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It was a dark, stormy night or perhaps a warm, sunny day in September 2012 when Susan Yokoyama, the current business manager of the *Pacific Citizen*, arrived on the scene. The previous staff had departed, and the *P.C.* had not been published for several months. Allison Haramoto also came onboard shortly thereafter in September 2012 as the interim executive editor. She became the official executive editor in July 2013.

The *P.C.* was reborn! Regular issues as well as specials, like the annual Holiday and Scholarship issues, were in full-speed ahead production, generating much-needed income and interest for the JACL and its chapters.

In April 2014, Tiffany Ujiye was hired as assistant editor. Among her primary duties was to update the *P.C.*'s website, which had been untouched since Spring 2012 when the *P.C.* lost its core staff. After much work and effort, the *P.C.* staff was able to raise its own funds (thanks to the truly generous support of Spring Campaign donors) to revamp, redesign and finally relaunch the *P.C.*'s all-new website in October 2014.

The *Pacific Citizen*, which had been on "life support," was back and better than ever due to the hard work of Allison, Susan, Tiffany and Eva, *P.C.*'s circulation manager. Members received their beloved *P.C.*'s on a regular basis again!

When Allison, Susan and Tiffany came to the *P.C.*, there were no previous editorial or business manager employees to help them transition into their new jobs, no one to ask, "How do we do this?" or "How was this done previously?" since prior staff had left long ago and communication had not been maintained.

## IT'S LONG OVERDUE: 'THANK YOU' TO THE *PACIFIC CITIZEN* TEAM!

The dedicated new staff put in long hours and showed total commitment to publishing the best paper they could under extremely difficult circumstances. Operating expenses have been reduced by 52 percent since 2012, and much thought and discussion has been invested in the well-being and production of the *Pacific Citizen*.

The 2017-18 JACL budget, approved by the National Board on April 2, 2016, during its quarterly meeting in San Francisco, includes a reduction of the *P.C.* staff (which currently only has two full-time editorial employees and two part-time employees), as well as the relocation of the *Pacific Citizen* office from Little Tokyo in Los Angeles to San Francisco.

The team currently staffing the *P.C.* will not be moving north to San Francisco, where we "enjoy" some of the highest property prices in the country. Our *P.C.* staffers have families and lives in Los Angeles, and it will be too high of a price to make the move to the Bay Area no matter how much they still want to work at the *P.C.* and continue on what they have started since 2012.

The JACL National Board did not conduct a financial analysis of what such a move would do to the future of the *P.C.* Moving the office from Los Angeles could well cost JACL thousands in extra costs, and we must remember that without a staff, JACL would need to hire a brand-new one — the time and effort needed to do so could mean that we would once again be without the *P.C.* for months!

The budget will be a main topic of discussion at this year's July National Convention. It is time to make our voices heard on behalf of the *P.C.* to help keep the office in Los Angeles

and our staffers in place. The *P.C.* has a plan to reduce its deficit, and the Spring Campaign is a huge part of that plan. This year's goal is to raise \$100,000 because these funds go directly toward saving the *P.C.*, funds that the *P.C.* uses to pay all of its operational costs such as its rent, printing and mailing — everything that keeps your *P.C.* coming every two weeks.

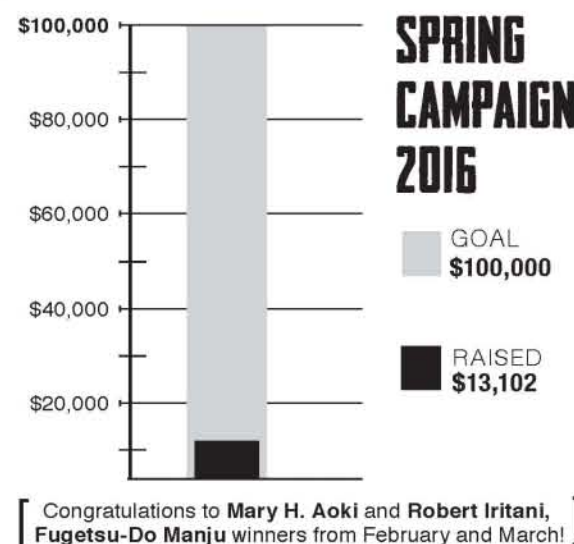
We owe this team a huge debt of gratitude and must show them our support by contributing to their current Spring Campaign! Write to the *P.C.* and let them know your thoughts on the National Board's decision and drag out those checkbooks and write a big check to the *Pacific Citizen*. I guarantee that you'll feel a lot better after you've done that.

*Thank you for your support!*

*Sincerely,*

*Jim Duff,*

*P.C. Editorial Board Rep.  
for NCWNP*



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## REIMAGINE EVERYTHING

### AARP AND DR. PHIL JOIN FORCES TO HELP YOU REIMAGINE YOUR LIFE

By Ron Mori

I really don't watch much television, but in recent years, I've been watching more online streaming content. It's a sign of the times and a topic to discuss at another time. I catch Dr. Phil from time to time on YouTube. He's made a career of giving advice to people about how to live better, happier, more fulfilled lives. How can I switch channels when I might learn something?

If you've also watched Dr. Phil McGraw over the years giving advice to people so they'll reflect, evaluate their priorities and then take action to improve their lives, you know he's all about finding your "authentic self."

Now, Dr. Phil is collaborating with Life Reimagined, a subsidiary of AARP, to help people connect to their authentic self with a customized, interactive digital platform.

Anyone in a life transition — from a new college graduate working to figure out what's next in life to the more than 70 percent of people aged 40-60 who say they anticipate some sort of life transition within the next two years — will be able to receive guidance from Dr. Phil through personalized exercises to empower their decisions and spark their new life journey.

"Each one of us is made up of a combination of beliefs, facts, opinions and perceptions," Dr. Phil said when this

collaboration was announced. "I believe that becoming more conscious of your own thoughts and behaviors can purposely and actively create the life experiences you want. The Life Reimagined team has already created an incredible platform, and I am thrilled to bring my brand to their site to help provide an interactive way for people to experience my approach."

The center of this partnership is an online course and subscription that harnesses key methods and tools from Dr. Phil's years of experience and expertise to help people find that "authentic self," and discover every unique skill and ability they have, however deeply buried it might be. A combination of free and paid original content on the platform will immerse users in a series of challenges that include:

- Reflecting on who you are on the inside
- Seeing how much your outside matches the inside
- Identifying what people, events and choices have affected your concept of yourself
- Identifying where you place responsibility
- Listening to the stories you tell yourself — about yourself — and turn negatives into positives
- Finding freedom from past events by working through

#### a five-step action plan

- Preparing yourself for potential saboteurs
- Committing to being your authentic self

This program can help you figure out what's next in your life and identify what is needed to pursue those goals and dreams.

The information and engaging programs found on Life Reimagined with Dr. Phil will help people come face-to-face with who they truly are and take control of their lives, in a manner that is extremely direct, and plain-talking, just like Dr. Phil himself.

Life Reimagined, which was launched in 2014 by AARP, is a personal guidance system to help people navigate transitions and pursue their goals, dreams and purpose in life; it is already helping over two million people. The new tools provided by Life Reimagined with Dr. Phil just add super-charged wit and wisdom to the program.

For more information, visit [www.LifeReimagined.org/DrPhil](http://www.LifeReimagined.org/DrPhil).

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## A YONSEI TRANSPLANTED

### SECURITY OR LIBERALISM: THE CHOICE IS YOURS

By Matthew Ormseth

The headlines, death tolls and promises to do better are running into one long, bloody blur as yet another attack struck Europe last week. Islamic State affiliates carried out suicide attacks in the subway system and airport of the European Union's capital, Brussels, killing 31 people and wounding hundreds more.

A cycle is emerging: an attack, followed by a moment of raw horror. Moments of silence are observed, Facebook profile pictures changed in support of the victims. Addresses from heads of states are delivered, invariably condemning the attacks and invariably pledging to do more to prevent them. It ends with a backlash against those unfortunate enough to share an ethnic or religious background with the attackers.

It's a cycle that's seemingly kicked into overdrive in recent months. Attacks like these used to happen once every few years, and now they're happening once every few months. In truth, incidents of mass violence at or even beyond the scale of last week's bombings in Brussels have been going on for quite some time in some parts of the world.

Literally as I'm writing this column, I've just received word via my BBC News App of an explosion in Lahore, Pakistan, that has killed 56 people, according to preliminary estimates. The death toll will undoubtedly rise. And yet, as despicable as it is to admit it, attacks in Pakistan and Nigeria and Yemen have never generated the amount of horror or outrage as the attacks in Brussels and Paris because we've somehow got it into our heads that those are places that are "supposed" to be under constant threat of mass violence, and

the streets of Europe's capitals are not.

