The Berks Detention Center is closed for good.
BIDEN PAYS TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF CALIFORNIA SHOOTINGS

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Joe Biden honored 18 people killed in two California mass shootings, saying “we have to be there” with the communities that have been forever scarred by gun violence.

“Our prayers are with the people of Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay, and after yet another spree of violence, scarred by gun violence. In two California mass shootings, 18 Americans have died at the hands of the police. We may never know what caused the psychiatric breakdown, but the gun in the hands of the police is the problem. Law enforcement agencies to ensure fundamental changes to our law enforcement, de-escalation of force and just and equitable police policies, and for scholars and journalists looking to connect the community’s history, and for scholars and journalists looking to connect the past with the present. Thanks for the improvements, P.C.”
— Gil Asakawa

Brandon Tsay, who saved countless additional lives by disarming the gunman who killed 11 people in Monterey Park, was hailed a hero by President Joe Biden, received Congressional accolades and given the Medal of Courage by the City of Alhambra.

TYRE NICHOLS’ DEATH SHOWS WE STILL NEED CHANGE

By JACL National

On Jan. 7, 2023, five police officers from the Memphis Police Department severely beat 29-year-old Tyre Nichols during a traffic stop in Memphis, Tenn. Nichols was hospitalized in critical condition and died there three days later. He was laid to rest earlier Feb. 1 in Memphis, Tenn. Nichols was hospitalized in critical condition and died there three days later. He was laid to rest earlier Feb. 1 in Memphis. The JACL strongly reiterates its opposition to de-escalation of force and just and equitable police policies and for scholars and journalists looking to connect the past with the present. Thanks for the improvements, P.C.”

The JACL’s National Council passed a resolution in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement and the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which includes fundamental changes to our law enforcement, de-escalation of force and just and equitable police policies and for scholars and journalists looking to connect the past with the present. Thanks for the improvements, P.C.”

Nichols is only the latest victim of brutality and violence at the hands of the police. In 2022 alone, the number of people who have died at the hands of the police hit a 10-year high, with African Americans accounting for over a quarter of deaths. In the nearly three years since George Floyd’s murder in May 2020, little has changed. Congress has failed to take action on either of these bills. We must also focus on the local level. Policing systems are fundamentally broken and not just the result of a few bad apples. Nichols’ death shows this to be true. Resources must be directed to community-based solutions to uplift communities, not subject them to oppression from overpolicing.

They also define the ways community care and safety are practiced in our country for future generations. The JACL strongly reiterates the need for major reform in law enforcement, which includes independent community oversight, de-escalation of force and just and equitable police policies and practices.

It is past time we must make fundamental changes to our law enforcement agencies to ensure Black and Brown individuals are safe from oppressive and abusive police practices. Law enforcement officers must be held accountable for these heinous acts of violence. If we are to ensure justice for those affected by the trauma of these actions, we must reform the systems that have enabled these acts of violence from the state upon the people. We can do better. We must do better.

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I’ve been a long time coming, and long overdue, but we are finally able to announce that the 2023 JACL National Convention will be held in Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo. The dates will be July 19-23, and its theme is “Rooted in Community,” where we will look to highlight the many aspects of the Little Tokyo neighborhood and community.

For many Japanese Americans such as myself, we did not have a community center like Little Tokyo growing up. But if we aren’t vigilant, there won’t be one for future generations either. We are now down to only three historic Japanese American neighborhood communities: San Jose, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Los Angeles now also has the Sawtelle neighborhood in West Los Angeles as a second Japantown. These communities continue to be places for members of the community to live, but more so, they serve as cultural centers, drawing people for community events and activities. The threat of gentrification, and other competing urban needs still threaten the viability of these centers and is one of many topics we will be highlighting at the upcoming convention.

There are many issues that have come to the forefront that we will also look to tackle. In Texas, legislators have proposed to reinstate Alien Land Laws to prevent the purchase of property by foreign nationals with citizenship from China, Iran, North Korea and Russia.

Less than five years after Florida became the last state to repeal its existing Alien Land Laws, politicians are proposing to bring the same laws back. At the same time, Florida’s governor is seeking to control what is taught in Florida schools — and effectively all schools — by refusing to include a course on AP African American History. Attacks on education cut especially close to JACL, as so much of our work is to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese American experience during World War II.

And for JACL, we have much work to do intentionally. We can’t ignore the crisis we experienced at our last meeting, where if not for the vigilance of many of us, with different life paths and different, well, superpowers. Yes, of all of us, with different life paths and different universes exist with multiple versions of us, including, in some of our many iterations, my future self as the perky sidekick kid Short Round) and 1985’s “Goonies” (as the nerdy Data).

The main characters are set in the main character of the moment can last into the future. The mother is played by Michelle Yeoh, who is a grimm Asian mom, strict wife and concerned businesswoman swimming through a flood of receipts and paperwork. But, she transforms and evolves throughout the plot. Her husband, played by Ke Huy Quan, is meek and geeky, an almost childlike dad, who turns into a martial arts master. Stephanie Hsu is perfectly cast as the daughter, whose seething anger at life leads to her being a supervillain monster in parallel universes.

