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Viewers rally to save cancelled series.

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**EMERGENCY LANDING:** A United Airlines plane bound for Guam on Friday returned to Fukuoka Airport in southwestern Japan for an emergency landing, with no injuries reported among the about 50 passengers and crew on board, according to the transport ministry and police. Flight 166, a Boeing 737 aircraft, landed back at Fukuoka Airport at around 11:45 a.m. after declaring an emergency. The police are investigating the incident, with an irregularity in a wing flap reported. There were no reports of fire, according to the police. The runway at Fukuoka Airport was temporarily closed for safety checks following the landing but has now been reopened, the airport operator said.

**COMMERCIAL WHALING:** Japan plans to add another species of whale to its commercial hunting list, having resumed the activity in 2019 after a hiatus of more than three decades, the government's top government spokesman said Thursday. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said the Fisheries Agency has been collecting opinions from the public since Tuesday regarding its plan to begin hunting fin whales, despite criticism from anti-whaling countries and conservation groups.

**FAMILY NAME CHANGE:** A Japanese family court has allowed a man living with a same-sex partner to adopt the same family name as his partner, judging that the two are in a relationship similar to marriage, the man said Thursday. The man in his 30s, who wished to be referred to by the pseudonym Akikazu Takami, said he was happy that the Nagoya Family Court in its March 14 ruling had dealt with the issue "sincerely."

### in the news

**OCEAN WATER CLOSURE:** The L.A. County Department of Public Health is updating its ocean water closure due to the release of approximately 14,400 gallons of untreated sewage to include Dockweiler State Beach from Ballona Creek to one mile south and Venice Beach from Ballona Creek to one mile north. The expansion of the closure area was due to information provided by the county lifeguard regarding a south facing swell pushing ocean water north of Ballona Creek. Public Health officials are advising residents or visitors planning to visit county beaches to avoid contact with ocean water and wet sand in the areas noted above. The sewage discharge began on May 8 and was stopped at 12:09 p.m. on May 9, resulting in an estimated 14,400 gallons of sewage entering Ballona Creek. The department conducted water sampling beginning on May 10, and the closures will remain in effect until Public Health receives two sampling results indicating that bacterial levels meet health standards. Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-525-5662. To view the map of impacted locations and for more information, visit PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach/.

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**Yen-Dollar Rate**

**DOLLAR DOWN:** The dollar was lower in trading Friday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market, finishing at 155.68-770 yen, down .15 yen from Thursday's close.

## Honoring 5 Remarkable Women



GWEN MURANAKA / Rafu Shimpō

From left: Yuriko Shikai, president of the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California; Women of the Year honorees Sue Yanaga Kawasaki, Genevieve Hatsumi Uyeda Lew, Michele (Misaki) Nagata, Trudy Nodohara, Barbara Kato Yanase Shirota and George Kita, president of the Downtown JACL Chapter, on May 5 at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

By GWEN MURANAKA  
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Five women who are pillars of strength for their communities and families were recognized in an uplifting celebration on May 5.

Sue Yanaga Kawasaki, Genevieve Hatsumi Uyeda Lew, Michele (Misaki) Nagata, Trudy Nodohara and Barbara Kato Yanase Shirota were honored at the annual Women of the Year luncheon. More than 300 gathered at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello to recognize their accomplishments.

The annual event is sponsored by the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California and the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League George Kita, president of the Downtown JACL, served as emcee. Rev. Ki Choi of Centenary United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

"Thank you for your invaluable and significant service to the community," said Yuriko Shikai, president of the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California.

Kawasaki is a retired special education administrator and learning disability specialist. She traveled to Japan on three different occasions as one of the Yonsei board representatives, and hosted many Japanese basketball players during their stay in the U.S. Her friend Lillian Nishihara said she is an *onee-san* (big sister) to the organizations she is involved in, including Continuing Education of Nikkei Widows.



Family and friends cheer for the honorees.



Sue Yanaga Kawasaki expresses gratitude on behalf of the women.

Uyeda Lew was a teacher of English as a second language in junior and middle schools for the Los Angeles Unified School District. Her grandchildren, Allan and Lindsay Lew, said they marveled at her passion and drive to volunteer at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center. She also volunteers at Yosemite National Park.

