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Historian Grant Din and participants at the Angel Island Immigrant Memorial monument overlooking China Cove near the Angel Island Immigration Museum.

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YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

THE WAY OF THE WHIGS?

By Sebastian Carbajal

Earlier this month, the Cato Institute, an American libertarian think tank, polled the public on socialism and capitalism. Fifty-three percent of Gen Z respondents found socialism more favorable than capitalism (45 percent), a reversal from older generations, where favorability drops to 37 percent (ages 45-64) and 23 percent (65+). The survey also found 61 percent of Democrats and 51 percent of Gen Z would favor a "Democratic Socialist" candidate.

It doesn't take an oil-funded think tank to see this shift already playing out. This midterm season, the Democratic "establishment" — those who treat holding on as a virtue, offering incumbency and the assurance that they are not Donald Trump — is losing ground to a new generation of candidates, many aligned with the Democratic Socialists of America, running on the novel premise that they might promise something.

In the mid-1800s, the Whig Party was held together by two things alone: opposition to Andrew Jackson and a refusal to take a real position on slavery. It worked, until it didn't. By 1854, the party had collapsed, its northern wing fleeing to the newly formed Republican Party, built on an uncompromising commitment to abolition.

A coalition built on what it opposed, rather than what it stood for, cannot survive contact with an issue that demands an answer. Swap "Andrew Jackson" for "Donald Trump," and you start to see where this is going.

Let's look at the receipts: In New York City, Zohran Mamdani, a near "nobody," faced off against party fixture Andrew Cuomo, whose campaign leaned into Islamophobic framing, even circulating digitally altered images darkening Mamdani's skin to code him as more "foreign."

Mamdani still won the primary outright, then beat Cuomo again in the general election after Cuomo re-entered as an independent — a sore-loser campaign.

Something similar is happening in Michigan, where Abdul El-Sayed is running against Chuck Schumer favorite Haley Stevens for an open Senate seat. Establishment figures like Neera Tanden have spent recent days tying El-Sayed to Graham Platner, the Maine Senate candidate who just dropped out amid serious allegations, arguing his collapse vindicates the party's distrust of outsiders — guilt by association more than an actual accusation.

If this sounds familiar, it should. Our own organization has a well-documented history of doing this to its dissidents.

When journalist Jimmie Omura testified before Congress in 1942 against the JACL's acquiescence to mass incarceration, JACL National Secretary Mike Masaoka branded him "Public Enemy No. 1" and told him, "We'll get you." Omura spent three decades erased from Japanese American public life, unable to find journalism work anywhere.

Meanwhile, the JACL's own paper, the *Pacific Citizen,* editorialized against the Heart Mountain draft resisters as men who "injured the cause of loyal Japanese Americans everywhere" —resisters who were incarcerated citizens objecting to being drafted before their rights were restored. It took the JACL nearly 60 years and a report it commissioned and tried to bury, before it apologized.

Why am I telling you all this? Because we still find these issues within the JACL today. We watch young stars burn out and leave for groups that feel more honest to their values. We call ourselves one of the oldest civil rights organizations in the country, but what is there to show for it? We pass a token resolution here and there, but when was the last time we mobilized our full weight to prove we're more than a trophy passed endlessly around a circle? Why are we so afraid to fight?

Is it worth carrying on as some kind of zombie — moving, technically, only to collapse into dust, because we were too afraid to do our duty while we still could? It is a far more honorable death to fall in battle, sword drawn, fighting for our values and civil rights for all, than to rot from the inside while still standing, mistaking stillness for survival.

My opinion? Listen to the youth. Lest we go the way of the Whigs.

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LEGAL-EASE: AN ATTORNEY'S PERSPECTIVE

WHY GET A MEMORY LOSS EVALUATION

By Judd Matsunaga, Esq.

People call cancer the "Big C" to avoid saying the actual word. Historically, people feared the diagnosis so much that they treated it as a taboo or a bad omen. Using a nickname helped soften the blow of a scary disease. Cancer and Heart Disease are still the two leading causes of death in the U.S. *(source: Centers for Disease Control)*. Currently, Alzheimer's Disease, No. 6 on the list, is making noise, especially since the oldest of the baby boomers hit 80 this year.

Perhaps we're going to start hearing people say "the Big A" to avoid saying the actual word "Alzheimer's." While normal aging brings mild cognitive changes, it does not interfere with your ability to live independently. Dementia, which is not a normal part of aging, causes severe cognitive and behavioral decline that disrupts daily life.

With normal aging, you are fully capable of managing personal finances, doing household chores, driving and operating daily appliances. You may just take a little longer to learn new technology or multitask. You might forget the name of an acquaintance but remember it later or occasionally miss an appointment. Long-term memory and general knowledge remain intact. If you have memory loss or other worrisome changes in your loved one, it might be time to see the doctor.

The problem is that the older person might refuse to see a doctor about memory loss. Quite possibly, they are afraid that it might be Alzheimer's or another type of dementia. That could mean that they might lose their independence. They might worry that they won't be able to remain themselves and they might lose control of their lives.

So, given there are so many reasons that an older person might resist seeing a doctor about their memory symptoms, this *Pacific Citizen* article offers six reasons why your aging parent should get their memory loss problems evaluated *(source: betterhealthwhileaging.net)*:

Benefit #1: Objectively Document Memory Loss & Cognitive Symptoms

An evaluation can independently document the presence or absence of significant problems with memory or other aspects of thinking. This is usually done through a combination of the health providers interviewing the patient and also doing some type of office-based cognitive test, e.g., the Mini Mental Status Exam. In short, a cognitive assessment provides a snapshot of how well the brain is working now. This is important for confirming an older person's concerns, or their family's concerns, about memory and thinking. If indeed the brain seems to not be working well, that is important information for all stakeholders to know.

Benefit #2: Identify & Treat Causes of Memory Loss

This is really a critical step in trying to treat or reverse conditions that affect memory. It's doing everything we can to help an older person's thinking be the best it can be. In some older adults, their symptoms can significantly improve or even resolve once the underlying causes of cognitive impairment have been identified and treated. An evaluation can help identify and treat health problems that might be affecting brain function. Once we've confirmed through evaluation that there does seem to be some cognitive impairment going on, we can focus on figuring out what might be causing it, what can we treat or improve.

