. Sweat, tears, victories, and losses – generations competed for the gold and the Ryoko Rain awards. Players ranging from 5 to 67 years old filled the Pyramid, continuing the tradition of generations before them and leaving a legacy to follow.

21 hours of game time.

776 games.

8 games every 12 minutes.

One reason: games for the generations.



Kalia Toshima looks for a teammate in high school co-ed division action, during the 2025 Nikkei Games Basketball tournament, held Aug. 2-3 inside the Pyramid at Cal State Long Beach. Below, Morrison Nishihira of Swish Kebobs draws the foul from Jackson Lee of South Bay Rizzz.

1ST GRADE BOYS SILVER

Gold: OCBC Red Raptors

Jordan Lasalita, Kai Lu, Tucker Tomizawa, Luke Luong

Silver: Avengers

Haruto Karst, Aiden Hosokawa, Roy Hosokawa, Duke Myers

Bronze: Lil Buckets

Louka Dimopoulos, Colin Peng, Eli Kim

Consolation: Thunderbolts

Christian Makabenta, Owen Shimizu, John Paul Perea, Sebastian Quan

1ST GRADE BOYS BRONZE LOWER

Gold: Blue Dragons

Ryson Mackawa, Jaxon Kong, Jameson Nakano, Keston Hirata

Silver: Ironmen-Squad

Makari Crumly, Kean Tabita, Cameron Miyamoto, Kase Segura

Bronze: Dark Cannons

Henri Kang, Tyler Kang, Andrew Zaragoza, Enzo Choi

Consolation: Rascals

Joshua Lin, Liam Wada, James Nagayama

2ND GRADE BOYS GOLD

Gold: Chicken Jockey

Aiden Manimbo, Logan Lay, Kash Malabanan, Rhys Fukuda

Silver: Splash Bros

Nolan Cheung, Grant Nguelyn, Ezra Ong

Bronze: FOR Rogue - Blue

Jackson Nguyen, Keanu Powell, Logan Honda, Kenji Freitas

Consolation: FOR Rogue - Red

Lucas Hayase, Jett Iwadare, Alex Murata, Beckett Okita

2ND GRADE BOYS SILVER

Gold: Sigma Ballers

Wesley Vo, Austin Luu, Levine Tang, Rylan Dang

Silver: Jets Rockets

Tyler Po, Teo Kim, Lennox Lee

Bronze: Saja Boys

Hunter Pih, Trevor Chang, Dylan Hourihan, Justin Murakami, David Stalgren

Consolation: The Mandalorians

Micah Suh, Devin Velusamy, Corey Ok

2ND GRADE BOYS BRONZE

Gold: Fire Strikers 2

Hobie Aoki, Jordan Eguchi, Evan Liu, Leo Morales

Silver: Cool Dude club

Camden Owoyoung, Noah Masanai, Hezekiah Hwang, Dylan Math

Bronze: All-Stars

Elijah Chic, Luke Diep, Clark Herring

Consolation: Fire Strikers 1

Kiyoshi Jonokuchi, Liam Katz, Ryland Huynh, Thaison Nguyen

3RD GRADE BOYS GOLD

Gold: Venice Wipers

Logan Wong, Linus Kwok, Nathaniel Luu, Tyson Uemura-Nishiyama

Silver: Vipers

Johan Lam Jr., Kairo Huntley, Enzo Cummings, Oliver Chong

Bronze: Thunder

Lucas Lai, Daniel Miura, Sebastian Cheng, Jaxon Dougherty

Consolation: Red Bulls

Sawyer Yang, Miles Tam, Isaiah Min, Zakai Orzame

3RD GRADE BOYS SILVER UPPER

Gold: Firefox

Paxton Huynh, Nathan Huynh, Sebastian Lam, Zeke Nguyen

Silver: Red Bulls

Eli Kang, Levi Delpilar, Ryan Honda

Bronze: Samurai Blue

Adhip Manjunath, Elijah Lee, Dean Isozaki, Logan Patel

Consolation: Rim Rockers

Micah Enario, Aiden Mendoza, Chace Sia, Bradley Chen

3RD GRADE BOYS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Flight

Zayn Delos Santos, Roland Ng, Smith Hatanaka, Noah Park

Silver: Bankshot

Aiden Lam, Everett Hang, Alex Ko, Justin Ton

Bronze: Bucket Crew

Niko Dimopoulos, Kai Coudriet, McGyver Iwamasa, Carter Brown

Consolation: Oiwives

Daniel Uchida, Sean Tomita, Kory La, RJ Nishikawa

3RD GRADE BOYS BRONZE

Gold: RIM Reapers

Russell Chu, Ian Nagayama, Marcelo Hopp

Silver: Air Ballers

Henry Keen, Cameron Truong, Cody Listiawan, Oberon Oh

Bronze: Ultra

Jayden Kono, Ryan Ulep-Rodriguez, Logan Lee, Aiden Gusner

Consolation: Samurai White

Jeremy Chen, Vinith Babu, Jonah Cacayan

4TH GRADE BOYS GOLD UPPER

Gold: Dream

Ethan Chen, Elijah Park, Clayton Henry, Christian Lin

Silver: Sabers Elite Heights

Evan Hamachi, Ivan Chang, Darren Lin

Bronze: Uppercut

Reece Chan, Troy Diep, Marcus Tran, Benjamin Saelor

Consolation: Crushers

Jaxon Solinap, Bryce Uyeno, Brian Choe, Caleb Kang

4TH GRADE BOYS GOLD LOWER

Gold: Wolfpack Blue

Landon Hatae, Jackson Uyesugi, Caesar Dong, Julian Kang, Jacob Kiyomiya

Silver: Mamba Mentality

Rome Takenaka, Andrew Rho, Jace Guevara

Bronze: Triple Threat

Matthew Diep, Connor Tu, Hunter Tu

Consolation: Ninjas

Ren Lin, Zac Choi, Miles Lo

4TH GRADE BOYS SILVER

Gold: Wolfpack (Black)

Carter Buted, Caleb Shin, Maddox Siaden, El Ocampo

Silver: Raptors

Aki Eberly, Sean Wong, Spenser Wang Fukushima, Darren Bracamontes

Bronze: Showtime

Adam Lum, Dash Rushatakankovit, Elijah Vasquez, Javin Webb

Consolation: Hadouken

Alyus Santos, Jacob Chang, Abel Yi, Skyler Fushimi

4TH GRADE BOYS BRONZE UPPER

Gold: Showtime Crocodiles

Liam Lagrimas, Owen Wang, Truman D’Costa, Manolo Aquino

Silver: Legendary Dragons

Devin Ishihara, Lincoln Carl, William Miyamoto, Phoenix Meyer, Landon Tanaka

Bronze: Hadouken

Cayden Cacayan, Adam Nguyen, Rocco De Mesa, Marley Sithichai

Consolation: Green Ninjas

Jacob Sun, Apollo Plaskow, Andru Atanante

4TH GRADE BOYS BRONZE LOWER

Gold: Falcons

Jackson Di Fiore, Carson Cheung, Lucas Chew, Noah Valdez

Silver: Swish

Dylan Lam, Jalen Waki, Aiden Lam

Bronze: Flame Hoopers

Benjamin Vo, Nathaniel Lim, Evan Tanaka

Consolation: Sharks

Dylan Wakashige, Alex Wada, Bryce Park, Logan Hall

5TH GRADE BOYS GOLD

Gold: Dawgz

Matthew Wong, Ethan Jew, Andrew Cheung

Silver: Young Assassins

Mason Nguyen, Kekoa Powell, Jordan Sugita, Westin Tran

Bronze: Brawl Ballers

Kyler Chan, Cameron Polk, Noah Chen, Lucas Cao

Consolation: Eagles

Ian Nguyen, William Ky, Westin James, Kotonii Koloa

5TH GRADE BOYS SILVER UPPER

Gold: Hot Shotz Blue

Elijah Lim, Kellan Albayalde, Roy Kim

Silver: Shogun

Harrison Saito, Luke Ly, Caden Tran

Bronze: Remixers

Jordan Thong, Dominic Daye, Carter Lin, Matthew Nishimura

Consolation: Mambas Xtra

Aiden Pruchyanimit, Aiden Aguilar, Haruto Nakasone, Jared McIntosh

5TH GRADE BOYS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Triple Threat

Joshua Duenas, Langston Luong,



Tyler Fong, Alvin Chan

Silver: Lightning

Kian Kimura, Jacob Hoang, Silas Yin, Ryan Jin, Jameson Ly

Bronze: Hot Shotz Green

Owen Tse, Logan Lee, Oliver Son

Consolation: Warriors

Aiden Kamiyama, Derek Lam, Grayson Nozawa

5TH GRADE BOYS BRONZE

Gold: Tsunami

Jake Fujii, Rylan Rajalingam, Regan Hebner

Gold: Hot Shotz Red

Benjamin Suh, Dean Vedder, Nathan Roldan

Bronze: Tuff Dawgs

Jaxon Yue, Breyden Matsui, Parker Nozawa

Consolation: Ultra Ninjas

Isaac Lin, Noah Nagayama, Theodore Lau, Seth Gonzalez

6TH GRADE BOYS GOLD

Gold: Bucket Squadd

Taiyo Karst, Christian Chang, Isaac Chen

Silver: Mambas

Alex Liew, Whalen Nokes, Liam Nakao

Bronze: Runnin’ Rebels 1

Stephen Vo, Jacob Lee, Jayan Bhatia, Maverick Cabahug

Consolation: BACE

Evan Wang, Arver Cleofas, Cayden Lee, Brandon Moon

6TH GRADE BOYS SILVER UPPER

Gold: Dragons

Colin Tsai, Rudy Martinez, Henry Shenouda

Silver: Runnin’ Rebels 2

Evan Ito, Chase Ito, Devin Thai, Dominic Palaganas

Bronze: The Procrastinators

Ozzie Delorito, Kenzo Cruz, Raita Amano, Dean Totani

Consolation: Silver: Samurai

Peyton Nguyen, Tristan Nguyen, Kayson Phan

6TH GRADE BOYS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Elements Corey Chun

Gianluca Garcia, Elijah Chan, Nehemiah Awage

Silver: The Big 3

Mason Ha, Dash Mau, Alex Kiamzon

Bronze: Runnin’ Rebels 3

Jackson Low, Kenji Uehara, Dillon Hatae, Caleb So

Consolation: Bobcats

Mateo Nghe, Micah Kim, Liam Sun, Connor Listiawan

6TH GRADE BOYS BRONZE

Gold: Ninjas

Theo Chu, Kian Clark, Chase Bounlom, Will Hemingway, Koa Behrendt

Silver: Raptors

Benjamin Di Fiore, Max Tran, Ian Lee, Donovan Chinn

Bronze: Tsunamis

Dejay David, Jake DeWoskin, Tyler Kajikawa

Consolation: Bronze: Samurai

Sebastian Tran, Ferrari Ho, Blake Nguyen

7TH GRADE BOYS GOLD

Gold: Tigers RebBoyz

Evan Hung, Yuki O’Donell, Jude Mekdara, Cameron Bond

Silver: Bulldogs

Christopher Kang, Jayden Tado, Brayden Lim

Bronze: AZN All-Stars

Collin Ryono, Collin Tom, Jayden Kim, Kellan Kim

Consolation: WLA Warriors

Kaleo Yang, Grayson Bounlom, Holden Hitchcock, Parker Moon

7TH GRADE BOYS SILVER

Gold: Frogacados

Kai Fukuda, Nathan Saito, Eric Au, Devin Yonamine

Silver: Orange Chinamen Nuggies

Matthew Yamada, Kree Frieson, Josh Purewal, Tan Truong, Brody Wen

Bronze: SSB Yellow

Owen Chan, Jordan Lew, Koa De Leon

Consolation: Tiger Bros

Jaxx Mekdara, Kory Seo, Tyler Su

7TH GRADE BOYS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Ball Stars

Jacob Ko, Miles Kou, Dylan Reyes, Ayaan Shah

Silver: Blazers

Kevin Tse, Ryan Kajohn, Jordan Herbst, Jaiirus Lazaro

Bronze: SSB White

Ashton Khuu, Nicholas Hsu, Taiki Sario, Ryan Nakagawa

Consolation: Bruins Remix

Toshi Eberly, Aiden Fieldhouse, Connor Pan, Genji Argonza

7TH GRADE BOYS BRONZE

Gold: Big Time Ballers

Noah Hyvonen, Aaron Pham, Adam Pham, Addison Joo

Silver: Mambas

Brandon Choorut, Nyjah Cordero, Leon Kim, Elijah Huh

Bronze: Kingsmen

Asa Nguyen, Colin Chan, Nobu Emi, Kaique Medeiros, Cristian Cha

Consolation: Young Blazers

Kaito Jenkins, Theodore Joe, Braden Matsumoto

8TH GRADE BOYS SILVER UPPER

Gold: Rice Ballers

Connor Lin, Darren Huynh, Dean Wagner, Kai’noah Powell

Silver: Kimchi Kings

James Pyo, Abraham Sigler, Kyle Hoang

Bronze: Musubi Ballerz



Angel City FC star forward Jun Endo helped kick off the tournament with some words of encouragement.

