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KYOTO FESTIVAL: A woman clad in a 12-layer traditional Japanese kimono, having been chosen to play this year's Saio-dai heroine during upcoming Aoi Festival in Kyoto, purifies herself at Shimogamo Shrine in the western Japan city on May 4.

24-HOUR NO LONGER: Nearly 12% of convenience stores run by major operators have opted against around-the-clock operations, citing a worker shortage and declining late-night demand, a Kyodo News survey showed Monday. The survey, conducted in April and replied to by all seven major convenience chain operators except Yamazaki Baking Co., showed that around 6,400 of the 55,000 convenience stores in the country were operating with shortened business hours between February and April. Some stores have accelerated the introduction of unmanned cash registers to cope with the intensifying labor shortage. Industry leader Seven-Eleven Japan Co. has shortened business hours at over 200 additional stores since fiscal 2020 at the request of franchise owners, while Lawson Inc. has implemented similar measures at about 100 more stores.

DISAPPOINTED IN REMARKS: Japan has told the U.S. that President Joe Biden's recent remarks describing the Asian nation as "xenophobic" were disappointing, a source close to the matter said Friday. The Japanese government told the U.S. side that Biden's comments, made at a fundraising event on Wednesday ahead of the 2024 presidential election, were not based on an accurate understanding of Japan's policy, according to the source. At the event attended by many Asian American voters, Biden said, "You know, one of the reasons why our economy is growing is because of you and many others. Why? Because we welcome immigrants," according to the White House.

in the news

PROTESTS CONTINUE: More protests emerged at UCLA on Monday, with police detaining multiple people who gathered in a campus parking garage while an apparent sit-in inside Moore Hall disrupted classes in that building. UCLA was set to resume normal on-campus operations Monday following a week of unrest circling around a now-dismantled pro-Palestine encampment, but it quickly became apparent that normalcy was not in the cards. Several dozen people gathered on an upper level of a campus parking garage early Monday morning. It was unclear what the group was doing or whether they were specifically protesting university ties with Israel. Reports from the scene indicated that as many as 40 people were detained by police in the garage, allegedly because they refused to give their names or even say if they were students. On Sunday, UCLA Chancellor Gene Block announced the creation of an Office of Campus Safety to administer policing and emergency management in the aftermath of campus unrest over pro-Palestinian demonstrations.

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Yen-Dollar Rate

DOLLAR UNCHANGED: The Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market was closed Monday for a national holiday, the observance of Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day).

Double Dose of Sho-Time



JUN NAGATA / Rafu Shimpō

Shohei Ohtani is greeted at home plate by Mookie Betts after hitting his first of two home runs on Sunday, as the Dodgers completed a three-game sweep of the visiting Atlanta Braves. Ohtani took his share of the major league lead in homers at 10, with his former Angels teammate Mike Trout, Atlanta's Marcell Ozuna and Baltimore's Gunnar Henderson. More in Sports, Page 2.

Former L.A. Times Film Critic Wins Pulitzer Prize for Criticism

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Former *Los Angeles Times* film critic Justin Chang won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism on Monday.

The award recognized his work from last year with *The Times*. Chang left the paper in January to become the film critic for *New Yorker* magazine. He previously worked for 12 years at *Variety*.

"The only job I ever wanted was to be a film critic," Chang, 41, told *The Times* Monday. "And to get to do it at *The L.A. Times* — I grew up in Orange County reading *The Times* — was just a dream come true."

According to *The Times*, Chang's win was the sixth consecutive year the paper was won at least one Pulitzer, bringing its overall total to 52.

"Justin dives deep into his ideas with a rigor that's not only rare,

but singular," *Times* Film Editor Joshua Rothkopf, who edited most of Chang's columns, told the paper. "His clarity of thinking and creativity are beacons to all of us who love movies and well-considered writing on them. Our work together was immensely enjoyable."

In his interview with the paper, Chang said, "People have a lot of ideas and assumptions about what a critic should be, what a critic should cover, what they should prioritize and sometimes those agendas are very much tied to the agendas of the American commercial movie industry. While I love the American movie industry, I'm really interested in other kinds of movies, too. I'm interested in the whole cinematic spectrum."

"And I'm so grateful to *The Times* because they've just always let me explore that spectrum to the fullest."

Fukushima Fellowship Created at Deep Springs College

On March 24, a celebration was held at the Presidio in San Francisco to celebrate the creation of the Glen S. and Sakie T. Fukushima Visiting Faculty Fellowship.

Thanks to the historic pledge of \$3 million by the Fukushimas, the endowed fellowship will bring world-class faculty to Deep Springs and will enhance the college's mission of preparing students for a life of service to humanity.

Glen Fukushima attended Deep Springs College (DS'67) before transferring to Stanford University for his A.B. He later attended Harvard University and earned his A.M. in regional studies-East Asia along with a J.D. at the Harvard Law School, plus completed coursework for a Ph.D. in political sociology.

The first fellowship appointment will happen in the 2024-25 academic year. Going forward, the fellowship will help attract first-rate academic minds to Deep Springs College in order to benefit the professional careers of visiting faculty and to enrich educational opportunities for students.

The fellowship appointments will be flexible, lasting from a few weeks up to an entire academic year, and will demonstrate the college's ongoing dedication to attracting new and diverse academic voices to the valley.

Fukushima hopes the fellowship will "bring world-class educators and thinkers to Deep Springs who will educate, stimulate, and inspire students to serve the global community, at a time when innovative solutions are imperative to solve fundamental problems facing humanity and the environment."

The venue for the celebration, the Presidio golf clubhouse, was elegant and had a personal connection for Fukushima since he lived on the Presidio Army base briefly as a child. The weather was gorgeous. Turnout was strong — the large room was filled with alums and parents from the Bay Area and beyond. Many current and former trustees attended, along with parents and friends of the college.