Yeoh has been a veteran of Hong Kong and Chinese films, including her American break out film, 2000’s “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” In some of her many iterations through “EEAAO,” she uses her martial arts ability to great effect, but she gets the chance to show a much wider range of abilities as an actor here, including heartbreak and pure love.

If Quan looks vaguely familiar, it’s because he got his start in Hollywood with two blockbuster Steven Spielberg productions: 1984’s “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom” (as the perky sidekick kid Short Round) and 1985’s “Goonies” (as the nerd Data). We never really got to see his career as he grew because after a few more years, he couldn’t even get auditions for any parts, so he went to film school and worked behind the camera for three decades. His casting, shining performance and moving life story as an Asian American actor is alone worth the ticket (or rental, or purchase) price.

He was inspired by the 2018 film “Crazy Rich Asians,” which proved a movie could be a hit with a mostly Asian cast and story line (Yeoh was a major character in that film, too). “EEAAO” takes that success several steps further by being a financial success and critical hit while breaking a bunch of conceptual barriers and Hollywood stereotypes. It’s certainly not like any hit movie we’ve seen before.

Thanks to the visionary leadership by the writing and directing duo of “The Daniels” – Dan Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, and dizzingly split-second editing by Paul Rogers, “EEAAO” is a thrilling funhouse experience. Yes, it may be a blur when you watch it. But watch it again, and you’ll be rewarded and warmed by the movie: Family matters, and our community’s cultural values can hold us up even in the craziest of times, for in the end, love does conquer all.

With “Crazy Rich Asians,” 2021’s “Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings” (which, surprise, Yeoh also starred in!) and now “Everything Everywhere All At Once,” Asians are truly having a moment in American popular culture.

Let’s all enjoy the moment and support this and other movies so the moment can last into the future.
GO FOR BROKE STAMP SOON TO BE DESTROYED

The commemorative USPS stamps, printed in limited quantities, will end its availability in 2023.

By Stamp Our Story Campaign

GET THEM NOW, OR THEY WILL BE GONE FOREVER.

The U.S. Postal Service will stop selling the Go For Broke Japanese American Soldiers of World War II Commemorative Postage Stamp sometime this year. The remaining inventory will be destroyed, postal sources shared with the Stamp Our Story Committee, the community group that led the 15-year campaign for the stamp.

All commemorative stamps are printed in limited quantities and sold for a limited time, typically one to two years. June of 2023 will mark two years since the Go For Broke Stamp was issued, first in Los Angeles, Calif., on June 3, 2021.

A stamp dedication ceremony was held at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo to mark the occasion, for which even President Joseph Biden made a special White House statement. Similar events were held in eight other cities across the nation.

“We strongly encourage interested individuals and organizations in the community to buy up the remaining Go For Broke Stamps — let’s sell out the stamp!” said Wayne Osako, chair of the Stamp Our Story Committee. “This is a wonderful way to show your support for the Nisei soldiers’ legacy and send a message to Washington that more stories like ours ought to be shared.”

While the USPS makes it a policy of not discussing how many stamps it has left, nor sales figures, it has shared that it originally printed one million sheets (20 stamps per sheet) of the stamp. Sheets are still available online at usps.com for $12 per sheet at the going rate of 60 cents per stamp.

“We would love for the community to buy the stamps, particularly those whose loved ones and friends are Nisei soldiers,” Osako said. “Once the stamps are gone, they are gone. The Postal Service does not reprint nor reissue commemorative stamps.”

In addition to the stamp sheets, the USPS is also selling a Go For Broke Limited Edition Collectible Set for $39.95, which includes a color booklet on the history of the Nisei soldiers. The booklet has rare photographs and a wartime map from late-Nisei veteran Lawson Sakai. A Go For Broke Soldiers Framed Stamp Art ($39.95) and collectible color envelope cachet with the stamp ($9.95) are also still being sold.

The USPS has not announced when it will cease selling the stamp and these items, so get them while you still can at the original price.

Anyone can buy the stamp, and legally resell them later, at their own price. They can also be resold as part of nonprofit fundraising.

“We encourage organizations to buy the stamp, use them and resell or auction them for fundraising, so the community benefits from the stamp. The late founders of our campaign worked tirelessly so we could have this opportunity to remember our Nisei veterans through the stamp.”

To continue to raise awareness of the Nisei soldiers’ legacy this year and beyond, even after the stamp ceases to be sold, Stamp Our Story is releasing a short documentary film. The 18-minute film, titled “Stamp Our Story: Honoring America’s Nisei Veterans,” is being submitted at various film festivals and will also have special screenings across the nation.

The Stamp Our Story Committee is also working with organizations and postmasters to hold special postal cancellations using the Go For Broke Stamp. Manzanar National Historic Site and the Poston Community Alliance both held such events, with hundreds of participants, to commemorate the story of the Nisei soldiers.

For more information about these programs and to read about the Stamp Our Story Committee’s other educational programs, visit www.StampOurStory.org.

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‘NEVER FORGOTTEN’
Veterans who served in the ‘Forgotten War’ are honored for their service as a Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace.