Consolation: **Bad Queenz**
Kaia Kim, Laylah Pelagio,
Jordyn Hung, Avery Chen

2ND GRADE GIRLS BRONZE

Gold: Tomodachi
Maddie Eguchi, Charleigh Ito,
Emmie Magdalena,
Ava Turner
Silver: Lady Ironmen Labubus
River James, Tatum Kato,
Mila Sasada, Eliana Villabrille
Bronze: Wasabis
Charlotte Luong, Adelaide Ho,
Hannah Ng, Miwa Morikawa-Tran
Consolation:
Queenz of the Court
Emily Sepulveda,
Kaia DeWoskin, Kiyoko Tsuyuki,
Charlotte Van Hor

3RD GRADE GIRLS GOLD

Gold: Lady Ironmen
Alba James, Kaleah McClurg,
Tori Koch, Evie Yeck,
Brook Helmage
Silver: Bball Junkies
Kira Inouye, Skylar Abesamis,
Kristen Tanaka
Bronze: Hoop Stars
Ayumi Sario, Akemi Shah,
Colbie Dyo, Allison Chen
Consolation: Thundercats Blue
Riley Cercena, Sophie Choi,
Emmeline San

3RD GRADE GIRLS SILVER

Gold: Ball Just Lied
Pierce Sanford, Mikiah Sanders
Keila Shigeno, Jojo Kim
Silver: Lady Ironmen
Evie Crumly, Adeline Mey,
Kira Imoto, Emma Choy,
Adriana Duenas
Bronze: Sapphire Stars Blue
Emmy Chung, Gianna Manalo,
Juliana Tanaka
Consolation: Mochi Ballers
Maya Waki, Tessa Bao,
Trinity Yeh, Charlotte Jin,
Audrey Wong

3RD GRADE GIRLS BRONZE UPPER

Gold: Monarchs
Faith Lee, Hope Lee,
Madison Choe, Kira Lan
Silver: Squish Squad
Kaylee Tanaka, Mia Ishihara,
Sierra Shimizu,
Scarlett Chen
Bronze: Squishmallows
Quinn Berg, Kaitlyn Wong,
Aubrey Fajardo
Consolation: FFW Galaxy Girls
Amelia Chang, Penny Chen,
Sophie Sung, Madeline Yang

3RD GRADE GIRLS BRONZE LOWER

Gold: Sapphire Stars White
Emily Christian, Josephine Tse,
Julia Huang, Zoey Luna
Silver: Thundercats White
Joelle Conwi, Crystal Chao,
Katelyn Looi, Izabela Ablao
Bronze: Stars
Lyla On, Emma Tang,
Cassidy Chung, Melody Pan
Consolation: Shooting Ivy
Mayumi Gentry, Nora Yamanaka,
Ellie Dote, Kaily Shigekuni

4TH GRADE GIRLS GOLD UPPER

Gold: Iron Wolves
Brooklyn Lee, Miki Karst,
Avery Kim
Silver: Honey Badgers
Inara Cordero, Jacqueline
Minikes,
Lara Nakashima, Olivia Valencia
Bronze: Shibas
Riley Pan, Sadie Hosokawa,
Nyssa Tran, Phynyx Booth
Consolation: Daggerwings 2
Kalea Baricuatro, Robyn Vuong,
Jayde Espanol

4TH GRADE GIRLS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Little Lady Ironmen
Dakota Todacheene, Aria Koloa,
Joyce Nghe
Silver: Jetts Huskies
Kelsey Yang, Ciera Ha,
Charlotte Cheng, Evangeline Hale
Bronze: Shibas
Emerson Luk, Cassidy Owyong,
Vera Yosy, Isla Mey
Consolation: Team Dynamite
Keilyn Nakano, Tori Kuroyanagi,
Victoria Lai, Charlotte Ho

4TH GRADE GIRLS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Blue Dolphins
Rylee Gohata, Haley Matsumoto,
Riley Trinh
Silver: Chill Girls
Elara Pham, Claire Huynh,
Jillian Wang, Millicent Tang
Leighton Huynh
Bronze: Daggerwings 1
Alivia Su, Crimson Lambert,
London Balandra,
Kammy Kubota
Consolation:
Ironmen RUMinators
Phoenix Tuazon, Olivia Lam,
Emery Sana, Joslyn Wang

4TH GRADE GIRLS BRONZE

Gold: White Dolphins
Alinea Jo, Camille Chua,
Calissa Cheng,
Evelyn Kwon

Silver: Rainbow Warrior
Koalas
Hailey Park, Koa Nishimura,
Avery Masuda, Samantha Kim,
Mikayla Aspeitia
Bronze: Firefoxes
Leela Chienbanchong,
Rose Zane, Alexia Yulee,
Julia Casas
Consolation: Hanabi
Hannah Lee, Audrey Tien,
Callisto Yu, Kenzie Loi

5TH GRADE GIRLS GOLD

Gold: Oiwake
Harper Ng, Megan Uchida,
Kailani Tomita
Silver: Safire Storm
Olive Oh, Kaylee Shen,
Everlene Tran
Bronze: SB Stars
Mikayla Tran, Sofia DeMarti,
Emi Tachibana,
Morgan Fukumoto
Consolation: VFW Firecrackers
Charlotte Nguyen,
Grace Ledbetter,
Judy Valdenor, Aurelia Carranza

5TH GRADE GIRLS SILVER

Gold: TiraMochis
Alexandria Lee, Elizabeth Lee,
Skylar Hsu, Isabella Trinidad,
Tegan Luu
Silver: Royal Stars
Olivia Lee, Kacy Chung,
Allie Sakatani, Rachel Liu
Bronze: Swish
Reeva Inada, Keira Seo,
Halle Su, Kennedy Seiler
Consolation: Labubu Legends
Charlotte Lin, Addie Huynh,
Olivia Solomon, Olivia Kim

5TH GRADE GIRLS BRONZE UPPER

Gold: Boba Ballers
Adeline Yang, Alexandra Wong,
Makena Inouye-Sakuda,
Zoe Yoshioka
Silver: Splash
Annalei Gusner, Avidle Takimoto,
Eleanor Tokubo, Madison Dao
Bronze: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Ellie Maekawa, Ellerie Shigeno,
Keala Kawashima,
Kiara Kawashima
Consolation: Sparks Blue
Cynthia Abrantes, Megan Lee,
Madelyn Yabut, Selene Uesugi

5TH GRADE GIRLS BRONZE LOWER

Gold: Mambas
Raelynn Nguyen,
Charlotte Chong, Keira Kim
Silver: Sparks Yellow
Chloe Lew, LaVine Pelagio,
Hayes Bruner, Emma Tse
Bronze: OCO - Crush
Julienne Lee-Lam, Hailee Kim
Olivia Chen, Korra Laurel
Consolation: OCO - Tsunami
Kailani Ibara, Sloane Suzukawa,
Leia Hanada, Kayla Asis

6TH GRADE GIRLS GOLD

Gold: Firebolts Gold
Evelyn Lee, Chelsea Chaw,
Leah Priest, Sierra Burford
Silver: B-MAD
Belén Trapp, Alayna Hung,
Miley Chan, Dahlia Skelton
Bronze: OMGs
Alice Chienbanchong,
Karis Gohata, Daphne Lin,
Liv Hamano
Consolation: Dimpling Masters
Maddie Liu, Arden Chau,
Brooklyn Berg, Kenzie Lee

6TH GRADE GIRLS SILVER

Gold: Boba BallerZ
Emma Tran, Mackenzie Lee,
Mila Bhagat, Quinn Nakasugi
Silver: A.B.L.E.
Alyssa Liao, Bailey Shin,
Alexis Ishihara, Emilia Murillo



This year's tournament marked the return of Opening Ceremonies and the parade of athletes before the start of the two-day competition.

Bronze: Book Monsters
Erin Yeh, Isabela Yee,
Caroline Osato
Consolation: Firebolts
Mackenzie Chung, Natalie Park,
Kailey Park, Lily Zane

6TH GRADE GIRLS BRONZE

Gold: Slay Girls
Kayana Pham, Kora Chang,
Melanie Kha, Portia Ho,
Paige Okita
Silver: Brawler Ballers
Addison Mora, Dylan Perry,
Lauren Moncrief,
Mila Kuroyanagi
Bronze: Four Peas in a Pod
Jamie Takamatsu,
Kendall Wang,
Victoria Albances, Sophie No
Consolation: Mighty Dragons
Jocelyn Baricuatro,
Aliya Hastings, Mya Barnum

7TH GRADE GIRLS GOLD

Gold: Tsunami
Lea Valenzuela,
Gabriella Manalo,
Savannah Santos, Rinoa Albayalde
Silver: Clava KBK
Kate Pyo, Belle Orozco,
Kalewa Do
Bronze: Fantastic 4
Grayson Gonzales, Josie Cordova,
Malaya Cruz, Annabeth Gomez
Consolation: Aura
Annie Lacorte, Abigail Lee,
Savannah Gallon, Ami Chen

7TH GRADE GIRLS BRONZE UPPER

Gold: Keahi Ballerz
Kourtney Duong, Avarie Chan,
Miranda Casas, Kaia So,
Madison Guzman
Silver: Black Swans
Remy Suwan, Aryanna Castro,
Elizabeth Miyamoto,
Kate Dignadice
Bronze: HK Hoopers
Maddy Maekawa, Juliet Huynh,
Kelli Wallace, Avery Cheung
Consolation: Pandas
Kalena Ibara, Karissa Sitanggan,
Elena Kajita, Kaylen Wang

8TH GRADE GIRLS GOLD

Gold: Mystical Magicals
Sammy Ngo, Sadie Divis,
Charlotte Gee, Erin Danbara,
Alana Hytinen
Silver: Triple Threat
Kaylie Rudinger, Keiko Richards,
Hana Luong
Bronze: Blossom BallerZ
Keira Tran, Penelope Liu,
Kacey Hara, Alayna Bui
Consolation: Shooting Stars
Sydney Lyon, Sydney Lee,
Alyssa Miki, Madison Noguchi

8TH GRADE GIRLS SILVER

Gold: Swish
Chyler Nakano, Trystan Chan,
Annabeth Gomez, Ashlyn Phan
Silver: Shooting Stars I
Kate Abrantes, Kayla Hsu,
Kate Kuroyanagi, Ellie Sepulveda
Bronze: TLC
Connie Chang, Ellie Chang,
Amelia Lee, Zoey Trinh
Consolation: Shooting Stars II
Maven Fu, Ellie Kim,
Alyssa Uesugi, Chloe Bermudez

8TH GRADE GIRLS BRONZE

Gold: HA-EL-NO
Ellie Christian, Norah Lin,
Harper Lu
Silver: Labubu Ballers
Carley Owyoung, Kaylee Fajardo,
Kaitlyn Lan, Quincy Ledbetter
Bronze: Cash
Lily Miyamoto, Pricilla Martinez,
Penelope Solinap, Tynthea Allen
Consolation: Yoshis
Karah Nishino, Alyssa Fukuwa,
Neela Dorosti, Kara Jen