Benefit #3: Make Doctors Aware So They Can Make a Medical Care Plan

Now, you might think that doctors are likely to notice memory loss in their aging parents and take action on their own. Sometimes this does happen, but unfortunately, a lot of research shows that busy doctors often don't notice an older person's cognitive impairment unless it is specifically brought to their attention. When a doctor realizes that their patient is having memory loss, this can be an opportunity for them to encourage their patient to start involving family in their care.

Benefit #4: To Start the 6-12 Month Alzheimer's Monitoring Plan

If your parent might be developing Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, doctors will often need to monitor them over 6-12 months before they feel confident making a diagnosis. That's because to diagnose dementia, it's usually necessary to rule out other causes of treatable cognitive impairment. This process almost always takes time and might require trying to treat problems such as depression to see if cognitive symptoms improve with treatment. You probably won't get a definitive answer at the first medical visit. But it is essential to start the process of evaluation and diagnosis.

Benefit #5: To Help With Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) & Safety Problems

If your parent's memory and thinking problems are affecting their ADLs or safety, a diagnosis will help you step in. If your parent is struggling with IADL's (Instrumental Activities of Daily Living), which are more cognitively demanding tasks such as managing finances, cooking and medication management, they will eventually need more help or support. Now, some people with memory or thinking problems willingly accept help, but many don't. If your parent does get diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, this generally will make it easier to step in and insist on certain changes.

Benefit #6: Objective Information Helps Resolve Family Disagreements

When an aging parent starts experiencing memory loss or thinking problems, it's really common for family members to disagree about the situation. Families will definitely often disagree about what to do, especially if it seems like the parent needs more help but is refusing it. If an evaluation confirms significant cognitive impairment, this can help resolve family disagreements and mobilize a family to step in more.

In conclusion, just because it's worthwhile to get an evaluation does not mean it will be easy. As dementia progresses, you have to learn a different form of communication. The dementia brain is struggling with working memory. As the left hemisphere of the brain gets weaker, the right hemisphere of the brain starts to become more dominant. That's the side of the brain that interprets emotion, e.g., the tone of voice, the rhythm of voice, the emotionality. So, as dementia progresses, it becomes less important what you're saying and more important how you're saying it. Good luck!

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L.A. MARKS DAY OF AFFIRMATION

Ceremony recalls President Harry Truman's tribute to the 442nd.

By George Toshio Johnston, P.C. Senior Editor

Exactly eight decades from the day when it literally rained on the parade of American soldiers marching along Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., to meet President Harry Truman, on the other side of the continent in Los Angeles there was not a raincloud in sight.

On July 15, 1946, a raincoat-clad Truman presented the men of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team with its seventh Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation *(see July 20, 1946, Pacific Citizen, tinyurl.com/3fx6x2kw)*.

Truman's message to those men, members of the segregated and most-highly decorated military unit in U.S. history for size and length of service: "You fought not only the enemy, but you have fought prejudice — and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win — to make this great republic stand for what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all people all the time."

The date of Truman's 1946 message — now known as Day of Affirmation and a first for Los Angeles — honoring what those American soldiers of Japanese ancestry had accomplished during World War II with personal sacrifice, bodily injury and many lives lost was remembered the morning of July 15, 2026, on the sunbaked Isamu Noguchi Plaza in front of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo.

Truman's words — "You fought not only the enemy, but you have fought prejudice" — were repeated several times by the roster of speakers, which included keynote speaker Scott Takahashi, a Vietnam War Army veteran and co-president of the 100th Battalion Veterans Club whose father, TSgt. Mas Takahashi, and uncle, Pfc. Yoshio Takahashi, served in the 100th/442nd's C Co. and M Co., respectively; Maj. Luis Sanchez, S-3 operations officer, 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment, Army Reserve; attorney and retired Marine Corps officer David Miyoshi, who served in country during the Vietnam War; and Rakesh "Ricky" Pal, Minority and Underrepresented Veterans deputy secretary at the California Department of Veterans Affairs, who also presented Miyoshi with a framed letter marking the occasion from Lindsey Sin, secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Reflecting on the 442nd veterans' accomplishments, as well as those of his own father, Takahashi said, "What these men did — they not only saved the world from unspeakable tyranny, but they came home and built their lives and gave future generations a leg up on their futures.



David Miyoshi displays the letter sent by Lindsey Sin, secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, to mark the Day of Affirmation ceremony commemorating the 80th anniversary of President Harry Truman's presentation of a Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation to the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team.



Members of the Army Reserve's 100th BN/442 INF Regiment color guard accompany the commemorative wreath that was presented at the Veterans Memorial Courtyard located at the JACCC in Little Tokyo.

PHOTOS: GEORGE TOSHIO JOHNSTON

"When it looked like I'd be drafted, my dad said, 'It's your duty to serve for everything that this country has given to us and the good fortune that we've had to live here," he continued. "And it's true. He was he was not an outspoken patriot, but he was a patriot to the heart, to the core."

The event wrapped up with the presentation of a commemorative wreath by the Army Reserve's 100th BN/442 INF Regiment color guard, which in the present day carries on the name, legacy and insignia of the 442nd.

The Day of Affirmation event was organized by the Japanese American Veterans Assn. The invocation was given by Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran and interfaith minister Cliff Ishigaki, who served as a captain with the Ninth Marine Regiment. Welcoming remarks were by JACCC President and CEO Patricia Wyatt.

Serving as master of ceremonies was SSgt. Justin Yoshida, a recruiter with the San Gabriel Valley Army Recruiting Co. Singing the National Anthem was Candice Shikai, a partner with the law firm Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.

See related story at tinyurl.com/2nxpcj4b.

To view the event's program, visit tinyurl.com/s7jkjdw9.



