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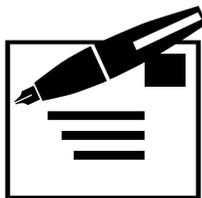
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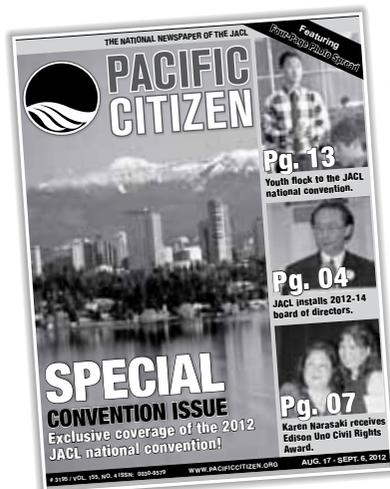
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HARRY HONDA IS A  
'LIVING LEGEND'**



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ...

## THE 'POWER OF WORDS' HAS MANY MEANINGS



In your Aug. 17-Sept. 6, 2012, issue, it was quite interesting to read the articles that used the abbreviation POW to stand for "Power of Words." Previously, the abbreviation POW had only meant "Prisoner of War" to me, and the articles thus reminded me of an incident many years ago.

In 1946, I served in the U.S. Army with a Nisei sergeant in Kumamoto, Japan. When he mentioned that he had been a POW, I expressed surprise

because I didn't know he had served overseas during the war. I asked where he had been a POW, and his reply was, "Tule Lake."

I do appreciate and enjoy having the opportunity to read the *Pacific Citizen*.

— **CWO Martin Wallach**  
AUS, Ret.

## IT'S IMPORTANT FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS TO STAY POLITICALLY ACTIVE

As a child growing up in the East Bay, I recall my mother was always involved with voter registration and she served as a poll worker for elections. I think she was inspired by her interest in politics (she received her B.A. from U.C. Berkeley in political science before being shipped off to a relocation camp). Going through her papers recently, I found she was also a League of Women Voters member.

The Nisei experience during World War II gave political involvement an urgency for that generation. Voting and political awareness is no less important today.

A member of the non-partisan League of Women Voters myself, I am hoping the Japanese American community stays politically active. A basic but very important step is to register to vote. Everyone can register online by going to the California Secretary of State website (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/>). The League of Women Voters is also holding voter registration days around the Bay Area.

Please, the right to vote was hard fought. Please register to vote and stay involved.

— **Carol Murota**



## THE INTERNMENT EXPERIENCE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE TAUGHT AND REMEMBERED

One wrote in a recent issue of *Pacific Citizen* that Japanese Americans and non-JAs need to know more and more of the internment experience. Well, when my aunt passed in March, I learned that [a couple of days] after Pearl Harbor was bombed, my own grandfather was taken away to Chicago. This is a piece of history that affected the JAs during WWII. My aunt told my cousin before she died. I'm still learning [about that whole time]. We all are. In your Holiday Issue last year, there were stories of how some JAs were killed and shot. The bombing (of Pearl Harbor) had a major impact on America, and the events that were triggered after that led to Executive Order 9066.

Information on the JA experience, WWII, the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and internment should be [taught and learned] in schools. Knowledge is endless. So, information such as these should be written in the *Pacific Citizen*. No matter how you look at it, it is something we need to learn, know and be aware of. It will always be a part of us until death. Before my aunt passed, she had to tell the story of her father's integration to Chicago. I'm sure there are many stories and pieces of history still yet to tell.

*Pacific Citizen* and staff, continue writing about the internment camps!

— **Anonymous**

## FOUR NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

Regarding Stanley Kanzaki's letter "The Missing Document From the 'Power of Words' Handbook" (*Pacific Citizen*, Sept. 7-20, 2012) regarding evacuation order.

There were four sequential documents that lead to the removal of Japanese Americans to assembly centers or relocation camps. Each document was required before the evacuation could take place.

1. Executive Order 9066; February 19, 1942: Authorizing the secretary of war to prescribe military areas.
2. Executive Order 9102; March 9, 1942: Authorizing the creation of War Relocation Authority (WRA).
3. Public Law 503 (77th Congress); March 21, 1942: Authorizing the military to order removal from military zones.
4. Civilian Exclusion Orders No. 1-68 (?). Headquarter Western Defense Command and Fourth Army Presidio of San Francisco; May 7, 1942; J. L. De Witt; Lt. Gen. U.S. Army commanding. (Note: Each geographic area had its own C.E. Order No. For example, Placer County had CE Order No. 47 and 48, which designated geographic areas to be evacuated.) Instruction to all persons of Japanese ancestry living in the following areas. Pursuant to the provision of Civilian Exclusion Order No., this headquarter dated May 7, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, PWT, Thursday, May 14, 1942.

Because of the generality (or lack of knowledge), usually E.O. 9066 is mentioned as the order to evacuate. But the four documents were required before evacuation could take place.

— **Takasumi Kojima**  
Berkeley, Calif.



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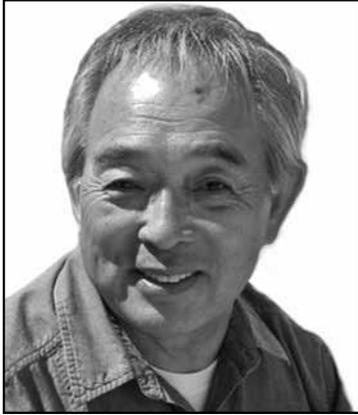
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## FOR THE RECORD



# TRUE BLUE DEMS

By John Tateishi

It seems a rather odd thing that a vast majority of Nisei have always been Democrats when you consider that the president who authorized the policies that led to the exclusion and imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II was a Democrat; and that he caved

in to a Democrat-controlled Congress that demanded the permanent removal of the Japanese population from the West Coast.

If ever there was a clear reason for the Nisei to abandon the Democratic Party to become Republicans, WWII definitely was it. In fact, one would have thought the government's treatment of JAs during the war would have made an abandonment of the Democratic Party by the Nisei a moral imperative. The Nisei were betrayed and abandoned by their own government, and the government in those times was run by Democrats.

Oddly enough, however, only rarely did that ever happen. It's interesting that such a broad majority of Nisei remained Democrats.

In speaking before non-JA audiences as JACL's national redress director or during my years as its national director, I was asked now and then why I'm a Democrat when so much of the misery exacted upon JAs during the war was at the hands of Democrats. Well, it's pretty obvious that if our Nisei parents were Democrats, we Sansei would most likely follow suit. Children assume the values of their parents, and given that political values are an extension of social values, they are very strongly inculcated from one generation to the next. I know that was true in my family.