It's a pathetically narrow vision of the world, but one many of us are guilty of. Facebook made the controversial decision to switch on its Safety Check feature during the Paris attacks, allowing users to notify their Facebook friends that they were OK, but the company had declined to activate the feature during a series of bombings in Beirut just a few days earlier, drawing criticism from the victims of Beirut and across the Middle East. The message, they claimed, was clear: Facebook cares more about French lives than Lebanese ones.

But questions of Facebook's First World-leaning priorities aside, it's becoming harder after Paris and Brussels for Western heads of state to mitigate their populace's fear of the Islamic State and downplay the group's capabilities to strike places once thought near-unassailable.

The Islamic State, once dismissively referred to by President Obama as Al Qaeda's "JV team," has shown a tendency to strike "soft" targets — cafés, bars and concert halls in Paris, metro stations and airport departure halls in Brussels — locales deeply embedded in the comings-and-goings of ordinary people. While Al Qaeda targeted symbols of political or economic might, the Islamic State has declared war on the quotidian.

Last week's attacks have generated a fresh wave of anti-Muslim sentiment across Europe and the United States. Presidential hopefuls Donald Trump and Ted Cruz are calling for specific policing of Muslim-predominant neighborhoods, blanket bans on immigration from the Middle East,

even the creation of a Muslim-specific database to monitor their communities more closely.

There have been calls to increase security in the areas of airports not off-limits to nonpassengers (like the departure hall targeted in Brussels), and increase security in the public transportation networks of large cities around the world. In the aftermath of any attack, leaders will promise that such attacks will never happen again. This, of course, is an impossible claim to stake, but to promise anything less to a hurt and grieving populace would be to wound them even further.

But as European and American officials re-evaluate their security networks after Brussels, we'll be forced as a society to take a hard look at our collective priorities, and it is my guess that we'll be forced to choose between security and liberalism.

In light of Brussels and Paris, I don't think anyone can deny that the majority of the large-scale attacks in Europe and America are perpetrated by groups espousing radical interpretations of Islam.

From an objective point of view and solely on the basis of national security, it would make statistical sense to monitor members of the Muslim faith more heavily than other groups in a populace; it would allow our security apparatuses to allocate more resources and manpower to surveiling those who share a faith — albeit a wildly different interpretation of that faith — with the perpetrators of most of the world's recent terrorist attacks.

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# STOCKTON JACL INSTALLS NEW FRENCH CAMP CHAPTER OFFICERS

Annual luncheon also honors 2016 Scholarship recipients.



**French Camp 2016 scholarship recipients (from left) Kyle Asano, Brett Nakashima and Katelyn Nakamura are pictured with Samuel Liang, chapter vp.**

French Camp JACL held its 68th annual installation and New Year's luncheon at King's House Restaurant in downtown Stockton, Calif., on March 13. Approximately 40 members and their families attended the event.

Stockton JACL President Aeko Yoshikawa installed the following 2016 slate of French Camp Chapter officers: President Dean Komure, VP Sam Liang, Treasurer Karen Nakamura, Secretary Jeannie Matsumoto, Membership Marcy Wong, Delegate Alan Nishi and Adviser Katy Komure.

The 2016 Harry and Dorothy Ota Memorial Chapter Scholarship was awarded to Katelyn Kimiko Nakamura, a senior at Lincoln High School. Nakamura is an honors student who serves as the Student Trustee on the Lincoln Unified School District Board, representing more than 9,000 students. She is also the founder and president of the WAVES Club (Worth, Achievement, Volunteering, Empowerment and Success), which

advocates women's empowerment. In addition, she is a four-year varsity player and captain of the tennis team and will achieve four "Commitment to Community" awards for completing 100 community service hours each year. Outside of school, she has served for three years as a Youth Deacon at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Nakamura plans to pursue a degree in human biology at either the University of Southern California, the University of California, Davis, or the University of the Pacific.

The 2016 French Camp Chapter Scholarship was awarded to Kyle Kenichiro Asano, a senior at Fremont High School. An honors student, Asano achieved a near-perfect college entrance exam score. He is highly involved in his high school choir, where he serves as choir section leader, singing club officer and performs solos in concerts and musicals. As a result, he was awarded the William Stretch Award twice for his musical aptitude and peer leadership. In addition, he serves as an officer in the Japanese club and has worked with his teacher on advanced 3-D printing technology and modeling. He plans to major in mechanical engineering at Santa Clara University.

The 2016 French Camp Chapter Scholarship was awarded to Brett Nakashima, a senior at Lincoln High. An honors student, Nakashima has excelled in sports and community service. He has earned multiple "Commitment to Community" awards for his volunteer work, including service to Calvary Presbyterian Church. He also serves as vp for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a member of the Japanese Club. He has played freshman and JV basketball and is a three-year member of the varsity golf team. Nakashima plans on majoring in business management at Biola University.

The luncheon concluded with all attendees receiving a raffle prize. The next French Camp JACL event will be its annual picnic with Lodi JACL on June 5 at Micke Grove Regional Park in Lodi, Calif. ■



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The 2016 JACL National Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., just got better. Room rates at the Monte Carlo Resort and Hotel have been lowered from \$80 to \$55 a night. Reserve your room today!

The 2016 JACL National Convention will also feature thought-provoking plenaries,

a youth lunch, an awards lunch and the Sayonara Gala and Banquet.

The 47th National Convention is set to take place July 11-14. For registration information, visit [www.jacl.org/2016convention/](http://www.jacl.org/2016convention/).

— JACL National Staff

## APAs in the News/News Bytes

### Former Los Angeles Undersheriff Paul Tanaka Convicted of Conspiracy



LOS ANGELES — Former Los Angeles County Undersheriff Paul Tanaka, 57, was convicted April 6 of conspiracy to obstruct justice and obstruction of justice in Los Angeles; he now faces potentially 15 years in federal prison when he is sentenced on June 20.

Tanaka, mayor of Gardena, Calif., was on trial for deliberately impeding a 2011 FBI investigation into allegations of brutality within the jail system. Former Sheriff Lee Baca pleaded guilty to a charge of lying to investigators and awaits sentencing in May.

Jurors spent less than two hours deliberating on the case after hearing more than a week of testimony and evidence. Tanaka's attorney, Jerome Haig, plans to appeal.

George Hofstetter, president of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff's, said in a statement that the verdict now means that the department can move forward now that past "failed leadership" had been revealed in the courts. "With this verdict, the department is rid of the culture that created the corruption," he said.

### Don Nakanishi, Former UCLA Asian American Studies Director, Passes Away at Age 66



LOS ANGELES — Don Nakanishi, 66, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, for 35 years and director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center for 20 years, passed away March 21.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, and son, Thomas, who posted the news on Nakanishi's Facebook page: "We regret to inform you as friends of don Nakanishi that he passed away this afternoon in Los Angeles. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Don T. Nakanishi Award for Outstanding Engaged Scholarship for Graduate and Undergraduate Students at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center or to the Nakanishi Prize at Yale University."

No details were given regarding Nakanishi's cause of death.

Born in East Los Angeles, Nakanishi attended Yale University and Harvard University. He went on to become a noted writer and scholar and is credited with helping to make the UCLA Asian American Studies Center the most prominent program of its kind.

### President Barack Obama Nominates Judge Merrick B. Garland to the U.S. Supreme Court as APAs Express Disappointment



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Asian Pacific Americans expressed disappointment after President Barack Obama nominated Judge Merrick B. Garland (pictured, far left) to the U.S. Supreme Court; Sri Srinivasan (pictured, near left) was also on the president's list and would have become the court's first Hindu

and first Indian American to sit on the nation's highest court if he had been confirmed by the Senate.

Garland, 63, is currently chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; Srinivasan, 49, is also a judge on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. If confirmed by the Senate, Garland will occupy the seat left vacant by Judge Antonin Scalia, who passed away unexpectedly in February.

The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans' Christopher Kang said in a statement, "While we are disappointed that President Obama did not nominate an Asian American today, we stand behind his nominee and are confident that when future Supreme Court vacancies occur, Asian Americans will continue to receive this highest level of consideration and that there will soon be an Asian American Supreme Court Justice."

Said the AAPI Victory Fund's Shekar Narasimham, "While we are disappointed that an AAPI was not selected, we are pleased that President Obama strongly considered Judge Sri Srinivasan. The AAPI community wants a seat at the table in every venue and truly believes the bench of qualified AAPI candidates deserve consideration for the very next vacancy."