HS GIRLS GOLD

Gold: Dunkin' Donuts
Keclic Fan, Trisha Ho,
Amanda Uyeda, Yuri Ha
Silver: Sakura
Lynn Morishita, Kiana Mitchell,
Emi Kamikihara,
Kennedy Wood
Bronze: Short Stak'd
Tamlyn Yoshida, Ashlyn Kim,
Sydney Matsumoto,
Kendall Oshima,
Maya Asumbrado
Consolation: The Bench
Rylie Hosokawa, Vicky Om,
Amelia Kawaguchi, Emily Pugh

HS GIRLS SILVER UPPER

Gold: 2 Tall 2 Short
Traci Ann Mori, Hana Hardy,
Julia Holmes, Emily Hoang
Silver: DKDCS Select
Eva Ke, Alyssa LaCorte,
Taniya Paul, Kami La

Bronze: El Primo
Leah Shigekawa,
Sydney Asumbrado,
Torri Yoshida, Risa Suzuki
Consolation: Yonsei 31
Quinn Daimonji, Mia Kobata,
Leah Matsubayashi,
Kori Matsumoto, Megan Wada

HS GIRLS SILVER

Gold: Mystical Magicals
Alana Hytinen, Charlotte Gee,
Sadie Divis, Erin Danbara
Silver: SONICS RED
Julianne Kwon, Ady Fujimoto,
Jojo Fujimoto, Allyson Tan
Bronze: Killer Barbies
Megan Phan, Jazmine Pham,
Melanie Punsalan
Consolation: COLA Girls
Chloe Kim, Olivia Wang,
Leah Hernandez, Amie Todoroki

HS GIRLS BRONZE

Gold: SONICS BLACK
Madi Aquino, Libby Lee,
Kyrin Sharma, Karina Choy
Silver: OC Tigers
Bailey Dinh, Miley Mai,
Emi Wong, Gracie Lopez
Bronze: The Rice
Lanna Nishino, Kari Uyehara,
Kylie Sato, Kayla Enatsu
Consolation: Wildfire
London Saito, Marissa Kim,
Lisa Hino

MENS GOLD UPPER

Gold: Ironmen 2
Jonathon Lew, Matt Kato,
Robby Stevens, Dane Okuda
Silver: Ironmen 1
Garrett James, Jordan Hamamoto,
Rocky Powell, Brandon Hucks,
Kai Kozai
Bronze: Ironmen 3
Mikey Kinoshita, JJ James,
Brian Lee, Justin Sasada
Consolation: Ironmen 4
Russell Butsumyo, Steven Masai,
Evan Huckabee, Steven Wanger

MENS GOLD

Gold: Beach Boys
Matthew Mayemura, Jimmy
Hyun, Michael Truong,
Kobe Kiener
Silver: Oei Boys
Jayden Oei, Jacob Oei,
Tyler Amelotte, Jackson Oei
Bronze: Hot n Spicy
Jarrett Kageyama, Ryan Soga,
Jason Grice, Owen Hong
Consolation: Dave's Josh
Drew Yamatsuka, Josh Eguchi,
Drew Mitsuuchi, Kai Bradley

MENS GOLD LOWER

Gold: OC Imprints Thunder
Bryce Kubo, Matt Russell,
Scott Arima, Casey Kubo,
Alan Po
Silver: OC Imprints Pacers
Cory Kubo, Chris Potrykas,
Phu Nguyen, Erik Peterson
Bronze:
OC Imprints Flambooky
Dustin Liou, Gio Rosales,
Jeloni Franklin, Mike Noguchi
Consolation:
OC Imprints Knicks
Ricky Leong, Krystopher Russell,
Austin idk, Glenn Fujihiro

MENS SILVER UPPER

Gold: Charmin Ultra Soft
Chao Huang, John Moss,
Jonathan Nguyen, Tyler Pham
Silver: CinnaBron
Jun Sato, Kyle Nishikawa,
Ryley Joe, Josh Eguchi
Bronze: MeBounds
Kendall Kurihara,
Joseph Whittaker,
Anthony Nguyen
Consolation: Ori-gen
Erik Chu, Brett Wada,
Kevin Kim, Mike Kinoshita,
Keelan Sakuda

MENS SILVER

Gold: Beach Boyz
Justin Viera, Ryan Kim,
Kyle Baba, Kekoa Carroll
Silver: Sonics
Tobias Reyes, Caleb Brown,
Lorenzo Urena,
Isaac Brown, Deven Solanki
Bronze: The Silly Sethies
Alex Hoe, Jaden Liu,
Seth Asaoka, Nathan Hoe
Consolation: Da Booz
Jagger Uy, Matthew Silverio,
Aaron Canent, Aiden Canent

MENS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Hawks
Matthew Wada, Kirk Abundo,
Aaron Suzuki, Jordan Lam
Silver: Ball Busters
Jaiden Vinh, Brandon Vinh,
Albert Teoh, Gilbert Teoh,
Jake Davis



Proudly donning their championship shirts after winning the High School Boys Lower division title are the members of On a DHZ: from left, Maddox Ng, Deuce Chang and Alex Benitez.

Bronze: Cold Hearts Basketball

Rob Vitug, Bryan Gonzales,
Joseph Callueng
Consolation: OCO Juice
Matthew Iida, Derek Kurashima,
Austin Kosaka, John Doe,
John Doe

MENS BRONZE UPPER

Gold: Ninjas
Ryan Inouye, Treyton Omura,
Drew Sasaki, Reid Wada,
Evan Huckabee
Silver: Saints
Tyler Oshima, Evan Oshima,
London Leflier, Raj Subramanya
Bronze: Big Baller Legends
Kevin Wong, Chris Viboolkij,
Keith Wu, Kyle Wu,
Bradley Nishida
Consolation: Free BALLERS
David Chansy, Adrien Tran,
Nathaniel Cheun, William Liu

MENS BRONZE

Gold: Kool Aid Jammers
Aaron Tom, Mikey Palacios,
Mark DeLeon, Zachary Inzunza
Silver: Team Whitt
Joel Whittaker, Joseph Whittaker,
Lucas Whittaker, Andrew Pham,
Kendall Kurihara
Bronze: Old Heads
Brandon Ho, Giles Carlos,
Ethan Le, Czaryl Macayan
Consolation: Swagger
Kris Cercena, Dion Looi,
Ethan Reyes, Joshua Reyes

MENS BRONZE LOWER

Gold: Govenators
Nicholas Ng, Dylan Gov,
Ethan Ly, Edison Kuang
Silver: TC
Brandon Chung, Garrett Chung,
Darrin Chung, Richard Chung,
Ryan Keung
Bronze: BBQ Chicken
Kyle Ogata, Sherwin Sales,
Peter Ngo, Ajay Mattu
Consolation: Unemployed
Matthew Diaz, Cayden Del Rosa-
rio, Luke Nagata,
Judd Delos Reyes

MENS COPPER UPPER

Gold: lil tokyo
Grant Ogata, Evan Nishi,
Kyle Jun, Matthew Nakano
Kyle Yamazaki
Silver: Chingus Dingus
Julian Shiba, Cameron Masuda,
Niko Vargas, Spencer Pang
Bronze: Middy Party
Tyler Hetrick, Ade Adrian,
Jaydon Yuki, Mitchel Nacion,
Benjamin Ree
Consolation: Team Washedup
Trenton Aoki, Tyler Shu,
Matthew Yee, Mason Shu

MENS COPPER

Gold: Dad Bod Ballers
Ulysses Enario, Dino Mendoza,
Shaun Sia, Michael Powers,
Michael Sagucio
Silver: SoCal Titos
Renz Delos Santos,
Aaron Sarmiento,
Allistar Larion,
Ryan Delos Santos
Bronze: Bad Dadz
Long Van Hor, Lawrence Pelagio,
Jeremy Hung, Eddie Kim,
Jason Chen
Consolation: Team 90's Pop
Derek Huynh, Tung Tran,
Allen Pham, Forrest Doan,
Peter Huynh

MENS COPPER LOWER

Gold: Thursday Night Warriors
Paul Kuo,
Jimmy Chen, Harvey Chin,
Norman Kawaguchi
Silver: Old Man Ball New Life
Moses Kim, Tom Kim,
Martin Lee, Daniel Lee,
Johnny Ju
Bronze: Hoops, There It Is!
Fred David, Isaac Kajikawa,
Mark DeWoskin,
Adam Millman
Consolation: Slower and Older
Kip Tashi, Kento Koyama,
Glen Yamamoto, Danny Tengan,
Todd Nakatsukasa

MENS LEAD UPPER

Gold: Whammo
Andy Seshiki, Donn Yamada,
Rob Lastra, Cory Takushi,
Darryl Yamasaki
Silver: Ova da Hill
Kerry Shimizu, Ray Santos,
Jim Fabella, Glenn Bustos,
Rick Chew
Bronze: Trolling Blind
Ed Kao, Hiro Yamaguchi,
Miles Anderson,
Daichi Nakagawa,
Mike La Voie
Consolation: Fittle Sumtin'
Mike Matsumoto, Victor Chang,
Darren Matsumoto,
Brent Yamasaki, Alex Takagi

MENS LEAD

Gold: Cougars 1
Jerry Nakafuji, Kevin Kobayashi,
Michael Lavoire,
Peter Kurata, Miles Anderson
Silver: Kamala Joes
Danyo Masai, Jerro Otsuki,
Michael Rogers, Steve Cochran
Bronze: Cougars 2
Tee Thao, Dean Yokota, Victor
Wong, Jamo Lee, Marty Nishimi
Consolation: Got Buckets?
Paul Tiango, Allen Seto,
Harry Wong, Darryl Fukui,
Mark Uyehara

MENS LEAD LOWER

Gold: Crush
Alan Maedo, Kevin Sato,
Brent Reyes, Nate Odum
Silver: Jesus Saves
Oliver Makabenta, Rich Pintang,
Benjamin Tran, Greg Perea
Bronze: Toon Squad
Jason Yepz, Tony Nguyen,
Ian McGinnis, Kobe Bryant
Consolation: Kan Klan
Jonathan Cortez, Adam Bijelic,
Joshua Bijelic, Manuel Zaratary

MENS TIN

Gold: BKTSDQ
Ben Maedo, Aidan Bermudez,
Shawn Lasalita,
Christopher Whye
Silver: Meatheads
Hansen Newman, Andreas Mota,
Davis Range, Dylan Byrne
Bronze: Caesar
Nico Colchio, Jake Deleray,
Tommy O'Toole, Dallas Copper
Consolation: Four Lokos
Johnathan Chan, Jason Allen,
Sebastian Hochmuth,
Calvin Rogers

WOMENS GOLD

Gold: Net Worth
Chyanne Jacomini,
Rochelle Aguirre,
Ana Resendiz, Rachel Capinia,
Ella Rodriguez
Silver: Straycats
Paige Yasukochi, Dara Tokeshi,
Michelle Ogasawara,
Kiarra Young
Bronze: BuzzBallerz
Catherine Chao,
Jacqueline Aguilar,
Malo Faalaulau, Ivonne Kwan
Consolation: I'm Tired
Kara Ito, Stephanie Louie,
Cori Okada, Bailey Kurahashi

WOMENS SILVER LOWER

Gold: Aloha Air Ballers
Madiniche Shibata,
Bailey Enomoto, Leyna Miyake
Lauryn Nakamura
Silver: Tsunami Mamis
Kat Luu, Janelle Doi,
Anna Andrade, Maison Yee,
Mackenzey Iwahashi
Bronze: Dunkin' Donuts
Sara Shigekawa, Megan Lee,
Emily Shaw, Keira Ujiki
Consolation: PAB
Camden Joko, Andrea Javier,
Kaylani Barker, Maddie Salud

WOMENS BRONZE

Gold: Sandwiched Bagels
Kristi Sakamoto, Kim Kanto,
Kiana Kayoda, Lindsey Young,
Heather Young
Silver: Iron Women
Riley Tejonas, Maddie Kobayashi,
Saki McClurg, Natalia Apacible
Bronze: GMA Interns
Kenzie Moreo, Nicole Silvia Rios,
Allison Ayala, Sophia Laurel
Consolation: Brick Layers
Lauren Shiihara, Doris Lai,
Kaitlyn Ith, Casey Murase