Deep Springs College President Andy Zink gave a warm introduction and then read a detailed and heartfelt tribute to Fukushima from Shintaro Yamaguchi, a student who came to Deep Springs from Tokyo in the 1990s due in no small part to encouragement from Fukushima.

Former Trustee Eric Swanson (DS'65) spoke with great sincerity about his time at Deep Springs with Fukushima and the importance of his gift to the college.

Former President Sue Darlington gave a speech about working with Fukushima to develop their shared vision of a more open, inclusive, and engaged Deep Springs.



Glen Fukushima speaks on March 24 at a celebration for the Glen S. and Sakie T. Fukushima Visiting Faculty Fellowship at Deep Springs College.

Trustee Jeff Cowie followed with a barnburner about the critical importance of the Deep Springs mission at this blinkered moment in higher education and our culture at large.

Fukushima finished the program with reflections on the fellowship, and reiterated his \$3 million commitment to Deep Springs. He also shared several themes that he hopes the student body and the college will take into consideration when awarding the fellowship. He requested that Deep Springs increase its efforts to put students, alums, and friends in touch with each other, noting the benefits to the college and its larger community.

The goodwill and friendship present at the gathering was evident, as a large portion of the attendees stuck around and schmoozed until the staff finally closed up the space.

Founded in 1917 by L.L. Nunn, a pioneering industrialist, Deep Springs College strives to prepare young adults for a life of service by exposing them to a challenging environment of intellect, work, and governance. This comprises a rigorous academic curriculum coupled with an intensive labor program on a remote cattle ranch.

The students actively participate in important decisions about how the college operates including admissions, faculty hiring, and seating the Board of Trustees. Each year, the college enrolls 13 students and all are provided full tuition, room, and board.

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Man Who Drove Through 'Stop Asian Hate' Rally Sentenced to Prison

CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Diamond Bar man was sentenced Monday to one year in federal prison for disrupting a "Stop Asian Hate" rally by deliberately running a red light, blocking the path of demonstrators and yelling racial epithets at them.

Steve Lee Dominguez, 57, pleaded guilty last year in Downtown Los Angeles to one felony count of bias-motivated interference with federally protected activities. He was in the midst of trial on two counts of the federal civil rights charge when he entered his plea, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

At the rally in Diamond Bar on March 21, 2021, Dominguez yelled, "Go back to China!" and other racial slurs at the demonstrators. He then

deliberately drove his car through an intersection's crosswalk at the red light, made an illegal U-turn and cut off the route of several rally participants lawfully crossing the street.

The rally was a protest against the increase in hate crimes and hate incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders both locally and nationally — including the murders of six Asian American women five days earlier in Atlanta.

Prosecutors say one victim at the rally was an Asian American woman carrying a sign that read, "Stop Asian Hate." Another victim was a Black girl who carried a sign that read, "End the Violence Against Asians." Another person who was cut off in the crosswalk was a 9-year-old child, and Dominguez's car narrowly missed coming into contact with her and others, according to the indictment. No injuries were reported.

Dominguez then pulled his car over some distance away from the

intersection, got out of the car and continued to yell racial epithets and threats at the demonstrators. He then called the police, identified himself as "John Doe" and falsely reported to police that the rally participants were blocking the street and he had to run a red light "because they were about to trample my car," the indictment, filed in Los Angeles federal court, said.

Dominguez also requested that police "get some control out" at the intersection.

"The right to political expression is a bedrock principle of this nation," Martin Estrada, U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, said in a statement after the guilty plea. "Mr. Dominguez's decision to attack a peaceful rally meant to raise awareness of anti-Asian hate was both unlawful and un-American. My office will remain steadfast in our commitment to safeguard civil rights against those who would seek to undermine our constitutional rights."

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From left: Rotary Club of Little Tokyo Club President Alan Kumamoto; Farida Fotouhi, author of "Charcoal Girl: Meeting the Ghost of the A-Bomb in 1954 Hiroshima"; Dr. Susan Kamei, author of "When Can We Go Back to America? Voices of Japanese American Incarceration During WWII"; Gwen Muranaka, author of "Drawing by Heart"; L.A. County Library Foundation Executive Director Andrea Carroll; Asian Pacific Resource Center Librarian Katrina Lacerna; and L.A. County Library Foundation board member Joanne Kumamoto. At their meeting on April 18, the Rotary Club donated copies of the authors' books to the L.A. County Library Asian Pacific Resource Center. Muranaka also gave a presentation about her book and career in cartooning and journalism. For more information about the Little Tokyo Rotary Club, visit littletokyorotary.org.

Explore, Learn, Celebrate: L.A. County Library Hosts Events for AANHPI Heritage Month

This month, L.A. County Library is excited to announce a series of events and resources in celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) communities.

This special observance pays tribute to the generations of AA and NHPI people who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.

"This month-long celebration is an opportunity to recognize the contributions and celebrate the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders through various activities and learning experiences," said LA County Library Director Skye Patrick. "We encourage everyone to participate in these events and activities to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the diverse communities that make up L.A. County."

Highlighted Event

"Heart & Hand" Virtual Book Talk with Vanessa Chan on Thursday, May

23, from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom: Skye Patrick will chat with literary rising star Vanessa Chan, author of the best-selling novel "The Storm We Made." Chan will discuss her novel set in wartime Malaya (now Malaysia), which details an intriguing story of undercover operations, forbidden love, and enduring family ties. Chan's work was recognized by "Good Morning America," BBC, Radio 2, and *The New York Times*. This is a must-attend event for book lovers.

More Event and Activities

L.A. County Library will host an array of in-person and virtual events suitable for all ages across many of its 86 libraries. From art creation workshops and film viewings to educational sessions about Asian street food, there's something for everyone. Events and resources are available throughout the month of May.