By Patti Hirahara, Contributed

In 1996, a group of former Japanese American Korean War veterans convened to create a national organization in Los Angeles that became known as the Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV).

The charter officers included Robert M. Wada, president; Minoru Tonai, vp; Norio Uyematsu, vp; Sam Shimoguchi, treasurer; and Victor Muraoka, secretary.

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PHOTO: COURTESY OF NORIO UYEMATSU, JAKWV CHARTER VP

The Hon. Consul General Youngwan Kim of the Los Angeles Korean Consulate addresses the capacity crowd at the 2022 Korean War Veterans Tribute & Speakers Forum at the Orange County Plaza Conference Center. Seated are the Korean War veteran Ambassador for Peace Medal recipients and family members who were receiving the award for a posthumous awardee.

The Hon. Consul General Youngwan Kim bestows the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal to Paul Sunao Tarumoto.

Norio Uyematsu (left) with the Hon. Consul General Youngwan Kim, who bestowed the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal to Uyematsu prior to his attendance at the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance dedication in Washington, D.C., last July. Uyematsu was the only Japanese American Korean War veteran in attendance at the national event.

PHOTOS: PATTI HIRAHARA

The Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medals

In this regard, we strive to ensure that the world understands between the Korean people and the Japanese American community,” Kim concluded. Kim bestowed the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal to surviving Korean War veterans Franklin Shigeo Hayakawa, Kenzo Mayeda, Harumi “Bacon” Sakatani, Robert Sueyoshi, Paul Sunao Tarumoto, George Joji Toya and Hiroaki Yamamoto.

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By Rob Buscher, JACL Philadelphia

On Jan. 31, the Berks County Residential Center, otherwise known as Berks Detention Center, finally closed its doors.

Pacific Citizen readers may remember the Berks Detention Center coverage from 2019-20 when JACL Philadelphia and Tsuru for Solidarity participated in a series of protests at the immigrant detention center, which is located about 65 miles northwest of Philadelphia. After years of community advocacy, the center had stopped detaining children in March 2021 amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, after sitting empty for nearly one year, in January 2022, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement began using the center to hold adult women. It should be noted that nearly all of these women, and the families detained at Berks before them, were legal asylum seekers.

Prior to its closure, families had reported verbal abuse, workers’ rights abuses, medical neglect and at least one case of sexual assault.

In its more recent iteration as an immigrant women’s prison, detainees were isolated by denying visitation rights, fed with poor-quality food that lacked nutritious value, given little time outdoors and the detainees themselves were forced to clean their own facility.

Thankfully, after more than eight years of community organizing, Berks has finally closed its doors.

Liliana Perez, a member of immigrant rights group Casa Pennsylvania and a former Berks detainee, shared her reaction to the news.

“This victory feels like a dream,” she said. “I feel happy, content and free. Closing Berks Detention Center is the best thing that could have happened. I spent more than one month in detention, and my sick daughter was never cared for or given the medicine she needed while I was in prison. This detention center created a lot of suffering, and I am overjoyed to see it finally close. The same freedom that I have (now) should be given to other immigrants in Pennsylvania and across the country.”

This victory was achieved through the dedicated organizing efforts of more than a dozen immigrant rights groups as part of the Shut Down Berks Coalition.

The coalition regularly organized site-based vigils, rallies at the state capitol in Harrisburg, protests at ICE regional headquarters in Philadelphia and countless other direct actions and letter writing campaigns.

It is impossible to estimate how many hours were devoted by the many diverse groups of activists who contributed to the efforts of the Shut Down Berks Coalition, but a victory party hosted last week in Reading, Penn. (located 7 miles from Berks), demonstrated the diversity of the individuals involved in this movement.

About 75 people were in attendance at the victory party, among whom were members of Pennsylvania Immigrant and Citizenship Coalition (PICC), Make the Road PA, Junts, Casa Pennsylvania, Free Migration Project, Council on American Islamic Relations Philadelphia, Berks Stands Up, Universalist Unitarian Church Reading, Tsuru for Solidarity, Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees, New York Day of Remembrance Committee and the JACL Philadelphia chapter.

The event was celebratory in nature, bringing together members of the coalition for a buffet-style meal, drinks and dancing. In the background played a slide show featuring photos taken throughout the eight-year campaign.

Sansei incarceration survivor and longtime member of the Shut Down Berks Coalition Hiro Nishikawa attended the event and shared some memories of his involvement in the campaign.

“I’ve lost count of how many times and which orgs led the vigils and rallies I joined in front of the Detention Center where undocumented aliens were housed. It was frustrating when we learned that the building facilities were owned by the surrounding municipality, which had a financial interest in ‘renting’ the facility for revenue income — regardless of the nature of incarceration.”

Nishikawa was first alerted to the Shut Down Berks movement through the immigrant rights advocacy work he was involved in, which called for comprehensive immigration reform. The last significant effort in Congress for immigration...
reform took place in 2013, when a bill that had passed the Democratic-controlled Senate failed to gain traction in the Republican majority House of Representatives. Given the lack of comprehensive legislative reform in the past decade, site fights like Berks have become more pronounced in the overall advocacy strategy for many immigrant rights groups.