### Honolulu Mayor Bans Public Travel to North Carolina and Mississippi

HONOLULU — Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell announced April 7 that the city joined a growing list of cities banning nonessential taxpayer-funded travel to North Carolina and Mississippi after the two states passed laws that discriminate against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Mayors from across the nation are forming a group called "Mayors Against Discrimination"; leaders from Honolulu, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Tampa, Fla., are joining in on the effort.

Mississippi recently passed a law allowing religious groups and some private businesses to refuse service to gay couples. The North Carolina law prevents specific anti-discrimination rules for gay and transgender people for public accommodations and restroom use. ■



# JACL NATIONAL BOARD APPROVES BUDGET COMMITTEE'S 2017-18 PROPOSED BUDGET

The organization looks to cut programs and staff in hopes of balancing its finances and erasing its current deficit.



JACL Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida and PNW Governor Sheldon Arakaki hold a check for \$10,000 for the 2017 Smithsonian 9066 exhibit.

National Board members met in San Francisco to discuss the organization's evaporating funds and the future of JACL before this year's convention and election.

By P.C. Staff

The JACL National Board approved the Budget Committee's 2017-18 proposed biennial budget at its April 2 board meeting in San Francisco in hopes to reconcile the organization's forecasted \$200,000 deficit.

Budget highlights included reducing two national staff FTE equivalents in 2017 and 2018, as well as one FTE equivalent from the *Pacific Citizen* office. Personnel cuts will reduce national staff FTE by 22 percent and 32 percent for the *P.C.* Such cuts look to decrease personnel hours in order to balance the proposed budget.

VP of Planning and Development and Budget Committee Member Chip Larouche explained, "Yes, it is painful to cut FTE in order to balance. In my opinion, it would be irresponsible to leave them in and not pay them. I've been doing this now for eight years, we had a few finance committee meetings of how we're going to make pay roll. If we don't take this budget to heart, we will get to the point that yes, we have FTE and filling positions, but no, we can't pay them. That's a highly irresponsible thing to do."

Many have wondered how the organization has reached such a large deficit and

dwindling membership. As JACL enters an election convention in July, candidates will be faced with the current financial situation and tasked with fundraising solutions.

JACL National President David Lin also explained the proposed budget, sharing with meeting members that "we know we need to balance the budget and no other reserve to draw on. This is our job to try and figure out what other options we have. I think we've exhausted expense reduction, and it's painful we have to reduce FTE."

The proposed budget also includes closing the *Pacific Citizen's* Los Angeles office and moving the remaining two FTE employees to headquarters in San Francisco.

However, a financial estimate and analysis of moving *P.C.'s* operations to San Francisco as well as the hiring of a new *P.C.* staff was not completed before the decision was determined. It is uncertain at this time what the financial impact might be to JACL as an organization.

"I highly suggest that we revisit other options and find alternative and creative ways to reduce the deficit other than moving *P.C.'s* operations," said Executive Editor Allison Haramoto in a statement following the National Board's

decision. "Members might be without the *P.C.* again, as it would have to start from scratch once more as it did in 2012."

The National Council is expected to see the proposed budget within the coming months leading to the convention, which is scheduled for July 11-14 at the Monte Carlo Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

This year's convention will also welcome a new national board. Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida also announced plenaries for the convention, including an AAPIA Vote and Coulter sponsored event geared toward civic engagement.

Ouchida is also looking to include Black Lives Matter as an API civil rights issue for a plenary, an advancing justice workshop and a forum for the National Youth Student Council to discuss civil rights racial healing and racial equality.

Other items from the April meeting include JACL's position on the U.S. Supreme Court Justice nominations. The board will also look into finding a new Comcast representative, replacing Floyd Mori.

Appointed Legal Counsel Member Brandon Mita also announced that he will no longer serve as legal counsel for JACL.

## JACL RESPONDS TO RACIAL TAUNTS AT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME IN CALIFORNIA

By JACL National Staff

The National Japanese American Citizens League joins with its affiliates, the JACL Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council and the JACL Florin Chapter, as well as the Coalition to Support McClatchy Students Against Racism and Bullying in condemning the behavior of some spectators attending a recent basketball game between McClatchy High School and Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills, Calif. During the game, racial taunts could be heard being shouted from the Oak Ridge spectator section including, "Go back to Fiji," "small eyes" and "soy sauce."

As a national civil right organization, JACL understands the harmful effects of racist behavior. The terms used were not neutral expressions of exuberance. They were terms that were intended to intimidate and ostracize.

These racist terms cannot be stripped from a dark history of discrimination and animosity directed at Asian Americans. Indeed, they are a sad reminder of that past, and beyond being hurtful to individuals, the terms denigrate an entire group.

It is our understanding that the superintendent of the El Dorado Union High School District released a statement that included the following, "We are disappointed and saddened by this situation and are working to address the inappropriate behavior."

Disappointment and sadness only begin to describe the behavior that we believe to be outrageous and unacceptable. National JACL supports the following remedial measures as stipulated by Florin JACL.

1. Holding perpetrators of these actions strictly accountable including a contrite public apology by the students.
2. Setting up clear policies, if none exist, covering such racist and bullying slurs in school.
3. Firmly enforcing such policies so they have meaning.
4. Stepping up diversity training and bullying intervention at Oak Ridge High School plus other schools.
5. Reporting fully to the public by the School and Board on what steps have been taken and will be done to prevent this racist and bullying behavior.



PHOTO: P.C. STAFF



# SPAM

## THE MIRACLE HAM

Celebrating more than 75 years on a plate, Spam has dominated the world and taken over our dinner plates.

By Tiffany Ujiye,  
Assistant Editor

Spam was marketed creatively to American households and offered as a staple for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

PHOTO: HORMEL FOODS

Pork shoulder, ham, water, potato starch, sodium nitrite and sugar—these are the ingredients needed to make Spam. This mushy meat square wedged in a tin can packs more than 75 years of history and has carried on an iconic legacy. Much like the hot dog or the pepperoni, Spam has revolutionized American dinners since the Hormel Corp.

introduced it to grocery shelves in 1937.

Many have since had mixed feelings about the meat wedge. Even Jay Hormel, the son a wealthy meat-packing house owner from Minnesota, told the *New Yorker* in a 1945 profile piece that “sometimes I wonder if we should have ...” associated his brand with Spam but would go back by admitting, “Damn it, we eat it in our own home.”

As World War II broke, Spam unleashed across the world and fell into the hands of many American G.I.’s. The can was portable and ready to eat while also giving soldiers much-needed protein for combat. Its shelf life was mysteriously long, but more importantly, it was cheap.

It was despised even by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as he wrote a letter to Hormel saying: “During World War II, of course, I ate

my share of Spam along with millions of other soldiers. I’ll even confess to a few unkind remarks about it — uttered during the strain of battle, you understand. But as former, Commander-in-Chief, I believe I can still officially forgive you your only sin: Sending us so much of it.”

In fact, many veterans include Spam in their shared experiences about World War II. It was included in everyday language like “Uncle Spam” when G.I.’s were at food-supply depots, and a G.I. once described Spam as “ham that failed the physical” in a *Times* article.

“It was the grub G.I.’s loved to grumble about,” wrote Bruce Heydt. “Not because it wasn’t tasty, but because it was always there, sometimes three times a day.”

Hormel admitted to receiving hate mail from American G.I.’s during and after the war. Kept under the “Scurious File,” Hormel collected the letters of abuse sent to him from around the world. Quoted from the piece, Hormel told the *New Yorker*, “If they think Spam is terrible, they ought to have eaten the bully beef we had in the last war.”

Which brings many to the playground lunch lore of Spam’s acronym “Scientifically Processed Animal Matter” or canned cat food.

During the early years of Spam, Hormel’s competitors did use lips, snouts, even ears in their products, giving canned meat a bad rap. However, Hormel saw an opportunity in using pork shoulder, which was an undesirable byproduct of hog butchery as it was extra work to remove the meat. To solve that problem, Hormel invested in a hydraulic press, which squeezed the meat off the bone.



PHOTO: U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES

G.I. SPAM: Sgt. Arnold Bourdreau eats canned corned beef in Italy in 1945. It was eaten similarly to spam and ready to eat out of the can wherever and whenever.



PHOTO: P.C. STAFF

But the secret to Spam's incredible shelf life is due to its packaging. Food historians point to Julius Zillgitt and his team for discovering how to can pork in a vacuum, preventing the meat from sweating and spoiling inside of the can.

