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Nisenan the sturdy and Unyielding American aboriginal People

BY BENJAMIN ABAYA

Long before the coming of foreign intruders on the shores of the great State of California, the land of mountainous, hilly, and vast plains was originally called in Spanish Calit Fornay and in Latin Calida formax simply meant "hot furnace" because of the hot weather during summer period of the year. No wonder, authorities on the matter assumed that an old map backed in the 16th century referred to the land in two words Cali Fornia.



Nisenan People: The California Tribe the Government tried to erase in the 60s.

Eventually, Spain began coastal exploration in search for an ideal place to anchor their ships for possible settlement in the name of the Spanish monarchy and for many years they ruled the land until the Spanish monarchy was abolished. The adjacent country Mexico took over but encountered strong resistance not only from Indigenous tribes but also from the United States. As a result of these conflicts, the War between the United States and Mexico

broke out and it lasted for two years (1846-1848) with the defeat of Mexico. A military authority was established until 1850 when California was admitted as the 30th State of the Union during the administration of President Millard Fillmore.

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Fil-Am History Month Celebrated by FCSV



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The Filipino Community of Sacramento & Vicinity at the Jose Rizal Community Center.

BY DALE ESPERANTE

"It takes a village to raise a child" came to mind on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at the Jose Rizal Community Center event organized by the Filipino Community of Sacramento & Vicinity, Inc., FCSV for short. We can adopt the proverb to describe the growth of the Filipino Community in Sacramento. Individuals and various organizations represent the "village", and the "child" is the community. This year, the grown child honored its village elders. The honorees included four indi-

viduals, two family/youth focused groups, and four cultural focused groups.

PART I of the Program: The Filipino American Veterans Association ceremoniously posted the Flags for the National Anthem. After the flag ceremony, Father Joyle Martinez, Pastor of St. Paul Parish, delivered the opening prayer for the evening's program.

Delicious dinner prepared by Chef Roselie Crandall was served by smiling community volunteers at the buffet line.

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The Kapitbahay Dance Group

Filipino-(Native) American History Month (Part 2)

BY DR. ROBYN MAGALIT RODRIGUEZ

This month, I pick up where I left off last month:

The Philippine American war, like all colonial wars including the "Indian Wars," was brutal on the Filipino people. Survivors of the war were without shelter, food, and water as these were destroyed by the American's colonizing military. Given these kinds of conditions, it's not surprising that Filipinos would be forced to take on employment in the United States. On the other side of the world, the growing U.S. economy—having achieved continental "manifest destiny" and stretching from Atlantic to the Pacific--required agricultural



Philippine American war

laborers. Though agricultural employers had relied on low-wage workers from China and Japan, U.S. workers (including the labor movement) and other forces, feeling threatened, waged anti-Asian campaigns, often-violent ones, to stop their entry.

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Magkaisa Event Celebrates Filipino American History Month

BY JAIME MIGUEL D. SALES

Magkaisa, which means "to unite" in Tagalog, is an annual 2-day event in the Elk Grove, Sacramento, and the surrounding areas. This event takes place during Filipino American History Month (FAHM) and aims to celebrate the intersectional identities, rich histories, and diverse contributions of Filipino/a/x people. As a community-created and led initiative, this third year of Magkaisa was significantly vibrant and bigger than ever.

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Photos by Dave San Pedro

The two day celebration, organized by Sacramento Filipinx LGBTQIA+, the city of Elk Grove, the Philippine National Day Association and several other community partners.



BY DR. ROBYN MAGALIT RODRIGUEZ

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With two major sources of labor no longer available, labor recruiters soon looked to the Philippines. As a colony of the United States, the Philippines became a convenient source of labor since Filipinos, considered “nationals” of the United States, were exempt from immigration restrictions. Labor recruiters actively sought laborers, especially young men, from the Philippines. Indeed, in the decades following the Philippine-American war, the colonial education system would indoctrinate Filipinos into thinking that their colonizers were their saviors and that the United States was a land of opportunity. By the 1930s, more than a hundred thousand Filipinos arrive in this country. However, Filipinos, like the Chinese and Japanese before them, were seen as a threat to U.S. workers. They were also seen, like the Chinese and Japanese before them, as a cultural menace. Indeed, Filipinos were the target of terrible acts of vigilante violence like in Watsonville, California which left 22-year-old Fermin Tobera dead.

Native peoples offered refuge and home for Filipinos during this earlier moment of Anti-Asian hate. Among the anti-Asian policies that were enacted against Filipinos

were anti-miscegenation laws, which basically made it illegal for Filipinos (and other men of color) to marry whites. Due to the nature of their migration, Filipinos were not able to come with their families and lived in largely all male, so-called bachelor societies. Where it was illegal to marry whites, some Filipino men would intermarry with Native American women. In fact, sometimes Native American reservations became a sanctuary for Filipino men from various forms of anti-Asian legislation like the Alien Land Laws which also prohibited them from owning land. This was true, for instance, at the Yakima Reservation in

Washington state. However, in clever arrangements that sought to undermine the various restrictions they faced, they were sometimes able to secure land alongside their Native American wives; thus building relationships with Native peoples would offer Filipinos a far more hospitable community than the one that white mainstream culture offered.

Despite this fact, white settler colonial thinking would continue to mark Filipinos relationships with Native Americans, even in interracial families. In Bainbridge Island, also in Washington State, the children of these unions, who often referred to themselves as “Indipinos,” described painful experiences of the ways that they were actually denied any full knowledge of their Native American cultures or were discriminated against for being half Native American by Fili-

pinos. According to Gina Corpuz, who directed a film about the history of families like hers ““We were raised as Filipinos,” says Corpuz. “We weren’t even made aware that we were tribal people until we were adults. We were not allowed to celebrate our native culture.” Additionally, in describing the goal of her film, she states that it, “is first and foremost to pay tribute to our Aboriginal mothers whose story has never been told and to honor them for working beside our fathers in the fields and facing a lot of racism and discrimination within our own community and from the White community.”

All across California, there are numerous Native American activists, like Morning Star Gali who also have Filipino lineage. There is for example, Theresa Harlan, who is Coast Miwok traces lineage to a great grandfather who is Filipino, Domingo Felix who married Euphrasia Felix. Theresa’s great grandparents fled the Mission Dolores in the 1860s. While I am unable to fully confirm her great grandfather’s story, it is

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Morning Star Gali, an Indipino, a Tribal Water Organizer for Save California Salmon and member of the Ajumawi Band of the Pit River Tribe.



Caressa Nguyen, Filipino Vietnamese and Sierra Miwok, the founder of Sacred Lands in Native Hands.

likely that any Filipinos present in what is now California before the mass emigration of Filipinos to this state during the colonial period nearly 60 years later was still connected to the Spanish galleon trade – the same trade that brought Filipinos to this area in 1587. In fact, it may well have been that Felix can trace his roots specifically to the Together, Theresa’s great grandparents escaped the life of the mission – as in the Philippines, Spanish missions were where Native peoples were forced to give up their beliefs and necessarily their connection to the land. The couple defied mission life to return

year-plus dairy razing history more valuable than a Coast Miwok history of 10,000 years. “

There is also, Caressa Nguyen, who is Filipino, Vietnamese and Sierra Miwok, the founder of Sacred Lands in Native Hands. The group, which was founded in 2017, has the mission of restoring ancestral homelands to the hands of Indigenous people for traditional stewardship, protection, and perpetuation of a regenerative future; it believes that the restoration of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge (IEK) is a solution to the global climate crisis.