CO-ED MIDDLE SCHOOL SILVER

Gold: Starbuckets
Keira Tran, Penelope Liu,
Kacey Hara, Dylan Wong,
Luke Mekpongstorn,
Greyson Vuong, Dylan Yip
Silver: SB Rizz
Madelyn Liu, Arden Chau,
Evelyn Lee, Nohea Morris,
Ryder Yee, Jackson Lee
Bronze: Swish Kabobs
Morrison Nishihira, Austin Ped,
Ellis Hoey, Quinn Nakasugi,
Emma Tran, Belen Miyake-Trapp
Consolation: Air BNB
Amya Palaganas, Cassidy Cheng,
Jadyn Estandian, Callan Cheng,
Chris Kang, Daniel Lin

CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL GOLD

Gold: Lords
Vicky Om, Haylie Wang,
Madilyn Lam, Benson Cho,
Maddox Yokoyama,
Morgan Marks, Phillip Nguyen
Silver: Pink Jitty Unicorns
Alyssa So, Jazreel Dela Cruz,
Justice Linares, James Sayas,
Lexi Joko

Bronze: Labubu Squad

Madelyn Macaraeg,
Taylor Huang, Cameron Lacorte,
Jayden Maniwang,
Matthew Bernardo, Trevor Moon
Ambar Multani
Consolation: Mason's Disciples
Tamlyn Yoshida,
Sydney Matsumoto,
Maya Asumbrado, Ethan Lee,
Sean Lee, Shoji Karst

CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL SILVER

Gold: Y30 #2
Chloe Wong, Kade Shigekawa,
Mason Sugimoto, Hailey Louie
Silver: Y30 #1
Lynn Morishita, Bryce Liew,
Kaylee Kawaguchi,
Noah Tanioka
Bronze: Y30 #3
Allyson Nagatsuka, Reid Abe,
Katey Kakimoto, Nolan Tagawa
Consolation: Y30 #4
Kiana Mitchell, Kalita Toshima,
Josh Kagawan, Tyler Louie
CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL BRONZE UPPER
Gold: Dunkin' Donuts
Jarett Nguyen, Olivia Wang,
Chloe Kim, Leah Hernandez,
Amie Todoroki, Colin Lee,
Joem Fidello, Dominic Clayton
Silver: Rice Farmers
James Tanaka, Peyton Moy,
Sydney Asumbrado,
Torri Yoshida, Leah Shigekawa
Bronze: 67
Hudson Lin, Marcus Sandel,
Nico de Guzman,
Jaslyn Macaraeg, Julia Santos,
Jazmine Pham

Consolation: Yonsei 31 Team 1
Mia Kobata, Risa Suzuki,
Megan Wada, Robbie Arnold,
Derek Osako, Dylan Ped

CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL BRONZE

Gold: SAAG
Jonah Kim, Matthew Shen,
Chloe Chen, Emma Noble
Silver: Rice Eaters
Tylic Yee, Kori Matsumoto,
Caleb Shimazaki, Ethan Ma
Nathan Kasuyama
Bronze: The Baddies
Traci Ann Mori, Emily Hoang,
Emily Pugh, Kenji Shah,
Jake Miyashiro,
BaoHuu Nguyen
Consolation: Yonsei 31 Team 2
Quinn Daimonji, Mio Emi,
Leah Matsubayashi, Justin Mukai,
Matea Miyake-Trapp,
Cole Schmidt, Drew Nakasugi,
Ryden Shiozaki

CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL BRONZE LOWER

Gold: New Lifers
Leah Hahn, Kaley Tam,
Ryan Moon, Elias Lee
Silver: Sonics
Madi Aquino, Kiryn Sharma,
Karina Choy, Ethan Wang,
Aidan Yick, Aidan Patel,
Chace Gutierrez
Bronze: Lakeshow
Conrad Chow, Reyan Rajalingam,
Tanner Nguyen, Elizabeth Lee,
Lauren Lee, Bailey Dinh
Consolation: Elite
Jessie Kim, Aaron Chao,
Madison Ko, Elijah Pasion,
Tyler Bolger



Myke Murata of San Fernando Guardians grabs a rebound against the West Covina Lions.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 25TRCP00354
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
LOS ANGELES COUNTY TORRANCE COURTHOUSE
825 MAPLE AVENUE
TORRANCE, CA 90503

PETITION OF: Juanita Valenzuela AKA Juanita Moore AKA Juanita Wilson AKA Juanita Moore for change of name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Juanita Valenzuela AKA Juanita Moore AKA Juanita Wilson AKA Juanita Moore filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1. Present name: Juanita Valenzuela AKA Juanita Moore AKA Juanita Wilson AKA Juanita Moore
Proposed name: Juanita Moore

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.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 10/17/2025, Time: 8:30 am, Dept: B, Room: 340
The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

THE RAFU SHIMPO
Date: 9/5/2025

PATRICIA A. YOUNG
Judge of the Superior Court
Published: **9/19/25, 9/26/25, 10/3/25, 10/10/25.**
RS 100133

Man Suspected of Assaulting Torrance Security Officer Sought

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Police sought the public's assistance Sept. 16 in locating a man who allegedly assaulted a security officer at a restaurant in Torrance after being asked to leave.

Officers responded around 8:20 p.m. on Sept. 15 to a Benihana restaurant in the 21300 block of Hawthorne

Boulevard to reports of a physical assault, according to the Torrance Police Department.

The assault stemmed from an altercation involving a manager and an employee, in which the manager asked the employee to vacate the premises but the employee refused to comply, police said.

As the altercation escalated, a security officer attempted to assist the manager with escorting the employee out of the restaurant, which resulted in the officer sustaining injuries to the face and head, police added.

The security officer received on-site treatment from Torrance Fire Department paramedics.

The employee fled the scene before the arrival of officers.

Anyone with information regarding the case was urged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456, with case number 250033723.

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Above, a discussion on Obon by Elaine Fukumoto was followed by a public dance. At left, former drift racing driver Nadine Sachiko Hsu leads storytime, reading from her new children's book. Right: Donning her Hello Kitty hat from a previous JANM exhibition, Jamie Hendricks shows the array of prizes available to young visitors to the festival.

Photos by J.K. YAMAMOTO and MIKEY HIRANO CULROSS

Summer Fun at JANM

The Japanese American National Museum presented its annual Natsumatsuri Family Festival on Aug. 16 in conjunction with Nisei Week.

As the main building is closed for renovation, activities were held in the Democracy Center and the Norman Y. Mineta Democracy Plaza.

An Obon lecture and community dance was held in MOCA Geffen Plaza, led by Elaine Fukumoto. Everyone was invited to join in.

Author and professional drift racing driver Nadine Sachiko Hsu read from her new book, "Sachiko and the Bully," Part 2 of her "Sachiko Goes Racing" series.

The Cold Tofu comedy group performed skits based on audience suggestions and also had members of the audience participate.

Old Japanese Car Meet hosted a Hot Wheels Race Track for die-cast

racers with scaled speeds.

Guests got a chance to make and decorate their own paper sun hats, add their wishes for America's 250th birthday to the Democracy Center's "Wish Wall" and go on a scavenger hunt in Little Tokyo. Many also attended the Nisei Week Plaza Festival at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center.

Some activities were related to JANM's new exhibition, "Cruising J-Town: Behind the Wheel of the Nikkei Community," now on view at the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena. Guests made origami cars with the "Cruising J-Town" logo and created their own cruise through a town of their own making.

Makoto Taiko wrapped up the festival with a performance in the JANM Courtyard. Kids were invited to try their hand at Japanese drumming.



And they're off: an enthusiastic crowd watches intently as a Hot Wheels race gets under way, hosted by Old Japanese Car Meet. At left, the day featured a delightful selection of kids' crafts.

Welcome

Continued from page 1

activities ... are under severe scrutiny at annual stakeholders' meetings. So board members in Tokyo tend to be very strict about donating money to nonprofit activities, and Los Angeles is no exception ...

"As for Japanese Americans, the Sansei generation, who acted as a dynamo for community-building in the last decades, are, I'm sorry to say, aging ...

"All in all, long-term world economic trends and long-term demographic dynamics are totally against us. What should we do? ... We should look at the bright side."

Murota showed a photo of an event held on Sept. 5 in Torrance by the L.A. Next Generation Japanese American Leaders Initiative and the JBA Next Generation Forum.

"The good thing is it was held on a volunteer basis, not imposed by the seniors," he said. "Some of our staff was present ... This was spontaneous. Spontaneity is the key word. No community-building will be successful unless it is spontaneous ...

ful unless it is spontaneous ...

"Many people in the Japanese American community have told me the Yonsei generation is the most important ... What should we do, the older generation? My suggestion is just foot the bill for now. There might be spontaneous community-building among the younger generations, which could lead to human-to-human networks, and which could lead to business networks.

"This is a long-term investment. There could be a big benefit."

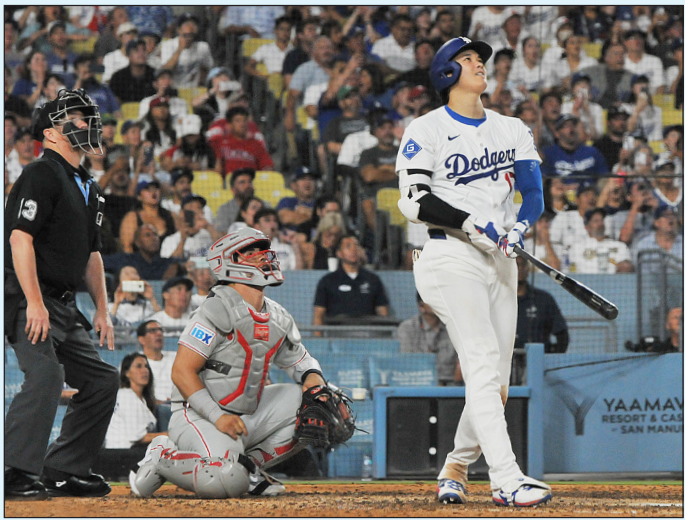
Paraphrasing John Lennon, he added, "I'm a dreamer, but I hope I'm not the only one."

Murota introduced another new arrival, Deputy Consul Naoko Kamitani, with whom he shares the same birth date.

"Since I arrived here, I've already participated in many, many events ... of the Japanese American community, the kenjinkai, the Japanese traditional culture ... providing me with many opportunities to enhance my understanding of this community," Kamitani said. "I really look forward to working with all of you."



Front row, from left: Haruo Takehana, president, JCCSC; Consul General Kosei Murota; Russel Tsuda, chair, JACCC; Tom Iino, founding chair, U.S.-Japan Council. Back row, from left: Christopher Patay, president, Japan America Society of Southern California; Kristin Fukushima, chair, Little Tokyo Community Council; Kihei Ohtani, president, Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai; Deputy Consul Naoko Kamitani; Beverly Ito, president, Keiro; David Ikegami, president, Little Tokyo Business Association.



Photos by MIKEY HIRANO CULROSS / Rafu Shimpō

Ohtani's Pitch, Hit and Run to History

Shohei Ohtani was a one-man gang for the Dodgers Tuesday, turning in a record-setting performance both on the mound at the plate.

The two-way star threw five innings of no-hit ball, striking out five Philadelphia Phillies and giving up only a walk. Following his pre-determined pitch limit, he turned the pitching duties over to the beleaguered L.A. bullpen, who immediately set about giving up hits and runs, en route to a 9-6 loss for the Dodgers.

"They're lacking confidence right now," said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts following the latest in a recent string of meltdowns by the team's relief corps. "They all want to pitch well and have the opportunity ... They're not making good pitches when they need to, a little careful at times."

After the Phillies scored six runs to take a 6-4 lead into the eighth inning, Ohtani launched his 50th home run of the season, a sky-scraping shot into the visitors' bullpen.

The homer makes the Dodgers star the first player in the history of the major leagues to hit 50 home runs and log 50 strikeouts as a pitcher in a single season.

"Reaching that number means

there is a greater chance of my team winning," said Ohtani, who hit 54 homers last season. "It's an important job for the leadoff hitter to get a home run, and the same goes for drawing a walk. I just want to produce as many good at-bats as I can."

Ohtani also joins Babe Ruth, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez as the only players to hit 50 home runs in back-to-back seasons.

Justin Wroblecki picked up the ball for Ohtani in the sixth, and gave up five straight hits, including a go-ahead three-run homer to Brandon Marsh.