For more details, visit L.A. County Library's dedicated webpage: <https://lacountylibrary.org/asian-american-native-hawaiian-pacific-islander-heritage-month/>



Springtime Fun Bubbles Over in Monterey Park

Positively perfect spring weather greeted visitors to Barnes Park April 27-28, for the Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival.

The annual tribute to the beauty of Japanese culture drew thousands for a weekend of entertainment, dignitaries, food, crafts and exhibits.

The grounds of the civic complex include several sakura trees, some of which were still in bloom for the event.

The emcee duties for the festival were handled by Nikkei Seniors Gardens Executive Director Shin Ito and famed magician Wayne Kawamoto. Special guests included Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Kenko Sone and members of his staff, as well as ABC7 news anchor Irene Cruz.



Above, bubble blasters were a real hit for the younger set. Right: young Julia takes the main stage for a performance as part of Ohana Polynesian Dancers. The series of pan-Pacific dances also included a traditional New Zealand haka (at left) with Jonah Mendoza, Chachi Mendoza and Noah Nink. Below, Pinky and Arut Tantasirin with Warbie, from his award-winning animated film "Cheez...z."



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At left, notes attached to a wish tree included hopes for a small menagerie. Above, Dodo and Kenshi of Amami-Ya bag freshly-baked mini castella cake bites. Right, vocalist Brian Yamamoto lets it all out during a number with the Ronin Stones, along with drummer Dean Koba and bassist Dane Matsumura.



BASEBALL

A Weekend of Home Runs, Hot Wheels for Ohtani as Dodgers Sweep Braves

KYODO NEWS / RAFU STAFF REPORTS

Shohei Ohtani tied the MLB home run lead of 10 on Sunday after hitting two in a single game for the first time this season, going 4-for-4 with three RBIs in the Los Angeles Dodgers' 5-1 win over the Atlanta Braves.

Batting second as designated hitter, the two-way star went deep in back-to-back games to put the Dodgers on the board with a two-run shot with no outs in the first inning, launching one off a 2-1 curveball from Max Fried (2-1) over center field at Dodger Stadium.

Ohtani singled in the third and sixth before capping the day off with a solo blast to open the eighth, connecting on Braves reliever A.J. Minter's first-pitch fastball for a 464-foot (141-meter) bomb again over the center-field wall.

"The point of contact was slightly toward the back (of my stance) with the first one. I hoped it was just about enough to get into the stands," Ohtani said.

"The second one was perfect. I timed my swing well against a ball that came relatively into the middle."

Ohtani said where the ball landed for his two homers is "a good sign" and was pleased with how far the second traveled.

"Having confidence in hitting homers to those areas allows me to be confident also with my approach against

other pitches," he said.

"I think my strength lies with getting extra-base hits...It's important to hit those with where I am (in the batting order) when you look at the balance of our team."

James Paxton (4-0) held the Braves to a run over 6-2/3 innings as the Dodgers won their fourth straight. Ohtani, who leads the MLB in batting average with .364, claimed he is not concerned about stats for the time being.

"I've barely checked my numbers



Shohei Ohtani hits his second of two home runs in the Dodgers' victory over the Braves on Sunday.

this year," he said. "I have done it less than in all my past seasons."

On Saturday, Ohtani went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and a home run as the Dodgers steamrolled the Braves, 11-2.

He surpassed his manager, Dave Roberts, for most home runs by a Japanese-born member of the Dodgers with a solo blast to right center field in the bottom of the third.

Roberts, born in Okinawa to a Japanese mother and American father, hit seven homers for the Dodgers from 2002 to 2004. "I'm very happy and I want to keep extending the record," Ohtani said after the game.

Surpassing Roberts on the list has been the source of some fun for Ohtani, Roberts and the rest of the team. At one point, Ohtani overheard Roberts talking about how he wants a new car after his slugging star took over the lead, referencing the brand new Porsche Ohtani gifted to the wife of Dodgers reliever Joe Kelly. She had launched a vigorous offseason campaign to encourage Ohtani to join the Dodgers, promising Kelly would give up the No. 17 jersey, since that is the number Ohtani has worn since coming to the majors.

After passing Roberts on Saturday, Ohtani's postgame press conference was interrupted by his manager, who proudly showed off the new car given to him by Ohtani — a toy Porsche in metallic pink.



Ohtani laughs as manager Dave Roberts shows off the car he received as a present after his record of most home runs by a Japanese-born Dodger was eclipsed by his two-way star on Saturday.

Ohtani had reportedly walked into Roberts' office prior to Friday night's game and with a straight face promised to present him with a new set of wheels to commemorate the occasion.

"I just want to say congratulations and thank you very much," Roberts said in front of reporters with Ohtani laughing behind him. "This is my car. The difference is Joe's car doesn't fit in my office. This car fits on my desk."

Ohtani drove in another run with a line-drive single to left in his next plate appearance in the fourth, chasing Atlanta starter Bryce Elder (1-1) from the game.

Tyler Glasnow (6-1) struck out 10 over seven strong innings, while Max Muncy homered three times to lead a 16-hit effort by the Dodger offense.

On Friday, Ohtani scored an early run and kept the Dodgers alive with a game-tying 10th-inning RBI single as they came from behind to beat Atlanta 4-3 in 11 innings.

Ohtani went 1-for-3 with two walks and two stolen bases. He got the home team on the scoreboard in the third inning with a one-out walk, a steal of second and a run on Will Smith's game-tying RBI single.

The Braves tied it 2-2 in the eighth on a home run by Ronald Acuna Jr. and took the lead on Orlando Arcia's sacrifice fly in the 10th, when MLB rules begin starting every extra inning with a runner on second.

Ohtani plated the Dodgers' gift runner with one out by lining a 1-2 pitch away into center to tie it and force an 11th inning, when the hosts won it on Andy Pages' one-out single.