A highlight of the event featured powerful remarks from Lorena, a young mother who was incarcerated with her son at the detention center for nearly two years.

In a heartfelt speech that she spoke in Spanish before being translated into English, Lorena said, “For me, it is a pleasure. The best news I have heard. Happy to know that there will never again be families in Berks Detention. No more depressed children locked up. “Freedom is the most valuable thing that can be had, thanks to the support from everyone,” she continued. “Families should not arrive to be confined, no matter where they are from. I am more than happy that it will be closed down.”

While the coalition members spent the evening basking in the warm glow of victory, many are now looking at the fight ahead as their organizations plan to continue advocating for comprehensive immigration reform and an end to the immigrant detention system.

Becca Asaki, from Tsuru for Solidarity and New York Day of Remembrance Committee, shared the following statement about what the closure of Berks means within the larger context of the immigrant rights movement.

“In the face of an escalation of criminalization, militarized targeting and continued cruel treatment of migrants across the country, it is more important than ever to celebrate wins like shutting down the Berk Family Detention Center,” she said. “This win demonstrates the power of communities coming together to demand an end to harmful detention sites that inflict trauma on children and families. Tsuru for Solidarity and the New York Day of Remembrance are proud of the role we played in bringing the moral authority of Japanese Americans into this fight and in building a multiracial coalition with directly impacted communities in this effort.”

Indeed, Japanese Americans in Pennsylvania and throughout the country must continue to stand against immigrant detention. Our community knows better than many, the lasting trauma that incarceration has wrought across generations.

Nishikawa was present at the very first Berks vigil organized by the Universalist Unitarian Church in 2015, so it was fitting for him to be present at a victory celebration he was not sure would ever come to pass. He shared his reactions to the closure.

“Given the public ownership of the Berks facility, many of us did not expect this ‘shut down’ outcome,” he said. “But we are happy to see it happen. The unexpected impact of attending the Shut Down Berks celebration was the joy of meeting folks from the past vigils under pleasant circumstances. However, recent events are presenting new situations involving refugees from armed conflicts, natural disasters, political upheavals and so forth. So, how will the busloads of refugees being shipped to U.S. cities be managed fairly and humanely?”

As Japanese Americans, it is a moral responsibility to contribute our historical perspective and lived experience to these movements, as Nishikawa has so eloquently modeled through his years of allyship to contemporary immigrant communities.

As JACL members, we must continue this work as we amplify the voices of the frontline communities who are currently being impacted by the institutional violence of mass incarceration.
By Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Veterans Day weekend 2022 indeed special and memorable with the dedication of a plaque in the Salt Lake City Japantown garden to honor Congressional Gold Medal Nisei veterans.

The plaque’s dedication could not have happened without Ret. Judge Raymond Uno’s thoughtful vision and kind generosity. Judge Uno donated a fund — in the name of his parents, Clarence Hachiro and Osako Teraoka Uno — to the Japanese American Historical Society, to the National Veterans Network and our community to come together to review of obituaries, books, articles and discussion with families of veterans present and former incarcerees. Planning is already underway for this year’s program.

It was so important to Judge Uno that these veterans’ names be visible — and forever remembered.

The CGM plaque is also dedicated to Mitsugi Murakami Kasai, who served in the U.S. military from 1946-73 and was an advocate for the rights of Japanese Americans and their place in history. The structure for the plaque was donated and constructed by SL County and SMG, which runs the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Also resting in this garden is the CGM Nisei soldier plaque, unveiled by Ret. Judge Raymond Uno (left) and Casey Kunimura, 442nd RCT.

The CGM Nisei soldier plaque at the Japanese garden in Salt Lake City’s Japantown.

The roll call of the camps is a Manzanar Pilgrimage tradition.

The 54th annual event and 2023 Manzanar at Dusk program are free and open to the public. For more information, call (323) 662-5102, or e-mail info@manzanarcommittee.org.
Days later, farmworker Chunli Zhao, 66, opened fire at two mushroom farms in Half Moon Bay, killing seven current and former co-workers, police said.

The White House scheduled its Lunar New Year celebration before the shootings.

Both communities “will be affected by what they saw and what they lost for the rest of their lives,” Biden said, referring to the trauma inflicted and the need for treatment. “And as a nation, we have to be there with them. We have to be there with them. We don’t have a choice.”

He led the gathering in a moment of silence to honor the victims.

Biden had ordered American flags on federal facilities lowered to half-staff through sunset Jan. 26 out of respect for the Monterey Park victims. He said that he has been in touch with California Gov. Gavin Newsom. He also sent VP Kamala Harris, a native of the state, to Monterey Park on Jan. 25 to offer condolences on behalf of the government.

“Thank you for taking such incredible action in the face of danger,” Biden told Tsay in a brief video of the conversation that the White House shared Jan. 26 on Twitter. “I don’t think you understand how much you’ve done for so many people who are never even going to know you.”

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He led the gathering in a moment of silence to honor the victims.

Biden had ordered American flags on federal facilities lowered to half-staff through sunset Jan. 26 out of respect for the Monterey Park victims. He said that he has been in touch with California Gov. Gavin Newsom. He also sent VP Kamala Harris, a native of the state, to Monterey Park on Jan. 25 to offer condolences on behalf of the government.