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Anti-Filipino Riot in Watsonville, California



Editor's Note

I have to admit, I find myself realigning my focus, in writing this short note for this November issue of Philippine Fiesta News. I feel sidetracked by an ongoing conflict within members of an organization in our Filipino community in Sacramento. These things came through mind: unite, connect, relate, transform, and deliver- yet, I’m having a difficult time elaborating on each one of them. I guess, they are my wishes to ease things out. They will be work in progress, as I assume a new role (win or lose) in the said organization on its upcoming election of officers and board members.

Grateful for another month of this publication in our community. Thankful to our contributing writers in their continued submission of interesting topics of articles to share with our readers in the community. I continue to learn, as I read through them, as there’s so much history about our existence.

Congratulations to the organizers of MagKaisa, FCSV, FAHNS, and other organization in our community for their monthlong celebration in October of Filipino American History Month.

Don’t forget to vote on November 26, 2023 for the Filipino Community of Sacramento and Vicinity’s Election of New Officers for years 2024-2026.

May each one of us find peace in our heart and find joy to celebrate the holiday seasons with our friends and families.

With love always,
Dinnah S. San Pedro

US airs concerns to China about ‘dangerous and unlawful’ South China Sea actions

Reuters

WASHINGTON – The United States and China held “candid” talks on maritime issues on Friday, including on the contested South China Sea, and the U.S. side underscored its concerns about “dangerous and unlawful” Chinese actions there, the U.S. State Department said.

The talks took place in Beijing between the department’s China Coordinator Mark Lambert and China’s Director-General for Boundary and Ocean Affairs Hong Liang, the State Department said in a statement.

The meeting follows recent high-level diplomacy ahead of an expected meeting between U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the mid-November APEC summit in San Francisco.

The U.S. statement said the talks were part of “efforts to maintain open lines of communication and responsibly manage the U.S.-China relationship” and that the U.S. side

reiterated the need to resume military-military channels, “to avoid miscommunication and miscalculation.”

It described the talks as “substantive, constructive, and candid” and said they covered a range of maritime issues, including the South China Sea and East China Sea, which are contested by China and other nations.

“The United States underscored concerns with the PRC’s dangerous and unlawful actions in the South China Sea,” it said, referring to the People’s Republic of China.

Such actions included China’s obstruction of an Oct. 22 Philippine resupply mission at Second Thomas Shoal and its “unsafe” intercept of a U.S. aircraft on Oct. 24, the statement said.



A Philippine supply boat sails near a Chinese Coast Guard ship during a resupply mission for Filipino troops stationed at a grounded warship in the South China Sea, October 4, 2023. (REUTERS/Adrian Portugal/File Photo)

China said on Monday after a visit by Foreign Minister Wang Yi to Washington that the U.S. and China would hold “consultations on arms control and non-proliferation” in the coming days, as well as separate talks on maritime affairs and

other issues.

A State Department spokesperson said the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Arms Control Mallory Stewart would host Sun Xiaobo, head of the arms-control department at China’s Foreign Ministry, at the State

Department next week.

“We have continually called on the PRC to substantively engage on arms control issues and reducing strategic risk,” the spokesperson said, a reference to U.S. concerns about China’s nuclear weapons build-up and frustration that Beijing has shown little interest in discussing this.

A flurry of diplomatic engagements in recent months, largely at Washington’s request, has sought to salvage what were rapidly deteriorating ties between the two countries following the U.S. downing in February of a suspected Chinese spy balloon.

While Biden and Xi are expected to meet this month, China has yet to confirm this and a senior Biden administration official said on Tuesday important details have yet to be hammered out.

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What is inspiring is the ways that the decedents of Filipino men and Native American women have resisted the pull of white settler, and white supremacist thinking to inhabit their multiracial identities and have committed themselves to fighting for Native American sovereignty, Native American culture, and just as importantly, they are fighting for the preservation of the land – not simply for the purpose of claiming dominion over it, which is a white settler logic—but fighting for the land as a sacred life-giving force, fighting for the Earth as our Mother.

One of the features of white settler colonialism is not just the ways in characterizes people as sub-human, non-human, to be gotten rid of; it is the way too that it characterizes land and all the life that abounds on it. For white settler colonials, the land is to be dominated, to be taken from, to be owned.

Lifting up these kinds of stories, drawing connections between Filipino Americans and

Native Americans, and examining these intertwined histories with a critical eye, is significant for multiple reasons. I think that we need to be careful of the “Filipino first” framework that often accompanies commemorations of Morro Bay because it participates in the white settler colonial logics that have been used to not only dispossess and kill native people of this land, but even our ancestral homeland. Moreover, we must recognize how in that historical moment, we were complicit in white settler colonialism, whether we had the freedom to choose to do so or not. I think it’s important for us to begin to pay greater attention to the ways that we share similar colonial experiences to Native American people because in doing so we’re able to better understand how colonial structures of power, domination, and oppression work, and so we can better ally ourselves with indigenous peoples of this land. Part of that allyship is to recognize the debt of gratitude, or utang ng loob that we have to native peoples who have been the stewards of this land

for thousands and thousands of years.

What we enjoy, including the ability to have jobs, homes, or to recreate on this land the conditions that allows our homeland food cultures to flourish—to grow ampalaya and malunggay—all of this have to do with that stewardship. All of the natural resources that make our lives possible has everything to do with Native land stewardship. And in previous generations, Native peoples of this land have extended us refuge and have welcomed us as family. I think allyship and genuine solidarity beyond land acknowledgements becomes important as we find ourselves establishing deeper roots in this place.

Filipino Americans are now in their second and third and fourth generations. Our ancestors are now buried in this land and our decedents will follow. How can we be in right relation to this land long tended to by indigenous people and resist white settler colonialism rather than be complicit in it?



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BY BENJAMIN ABAYA

Nisenan the sturdy and Unyielding American aboriginal People

place they had left behind.

Several years ago, I was fortunate to be part of a documentary film crew to highlight the Nisenan, a group of American indigenous people who lived in California long before the coming of the European explorers. They are Native American inhabitants of the Sacramento Valley and surrounding counties in Northern California, and their history in the Sacramento area is rich and spans hundreds of years.

Before I was brought onto the project, unbeknownst to me, especially human inhabitants prior to the formation of California, I was not aware of the Nisenan. I was one of the camera operators on the film and I dedicated a good part of a year to capture in film their customs, culture, and rituals.

On the set of the film, we met a very knowledgeable person about the Nisenan people who enlightened us with Nisenan's history, the untold history specifically, the way they lived and how they were almost erased from California's narrative. November is National American Heritage Month in the United States, reflecting upon the interviews we had and how it intertwines with the month of November.

However, the Nisenan could have been a peace-loving people because their initial encounter with European and foreign expeditions were peaceful, but they were driven further from their original ancestral land for fear of violence against them by the foreign intruders. Sadly, as they moved out deeper into another place from the low land to the ranges of hilly forested jungle, the Nisenan contracted Malaria epidemic which killed several thousands of their population.