"The blood that has soaked the sands of a beach is all of one color. America stands unique in the world; the only country not founded on race, but on a way and an ideal." **- 1945 Ronald Reagan**

The United States is a nation built by immigrants who were guided by hope. For generations, people crossed oceans in search of opportunity, leaving behind everything familiar to pursue a better life. That journey has never been easy—our Issei ancestors knew this well. Arriving nearly a century after America's founding, they came with faith in the American Dream and the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Despite relentless efforts to exclude, disenfranchise, and push them out, the Issei held fast to their belief in America and inspired the Nisei to do the same.

The JACL was created by the Nisei to demonstrate that Americans come from every ethnicity, belief, and culture. Although the 14th Amendment guaranteed their citizenship, our community knows too well that rights on paper are not always rights in practice. Racism, economic greed, and political failure led to the forced removal and incarceration of over 125,000 people of Japanese ancestry, stripping them of the very rights that were supposed to protect them.

Even as America grows more diverse, the threat of racial injustice and bigotry persists. Today, many communities face renewed or newly emboldened attacks, echoing the same rhetoric and fears that once targeted Japanese Americans. During WWII, JACL accepted the unjust conditions imposed on our community when Japanese Americans had their citizenship revoked. In the 84 years since, we have continued to reckon with that history while standing firmly for the protection of birthright citizenship. We refuse to allow anyone in this country to be denied their constitutional rights again. This commitment is why JACL invests in policy fellows who educate national partners, monitor harmful proposals, and advocate for legislation that upholds justice and equality for all.

Over the last 250 years, America has transformed in countless ways. What keeps the American Dream alive is our Constitution and the enduring human drive for a better life. As our nation continues to evolve—and as JACL approaches its centennial—we are committed to evolving with it. We strive to preserve America's history, uplift its ideals, and ensure that the mistakes of the past are never repeated.

Help us protect the American Dream and defend the rights of all who call this country home. Please consider making a donation today and help us reach our summer fundraising goal of $30,000.

Sincerely,
Ariel Imamoto
JACL Membership Manager

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GERALD YAMADA HONORED WITH ORDER OF THE RISING SUN

The commendation recognizes decades of work advancing Japanese Americans and strengthening ties between the U.S. and Japan.

By JACL D.C. Chapter

The JACL D.C. chapter was among those in attendance at the Spring Conferment of Decoration ceremony honoring Gerald Hiroshi Yamada with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette — one of Japan's most distinguished civilian honors — at the Ambassador of Japan's residence in Washington, D.C., on June 24.

The decoration, announced by the Government of Japan on April 29, was given to Yamada in recognition of his decades of work advancing the social status of Japanese Americans and strengthening friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S.

Ambassador Shigeo Yamada cited the long list of accomplishments attributed to Gerald Yamada and also said that he had a special "kinship" with him since they share the same surname. Ambassador Yamada added that it was his great honor to present Yamada this award for his lifetime of service.

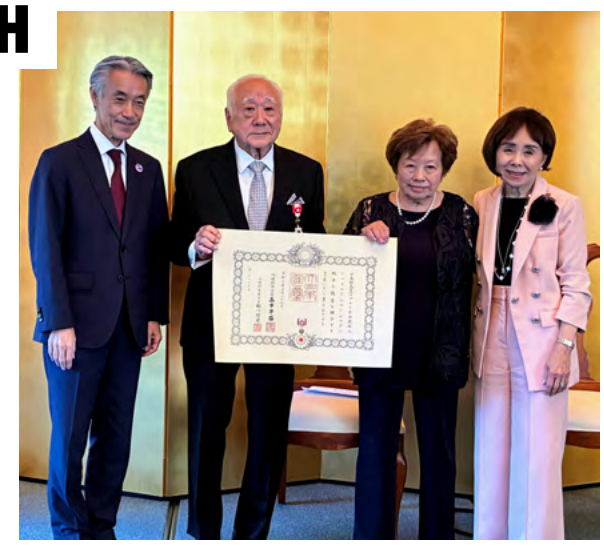
During her toast to Gerald Yamada, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) noted that he and her late husband, Congressman Bob Matsui, were roommates at the University of California, Berkeley, and they both attended each other's weddings. Congresswoman Matsui also mentioned that Yamada never sought recognition but always stepped up when needed, and she emphasized that no one deserved this recognition more than Yamada.

Yamada has a long list of accomplishments throughout his lifetime of service to the community. He served as JACL D.C. chapter president in 1979-80 and again in 1983 before going on to lead the Japanese American Veterans Assn. As JAVA president, he spearheaded the establishment of the "Day of Affirmation" wreath-laying ceremony at the National World War II Memorial, honoring the Japanese American soldiers who served and sacrificed during WWII.

In addition, Yamada also served as executive director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, where he was instrumental in garnering the Congressional Gold Medal for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service. He also partnered with the Embassy of Japan to organize photographic exhibitions and lectures on Japanese American history, ensuring that the story remains visible and honored in the nation's capital.

"This decoration is very meaningful to me because I am very proud of my Japanese heritage," Yamada told the *Pacific Citizen*. "I have a bond with the Japanese people by blood, shared love of Japanese food and culture and a common interest in Japanese history."

– Additional reporting by P.C. Staff



Pictured *(from left)* are Ambassador Shigeo Yamada, Gerald Yamada, Nancy Yamada and Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF JACL D.C. CHAPTER

JACL BACKS EVANSTON, ILL.'S, REPARATIONS PLAN

By P.C. Staff

The JACL national office and the Chicago JACL chapter released a statement July 7 in support of the City of Evanston, Ill.'s, initiative to provide reparations to local members of the city's African American community who were harmed by "historical housing discrimination in the city."

The statement in part reads: "Evanston's reparations efforts stand as a national model for a first step in repairing the tangible harms of racism and discrimination that the African American community continues to experience. We encourage the DOJ and judiciary to honor a program developed by the City of Evanston to support its African American community and create a level playing field for its families and children."

Meantime, according to the *Associated Press* (*see* tinyurl.com/4e4xyzc9), last month the federal government " … asked a judge to halt the United States' first reparations program that offered Black people in a small Illinois city $25,000 for 20th century race-based housing discrimination, joining an existing lawsuit that called the program unconstitutional." ***The entire JACL statement may be read at: tinyurl.com/532ar3c5.***

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Nisei Troops Will Parade Before President

Color Guards, Co. E, 442nd of the 100th Regimental Combat Team salute the colors at the review given in honor of the Japanese Americans in uniformed units at Camp Sims.