“Thank you for taking such incredible action in the face of danger,” Biden told Tsay in a brief video of the conversation that the White House shared Jan. 26 on Twitter. “I don’t think you understand how much you’ve done for so many people who are never even going to know you.”

Tsay replied that he was still processing what had happened. “For you to call, that’s just so comforting to me,” Tsay told the president.

Tsay was also among President Biden’s special guests during his annual State of the Union address on Feb. 7.

During his remarks, Biden said: “Joining us tonight is Brandon Tsay, a 26-year-old hero... Two weeks ago, during the Lunar New Year celebrations, he heard the studio’s front door close and saw a man pointing a gun at him. He thought he was going to die, but then he thought about the people inside. In that instant, he found the courage to act and wrestled the semi-automatic pistol away from the gunman who had already killed 11 people at another dance studio. He saved lives. It’s time we do the same as well. Ban assault weapons once and for all. We did it before.

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NATIONAL

Irei — A National Monument for the WWII Japanese American Incarceration — Launches Los Angeles, CA JANN 100 N. Central Ave.
The Ireichō contains the first comprehensive listing of more than 125,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly incarcerated during World War II. Visitors can now view the book and leave a special hanko (stamp/seal) for each person in the monument as a way to honor those incarcerated. The project’s online archive is now searchable alphabetically or by camp.
Info: Visit ireizo.com for more information and jann.org.

NCWNP

‘Reparative Justice: Together We Rise’ San Jose, CA Feb. 19; 6:30-7 p.m.
San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Annex 632 N. Fifth St.
Price: Free But Seating Limited
Presented by the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, this event commemorates the 81st anniversary of EO 9066 and will feature Valentin Lopez, chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; WWII incarceration survivors Sumi Tanabe and Susie Yasui, San Jose Taiko and a host of other speakers.
Info: Contact Betty Katsura at (805) 349-3839 or visit ireizo.com for information.

Bay Area Day of Remembrance 2023: ‘Carrying the Light for Justice’ SFO, CA Feb. 19; 2-4 p.m.
Christ United Presbyterian Church 1700 Sutter St.
Price: Free
The event commemorates the Day of Remembrance and Reparative Justice. From the late 19th century through the 21st century, the Bay Area has long been a hub for communities of color, whose history of struggle and resilience is deeply rooted in their journey toward justice.
Info: Visit www.njahs.org or call (415) 921-5007.

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San Jose, CA Premieres Feb. 25; 4-7 p.m.
San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Annex 640 N. Fifth St.
Price: Email for Ticket Link
KAMBARA+ is pleased to announce its premiere of ‘The Pink Dress.’ The show presents a range of photographs that tell the stories of the individuals who experienced the Japanese American internment during World War II. The book is a retelling of a true incident from camp experienced by a longtime member of the church, Moonza Kitashima. In the book, Tsuki, a young internee, wants to wear a beautiful pink dress to her junior high graduation, but the camp administration wants all students to wear green. Following the reading, there will be a Q & A session with author Leslie K. Gray, Kitashima’s daughter, led by Rev. Mark Nakagawa.
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PSW

2023 Los Angeles Day of Remembrance — ‘Uniting Our Voices: Making Democracy Work for All’ Los Angeles, CA Feb. 18; 2 p.m.
Price: Free but RSVP Required
This year’s program is dedicated to Jim Matsutake, a former internee who fought for Japanese American redress and reparations as well as other forms of social justice. It will also feature Monusha Kuroki in conversation with traci ishigo. Info: Visit jann.org for more details.

The Pink Dress’ Community Reading Los Angeles, CA Feb. 18; 3 p.m.
Centenary United Methodist Church 300 S. Central Ave.
Price: Suggested Donation $10
Centenary Church is holding this community reading of ‘The Pink Dress’ to commemorate the Japanese American internment during World War II. The book is a retelling of a true incident from camp experienced by a longtime member of the church, Moonza Kitashima. In the book, Tsuki, a young internee, wants to wear a beautiful pink dress to her junior high graduation, but the camp administration wants all students to wear green. Following the reading, there will be a Q & A session with author Leslie K. Gray, Kitashima’s daughter, led by Rev. Mark Nakagawa.
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Ventura County JACL Book Club Discussion Ventura, CA March 22; 7 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Event
Price: Free
Join the Ventura County JACL Book Club as it discusses “An American Son: The Story of George Aranita” with author Naomi Hirahara. This is a virtual event, please contact the club to receive Zoom meeting information.
Info: Contact Betty Katsura at (805) 218-2769 or email bettykatsura@gmail.com.

PNW

‘A Long Road to Travel: The Service of Japanese American Soldiers During World War II’ Portland, OR Feb. 18-19
Japanese American Museum of Oregon at Naito Center 411 N.W. Flanders St.
This exhibit focuses on the often-arduous journey taken by Nisei soldiers to serve their country, overcome prejudice at home and achieve recognition for their heroism. It also expands on the “What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home” exhibit and explores important stories and encourages thoughtful reflection, asking visitors to consider what they would have done in the same situation.
Info: Visit https://jamo.org/exhibits/a-long-road.