The recipe, however, changed in 2009. Hormel began adding potato starch for a purely aesthetic reason, according to an article in *Eater*. The jelly layer that forms when the meat cooks would be better taken care of with the starch. The rest is still the same.

In Carolyn Wyman's "Spam: A Biography," she wrote "although the pork shoulder in Hormel's luncheon loaves was filet mignon compared to the lips, tongue and, yes, even pig snouts competitors put in the ones they came out with following Hormel's success, consumers couldn't tell the difference by their appearance."

Spam isn't the most beautiful piece of meat ever offered for dinner to WWII civilians and soldiers.

During WWII, Spam's presence made waves especially in the Pacific, as an entire generation there grew up eating it.

Professor Rachel Laudan of the University of Hawaii wrote in her book "The Food of Paradise: Exploring Hawaii's Culinary Heritage" that "the economy would have collapsed" without Spam's proliferation on the Hawaiian Islands.

"Unlike the mainland, they couldn't intern all the Japanese" in Hawaii, wrote Laudan, as the U.S. government began restrictions on the deep-sea fishing industry, which primarily consisted of Japanese American workers.

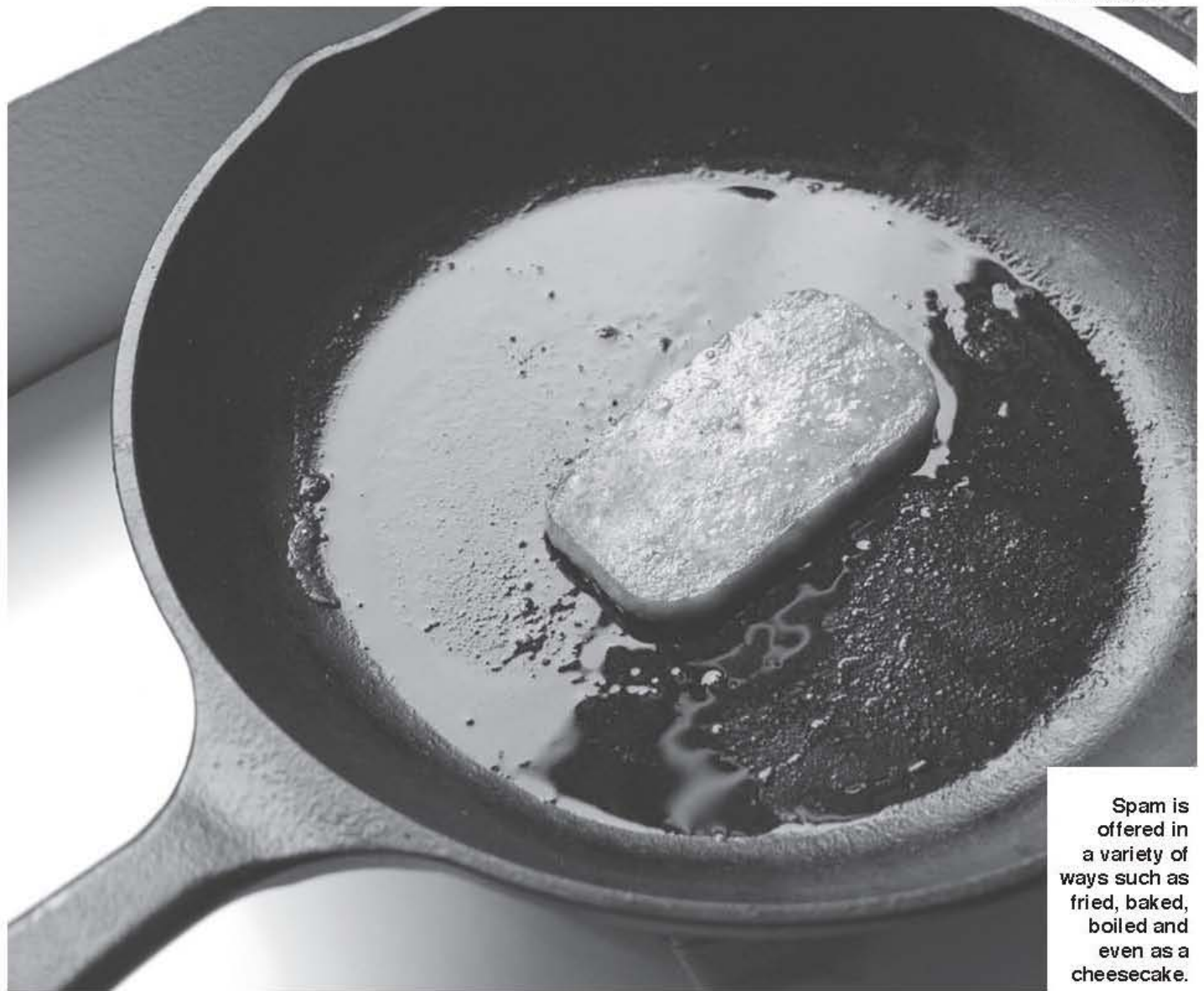
*Vice Magazine* writer Mark Noguchi noted that "during the war, there was this constant fear of shipments of food suddenly not making it to Hawaii anymore, so a lot of people during that time had a tendency to hoard things like Spam and toilet paper. My grandmother hoarded up to five cases of Spam at a time."

As such an essential source of protein, Spam brought creativity to the cooking pan for many Japanese Americans who incorporated it into recipes such as fried Spam with eggs and rice, Spam fried rice, Spam katsu curry rice and more.

Arnold Hiura's "Kau Kau: Cuisine and Culture," published in 2009, recorded a countless number of recipes, diving into Spam's role in Hawaii's food history.

"Food often played a big role in many of these stories, since it is something that everyone readily identifies with. My friends and I grew up on the plantation and sometimes talked about 'the old days,' which included food memories," Hiura wrote in his book. "More importantly, we knew that food was a reflection of the culture and values that we all identified with."

Back on the mainland, the 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans that were forcibly incarcerated during WWII had their share of Spam, too. In an interview with National



Spam is offered in a variety of ways such as fried, baked, boiled and even as a cheesecake.

Public Radio, Akemi Tamaribuchi spoke about her family's recipe called the "Weenie Royale."

Her family was incarcerated at Tule Lake and ate off of tin pie plates in the dreary mess halls. The U.S. Government provided castoff Army surplus foods like hot dogs, ketchup, kidneys, potatoes and, of course, Spam. What many once had at their dinner tables at home were wiped clean during the war and replaced with whatever was available.

Cupped with rice, Spam musubi was born as a portable meal for many Japanese Americans even after the war. The origins of the Spam musubi are still disputed between Japanese Americans from the islands or the mainland.

It's worth mentioning that past the Hawaiian Islands, places such as Japan and Korea saw Spam as life saving. These countries were facing starvation and found ways to incorporate Spam into traditional cooking. For example, in Korea, *budae jjigae* or "Army Stew" became a staple dish during the Korean War.

In an article from the *New York Times*, a high-end department saleswoman in Seoul told the paper, "Here, Spam is a classy gift you can give to people you care about during the holidays."

Today, Spam is available in 43 countries, including places such as China and the Philippines. Some countries consider Spam as a luxury or even a gift for Lunar New Year.

Many are baffled by Spam's delicacy status abroad, but "instead of saying, 'Why is it so odd that people in Hawaii or people in Korea or people in the Philippines eat Spam and like it,' the question is: Why did it become such a object of deep scorn?" asks Laudan in *Eater*. "Perhaps it was because [mainland Americans] saw themselves as unloading Spam on 'those people over there.'"

Today, Spam is on the rise despite being historically complicated. In an article published by CBS News in 2008, food prices have been increasing faster than they've risen since 1990. The price of Spam increased as the economy crippled into recession. Sales jumped 10 percent in 2008, and customers continue to purchase their cans even today.

Spam has also found its way into popular food joints as an added remix with other haute dishes. Celebrated Korean American chef and author Roy Choi, famous for his gourmet food truck Kogi, created a Spam Banh Mi. The Vietnamese sandwich dish wedged with Spam is one of many dishes served by trendy chefs and highbrow eateries.

In 2009, L.A.'s Vinny Dotolo and Jon Shook created a Spam and foie gras loco moco, grabbing the attention of the *New York Times* and the *New Yorker*.

Even a Spam Jam, a festival held in Waikiki, celebrates Spam annually with more than 24,000 attendees. Dishes such as Spam and corn chowder or Puerto Rican Spam flan find their ways onto plates and into peoples' memory. This year's street fest is set for April 30, and proceeds will benefit the Hawaii Foodbank, the largest nonprofit organization in Hawaii that feeds the needy.