Cubs' Imanaga Named NL Rookie of the Month

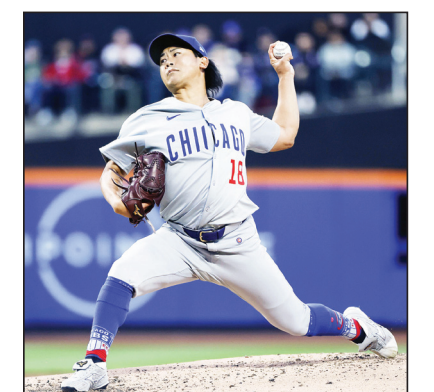
NEW YORK.—Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Shota Imanaga was named the National League's Rookie of the Month for the span from late March when the season began through the end of April, Major League Baseball said Friday.

The 30-year-old lefty, formerly of the DeNA BayStars in Japan's Central League, went 4-0 with a 0.98 ERA in five starts during the month in an impressive beginning to his major-league career.

Imanaga became the first Japanese player to earn the monthly award since outfielder Seiya Suzuki, who also plays for the Cubs, won it for April 2022. Shohei Ohtani claimed the American League honor twice during his rookie campaign in 2018 with the Los Angeles Angels.

Last year in Japan, Imanaga topped the CL with 174 strikeouts while posting a 7-4 record with a 2.80 ERA over 22 games. He was also the winning pitcher for Japan in the 2023 World Baseball Classic final against the U.S.

—Kyodo News



Shota Imanaga

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MAY 7 — Tuesday Night Café, 7 pm at Union Center for the Arts, 120 Judge John Aiso St, Little Tokyo. Featuring Halloween Sunset, Adriel Luis, Jess X Snow, "Uyafaafuji's Refusal: An Ode to the Yanbaru," a short film by Joey Kamiya and Sho Yamagushiku. Open mic lottery (sign up by 6:40 pm). Masking required. Event can also be viewed via livestream: YouTube.com/tuesdaynightproject

MAY 7-10 — VC Film Fest, celebrating 40th anniversary of Visual Communications' annual film festival. Over 150 films from Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. Venues include Aratani Theatre, Japanese American National Museum and Union Center for the Arts in Little Tokyo. For schedule and tickets: festival.vcmedia.org.

MAY 7-27 — "Moon & Stars: Los Angeles Asian Women in Art" at bG Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave #A2, Santa Monica. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-6 pm. AAPI Cultural Celebration Day: May 18, 12-7 pm. Artists: Sijia Chen, Kyong Boon Oh, Yumiko Glover, Amelie Laurice, Yoon Chang, Flora Kao, Mary Lai, Sung-Hee Son, Ibuki Kuramochi, Amy Inouye, Lily Miura, Susan Lizotte, Robin Walker, Shizuko Greenblatt. Expanded exhibition May 11-June 8 at sister gallery Dorado 806 Project; reception May 11, 6-9 pm. Info: (310) 906-4211, info@bGartdealings.com, bGartdealings.com.

MAY 9 - JUNE 9 — Two plays by David Johann Kim at Atwater Village Theatre, 3269 Casitas Ave, Los Angeles. "Two Stop" runs through June 9. Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm on May 12, 19 and June 2, Sundays at 7 pm on May 26 and June 9. Info/tickets: https://www.estolangeles.org/. "Pang Spa" runs May 16 (opens May 19) through June 9. Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm on May 26 and June 9, Sunday at 6 pm on May 19, Sunday at 7 pm on June 2. Companion pieces centered around themes related to the 1992 L.A. Uprising. Info/tickets: https://www.chalkrep.com/.

MAY 8 — WeHo Reads: "Asian Diaspora Talk Story," 6:30-8:30 pm at West Hollywood Library Community Room, 625 N San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood. A panel of poets and writers share their stories and discuss what it means to be Asian American during AAPI Heritage Month. Featuring Ryka Aoki, Jen Cheng, Curtis Chin, Jasmin Iolai Hakes, Jett Kwong, Angela Peñaredondo, Fariha Róisín. Info: www.weho.org/wehoreads.

MAY 9 — Netflix Is a Joke presents Asian Nation with Nigel Ng, 6 pm at Hollywood Palladium, 6215 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles. With Fumi Abe, Joel Kim Booster, Leslie Liao, Aparna Nancherla. Tickets: https://

livemu.sc/4d7x8Qf

MAY 9 — Asobi at JANM: Greeting cards with Kristina Yu of Cheery Human Studios, 7-9 pm at Japanese American National Museum, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Free for members; \$10 general. Info: www.janm.org/events.

MAY 11 — Health Fair, 9 am - 2 pm at Terasaki Budokan, 249 S Los Angeles St, Little Tokyo. Free health screenings, vision screening, blood pressure, COVID and flu vaccine, BMI and body fat tests. No appointment needed; walk-ins welcome. Bring ID and insurance card if you have them. Info: (213) 473-3035, apahcaucla@gmail.com, apahcare.com

MAY 11 — Asian American-Native Hawaiian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration, 11 am-3 pm at City Hall Complex, 1700 W 162nd St, Gardena. Music, entertainment, food, vendors, giveaways. Info: (310) 217-9537, www.cityofgardena.org/events.

MAY 11 — Screening of Brian Maeda's documentary "We Said No! No! A Story of Civil Disobedience," 2-4 pm at MLK Jr. Auditorium, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica. Panel discussion follows.

MAY 11 — "Sansei Rocker: Get Ready, Cuz Here We Come!" performance, 2-4 pm at Aratani Theatre, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Featuring Royce Jones, Bobby Jones and Harry Manaka. Info: www.jacc.org/events/sansei-rocker.