Both Wroblecki and Roberts were roundly booed by the home fans when the manager came out to remove the pitcher from the game.

After the Dodgers tied the score at 6, Blake Treinen got the first two outs in the ninth before suffering another meltdown and giving up a three-run shot to Rafael Marchon.

With the San Diego Padres' loss in New York, the Dodgers retained their two-game lead in the National League West, and their magic number to clinch the division was nine going into Wednesday's games.

—Mikey Hirano Culross / Rafu Wire reports



FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
Game 1 of 3 at San Francisco

The Dodgers' four-game winning streak came to a halt in the series opener against the Giants in San Francisco, 5-1. The matchup between Dodger Ace Yoshinobu Yamamoto and future Hall of Famer Justin Verlander lived up to its billing, as both pitchers were effective, each pitching seven innings and giving up one run. It was up to the Dodgers' bullpen to bring home the win, and as has often been the case as of late, the bullpen came up short. Tanner Scott took the mound with one out in the ninth and proceeded to walk two batters before giving up a grand slam walk-off home run to catcher Patrick Bailey.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13
Game 2 of 3 at San Francisco

The Dodgers came roaring back to defeat the Giants 13-7 in Saturday's game featuring Clayton Kershaw against Logan Webb. Ker-

OC Bookie Involved in Ohtani Interpreter Betting Scandal Gets Prison Time

CITY NEWS SERVICE

An Orange County bookie whose gambling customers included Dodger star Shohei Ohtani's former interpreter was sentenced Aug. 29 to a year in federal prison and ordered to pay more than \$1.6 million in restitution.

Mathew Bowyer, 50, of San Juan Capistrano, pleaded guilty last August to operating an unlawful gambling business, money laundering and subscribing to a false tax return.

Federal prosecutors said Bowyer took in unlawful bets from Ippei Mizuhara, Ohtani's former interpreter, who pleaded guilty last year to charges of stealing nearly \$17 million from the Dodger slugger's bank account to pay off illegal gambling debts. Mizuhara was sentenced earlier this year to 57 months in prison.

Bowyer also acted as a bookie for what court papers described only as "a professional baseball player for a Southern California-based baseball club" as well as a former minor league player, documents allege.

According to his plea deal, Bowyer operated an unlicensed and illegal bookmaking business that focused on sports betting and violated California law. Bowyer's gambling business remained in operation for at least five years until October 2023 and at times had more than 700 bettors, court documents say. The business operated out of various locations in Los Angeles and Orange counties as well as in Las Vegas, prosecutors said.

According to court papers, Bowyer hired casino hosts and others who worked for his illegal gambling business and were paid a portion of the losses bettors incurred and paid. His unlawful business used several Costa Rica-based websites and a call center so agents and customers could place and track bets.

At times, Bowyer operated his illegal business while gambling at a casino, prosecutors said.

From September 2021 until January 2024, prosecutors say, Mizuhara placed at least 19,000 bets with Bowyer's illegal gambling business, winning a total of at least \$142 million. His losses totaled at least \$182 million, leaving Mizuhara owing roughly \$40 million, according to the government.

Bowyer also admitted to falsely reporting his taxable income to the IRS on his 2022 tax return. Bowyer reported \$607,897 in total income on the return, but his unreported income for that year was over \$4 million, he admitted.

Ohtani was cleared of any wrongdoing or involvement in gambling activities, prosecutors said.

shaw had a rough outing, giving up four runs in three innings. By the time the Dodgers were done in the fifth inning, they were ahead and in command with a 9-4 lead. Ohtani went 3 for 5 with an RBI, a walk, and three runs scored, and he hit his 49th home run of the season.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14
Game 3 of 3 at San Francisco

The Dodgers easily won the rubber game of the series against San Francisco, 10-2. Tyler Glasnow got his third win of the season, pitching 6 2/3 innings of one-run baseball. Ohtani went 1 for 6 with a run scored. The loss dropped the Giants 1½ games behind the Mets for the final NL wild card spot.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15
Game 1 of 3 vs. Philadelphia

In a tightly contested back-and-forth game, the NL-West leading Dodgers fell to the NL-East leading Phillies 6-5 in 10 innings. In the top of the eighth, Bryce Harper homered to make it 5-4, and then Andy Pages hit a solo shot for the Dodgers in the bottom of the ninth to tie it up 5-5. The Phillies were able to squeeze out a run on a J.T. Realmuto sac fly in the 10th. Ohtani went 1 for 3 with two walks.

—Miles Anderson

OAA Awards 9 High School Seniors for 2024-25

On July 20, the Okinawa Association of America, Inc. (OAA) hosted their annual picnic at Whittier Narrows Group Picnic Area in South El Monte.

The day was filled with games, live performances, raffle drawings, the only Okinawa Bon Odori in Southern California, and an awards ceremony for the organization's high school scholarship recipients.

A tradition dating back to the 1950s, the OAA recognizes and rewards graduating high school seniors of Okinawan descent in Southern California. OAA family membership is required to apply and the selection process is based on the students' academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and community contributions; transcript; letters of recommendation; financial need; and essays (including the prompt, "What does being Okinawan mean to you"). Special consideration is given for community hours at the OAA.

2024's recipients were Cristiana Arakaki Grosdidier (Shoan and Shizuko Yamauchi Scholarship), Isla Walker (Joe and Yoko Higashi Scholarship), Luke Ablaza (Masayuki and Tamako Kishimoto Scholarship), and Kekoa Kakihara (Richard Itomura Memorial Scholarship).

2025's recipients are Katelyn Watanuki (Yamauchi Scholarship), Makayla Moromisato (Higashi Scholarship), Kiyomi Wohlschlegel (Charles M. and Yoshiko Kamiya Scholarship), Paloma Velasquez (Richard Itomura Scholarship), Mia Rees (Masayuki and Tamako Kishimoto Scholarship), and James Osorio (OAA Scholarship).

Every year at the picnic, the OAA president reads short biographies of each student and the Yamauchi Scholarship recipient gives a short speech and thank-you on behalf of all recipients. At the 2024 picnic, OAA Executive Director Yuko Yamauchi introduced the inaugural Itomura Memorial Scholarship and invited spouse Kathy Itomura and nine family members on stage.

With increases in tuition fees and other expenses, not to mention the hardships experienced during the peak years of the pandemic, the OAA hopes that these scholarship awards will assist each student in their journeys toward success – *Uyurukubi unnuki yabira* (Congratulations) and *chibariyō* (Do your best)!

OAA is an award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and perpetuating Okinawan culture in the greater Los Angeles area. Formed by first-generation immigrants (issei) over a century



2025 scholarship recipients: Mother of Paloma Velasquez, Kiyomi Wohlschlegel, Makayla Moromisato, Katelyn Watanuki, James Osorio, Mia Rees.



2024 scholarship recipients: Luke Ablaza, Cristiana Arakaki Grosdidier, Kekoa Kakihara, Isla Walker.



The Itomura family at the 2024 picnic.

ago, OAA has grown into a multi-generational organization that hosts numerous events throughout the

year, including cultural presentations, performances, and senior-focused activities.



Kealani Kitaura and Chizu Omori in a scene from "Kintsukuroi."



Ryan Takemiya and Kealoha Nakamura in a scene from "Kintsukuroi."

‘Kintsukuroi’ to Be Screened in Three SoCal Cities

The Pacific Southwest District JACL Board announces four screenings of Ikeibi Films' "Kintsukuroi" in Southern California.

The director, Kerwin Berk, and several members of the cast and crew will attend each of the screenings and field questions about the film or their personal experiences as Japanese Americans.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 27, at 12 p.m. at San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoima

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/kintsukuroi-screening-san-fernando-valley>

Sep. 27 at 7 p.m. at Milagro Cinema, 13917 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/kintsukuroi-screening-norwalk>

Sunday, Sept. 28, at 12 and 3 p.m. at George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/kintsukuroi-screening-torrance>

"Kintsukuroi is the Japanese art of repairing poverty using *urushi* lacquer and gold," explained Berk. "Yet, it is also something more. Kintsukuroi shows us that something



From left: Matthew Clingerman (scholarship chair), Keimi Santiago, Zoe Wong, Ruby Shimamoto, Kelly Jernigan, Hina Usuda, Mitchell Matsumura (GLA JACL president).

Introducing This Year's GLA JACL Scholarship Recipients

The Greater Los Angeles JACL held "All That Jazz," a scholarship and chapter fundraiser luncheon, on July 19 at Torrance Airport's Zamperini Field.

The guest speaker was Kurt Ikeda, Go For Broke National Education Center's director of programs and engagement. Live music was provided by Ruri Matthews, a gifted saxophonist.

The scholarship was established in 1992 as a memorial to chapter member Hana Uno Shepard, who

passed away in 1987. She was active in the campaign to obtain redress and an apology for Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II.

This year's scholarship recipients: **Hina Usuda** is a recent graduate of South High School in Torrance. She will be attending Claremont McKenna College this fall, planning to major in integrated sciences and economics. She is committed to playing Division 3 softball for the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (CMS) program. She is

AAPI Communities 'Reclaim Our Streets' After ICE Raids Terrorize Southland

More than 100 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community members, leaders, and allies gathered in Long Beach on Sept. 11 at a "Reclaim Our Streets" rally, standing in resistance against the fear and devastation caused by recent ICE raids and the increasing militarization of immigrant communities in Southern California.

Organized by AAPI Equity Alliance, in partnership with grassroots and advocacy organizations, the event was a demonstration of unity, resilience, and cultural pride. It followed the Sept. 8 U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing immigration agents to stop individuals based on race or ethnicity — a ruling that has already deepened the targeting of immigrant and AAPI communities.

"We are here today to reclaim public spaces and to defend our right to live and thrive in our communities," said Manjusha Kulkarni, executive director of AAPI Equity Alliance.

Calling ICE raids "coordinated attacks on immigrants and working class communities," she said the fed-

eral enforcement actions "continue to harm and destroy our communities and our families across Los Angeles."

The rally came in direct response to the escalation of immigration enforcement under Trump-era policies that continue to reverberate across Los Angeles. According to the Department of Homeland Security, over 5,000 arrests have been made in the region since the renewed crackdown began — impacting families, disrupting communities, and instilling widespread fear.

"We stand together because no community should be isolated in the fight for justice," Sayon Syprasoeuth, associate program director of United Cambodian Community, told rally attendees. "When ICE comes for one of us, they come for all of us. And when we link arms, we raise our voices and we demand change together."

Held in Long Beach — home to the largest Cambodian community outside of Cambodia — the event highlighted the disproportionate targeting of Southeast Asian communities in the region.

Other speakers at the rally shared stories about terrified AAPI community members facing deportation and separation from their children. Richer San of Cambodia Town, Inc. told the audience about frightened Cambodian families living in and around Long Beach.

"Don't give up," he told attendees.

Tina Pham, communications manager for AAPI Equity Alliance, spoke as the daughter of immigrants who escaped from war-torn Vietnam. "My eldest brother, along with many other Southeast Asian boys at the time ... sought community elsewhere with local gangs. Over the years, I witnessed my brother houseless, abandoned by my family and struggling with addiction and escaping gang life. He was luckily never incarcerated, but he

excited to continue pursuing both her academic and athletic goals in college.

Kelly Jernigan attended and graduated from Foothill High School of Santa Ana. She is committed to UC Santa Barbara for earth sciences and plans to major in geology. She loves to draw, make jewelry, and spend time with her friends and family.

Taiji Yamada of South High School will be majoring in chemical engineering on the pre-medical pathway at UC San Diego. He has worked as a tutor for all four years and has competed in multiple ski racing events over the past two years. He has a strong interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.

Ruby Shimamoto is a recent graduate from South Pasadena High School. She is going to CSU Long Beach as a pre-business marketing major. Her interests include reading, journaling, scrapbooking, and editing.

Zoe Wong is from South Pasadena. In her free time, she likes listening to music and printmaking. She graduated from South Pasadena High School and will be attending CSU San Diego in August. She will be majoring in hospitality and tourism with a focus on events and meetings.

Keimi Santiago graduated from North Torrance High school but grew up in Gardena. She is committed to CSU Fullerton and majoring in business finance. Her interests include playing and watching basketball, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

knew many who ended up that way or worse.