London is also seeing Spam's return this year with the arrival of a massive Spam can on wheels. The giant can is set to visit the city April 16 and 17 to celebrate 75 years in the United Kingdom. The tour references Monty Python's sketch "Spamalot," a musical based on Arthurian legend that launched in 1975 soon after "Saturday Night Live's" skit "Spam," which found humor in finding Spam everywhere on the restaurant's menu.

The hand-size can even has a place in the Smithsonian Museum as well as its own museum in Spamtown, USA, or better known as Austin, Minn., Hormel's headquarters.

Such an uptick in Spam's popularity has certainly grabbed Hormel's attention. Spam's flavors now include Black Pepper, Jalapeno, Chorizo, Teriyaki, Turkey, Hickory Smoke, Hot & Spicy and Tabasco sauce.

With so many flavors and in so many dishes, Spam is a fixture of American culture as it is also a familiar taste of painful memories for some.

In Wyman's book, Hormel spokesperson Meri Harris said, "I always tell people that if there is a lull in conversation, all you need to do is mention Spam, and everyone will have something to talk about all night long."



Spam's name is "Spice" and "Ham" put together.

PHOTO: HORMEL FOODS



# FORMER INYO COUNTY SUPERVISOR BOB GRACEY TO RECEIVE 2016 SUE KUNITOMI EMBREY LEGACY AWARD

Update: Bus transportation to the Manzanar Pilgrimage from Los Angeles' Little Tokyo is still available, but seats are going fast.

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Committee announced March 31 that Owens Valley native Robert W. "Bob" Gracey has been chosen as the 2016 recipient of the Sue Kunitomi Embrey Legacy Award.

The award, named after the late chair of the Manzanar Committee who was also one of the founders of the annual Manzanar Pilgrimage and the driving force behind the creation of the Manzanar National Historic Site, will be presented at the 47th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, scheduled for Noon on April 30 at the Manzanar National Historic Site.

Gracey, 87, born in Kearsarge (formerly a narrow gauge railroad station about five miles east of Independence, Calif.), was elected in late 1992 to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, representing the Fourth District, which includes the Manzanar National Historic Site.

Gracey served only one term, but he made Manzanar one of his top priorities immediately after taking office, most notably, the monumental tasks of the hazardous materials cleanup of the high school auditorium, one of the remaining original structures at Manzanar, that had been used by the County as a maintenance facility for decades (now a Visitor's Center), along with the land exchange process that expanded the Manzanar National Historic Site from its original 500 acres to its current 813 acres.

"Those were two huge tasks that Bob took on right after he took office," said Gann Matsuda, a member of the Manzanar Committee who also served on the Manzanar National Historic Site Advisory Commission from 1992-2002. "He played a major role in the hazmat cleanup of the Manzanar High School auditorium and in the land exchange agreement that not only added an additional 313 acres to the site but also allowed Inyo County to build a new replacement maintenance facility."

Few know of Gracey's contributions to these projects, work that the first Superintendent of the Manzanar National Historic Site, Ross Hopkins, said was "... far more complicated than anything else I had done in the National Park Service over a long period of time."

Gracey's behind-the-scenes work was critical to the success of both projects.

"There are the people who get out in front, carrying the flag in the parade, and then there are those who are just on the fringes of the crowd, but are the ones who really got it done," said Hopkins, who worked closely with Gracey. "In terms of his work on Manzanar, Bob was



Former Inyo County Supervisor Bob Gracey will receive the 2016 Sue Kunitomi Embrey Legacy Award at this year's 47th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.

certainly one of those people. He got the big picture. He had his finger on the pulse of the projects.

"Bob always had his finger on the pulse of the community, and he worked behind the scenes to grease the skids for me to get things done with County officials," Hopkins continued. "I was an unknown quantity in Inyo County, and when you come in as a federal employee in a rural area, they look askance at you until you prove yourself."

Manzanar Committee Co-Chair Bruce Embrey said that Gracey was one of Manzanar's unsung heroes.

"I know it's a cliché, but Bob is really an unsung hero," he said. "Bob exemplified the ideal of public service. What he did was essential to making the dream of the Manzanar National Historic Site a reality. We truly are pleased to be able to thank Bob for his vision and honor him for all of his hard work on behalf of the Manzanar National Historic Site."

In addition to the afternoon event, the Manzanar at Dusk program follows that same evening, from 5-8 p.m. at the Lone Pine High School auditorium, located at 538 S. Main St. (U.S. Highway 395), in Lone Pine, nine miles south of the Manzanar National Historic Site, across the street from McDonald's.

Manzanar at Dusk is co-sponsored by the Nikkei Student Unions at California State University, Long Beach; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; the University of California, Los Angeles; and the University of California, San Diego.

Through a creative presentation,

small group discussions and an open mic session, Manzanar at Dusk participants will have the opportunity to learn about the experiences of those incarcerated in the camps. Participants will also be able to interact with former incarcerated in attendance to hear their personal stories, to share their own experiences, and discuss the relevance of the concentration camp experience to present-day events and issues.

The Manzanar Committee has also announced that bus transportation to the Pilgrimage from Los Angeles' Little Tokyo is still available.

The bus will depart at 7 a.m., arriving at the Pilgrimage at approximately 11:30 a.m. It will also take participants to the Visitor's Center at the Manzanar National Historic Site following the afternoon program. The bus should arrive back in Los Angeles at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Reservations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The nonrefundable fare is \$40 per seat, \$30 for students and seniors.

Complimentary fares are available for those who were incarcerated at any of the former American concentration camps or other confinement sites during World War II.

Anyone wishing to attend the Manzanar at Dusk program that evening should make other transportation arrangements.

Pilgrimage participants are advised to bring their own lunch, drinks and snacks, as there are no facilities to purchase food at the Manzanar National Historic Site (restaurants and fast-food outlets are located in Lone Pine and Independence, which are nearby). Water will be provided at the site.

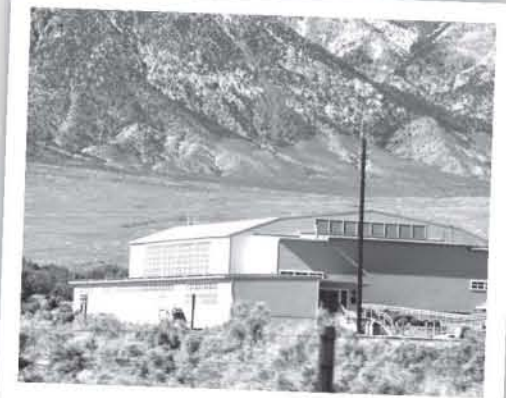
The Manzanar Committee is dedicated to educating and raising public awareness about the incarceration and violation of civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II and to the continuing struggle of all peoples when Constitutional rights are in danger.

A nonprofit organization that has sponsored the annual Manzanar Pilgrimage since 1969, along with other educational programs, the Manzanar Committee has also played a key role in the establishment and continued development of the Manzanar National Historic Site.

**Both the Manzanar Pilgrimage and the Manzanar at Dusk programs are free and open to the public. For more information, or to reserve a seat on the bus, call (323) 662-5102 or send an email to [47thpilgrimage@manzanarcommittee.org](mailto:47thpilgrimage@manzanarcommittee.org).**

## MANZANAR VISITOR CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

PHOTO: NADARO/WIKICOMMONS



Visitor's Center at the Manzanar National Historic Site

The Manzanar National Historic Site Visitor Center is now open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily. The center, which features 8,000 square feet of exhibits as well as a bookstore operated by the nonprofit Manzanar History Assn., will also be screening the award-winning film "Remembering Manzanar" every 30 minutes from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily.

"After setting a record for visitation in 2015, I am pleased to announce that he will be keeping the visitor center open until 5:30 p.m.," Superintendent Bernadette Johnson said.

Visitors arriving between 9 and 10 a.m. can visit Block 14's barracks and mess hall to learn about the personal experiences of individuals, families and communities incarcerated at Manzanar.

Exhibits feature extensive photos, documents and quotes illustrating the challenges and changes people faced at Manzanar. Because the site itself is open from dawn to dusk, visitors can drive a three-mile self-guiding tour or explore the historic site on foot. They can also see a number of gardens and ponds built by Japanese Americans to beautify the dusty ground around their barracks and mess halls. Visitors can also explore century-old orchards from the prewar town of Manzanar.

Manzanar National Historic Site is located at 5001 Hwy. 395, six miles south of Independence, Calif. Admission is free.

For further information, call (760) 878-2194, ext. 3310, or visit [www.nps.gov/manz](http://www.nps.gov/manz) or explore "ManzanarNationalHistoricSite" on Facebook and Instagram.