During the redress campaign, I sometimes used to ask JA audiences by show of hands how many were Democrats and how many were Republicans, and with consistency only a few said they were Republicans. I suppose if one were to argue that life's events impact how one views political parties, logic would tell you that Japanese Americans, especially the Nisei, should have been mostly Republicans.

But they weren't. Not by a long shot.

The Nisei were strongly rooted in the values of the Democratic Party, regardless of all the humiliating and unfair treatment they had to endure because of the racist attitudes of a

Democratic president and a Democrat-controlled Congress.

But what the Republican Party represented wasn't what the Nisei believed in. I'm not talking about the current Republican Party that has been hijacked by the demagoguery of the extreme right-wingers and wing nut Tea Partiers, but the party that at one time represented a reasonable alternative to what Democrats stood for.

Because the Nisei were driven by their values and their values came from a cultural construct in which the individual interest did not rise above the group, and because political values arise from personal concerns, they aligned more comfortably with Democrats. Rather than look inward to themselves individually, their consciousness was outside of themselves, their concern was for the whole, for the group, and just as — as Japanese, as Japanese Americans — they had learned to be concerned for others' comfort and well-being, they naturally migrated to Democratic values. They were concerned with the welfare of those who couldn't care for themselves and the government's obligation to broaden its net of caring. They believed in devoting a deeper part of themselves to the community's well-being before their own.

What the Nisei believed so strongly about in our fight for redress typified that generation: They said constantly — and *believed* — that our struggle was not for our own benefit but for the betterment of the nation. They knew that Japanese Americans would never again experience what they did during WWII but devoted themselves to a campaign that would ensure that no other group would similarly be victimized in the future. That was one of the things that made that campaign so remarkable.

Obviously, not all Nisei were Democrats and not all Nisei were so generous in their concern for others, but it is a generation that believed and still believes so strongly in the best ideals of America.

I've never found it ironic or strange that the Nisei stayed with the political party that screwed them so badly during the war. If there were a better alternative, I suppose they would have switched. But there wasn't, and there certainly isn't one now.

*John Tateishi is a past JACL national director.*

## NIKKEI VOICE



# JAPANESE AMERICANS SHOULD FOLLOW JAPAN NEWS

By Gil Asakawa

I've been surprised that so many Japanese Americans aren't interested in Japan or even visiting Japan, mostly because they're either

embarrassed that they don't speak Japanese or they feel entirely American.

I think it's more important than ever for Japanese Americans to follow events in Japan.

The fact is, Japan is on the precipice of some potentially treacherous political turmoil. Most Americans are unaware of Japan's dysfunctional democracy, which has led to seven prime ministers in the past decade. The government has been unable to jump-start a stalled economy, and there are a lot of disgruntled people, not just in the northeast who are still recovering from the earthquake and tsunami of 2011 but throughout the country.

And like the United States, where the economic downturn has spurred the rise of some ugly, even racist, political and social movements like the one that keeps promoting the anti-Obama "birther" theory and cloaking it in the veil of patriotism, national pride in Japan is rearing its ugly head.

The nationalist mayor of Tokyo has sparked a war of words between China and Japan by threatening to buy a cluster of islands in the Sea of Japan that have been contested ever since World War II by Japan and China.

The Japanese call the islands "Senkaku," while the Chinese call them "Diaoyu." Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's government bought the islands last month from their private Japanese owners to keep the Tokyo mayor from using them to gin up nationalist fervor. But the two countries are still pushing the limits of diplomacy with military maneuvers involving the presence of warships in the area around the islands.

Meanwhile, the issue of pre-war and wartime Japan's treatment of people in countries it invaded more than half a century ago still haunts much of the region's relationships.

The mayor of Osaka, a young politician who formed a new national political party that aims to restructure the government like an East Asian version of the Tea Party, has irritated Koreans by demanding proof that Japan forced Korean women to be "comfort women" to service Japanese soldiers during WWII. Meanwhile, Korean Americans have placed monuments across the U.S. memorializing the comfort women, and the Japanese government has unfortunately tried to have them removed.

And many in China are still so furious over wartime atrocities that the recent flap over the islands sparked violent protests in China, and Japanese corporations such as Toyota have temporarily ceased production there.

Because the economies of Asia are now so intertwined, and all these countries depend on trade with each other, tensions may not end in war. But we should be paying attention to what's going on in Japan — and voicing our opinion on issues such as wartime atrocities. We should also stand up for Japan if we feel that anger aimed at the country by its neighbors is unfair.

And oh yeah, visit the country, for crying out loud — it's a wonderful place to get in touch with our roots!

*Gil Asakawa blogs at [www.nikkeiview.com](http://www.nikkeiview.com) and is a former Pacific Citizen Editorial Board Chair, as well as author of "Being Japanese American" (Stone Bridge Press 2004).*

## JACL Mourns the Passing of Rep. Mervyn Dymally



**S**an Francisco — JACL is mourning the passing of former California lawmaker Rep. Mervyn Dymally.

Dymally, who passed away in Los Angeles on Oct. 7, 2012, at the age of 86, was known for being a strong supporter of redress for Japanese Americans when the movement for reparations was underway in the 1980s.

His political career began in the California Assembly in 1962, and Dymally was the first African American to be elected a senator in the Golden State. He also served as lieutenant governor and holds the distinction of being the first and only African American to hold that position. Dymally was later elected to the U.S. Congress where he represented the city of Gardena, which is heavily populated by Japanese Americans.

It was during this time that Dymally made a visit to the Manzanar concentration camp in California. There he learned more about the redress movement, and he soon became an important advocate. He held numerous meetings with Japanese Americans and

testified at congressional hearings in support of the redress bill. Dymally even secured the support of the Congressional Black Caucus for redress legislation and devoted time to lobbying for its passage.

“We are saddened by the passing of Rep. Mervyn Dymally,” said Priscilla Ouchida, national director of JACL, “whose life exemplified breaking down racial barriers in society, which barred full participation by all Americans, and who was an advocate and partner of the Japanese American community at a time when a respected voice like his was needed to advance the cause of justice.”

Added JACL National President David Lin, “Our community has lost a friend and our nation has lost a human being whose life was dedicated to public service and the principles of civil rights and equality. The JACL expresses its deepest condolences to his family.”

