

September 12, 2018 See This Weekend

MISSION STATEMENT: Promote full utilization of the capabilities of the Enterprise's employees and champion the betterment of the company and community. Promote interest in Asian Pacific issues and culture and act as a bridge to all groups within our community. (substitute in your Enterprise and company, etc...)

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Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000-2017 are available at <http://www.ikemi.info/APPA/> newsletters. if you want to look up some past event. This newsletter was originally published under the auspices of the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (no longer extant). It currently has no affiliation and is available to anyone who is interested in downloading it.

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Long range calendar items:

Los Angeles Public Library: <http://www.lapl.org>

Japanese American National Museum events:

Friday, September 14, 2018

7:30 PM

Partnerships & Collaborations

ZOCALO—Can U.S. Democracy Survive Russian Information Warfare?

A Zócalo/Japanese American National Museum Event at JANM's National Center for the Preservation of Democracy

Moderated by Warren Olney, Host, KCRW's "To the Point"

In the Tateuchi Democracy Forum

RSVP

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Opening Day: *Kaiju vs Heroes: Mark Nagata's Journey through the World of Japanese Toys*

*Kaiju* translates to "strange creature" in English but has come to mean "giant monster" referring to the creatures like Godzilla and Mothra that inhabited the postwar movie and television screens of Japan. The advent of these monsters brought about the creation of characters to combat them—hence the emergence of pop-culture heroes like Ultraman and Kamen Rider.

Immerse yourself in a colorful universe of vintage and contemporary *kaiju* and hero toys from Mark Nagata, a toy designer and fervent toy collector.

In conjunction with the exhibition [Kaiju vs Heroes: Mark Nagata's Journey through the World of Japanese Toys](#)

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The conversation will be moderated by Brad Warner, who worked for 15 years at Tsuburaya Productions, the makers of the *Ultraman* television shows. Warner is now an author and teacher of Zen Buddhism.

Following the discussion, Mark Nagata will sign copies of *Toy Karma*, an accompanying book by and about Nagata, as well as a 13" x 19" print (10" x 17" image size) featuring a *kaiju* and hero image by toy photographer Brian McCarty, who will also be signing the print. The book is \$24.95 and the print is \$50. Both can be purchased the day of the event.

Included with museum admission. RSVPs are recommended

Sept 24 Farm Walk for Childhood Cancer

9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Tanaka Farms supports the Farm Walk for Childhood Cancer sponsored by OCO, JAO, and SOC. This is a one-mile walk around Tanaka Farms with 10 fruit/vegetable sampling stations along the route. These stations will be staffed by various childhood cancer organizations. They will pass out produce samples, provide information about the cancer fighting benefits of the produce item and promote the mission of their organization.

You are invited to support this fundraiser. Please visit

[www.farmwalkforchildhoodcancer.org](http://www.farmwalkforchildhoodcancer.org) for information and tickets.

Sept. 22, Asian Cultural Festival!

Saturday, 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

West Los Angeles United Methodist Church

1913 Purdue Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025

310-479-1379

<http://wlaumc.com/get-involved/festival2018/>

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1:00 PM

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From Japan to Mexico: A Nikkei Story from Veracruz

Julio Mizzumi Guerrero Kojima and Belen Torres Morales are descendants of immigrants who left Japan to work in the sugar plantations in Veracruz, Mexico, in the early 1900s. They are musicians with expertise in the Fandango, a tradition specific to Veracruz that is rooted in community convening and participation. They also are part of

an environmental/community gardening project in Veracruz called Jardin Kojima. They will share their expertise in Fandango as well as talk about their environmental project. Included with museum admission. RSVPs are recommended

Japanese American National Museum

100 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles California 90012

phone: (213) 625-0414

<http://www.janm.org/events/>

Sept 29 The Art of Shamisen – The Three-Stringed Lute  
2PM

Nihon Buyo Kai of California

<http://nihonbuyokai.org/upcoming-events>

James Armstrong Theatre in Torrance

3330 Civic Center Dr., near Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue. Tickets are \$25 to \$40 and are available on the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation website, [torrancearts.org/shows](http://torrancearts.org/shows). There is ample free parking

[nihonbuyokai@gmail.com](mailto:nihonbuyokai@gmail.com)

<http://www.rafu.com/2018/09/the-art-of-shamisen-coming-to-armstrong-theatre/>

Sept 29 Yatai Festival

3-9PM

Yatai Festival - Japanese Food (Beer Garden) Live Entertainment & Japanese/Japanese American culture.

Bringing the community together for a cultural experience, Japan Alliance is proud to co-host the 2017 Yatai Festival alongside the City of Los Angeles! We are shutting down the streets to bring you Japanese food (with a beer garden), live entertainment, and Japanese/Japanese American culture. Make sure to like and tune into our Facebook page to see the list of vendors who will participate. See you there!

Location 1581 W 186th St, Gardena, CA 90248-3951

(Between 196th Street between Harvard & Denker)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/139291289987746/>

Yamashiro's Night Market

Join us every Thursday from 5-9pm to experience our Night Market!

Hollywood locals come together throughout the summer to shop, dine and enjoy our view at our Mountain Palace.