"Today I'm sharing a story from Bao, who is not as lucky as my brother, but could have very well been my brother, who is one of the many Southeast Asians who are being unjustly detained and deported right now based on decades-old criminal records."

Shakeel Syed, executive director of South Asian Network, said, "Today ... unfortunately, people who are legitimate, legal citizens in this country are being picked up in broad daylight by the mafia of ICE and being thrown out of this country. We will not tolerate this ... We'll continue to fight until every human being, every person, regardless if an immigrant or not, regardless a citizen or not, we'll stand with them today and every day."

Romeo Hebron, executive director of Filipino Migrant Center, said that his organization is working with caregivers who are undocumented. "These are caregivers who are afraid to go to work, who are afraid to take the bus to work. And they are the ones who are taking care of our elders in our community. We are the nurses, we are the caregivers, the CNAs in the hospitals ... We are the people in the service industries serving and preparing our food. We are all of the workers who are coming together to make the city and this world go round. And so for us, that's why it's very important for us to be able to stand with each other, to take action together."

The event featured visuals honoring detained and deported loved ones, as well as cultural performances, crafts, and resources. Community resources were provided by participating groups: United Cambodian Community, Cambodia Town, Inc., Pacific Asian Counseling Services, South Asian Network, Little Tokyo Service Center, Filipino Migrant Center, Families in Good Health, NAPAFASA, and LA vs Hate.

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Go For Broke National Education Center will host the 24th annual Evening of Aloha Gala on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, 404 S. Figueroa St. in Downtown Los Angeles.

Registration and silent auction at 4 p.m.; dinner and program at 6 p.m.

The annual hallmark community event will serve as both celebration and call to action — honoring the 33,000 Japanese American men and women who served during World War II to protect the freedoms and liberties of all Americans.

"The legacy of the Nisei soldiers who fought on foreign battlefields to defend constitutional principles, despite many of their own families being denied the same rights, is the inspiration our nation so desperately needs now," said Dr. Mitchell T. Maki, GFBNEC president and CEO. "We gather not just to celebrate their valor, but to share the Nisei WWII story as an important American story embodying the values that are the

foundation of our common ground as Americans."

David Ono, ABC7 news anchor and GFBNEC Board of Directors member, will emcee the evening, featuring testimonies connecting the veterans' legacy to today's civil rights challenges. Traditional gala elements — including the Soldier's Memorial Table, on-stage Nisei veteran recognition, "In Memoriam" acknowledgments, and the sixth annual Living Nisei WWII Veteran Photo Tribute — will take on added poignancy against the backdrop of current events.

Another signature feature of the gala is the specially prepared menu by Chef Roy Yamaguchi, founder and owner of Roy's Restaurants Worldwide and GFBNEC Board of Directors member, and Chef Andreas Nieto and the Westin Bonaventure Hotel culinary team. Long-time supporter King's Hawaiian Bakery & Restaurant provides a unique dessert created by Pastry Chef Heather

Campbell.

The program will also include performances by National Heritage Fellow June Kuramoto, "Hamilton" national tour lead actress Kendyl Sayuri Yokoyama, singer Lauren Kinkade-Wong, hip-hop artist Kaze Jones, and Hālau Hula Keali'i o Nālaini.

The Evening of Aloha Gala is GFBNEC's primary annual fundraiser and marks the yearly launch of the "Fund the Future" campaign. As federal directives threaten to sanitize historical narratives such as the WWII Japanese American incarceration, and immigration enforcement operations echo tactics used against Japanese Americans 83 years ago, GFBNEC stands with both moral authority and lived experience to speak truth to power.

Contributions will support expanded national outreach and GFBNEC's new programming in its permanent home in the new Go For Broke Plaza — ensuring it can serve

as a sanctuary for difficult truths.

"We cannot allow the voices of our veterans to be silenced," Maki stated. "Every dollar raised supports not just our programming, but the fundamental right to remember and learn from our past."

Tickets and donations: goforbroke.org/eveningofaloha/

For more information, email development@goforbroke.org or call (310) 328-0907.

2025 Evening of Aloha Gala major sponsors include: Ruby Sponsor — U.S. Bank; Emerald Sponsors — MUFG Bank, Bill & Christy Seki and Dennis & Lorraine Kimura, Rick & Patee Shinto and family, Sugimoto Family Foundation; Platinum Sponsors — Central Pacific Bank, King's Hawaiian Bakery & Restaurant, Nikki Kodama & family, Yoshio C. Nakamura family, The Pacific Bridge Companies, Joyce Yamane & Stephen Waite in memory of Kazuo & Mary Yamane; Gold Sponsors — Seki, Nishimura & Watase PLC, Scott & Susan Takahashi.

Nikkei Children’s Book Festival Saturday at JANM

The Nikkei Children’s Book Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept.20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum’s Democracy Center, 100 N. Central Ave. in Little Tokyo.

Dokusho no aki means “fall is for reading,” expressing the sentiment that the cozy and short days of autumn are the best time to pick up a book. Jump into the reading season with JANM’s Nikkei Children’s Book Festival and celebrate the breadth and diversity of children’s literature across the Japanese American community.

The festival will be full of author storytimes for kids, Q&As for adults, activities for all ages, and a special pop-up bookstore from the JANM Store.

Admission: \$10 general, free for youth (under 18) and JANM members.

This program is generously supported by the Port of Long Beach.

Schedule

10:15-11 a.m.: Know Our History

George Takei and a special recording with Sharon Fujimoto-Johnson. Book-signing to follow readings and discussion.

“My Lost Freedom” looks back at Takei’s own memories of incarceration in the Rohwer, Ark. and Tule Lake, Calif. concentration camps during World War II to help today’s children understand what it feels like to be treated as an enemy by your own country and the lengths parents go to keep their families safe.

Fujimoto-Johnson’s “Shell Song” is a moving picture book about Japanese American incarceration in Hawai’i during World War II and a tribute to the importance of finding and collecting pieces of hope in the darkest of times.

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Tell Our Family Stories

Readings with Katie Yamasaki, J.P. Takahashi, Lisa Aihara, and Chris Aihara. Book-signing to follow readings and discussion.

Yamasaki’s “Mural Island” introduces young readers to Kenji, an artist who discovers a place to express himself and the joy of an art community.

Takahashi’s “Waiting for Hanami” celebrates the merging of cultural traditions that perfectly reflects cousins Sai and Avi’s Japanese American and African American extended family.

“Grandpa Stogie’s Gigantic Goldfish,” written by Chris Aihara and illustrated by Lisa Aihara, tells the story of a Nisei grandfather and his gigantic goldfish through his granddaughter’s eyes, sharing his cultural values and experiences with her.

1:15-2:30 p.m.: Celebrating Our Community

Readings with Nadine Sachiko Hsu and Benson Shum. Book-signing to follow readings and discussion.



In Hsu’s “Sachiko and the Bully,” by young Sachiko faces a bully at the racetrack and quickly realizes the importance of the golden rule and friendship, and shows readers how to handle a bully with kindness. It is the second book in the “Sachiko Goes Racing” series.

Shum’s “Anzu the Great Listener” takes the lessons that a young kaiju learns from tending to his bonsai and uses them to help others.

2:30-3 p.m.: Art and Storytelling

Presentation and activities with Sunny and Judy Seki, and Gwen Muranaka. Book-signing to follow

readings and discussion.

Sunny Seki’s “Hokusai’s Daughter: A Young Artist in Old Japan” celebrates the power of grit and artistic expression and introduces young readers to a trailblazing figure who, like her famous father, left a lasting impression in the world of art.

“Coloring by Heart: An Activity and Coloring Book Inspired by the Japanese American Culture and Community” by Muranaka and Eric Hayashi encourages readers of all ages to learn different ways to be creative. From coloring to word searches, each activity offers a window into Japanese American culture.

JACL: Court’s Rejection of Alien Enemies Act a Cautious Victory

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American Citizens League issued the following statement on Sept. 5.

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JACL welcomes the news that came out late Tuesday night (Sept. 2) that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled against the Trump Administration’s recent use of the Alien Enemies Act (AEA).

We have already spoken about the parallels of this use of the AEA with its historical counterparts, most notably its use to intern thousands of Issei, first-generation Japanese immigrants, in the immediate aftermath of Pearl Harbor. The court’s decision is a step in the right direction, but far from perfect.

While the court found that the use of the AEA in this case was unlawful, the current standard for detainees to file legal challenges was not struck down.

Currently, the standard is that detainees must be given a seven-day time period in which to bring any legal challenges to their detention and possible deportation.

Given the limited deadline and the conditions in which they are confined, detainees still do not have time to access the legal resources necessary to challenge their deten-

tion. color) communities, we must not allow the rule of law to fall to the wayside for the sake of “national security.” While the name may have been different, calling it “military necessity” in 1942, it was these same beliefs that allowed for the unlawful internment of thousands of Issei and the subsequent incarceration of 125,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans.

All those suffering injustice now at the hands of ICE, CBP, and other law enforcement agencies must be given the right to due process, which they are afforded under the Constitution.

Stewart Chan

Stewart Chan, age 87, of Monterey Park, California, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

He is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Erica (Chan) Takata; and son-in-law, Michael; his brothers, Leland Chan and Raymond Chan; and many nieces and nephews. His warmth, laughter, and gentle strength will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, 9 a.m. at Rose Hills Hua Yuan – Hall of Grace and services will conclude at The Garden of Affection, where Stewart will be laid to rest. A reception will follow at the Gardenview Reception Center, where friends and family will gather to share memories and honor a life beautifully lived.

www.rosehills.com

Stewart Chan

Kimiko Yogi

Kimiko Yogi never sought the spotlight but worked behind the scenes so others could shine. The longtime Gardena resident passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on August 5. She was 91. Born in Los Angeles to Takanori and Tomo Yasuda, she grew up in East Hollywood before being incarcerated at Manzanar. After returning to Los Angeles, she graduated from Belmont High School. In 1955, she married her next-door neighbor, David Yogi, and the couple settled in Gardena. Family members will cherish memories of her generous and devoted care for their well-being. Friends will recall her compassion for a series of family dogs. Neighbors will remember her riding with her husband on the tandem bicycle he built. She loved travel and visited countries throughout Europe and Asia, and all 50 states.

Her husband of 65 years predeceased her. She is survived by children, Linda Ford (fiancé Mitch Ikemoto), Mike (Judi Kitano), and Lori; grandchildren, Katherine, Matthew and Daniel Yogi; brother, Kiyoshi Yasuda (Jeannie); sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Kazuko and Jimmy Okazaki, Ken and Joy Yogi, Miyoko Yogi; and 18 nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at Gardena Valley Baptist Church on September 27, 11 a.m. (aloha/resort casual).

Kimiko Yogi



Elizabeth “Liz” Hoshizaki

After a valiant three-year effort, Elizabeth “Liz” Hoshizaki (nee Chan) has passed away due to cancer and is now with the Lord and previously deceased parents and brothers. She passed away quietly on July 20, 2025, in Fullerton, Calif.

Her family and long-time close friends, also knew her as “Cheese.” Liz was born on August 3, 1952, in Los Angeles and grew up in Chinatown. She attended Castelar Elementary School and graduated from Belmont High School, then led a storied career as a dental assistant and school librarian. In her retirement, she enjoyed singing with local music groups and cheering on the Lakers and Dodgers.

Liz had a creative spirit and a deep appreciation for all kinds of art. She was a prolific crafter and collector. She sold her own handcrafted goods at boutiques and farmers’ markets. She liked to acquire collector’s items that reminded her of her childhood. She was a real foodie and loved all things food-related, like watching cooking shows, shopping for food, and sharing what she cooked. Liz will be remembered for all the joy she brought to so many.

Liz is survived by her husband, Russell; son, Cory; sister, Doreen (Ben) Nakayama; nephews, Ken and Kyle Nakayama, Kevin, Daniel, Zachary Chan, and Carlos Garcia. She is also survived by her siblings-in-law and their spouses, Glen (Deborah), Carole, Dale (Robert), Lori, and Julie (Martine); as well as her nieces and nephews, Elena, Alison (Devin), Kyle, Kathryn, Savino, Owen, and Nicolo. Liz is predeceased by her parents, Hoy and SenYing Jang Chan; and brothers, Winston and Stanley Chan.