Nagata is a 27-year hotel industry professional with lifelong work at Centenary United Methodist Church. Her friend Cynthia Nishinaka said that Nagata devotes countless hours to Centenary, including chairing the Arigato Bazaar, which was held the day before. She is also active with Kotobuki no Kai and the Disneyland Alumni Club.

Nodohara is active as a member of the L.A. Little Tokyo Lions Club and Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. As an interpreter, she has worked for many notable individuals, including Paul Anka and Bob Hope. Her friend Cass Cara said Nodohara always asked the right questions and led the Lions Club with honesty, integrity and courage.

Yanase Shirota served as the first woman president of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and is currently an at-large board member. She also sponsors scholarships at Southwestern Law School, San Gabriel Valley JACL for high school students, ESGVJCC for graduate students, and the University of La Verne. Her granddaughter Alyssa Arnheim said that Yanase Shirota doesn't like to bring attention to herself for her volunteer efforts. She marveled at her grandmother's sharp mind and memory, noting that she recalls the names of students she taught in kindergarten 40 years ago.

The women all received proclamations from State Sen. Bob Archuleta, Assemblymember Miguel Santiago and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio.

Yanaga Kawasaki expressed gratitude on behalf of the women.

"We are truly humbled and greatly appreciative of this award. Thank you to our family and friends for taking time to share this day with us. *Honto ni arigato*," she said.

## AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate Event at JANM

May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was murdered in a hate crime in 1982. His death sparked a campaign for justice involving Asian American communities across the country.

To honor his legacy and to commemorate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Act to Change will host a conversation with author Paula Yoo and writer Philip Chung about Yoo's latest book, "Rising from the Ashes: Los Angeles 1992," and her 2021 book, "From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial That Galvanized the Asian American Movement."

This event will be hosted on the

sixth annual National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Day Against Bullying and Hate, Saturday, May 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum, 100 N. Central Ave. (at First Street) in Little Tokyo. RSVP at [janm.org/events](http://janm.org/events).

Act to Change said in a statement: "Act to Change is rallying the nation — including cities, elected officials, influencers, and community organizations — around the sixth annual National AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate."

"May 18, 2024 would have been Vincent Chin's 69th birthday. Chin's life was cut short four decades ago in a hate crime where two men brutally

attacked him just because he looked Asian.

"Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly 11,500 cases of anti-AAPI violence and hate have been reported. AAPI youth face unprecedented amounts of bullying online and offline. Anti-Asian hate crimes decreased for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic — a 33% drop from 2021 to 2022.

"Our work of raising awareness and bullying prevention helps to increase tolerance, safety and belonging among AAPI youth. We are gathering on May 18 to honor Vincent Chin and to remind AAPI youth that you are the future of our nation, and that you all belong here."

## Court to Hear Oral Arguments in Tulelake Airfield Dispute

SACRAMENTO — The Tule Lake Committee ([www.tulelake.org](http://www.tulelake.org)) has issued the following statement.

On Tuesday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m., Japanese American legal history will be made. We ask survivors and descendants of Tule Lake to join us in bearing witness.

The Tule Lake Committee's pro bono legal team will be making oral arguments in *Tule Lake Committee v. Follis, et. al.*, to challenge the transfer of the Tulelake airfield from the City of Tulelake to the sovereign Oklahoma Modoc Nation.

The matter of ownership of the historic Tule Lake Japanese American concentration camp lands will be heard before California's Third

District California Court of Appeal in Sacramento at the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building, 915 Capital Mall.

The disputed 359-acre Tulelake airfield property occupies two-thirds of the Tule Lake concentration camp's barracks area, where over 27,000 Japanese Americans lived while unjustly incarcerated from 1942 through 1946.

*TLC v. Follis* is the Tule Lake Committee's remaining lawsuit in six-years of litigation challenging the City of Tulelake's giveaway of the Tulelake airfield to a sovereign nation that promised to expand aviation on the former concentration camp site.

Courtroom seating is open to the public between 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.



MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Expansion of Tulelake Airport will negatively impact the Tule Lake concentration camp site.