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Truman Will Affix Distinguished Unit Citation Streamer to Colors of 442nd Combat Team

Japanese Americans Will March in Full Dress; Pacific Coast Citizen-States to Answer Housing, Food Procurement, Community Planned at Post Rehearsal

SALT LAKE CITY—President Truman will decorate the colors of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team with the Distinguished Unit Citation at a parade here prior to his departure for the Pacific, it was announced today.

Stay of Deportation Seen For Traders, Hardship Cases

Proceedings Will Be Halted Pending Congressional Action On Bills to Aid Deportees

Baseball Fans Cue Ovation to 442nd Veterans

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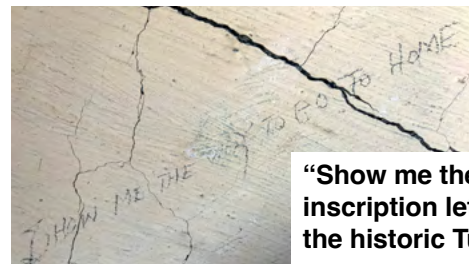


Jail cell within the historic jail at the Tule Lake Segregation Center

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Interior of a jail cell within the historic Tule Lake jail



"Show me the way to go home," an inscription left by a prisoner inside the historic Tule Lake jail.



Frank Abe discusses the history of the Area 99 Stockade, once believed to be the same facility as the jail, outside the historic Tule Lake jail.



Katie Masano Hill and Dr. Satsuki Ina, Tule Lake survivor and co-founder of Tsuru for Solidarity

TULE LAKE PILGRIMAGE: 'RESISTANCE & SOLIDARITY'

Pilgrims unite to heal, learn and remember past injustices that occurred at the site during WWII.

Nearly 400 survivors, descendants, historians and community members gathered July 3-6 in Klamath Falls, Ore., at the Oregon Institute of Technology and the Tule Lake Segregation Center site for the 2026 Tule Lake Pilgrimage, themed "Resistance & Solidarity."

The weekend's programming included memorial events, historic site tours, educational panels, cultural programming and reflection sessions, with many first-time pilgrims attending the event that coincided with the observance of America's 250th birthday.

A featured program highlight was the plenary session "Japanese American Voices of Resistance," moderated by Tule Lake preservationist and public historian Barbara Takei. The panel examined how government narratives during and after World War II portrayed Japanese American resistance as disloyalty while obscuring the injustice of incarceration.

Panelists included filmmaker Emiko Omori, director of "Defiant to the Last: Resistance at the Tule Lake Jail"; Dr. Satsuki Ina, author of "The Poet and the Silkgirl: A Memoir of Love and Incarceration"; and Tamiko Nimura, author of "A Place for What We Lose: A Daughter's Return to Tule Lake." The speakers highlighted the experiences, resilience and courage of Tule Lake resisters.

Another session, titled "The Lim Report in the 21st Century, and What It Says to Us Today," featured moderator Frank Abe along with panelists Chizu Omori and Katie Masano Hill.

Abe gave a history of the research report on JACL's wartime policies and actions that were compiled in 1990 by attorney Deborah Lim, while activist Omori reflected on the report's findings and Tule Lake descendant Hill spoke about how a new generation at JACL is addressing this difficult legacy.

Additional sessions examined archaeological discoveries, the Tessaku Translation Project and ongoing efforts to preserve Tule Lake's history, in addition to a hike to Castle Rock; a memorial service to honor those who died at Tule Lake and who survived the wrongful treatment of the U.S. government for their dissent and protest of their unconstitutional incarceration; tours of the site; and reflection discussions.

Following is a personal reflection piece by Tule Lake descendant and JACL Norman Y. Mineta Policy Fellow Katie Masano Hill.



Katie Masano Hill *(right)* with Tule Lake pilgrims and *Pacific Citizen* readers *(from left)* Aki and Joann Kawayoshi and Liz and Wade Kato (holding the *P.C.*)

THE SKY ABOVE BLOCK 73

Show me the way to go to home. Words etched and carved into the surface of the infamous jail at Tule Lake Segregation Center by a prisoner incarcerated within a prison in a prison.

What is home in a concentration camp? What does home mean to those who were forcibly removed from their homes, sent to assembly centers, placed on trains and incarcerated behind barbed wire in War Relocation Centers?

While completing my master's thesis on mental health at Tule Lake and the administrative response to those suffering within the camp, I found myself confronting a question I was never sure I could answer as a Gosei. How could I ever fully understand what home meant to those who had it taken from them?

On my first-ever pilgrimage, let alone my first time at Tule Lake, I prepared myself for my upcoming facilitation of Tsuru for Solidarity's Healing Circles and my participation on a panel centered on the Lim Report in the 21st century by reviewing my family's records.

My great-great-grandparents, the Nakatsukas, and their Nisei children's barracks were at 7307 in Tule Lake. Before the bus tour led by the incredible all-volunteer docent team of the Tule Lake committee, I wanted to ground myself and prepare for the site of shame.

As I studied the map, I noticed that Block 73 was highlighted in yellow. It is the only block at Tule Lake where the foundation of the original latrine remains, a physical reminder of the inhumane and dehumanizing conditions endured by those imprisoned there.

I didn't expect to be standing exactly on the earth and land where my family was. Where my Great-Uncle Yoshi last saw his family. Where he was taken against his will from Tule Lake and his family, never knowing that it would be the last time he would stand among them. Two years later, at just 24 years old, he died alone at Napa State Mental Institution.

Now, at 24, the same age Yoshi was when his life ended, I get to stare at the same Abalone Mountain and Castle Rock. Feel the same dust cling to my eyelids and the same breeze ruffle my hair. The landscape has changed. The barracks are gone. The structures have disappeared. But the sky remains. It is the only link between me and him.