‘Resisters: A Legacy of Movement From the Japanese American Incarceration’ Seattle, WA Thu. Sept. 18
Price: Check Museum for Admission Prices
The exhibit explores connections between the experiences of Japanese American incarcerated in the 1940s and the complicated feelings of shame, anger, fear and solidarity of incarceration. The exhibit features an essay by the late Jeanne Matsuoka, a former incarcerated from Lordsburg, Santa Fe, and Fort Stanton during WWII. This multimedia performance is 50 minutes and will be followed by a post-play discussion with the performers.
Info: For more information, contact louisnikki@gmail.com.

PSW

Confinement in the Land of Enchantment Albuquerque, NM Feb. 26; 2-3:30 p.m.
International District Library 7601 Central Ave. N.E.
Price: Free
Albuquerque’s readers theater group, JACL Players, chronicles the lives of 4,555 men of Japanese ancestry who the U.S. government incarcerated as “enemy aliens” in Lordsburg, Santa Fe, and Fort Stanton during WWII. This multimedia performance is 50 minutes and will be followed by a post-play discussion with the performers.
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VCJAL Day of Remembrance St. Paul, MN Feb. 18; 3-5 p.m.
East Side Freedom Library 1105 Greenbrier St.
Price: Free
Join the Twin Cities JACL as it offers a multigenerational look at the legacy of WWII incarceration. This year’s event will feature best-selling author Bruce Henderson and his presentation “Bridge to the Sun,” about the thousands of Nisei who were trained as interpreters and interrogators in the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Minnesota. A discussion on the significance of the Japanese American incarceration experience today will follow the presentation featuring Henderson, moderator Yuichiro Onishi and panelists Sally Sudo, Saengmyung Kuk, Bill Kobayashi, and Ryan Sudo.
Info: Visit eastsidefreedomlibrary.org.

MDC

Twin Cities JACL Day of Remembrance St. Paul, MN Feb. 25; 3-5 p.m.
East Side Freedom Library 1105 Greenbrier St.
Price: Free
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NCWNP

For In-Person Attendance.

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Hyde Park, NY Feb. 19; 2: p.m. and Streaming Online
Price: Free But Registration Required

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MEMORIAM

Higaki, Katsuko, 98, Twinsburg, OH, July 23, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Shigego Higaki; she is survived by her 3 children; sister, Mary Yoeko Loc; sisters-in-law, Jane Komeiji, Chizu Segawa, Azako Nakamura and Katsuko Higaki; gc: 7; ggc: 5.

Iba, June, 91, Laguna Hills, CA, Aug. 26, 2022; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; B.A., CSULB; she was active in Girl Scouts, PTA; she was predeceased by her daughter, Elaine; she is survived by her children, Nadine (Jaime Rahman), Diane Ohnemus (Steve Barker), Lynn (Derek Johnson) and Wayne (Patty); she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 10; ggc: 4.

Ishino, Fumiko, 92, Gardena, CA, July 14, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Nobuyoshi; she is survived by her sons, Glenn (Arlene Ishino), Bryan (Lynette) Ishino and Tracy (Caroline) Ishino; she is also survived by many nephews and nieces; gc: 7; ggc: 5.

Kubota, Marcelle, 90, Bellingham, WA, June 10, 2022; she is survived by her children, James (Linda Kubota), Christine (Michael Pietro Kubota), Marc (Sheri White) Kubota and Michele Kubota; sisters-in-law, Irene Neves and Jean Cassill; she is also survived by nephews and nieces; gc: 5.

Minami, Norio, 81, Santa Ana, CA, Nov. 5, 2022; he is survived by his wife, Eileen Tanaka-Minami; daughters, Brenda and Amy Ferrell; step-daughters, Vicki Okamoto (Allen) and Debbie Ogasawara-Gaasterland (Larry); siblings, Yoshiko Fujihara, Eddie Tamiyasu and Lynn Tamiyasu-Lee; gc: 2; ggc: 2.

Nagasawa, Hitoko, 99, Sacramento, CA, Aug. 10, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Fujio, son, Rick and 2 siblings; she is survived by her son, Gary (Judie Lew), daughter-in-law, Deb Nagasawa; brother, Joe Koyama; gc: 3; ggc: 5.

Nishikawa, Eleanor, 102, San Jose, CA, she was predeceased by her husband, Shigego; she is survived by her children, Gary (Marsha), Karen (Bill) and Randy (Dianne); siblings, Kyoko Wakatsuki (Charlotte) and Jeanne Wakatsuki-Houston; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 5; ggc: 4.

Nomura, Fred, 84, Portland, OR, May 12, 2022; he was predeceased by his wife, Judy; children, Kim and Curtis (Melissa); brothers, Ted, Harvey (Julie), Tim (Jocelyn) and Benson (Eileen); sister-in-law, Kayo Knak (Ray); brother-in-law, Michael Ozawa (Kathy); gc: 1.