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Elizabeth Hoshizaki



Yoneko Matsumoto

A private graveside service for the late Yoneko Matsumoto, 103-year-old, Oakland, California-born, resident of Los Angeles, who passed away on August 19, 2025, was held Thursday, September 18, at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kazuo Matsumoto; grandson, Ricky Requiman; brothers, Masami Tokuda and Susumu (Hisako) Sato; and daughter-in-law, Sharon Matsumoto.

She is survived by her children, Robert Hiro of Carson City, Gary (Cindy) and Will Matsumoto; grandchildren, Robyn (Luis) Valdez and James Matsumoto; great-grandchildren, Angel, Luis, Dominic, and Liliana Valdez, and Briseis and Lyanna Matsumoto; she is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives in Japan.

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Yoneko Matsumoto

Hanayagi Rokumine

October 5, 1931 – August 5, 2025



Hanayagi Rokumine, a classical Japanese dance instructor, also known by the name of Yoko Fukumoto Matsukiyo, 93, a resident of Monterey Park, peacefully passed away with family by her side on August 5, 2025.

She is survived by her loving family: four children, Suzumi (George) Lopez, Irvin (Akiko), David (Michelle), and Michiyo (John) Bailey; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other family members here and in Japan.

Although her physical presence may no longer grace our lives, her spirit will forever shine brightly in our hearts. May her memory be a blessing. Her absence will be deeply felt, and she will truly be missed.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Hanayagi Rokumine

Kiyome Hirayama

A private funeral service for Kiyome Hirayama, 102-year-old, Fresno, Calif.-born Nisei, who passed away on August 20, 2025 in Los Angeles, was held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at Senshin Buddhist Temple.

She is predeceased by her husband, Art and son, Glenn; and is survived by her sons, Bruce, Keith (Jane) and Duane (Joy) Hirayama; grandchildren, Myles (Vicki), Derek (Atsuko), Grant (Deanna) Hirayama, and Paige (Jared) Tanimoto; great-grandchildren, Alex, Skyler, Landon, Dylan Hirayama, and Quinn, Reid Tanimoto; sister, Satomi Saneto; sister-in-law, Yukiko Saneto; also survived by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

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Katsuaki Ida

Katsuaki Ida, 81 years old, born on July 13, 1943 in Hokkaido, Japan, a long-term resident of Alhambra, passed away on June 9, 2025.

He was predeceased by his son, John Ida, in 1991.

He was survived by his wife, Cathy; his sons, Dan and Joe Ida.

Private funeral was held at Fukui Mortuary, officiated by Rev. Hibiki Murakami of Nishi Hongwanji, and he was buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

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Katsuaki Ida

Yayeko Nishina

A funeral service for Yayeko Nishina, 97-year-old, Penryn, Calif.-born Nisei who passed away on August 16, 2025 in Los Angeles, will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, 10 a.m. at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Dr., Culver City.

She is survived by her son, David Nishina; siblings, James Kono, Grace Nakao, Yoshiko (Edwin) Yamashiro, and Teruko Burchfield; also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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Yayeko Nishina

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Gardena Buddhist Church 1517 W. 166th St, Gardena 90247, 310-327-9400. Gardenabuddhist-church.org. Sept 21 (Sun), 9:30 am—Special service: Fall Ohigan hybrid: virtual and in-person, guest speaker: Rev. Cyndi Yasaki (White River Buddhist Temple), service to celebrate the Fall Equinox. The focus of Ohigan (higan = other shore, referring to nirvana or enlightenment) is practicing the Six Paramitas (giving, discipline, patience, endeavor, meditation, wisdom) as a means to reach the “other shore.” For Zoom link, please register on our website: www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org To attend in-person, please follow all safety protocols.

Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple 505 E. 3rd St, L.A. 90013, 213-626-4200. hhbt-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. Homba 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, Montebellooucc.org. Join us for in-person and online worship service at 10 am

Sunday mornings or Youtube.com/mpceucc. Contact mpcc@montebelloucc.org for details.

Orange County Buddhist Church 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim 92804, 714-827-9590. Ocbuddhist.org. Sept 21 (Sun), 8:30 am—Mindfulness service (in-person); 10 am—Sunday service (hybrid); 11 am—Adult discussion and Dharma School (in-person). Sept 22 (Mon), 7 pm—Zoom BEC English class (Rev Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). Sept 23 (Tue): Office closed. Sept 24 (Wed), 7 pm—Zoom mindfulness service. Sept 25 (Thu), 9 am—Tai chi class (in-person). Sept 27 (Sat), 7 pm—Zoom BEC Japanese class (Rev Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). Sept 28 (Sun), 8:30 am—Mindfulness service (in-person); 10 am—Sunday service (hybrid); 11 am—Adult discussion and Dharma School (in-person). Oct 1 (Wed), 7 pm—Zoom mindfulness service. Oct 2 (Thu), 9 am—Tai chi class (in-person). Oct 4 (Sat), 3:30 pm—Monthly Shotsuki Hoyo service (in-person).

Pasadena Buddhist Temple 1993 Glen Ave, Pasadena 91103, 626-798-4781. Pasadenabuddhisttemple.org. Resident minister: Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs. Sept 21 (Sun), 10 am—Buddhist Fall Ohigan service, open to the public, guest speaker Ministers Assistant Stacy Reardon of the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, Rev. Gibbs and Ministers Assistants Cathy Mikuni and Allison Yasaaki officiating. Meditation classes will resume in October on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Buddhist study classes resume in October the second and fourth Wednesdays, time to be determined.

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. vhbt.org. We are open for regular in-person Tuesday morning services at 9:30 am, on Sept 23 and 30. Services are also conducted by Zoom as well. Special services include the following: On Saturday, Sept 20, at 10 am, we will hold our ABA (Adult Buddhist Association) memorial service. This is a time when we remember all of the former ABA members who have passed away. On Sunday, Sept 21, at 10 am, we will hold our Autumn Ohigan Equinox service, followed by Otoki lunch. On Sunday, Sept 28, at 9:30 am, we will have our Tsuki Tsuito Hoyo monthly memorial service, remembering those who passed away during the month of September over the years. Please check our website, vhbt.org, for more information.

W. Covina Buddhist Temple 1203 W. Puente Ave, W. Covina 91790, 626-689-1040. livingdharma.org. On Sunday, Sept 21, Autumn Ohigan service will be held from 4:30 pm. The service will be held with both in-person and online. Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Amy Umezu from West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple. 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 Umezu. Sept 20 (Sat), 9 am—Shoshinge service; 10 am—Fall Higan seminar. Sept 21 (Sun), 10 am—Fall Higan service. Sept 27 (Sat), 11 am—Jodo Shinshu class. Sept 28 (Sun), 10 am—Dharma service; 11 am—Sunday matinee.

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. A call to confirm the schedule and check the website for additional classes.

Costa Mesa 92626, 714-641-1944.

Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Church of L.A. 2701 E. 1st St, L.A. 90033, 323-669-4741.

Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church 1850 W. Hellman Ave, Alhambra 91803, 626-284-3229.

San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple 9450 Remick Ave, 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 Forsquare 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-

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SEPT 19-21 — “Under the Sea” at Giant Robot Store, 2015 Sawtelle Blvd, West Los Angeles. An underwater-themed art exhibition featuring works by over 50 artists. Hours: Closed Mon, open 12-6 pm all other days. Concurrent with exhibitions at GR2, 2062 Sawtelle Blvd. Info: (310) 478-1819. giantrobot.com

SEPT 19-25 — “Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Infinity Castle” at selected theaters. During the Taisho period, Tanjiro resolves to become a demon slayer so that he can his kidnapped sister back into a human and kill the demon that massacred his family. First in a trilogy. Info: www.crunchyroll.com

SEPT 19-OCT 25 — Rando Aso exhibition at Nonaka-Hill, 720 N Highland Ave, Los Angeles. Hours: Tue-Sat, 12-8 pm or by appointment. Aso is a contemporary ceramic artist whose practice bridges ancient Japanese firing techniques with modern aesthetic sensibilities. Info: (323) 450-9409, nonaka-hill.com

SEPT 19-OCT 31 — Sawako Goda and Kentaro Kawabata exhibition at Nonaka-Hill, 720 N Highland Ave, Los Angeles. Hours: Tue-Sat, 12-8 pm or by appointment. Info: (323) 450-9409, nonaka-hill.com

SEPT 19-NOV 12 — JANM on the Go presents “Cruising J-Town: Behind the Wheel of the Nikkei Community” at Peter and Merle Mulin Gallery, ArtCenter College of Design, 1111 S Arroyo Pkwy, Pasadena. Curated by cultural scholar and writer Dr. Oliver Wang, the exhibition chronicles the people and stories behind how Japanese Americans have played vital roles in countless car scenes throughout the region. Hours: Wed–Sun, 12-5 pm. Free admission. Info: www.janm.org/exhibits/cruising-j-town

SEPT 20-DEC 27 — Little Tokyo Farmers’ Market, 9 am-2 pm every Sat at Noguchi Plaza, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Designed to support low-income residents, Japanese American farmers, and the broader Little Tokyo community. Info: <https://jacc.org/events/little-tokyo-farmers-market-2025/>

SEPT 20 — Tenugui Textiles workshop, 10-11:30 am at MISE 店 at Toshizo Watanabe Exhibition Center, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Master designers Keiko Hayashi and Sachiyo Nakamura will introduce the delicate artistry of traditional Japanese hand towels. \$50 + \$5 fee. Browse an exclusive selection of their tenugui and products, 11 am-5 pm. Info/tickets: <https://jacc.org/events/tenugui-textiles-by-keiko-hayashi-sachiyo-nakamura/>

SEPT 20 — Kamishibai (Japanese paper theater), 10 am at Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Torrance. Program presented in English and Japanese. Sponsored by Torrance Public Library and Torrance Sister City Assn. Info: www.Library.TorranceCA.gov

SEPT 20 — Nikkei Children’s Book Festival, 10 am-3 pm at Japanese American National Museum Democracy Center, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Author storytimes for kids, Q&As for adults, activities for all ages, and a special pop-up bookstore from JANM Store. \$10 general, free for youth and JANM members. Info/tickets: www.janm.org/events/2025-09-20/nikkei-childrens-book-festival

SEPT 20 — San Diego Sake Festival, 2:30-6:30 pm at JULEP Venue, 1735 Hancock St, San Diego. Featuring a curated selection of premium sake from Japan and the US. Presented by San Diego Sake Club in collaboration with JETRO LA. Admission: general, \$85 Nonbei, \$110; VIP, \$350. Info/tickets: <https://sandigosakeclub.com/>

SEPT 20 — Great Leap presents FandangObon, 4-7 pm at JANM Plaza, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Multicultural performances and ecofest. Info: www.greatleap.org

SEPT 20 — Nomikai, drinking party with food, 5-9 pm at St. Wilfrid’s Episcopal Church, 18631 Chapel Lane, Huntington Beach. Celebration of Historic Wintersburg’s 100th anniversary. Beer-making and sushi-making lessons, opportunity drawing.

SEPT 20 — 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.