## L.A. City Leaders Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Three Los Angeles City Council members on May 3 recognized four Asian Americans for their contributions to the city in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Month.

Councilmembers John Lee, Nithya Raman and Kevin de León led the ceremony held on the Spring Court Steps at City Hall. The event included a free lunch, cultural performances and an awards ceremony.

This year's honorees were Korean artist ZIBEZI (Z-B-Z), recognized for his artistic contributions to his film "Parasite"; Hyung Chul Kim, proprietor of Brown Bag Cookies, a L.A.-based cookie shop; Zohreen

Shah, an L.A.-based national reporter for ABC News on all platforms, including "Good Morning America"; and Hyonbae Park, chief financial officer of CJ ENM USA, a production company bringing Korean media culture to the U.S.

Actor and comedian Ken Jeong was to be recognized as well, but cancelled his appearance, according to Lee's office.

"It's my distinct honor to spearhead the city's AAPI Heritage Month celebration each year to celebrate and recognize the various AAPI individuals and organizations who help to make our city, country and world a better place," Lee said in a statement.

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## Michelle Yeoh Among Recipients of Presidential Medal of Freedom

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Friday named 19 recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values, or security of the U.S., world peace, or other significant societal, public or private endeavors.

The White House said that the recipients "built teams, coalitions, movements, organizations, and businesses that shaped America for the better. They are the pinnacle of leadership in their fields. They consistently demonstrated over their careers the power of community, hard work, and service."

The awards were presented by President Joe Biden at the White House on May 3. The honorees included Michelle Yeoh, an actress known for her groundbreaking work in a number of blockbusters over four decades. For her starring role in "Everything Everywhere All at Once," she recently became the first Asian to win the Academy Award for best actress.

Her other recent credits include the movies "Crazy Rich Asians," "Last Christmas," "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," "The School for Good and Evil," "A Haunting in Venice," and the forthcoming "Wicked" and "Avatar 3"; and the TV shows "Star Trek: Voyager" and "Star Trek: Enterprise."

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White House photo

President Biden presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Michelle Yeoh and 18 others in the East Room of the White House on May 3.

# Efforts Under Way to Save 'Quantum Leap' After NBC Cancels Show

Fans, media watch groups launch campaigns to urge network to continue the sci-fi series.

By J.K. YAMAMOTO  
RAFU STAFF WRITER

NBC has canceled the science fiction series "Quantum Leap," sparking an outcry from fans, including many Asian Americans.

The series, which premiered in September 2022, is a follow-up to the 1989-1993 series of the same name, which starred Scott Bakula as Dr. Sam Beckett. A time-travel experiment traps Sam in the past, with his consciousness "leaping" into different people and changing events for the better. In the final episode, it is stated that Sam never made it back to the present.

In the new series, set 30 years later with Sam's fate still a mystery, the Quantum Leap project is revived and Dr. Ben Song (Raymond Lee) also finds himself leaping into other people's lives in the past. Unlike Sam, Ben can leap beyond his own lifetime and visits the Old West and other historical periods.

The cast also includes Caitlin Bassett as Addison, Ben's colleague and fiancée, who appears to him as a hologram that no one else can see or hear — like the late Dean Stockwell's character, AI, in the original series. Also working to get Ben back home are Mason Alexander Park as Ian, Nanrisa Lee as Jenn, and Ernie Hudson as Magic, whom Sam leaped into during the Vietnam War.

Bakula has declined to appear in the new show, though Susan Diol has reprised her role as Beth, AI's wife.

In Season 2, Eliza Taylor appeared in a recurring role as Hannah, a possible romantic interest for Ben. After losing contact with Ben for three years, Addison believes he is dead and gets engaged to someone else. Ben encounters Hannah during different leaps, years apart, and eventually reveals to her that he is a time traveler.

Although other prime-time shows have Asian Americans as part of their regular cast, Lee is the only Asian American male actor who has top billing.

The show's two-hour season finale aired on Feb. 20 with a cliffhanger in which Addison leaped back in time, intending to switch places with Ben. Instead, she meets Ben in the past.