The influx of thousands of gold prospectors from all directions into the ancestral land of the Nisenan tribe forced them to move further into the edges of the Sierras, encountering more problems for their survival. There were rich and abundant sources of food on their original land, unlike the place where they settled, which were just a fraction of what they had at the

Despite multiple predicaments that the Nisenan tribe encountered in their new settlement they nevertheless retained their ancient customs and cultures never tainted with any other foreign influences. Marriage among the Nisenan people was typically a significant event that involved various rituals and ceremonies. These ceremonies were often accompanied by traditional songs, dances, and other cultural expressions. While there might not be extensive written records detailing their marriage customs, historical and anthropological research often indicates that these ceremonies were community events, involving the participation and blessings of the tribal elders and other respected members of the community.

In traditional Nisenan society, marriages were often arranged by families, and the process might involve negotiations, exchanges, and agreements between the families of the bride and groom. Marriage was not only a union between two individuals but also a union between two families, often serving to strengthen social bonds and alliances within the community.

It is important to note that due to the impact of colonialism and cultural assimilation, many traditional Nisenan customs and practices have been disrupted or lost over time. Efforts to preserve and revitalize Nisenan culture, including their marriage customs, are ongoing among the Nisenan people and various cultural preservation organizations.

The birth of a baby was an important event in the marriage of the Nisenan tribe as both parents helped one another in taking care of their baby's healthy growth. In various Native American cultures, childbirth was typically viewed as a sacred and significant event, often accompanied by specific rituals, ceremonies, and traditional practices that varied from tribe to tribe. These practices often incorporated the involvement of family members, community elders, and spiri-



Nisenan, a group of American indigenous people who lived in California

tual leaders to provide support and guidance for the expecting mother. While the mother breastfeeds her baby, the father provides all the necessary help to make both mother and baby receive all health care. Anthropologies dispute the misinformation about the birth of twin children indicating bad conception to the extent of even killing the mother and twin children. On the contrary, there was no evidence of such brutal occurrences for several twin children who have been living with the tribe for several centuries.

During the passing of loved ones, the tribe burned the body on standing stakes of wood covered with grasses while the ashes were scattered on the land believing that the dead would return in many figures



Filipino Aetas

and even the weather to visit the living.

The Nisenan people live autonomously depending on the places they settled and usually they are patriarchally led. Likewise, the tribe has 13 spoken dialects in the four places they were found such as Valley Hill, Northern Hill, Central Hill, and Southern Hill. They also have a form of currency which they exchange with whatever necessities for their day-to-day needs.

The revelation of how these

sturdy and unyielding Nisenan tribe reminded me of the place where I was born, the Philippines where we can also find the Filipino aboriginal people called the Filipino Aetas or Negritos who until now lived in their ancestral land in the island of Luzon, particular the provinces of Isabela and Zambales. Although there is no extensive record on how they survived the more than 300 years of Spanish colonial rule as well as the American and Japanese occupations for almost 50 years. Most probable, the Aetas avoided their occupiers by living away from places already occupied by fellow Filipinos to avoid any possible conflict with anyone including their countrymen.

The Filipino Aetas have also faced significant challenges throughout history, including the impact of colonialism. When the Spanish colonizers arrived in the Philippines in the 16th century, they imposed their culture, language, and religion, which significantly affected the Aeta way

of life. The Spanish colonial period led to the marginalization of the Aetas and other indigenous groups, as their land was taken over, their cultural practices were suppressed, and they were often treated as inferior by the colonizers.

Moreover, the American colonization that followed further disrupted the lives of the Aetas and other indigenous communities. The exploitation of natural resources and the implementation of policies favoring

foreign interests often led to the displacement of the Aetas from their ancestral lands and further marginalization within Filipino society.

Efforts have been made by various organizations and the government to address the challenges faced by the Aetas and other indigenous groups in the Philippines. These efforts include advocating for their rights, promoting cultural preservation, providing education and healthcare services, and supporting sustainable development initiatives that respect their traditional knowledge and way of life.

However, despite these efforts, more work is needed to ensure the protection of the Aeta culture and the promotion of their rights within the broader Filipino society. Just like the Nisenan tribe in California, to communicate this effort, this requires a comprehensive approach that involves collaboration between the government, non-governmental organizations, and the Aeta community itself to address the historical impacts of colonialism and work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all Filipinos, including indigenous peoples like the Aetas.

As we find a connection between the Filipino Aetas and the Nisenan tribe in California, the significance of Indigenous tribes in around the world transcends mere historical context, it is an ongoing story of resilience, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship. As guardians of centuries-old traditions and ecological wisdom, these communities serve as a vital link to our collective past and an indispensable guide towards a sustainable future.

Acknowledging their intrinsic value and supporting their rights is not just a matter of justice, but a crucial step in fostering a more inclusive and harmonious society, one that cherishes the diversity and wisdom of its original inhabitants. Only through genuine collaboration and respect can we truly honor their legacy and ensure the preservation of their rich cultural heritage for generations to come.

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BY DALE ESPERANTE

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The Kapitbahay/Let's Dance Group provided entertainment during program breaks.

PART II: AWARDING OF THE CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO HONOREES

ROSE BASOS –

the co-founder of the Abranian Association of Sacramento and Vicinity. Past President of the Abranian and Filipino Women's Club. Mrs. Filipino Women's Club in 2004. Past Secretary of the Ilocano Foundation of California, and the Filipino Family Fraternity. Also, Past Secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 604. Board member of FCSV for many years. And a well-known organizer of fund-raising trips to various casinos for various organizations. In her younger years, she coached and taught cultural folk dancers.

NICANOR CATUDAN

immigrated to the United States in 1972. He worked for the State of California and retired as an Auditor III in 2000. Nicanor is a co-founder of the Filipino Political Action Coalition (FILPAC). He was the founding President of the Filipino American State Employee Association (FASEA) in Sacramento. He was also the co-founder of the Ilocano National Association (INA), now called the Ilocano Foundation of California (IFC). He was also the Incorporator of the Mabuhay Foundation of Sacramento. Married to Mercedes Guerrero.

ESTER FORTES

was originally from La Union, Philippines who migrated to the US and is still living in Sacramento. She spent countless hours of volunteer service to the community. She was President of the Filipino Families Fraternity in 1995, 1996, and 1998.

VICTORIA ANDRADA JOHNSON

came to Sacramento in 1961 where she met Norman Johnson. She has been actively involved since 1990 with WICS-Women in Community Service. She served as president and chairperson for the Sacramento Woman's Council. Also served as International Concerns Commissions Chairman for the Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for over 6 years since 2002. She has been a member and past president of the Sacramento Women's Deanery since 1973. Her participation in the Filipino Community, since 1962, includes the Filipino Women's Club, the Filipino Family Fraternity, the Filipino Community Theatrical & Performing Arts Association. She has received numerous awards from many organizations including outstanding Filipina 2014 (Filipino Women's Club), 2020 Diocesan Council Woman of the Year, and has even received Certificates of Appreciation from four different US Presidents.

ANTONIO SOLOMON

in 2003 with Mon Veridiano, Tom Amaba, and Lloyd Castaneda established



Vince Sales and Sarah Enloe



Edna Delos Reyes and Dinnah San Pedro



FAVA Color Guards



Josie Patria and Rose Basos

Bayanihan of Sacramento, USA, a grassroots community organization dedicated to addressing local and transnational issues in the Filipino American community. Dr. Tony Solomon has been serving as the acclaimed President of the Bayanihan of Sacramento, USA, since the year 2005. Some of Bayanihan's most noteworthy projects included: advocating for the recognition and care of World War II Filipino American veterans; organizing and offering mobile Philippines consular services and raising funds for Concordia Children's Services and Orphanage in Manila and Sorsogon, Philippines. To celebrate the holiday season with the Fil-Am community, President Tony Solomon works with Musical Director Remy Solomon and the Bayanihan Choir to prepare an annual fundraising show at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. The show developed into the signature event for Bayanihan



Delicious dinner by Chef Roselie Crandall was served by smiling community volunteers.