Dymally is survived by his wife, Alice; son, Mark, and daughter, Lynn. ■

## JACL Provides Testimony for Senate Hearing on Hate Crimes

**W**ashington, D.C. — JACL submitted written testimony Sept. 19 to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights at a hearing on hate crimes and the threat of domestic extremism.

The hearing was spurred, in part, by the recent tragedy in Oak Creek, Wis., where a gunman with ties to a white supremacist organization killed six people at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin. The hearing, chaired by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), examined the impact of a recent spate of hate crimes and the implementation of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

JACL’s testimony covered a range of issues related to hate crimes and manner in which extremism has affected the Asian American community. The testimony chronicled historic examples such as the Chinese Massacre of 1871 in Los Angeles, where a mob of more than 500 men stormed Chinatown and attacked, shot and lynched innocent Chinese residents. The testimony also described a 1999 shooting spree where Benjamin Smith, a member of the known hate group World Church of the Creator, killed Won-Joon Yoon, a Korean graduate student, after first killing an African American and firing at Orthodox Jews as they were returning from Sabbath services on Chicago’s northside.

“This hearing is important,” said Priscilla Ouchida, JACL national director, “because it addresses the persistent problem of hate crimes that continue to plague Asian American and other identifiable and vulnerable communities.” Ouchida further stated that JACL will continue to monitor and respond to hate violence because it is an important component of the organization’s mission.

In its testimony, JACL offered wide-ranging recommendations that addressed underreporting of hate crimes, the need to improve police training to include cultural competence and that colleges and universities adopt clear procedures for responding to hate crimes and hate incidents.

Finally, in its recommendations, JACL said, “Elected public officials and political leaders should refrain from activities and comments that cause or promote racial, religious or ethnic bias. Anti-Islamic comments and China-bashing are especially volatile areas for demagoguery in the current political climate. Elected public officials have an obligation to renounce the use of scapegoating of all vulnerable communities.” ■

## Japan Economy Shaky as Island Spat Intensifies

By Associated Press

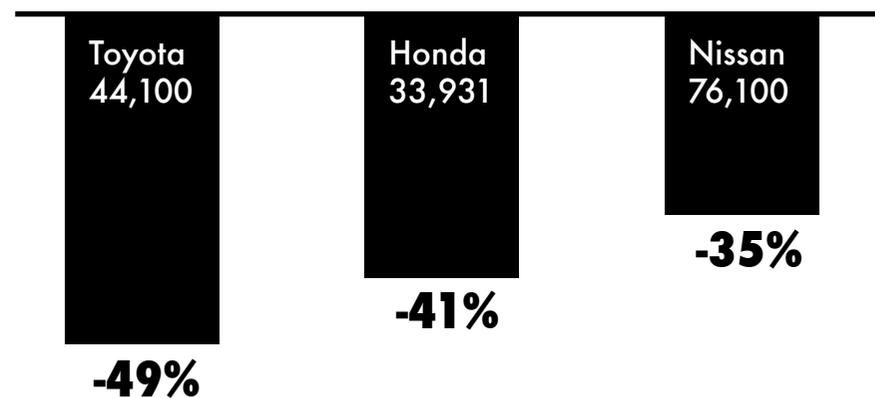
**T**OKYO — The craggy island specks in the East China Sea aren’t even an economic backwater. They have no factories, no highways, no shops, no people — only goats. But the high-pitched row between Beijing and Tokyo over their ownership is exacting a growing toll on Japan, threatening to send its recovery from last year’s disasters into reverse.

Sales of Japanese cars in China are in a free-fall. At the China Open two weeks ago, a representative of Sony Corp., which is a sponsor of the tennis tournament, was loudly booed at the title presentation for the women’s final. Chinese tourists are canceling trips to Japan in droves. And some analysts say Japan’s economy will shrink in the last months of the year.

The business and economic shockwaves come after Japan last month nationalized the tiny islands, called “Senkaku” in Japan and “Diaoyu” in China, which were already under Tokyo’s control but are also claimed by Beijing. The move set off violent protests in China and a widespread call to boycott Japanese goods. Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Corp. dealerships were burned down in one city.

Seeing footage of Toyota cars getting smashed by angry rioters, Toyota President Akio Toyoda had looked almost tearful, confiding to reporters: “I couldn’t bear to watch. It hurt as

### SEPTEMBER NEW VEHICLE SALES IN CHINA FOR JAPANESE AUTOMAKERS



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A report by J. P. Morgan, released Oct. 9, projected Japanese auto exports to China will crash 70 percent during the October-December period. The export of auto parts will slip by 40 percent, about the same drop estimated for exports of other consumer products, such as electronics, it said.

The aftermath of the latest phase of the sizzling territorial spat with China will cause Japan’s economy, the world’s third biggest, to shrink 0.8 percent in the fourth quarter, according to J. P. Morgan. It had previously forecast no growth in the quarter.

J. P. Morgan chief economist Masaaki Kanno fears the fallout could get worse in the months ahead, as the September sales numbers for Japanese automakers only account for damage that started in the middle of the month.

Toyota said Tuesday that sales of new vehicles to China dropped 49 percent in September from a year earlier to 44,100 vehicles. Honda said September sales plunged 41 percent to 33,931 vehicles. China sales for Nissan Motor Co. slid 35 percent last month to 76,100 vehicles.

Even the most optimistic scenario does not

foresee a recovery in Japan’s economy until the second quarter of next year, Kanno said.

“What we have ahead of us is going to be terrible,” he said. “It’s like last year’s disaster all over again.”

The quake and tsunami in northeastern Japan last year hobbled the economy for months. Auto production was particularly hard hit because parts suppliers had been located in the disaster areas. Flooding in Thailand that followed added to the automakers’ woes. They had only bounced back toward the end of last year, after months of rebuilding.

Kanno’s report said the number of Chinese tourists would decline by 70 percent while Japanese tourists to China would fall by 30 percent.

Ayumi Kunimatu, spokesperson for All Nippon Airways, said 43,000 seats had been canceled for flights from September through the end of November — 28,000 of them from China to Japan and 15,000 from Japan to China. Up to now, China flights had made up a quarter of ANA’s international passengers.

A person who answered at China International Travel Service in Beijing

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## APAS IN THE NEWS



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Major Gen. Michael K. Nagata was promoted Sept. 5 at the Pentagon.

### Michael K. Nagata Promoted to Major General

Brigadier Gen. **Michael K. Nagata** was promoted to Major General in the U.S. Army in a ceremony held Sept. 5 in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, presided over the ceremony.