Responding to news of the cancellation, Raymond Lee said via Instagram, "Just wanted to say a thank you to our QL fans and those who've tuned in. Your support was felt and always warmly received. You all have made it the ride of a lifetime."

"We're so proud of the show we made and more proud of the stories we got to tell. And selfishly, for me, I got to make some really awesome friends along the way. If and when another group gets a hold of the accelerator and its capabilities, may they find us floating in time, still striving to put right what once went wrong."

Bassett wrote, "So sorry to say... farewell leapers. Thank you so much for every moment of this amazing journey. And thank you @nbc and @universaltv for the ride of a lifetime. As the wonderful QL super-fan Matt Dale said — 'be excellent to each other.'"

Neither actor commented on fans' efforts to save the show.

## MANAA's Response

Media Action Network for Asian Americans, which advocates for more representation in front of and behind the camera, is urging network executives to un-cancel "Quantum Leap" based on Nielsen data.

After sending a letter to NBCUniversal Chairman Frances Berwick, Universal Studio Group Chairman Pearlina Igbokwe, Universal Television President Erin Underhill and Universal Filmed Entertainment Group Chairman Donna Langley,

MANAA Founding President Guy Aoki posted the following on Facebook:

"Everyone: We need your help. My organization, Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) — the only organization solely dedicated to monitoring the media and advocating balanced, sensitive and positive depictions and coverage of Asian Pacific Americans — wrote a letter to NBC's top brass asking them to un-cancel 'Quantum Leap.'"

"We used Nielsen ratings data to show several things: It should never have been moved from its Monday 10 p.m. time slot because it beat CBS's 'NCIS: Hawaii' with the 18-49 age group that advertisers covet and which ultimately determines if a show gets renewed or not. NCIS-H is a shoo-in for renewal; QL got cancelled. (We understand NBC likes to place new series after 'The Voice' as a launching pad, then move them to another night the next season.)"

"Even when it was moved to Wednesdays at 8 p.m. last October, QL actually grew its audience in November with episodes that had higher same-day total viewers than anything besides its premiere episode in 2022!"

"But in late January, without much promotion, NBC moved QL to Tuesdays at 10 p.m., where it had to follow 'Night Court' (whose 18-49 ratings fell a whopping 42.6% from last season), 'Extended Family' and the already-cancelled 'La Brea.' Still, our 'little show that could' beat the last two programs in the 18-49 demographic and even beat 'Night Court' one week. That's unheard of."

(Most of the numbers are based on Live+7, the number of people who record a show and watch it within seven days, which has become the industry standard for assessing the popularity of a show.)

"We also noted to NBC that Raymond Lee is the only Asian American male starring (first name in the credits) in a series on network television and that 'Quantum Leap' had not only the most diverse cast on NBC but possibly all of television: Two Asian Americans, an African American and a non-binary Latino. This week, we received a message from two NBC execs saying that they were proud of the show and had considered all of the ratings angles, but QL was still cancelled."

"The only option we have left is to raise enough of a public ruckus that NBC notices and reverses its decision. It happened when Fox cancelled 'Brooklyn Nine-Nine' and NBC picked it up and when CBS cancelled 'Magnum, P.I.' and NBC picked it up (however, in both cases, Universal TV produced the show, so it was cheaper for NBC to pick it up vs. another network, which had to pay a licensing fee. QL was also produced by UTV, so it makes more sense for one of their streaming services to pick it up, like Peacock)."

"Please leave a message on NBC's viewer hotline, (212) 664-2333, and/or write to nbcshows@nbcuni.com and tell them you want the show back for a third season and that it should be properly PROMOTED this time, along with your personal reasons. Address for actual letters: NBC Viewer Relations, c/o Un-Cancel Quantum Leap, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112. And use this hashtag on social media: #UnCancelQuantumLeap or the already existing #SaveQuantumLeap"

"Remember, the original '89-'93 series had also aired on three different nights and NBC was on the verge of cancelling it, but an outcry from fans led the network to give it a better time slot, which saved it."

"And please go to change.org and sign the four petitions asking for the show to return. Thanks for your support!"