Filipino Parents of St. Francis High School



Filipino Cultural Dance Association (FCDAS)

Photos by Dale Esperante

of Sacramento, USA. For fifteen years, this concert-dinner-dance established and presented itself as a holiday highlight for the community. Staffed entirely by volunteers, it represented a labor of love and service by Bayanihan members. Dr. Solomon's other achievements include but are not limited to: Served as president of the Northern California Association of Filipino Veterinarians (NCAVF); Served as the Vendor Coordinator for FCSV's annual Filipino Fiesta at the Jose Rizal Community Center; Served as FCSV Board Member; Served as President of the Filipino Cultural Dance Association (FCDAS). As for his professional occupation for thirty years, Dr. Tony Solomon with Mrs. Remy Solomon, operated a small animal veterinary practice called Valley Hi Pet Clinic in the South Sacramento community. Dr. Tony Solomon was a member of the California Veteri-

nary Medical Association (CVMA) and the Sacramento Valley Veterinary Medical Association (SVVMA) until his retirement. Dr. Solomon sold his practice and retired in 2018.

FILIPINO CULTURAL DANCE ASSOCIATION (FCDAS)

was founded in 1986 by the late Nancy Ogan Gibson. What started out as a group of friends quickly became an award winning and highly sought-after folk-dance group winning numerous awards including first place at the 1987 National Folk Dance Competition in Stockton, CA. FCDAS never required dues or fees for its members to participate. Costumes, indigenous instruments, and props were often handmade by participants or were brought back from the Philippines by the dance troupe director. FCDAS lasted

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Dr. Tony and Remy Solomon of Bayanihan



Recollections in Christianity Retreat Movement / Rollie Mamauag



Jinky, Dinnah, Lilia, Mena and Henry



The Filipino community of Sacramento and vicinity's finale presentation



Dinnah, Annabelle, Laurence, Edna



Aklan Association of Sacramento & Vicinity



Sinag-tala (SFTPAA)

Photos by Dale Esperante

through 3 decades of leaders who were trained and mentored by the late Nancy Ogan Gibson, many of whom continue to share their talents in various performing arts groups of the greater Sacramento area to this day.

RECOLLECTIONS IN CHRISTIANITY RETREAT MOVEMENT (REC)/ROLLIE MAMAUAG.

Local Sacramento leaders and living saints were instrumental in building up the foundation of movement that has lasted to this day, such as the late Bishop Gallegos and Monsignor Kavanaugh, not to forget the Religious of the Virgin Mary (Filipino Sisters). Its mission is to reach out to youth and young adults from many paths inviting them to commit their hearts and

lives to Jesus Christ and become active in the life of the Church. Some 30 years and thousands of youths and young adults later, we have seen the movement flourish in the greater Sacramento area, thanks in large part to the many Filipino community groups and organizations that fed into the movement. For the evening, Rollie Mamauag, representing the REC, received the Certificate of Recognition. Rollie, with the blessing of FCSV, invited the seated members of the REC choir to come up and join him in singing the song, The Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Rollie and the REC Choir delivered a beautiful moment.

FILIPINO PARENTS OF ST. FRAN-

CIS HIGH SCHOOL.

Thirty years ago, the Filipino parents of St. Francis High School in Sacramento put together their effort and ingenuity to promote our culture, traditions, and values to the school community. Minda Miguel, a dedicated mother spearheaded the fruition of this endeavor. The annual Fall Dinner Dance became a much-awaited event in the campus. The numerous hours spent in preparation for this affair fostered longtime friendships, camaraderie, and fun. Through generosity and commitment of the parents, funds were raised for the scholarship program and other projects of the school.

AKLAN ASSOCIATION OF SACRAMENTO & VICINITY (AASV)

can be counted on every year to bring the spirit, excitement, and joy of the original Ati-Atihan of Aklan and past celebrations alive just like they do it in Aklan. Ati-Atihan festival celebration is kicked off by a nine-day novena, sponsored by Aklanon families and friends, followed by a holy mass, traditional blessing, and procession of Sto. Nino images and statues, paeapak or pahilot, parade of tribes, each tribo group elaborately displaying their decorated costumes as they dance the hala bira way or devotion dancing to the beat of the lyre inside the Jose Rizal Community Center. Judges select tribes and groups for their costume and pageantry, performance, and endurance, liveliness and rhythm, discipline,

participation, and uniqueness. The AASV founding members, past presidents, and advisors are Blas de la Cruz, Necita Ruiz, Dr. Dionisio Tonel, Tony Solidum, Elena Magsuci, Venus O'Meara, Sarah Enloe, and Frank Zabal.

SINAG-TALA FILIPINO AND PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION (SFTPAA). SINAG-TALA

is a Sacramento based charitable 501-c-3 organization dedicated to providing community members the opportunity to promote the works of Filipino musical, dance, literary and cultural artists through the study, interpretation and staging of theater and performing arts. Originated in 1990 as a talent show fundraising project of the Philippine National Day Association, it has become an annual production consisting of a large company of children, teens, and adults who undergo twelve weeks of training, rehearsals, and production work in order to bring to life the Filipino American arts and culture onstage. The mission is to train community members in, and promote, the theater and performing arts through the study, interpretation, creation, and staging of Filipino literary, musical, dance and cultural forms. The vision is cultural, economic, and other barriers limit the ability of most local mainstream arts programs to reach communities such as that of Filipino Americans. The SFTPAA believes that with its training and performance programs, it can create a thriving community of artists, leaders, and patrons working together to elevate and sustain the Filipino culture and arts, and their creators and interpreters, both within the local community and beyond.

PART III: Fil-Am History Month Co-Chair Edna Delos Reyes narrated the Filipino Community of Sacramento and Vicinity's (FCSV) 12-year history. Her narration was accompanied by a parade of community members reenacting their volunteerism. For the finale of the official program, Remy Solomon sung, and the FCSV Ensemble performed the dance of, "Tagumpay Nating Lahat." FCSV 1st Vice President Vince Sales delivered the closing remarks.

On behalf of the Philippine Fiesta owners and editors, Congratulations to the Filipinos in the community of Sacramento and Vicinity! When we stand united, we can accomplish more for the good of the community, and for the good of each one of us. May we all be granted with many more blessings to come. Mabuhay Tayong Lahat!



BY DALE ESPERANTE

A celebration of life at Magellan Hall in loving memory of Erlinda R. Marasigan

As a prominent physician in the community, she was well respected and loved. She along with her husband Dr. Frank Marasigan founded the Mabuhay Foundation Organization whose mission is to provide medical attention and supplies to disenfranchised areas in the Philippines.



Lynn R. Marasigan and Rev. Dr. Tony Ubalde



Relatives, friends and guests.

She lived a life armed with knowledge and opportunities gained through hard work; however, when it was time for fun, she wanted everyone with her to have fun too. Thus, her children Lynn Rodrigo Marasigan, Lorraine Marasigan, and Frank Jr. made sure that her wish was their command. We celebrated last night in her honor with a table of plenty and family and friends dancing, with Lady Erlinda watching over us happy as can be because we were having so much fun in her honor. We love you, Dr. Erlinda Marasigan, may you now be dancing with Dr. Frank on Cloud 9 with your fellow angels in heaven. May God always be with you.