MAY 11-12 — "Serenity Through Bonsai" at Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W 162nd St, Gardena. Saturday 10 am-4 pm, Sunday 10 am-1 pm. Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai's 37th annual exhibit and sale, including demonstrations, raffles, auction, beginner's workshop, reception. Free admission and parking. Info: Doyle Saito, (310) 539-9265, orbit.ly/DIBK-FB.

MAY 11-25 — Ventura County Asian American Film Festival. Program 1 from 11 am at Thousand Oaks Grant R. Brimhall Library, 1401 E Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks; Program 2 ("No No Girl") from 1 pm at same location; Program 3 from 10 am at South Oxnard Library, 4300 Saviers Rd, Oxnard. Info: (310) 948-4808, infovcjacl@gmail.com, vcjacl.org.

MAY 16 — Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board Speaker Session, 1:30 pm at Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 800 S Victoria Ave, Ventura. Speaker: Dr. Lily Anne Welty Tamai. Topic: The rich and complex history of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Ventura County. Free; no registration necessary.

MAY 16 — Brian Yamamoto and the 808 Friends — Makoto, Jimmy Ng, Erich Hartmann and Kim Cornwell — 7-10 pm at Gardena Elks Lodge, 1735 W 162nd St, Gardena.

Steak dinner 5:30-7 pm. Elks members \$18, non-members \$21. Music only \$10. Info: (310) 327-1919.

MAY 17 — UCLA Asian American Studies Center presents Yuri Kochiyama Digital Exhibition and Collections (webinar), 1:30 pm. Free. RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/debut-yuri-kochiyama-digital-exhibition-and-collections-webinar-tickets-828081442887?aff=erelexpmlt

MAY 18 — Nancy Kikuchi Volunteer Day 2024/Little Tokyo Sparkle, 9 am-12:30 pm. Volunteers will sweep, scrape, pick up trash, clean up sidewalks. Meet at JACCC Plaza, 244 S San Pedro St. Bring hachimaki, gloves, hats, sunscreen. Info: Little-TokyoSparkle@gmail.com, littletokyosparkle.com. Donations can be made to Little Tokyo Public Safety.

MAY 18 — Presentation by Gwen Muranaka, author of "Drawing by Heart," 1 pm at Sakaguchi Hall, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St, Pacoima. Light refreshments. Info/RSVP: Bing_Lau@sfvjacc.com, (818) 899-1989.

MAY 18 — Okinawa Association of America presents "Finding Okinawa" multi-author talk and readings, 1-3:30 pm at OAA Center's Yamauchi Bldg, 16500 S Western Ave, Gardena. Featuring authors of Ryukyuan descent: Jami Nakamura Lin ("The Night Parade: A Speculative Memoir"), Shō Yamagushiku ("Shima: Poems"), Lee A. Tonouchi with contributors from "Chiburur: Anthology of Hawai'i Okinawan Literature." Also online via Zoom and YouTube. RSVP required for in-person and virtual attendance: (310) 532-1929, tinyurl.com/finding-okinawa-24.

MAY 18 — Ventura County JACL hosts screening of Paul Daisuke Goodman's "No No Girl," 1 pm at Thousand Oaks Grant R. Brimhall Library Community Room, 1401 E Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks. Free but pre-registration required due to limited seating. Info: vcjacl.org, email infovcjacl@gmail.com, (310) 948-4808.

MAY 18 — AAPI Heritage Month short film screening and panel discussion, 2-4 pm at Main Hall, Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W 162nd St, Gardena. "Missing Pieces" by Barbara Kagawa Shore; "Mochi Sticks Us Together" by Teresa Matsushima; "More Than a Roast Chicken" by Patty Fong; "See You in My Dreams" by Robert Shoji; "The Tale of Uncle Frank and Stories for Another Day" by Stony Furutani; "They Served" by Don Bannai; "When I'm 64" by George Wada. \$15. Co-presented by Visual Communications. Registration required: www.jci-gardena.org/gvjcj-upcoming-events

MAY 18 — BBQ Bash, 4-6 pm at East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W Puente Ave, West Covina. 30-minute pick-up windows. Menu includes teriyaki chicken, butter shrimp, steak, home-

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made wonton salad, chili. Cost: \$90 members; \$80 seniors; \$120 non-members. Silent auction and raffle. Info: esgvjcc.org/2024bbqbash.

MAY 18 — Aloha Everywhere Concert Series, 7 pm at Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd, Downey. Featuring Nā Hökū Hanohano (Stars of Distinction) award winners Kūpāoa, Mark Yamanaka, and Hökū Zuttermeister along with hula by Hālau Nā Mamo O Pana'ewa, under the direction of Kumu Hula Chase Keoki Wang (Glendale); Kumu Hula Rona Koe from Hālau Hula O Pualanina'auali'ioha (Ventura); and Kumu Hula Tiffanie Zuttermeister from Hālau Kaleihokū Kūikanani (Las Vegas). Tickets: \$55-\$65. Info: (562) 861-8211, boxoffice@downeytheatre.org, https://www.downeytheatre.org.

MAY 19 — Japanese Movie Night, 2:30 pm at Faith United Methodist Church, 2115 W 182nd St, Torrance. Featuring a classic Japanese movie with English subtitles. Free admission and popcorn. Short reflection after screening. Info: (310) 217-7000, www.faithsouthbay.org.

MAY 25 — Memorial Day Service, 11 am at Japanese American National War Memorial Court, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Sponsored by Veterans Memorial Court Alliance, Go For Broke National Education Center, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, Japanese American National Museum, Little Tokyo Service Center, Keiro.

MAY 26 — Koreisha Senior Care and Advocacy Bazaar, 11am-4 pm at Newport Beach Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple, 254 Victoria St, Costa Mesa. Free parking. Info: Kenji Irie, (213) 200-2391; Kyoko Watanabe, (213) 572-7743; Rieko Johnson, (310) 245-2958; Masano Seo, (626) 657-6436.