# OREGON GOVERNOR OFFICIALLY DESIGNATES MARCH 28 AS MINORU YASUI DAY

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF HOLLY YASUI

More than 300 participants also take part in the inaugural 'March for Justice,' retracing Yasui's historical walk in 1942.

**PORTLAND, ORE.** — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed House Bill 4009 on March 28, officially recognizing the date as Minoru Yasui Day. The bill, which was unanimously approved by both Houses of the Oregon Legislature, will forever commemorate the day that Yasui violated the military curfew in order to initiate his test case.

The day began with filming at the Oregon Historical Society, where final touches are being made to the documentary film "Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice." A 30-minute work-in-progress screening of the documentary will be shown at the Minoru Yasui Symposium "Inspiring Action and Igniting Justice" on April 23 in Portland. (For more information, visit <http://oregonnikkei.org/activities.htm#symposium>.)

Family and friends then witnessed the signing of HB 4009 by Gov. Brown at the World Trade Center in Portland. The signing was attended by nine members of Portland JACL in addition to key elected officials and members of Yasui's family.

Following the signing, participants then adjourned to the Oregon Nikkei Endowment (ONE) to take part in the first Minoru Yasui Day "March for Justice."

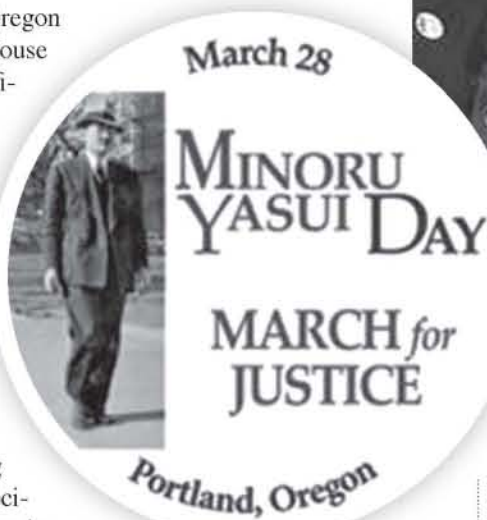
Organizers handed out buttons and signs in preparation for the six-block walk from Yasui's first

law office in the former Foster Hotel to the former site of the Portland Police Headquarters — the route Yasui took when he deliberately violated the discriminatory military curfew in order to initiate his test case. Yasui was arrested and jailed for nine months at the Multnomah County Jail.

People of all ages participated in the march, which totaled more than 300 people, including Yasui's daughter, Holly Yasui; longtime Portland activist and centenarian Nobuko Masuoka; Connie Masuoka, president of the board of the Oregon Nikkei Endowment; Oregon Rep. Brian Clem (sponsor of the Minoru Yasui Day bill); June Arima Schumann, Min Yasui Tribute project administrator; and Hood River Middle School teacher Sarah Segal along with 17 of her students, many of whom participated in the video letter supporting the nomination of Minoru Yasui



Oregon Gov. Kate Brown (center) signs HB 4009, officially recognizing March 28 as Min Yasui Day. Among those in attendance to commemorate the occasion were Min Yasui's daughter, Holly Yasui (front row, right).



More than 300 participants took part in the inaugural "Min Yasui March for Justice," including (from left) Connie Masuoka, Oregon Rep. Brian Clem, George Nakata, Hood River Middle School students Michelle Kinoshita and Jorge Chavez, Holly Yasui and June Arima Schumann.

for the Presidential Medal of Freedom last year and gave testimony in the Oregon state legislature in support of the Minoru Yasui Day bill last month.

People from all walks of life "walked the walk" in honor of Yasui's courageous act of resistance in 1942.

In addition, the Min Yasui Project has received grants from the Idaho Humanities Council and Humanities-Washington for screenings of the 30-minute work-in-progress. It will be shown at the Minidoka Pilgrimage on June 24, along with a reading by Heath Hyun of a

monologue entitled "EO9066" and a panel consisting of Hyun, Segal (who has developed a curriculum on Yasui) and Holly Yasui.

On June 25, a screening of the 30-minute work-in-progress will also be shown at the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle, along with Hyun's monologue and a panel consisting of Tom Ikeda, founder of the Densho Project; Lori Bannai, Korematsu Center for Law and Equality at Seattle University; and Devon Abdallah, Arab American Community Coalition.

In other news, the Smithsonian Institute's National Portrait Gal-

lery is in the process of reviewing two original photos of Yasui for its collection, which may be acquired for its permanent collection next month if approved. And the Colorado Supreme Court recently named a conference room after Yasui and mounted a plaque in his honor, describing him as "one of Colorado's fiercest defenders of the rule of law."

For more information, visit the "Never Give Up!" website at [www.minoruyasuifilm.org](http://www.minoruyasuifilm.org) and the Minoru Yasui tribute website at [www.minoruyasutribute.org](http://www.minoruyasutribute.org).

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A NATIONAL GUIDE TO NOTABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

# CALENDAR

## NCWNP

**APIQ Homecoming:  
A Conference for LGBTQ+,  
API and their Allies  
Sacramento, CA  
April 16, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sacramento State  
University, University Union  
6000 J St.**

The API Queer Sacramento Coalition welcomes all to register and attend a first-of-its-kind API LGBTQ+ convening in the Sacramento area.  
**Info: Email [apiqsc@gmail.com](mailto:apiqsc@gmail.com).**

**2016 Berkeley JACL  
Scholarship & Pioneer  
Awards Luncheon  
Richmond, CA  
April 17; 11:30 a.m.-  
2:30 p.m.**

**Richmond Country Club  
1 Markovich Lane  
Price: General \$40 and  
Student \$20**  
Celebrate with the Berkeley JACL as it honors its high school and college undergraduate recipients this year. The chapter will also be giving its Pioneer Award to Kiyoshi Katsumoto and Gordon Yamamoto.  
**Info: Call Roy Tanaka at (925) 932-7947 or email [ron\\_tanaka@yahoo.com](mailto:ron_tanaka@yahoo.com).**

**Kodomo No Hi  
San Francisco, CA  
May 2; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Japan Center Peace Plaza  
Buchanan and Post St.  
Price: Free**  
In partnership with the JCCCNC, this annual traditional youth celebration will feature traditional Japanese performances, mocha pounding, youth art contests, arts and crafts.  
**Info: Visit [www.sfjapan town.org](http://www.sfjapan town.org).**

**Japanese American  
Discussion Group  
Oakland, CA  
July 23; 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
California Genealogical  
Society and Library  
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2  
Price: Nonmembers \$5**  
Join the California Genealogical Society as President Linda Harms Okazaki opens an informal discussion about Japanese emigrants.  
**Info: Call (510) 663-1358.**

## PSW

**Tuesday Night Project  
Los Angeles, CA  
April 19; 7:30-10 p.m.  
Aratani Theatre Courtyard**  
Tuesday Night Project is an Asian American grassroots and volunteer-based organization dedicated to bridging communities by providing programming and interactive spaces for people to connect through artistic expression and strong, creative community partnerships.  
**Info: Visit [www.tuesday nightproject.org](http://www.tuesday nightproject.org) or email [contacttnproject@gmail.com](mailto:contacttnproject@gmail.com).**

**32nd Annual Los Angeles  
Asian Pacific Film Festival  
Los Angeles, CA  
April 21-28  
Locations vary**  
Visual Communications, the nation's premier Asian Pacific American media center, brings the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival this year with a series of special event screenings and select encore favorites. Many films will have a chance for audience members to participate in a Q & A session with filmmakers and actors.  
**Info: Purchase tickets at [www.vconline.org/festival](http://www.vconline.org/festival).**

**Civil Rights Today: The  
Legacy of Minoru Yasui  
Los Angeles, CA  
April 30; 2 p.m.  
Japanese American  
National Museum  
100 N. Central Ave.  
Price: Free with museum  
admission**  
This year marks Min Yasui's 100th birthday and the 74th

anniversary of his voluntary arrest. JANM will pay tribute to Yasui's courage and his leadership during this special event.  
**Info: Visit [www.janm.org](http://www.janm.org) or call (213) 625-0414.**

**Selanoco JACL 50th  
Anniversary Installation  
Luncheon  
Cerritos, CA  
May 22; 11 a.m.  
Cerritos Sheraton Hotel  
12725 Center Court Dr.**  
The South East Los Angeles, North Orange County (Selanoco) chapter of the JACL will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Installation Luncheon, celebrating five decades of advocating for the civil liberties of Japanese Americans and the greater community.  
**Info: Email [selanoco50@gmail.com](mailto:selanoco50@gmail.com).**