The family, the elders remained seated.

Photos by Dale Esperante

On Saturday, November 3, 2023 at 6pm, after her interment at the Sacramento National Cemetery in Dixon. The celebration of life was held at Magellan Hall, again the preferred venue of Drs. Frank and Erlinda Marasigan.

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An Open Door: Holocaust Haven in the Philippines

A Film by Noel M. Izon About How the Commonwealth Saved 1300 Jews

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, acclaimed film director and documentarian Noel “Sonny” Izon passed away peacefully in a hospital in Milan, Italy three days after suffering cardiac arrest. Sonny was a dedicated and tireless teller of overlooked stories through award winning films such as “An Untold Triumph”, “Chocolate Soldiers” and “An Open Door: Holocaust Haven in the Philippines.”



Noel “Sonny” Izon

Upon learning of his untimely and shocking death, those who knew Sonny and his body of work are saying that there has been no one else like him with the passion, vision and brilliance to communicate such powerful messages about courage and the value of human life and dignity, especially as reflected in Filipino and Filipino-American history. May his legacy live on in his films and in our memories of this man who was immediately a friend for life, the minute you met him. May he rest in peace.

On Sunday, November 19, Sonny’s legacy will continue, as the Filipino, Jewish and other communities of Greater Sacramento come together in faith and fellowship for a very special showing of the award-winning documentary “An Open Door: Holocaust Haven in the Philippines”. The full-length film depicts the remarkable act of courage, compassion, and humanitarian action by the Filipino people and then Philippine Commonwealth in saving over 1300 Jews and consequently their 13,000 descendants.

Before the outbreak of WWII, the Jewish people were experiencing the escalating hate and violent persecution that the Nazi regime had made national policy. The Nazis’ plan for driving Jews from Germany and Europe depended on the public zealously participating in the state led relentless campaign of dehumanizing an-

tisemitic conduct. There was no safe place in the “homeland” for the Jews who were no longer considered German citizens. The dark horror of the Holocaust was still ahead. The life and death quandary for the Jews was that there was nowhere for them to go because no nation was willing to take them. It was only the Philippines, still a commonwealth of the United States and not yet a nation, led by then Commonwealth President Manuel Quezon, with the passionate support of the Filipino people, that opened its doors to the Jews, simply because it was the right thing to do. Director Izon’s connection to “An Open Door” is personally inspired by the fact that his own life was made possible because a doctor who saved his father’s life before he was born during the years following the war was one of the Jews who lived because the Commonwealth and the Filipino people gave him refuge and a place to practice medicine in the Philippines.

The historic event continues to be a source of great pride for the Filipino people and a reason for immense gratitude on the part of Jews around the world. The film also offers profound lessons for our troubled times about the pervasive antisemitic, anti-Asian and Filipino hate and violence that the film asks all people to reject. In the aftermath of the horrible



The Izon family in the Philippines

events in Israel and Gaza, the documentary sends the powerful message that resonates even more now, that we are very much each other’s brothers’ and sisters’ keepers as part of one universal human family and that we must all find the courage to stand up and do the right thing. The Sacramento Open Door Steering Com-

mittee, which is hosting the event, shares the film’s intent to reaffirm the power of love and respect for human life and dignity and the basic truth that people are more united by their common values and needs than they are separated by their differences.

The event program will include remarks by Sacramento

Mayor Darrell Steinberg and California Attorney General Rob Bonta. The event will be held from 3 to 6 pm on Sunday, November 19 at the Crest Theater located 1013 K Street in Sacramento. A reception will follow. Although there will be no charge for admission to the event, anyone wishing to attend must register in advance. Information about online registering is contained in the flyer below. \$10 voluntary donations are welcome. Organizations are encouraged to sponsor for \$200 and individuals, businesses and Foundations are encouraged to donate at the \$100, \$200, \$300 or \$500 and more levels.

The Open Door Steering Committee is grateful to the Director Sonny Izon for his inspiring and invaluable guidance as we prepared for the very special showing of “The Open Door: Holocaust Haven in the Philippines”.

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AN OPEN DOOR: Holocaust Haven in the Philippines

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023, 3:00–6:00pm

Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street, Sacramento CA

With the rise of the Nazi Regime in Germany and Europe, European Jewry were in peril. With the passionate support of the Filipino people, President Manuel Quezon offered safe harbor to refugee Jews, simply because it was the right thing to do. This courageous and humanitarian act opened the door to more than 1300 Jews and made it possible for them to flee Nazi occupied Europe. This inspiring and timely story is captured in this feature-length documentary film, *An Open Door: Holocaust Haven in the Philippines*.

- **FILM SCREENING** [Click here to view the trailer \(https://vimeo.com/188316754\)](https://vimeo.com/188316754)
- **PANEL DISCUSSION** with filmmaker Noel (Sonny) Izon and renowned Holocaust historian, Dr. Bonnie Harris, along with Holocaust survivors and families
- **RECEPTION TO FOLLOW:** Filipino Pika-pika and Jewish Nosh

Everyone is welcome! Bring friends, families, and colleagues. We ask for suggested donation of \$10 to help us defray costs and present this film to anyone who wishes to see it. If you can make a larger contribution to help defray the costs of this event, please consider a sponsorship! **For security reasons, advance registration is required.**

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November 11 was named "ARMISTICE DAY" in the U.S. to remember the sacrifices those male and female service members made, during the war for peace. It was a joyous occasion in cities all across America, families and friends celebrated the rerun of their loved ones. Those who survived the war marched in a parade through their home towns on that day, politicians and veteran officers gave speeches and ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won. Congress voted Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, 20 years later after the war ended. Unfortunately, the "War to End All Wars" was not the last one. World War II erupted in 1939, setting off another struggle for world peace. After the war, Armistice Day continued to

be observed on November 11. Ironically, the name "VETERANS DAY" did not originate in Washington or from any congressional leaders. Residents in the small town of Emporia, Kan., localized the holiday by renaming it "VETERANS DAY" to pay homage to the veterans in their town. Congress later followed suit and passed a bill that was "VETERANS DAY".

To this day we continue to give thanks for peace and remember the men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed for it. In keeping with the spirit of tradition, there are ceremonies and speeches and many Americans will observe a moment of silence at 11:00 AM, the 11th Day of November.

On November 11, 2023, when you meet a veteran, greet them with a simple "THANK YOU".



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A Guide to Benefits Decisions When Changing Jobs

Presented BY MARITES AVILA

If you're making a job transition, it's likely you have a lot on your mind. As you focus on wrapping up work with your previous employer and prepare for a new role, it may be easy to let important benefits-related decisions fall by the wayside. If that happens, you could miss a limited opportunity to sign up for new benefits or miss out on the potential for making wise changes to your plans. To stay on track financially during a career transition, be sure to review the status of your retirement accounts and other valuable employee benefits.

Qualified Retirement Plans

Many employers offer qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) and 403(b) accounts. ("Qualified" means that these plans qualify for tax advantages per IRS rules.) When transitioning to a new job, you're entitled to keep the vested balance in your qualified retirement plan, including contributions and earnings. You're also entitled to keep any employer contributions that have vested according to your employer's schedule.