In the letter, Aoki told the executives, "As you may know, historically, Asian men have not been portrayed as heroic, attractive, nor romantic. They have engendered anger as villains bent on taking over the world or ridicule as nerds and weaklings, not considered



Photos by ERIC HAYASHI

Many of Pixar's beloved characters are featured in the stage show and parade during Pixar Fest, a celebration running through Aug. 4 at both Disneyland and California Adventure in Anaheim. Below, entrees and desserts inspired by the feature film "Coco" include a "crazy" stuffed potato, soy chorizo torta, tres leches parfait and a cupcake topped with the fabled "marigold bridge."

## Treats for All Senses at Disneyland's Pixar Fest

By ERIC HAYASHI  
RAFU CONTRIBUTOR

ANAHEIM.—Disneyland Resort is presenting Pixar Fest 2024 through Aug. 4 with the theme "Celebrating Friendship and Beyond."

The festival is over 18 months in the making and includes a new parade, "Better Together: A Pixar Pals Celebration!"; 80 different food and beverage items; Pixar-themed merchandise; Club Pixar; Pixar Pals Playtime Party; "Together Forever — A Pixar Nighttime Spectacular"; and additional characters and new animation from the latest Pixar movies.

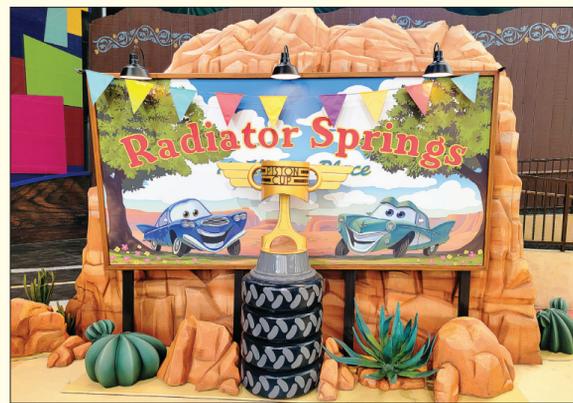
Tasha Sounart, theme park creative director at Pixar Animation Studios, stated, "Pixar Fest is a collaboration with the Imagineers on bringing any stories from our Pixar films to the parks."

The last Pixar Fest was in 2018. This year, characters are incorporated from "Luca," "Turning Red," "Soul," and "Elemental." There are characters from past movies such as "Toy Story," "The Incredibles," "Up," "Coco," and "Inside Out."

Six different marketplaces are serving food themed from the different Pixar movies. Some of the food samplings are Mood Swing Mac and Cheese, which comes in both yellow and "angry" red hot; Smoked Fire Wood BBQ-Spiced Impossible Chicken; Supper Club Chicken and Potato Waffles; Fried Bologna Sandwich; Red Panda Bao; Gusteau Macaron; and Sea Monster Friends Parfait. There are also new adult beverages available for Pixar Fest.

In Disneyland, at Rancho Del Zocalo there is a Marigold Cupcake that is a tres leche soaked tri color cupcake with cinnamon crunch and cinnamon mousse, topped off with buttercream frosting.

The Jolly Holiday Bakery celebrates "Luca" with a parfait that's a cheesecake layered with a graham cracker crust, berry gelatin; you can see the friendship between Luca and Alberto in this chocolate decoration.



At Alien Pizza Planet, celebrating "Toy Story," the aliens did their best to create a cheeseburger. It just came out in the form of a pizza. Carnation Café has a fried bologna sandwich.

At California Adventure Park, Paradise Garden Grill has Horache, a fried masa base with seasoned Impossible beef, crema, and two types of salsa. The entire dish is plant-based.

Shake 2319 at Smoozies has coconut, guava, orange, pineapple and toasted coconut on top and Flo's V8 diner at Cars Land has the Dinoco Bleu Cheeseburger.

At the Pixar Pals Playtime Party at the Fantasyland Theater in Disneyland, the area has been transformed to be immersive throughout the entire space. At the daytime party, which is fun for all ages, one can learn to dance or dance with many of the Pixar characters, take photos with backgrounds, and create some crafts.

California Adventure Park has Club Pixar for the afternoon and evening. It too is for all ages and there are photo opportunities. At the stage, you can learn some dances, the "Monsters U" pep rally cheer, and 4Town songs from "Turning Red," and watch an interpretive dance.