Gen. Nagata received his commission in 1982 and has spent the majority of his 30 years in special operations units engaged in combating terrorism and insurgency. During his career, Nagata has served in such locations as Afghanistan, the Balkans, Iraq, Korea, Okinawa and Somalia.

Nagata is currently deputy director of special operations on the Joint Staff, a position he has held since 2011. He previously served as deputy chief, Office of the Defense Representative to Pakistan.

### Tamaki Named State Trial Lawyer of the Year

Attorney **Blaine Tamaki** of Tamaki Law in Yakima, Wash., was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Washington State Association for Justice.

Tamaki, a third-generation Japanese American, has garnered national attention for his work on several landmark cases.

Tamaki was presented with his award, which honors a lawyer who advances the art and skill of advocacy, either in trial or by training others so as to benefit humankind, by Spokane, Wash., attorney Mark Kamitomo.

Tamaki Law, established in 1994, offers representation in the areas of personal injury, sexual abuse, auto and trucking collisions, wrongful death, medical malpractice and insurance bad faith.

### The Twin Cities Theater Community Honors Shiomi

**Rick Shiomi**, artistic director of Mu Performing Arts, was honored by the Twin Cities theater community in Minneapolis with its Ivey Award for Lifetime Achievement during its annual theater celebration.

An accomplished playwright, taiko drummer and community organizer, Shiomi founded Mu Performing Arts in 1992. It is currently one of the largest Asian-American theater companies in the United States, comprising both a taiko ensemble group and a professional theater company.

Shiomi's award comes shortly after directing Mu's recent production of "Into the Woods." His take on the classic musical was the highest-grossing production in the company's 20-year history.

### Pacific Asia Museum Recognizes Niimi and Oka at Festival of the Autumn Moon

**Jun Niimi**, consul general of Japan in Los Angeles, and **Masashi Oka**, CEO for the Americas of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (BTMU) and president and CEO of Union Bank, were recognized Sept. 29 by the Pacific Asia Museum for their service to the community during the 35th annual Festival of the Autumn Moon in downtown Los Angeles.

The theme for this year's gala event, "Celebrating Japan," coincided with the 100th anniversary of the gift of 300 cherry blossom trees from Japan to the United States.

— Compiled by Pacific Citizen Staff

# PSWD Concludes Inaugural Katarou Histories Program

By Eri Kameyama

The JACL's Pacific Southwest District concluded its inaugural Katarou Histories Program with a Culmination Day celebration Aug. 23 at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center. The Japanese word *katarou*, which means "let's talk," was the backbone of this program. Katarou Histories was founded with the mission of encouraging a dialogue with people of all ages in order to preserve the often untold and unrecorded histories of Japanese Americans living in the San Fernando Valley.

The first five of the program's 10 sessions focused on issues of identity, community and Asian Pacific Islander and San Fernando Valley history. High school and college students, in addition to Nisei and Sansei individuals, were encouraged to apply to the program. Traci Kato-Kiriyama, Jean-Paul DeGuzman and Nancy Takayama were among the various community speakers to lead the workshop sessions.

In the latter half of the program, participants divided up into three groups to create a final project of their choice. One group produced a documentary on Bud Sagara and the history of the Aces baseball team. Another group created a timely and educational film on the meaning and value of Obon as a contemporary Japanese American festival. The last group crafted a three-paneled mural exposing the hidden and unforgotten history of the SFV JACC. Each group presented their final projects at the Culmination Day celebration, where numerous family and other community members supported their work.

"It was a fantastic program that reminded me of all the sacrifices that the JA community had to make to secure my future," program participant Kevin Sato said. "Making the program intergenerational gave everyone a look into the past and a glimpse into the future of the JA community. Katarou Histories is really fun, and you make a lot of new friends!"

Another youth participant, Kara Tanaka, expressed similar sentiments. "I learned a lot about the rich history of the San Fernando Valley and the importance of recording the histories and experiences of the Issei and Nisei," she said.

"The seed has been planted for more multimedia projects from Katarou Histories' anthropologists, young and old, who were hungry for the information about the past while becoming more engaged leaders for the future," SFV JACC President Nancy Oda said. "It was inspiring to see several generations identifying common ground and working together on self-selected projects, being creative, poetic and passionate. There was no stopping us except the clock!"

The Katarou Histories Program was sponsored by AT&T, SFV JACL and the SFVJACC. ■



PHOTO: MARISSA KITAZAWA

Katarou Histories participants Evelyn Mitarai (left) and Paige Negoro collaborate together on collective poetry during their workshop session.

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confirmed group tours to Japan had been called off. The Chinese state-run news agency Xinhua reported that more than a hundred thousand Chinese canceled Japan trips, and the number of tour groups to Japan had plunged by 40 percent.

China, with its growing middle class, had been one of the emerging markets that Japanese companies were counting on to boost sales amid a long stagnation in their domestic market.

Japan's trade with China reached record levels over the past 12 months, totaling more than \$340 billion. China is Japan's biggest export market.

Although the immediate damage is being felt in Japan, the souring relations and the realization of the so-called "China risks" are likely to crimp investments from Japan, hurting the Chinese economy as well. Japan not only exports to China but also has significant manufacturing investments there.

The unfolding dispute between the two Asian neighbors underlies how easily historical animosities can be revived — and so emotionally — no matter how closely intertwined the economies have grown. Enmity between the two nations started with military Japan's victory against China's dying Qing

empire in 1895 and then exploded as Japan invaded swathes of China in the 1930s and '40s and enforced a brutal occupation. China's communist government has nurtured anti-Japanese sentiment in successive generations through its control of education and the media.

Carl Weinberg, chief economist at High Frequency Economics, based in Valhalla, N.Y., said the territorial dispute is not going to set off a shootout.

"Economic conflict has already begun. This can and will cost the woebegone Japanese economy dearly in the form of exports," Weinberg wrote in his weekly report, estimating that the loss of 40,000 vehicles for Toyota is worth about half a billion dollars.

Although the flare-ups have calmed in recent weeks, it would still require courage to be seen in a Japanese car in some Chinese cities.

Japanese automakers temporarily closed some of their China factories. Production is back up but reduced to lower levels as demand has collapsed.

Toyota had planned to sell 1 million vehicles in China this calendar year.

"But that may be very difficult to achieve," company spokesperson Dion Corbett said. ■

# LIVING LEGENDS

JACL PSWDC honors chapter stalwarts at a gala awards dinner in Los Angeles.