Admission: \$75. Packages available for \$100 and \$200, sponsorships for \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000. Register by Sept 16. Info: (714) 553-3663, historicwintersburg@gmail.com

SEPT 20-24 — Hayao Miyazaki’s “Howl’s Moving Castle” (2004) at selected theaters. Sept 20, 4 pm (dubbed); Sept 21, 4 and 7 pm (dubbed); Sept 22, 7 pm (subtitled); Sept 23, 7 pm (subtitled); Sept 24, 7 pm (dubbed). As war brews between two kingdoms, the fate of the world may rest on Sophie, a quiet girl working in a hat shop, and Howl, the handsome and mysterious wizard who literally sweeps her off her feet. Theater locations and tickets: www.fathomentertainment.com/releases/howls-moving-castle-studio-ghibli-fest-2025/

SEPT 21 — “Bartitsu: The Lost Art of Sherlock Holmes,” 10 am-1 pm at Shoseian “Whispering Pine” Teahouse, Brand Park, 1601 W Mountain St, Glendale. Savate master Nicolas Saignac and jujutsu master Michael Belzer will discuss bartitsu, an eclectic form of self-defense developed in England between 1898 and 1902 by Barton Wright, combining elements of jujutsu, French savate and cane fighting. \$25 per person. Limited seating. Info/registration: glendaleteahouse.org

SEPT 21 — Maryknoll Karate Club 38th Chicken Teriyaki Bingo at St Francis Xavier Chapel Japanese Catholic Center, 222 S Hewitt St, Los Angeles. Food served 11 am-5 pm with bingo from 12-6 pm. Delicious food (including Maryknoll’s famous teriyaki sauce), awesome cash pots and free parking. Info: (213) 787-7379

SEPT 24 — Izakaya Sunsets: Grill, 5-8 pm at Toshizo Watanabe Culinary Cultural Center and James Irvine Japanese Garden, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Sip Japanese spirits and beers either indoors or outdoors while DJ Korean Abdul Jabbar sets the vibe with city pop and mid-tempo grooves. Enjoy seasonal small bites curated by JACCC Chef Gary Matsumoto, crafted to capture the relaxed, communal spirit of izakaya culture. Admission: \$5. Must be 21+. Info/tickets: <https://jacc.org/events/izakaya-sunsets-grill/>

SEPT 24-28 — LA Comic Con at LA Convention Center, 1201 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles. The ultimate destination for comics, gaming, cosplay, anime, and pop culture. Info: www.comicconla.com

SEPT 26-OCT 2 — “Third Act” at Monica Film Center, 1332 2nd St, Santa Monica. Filmmaker Tadashi Nakamura explores his father Robert A. Nakamura’s life as an influential Asian American artist and activist, while grappling with Robert’s Parkinson’s diagnosis, navigating themes of art, grief, and their father-son relationship. Tadashi Nakamura will participate in Q&A after the evening screening on Sept 26 and twilight and evening screenings on Sept 27 (exact showtimes TBA). Info: www.laem-mle.com/film/third-act

SEPT 27 — RAP Arts & Crafts Fair at Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr, Los Angeles. Info: (310) 822-8885, office@vjcc.com

SEPT 27 — Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner at California Ballroom, Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, 404 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles. Registration and silent auction 4 pm, dinner and program 6 pm. Go For Broke National Education Center’s 24th annual event honoring the 33,000 Japanese American men and women who served during WWII. Hosted by David Ono, ABC7 News. Dinner menu created by Chef Roy Yamaguchi, Roy’s Restaurants Worldwide, and Chef Andreas Nieto, Westin Bonaventure Hotel Culinary Team. Attire: business formal or dressy Hawaiian. Info: goforbroke.org/eveningofaloha

SEPT 27 — “Celebrating 120 Years and Building Towards the Future.” Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple benefit dance, 7:30-11 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at 815 E First St, Little Tokyo. Music by Kokoro. Deadline: Sept 19. Info: nishidancecommittee@gmail.com or cntanita57@gmail.com

SEPT. 27-28 — Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute Art Show at GVJCI, 1964 W 162nd St, Gardena. Sat 11 am-5 pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm. Featuring art from around the community about the Nikkei experience in America. Sumi-e demonstration by Lorean Weng Sept. 27 at 1 pm. Light refreshments, wine, music and more. All ages welcome, no RSVP required. Info: (310) 324-6611, jci-gardena.org

SEPT 27-28 — “Synergy” taiko concert at James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance. Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 1 pm. Featuring UnitOne, one of the West Coast’s leading taiko ensembles, and Scotland-based Tsuchigumo Daiko. Tickets: www.torrancearts.org/shows/synergy-tsuchigumo-x-unitone

SEPT 30 — Little Tokyo Service Center Small Business Program offers free workshops online via Zoom, led by Mariko Lochridge. “Milestone Marketing: Turning Anniversaries Into Opportunities,” 1:30-3 pm. Registration: <https://apisbp.eccenterdirect.com/events/9049/> “Get Recognized: Apply for the Legacy Business Program,” 7-8:30 pm. Registration: <https://apisbp.eccenterdirect.com/events/9048>

OCT 3 — 4K restoration of Satoshi Kon’s anime classic “Perfect Blue” (1997) in selected theaters. Info: <https://gkids.com/films/perfect-blue/>

OCT 4 — Nikkei Socials presents Happy Halloween, 1:30-4:30 pm at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W 162nd St, Gardena. Dance lesson from 1:30-2 pm. Singles, couples, dancers of all levels welcome. Music by Sumie Nagano, DJ by Gira Nakamoto. Snacks at intermission. Cost: members \$10, non-members \$15. Costumes optional. RSVP: Lynn@lisomoto@yahoo.com

OCT 4 — “Camp ‘Leftovers’: What Issei and Nisei Family Survivors Passed Down,” 2-3:30 pm at Japanese American National Museum’s Democracy Center, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Janice Munemitsu, author of “The Kindness of Color,” and Tommy Dyo, AAPI advocate and Little Tokyo historian, will explore the “leftovers” that shaped their respective family lifestyle, habits, emotions, and underlying trauma as a result of the WWII incarceration and post-war resettlement years. \$5 general, free for youth under 18 and JANM members. Info/tickets: www.janm.org/events/2025-10-04/camp-leftovers-what-issei-and-nisei-family-survivors-passed-down

OCT 5 — Japanese Chamber of Commerce of SoCal 120th Anniversary Celebration, 11 am at Almansor Court, 700 S Almansor St, Alhambra. \$80 per person. RSVP by Sept 15. Contact: iyamazaki5@gmail.com

OCT 9-NOV 2 — East West Players presents “Paranormal Inside” at David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St, Little Tokyo. World premiere of Prince Gomolvilas’ sequel to “The Brothers Paranormal,” directed by Jeff Liu. Cast: Tamika Simpkins, David Huynh, Christine Corpuz, Alberto Isaac, Aja Hinds, Davide Costa. Opening Night Oct 12, 8 pm; Student Night Oct 16, 8 pm; Playwrights’ Conversation Oct 19, 5 pm; Pay-What-You-Can Night Oct 20, 8 pm; Artist Talkback Oct 26, 5 pm; Halloween Costume Contest Oct 31, 8 pm; ASL-interpreted performance Nov 1, 8 pm. Showtimes/tickets: www.eastwestplayers.org/inside

OCT 11 — Kokoro 2025 Craft Show, 10 am-4 pm at Nishi Hongwanji, 815 E First St, Little Tokyo. Over 40 artisans will sell their works, including fashion, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, accessories, kokedama, stationery. Free admission. On-site parking: \$10 cash. Info: <https://kokorocraftshow.com/>

OCT 11 — Undokai (Japanese Sports Festival), 12-3 pm at Terasaki Budokan, 249 S Los Angeles St, Little Tokyo. Learn about mental health while enjoying Japanese snacks and games. Open to all ages. Free admission, food and prizes. Info/RSVP: Mai Omoto, momoto@LTSC.org

OCT 11 — Sake Matsuri South Bay, 1:30-4:30 pm at Miyako Hybrid Hotel, 21381 S Western Ave, Torrance. Sake sampling, food sampling, entertainment. Oshu, Iwate Prefecture (Shohei Ohtani’s hometown) will bring its renowned local sake, premium rice and wagyu beef. Must be 21+. Early bird \$60 (through Aug 31), regular \$75. Tickets: www.eventbrite.com/d/ca--torrance/sake-matsuri/

OCT 11-DEC 13 — Hiro’s Bokashi Workshop, Oct 11, 10 am-12 pm at Isamu Noguchi Plaza, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Dec 13, 1-3 pm at Zenshuji Soto Mission, 123 S Hewitt St, Los Angeles. 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 moistainai refreshment. Supplies and bokashi kits, \$35 each. Info/tickets: <https://jacc.org/events/hiros-bokashi-workshop-2025/>

OCT 15 — Hiroshima Trio (Dan Kuramoto, June Kuramoto, Kimo Cornwell), 7 pm (reception at 6:30 pm) at Torrance Cultratl Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance. Plus after party featuring dancing to Kokoro. Fundraiser for WWII Camp Wall. Sponsorships available. Info: www.wiiicampwall.org

OCT 16 — Japan America Society of SoCal’s 116th Anniversary Dinner and Gala, 6:30-10 pm at Biltmore Los Angeles, 506 S Grand Ave, Los Angeles. Check-in at 6:30 pm; reception at 7 pm; dinner and celebration at 8 pm. International Citizens Award: KTLA5 news anchor Frank Buckley, kite maker Mikio Toki. Next Generation Rising Star Award: J-pop girl group Bi-ray. Emcee: Tamlyn Tomita. Attire: Cocktail or business. Individual seats: \$450. Table sponsorships begin at \$6,500. \$25 for self-parking, \$35 for valet parking. Info/registration: jas-socal.org

ターミナル島「ツナ通り」を歴史文化財に指定

LA市議会、全会一致で決定

ロサンゼルス市議会は8月20日、ターミナルアイランドに唯一残る日本人ゆかりの建物を、「ふるさとツナ通り」として歴史文化記念物に指定することを、全会一致で決定した。対象となるのはかつて約3千人の日系人が暮らし「ふるさと」と呼ばれた漁村に残る、2棟の建物である。



漁業を基盤に発展したターミナルアイランドの日本人村は、戦前のロサンゼルス港において重要な役割を果たしていたが、1942年の「大統領令9066号」によって住民は強制立ち退きを命じられ、村は消滅した。今回の指定は、消え去ろうとする記憶を未来に残す大きな一歩となった。

提案者でターミナルアイランドを含む第15区を代表するティム・マスカ市議員は議場で「私はサンベドロ出身だ。強制収容の20年後に生まれ、学校や職場などから突然姿を消した人々の話を父母や祖母から聞きながら育った。当時の社会は、地域が一

体となった美しい共同体だった。ターミナルアイランドからは陸地の学校に通う生徒たちが毎日フェリーで通学していた。私はその世代が受けた悲しみや衝撃を受け継いで育ったと振り返った。さらに「日系の友人たちからターミナルアイランドはかつて誇り高いコミュニティであったこと、そしてそれが奪われた歴史を忘れてはならないと教えられてきた」と述べた。

同氏は投票に先立ち、長年「追憶の日」(日系米国人が第2次世界大戦中に強制収容された歴史を追悼・記憶する日)に合わせ、マスカ市議は市の計画局に歴史文化記念物指定の申請を求める動議を提出した。6月5日に開かれた文化遺産委員会(CCH)では、曽根健孝・前在ロサンゼルス日本総領事も出席し、委員全員が賛成票を投じた。その後、8月12日に市議

にわたり保存運動を続けてきた「ターミナルアイランド」協会に謝意を示した。また、現在ターミナルアイランドに移民関税執行局(ICE)の拠点があることに触れ、「痛ましい皮肉だ。米国の法に反して、毎日200人以上のICE職員がここから南カリフォルニア全域の強制摘発に動いている」と強調した。マキース・ハリスロイドソン市議会議長は、まだ訪れたことのない議員は必ず現地に行つてほしい。ここはロサンゼルス市内でも最も心を動かされる場所の一つであり、歴史が消え去ろうとしても決して消えない出来事の痕跡が今も感じられると呼びかけ、全会一致の賛成決議を促した。今回の歴史文化記念物指定は、関係者の粘り強い活動の成果となった。2月19日の

アーバイン 加州教育長官に出馬表明

21日ムラツチ議員の支持者集会



カリフォルニア州議会のアール・ムラツチ下院議員が、来年実施される州の教育長官を決める選挙に出馬を表明し、活動のための献金を呼びかけている。ムラツチ議員は現在、カリフォルニア州議会教育委員を務めており、地元ではトレンス・マスカ教育委員長を歴任するなど、長年にわたるカリフォルニア州の生徒、教職員、学校教育のために尽力してきた。ムラツチ

員は、「公教育のために闘つてカリフォルニア州の公立学校を改革し、全ての生徒が成功し幸せになることを目指して州教育長官選に立候補しようと考えている」と述べ、意欲を示している。



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史上初のスーパースター

人、飲み残しや葉巻の吸い殻を持ち帰る人などなど。もうどこまでが真実で、どこからが想像／創作なのか分からないほど、これはまさしく現代の若いファン心理と全く同じです。というか、その原点がリストにあるのです。リストは、間違いない、史上初の国際的「スーパースター」なのです。

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