There is also the "Short Stop"

area, where you can relax and watch Pixar shorts or play some games.

If you want to watch the "Better Together: A Pixar Pals Celebration!" Parade, new floats featuring the Pixar Lamp, "Turning Red," "Soul" and "Luca." But not to fear, old favorites from "Toy Story," "Monsters Inc.," "Coco," and "The Incredibles" are included. At the end of the parade before the cast goes through the gate, each group signs "Better Together" as part of their choreography.

Then in the evening, back at

Disneyland is Together Forever — A Pixar Nighttime Spectacular, which includes all 17 of the Pixar films and inserts new Pixar animation, pyrotechnics and songs from the films. At the end of the show, the projections of characters along Main Street wave and interact with the guests. However, as an Easter egg, at Small World, there are six hidden Mickeys within in the projection of the Nighttime Spectacular.

A few other Easter eggs for Pixar Fest 2024 are new Pixar animation at the end of the fireworks show down Main Street. Located throughout the parks and resort are 50 Pizza Planet trucks and if you have a MagicBand Plus, it will light up and vibrate along with the Nighttime Spectacular. Magic Key holder-only merchandise is available as well.

Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure Park require reservations and a ticket for entry. Disney is currently running a special for Southern California residents to purchase a three-day ticket admission to one park per day through June 2.

For more information, go to: <https://disney.parks.disney.go.com/au/disneyland/events-tours/pixar-fest/>



Russell, the determined scout from "Up," rides a colorful bird during the "Better Together" parade. At left, welcome to the "Cars" town.

romantic possibilities for anyone. Asian women, on the other hand, were coveted by men of all races, but with a lot of misguided ethnic baggage attached.

"To have Dr. Ben Song put his life on the line to help strangers and become romantically involved with not one, but two attractive women ran counter to those stereotypes. In addition, Song usually jumped into the bodies of non-Asian American characters, meaning his ethnicity did not affect his missions, and it demonstrated Raymond Lee's talents as an actor."

"It was refreshing to see two Asian American cast members (Raymond Lee and Nanrisa Lee) working together on some of those missions, as it's been a joke that producers often kept AAs apart for fear of making a show look 'too ethnic' ...

"In this time of cynicism and partisanship, QL's positive message of changing the past to improve people's lives has earned a loyal fan following. And we have faith that the creators of this updated series have many fascinating twists and turns in mind, which will continue to keep the show's fans riveted to each new development in future seasons."

After the letter was sent, CBS canceled "NCIS: Hawaii," which premiered in 2021. This ended a string of CBS shows set in Hawaii, starting with the reboot of "Hawaii Five-0" (2010-2020) and continuing with the reboot of "Magnum, P.I." (2018-2022 on CBS, 2023-2024 on NBC).

## Online Petitions

One of the change.org petitions,

"Save 'Quantum Leap,'" launched on April 5, has collected 2,459 signatures as of Friday. The message reads:

"The general public implores you to revive 'Quantum Leap' (2022)."

"In a world where there is so much negativity in the media, a positive and inspiring sci-fi program is both a much-needed respite from everyday issues and a call to action to do the right thing in one's own life. The new 'Quantum Leap' is a worthy successor to the original 1989 series, and just needs a chance to find a new viewership in an era when broadcast television is fundamentally different. 'Quantum Leap' brings fresh creativity to your network and removing it would be a mistake that the audience only wishes that Dr. Ben Song could stop from happening."

"Please reconsider cancellation and give 'Quantum Leap' another chance. At a minimum, give the writers, cast, and crew the opportunity to finish the story the way they intended (hopefully bringing Ben, Addison, and Sam home) out of respect for the audience, who have given this show their time and attention."

Other petitions include "Save the 'Quantum Leap' Reboot" (245 signatures), "Revive NBC's Quantum Leap for a Third Season" (456) and "NBC Please Renew 'Quantum Leap' or Make It a Peacock Exclusive" (765).

On Facebook, the issue is being discussed on the "Quantum Leap 2022" and "Quantum Leap on NBC" pages.