## MDC

**'Off the Menu: Asian  
America' Film Screening  
Lafayette, IN  
April 20; 6 p.m.  
Purdue Memorial Union  
101 N. Grant St.**  
Join the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center for a screening of "Off the Menu: Asian America," followed by a special Q & A session with director Grace Lee. The film explores the foods that reflect the culture of Asian Pacific Americans.  
**Info: Visit [www.union.purdue.edu](http://www.union.purdue.edu) or call (765) 494-8900.**

**Council on Asian Pacific  
Minnesotans Leadership  
Awards Dinner  
Maplewood, MN  
May 20; 5-8 p.m.  
Maplewood Community  
Center  
2100 White Bear Ave.  
Price: Varies \$30-\$125**  
Please join the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans for its 2016 Leadership Awards Dinner. The evening will commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, honoring the accomplishments and contributions Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to the

state of Minnesota and across the nation.  
**Info: Visit [www.mn.gov/capm](http://www.mn.gov/capm) or call (651) 757-1740.**

**JACL Chicago Scholarship  
Luncheon  
Skokie, IL  
May 22; Noon  
Maggiano's Little Italy  
4999 Old Orchard Center**  
Celebrate this year's scholarship recipients with the JACL Chicago Chapter. Students will be recognized and awarded for their academic achievements as they enter their next educational steps.  
**Info: Visit [www.jaclchicago.org](http://www.jaclchicago.org).**

**Japan Festival Chicago  
Arlington Heights, IL  
June 11-12  
Forest View Education  
Center  
2121 S. Goebbert Road**  
Hosted by the Chicago Japan American Council, this year's festival will showcase a variety of performances, exhibits, foods, music and special programming.  
**Info: Visit [www.japan fest-chicago.org](http://www.japan fest-chicago.org).**

**Kakehashi Project  
Culmination  
Skokie, IL  
June 18; 1 p.m.  
Skokie Banquet and  
Conference Center  
5300 W. Touhy  
Price: General tickets \$30,  
Youth and Student \$20**  
Save the date for a Kakehashi Project gathering in an event hosted by the Chicago JACL Chapter.  
**Info: Visit [www.jaclchicago.org](http://www.jaclchicago.org).**

## PNW

**Heritage Talk  
Salem, OR  
April 26; 3-5 p.m.  
Deepwood  
1116 Mission St. E.  
Price: General admission \$6**  
Join the Oregon Nikkei Endowment for its fourth Heritage Talks Series presented by Russell Yamada.  
**Info: Visit [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org).**

**Community Reception  
Portland, OR  
June 26; 5-7:30 p.m.  
Oregon Nikkei Legacy  
Center  
121 N.W. Second Ave.  
Price: Free, but RSVP is**

**encouraged**  
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women invites all to a Community Reception. Register now as space is limited. Participants will learn about the National Leadership Summit and APAWLI Network, as well as build leadership capabilities among other APA women.  
**Info: Visit [www.apawomen.org](http://www.apawomen.org) or call (415) 310-6978.**

## EDC

**'Out of the Desert: Digitizing  
the Archive of Japanese  
American Internment'  
Wellesley, MA  
April 14; 4:30-6 p.m.  
Wellesley College,  
Pendleton E. Building,  
Room 339  
Price: Free**  
Courtney Sato and Corey Johnson will discuss their development of a digital version of "Out of the Desert: Resilience and Memory in Japanese American Internment," an exhibit curated by Sato at the Yale University Library earlier this year.  
**Info: Visit [www.news.yale.edu](http://www.news.yale.edu) or call (203) 432-1345.**

**Brookline Cherry Blossom  
Festival  
Brookline, MA  
April 30; Noon-4 p.m.  
Brookline High School  
115 Greenough St.**  
The Brookline High School Japanese Program and the Genki Spark present this year's Brookline Cherry Blossom Festival. Enjoy a day of taiko drumming, food, games and music.  
**Info: Contact [brooklinecherryblossom@gmail.com](mailto:brooklinecherryblossom@gmail.com).**

## IDC

**Nihon Matsuri  
Salt Lake City, UT  
April 30; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Courtyard Salt Lake City  
100 S. 300 W.  
Price: Free**  
All are welcome to celebrate and enjoy a performance by Taikoza. Highlights will include numerous food booths, crafting stations, a fashion show, mochitsuki, exhibits, tea ceremonies, ikebana viewings and karate demonstrations.  
**Info: Visit [www.nihonmatsuri.com](http://www.nihonmatsuri.com).**

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# IN MEMORIAM

**Ikeda, Donald Shigeo, 78**, Gardena, CA; March 22; he was a U.S. Army Veteran; he is survived by his wife, Beverly Ikeda; sons, Clifford (Kelley) and Rodney (Tomoko) Ikeda; brother, Kenneth (Jane) Ikeda; gc: 3.

**Kiyohara, Taekshi 'Tak,' 90**, Anaheim, CA; March 27; he was predeceased by his brothers, Akira and Ronnie Kiyohara; he is survived by his wife, Aiko Kiyohara; children, Alan (Lisa), Gary (Melody) Kiyohara and Julie (Julio) Rivera; siblings, Isao Kiyohara and Mary (Lucky) Yamaga; sister-in-law, Ruby Kiyohara; gc: 5.

**Kudo, Kazue, 91**, Los Angeles, CA; March 15; she is survived by her children, Michael Kudo, Tim (Laura) Kudo, Sandi (Randy) Strong and Gail (Jim) Montgomery; sister-in-law, Lily (Nob) Kamibayashi, Miyako Kudo and Tomi Kudo; gc: 3; ggc: 2.

**Mori, Junice Teiko, 98**, Gardena, CA; Feb. 26; she is predeceased by her husband, Torao Mori; she is survived by her children, Christopher Mori and Jeanie (Heizaburo) Okawa; gc: 5; ggc: 8.

**Nakamura, Ronald Takashi, 72**, Fountain Valley, CA; Feb. 22; he is survived by his wife, Arlene Nakamura; children, Curtis (Stephany) Nakamura and Traci (Wes) Toyofuku; siblings, Beatrice Mayetani, Glenn (Patricia) Nakamura and Gail (Robert) Higashiyama; brother-in-law, Tom (Carol) Kudow; gc: 6.

**Nakashima, Teruko 'Terry,' 91**, Los Angeles, CA; March 20; she was predeceased by her husband, Yoshikazu; son, Dale (Vicky) Nakashima; she is survived by her children, Lynn (Rey) Avalos and Ken (Lori) Nakashima; gc: 4; ggc: 2.

**Sakatani, Katsumi, 90**, Torrance, CA; March 24; he was predeceased by his sister, Yuri Okabayashi; he is survived by his wife, Mary Atsuko; sons, Richard Alan (Charlene), William Douglass (Mary Ann), Robert Lewis and Michael David (Christine); daughters, Susan Lianne (Michael) Castro and Patricia Lynn (Russell) Bankson; brothers, Tomomi

(Setsuko) and Bacon Sakatani; sister, Kay Yamaoka; brother-in-law, Tak Okabayashi; gc: 12; ggc: 2.

**Tatsumi, Yukio, 95**, Long Beach, CA; March 13; he was predeceased by his wife, Chiye; daughter, Sachiko Jeanie Nakashima; he is survived by his son, Mel; son-in-law, Jerry Nakashima; gc: 2.

**Urabe, Lincoln Tsuyoshi, 75**, Gardena, CA; March 27; he is survived by his wife, Vivien; children, Lisa (Dean) Kuwata and Michael (Tomikaco) Urabe; siblings, Harold, Steven (Sheryl), Patrick and Francis (Flora) Urabe; gc: 4.

**Yoneyama, Shuko, 85**, Los Angeles, CA; March 4; she is survived by her husband, George Ukio Yoneyama; children, Craig Yoneyama and Lynne (David) Corapi; brother-in-law, Sam Isamu (Molly) Yoneyama; gc: 2.

## SHIRO 'SHI' NAKANO

Shiro Nakano (1921-2016) died in Santa Rosa, Calif., on March 21, 2016, at age 94. A native of Los Angeles, he is survived by his wife, Mei; daughter, Nikki Omi (Philip); sons, Chris and Philip; grandsons, Jason and Khalil; sister, Tomi Iino; four great-granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Shi traveled to Japan shortly after graduating high school, there to view his parents' small home and acreage, which he was expected to inherit. But, by chance, he learned that his name had appeared on the Japanese Army's conscription list, and with help, he promptly boarded one of the last ships bound for his home back in the U.S. Soon afterwards, the U.S.-Japan war broke out.