By George Toshio Johnston

**A** wheelchair-bound Helen Kawagoe, 84, and a still-ambulatory Harry Honda, 93, were the two main “living legends” and honorees among many feted at the 16th annual JACL Pacific Southwest District Council’s awards dinner.

Held at the Center Cathedral Plaza in downtown Los Angeles on Oct. 6, the event drew 225, according to PSWDC Recording Secretary Gary Mayeda, who also helped produce the event.

Kawagoe, who had a disabling stroke in September 2011, was accompanied by her daughter, Sheryl Miyamoto, who spoke on her mother’s behalf. Among her many accomplishments, Kawagoe served as JACL’s national president — the first woman to hold that position in the organization’s history — and city clerk of Carson, Calif., for 37 years.

Displaying the fighting spirit that no doubt propelled her many deeds through the years, Kawagoe rose briefly from her wheelchair to the delight of the assembled audience. During the dinner, a petition made its way through the tables in support of having Carson’s city council chambers renamed for Kawagoe in honor of her decades-long service. (The notion has been opposed by some, who believe that such recognition should be made only after an honoree is deceased.)

Honda, a Los Angeles native who grew up in the Bunker Hill area located just blocks from the site of the event, received his accolade for his more than five-decade association with the *Pacific Citizen* newspaper in roles ranging from editor to general manager to editor emeritus.

In his brief remarks, Honda acknowledged two former *P.C.* colleagues in the audience and then proceeded to read an excerpt from an intricate, framed scroll of appreciation that was presented to him in 1966 at the Disneyland Hotel. “Some of the old-timers may have a similar scroll that was handcrafted, written by (postwar) national director Masao Satow,” Honda said. “Mas Satow used to make these scrolls after he’d finish work at headquarters. Since it had so many colors, he’d have to wait for each color to dry and then he’d go back to printing up the rest of the scroll.”

The evening’s keynote speech was delivered by JACL National Director Priscilla Ouchida, who arrived in Los Angeles from Dallas where she had attended another event.

In what was billed as her first official event in the Los Angeles area as national director, Ouchida used “transformation” as the theme of her speech. “We’re going to be changing in the next two or three years. I’m going to be looking to you for a lot of ideas,” she said.

The PSWDC also honored several of its chapter stalwarts for their efforts. They were Meiko Inaba (Riverside), Kerry Kaneichi (Venice-Culver), Jefferson Kunisaki (Ventura), Mitzi Kushida (San Fernando Valley), the late Ed Mitoma (South Bay), Nancy Okubo (SELANOCO), Kanji Sahara (Greater L.A. Singles), Masako Takiguchi (Arizona) and Jean Ushijima (West L.A.). Recognized as a community honoree was Union Bank; its award was accepted by George Tanaka, senior vp of retail specialized markets. Tanaka shared with the audience that he and his family have become active JACL members. Tanaka’s daughter worked on the Chibi no Gakko summer camp, which was run by the SELANOCO chapter.

“We’re proud of the long-standing relationship between Union Bank and the PSW JACL and all its chapters,” Tanaka said.

A surprise Governor’s Award was presented by District Gov. Ken Inouye to Mayeda as thanks for taking the helm in producing the evening’s event when, according to Inouye, “... we had a change in the chair of the dinner.” Serving as the evening’s co-masters of ceremony were Linda Hara and Doug Urata. ■



HONOREE  
HARRY  
HONDA  
WITH HIS  
WIFE MICKI

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PHOTO: DOUGLAS URATA

JACL PSWDC HONOREES (STANDING, FROM LEFT) GEORGE TANAKA, KENT KAWAI (REPRESENTING THE LATE ED MITOMA), KANJI SAHARA, JEFFERSON KUNISAKI AND KERRY KANEICHI; (FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT) HARRY HONDA, NANCY OKUBO, MASAKO TAKIGUCHI, MEIKO INABA, MITZI KUSHIDA AND JEAN USHIJIMA

## Harry Honda Shares Wisdom With New P.C. Staffers

**A**sked what advice he could lend to *Pacific Citizen's* new staffers from his five-decade association with the newspaper and JACL, Harry Honda said: "They should start reading some of the past history of JACL that's already in books."

Then Honda was intercepted by the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California's Iku Kiriya, who called him "a wonderful man" and credited him for giving a name to her group's publication, "Nanka Nikkei Voices."

Continuing, Honda added, "Bill Hosokawa wrote a book called 'JACL: In Quest of Justice,' and to me, it's a very readable narrative of JACL from the past, from the 1920s when some of the old-timers got together and decided to call themselves the American Loyalty League.

"At that time, they didn't even want to use the term 'Japanese,'" Honda continued. "So, when the delegates got together in San Francisco in 1929, we had delegates from Seattle down to San Diego, Imperial Valley, L.A., and that's where the name 'Japanese' came into the discussion. Amazing. San Francisco didn't want the name 'Japanese' listed because San Francisco always had a lot of anti-Japanese prejudice and discrimination. But people in Seattle, Imperial Valley and L.A. wanted to identify us as a Nisei group, to use the word 'Japanese.'

"So, I think the history of JACL is best told when you look back at how it got started," Honda concluded. "Now, all the problems that have come up in the last 10, 15 years not only involve Japanese but also Asians and other minorities. It didn't diminish the Japanese, but it just shows you that what JACL has to do now is be in the wider picture, taking care of minorities, period."

— G. T. J.

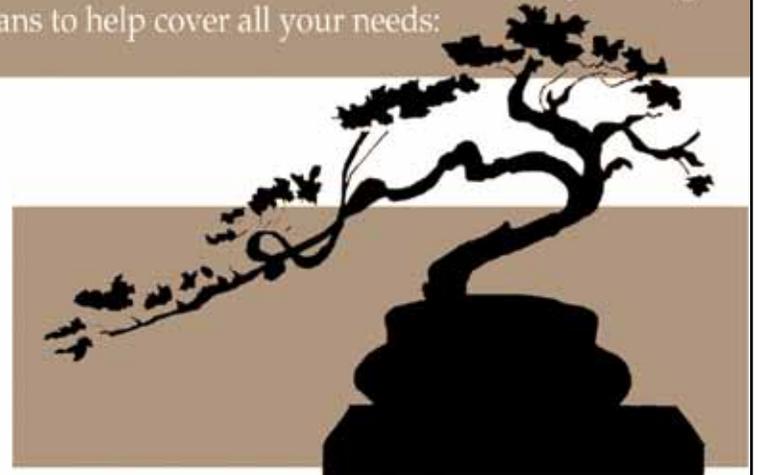


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# Kelly Marie Dunn: Front & Center

## The talent manager dishes about Oxygen's 'Girlfriend Confidential: LA.'

By Nalea J. Ko  
Reporter

**K**orean American Kelly Marie Dunn, 34, stepped out from her normal position behind the scenes as a talent manager for her first role as a star on reality TV. Season 1 of Oxygen's "Girlfriend Confidential: LA" wrapped up on Oct. 8, leaving the cast hoping the show will be greenlit for a second season. The show's cast includes Dunn's real-life friends Eva Marcille ("America's Next Top Model" Season 3 winner), actress Denyce Lawton and designer Nikki Chu.