What can you do with the money? The following options are available:

- Leave the funds in your current employer's plan if your vested balance is greater than \$5,000. If the balance is less than \$5,000, the plan could require that you roll over or distribute your assets.
- Roll over the funds to an individual IRA or, if allowed, your new employer's plan.
- Withdraw the funds and pay any taxes due along with any applicable penalties. (It's wise to consider carefully any decision to withdraw and spend your retirement savings.)

Accumulation rights. If you wish to roll over the funds, consider the accumulation rights you may be giving up by switching to a different plan.

Accumulation rights offer shareholders the potential for reduced commissions when purchasing additional fund shares. If you have such rights with your current plan, they could become important if you plan to purchase a sizeable amount of shares.

Potential penalties and fees. It's also important to consider the possibility of premature distribution penalties, as well as any fees and expenses a new plan may impose. If you've separated from service in the year you turn age 55 or at any later age, any assets distributed from your old employer's plan aren't subject to the standard 10 percent penalty. Once funds are rolled into an IRA or a new plan, however, the 10 percent penalty may apply to any subsequent distributions if you're under 59½ at the time, unless you can claim an exception.

Rolling funds over to an IRA. The benefits to taking this action include:

- IRAs generally provide more investment choices than employer plans.
- IRA assets can be allocated to different IRA accounts. There is no limit on how many direct transfers you can make from one of your IRA accounts to another IRA account in a year. This means you can easily move money between IRA accounts if you're dissatisfied with an account's performance or administration.
- While 401(k) distribution options depend on the plan terms, IRAs offer more flexibility. Still, you should be aware that when you reach age 73, you must start taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from traditional IRA accounts. There are no RMDs from Roth IRAs during the account owner's lifetime.
- When you roll funds over a 401(k) to a Roth IRA, taxes will need to be paid on the pre-tax contributions. Any future distributions from the Roth IRA may be tax free if IRS requirements are met.



Rolling funds over to your new employer's plan. Employer plans offer the following advantages:

- If you intend to work beyond age 73, participation in the employer's qualified plan means you can typically delay the first RMD until the year you retire if the plan allows. An exception applies if you own 5 percent or more of the business offering the plan.
- Employer 401(k) plans may receive greater creditor protection than IRAs. Typically, employer plan funds cannot be used to satisfy most creditors, while the federal protection for IRA funds is more limited.

Stock Options and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans

Prepare a list of any stock options you've received from your employer. Often, vested options expire within a specified time frame when you leave a job. A decision on whether to exercise your options depends on your financial situation and whether your options are "in the money" (i.e., the exercise price is lower than the market value).

Nonqualified deferred compensation plans allow executives to defer a portion of their compensation and the associated taxes until the deferred income is paid. With these plans, leaving your employment may trigger the need to take distributions in either lump-sum or installment payments. You should be aware that any distributions will affect your taxable income.

Life Insurance and Disability Insurance

Employer-provided life insurance remains active only while

you are employed. Ask if you have the option to convert the policy to an individual policy offered by the same insurance provider. If you do switch to an individual policy, however, the premium will likely increase. In some cases, it may be time to evaluate policy options from other companies. If you're in between jobs, for instance, you may want to consider an individual policy that won't be affected by job changes.

Health Insurance

Your health insurance will expire once you leave an employer. COBRA may be a good option if you need interim health insurance coverage. Keep in mind, however, that your premium payments will increase when you opt for COBRA coverage. Shopping for an individual health insurance policy that meets your needs could bring down your premiums.

New Benefits Review

Once you start your new job, take time to understand the

new benefit options, including health insurance, disability insurance, and employer savings plans. It's important to review how the new employer retirement plan options fit into your overall savings plan, including any employer matches. Remember to fill out beneficiary designations for insurance policies and saving plans and review those designations periodically. Finally, if you've experienced a salary change, now is a good time to determine whether you should adjust your tax withholding and investment elections.

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Magkaisa Event Celebrates Filipino American History Month

BY JAIME MIGUEL D. SALES

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The Mission of Magkaisa

The primary mission of Magkaisa is to amplify the intersectional identities, rich histories, and diverse contributions of Filipina/x/o people in Elk Grove, Sacramento, and surrounding areas. Co-founded in 2021, the intent was to build a space that connects the growing Filipina/x/o community to critical resources, education, and each other. Magkaisa also reflects on the historical and social contributions made by Filipino Americans to the fabric of the region. The event serves as a platform to educate, motivate, and inspire the community to engage in social and racial justice issues, as well as to build community power.

A New Community Tradition

In its third year at Elk Grove's Laguna Town Hall, Magkaisa has now established itself as a tradition in Elk Grove, Sacramento, and the surrounding areas. The event has become an essential part of the local community's calendar, including with Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD), the City of Elk Grove, and local event promotion like Explore Elk Grove. From its humble roots as a small event promoting solidarity and pandemic-community care, the event has grown in significance and reach. Now a robust collective of local Filipino and Asian American-serving organizations, this year the hosts of Magkaisa worked diligently to bring an array of vendors, food and resources for the intersectional community, as well as a full lineup of local artists and performers. As intended, Magkaisa attracts participants from diverse backgrounds and generations all around the region.

Host Organizations and Major Funders

Magkaisa was made possible by the dedication and hard work of a collective of host organizations, including the Asian American Liberation Network, Sacramento Filipinx LGBTQIA+, Everyday Impact Consulting, Cosumnes Community Services District, Brown Blossom Rising, FilAm Nexus LLC, JSV Events, the Amado Khaya Initiative, and the Philippine National Day Association. The event was sponsored

by a number of local donors and community sponsors, including Everyday Impact Consulting, U.S. Bank, the Filipino Community of Sacramento & Vicinity (FCSV), Lilia Rivera, and the Abelaya Mateo Foundation.

Day One: A Vibrant Celebration

Day one of the 2023 Magkaisa event featured an impressive lineup of performers and



Mental Health Panel: from left to right, Nikki Abeleda, Marinelle Bartolome, Dr. Charles V. Panadero, and Vince Sales

shops aimed to advance the Filipino community's understanding and action in activism, racial justice, and community power. The event featured a range of activities and discussions led by community leaders, including morning Zumba with Raquel Velazquez Alviz, "Walang Hiya:

kaisa gives us spaces to have workshops and highlight leaders within our community. We want to provide education and calls to action that inspire and motivate people in our community."

Perhaps the day's highlight was a robust panel discussion led by Vince Sales about Filipino mental health. The panel included a variety of individuals of different backgrounds and expertise, including Psychiatrist Dr. Charles V. Panadero, Nutritionist Marinelle Bartolome, and Co-Founder of Sacramento Filipinx LGBTQIA+ Nikki Abeleda. They explored different definitions of mental health, the importance of its



Event sponsor and vendor with Nikki Abeleda



Five Ds Arts (Kamiseta) with Vince Sales and his nephew

normalization, how to care for our own mental health, and ways we can address toxic cultural norms in order to help our community and especially our youth.