Maybe home in a concentration camp was never a physical place. Maybe it existed in fleeting moments: the movement of the tule reeds, the stark white seashells scattered across the earth, the mountains beyond the confines of the camp. Small reminders that beauty and humanity still existed even in a place designed to strip them away.

This is the power of place.

Tule Lake cannot give us back the people we lost. It cannot answer every question left behind by those who suffered there. But it allows descendants to stand where their families once stood, to breathe the same air, to feel the same sun and to remember that they were here.

Eighty years later, I can still return to the place where Yoshi stood. I can still say his name. I can still look toward the same mountains beneath the same sky.

Tule Lake cannot change what happened to Yoshi. It cannot undo the years stolen from him or answer the questions that remain.

But places hold memories. They allow us to return, to remember and to recognize the lives that existed beyond the labels placed upon them.

In Block 73, I did not find all the answers I was searching for. I found something else: a connection across time. A reminder that while I cannot bring Yoshi home, I can carry his story forward beneath the same sky that once watched over him. ■



JACL fellow Katie Masano Hill stands at the original Block 73 latrine foundation, where her family's barrack (73-07) was located, facing Abalone Mountain.



Moderator Frank Abe with panelists *(from left)* Katie Masano Hill and Chizu Omori during their presentation "The Lim Report in the 21st Century, and What It Says to Us Today"

PHOTO: WADE AND LIZ KATO



The entrance sign for Angel Island State Park, located at the ferry dock area on the island

PHOTO: DAN MAYEDA



The Angel Island excursion welcomed 23 participants, including JACL Social Justice Action Committee Members Carol Kawase *(front row, second from left)*, Dan Mayeda *(standing, third from left)* and Naoko Fujii *(standing, second from right)*, as well as Norman Y. Mineta JACL Policy Fellow Katie Masano Hill *(standing, center in blue).*

PHOTOS: LISA KAJISA

Tour guide Grant Din points out Angel Island Immigration Station facts.





Tour guide Grant Din *(second from left)* with *(from far left)* Naoko Fujii and JACL youth Kiyone Tanaka-Gacayan, Mayu Alketar-Okazaki, Austin Fujii and Katie Masano Hill

ANGEL ISLAND'S GHOSTS ECHO IN TODAY'S BATTLE OVER THE ALIEN ENEMIES ACT

A special tour visits the Angel Island Immigration Center, where 700 Japanese Issei were detained in 1941-42.

By Katie Masano Hill, JACL Norman Y. Mineta Fellow, and Mayu Altekar-Okazaki, San Jose JACL Youth Intern

The visit was more than a history lesson. A group of 23 JACL interns, parents and youth program volunteers participated in a special Alien Enemies Act tour of the Angel Island Immigration Center on July 2.

Led by genealogist and historian Grant Din, the trip was organized by Naoko Fujii and Katie Masano Hill for JACL youth to experience where 700 Japanese Issei individuals were detained in 1941-42 under the Alien Enemies Act.

Tour participants walk toward the main Immigration Station detention barracks building, which houses the historic barracks and carved wall poems from detained immigrants.

PHOTO: TED M.

The special tour was a reminder that Angel Island was once a site of exclusion twice over — first as an immigration station that operated from 1910-40, and later as a place where 700 Japanese Issei were forcibly detained by the U.S. military under the Alien Enemies Act in 1941-42 without meaningful due process.

The Issei held there were part of a larger group of 17,000 Japanese and Japanese Latin American "enemy aliens" detained under Proclamation 2525 invoking the Alien Enemies Act.

They were community and business leaders, clergy or others identified by FBI surveillance. Proclamation 2525 (Dec. 7, 1941) preceded Franklin D. Roosevelt's issuance of Executive Order 9066 (Feb. 19, 1942), which authorized the forced removal and wrongful incarceration of 120,000 people of Japanese descent during World War II.

"Seeing the actual ship manifests and photos of my family upon arrival made the history feel real in a way no textbook can," said Hill, a JACL Norman Y. Mineta fellow, who traced her own family's records before the trip. "It was heartwarming and distressing to learn what my great-great-grandmother went through when she arrived as a picture bride and was held at Angel Island for three days."

During the tour, Din described diaries written by detainees about their experiences there and showed participants how the station processed more than a million immigrants, mostly from Asian countries, between 1910 and 1940. Din also helped create the permanent exhibit "Taken From Their Families," which documents Japanese detainees held under the Alien Enemies Act.



The National Historic Landmark plaque for the U.S. Immigration Station on Angel Island, a designated National Historic Landmark.

PHOTO: DAN MAYEDA

The student interns on the tour trip are currently researching stories of hardship suffered by Japanese detained under the Alien Enemies Act for inclusion in amicus briefs prepared in support of cases challenging the invocation of the Alien Enemies Act for the first time since WWII in the deportation of Venezuelan immigrants, reigniting concern that the law can still be used to detain and remove people with minimal judicial review.

The group also toured the re-created detainee barracks/dormitory located inside the Angel Island Immigration Station's detention building. The tightly stacked bunk beds show how immigrants were housed while awaiting interrogation and decisions on their entry status. Also found there were hundreds of Chinese poems that were carved into the building's walls, documenting the frustration, hope and despair of those held there.



Tour participants board the Angel Island-Tiburon ferry to Angel Island in San Francisco Bay.

"Taking the interns to Angel Island was incredibly moving. Standing where their relatives were once detained in 1941-42 — you can feel the weight of their stories in a deeply personal way. There was grief in that space, but also a powerful sense of connection and resilience that lives through this generation," said Fujii.

For the students, the lesson is clear: History is not safely sealed in the past. From Angel Island's barracks to today's courtroom battles, the question remains how easily history repeats itself. ■

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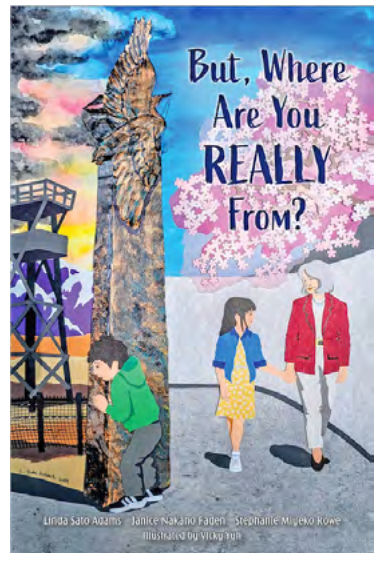
JACL D.C. Chapter Receives ALBERT B. COREY Award

The commendation recognizes decades of work advancing Japanese Americans and strengthening ties between the U.S. and Japan.