As a college student at the University of Southern California, Dunn got her start in the music industry as an intern for a division within DreamWorks Records. Eventually, the Oregon native took on a position as a product manager for Lady Gaga at Coalition Media Group/Atom Factory.

"The rest is history because that was a life-changing opportunity for me," Dunn said. "I went around the world a couple of times with her, and here we are now with the TV show."

Dunn called from New York, where she was traveling for work, to chat with the *Pacific Citizen* about "Girlfriend Confidential: LA."

**You're used to promoting artists as a talent manager. Were you concerned about being in front of the camera?**

**Kelly Marie Dunn:** This was my first time as an on-camera talent. I had actually turned down a show a year before because I'm a talent manager, which means I'm a very behind-the-scenes type of girl. I don't need to be in front of the camera for my ego or anything.

So, it was my first time, and I was extremely

hesitant because I'm not an actress, I'm not used to having my photo taken and I'm not used to being treated like the talent.

**How did all four of you end up making this reality show?**

**Dunn:** It was Eva's original brainchild. She'd wanted to get into producing. She's a producer on the show, and she had the idea of putting together a show that focused on her friends.

**How long have you all been friends?**

**Dunn:** Different amounts of time. Eva and Denyce have been friends the longest.

I was introduced to the group, well, really to Eva first through mutual friends.

**You seem to be the more conservative one. You get embarrassed when they talk about sex at dinner.**

**Dunn:** I just don't think that some things are appropriate to talk about in public. And I definitely don't think that those things are appropriate to talk about on national television.

If it makes me look like a prude, it's fine. I'm fine with that because I probably am.

**Were you raised in a conservative family?**

**Dunn:** My father was in the military. We have all girls. So, they were strict on us. My parents wanted to raise nice,

young ladies.

**Does your family watch the show?**

**Dunn:** My mother thinks it's cute [laughs]. She says, 'I don't think it's for my age group. But if I was in your age group, I bet I'd watch it and really enjoy it.'

**If you're the conservative one, how would you label the other girls?**

**Dunn:** I think Eva is fierce. I think Denyce is crass. I think Nikki is Zen. I would say that I am prissy.

**Do you ever get tired of Eva and Denyce arguing?**

**Dunn:** You know, it's a little bit exhausting. But they have the longest relationship. Really, the best thing for me to do is stay out of it.

Every week it's something new [laughs], and they'll get over it. They'll hug it out, make up and act like whatever was the issue never happened.

**Have you ever been in a bad fight with them?**

**Dunn:** Not anything real bad. You know, I'm pretty confrontational in my work life. But in my personal life ... I'm not very confrontational.

**You're so fashionable on the show. Are you always so stylish?**

**Dunn:** We are all four very stylish on the normal. The difference would be that on a regular day for me, I don't have to change five times.

(From left) Nikki Chu, Kelly Marie Dunn, Eva Marcille and Denyce Lawton are hoping to be greenlit for a second season of Oxygen's "Girlfriend Confidential: LA."

**What are you working on aside from the show?**

**Dunn:** I'm really excited to have a fantastic client named Richard Jackson. He is the visual director and choreographer for Lady Gaga. He also is going to be appearing on his own TV show that's starting next week.

Then, I have a hip-hop group that is signing a deal in Europe. They will be on a plane to London very soon to bring American hip-hop to Europe and be recording artists overseas.

**Do you have any funny behind-the-scenes stories from 'Girlfriend Confidential: LA'?**

**Dunn:** I will tell you that in the last episode, I have a scene where I visited my client at a recording studio, and I was very stressed that day.

I dressed myself in this green polka-dotted dress, and I put my hair into two Minnie Mouse buns. I looked in the mirror, and I started balling.

Everybody was like, 'Are you OK? What's wrong with you?' I was like, '[Crying] I look like Minnie Mouse!'

And so it was kind of the running joke where there was going to be a scene where I looked like Minnie Mouse.

But then I saw it on camera last week — it was actually kind of cute. It wasn't even as bad as I thought.

**Did all of the girls have a screening party when the show premiered?**

**Dunn:** We all got together for the first episode, and we invited friends. Denise made cuppy cakes, and they were all decorated. She decorated like 200 cuppy cakes individually, and they were personalized.

**Your bio says you're looking for the perfect man. Have you found him yet?**

**Dunn:** I'm still looking. But listen, he's out there. It doesn't matter what Eva Marcille thinks.

That doesn't necessarily mean that he has to have an advanced degree of education; it doesn't mean that he has to have the fanciest job. It just means that you have to have a hustle about you and want to be greater for yourself and for your family.

**That's not too extreme.**

**Dunn:** It's not! They make it out to be so much. I don't know why they think that I'm so picky. I mean I'm picky, but I'm not crazy. You got to keep an open mind and open heart.

**If Season 2 doesn't work out, maybe you can reinvent 'Girlfriend Confidential: LA' to be a dating show?**

**Dunn:** Oh, my God [laughs]. That would be just humiliating.

But people like those shows. (ABC's) 'The Bachelor' is still on. That show has been on for like 20 years already.

**What shows do you watch?**

**Dunn:** I DVR everything, and I watch it at my leisure.

I like all of them. I think that TV is entertaining, and that's what it's supposed to do.

One of the main reasons that I wanted to do this show, even though I was so hesitant about it, is because when I was growing up, there were no girls that looked like me on TV. So, I felt like this strong responsibility to get on TV, be my best me, so that little girls who looked

like me could be like, 'Oh, she's kind of fabulous, and I can live out my dreams. I can be a good girl, and I can still win.'

I think that the show, the network and Eva have done a really good job of showing that the good girl can win. ■



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"Girlfriend Confidential" centers on four women navigating busy lives in L.A.

My prince charming is out there. All I need to do is be patient.