Why Magkaisa Matters

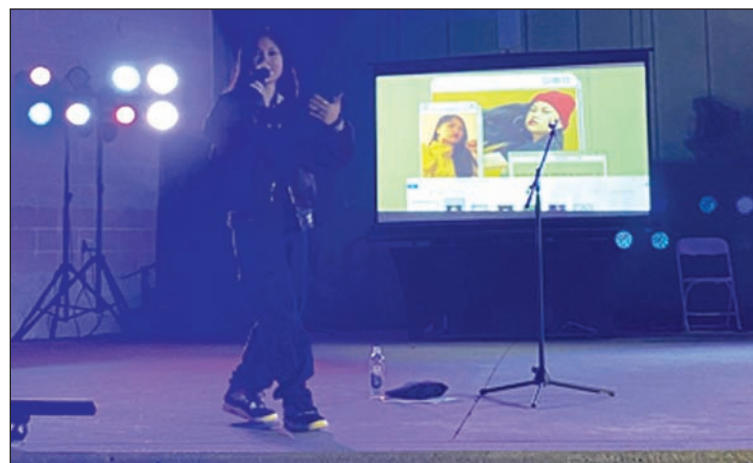
This event is more than a celebration; it's a call to action. Magkaisa underscores the significance of unity, education and activism within the Filipino American community. By coming together during FAHM, community members not only celebrate their rich heritage, but also amplify their different experiences, talk about community issues, and build strong relationships.

Magkaisa is a cornerstone event in Elk Grove, Sacramento and the surrounding areas during Filipino American History Month. The event not only provides a platform for learning and growth but also serves as a catalyst for positive change. With continued support and participation, Magkaisa will remain a vibrant and essential part of the Filipino American community for many years to come.

To sponsor, contribute to, or support this annual event, contact Megan Sapigao at megan.sapigao@gmail.com.

workshops. The event kicked off with a proclamation by Elk Grove City Council Member Rod Brewer, affirming October as Filipino American History Month in Elk Grove. It was followed by numerous energetic performances of Sacramento-native artists such as Basi Vibe, Vonni, Rudy Kalma, Ash Lum & Shel, and Lauren Mateo. The highlights of the evening included an all-Filipinx drag show with the Amakabogeras, and a special night-ending performance from Filipina-American Rapper and Bay Area native, Ruby Ibarra. Alongside the outdoor performances, local Filipina artists Shawntay Gorman and Kiki shared their fascinating pieces of artwork.

Before Ruby Ibarra closed the event, organizers Vince Sales and Megan Sapigao made an announcement emphasizing the efforts of the building of the first ever Sacramento Filipino Community Center. Currently, the county is working with the community to realize and execute this decades-long effort. Currently, the longstanding local Filipino organization,



Ruby Ibarra performing

Filipino Community of Sacramento & Vicinity (FCSV) is working with an architect and builder to break ground. Sales and Sapigao encouraged attendees to open their wallets and becoming donors to the center. The center would serve as a hub for Filipino American activities, initiatives, and services, as well as provide space for events like Magkaisa.

Day Two: Building Community Understanding and Engagement

Day two of Magkaisa boasted a summit with scheduled work-

shops aimed to advance the Filipino community's understanding and action in activism, racial justice, and community power. The event featured a range of activities and discussions led by community leaders, including morning Zumba with Raquel Velazquez Alviz, "Walang Hiya:

Nate Roque with the Justice For Arriola-Ochengco Campaign Committee discussed the importance of Filipino contributions and events like Magkaisa in the community. "Mag-

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We are excited to invite you to our first-ever Game Changers Gala, honoring the "Top 10 Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Game Changers" in the Sacramento region on Thursday, November 30th at 6:30pm - 10pm at Elk's Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95831.

This gala celebrates the unsung heroes whose role can be obscure, but whose contributions are critical to influencing the outcome whether it be as a steadfast youth volunteer or a decades-long tireless public servant.

Game Changers list was designed and honorees were selected by an anonymous committee of community leaders who have volunteered or worked as advocates and activists in the region for over two decades. These individuals are multi-sectoral leaders both associated and not associated with AALN.

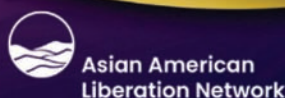
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AMPLIFY Fellowship Application 2023-24

This is the application for the A.M.P.L.I.F.Y (Activating Media Positively, Leadership Institute for Filipino Youth) Fellowship with the Amado Khaya Initiative and the Laban Group. Please apply by November 15th 2023.

What is the Amado Khaya Initiative (AKI)? AKI continues the lasting legacy of our late kasama Amado by aiming to disseminate indigenous, land-based, decolonial knowledge and promote individual and collective healing, transformation and liberation.

What is the Laban Group? The Laban Group is a Filipino Ethnic Media Collaborative that aims to promote awareness in our beloved Filipinx American community and the broader public about anti-Asian hate incidents. The Group's mission is to educate and enhance the understanding of resources for victims and survivors, and to advance community healing through cross-generational and cross-racial solidarity.

What is the AMPLIFY Fellowship's Purpose & Vision? The AMPLIFY Fellowship builds on the lessons from the Laban Group's year 1 of work in providing training for aspiring journalists and

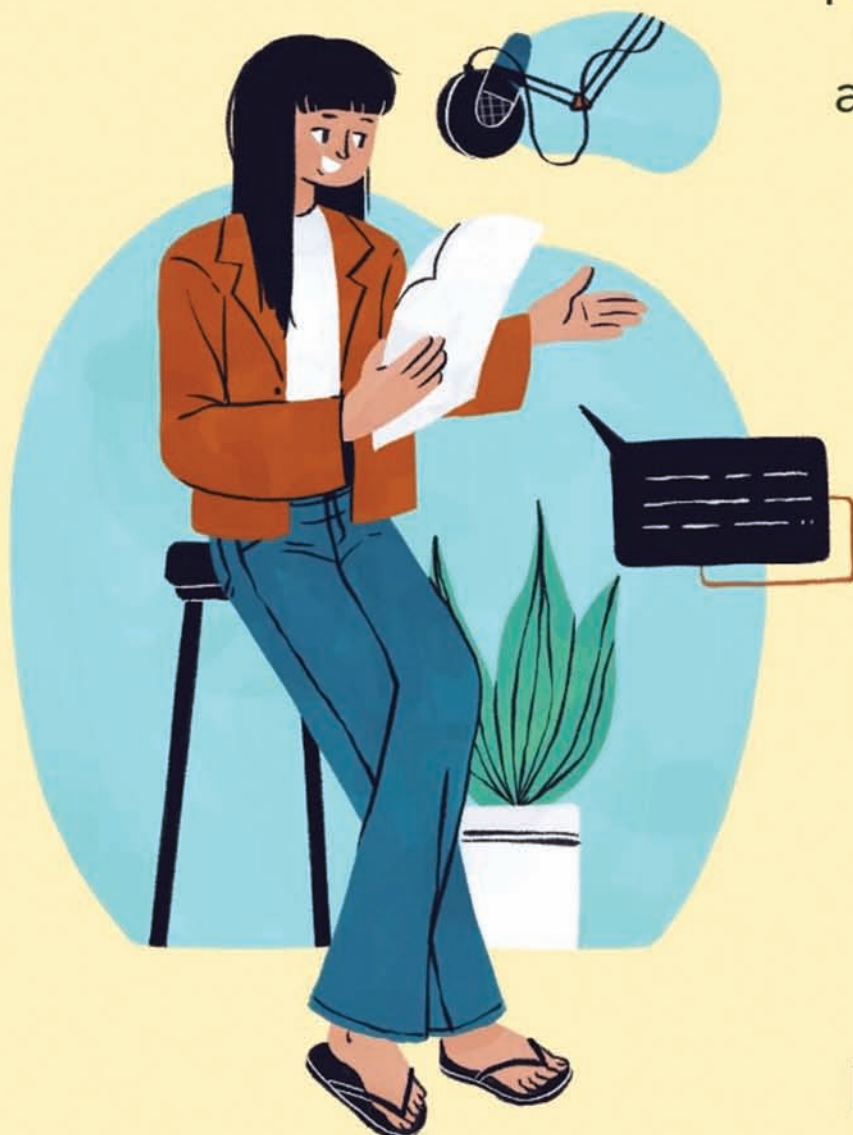
media-makers by incentivizing youth engagement through a stipend, exposing youth to traditional media while also lifting up their emerging expertise as media makers (ranging from podcasts, print forms like 'zines to digital forms like social media posts and short videos).