By JACL D.C. Chapter

The JACL D.C. chapter has been recognized by the American Association for State and Local History with its most prestigious honor, the Albert B. Corey Award, for the graphic novel "But Where Are You REALLY FROM? Teaching the Next Generation About Japanese American History."

For more than 80 years, the AASLH has given Leadership in History Awards to encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation and interpretation of state and local history to make the past more meaningful to all people. The Albert B. Corey Award recognizes projects that best display the qualities of "vigor, scholarship and imagination," according to the AASLH.



Cover image of the graphic novel

The D.C. chapter's graphic novel is a project spearheaded by Linda Sato Adams, Janice Nakano Faden and Stephanie Miyeko Rowe. It examines the history and contributions of Japanese Americans, helping students recognize themselves as part of the broader American story. It also explores a historical injustice to build awareness and prevent similar harm in the future.

The novel also addresses the Japanese American experience of immigration and arrival; early work at laborers; the challenges of racism, wartime incarceration and military heroism; and the anti-Asian hate that is present today. It was developed to support the Montgomery County, Md., Public Schools fifth-grade social studies curriculum, which was launched in 2024. Since then, the novel has been distributed digitally to every MCPS elementary school.

Currently, a virtual museum is being developed in association with the project so that students, teachers and community members can easily access the educational materials. Additional plans include translating the book for elementary immersion schools into Chinese, French and Spanish.

To purchase the graphic novel, visit https://www.jacl-dc.org/graphic-novel.



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Pictured are *(front row, from left)* Terry Shima, Mary Murakami and Alice Takemoto and *(back row, from left)* Janice Nakano Faden, Ambassador Shigeo Yamada, Linda Sato Adams and Stephanie Miyeko Rowe. Shima, Murakami and Takemoto's stories are featured in the graphic novel.

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JACL National Convention
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July 29-Aug. 2
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3655 S. Las Vega Blvd.
Join JACL at its 56th National Convention themed "Reigniting Our Purpose and Mission!" where the organization will gather to reinvigorate the spirit of advancing our community forward with renewed action and impact. Events include the Chapter Awards Luncheon, National Council and 2026 National Board Elections, Sayonara Gala, workshops and mixers.
Info: Visit www.jacl.org/2026-national-convention.

Ireicho Tour to Former Confinement Sites & Other Places
National Stops:
Oct. 10-11: St. Paul, MN
Info: Visit https://www.janm.org/exhibits/ireicho/venues.

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Nikkei Matsuri Summer Festival
Burnaby, B.C.
Sept. 5-6; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre
6688 Southoaks Crescent
Price: Adults $12 in Advance, $15 at the Gate; Free for children Under 18, Seniors and Centre Members
Experience Japanese culture in the heart of Burnaby with this two-day festival featuring special cultural demonstrations, food, musical performances, activities and much more!
Info: Visit nikkeimatsuri.ca.

NCWNP

'I Am an American' Exhibit
San Francisco, CA
Thru Aug. 31
MIS Historic Learning Center at the Presidio of San Francisco
220 Halleck St.
Price: $15; Free for Veterans, Children 12 and Under, NJAHS Members.
This new traveling exhbit tells the storied history of the Nisei soldiers who served during WWII and features artifacts, first-hand accounts and evocative images of their bravery and sacrifice.
Info: Visit nvnvets.org/exhibit.

'America's Last Concentration Camp: Crystal City'
Emeryville, CA
Thru July 22
J-Sei Gallery
1285 66th St.
Price: Free
This traveling exhibit, presented by the Crystal City Pilgrimage Committee, features interpretive panels depicting stories of the families who were incarcerated at Crystal City during WWII.
This exhibit is open during gallery hours, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 2-5 p.m. or by appointment.
Info: Visit j-sei.org.

Summer Sake Fundraiser 2026
San Jose, CA
Aug. 15; 4-6 p.m.
Japanese American Museum of San Jose
535 N. Fifth St.
Price: Tickets $135 Early Bird
Now in its sixth year, this event celebrates the historical significance of sake and will feature a local winery and brewery as well as shochu in addition to culinary offerings while raising money for museum operations.
Info: Visit http://jamsj.org.

'House Meeting(s): Opening the Door for Redress in San Jose' Exhibit
San Jose, CA
Thru September
JAMSJ
535 N. Fifth St.
Price: Museum Admission
This exhibit brings together multiple stories from a San Jose perspective to focus on the people and efforts that supported the redress movement across the community.
Info: Visit www.janm.org/OnTheGo.

PSW

Yuko Mabuchi Special Engagement
Los Angeles, CA
July 30; 8:30 p.m.
Catalina Jazz Club
6725 Sunset Blvd.
Price: Tickets $51.85
Acclaimed jazz saxophonist Michael Paulo joins Yuko Mabuchi for this special performance to celebrate the release of her new album "Never Out of Style." Don't miss this memorable evening of contemporary and classic jazz music.
Info: For tickets, visit catalinajazzclub.com.

Buddhist Temple of San Diego Obon
San Diego, CA
Aug. 1; 4 p.m.
2929 Market St.
Price: Free
Come enjoy food, taiko, Obon Again Store and Bon Odori dancing beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Info: Visit www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org.

Natsumatsuri Family Festival
Los Angeles, CA
Aug. 15; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Terasaki Budokan
249 S. Los Angeles St.
Price: Free
This festival, presented by JANM to celebrate the summer season, will feature cultural performances, crafts and activities for families and kids of all ages.
Info: Visit www.janm.org/OnTheGo.