**What are your deal breakers?**

**Dunn:** I don't think I could ever date a smoker. And I don't think I could date someone who is underachieving.

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**Asian American/Asian Research Institute**  
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**Cost: \$50/Adults; \$15/Students**

The New York JACL chapter is honoring veterans of the 100th Battalion, the 442nd RCT and the Military Intelligence Service with Congressional Gold Medals.

**Info: Contact James Kumpel at 727/692-5898 or email [jkumpel@hotmail.com](mailto:jkumpel@hotmail.com)**

## >>EAST

### **Boston Premiere of 'Enemy Alien'**

**CAMBRIDGE, MA**

**Oct. 9, 8 p.m.**

**Harvard Law School Austin Hall**

**1515 Massachusetts Ave.**

The film "Enemy Alien," by Japanese American filmmaker Konrad Aderer, documents the shared struggle between Japanese Americans and Muslim Americans. This film is part of the Boston Palestine Film Festival and co-presented with the Boston Asian American Film Festival and Harvard Law School Justice for Palestine.

**Info: Visit [www.bostonpalestinefilmfest.org](http://www.bostonpalestinefilmfest.org)**

### **The 2012 Boston Asian American Film Festival**

**BOSTON, MA**

**Oct. 25-28**

**The Paramount Center**

**559 Washington St.**

This year the BAAFF presents nine feature films and two programs of short films.

**Info: Visit [www.baaff.org](http://www.baaff.org)**

### **A Community Briefing on Tule Lake Pilgrimage**

**BOSTON, MA**

**Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m.**

**Tufts Medical Center**

**Wolff Auditorium**

**800 Washington Center**

Members of Genki Spark will present a report on their experiences during the recent four-day pilgrimage to Tule Lake in California.

**Info: Visit [www.thegenki.spark.org](http://www.thegenki.spark.org)**

## >>NCWNP

### **JCCCNC Halloween Carnival**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**Oct. 26, 5 p.m.**

### **Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California**

**1840 Sutter St.**

Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California is getting into the Halloween spirit with its Halloween Carnival. There will be games, prizes, tricks and treats, arts and crafts and more.

**Info: Call 415/567-5505 or email [programsevents@jccnc.org](mailto:programsevents@jccnc.org)**

### **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL's Screening of 'Valor With Honor'**

**WATSONVILLE, CA**

**Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m.**

**JACL Kizuka Hall**

**150 Blackburn St.**

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League will host a screening of "Valor With Honor," a documentary by Burt Takeuchi based on 35 interviews with WWII veterans.

**Info: Call 831/768-3445**

### **The Japanese American Museum of San Jose's Winter Boutique**

**SAN JOSE, CA**

**Nov. 10**

**San Jose Buddhist Church**

**640 N. Fifth St.**

The Japanese American Museum of San Jose's Winter Boutique will feature items from Japanese American artists and craftsmen.

**Info: Call 408/294-3138 or email [mail@jamsj.org](mailto:mail@jamsj.org)**

### **Contra Costa JACL Food Demonstration**

**EL CERRITO, CA**

**Nov. 17, 1-3:30 p.m.**

**East Bay Free Methodist Church**

**5395 Potrero Ave.**

The Contra Costa JACL Food Demo will be led by Yoko Olsgaard and her dad.

**Info: Call 510/232-5410 or visit [www.ebfmc.org](http://www.ebfmc.org)**

## >>PSW

### **Cold Tofu Improv Show**

**LOS ANGELES, CA**

**Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.**

**Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center**

**222 S. Hewitt St.**

**Cost: \$7/General admission**

Cold Tofu, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting diverse images of Asian Pacific Americans through comedy, will be holding an improv show at the Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center's auditorium.

**Info: Call 213/626-2279**

### **JAHSSC's '70 Years Since E0 9066: No-No Boys' Forum**

**TORRANCE, CA**

**Oct. 27, 1 p.m.**

**Katy Geissert Civil Center Library**

**3301 Torrance Blvd.**

The Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California is hosting a forum called "70 Years Since E0 9066: No-No Boys."

Japanese Americans will share their WWII experiences.

**Info: Email Richard Katsuda at [rkatsuda@lausd.net](mailto:rkatsuda@lausd.net)**

### **San Fernando Valley JACL 'A Flicker of Eternity' Film Screening**

**PACOIMA, CA**

**Oct. 28, 2 p.m.**

**San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center**

**12953 Branford St.**

**Cost: \$5/Suggested donation**

The San Fernando Valley JACL is sponsoring a screening of "A Flicker of Eternity," a film inspired by Stanley Hayami's letters. Bentos are available for \$10.

**Info: Call 818/899-4237 or email [yaiko16@verizon.net](mailto:yaiko16@verizon.net)**

### **Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii Celebrates Shichi Go San**

**HONOLULU, HI**

**Nov. 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii**

**2454 S. Beretania St.**

**Cost: \$80/Nonmembers; \$65/JCCH members (Fee includes dressing by Masako Formals staff.)**

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii is holding its annual Shichi Go San: Keiki Kimono Dressing, which stems from the Meiji era (1868-1912) when parents brought their kimono-clad children to shrines and prayed for their long lives. Children can dress up in elegant kimono and zori.

**Info: Call 808/945-7633 or visit [www.jcch.com](http://www.jcch.com)**

### **Dedication Ceremony for Frances Hashimoto Plaza**

**LOS ANGELES, CA**

**Nov. 15, 10 a.m.**

**East 2nd and Azusa Streets**

Councilmembers Jan Perry and Jose Huizar will be in attendance at the dedication ceremony in honor of Frances K. Hashimoto-Friedman. Hashimoto-Friedman has devoted her life to the betterment of Little Tokyo by carrying on her family's traditions at Mikawaya Pastries.

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### **Bosco Tech's First Holiday Boutique**

**ROSEMEAD, CA**

**Dec. 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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## >>MDC

### **Art Institute of Chicago's Japanese Print Collection Exhibit**

**CHICAGO, IL**

**Thru Nov. 4**

**Art Institute of Chicago**

**111 S. Michigan Ave.**

The exhibit "Formation of the Japanese Print Collection: Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie School" features Japanese prints purchased from Wright's collection, photos of a 1908 exhibit and drawings from his studio.

**Info: Call 312/443-3600 or visit [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)**

### **The Twin Cities JACL's 66th Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet**

**MEDICINE LAKE, MN**

**Nov. 10, 5-8:30 p.m.**

**Chateau at Medicine Lake**

**10715 S. Shore Dr.**

The JACL Twin Cities chapter's Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet will include dinner and a silent auction. The event's honored guest is Rick Shiomi of Mu Performing Arts.