MAY 26 — Memorial Day Service, 2 pm at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Center, 1964 W 162nd St, Gardena. Sponsored by 4th District VFW Post 1961.

MAY 26 — Memorial Day Service, 4 pm at San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St, Pacoima. The annual service honors veterans who have served their country in all armed forces in war and peace. After service, 2024 SFVJACC and SFV JACL scholarship winners will be introduced and dinner will be served.

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MAY 27 — Memorial Day Service, 3 pm at Westminster Cemetery, 14801 Beach Blvd, Westminster. Sponsored by Kazuo Masuda VFW Post 3670.

MAY 29 — "Asian Exclusion and the Church: Ripples from the 1924 Immigration Act" at Democracy Center, Japanese American National Museum, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Free hybrid event hosted by Asian American Christian History Institute (Fuller Theological Seminary), Center for Asian American Christianity, and Epic Movement; a gathering of scholars, pastors, and faith leaders from the Asian American Christian community. Registration at 8:30 am. Lunch and post-conference networking at 12:30 pm. Tour of JANM and Little Tokyo at 1:30 pm (in-person only). Sign up here: https://caac.ptsem.edu/events/1924-immigration-act/

JUNE 9 — Nanka Yamaguchi Kenjinkai Annual Picnic, 11 am-3 pm at George Elder Park, 1950 Wilcox Ave, Monterey Park. Info: Call/text Aki, (562) 234-5701 or email Nanka.Yamaguchi.Kenjinkai@gmail.com.

JULY 18 — Japan America Society of Southern California 115th Anniversary Dinner and Gala, 7 pm at Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Honorees: Director Yoko Narahashi, news anchor David Ono, 14-year-old drumming sensation Yoyoka. Info: www.jas-socal.org. Sponsorship opportunities: Sachiko Usui, usui@jas-socal.org.

Through SEPT 1 — Giant Robot Biennale 5 at Japanese American

National Museum, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Engaging art, music, and activities that celebrate a staple of Asian American alternative pop culture and an influential brand encompassing pop art, skateboard, comic book, graphic arts, and vinyl toy culture. Tickets: https://www.janm.org/exhibits/grb5.

SEPT 30 — Venice Japanese Community Center Golf Tournament, Candlewood Country Club, 14000 Telegraph Rd, Whittier. Shotgun start: 9 am. Lunch: 2 pm. Cost: \$180. Info: golf@vjcc.com, (310) 822-8885.

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習氏 仏EU首脳と会談

対中包囲網にくさび

【パリ共同】中国の習近平国家主席は6日、フランスのマクロン大統領と欧州連合(EU)のフォンデアライエン欧州委員長との3者会談をパリで行った。マクロン氏の個別会談も実施。岸田文雄首相が2日に行われたマクロン氏と会談した直後に中仏首脳間の親交を誇示することで、対中包囲網を強める日米欧の連携にさびを打ちたい考え。

マクロン氏は3者会談冒頭でロシアのウクライナ侵攻と中東情勢という「重大な危機」に關し「中国との協力は絶対的に重要だ」と強調した。習氏は「欧州は中国の現代化において重要なパートナーだ。対話と協力を保つていく必要がある」と述べた。フランスは米欧と同盟関係を維持しながらも独自外交を重視する。今年で中仏の国交樹立60周年を迎え、6日にパリで盛大な歓迎式典を開いた。7日にはフランス西部のピレネー山脈の景勝地で昼食会が開かれる。習氏は5日入り

報道自由度、日本70位

【パリ共同】国際ジャーナリスト組織「国境なき記者団」(RSF)が、本報が2024年の世界各国の報道自由度ランキングを発表した。日本は昨年より順位を下げた70位で、先進7カ国(G7)で最下位だった。首位は8年連続でノルウェー。日本について同組織は、報道の自由が一般的に尊重されているものの、政治的圧力や男女不平等などで、記者が監視者としての役割を完全に果たすことが難しくなっていると指摘している。記者クラブ制度がメディアの自己検閲や外部の体験をつつた本を手渡した。首相は「読ませていただきます」と応じたという。

岸田首相 ブラジル移住被爆者と面会

核軍縮への努力を伝達

【サンパウロ共同】岸田文雄首相は4日、ブラジルのサンパウロ市内で、広島原爆投下で被爆したブラジルに移住した森田隆さん(100)ら被爆者と面会した。面会は非公開。出席者による



ブラジル・サンパウロで、日系団体の歓迎行事に参加した岸田首相(中央)＝4日(共同)

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ブラジルで洪水80人超死亡

豪雨続き、避難者12万人

【サンパウロ共同】ブラジル南部で4月下旬から豪雨が続き、各地で洪水や土砂災害が発生。地元メディアは6日、これまでに83人が死亡したと報じた。100人以上と連絡が取れなくなっており、軍などが救助活動を行っている。避難者は約12万人に上った。

デモ影響で全体卒業式中止

コロナ肺炎大、南加大でも

【ニューヨーク共同】全米の学生によるイスラエルへの抗議デモの影響で、南カリフォルニア大学の卒業式が中止された。南カリフォルニア大学は6日、安全上の配慮から15日予定していた卒業式を

赤ちゃん力士が元気を取組

岩手・花巻で泣き相撲



全国泣き相撲大会の取組で、元気な泣き声を響かせる「力士」＝4日、岩手県花巻市の三熊野神社(共同)

子ども健やかな成長を願う神事「全国泣き相撲」大会が4日、岩手県花巻市の三熊野神社で開催された。法被に豆粒を染めた赤ちゃん力士が顔を突きあわせ、土俵で元気な泣き声を響かせた。