Fifth Annual Natsu Matsuri
Irvine, CA
Aug. 29; 4-9 p.m.
Tanaka Farms
5380 3/4 University Dr.
Price: Free
Presented by WWII Camp Wall, OCO Club and Tanaka Farms, this family-friendly event will feature games, food, entertainment and a parade. All are welcome.
Info: Visit oconatsumatsuri.org.

Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha Obon Festival and Bazaar
Las Vegas, NV
Aug. 15; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bill & Lillie Heinrich YMCA/YMCA of Southern Nevada
4141 Meadows Lane
Price: Free
Food trucks, cultural performances (including Kaminari Taiko), silent auction, memorial lantersn, craft fair and Bon Odori dancing will be featured at this family event.
Info: Visit www.lvbs.org.

Long Beach Buddhist Church Obon
Long Beach, CA
Aug. 29; 3-9 p.m.
1690 W. 23rd St.
Price: Free
Come experience the fun of game booths, cultural performances and exhibits, music, raffle, food and ondo dancing beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Info: Visit longbeachbuddhistchurch.com.

'Washoku: Nature and Culture in Japanese Cuisine'
Los Angeles, CA
Thru Oct. 18
Japan House Los Angeles
Ovation Hollywood Complex
6801 Hollywood Blvd.
Price: Free
This exhibit invites visitors to explore the rich culinary heritage at the heart of Japan. It offers an in-depth look at the ingredients, evolution and inspirations behind this UNESCO-recognized cultural tradition.
Info: Visit japanhousela.com.

PNW

'The Yasui Family: An American Story' Exhibit
Portland, OR
Thru Sept. 6
The Oregon Historical Society
1200 S.W. Park Ave.
Through photographs, personal journals, documents and objects, this exhibition explores how the Yasui family reflects the complexity of the American story.
Info: Visit ohs.org.

MDC

Summer Obon Festival
St. Paul, MN
Aug. 16
Como Park
1199 Midway Pkwy.
Price: Free
Save the date for this annual festival will feature booths, food, Japanese dancing, martial arts and taiko demonstrations, as well as a Japanese lantern lighting ceremony at the Conservatory Pond.
Info: Visit tcjacl.org to help volunteer.

'Pokemon Fossil Museum'
Chicago, IL
Thru April 11, 2027
Field Museum
1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr.
Price: Special Event Tickets Required
This one-of-a-kind experience brings together the worlds of Pokemon and paleontology, inviting visitors to compare fossil Pokemon with real-world fossils, including SUE the T.rex.
Info: Visit https://www.fieldmuseum.org/exhibition/pokemon.

EDC

55th Chinatown August Moon Festival
Boston, MA
Aug. 10; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Boston Chinatown
Price: Free
This festival of joy and health is also an opportunity to give thanks for a bountiful harvest and good crops. Come enjoy stage performances of Asian folk dance, lion dance, Chinese opera and other entertainment, in addition to vendor booths featuring food, gifts and souvenirs.
Info: Visit ccbaboston.org.

Japanese Celebration Day at Fenway Park Featuring the Red Sox Vs. Cleveland Guardians
Boston, MA
Sept. 22; 6:45 p.m.
Fenway Park
4 Jersey St.
Price: Special Event Ticket Required
Fans who purchase this special event ticket will receive a Japanese Celebration soccer jersey as the team takes on the Cleveland Guardians.
Info: Visit https://www.mlb.com/redsox/tickets/promotions/cultural-and-identity-celebrations/japanese.

'Yakyu Baseball: The Transpacific Exchange of the Game' Exhibit
Cooperstown, NY
Ongoing
National Baseball Hall of Fame
25 Main St.
Price: Museum Admission
This exhibit explores baseball between Japan and the U.S. from the Meiji era to today and the transpacific circulation of baseball concepts that have shaped the game today.
Info: Visit www.baseballhall.org.

'Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience'
Delray Beach, FL
Thru Aug. 30
Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens
4000 Morikami Park Road
Price: Museum Admission
This exhibit brings the Japanese American war sacrifice home to Florida, exploring the historic Yamato colony.
Info: Visit morikami.org.

'The Artistry and Reunion of Two Surimono Albums' Exhibit
Providence, R.I.
Thru Oct. 4
Rhode Island School of Design Museum
20 N. Main St.
Price: Museum Admission
This exhibit explores the stories within two special albums of privately commissioned Japanese woodblock prints that were compiled in Japan in the 1820s-1830s.
Info: Visit https://risdmuseum.org/exhibitions-events/exhibitions/artistry-and-reunion-two-surimono-albums. ■

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In MEMORIAM

ANNA MAY SASAKI



Anna May Sasaki (née Louie), of Rochester, Mich., passed away on July 10, 2026, from a stroke at 92.

Ann was born in 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio, the third out of six children of Wah and Shee Huey Louie, who immigrated from Canton, China. The Louie family lived in Cleveland Chinatown on Rockwell Avenue between 21st and 24th. Her father operated the Sam Wah Yick Kee grocery store and led On Leong, the Chinese Merchants Assn.

Ann graduated from East High School in 1951 and applied to The Ohio State University. She was only one of two women and the sole Asian American in the math program.

During the summer after her freshman year at OSU, she met Saburo Sasaki. From then on, they were inseparable. Ann and Sab married in 1955 after her OSU graduation.

Ann took her first postcollege job at the NASA Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in Cleveland. As a woman working in a technical role, she had unknowingly become one of the hidden figures in the space program.

In 1965, General Motors transferred Sab to Adrian, Mich. There, he and Ann built a house and happily raised their two children. With a small group of women, Ann helped start Adrian Community Nursery, which still operates. During summers, Ann and Sab took their family camping out west.

In 1980, now living in Rochester Hills, Mich., Ann returned to work as a reliability engineer for General Motors Truck & Bus. Standing tall at 4'9", she served as the truck design petite standard, vital for the minimum placement of seats and seat belts. In the fall, Ann and Sab loved hosting tailgates for their children, who were members of the University of Michigan Marching Band.

In retirement, Ann and Sab continued camping. For nearly 20 years, they drove over 5,000 miles annually to volunteer at the Manzanar National Historic Site in Independence, Calif., where Sab was incarcerated during World War II as one of the more than 125,000 Japanese Americans placed in government-operated detention camps during World War II. Ann assisted the Visitor Center and worked in Manzanar's archives. Sab served as a Manzanar living witness by talking to visitors and presenting educational programs.