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**Yoshie Iwasaki**

Oct. 4, 2012

Yoshie Iwasaki (nee Takagi), 103 years old, passed away peacefully on Oct. 4, 2012, at home in West Sacramento, Calif.



Predeceased by her husband, Nathan, and son, Richard. Survived by daughters, Phyllis Iwasaki and Jane (Morris) Kosakura, and daughter-in-law, Gwen Iwasaki. Grandchildren, Ryan (Cheryl) Kosakura, Keith (Grace) Kosakura, Julie (Tony) Wang and Lisa Iwasaki. Great-granddaughters, Kelli, Emi, and Miya Kosakura.

TRIBUTE

**John Masaji Sato**

Nov. 9, 1919-Sept. 28, 2012

John Masaji Sato was born in Ontario, Ore., on Nov. 9, 1919, and passed away on Sept. 28, 2012, in Glendale, Ariz. John worked on his family's farm in Ontario until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 1941. He met Mei Watanabe from Los Angeles during his military leave, and they were married on April 17, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.



After the war, the couple eventually settled in Los Angeles, where John worked as a landscape gardener for nearly 50 years. He was an active member of the L.A. Southwest Gardener's Assn., where he served as the editor of its newsletter until he retired in October 1997 and moved to Glendale, Ariz., to live with his daughter and her family.

John enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people in Arizona, and he attended many activities and events with the Japanese American Citizens League, Desert Cross Community Church (formerly called Japanese Free Methodist Church), Japanese Senior Center, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Buddhist Temple and the Arizona Matsuri.

He was passionate about volunteering at the Japanese Friendship Garden, where he would spend hours pruning the garden's bamboo.

John was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mei. He is survived by four sisters, Mary Ishida, Maxine Morioka, Lola "Tattie" Hanada and Roseanne Sato; two daughters, Denise Brush (Jeff) and Michele Namba (Ted); grandchildren, Kristen Steele (Michael), Lauren Namba and Bryan Namba; great-grandchildren, Maren Steele and Maia Steele, as well as many nephews, nieces and family friends.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix, c/o Norton House, 2700 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Condolences may be offered at [www.westresthavenfuneralhome.com](http://www.westresthavenfuneralhome.com).

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**Quentin Chihiro Ikezoe**

Beloved husband of the late Betty. Loving father of Jean (Charles) Halevi, Warren (Lori Matsumura) Ikezoe, Jay (Azra) Ikezoe and Wes (Cindy Dumlao) Ikezoe. Super grandfather of Ethan and Ariella Halevi, Alia and Kyle Ikezoe and Camila Marquez. Younger brother of Mitz (late Aster) Ikezoe. Brother-in-law of Ruth (late Ronald) Minami, George (late Flo) Kawamoto and Clara (late Ralph) Yakushi. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. U.S. Army veteran of WWII and Korea Conflict. U.S.P.S. employee for many years. Despite adversity in his life, Chic was always good natured and had a positive outlook. He loved to laugh. Visitation on Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon until funeral service at 3 p.m. Lakeview Funeral Home, 1458 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657. Info: (773) 472-6300 or [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com).



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**Fuchino, Jacqueline, Mew Wan, 81,** Gardena, CA; Sept. 25; she is survived by her husband, Wallace; daughter, Janice (Ron) Tanaka; sons, Craig (Candy) and Keith; brother, Terry (Amy) Lee; 4 gc; 1 ggc.

**Hori, Makoto "Moc" Edward, 93,** Sept. 27; he is survived by his wife, Harumi; children, Jan, Mark, Nancy and Mako; two sisters, Aiko Kaneko and Mary (Kaneyo) Hidekawa; 7 gc.

**Jimbo, Kenichi "Kenny," 90,** Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 25; he is survived by his loving wife, Tsuta; sons, Stan and Dennis (Titima); grandson, Noah; two sisters in Japan.

**Kagimoto, Janet S.,** Torrance, CA; Sept. 29; loving mother of David (Rikki) and Robin; sister of Evelyn (Koji) Takajo, Geri Oda, and Lloyd (Yuncha) Nakano; half-sister of Carol Okamoto, Linda (Clarence) Yim; she is also survived by other relatives; 2 gc; 2 ggc.

**Koyama, Masatoshi, 87,** Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 22; he is survived by his wife, Kiyoko; sons, Jerry (Sandy), Richard (Eva) and Daniel; sisters, Miyuki Matsuda and Miyeko (Yoshiaki) Yamamoto; brother, Mitsuo (Keiko).

**Niizawa, Carl, 55,** Salinas, CA; Oct. 2; he is survived by his loving wife, Rina; five sons, William Mauriz, Edward, Albert, Carlton and Nicholas; loving mother, Masako; brothers, Guy (Tracy) and Jeffrey (Linda); sisters, Marianne (Paul) Yamaguchi, Kay (Lloyd) Fukuda and May (Kenneth) Hashimoto.

**Okamoto, Tazuko Grace, 91,** Los Angeles, CA; Oct. 5; she is survived by her beloved husband, Tsuyoshi; her brother, Hisaya Hasegawa; nieces, Kayoko Inohara, Chiemi (Bob) Watanabe; brother-in-law, Toshio (Teruko) Miyamoto and sister-in-law, Haruko (Yaichi) Miyamoto.

**Shibuya, Isabel Tsuneko, 91,** Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 20; she is survived by her sister, Laura Yaeko.

**Shirasago, George Masao, 87,** Los Angeles, CA; Sept. 23; he is predeceased by his son, Glenn Masayuki; sister, Sumiko Saito; and brother, Fred Fumio; he is survived by his wife, Sally Someko; children, Gary Yukio (Paula) and Dale Teruo (Susan); also survived by sisters-in-law, Kimiko Okita, Katie and Marion Kimura; 2 gc.

**Tomita, Paul Masaharu, 75,** Huntington Beach, CA; Sept. 29; he is survived by his beloved wife, Rachel; son, Michael, daughter-in-law, Karen; siblings, Lily, Emi Haitsuka, Kenneth and Leon; and survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives; 1 gc.

**Wada, Bob Kiyuji, 85,** Gardena, CA; Sept. 27; he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Aiko; daughter, Alice (Robert R.) Ronne; son, Robert (Holly); he is also survived by sisters-in-law, Haruko Kobata, Teruko Kuwada and Ida Fujimoto; brother-in-law, Sumi (Kiyo Anne) Fujimoto; survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family members; 4 gc.

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City & State

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