唐十郎さん死去

84歳劇作家 アングラ演劇の旗手

アングラ演劇の旗手で小説家としても活躍した劇作家で、演出家、俳優の唐十郎(かじゅうろう)さんが、本名大鶴義典(おおつる よしひで)さん(84)が4日午後9時1分、急性硬膜下血腫のため東京都中野区の病院で死去した。84歳。東京都出身。1963年にシチュエーションの会を立ち上げ、翌年、劇団「状況劇場」に改名した。特設の「紅テント」による公演を国内外で実施。既存の演劇の在り方にあらがい、前衛的な舞台活動を追求するアングラ演劇を力強く先導した。唐赤児さん、根津甚八さん、小林薫さん、佐野史郎さんら多くの俳優を輩出した。詩情あふれる物語を創作

ら4月中旬からテントを設営して大学敷地の一部を占拠。30日に一部が校舎内に侵入したため警察が強制排除し、多数の逮捕者が出た。米国では5月半ばごろ大学の卒業シーズン。デモの影響で、カリフォルニア州の南カリフォルニア大学も全体卒業式の中止を決めている。

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公聴会のお知らせ

ロサンゼルス郡都市交通局

法令Rのメロ独立納税者監視委員会(監視委員会)は、2024年6月5日午前9時から、公聴会を開催します。市民の皆様は、電話(202)735-3323に連絡の上、内線5647249#(英語)あるいは7292892#(スペイン語)を押していただく公聴会をお聴きになれます。

監視委員会は法令R下で任命されたもので、この法令Rとは交通救済鉄道拡張条例として知られており、郡内の交通改善資金のために取引税と使用税に追加して0.5%を課するということが、2008年に有権者により承認されています。監視委員会と監視プロセスは、メロとその下部受領組織がこの条例の順守を保証するために設置されています。監視プロセスは、会計年度中の売上税収入の受領と支出に関して条例の規定が順守されていることを判断するために、年次監査を義務付けています。監査は、監視委員会がメロと地元の下部受領組織が法令Rの要件を順守してきたかどうかを見極められるように、監視委員会に提出する必要があります。法令Rへの順守として、メロはBCAワトソン・ライス有限法人(BCA)に、法令R特別歳入資金の独立監査を行うように契約し、かつ、バスケズ・アンド・カンパニー有限法人並びにシンプソン・アンド・シンプソンに、ロサンゼルス郡(当該郡)と郡内88各都市(各都市)の監査をするように契約しました。

本公聴会の目的は、2022年7月1日から2022年6月30日、および2022年7月1日から2023年6月30日に至る法令R特別歳入資金の歳入支出表、および法令R地元返却ガイドラインに適用される要件への順守に関して行われた独立監査の結果、並びにこうした監査についての監視委員会の年次報告書に対して市民の皆様からコメントをいただくことです。年次報告書は以下のサイトからご覧いただけます。

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独立監査法人の報告書

法令R特別歳入資金監査

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当該郡と各都市の法令R順守監査

バスケズ・アンド・カンパニー有限法人並びにシンプソン・アンド・シンプソンは、米国で一般的に受け入れられている監査基準および、米国会計検査院が発行した政府監査基準に含まれる基準に従って、地元返却ガイドラインへの順守監査を行いました。こうした基準は、バスケズ・アンド・カンパニー有限法人並びにシンプソン・アンド・シンプソンに条件要件に対して、順守していないことが法令Rの地元返却制度において直接かつ重大な影響を引き起こしたかどうかについて妥当な保証を得るために、監査を計画・遂行することを義務付けています。バスケズ・アンド・カンパニー有限法人は当該郡と39都市の監査を行い、シンプソン・アンド・シンプソンは49都市の監査を行いました。

2022年度(FY22)および2023年度(FY23)に対する当該郡と88各都市の順守についての監査では、17件、および12件の地元管轄区域で順守問題が発見されました。すべての問題は、既に解決済みか解決プロセスにあります。監査での発見事項は次の通りです。

順守問題	FY22	FY23
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合計	18	14

法令R独立納税者監視委員会年次報告書

委員会は6つの独立監査報告書を検討し、この検討に基づいて年次報告書を作成しました。この報告書の発見事項は、1) 監査は2008年に有権者が承認した条件に従って行われた、2) メロは、2022年および2023年6月30日に終了した両年度で法令R歳入支出に適用される要件について、すべての重大な点において順守した、3) 当該郡および各都市は、2022年および2023年6月30日に終了した両年度の法令R地元返却制度に適用される法令Rの条件とガイドラインに関して、すべての重大な点で順守していた、ということです。しかし、2022年度の監査の結果では、17の地元管轄区域で違反の事例が18件判明し、この中には順守への内部統制での2件の重大な弱点と14件の違反の例が含まれます。2023年度の監査結果では、12の地元管轄区域で14件の違反の事例が判明し、この中には順守の内部統制への2件の重大な弱点と2件の違反の例が含まれています。

本件に関する書面によるコメントは、2024年6月4日午後5時が締め切りです。コメントは、電子メール BoardClerk@metro.net宛に、題目 "PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MEASURE R JUNE 5, 2024" ならびにコメントされる項目番号を必ず記入の上お送りください。郵送によるコメントは、住所: Board Administration, LACMTA, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-3-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952にお願いします。

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18日(土)午前9時から午後12時まで、毎年恒例の地域清掃活動「小東京スパークル」が行われる。地域団体やボランティアの協力を得て、小東京の町内を清掃する。イベントは「ナニシ・キクチ・ボランティア・デー」としても知られるプロジェクトで、昨年は幅広い年齢層の400人以上が参加した。現在、参加登録および協賛品などの支援を募集している。