PARKING

FREE SHUTTLE:

Market goers can catch the FREE shuttle service at Mosaic Church located at 7107 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood CA 90068. The shuttle runs every 15 minutes starting at 5:00 PM and ending at 9:30 PM.

PARKING:

\$10 per car to park in lot with a FREE Shuttle to Farmers Market

<https://yamashirohollywood.com/nightmarket>

Oct 6-7 Autumn Moon Festival  
Sat 11-6  
Sun 11-5  
7850 Hill Drive  
Rosemead, CA 91770  
[http://gedatsu-usa.org/festivals\\_and\\_events](http://gedatsu-usa.org/festivals_and_events)

Oct 6-7 Fandango  
JACCC, 1-4:30

Don't Believe the Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop  
Opens May 18, 2018, Ends Nov 4  
***Don't Believe the Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop*** looks at hip hop in the greater Los Angeles region as a site of resistance, refuge, and reinvention for today's Asian American communities.  
<http://camla.org/upcoming-exhibits/>



**April 28–October 21, 2018 | 2018年4月28日～10月21日**

Little Tokyo transforms into an outdoor art exhibition with 11 artworks displayed on windows across our historic, 134-year-old Japanese American neighborhood.  
<http://sustainablelittletokyo.org/pages/windows>

October 2018 Chinatown Los Angeles Mid-Autumn Moon Festival 2018

STUDIO GHIBLI FEST  
My Neighbor Totoro September 30, October 1, 3  
Spirited Away October 28, 29, 30  
Castle in the Sky November 18, 19, 20  
7PM, check your local theaters

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This weekend (give or take a little)

Sept 16 Redbeard screening  
5pm – 8pm  
Faith United Methodist Church  
Japanese Movie Night  
2115 West 182nd Street, Torrance, CA 90504  
310.217.7000  
[communications@faithsouthbay.org](mailto:communications@faithsouthbay.org)  
<http://www.faithsouthbay.org/events-calendar/>

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American intelligence services have unanimously concluded that the Russian government intervened in the 2016 US elections, and seeks to meddle again this fall.

One of Russia's methods was to use social media to distribute disinformation.

What's the big-picture strategy behind this style of attack, and how badly is it damaging our society and politics? Does disinformation have lasting effects on how voters engage with democracy? What vulnerabilities in American society did Russia exploit in its disinformation campaign? And how can the U.S. best fight back?

Former FBI counterintelligence special agent and Yale senior lecturer **Asha Rangappa**, film producer and Russian Media Monitor founder **Julia Davis**, and Virginia Commonwealth University behavioral scientist and media researcher **Caroline Orr** visit Zócalo to discuss the power and peril of weaponizing information.

Reservations

<http://www.janm.org/events/>

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Where I went the past week:

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Resources: LACMA calendar: <http://www.lacma.org/events/Calendar.aspx>

UCLA Asia Institute calendar: <http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/events/index.asp?action=monthview>

Japanese American National Museum <http://www.janm.org/events/>

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Historic Trails, Modern Tales

New sites were added to our historic trails. Visit [trails.camla.org](http://trails.camla.org) for a self-guided tour of Chinatown. Use your mobile device along the path and explore the histories of the community.

Korean Cultural Center <http://www.kccla.org/>

Japanese American Community Cultural Center <http://jaccc.org/>

Pacifica Asian Museum <http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm>

Cultural News <http://www.culturalnews.com/>

Los Angeles Public Library <http://www.lapl.org/events/>

Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum [http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum\\_nikkei.php](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei.php)

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Articles from the LA Times:

Landmark Violence Against Women Act may expire while Congress tends to other business

By SARAH D. WIRE

SEP 13, 2018 | 12:35 PM

| WASHINGTON

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-violence-against-women-expire-20180913-story.html>

Is speech critical of Israel anti-Semitic? In a case that could redefine campus politics, Trump administration weighs in

By JAWEED KALEEM and TERESA WATANABE

SEP 13, 2018 | 3:00 AM

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-jewish-ethnicity-rutgers-20180913-story.html>

Betsy DeVos loses student loan lawsuit brought by 19 states

By BLOOMBERG

SEP 13, 2018 | 9:50 AM

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-student-loan-borrower-defense-20180913-story.html>

San Francisco to remove statue some call racist

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEP 13, 2018 | 12:55 PM

| SAN FRANCISCO

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-statue-removed-20180913-story.html>

Review: This multicultural 'Sense and Sensibility' re-imagines Jane Austen's portrait of the foolish but redeemable heart

By MARGARET GRAY

SEP 13, 2018 | 12:10 PM

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/theater/reviews/la-et-cm-sense-sensibility-south-coast-reperatory-20180913-story.html>

Naomi Osaka says she forced herself not to watch during Serena Williams' U.S. Open meltdown

By CHUCK SCHILKEN

SEP 13, 2018 | 9:10 AM

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/la-sp-naomi-osaka-serena-20180913-story.html>

Betty Yee deserves another term as California's controller

By THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

SEP 13, 2018 | 4:10 AM

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-endorsement-yee-controller-20180913-story.html>