In a grievous irony of war, he was soon ordered to be confined to a concentration camp in Colorado, where he spent nearly two years, thence to be drafted out of the camp — leaving a wife and infant son behind — to train and serve in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service. After completing school and basic training in Minnesota, he was deployed to Japan, eventually to direct a small office in Fukuoka prefecture, where his parents still lived and from which place he had lately fled.

After the war, Shi resumed his work as a designer and manager of the produce departments of various supermarkets. In 2010, Shi's MIS unit was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for meritorious achievement.

The family wishes to thank the Five Palms Board and Care facility for their loving care of our husband and father. A gathering will be held for family and close friends.

## TSUYOSHI 'TEE' OKURA

Funeral services for Tsuyoshi "Tee" Okura (1916-2016) who passed away on March 30, 2016, will be held on Monday, April 18, at Noon at Green Hills Memorial Park Pavilion, 27501 S. Western Ave., Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., 90275, with Reverend Kunishige Ito of Tenrikyo Westside Church officiating.

Tee spent all of his life in Los Angeles with residences in Wilmington and Lomita. He was considered the greatest Nisei athlete by many and excelled in the Jr. Olympics, with the Skippers and Nisei All-Stars. He served in the U.S. Army while his family was relocated to Santa Anita, Calif., and Jerome, Ark. He retired from the U.S. Post Office after 25 years of service.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Chiyoko Shiba Okura, in 1999 and eldest son, Robert, in 1972.

He is survived by his children, Albert, Amy and Susan, and their spouses; two sisters; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family invites you to wear casual attire on the day of the service. A public visitation will be held on Sunday, April 17, at 6 p.m. at Fukui Mortuary's "Chapel in the Garden," 707 E. Temple St., Calif., 90012.

For more information, [www.fukuimortuary.com](http://www.fukuimortuary.com) or (213) 626-0441.

## MARY MORINO

Morino, Mary, 95, S.F., Calif.; Passed away on March 11, 2016; she was predeceased by her husband, Ginzo "Babe" Morino, and son, Larry; she is survived by her sons, Russell and Steven; and daughters, Marilyn (Caleb) Hoshiyama and Cindy (Kaz) Nakamoto; gc: 11, ggc: 11, gggc: 3.

## KATSUMI ARIMOTO



Katsumi Arimoto, a longtime resident of West Hills, Calif., passed away peacefully on March 12, 2016, surrounded by family, at the age of 90.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 39 years, Fuyo Mizunaga Arimoto; his five children: Kary Arimoto-Mercer (and spouse, Rick Mercer), Robert Arimoto (and spouse, JoAnn Arimoto), Bonnie Robinson, Kenneth Katsumi Arimoto Sr. (and spouse, Sandra Arimoto) and Wendy M. Vazquez

(and spouse, Edward Vazquez); nine grandchildren: Sarah Rethage (and spouse, Corey Rethage), Kendra Arimoto-Maselli (and spouse, Jeffrey Arimoto-Maselli), Mariko Arimoto, Samantha Arimoto, Wendy C. Vazquez, Haylee Arimoto, Kenneth Katsumi Arimoto Jr., Stephanie Vazquez and Kyle Robinson; three great-grandchildren: Rebel James Arimoto-Maselli, Savannah Arimoto Rethage and Raiden Lee Arimoto-Petit; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chiyoo and Shimae Arimoto, brothers Ichiro, Shunji (Fred) and Kenzo Arimoto, son-in-law James Robinson, grandson-in-law Paul Hammons and the mother of his children, Mary (Matsumoto) Arimoto.

He was born on May 7, 1925, in the small, rural town of Walnut Grove, located on the Sacramento River in California's Delta Region. He lived there for 17 years until 1942, when his family was "relocated" to Amache, a WWII Japanese American internment camp located in Granada, Colo.

A natural leader and gifted academic who was known for always having a positive outlook, he served as editor-in-chief of his senior high school's yearbook, The Onlooker 1943, in which he urged his fellow classmates to "go on until that final goal — a happier world — is attained." He was drafted at the age of 18 into the United States Army and spent the end of the war overseas, earning the title of staff sergeant, guarding POWs and transcribing the confessions of German soldiers.

Postwar, he attended the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and graduated in 1950 from University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign with a B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences, focusing on Psychology. He also went on to complete an M.S. in Psychology, enjoy a long career as a school psychologist. He happily retired at the age of 60.

He will be long remembered as a devoted husband, respected psychologist, gifted gardener, loving father and grandfather, proud great-grandfather and eternal optimist. During his declining moments, which were peaceful and serene with him bright-eyed and alert, he said he was a very lucky man to have lived such a long, happy and good life. He will be dearly missed by those who knew, admired and loved him.

An intimate funeral service was held for the family on Tuesday, March 22 at Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth, Calif., officiated by Pastor Ruy Mizuki of Chatsworth United Methodist Church.

The family suggests that contributions in Katsumi's memory be made to the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Citizens League (SFV JACL) via <http://www.sfvjacc.com/donate> (an organization dedicated to defending civil rights and making a more just society through advocacy and education for which he served as president in the 1960s).

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## PUYALLUP VALLEY AND SEATTLE JACL CHAPTERS ATTEND TOMODACHI FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

By Eileen Yamada-Lamphere,  
Puyallup Valley President

The Puyallup Valley and Seattle JACL chapters attended the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington's annual Tomodachi fundraising luncheon at Seattle University on March 24.

*Tomodachi* means friend in Japanese, and with that spirit, the JCCCW brought together community and corporate partners to reflect on the past year and look toward the future, as well as honored the contributions of individuals and groups who have promoted and celebrated Japanese or Japanese American culture and heritage, or individuals and groups that have worked to strengthen cultural ties between the U.S. and Japan.

This year, Tomodachi awards were presented to former Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta and the Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp.

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In attendance at the Tomodachi luncheon were (back row, from left) Tom Kometani, Frank Sato, Elsie Taniguchi, honored guests Deni and Norman Mineta, Eileen Yamada Lamphere, Sarah Baker, Bill Tashima and (front row, from left) June Sato and Tosh and Toshi Okamoto.

The master of ceremonies for the luncheon was Lori Matsukawa, one of the founding families of the JCCCW. Also in attendance was Karen Yoshitomi, executive director of the JCCCW. The event also featured entertainment by Michaela Kasumi, who performed a traditional Japanese dance titled "Chidori."

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This is what Trump and Cruz believe, and as much as I hate to admit it, from a purely *statistical* point of view, it makes sense. But societies do not function as the objective products of statistical analyses. The U.S. and the EU belong to a tradition of liberalism that stretches back for centuries.

*Liberalism* is a vague term, one that is overused and frequently misused, but it translates roughly to a commitment to tolerance and a respect for personal liberty. A society so concerned with its security that it polices one religious or ethnic group more heavily than others cannot call itself liberal; it has respected neither its commitment to tolerance nor the personal liberties of its members.

What ills would such a discriminatory society breed? In a liberal society, all its members are treated equally under the law. In Trump and Cruz's vision of a society obsessed with risk-assessment, treating all citizens equally under the law would be a colossal waste of resources, and place the society as a whole in greater danger. Such a society might be safer from radical terrorists, but it would be endangered by radical bigotry.

The resilience of the people of Brussels in the wake of last week's attack has shown the Islamic State and the rest of the world that a society can weather such a cowardly and barbaric assault.

Brussels has been wounded, and won't ever fully heal. But life has resumed: The trains are running, the rubble cleared away and people are working, walking, eating and drinking again.

Our society can survive bombings and rampages, but it cannot survive a dissolution of liberalism like the one proposed by Trump and Cruz. A society

that fundamentally mistrusts some of its members because they share a faith with terrorists would collapse on itself. It would breed a culture of fear and virulent intolerance whose long-term effects would outstrip those of any suicide bombing in terms of inflicting grievous harm on the nation.

The Islamic State does not pose an existential threat to the U.S., but a plan to profile and spy on Muslim Americans does.

We'd have to scrap our societal bedrock — documents like the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, holidays like Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the mythos of Lincoln the Emancipator.

Our government must do all it can to prevent another attack on American soil, but it must do so constitutionally, without bias and in accordance with the liberal tradition.

Respecting the American precept of equality in the eyes of the law might endanger our society's security; it's possible that profiling and monitoring those who share a religious or ethnic affiliation with the majority of the perpetrators of these attacks would uncover more plots and make for a safer society. But maintaining such a precept of inequality in the eyes of the law would do far worse than threaten our safety — it would threaten our society's existence as we know it.

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