参加者は当日、午前9時に日米文化会館(JACC)プラザに集まり、グループに分かれて小東京一帯のゴミ拾いや歩道の掃除、窓拭き

年に1度の大掃除、参加者募集

18日午前9時 小東京スパークル

小中高25人、学習の成果輝く

真のバイリンガルへ熱弁ふるう

連合スピーチコンテスト 日本語学園協同システム



日本語学園協同システムのスピーチコンテストに出場した生徒と審査員ら



南カリフォルニアの継日本語学校として長い歴史を誇る日本語学園協同システムがこのほど、連合スピーチコンテストをバサデナ校で開催した。小学部は69回目、中学部は33回目となる伝統の大会で、対面で行うのはコロナ禍を挟んで5年ぶり。

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イクに向かい堂々と、自分で書いた日本語のスピーチを披露した。

全員のスピーチが終わり審査結果を待つ間には、南加州系商工会議所副会長の四海百合子さんが生徒に励ましの言葉を贈った。弁護士の四海さんは小中高を同校で学んだ卒業生。「小さい頃から私も論大会には何度も参加した。何も考えずにスピーチを言うようになるまで練習したことを思い出すが、スピーチを通じて集中しながら話すことの大切さを学んだ。人の前に立ち自信を持って上手に話すようになったことを感謝している」と振り返った。

村方清学園長は「予選の時より練習を重ね、2度目のスピーチの今回は皆、予選よりも上達していた」と生徒の努力をたたえた。英語が母国語の生徒たちに向けて「日本語で話すことに自信を付けて、大学生や社会人となった時に、自分の意見を得意な英語だけでなく日本語でもしっかり述べることができる『バイリンガル』になってほしい」と日本語スピーチの意義を強調した。また「世界のグローバル化が終わるという言葉もある中、日本と米国の結びつきは、一層強くなっていく」と話し、野球の大谷翔平選手やゴルフの松山英樹選手、宮崎駿監督の映画「君たちはどう生きるか」のアカデミー賞受賞も話題にした。

審査は大学教授の柴田節江さんと同校の嶋野チヤード理事長を筆頭とする理事らが行った。柴田さんは講評で「内容が個性とバラエティーに富んでいた。練習の成果が出ていた」と評価。また「文章力だけでなく、話し方、伝え方、イントネーションやジェスチャーについても上手な生徒を褒めた」と賞を授けた。

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落書きやカム、ステッカーの除去などを行う。参加者には各自、ハチマキ、手袋(軍手)、帽子や日焼け止めを持参することが奨められている。

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在外ネット投票、実現遠く

河野氏意欲も課題山積

目指すことが現実的だ。河野氏は3月、東京都内で開かれたデジタル選挙に関するイベントで、選挙に関する見聞を話し、海外在住の日本人に投票率を向上させるための理由を説明した。海外在住の日本人に投票率を向上させるための理由を説明した。海外在住の日本人に投票率を向上させるための理由を説明した。

ただ、投票自体は従来通り、在外公館で行う必要がある。投票用紙を郵送する方法もあるが、手続きの煩雑さなどがハードルとなっている。海外在住の18歳以上の日本人は100万人超。このうち、22年参院選で名簿登録したのは10万人足らずで、投票率は選挙区、比例区とも2割程度にとどまった。

総務省の研究会は18年、在外ネット投票について、マイナンバーカード利用での対応が、22年のみだった。在外公館での投票は、マイナンバーカード利用での対応が、22年のみだった。在外公館での投票は、マイナンバーカード利用での対応が、22年のみだった。

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日米首脳会談

令和6年4月10日、アメリカ合衆国・ワシントンDCを公式訪問中の岸田文雄内閣総理大臣は、ジョセフ・バイデン大統領と、日米首脳会談を行いました。その概要を羅府新報の読者の皆様へお伝えいたします。アメリカ合衆国在住の皆様におかれましては、両国の友好関係が一層強化されていくよう、引き続きお力添えをお願い申し上げます。



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冒頭、岸田総理大臣から、公式訪問に招待いただき光栄である旨述べた上で、日米両国は深い信頼と重層的な友好関係で結ばれており、このかつてなく強固な友好・信頼関係に基づき、日米両国が二国間や地域にとどまらず、法の支配に基づく自由で開かれた国際秩序を共に維持・強化するグローバル・パートナーとなっている旨述べた。その上で、岸田総理大臣から、今次公式訪米を通じて、かつてなく強固に結ばれた日米が、いかなる未来を構築していくのかを内外に示したい旨述べた。両首脳は、日米両国が国際社会の問題に取り組むグローバル・パートナーである点で一致しました。

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両首脳は、国際社会が分断の度合いを深め、かつてないレベルでの挑戦を受けているとの認識を共有した上で、法の支配に基づく自由で開かれた国際秩序を共に維持・強化していくことで一致しました。

そして、日米同盟の役割がかつてなく高まる中、日米安全保障協力について、岸田総理大臣から、国家安全保障戦略に基づき、反撃能力の保有や、2027年度の防衛費とそれを補完する取組に要する予算水準を2022年度のGDPの2%に引き上げるなど、強い決意を持って防衛力の強化に取り組んでいることを伝え、バイデン大統領から改めて強い支持を得ました。その上で、両首脳は、日米同盟の抑止力・対処力の一層の強化が急務であることを再確認し、米軍と自衛隊の相互運用性強化のため、それぞれの指揮・統制枠組みを向上させることを含め、安全保障・防衛協力を拡大・深化していくことで一致しました。また、バイデン大統領から、日本の防衛に対する揺るぎないコミットメントが改めて表明されました。

続いて、両首脳は、次のとおり地域情勢について意見交換を行

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日米首脳共同記者会見

両首脳は、揺るぎない日米関係の礎は人と人との絆であり、これを一層強化するべく、人的交流を更に促進していくことが重要であることを再確認しました。

両首脳は、国際社会の平和と繁栄の礎である法の支配に基づく自由で開かれた国際秩序を何としても維持・強化していくという日米両国の不変の決意を表明し、その指針を記したものととして、日米首脳共同声明「未来のためのグローバル・パートナー」を発出しました。

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