Logistics about Fellowship: AMPLIFY will recruit a cohort of 4-6 youth (community college or university students with roots in the Sacramento and Central Valley region) who have an interest in journalism and/or media production for a 1-year program from December 2023-December 2024. The

first 6 months will be devoted to training (including a workshop series of professional guest speakers from journalism and digital media production backgrounds) and the second 6 months will be story production. All youth will be expected to produce at least one major media intervention at the end of the fellowship. This program is open to youth and young adults (students who have graduated from high school or college in only the last 3 years

Compensation: Each AMPLIFY Fellow will receive a \$3600 stipend for the whole year as well as potential travel stipend.

AMPLIFY FELLOWSHIP 2023



Fellows will receive a stipend for their work. This program is open to youth and young adults (students who have graduated from high school or college in only the last 3 years)

Contact Wayne Jopanda at wejopanda@ucdavis.edu for questions or inquiries.

Scan the QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/amplifyfellowship



Apply before
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Are you an aspiring journalist or media-maker interested in learning more about advocating for the Filipino American community? We invite you to apply for our AMPLIFY (Activating Media Positively, Leadership Institute for Filipino Youth) Fellowship program.

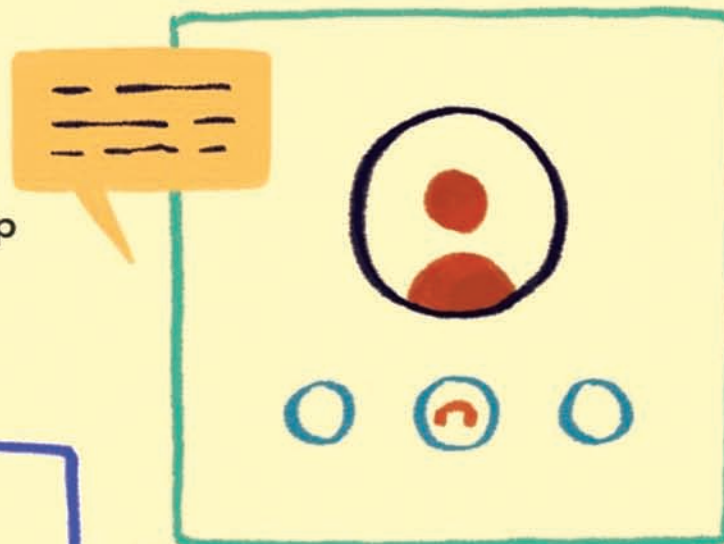
Through this program, you will have the incredible opportunity to learn directly from seasoned journalists and digital media professionals, develop your skills, and gain a deeper understanding of media advocacy. Through workshops and hands-on projects, you will create impactful content (such as podcasts, zines, articles, social media content, etc.) that addresses pressing issues in our community, with a focus on combating anti-Asian hate.

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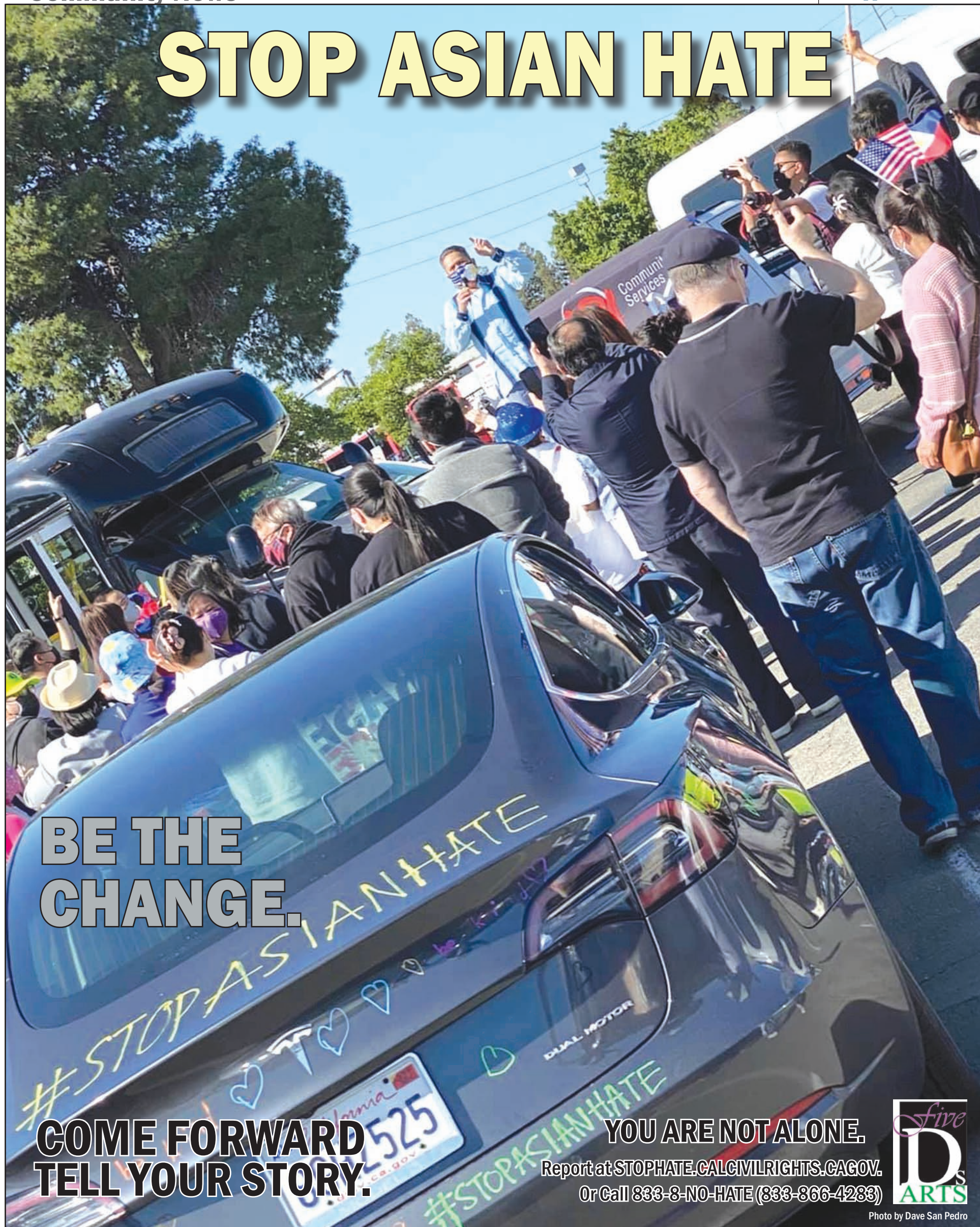
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