Ogasawara, Pauline, 97, Palo Alto, CA, June 29, 2022; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Manidoka WRA Center in ID and the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; activities: Palo Alto Buddhist Temple; she was predeceased by her husband, Stome, and siblings, Masao (Mutt) Tamiyasu, Mikio Tamiyasu and Jinx (Susie) Fujii; she is survived by her daughters, Vicki Okamoto (Allen) and Debbie Ogasawara-Gaasterland (Larry); siblings, Yoshiko Fujihara, Eddie Tamiyasu and Lynn Tamiyasu-Lee; gc: 2; ggc: 2.

Sakazaki, Shoya, 95, Clarksburg, CA, Aug. 19, 2022; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; he was predeceased by his sisters, Yukimi Sakazaki Tetsuo Sue (Noburu) Hamasaki; he is survived by her wife, Ikuko; son, Kenneth (Jennifer); sister, Hideko Heidi Sakazaki; he is also survived by a nephew, 2 nieces and several grandnieces and grandnephews; gc: 5; ggc: 1.

Sato, Mitsuo ‘Buster,’ 95, Houston, TX, July 7, 2022; he was predeceased by his sisters, Kayoko Sato Shinbo and Shizue Sato Vied.

Shinoda, Judy, 61, Tustin, CA; she was predeceased by her husband, Douglas; she is survived by her children, Blake Shinoda and Blair Shinoda (Kristopher) Atzeff; parents, Keith and Anita Shaf; siblings, Jill Sanford, Kathy Lyttice and Royce Shaf; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; gc: 1.

Sugano, Dean Keisuke, 91, Culver City, CA, June 10; he was predeceased by his wife, May; he is survived by his children, Alan Dean (Suzanne) Sugano, Amy Mana Ota (John Matsubayashi); sister, Margaret Kami; gc: 4.

Takahata, Teruko ‘Terrie,’ 90, Akron, OH, Nov. 11, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Tsutomu, and siblings, Grace Yamahiro, Tsuru Fujimura and James Hosaka; she is survived by her children, Susan Spannbauer (Ray), Linda Takahata-Keller (Charles), Dean (Mary) and Naomi Kittel (Mark); sister, Nancy Tanaka; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews; gc: 8; ggc: 4.

Tanaka, Norio, 81, Gardena, CA, Aug. 19, 2022; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Tule Lake WRA Center in CA; activities: Palo Alto Buddhist Temple; she was predeceased by her husband, Stome, and siblings, Masao (Mutt) Tamiyasu, Mikio Tamiyasu and Jinx (Susie) Fujii; she is survived by her daughters, Vicki Okamoto (Allen) and Debbie Ogasawara-Gaasterland (Larry); siblings, Yoshiko Fujihara, Eddie Tamiyasu and Lynn Tamiyasu-Lee; gc: 2; ggc: 2.

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Tamaiyasu, Susie, 97, Portland, OR, Aug. 7, 2022; she was predeceased by her first husband, Masao Tamiyasu, and her second husband, Tommy Wong; she is survived by her son, Larry (Libby Layton); siblings, Betty Nakamura and Kyoshi Kaneshige; gc: 2.

Torikawa, Jean Ryoko Shoji, 89, Honolulu, HI, Oct. 23, 2022; she is survived by her sons, Glenn K. and Wayne T.; siblings, Fay Sekiya, Claire Ann Treat and James Shoji; gc: 1.

Toyooka, Frances Tsuruko, 101, Portland, OR, Oct. 4, 2022; she was predeceased by her husband, Jim; she is survived by her children, Janet Thibaut, Ron Toyooka (Elena) and Dan Toyooka (Karen); gc: 11.

Ueda, Walter, 85, San Jose, CA, July 21, 2022; during WWII, his family and he were incarcerated at the Heart Mountain WRA Center in WY; veteran (Army); he is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Jennifer and Mark; sister, Amy; gc: 5; ggc: 5.

Watane, Scott, 64, San Jose, CA, June 12, 2022; he is survived by his sister, Lori (Henry) Louie; he is also survived by a nephew, a niece and two grandnieces.

Watane, Yukio, 88, Whittier, CA, Sept. 9, 2022; he was predeceased by his wife, Aloe; he is survived by his older brother, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces and other family members.

Yamaguchi, Donald Mitsu, 91, Rolling Hills, CA, July 27, 2022; B.A., Univ. of Hawaii; B.S., University of N.D.; M.D., Harvard Medical School; he is survived by his wife, Dr. Mitsu Yamaguchi; children, Donald Paul Yamaguchi, Kathrynn Yamaguchi Tome and Amy Yamaguchi.

Yoshimine, Eunice Miwako, 94, Yorba Linda, CA, Sept. 19, 2022; during WWII, her family and she were incarcerated at the Poston WRA Center in AZ; she is survived by her husband, Rev. Carl Yoshimine; sons, Jon, Jeffrey (Susan) and Jordan; gc: 3; ggc: 4.
AARP IS HELPING A TINY BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN HAWAI‘I

By Craig Gima, Guest Columnist and AARP Communication Director

Like many of the plantation-era Japanese Buddhist temples in Hawai‘i, the Guzeiji Soto Mission of Molokai (pictured above) has struggled to find relevance and purpose as membership died off and the children of members moved away and assimilated into other religions. The temple’s membership of more than 100 in the 1960s has dwindled to less than 20 mostly older parishioners today.