In 2015, the National Park Service recognized Ann and Sab with the George and Helen Hartzog Award for Enduring Service (now Excellence in Volunteerism Award) due to their commitment.

Ann is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 71 years, Saburo; children, David (Viviana Quintero) and Julie Sasaki-Hom (Richard Hom); grandchildren, Isabella Hom and Alexander Hom; sister, Rose Hong (Andrew) of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; sister, Alice Chen (Michael) of Rochester, Minn., sister, Wanda Au (the late George) of Sacramento, Calif.; sister-in-law, Emma Louie of Bakersfield, Calif.; and many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Ruby Pong (William); and brother, James Louie.

Ann chose to participate in the Body Donation Program at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Ann requested no memorial service. Contributions can be made to Adrian Community Preschool, 876 Addison St., Adrian, Mich., 49221.

(Note: Boldfaced names in the PDF version of this are active hyperlinks.)

Abe, Mildred M., 96, Honolulu, HI, March 11.

Grote-Shimizu, Dianna, 77, Deer Park, WA, March 13.

Higashi, Rose Y., 95, Batavia, IL, April 14.

Ikeda-Saito, Masao, 76, Willoughby, OH, March 28.

Izumo, Judy Suzanne, 74, Los Angeles, CA, May 31.

Kamibayashi, Noboru, 95, Santa Monica, CA, April 14.

Kawasaki, Julia Kikue, 100, Kona, HI, March 2.

Masuda, James, 83, San Jose, CA, Feb. 27.

Motomatsu, Nancy, 94, Olympia, WA, Feb. 23.

Nakatani, Katsuya, 97, Pico Rivera, CA, March 13.

Tanaka, Garry Shinichi, 82, Lomita, CA, May 15.

Yamashita, Diane Miyuki, 67, Burbank, CA, March 24. ■

Ikuko Kiriyama Dead at 86

Educator led drive to save community newspaper.

By P.C. Staff

Ikuko Kiriyama, a lifelong educator and Japanese American community leader who co-founded the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California and led the quixotic "Save the Rafu" campaign in the late 2010s to help keep extant a privately owned Los Angeles Japanese American community newspaper (*see tinyurl.com/25r-4j5h8*), died June 27. She was 86.

Kiriyama had been homebound for the past few years as she dealt with aging-related health challenges.

"Mom was a teacher, a community leader and friend to many," shared her son, George Kiriyama, via Facebook and who had helped with her caregiving during her final years. "She gave so much of herself to make a difference in people's lives."

Born Ikuko Kato to a Nisei mother and Issei father — Shizuko (née: Mori) and Takashi Kato — on Nov. 12, 1939, in Los Angeles, as a child she was incarcerated with her family at the Manzanar War Relocation Center in California as a result Japan's Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. That lead to the U.S. declaration of war on Japan the next day and, by Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's issuance of an executive order that led to the forced removal of all ethnic Japanese, regardless of U.S. citizenship, from the West Coast to several government-operated detention centers.

Postwar, the Kato family resettled in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County. Iku would be elected president of Torrance's North High School student body. She entered the University of Southern California in 1957, and after graduating and earning her teaching credential, subsequently began her career in education. She would marry fellow educator George Kiriyama, and they would later co-found the JAHSSC.

Family friend Kiyo Fukumoto described Iku Kiriyama as "a doer, somebody who did things," and said he "got to know her real well" because of his close friendship with her late husband, George Kiriyama, who died in 2005 and co-founded the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California with his wife.

Reminiscing on the Society meetings the Kiriyamas would hold at their home, Fukumoto said, "We used to meet over there along with Sue Embrey and a lot of other people," Fukumoto said, "and



Ikuko Kiriyama

PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE KIRIYAMA FAMILY

a thing I remember, besides going to Japan with her family and the group, was she was a really good cook. So whenever we had meetings at their place, I knew we were in for a treat."

According to her daughter, Traci Kato-Kiriyama (Joyce), in addition to herself and brother George, Iku Kiriyama is also survived by her stepsons, William (Miho) and Bob (Judy); grandsons, Bryce (Kyra), Kyle and Cullen (Alyson); brother, Roy Kato (Christine); and an aunt, Marguerite Tanaka.

A service for Ikuko Kiriyama will be held at noon on Aug.16 at Senshin Buddhist Temple, 1311 W. 37th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007. She requested no flowers.

A link to Densho.org's interview with Kiriyama may be viewed at *tinyurl.com/4xczcynr*. ■

Sushi Entrepreneurs Uechi, Matsuda Die

A pair of Japan-born, Los Angeles-based sushi entrepreneurs have died.

Katsuya Uechi, whose Katsuya restaurant chain was founded on the success of his Studio City, Calif.-restaurant Sushi Katsu-ya, died June 26. The Okinawa Prefecture-born restaurateur was 67.

Fumio Matsuda, the chief instructor and founder of the Sushi Chef Institute in Torrance, Calif., died June 17. He was 69. Born near Kobe, Japan, he was known to his American students and clientele as Chef Andy Matsuda. He founded his sushi training school in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Setsu, and their daughter, Julie (Andy).

Uechi's American sushi journey began upon his arrival in the 1980s. He opened his restaurant in 1997, wowing customers with his innovative approach to sushi. ■

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Coach Gene Nakamura, 81, Dies

Berkeley High School girls basketball coach Gene Nakamura, who coached the Yellowjackets to two CIF state championships, 15 North Coast Section titles and 563 wins during his 25-year coaching career, died July 4. "Coach Nak" was 81.

Nakamura was inducted into the California Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame in 2010.

Himself a 1962 graduate of Berkeley High School, Nakamura's coaching career at his alma mater began in 1983 and ended in 2008. He spent 35 years in the Berkeley Unified School District as a teacher, mentor, coach and administrator.

The BUSD praised Nakamura for shaping "generations of students" and helping them "understand the value of preparation, teamwork, resilience, and trust." ■

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