“The mission of our church is to help the community. Whatever the community needs, the church tries to help in some way,” said Lisa Takata, president of the Molokai Soto Mission.

When it was founded more than a century ago, during the height of Japanese immigration to Hawai‘i, the temple provided a sense of community and a gathering place for the Japanese men who worked the pineapple fields and later for their families, according to Takata.

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit, a minister who flew in from Oahu to hold services couldn’t come.

The annual Obon dance, the temple’s biggest event, which attracted people of all races and religions, was canceled, and the temple sat mostly idle.

But things are happening again at the Soto Mission, thanks in part to a $11,500 AARP Livable Communities 2022 Community Challenge Grant. The grant paid for a Wi-Fi hotspot at the mission, which is used to host tech classes for kupuna (elders). Other grants, awarded with the help of the Krause Family Foundation ‘Alana Ke Aloha, helped pay for tables, benches and the beautification of public spaces at the mission.

Molokai, the second smallest of the major populated Hawaiian islands, is a rural community with a population of a little more than 7,000 residents. Cell coverage and internet access is spotty.

Even with the new hotspot, some of the older residents and parishioners still had difficulty getting online because they didn’t know how to use their phones, tablets and other devices. That’s where the tech classes at the mission come in.

The classes are intergenerational — students from Molokai High School answer questions from kupuna about how to use their devices.

“As kupuna, we are often filled with fear about trying new things on our equipment for fear of the ‘unknown,’” said Mary Kalilikane, one of the kupuna in the class, in an email. “What if we get into something we don’t want or the dark web or do something that will make our phone inoperable?”

Some kupuna learned how to Facetime so they could keep in touch with family who’ve moved away.

“It’s different when you are just talking to someone on the phone and now you can see them. They’re showing them grandbabies,” Takata said. “When they can Facetime family, I think that’s a big thing. They (their children) are like, ‘Wow mom, you’re Facetimeing, what’s going on?’”

“Hopefully, the church can be a community space where people can come. The hotspot is already there, and people can learn all kinds of things,” Takata said. “We want to serve the community in whatever way we can.”

Craig Gima is the communications director for AARP Hawai‘i.

2023 AARP Community Challenge Grants

WHAT IS IT? The AARP Livable Communities Initiative is giving grants to fund quick-action projects that help communities become great places to live for people of all ages. The grants range in size from several hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars for larger projects. AARP is looking for projects that improve public places; transportation; housing; diversity, equity and inclusion; digital connections; community resilience; civic engagement; and community health and economic empowerment.

WHO CAN GET GRANTS? Nonprofits and government entities with great ideas for fast-tracked projects can apply. A key element of the grants is that projects must be completed by Nov. 30.

WHAT’S NEW THIS YEAR? We are offering $2,500 Capacity-Building Microgrants for projects that support walkability and community gardens. The grants come with webinars, one-on-one coaching and other learning opportunities for recipients. Also new are Demonstration Grants for projects that encourage replication of promising local efforts that build capacity for transportation system changes and accessory dwelling unit design competitions.

HOW DOES MY ORGANIZATION APPLY? Visit aarp.org/communitychallenge to learn more and apply.

2023 TOUR SCHEDULE

JAPAN SPRING COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) . . . . . . . . . Mar 28-Apr 7 Tokyo, Sado Island, Kanazawa, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Matsue, Tamatsukuri Onsen, Hiroshima.

JAPAN HOLIDAY CRUISE (Carol Hida) SOLDOUT . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Apr 7-24 Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Yamanashi, Shizuoka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Kyoto.

MT RUSHMORE-YELLOWSTONE HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . . Jun 7-15 Rapid City, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Sheridan, Devil’s Tower National Monument, Cody, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson, Grand Tetons National Park, Salt Lake City.


HOKKAIDO SUMMER HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug 6-11 Tokyo, Sado Island, Kanazawa, Amanohashidate, Tottori, Chitose, Furano, Asahikawa, Wakkanai, Rishiri Island, Sapporo, Chofu, Narita, Mito, Iwaki Hawaiian Show, Yamagata, Sakata/Shonai, Akita, Morioka.

COASTAL NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sep 25-29 Plymouth, Plymouth Rock, Harbor Cruise, Mayflower Ship, Provincetown, Lobster Dinner, Cape Cod, Hyannis Port, Martha’s Vineyard, Newport.

EASTERN CANADIAN CAPITALS HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . . . . . Sep 6-14 Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara Falls.

CHICAGO HIGHLIGHTS HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sep 25-29 Kansas City, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Sheridan, Devil’s Tower National Monument, Cody, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson, Grand Tetons National Park, Salt Lake City.

KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI HOLIDAY TOUR (Carol Hida) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Oct 7-20 Nairobi, Amboseli-Nakuru Lake-Masai Mara National Parks, Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Sweetwaters Camp, Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

JAPAN AUTUMN COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAY TOUR (Ernest Hida) . . . . Oct 22-Nov 3 Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Yamanashi, Shizuoka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Kyoto.

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