Meanwhile, at least seven similar petitions have been launched on change.org to save "NCIS: Hawaii."



Raymond Lee and Caitlin Bassett in the "Nomad" episode of "Quantum Leap." NBC has canceled the sci-fi series after two seasons.



## RETIREMENT TIPS By Akemi Kondo Dalvi, CPA/PFS™, CFP®

### Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness

Many are confused about where we stand as a country in relation to student debt loan forgiveness. There appear to be a lot of headlines on the subject, but then it is unclear what is actually enacted (versus extended, updated, or overturned) thereafter.

Taking a look back, the idea of student loan forgiveness originated as a longshot campaign promise by Sen. Elizabeth Warren running in the Democratic primary for president in 2019. At that time, Warren stated she would use her presidential authority to cancel \$50,000 of student loan debt per borrower, if elected.

Around the same time, then former Vice President Joe Biden was also running for president in the Democratic primary. According to Politifact, on the campaign trail, Biden promised to "forgive all undergraduate tuition-related federal student debt from two- and four-year public colleges and universities and private HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities) and MSIs (minority-serving institutions) for debt-holders earning up to \$125,000."<sup>1</sup>

At the time, President Trump was in office. In March 2020, Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID pandemic. On the same day, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos set the interest rate on federally held loans to 0% and suspended required payments on student debt for a period of at least 60 days. Later in the same month, Trump signed the CARES Act, which paused student loan payments and interest through September 2020.

Under Trump's presidency, the Department of Education extended the pause on student loan debt and interest payments from the original September 2020 date through year end. Thereafter, the department extended the pause on student loan repayment through Jan. 31, 2021, under emergency powers granted by the provisions outlined in the HEROES Act of 2003, originally enacted after the 9/11 attacks on America.

In January 2021, Biden was inaugurated as the 46th president of the United States. On his Inauguration Day, he declared that the pause on student loan debt would be extended through Sept. 30, 2021. In March 2021, Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan pandemic relief bill, which among many other provisions, outlined that student loan forgiveness would not be subject to income tax by the beneficiary

through 2025. However, no new student debt had actually been forgiven yet. In August of 2021, Biden extended the student loan payment pause again, through January 2022.

Fighting for some forward progress, in October 2021, the Department of Education issued a special temporary waiver that expanded the number of people eligible for loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. Approximately 373,000 people had debt cancelled under the one-time waiver. Before the year was over, Biden extended the student loan payment pause once again, deferring the next deadline to May 2022. In April 2022, Biden extended student loan payment through August 2022.

Finally in August 2022, Biden used executive powers under the HEROES Act of 2003 to forgive student debt, noting hardships were ongoing in 2022 in connection to the COVID-19 emergency. With his authority, the president forgave up to \$10,000 of federally held student loan debt per borrower, or up to \$20,000 for those who were eligible for a Pell Grant, a subsidy by the U.S. federal government for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need.<sup>2</sup>

The program was anticipated to provide \$430 billion of debt relief. Biden also announced final extension of student loan repayment through December 2022.

Shortly after the August 2022 announcement, six states (Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas and South Carolina) sued the Department of Education, noting Biden's forgiveness program is not eligible for unilateral executive power under the HEROES Act, under which authority was intended to be temporary only so long as a national emergency was in effect.

During the next month, various other parties sued the Department of Education and Biden. In November 2022, a Texas federal judge ruled against the Department of Education, striking down Biden's forgiveness program. As such, the Biden Administration has appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

Given the developments, the pause on student debt payments was extended an eighth time to the earlier of 60 days after June 30, 2024, or the Supreme Court ruling. However, the Department of Education noted payments will resume only if the Biden Administration's federal student loan forgiveness program has been implemented and related litigation has not been resolved.<sup>3</sup>

As things stand currently, litigation looks lengthy, and resolution

looks distant.

In April 2024, Biden announced a new student forgiveness plan, coined as "Plan B" that attempts to broaden the scope of those eligible for student loan forgiveness to include an estimated 30 million borrowers.

A few highlights of the bill include automatic debt forgiveness for debt holders who have not applied, but are eligible through the Saving on Valuable Education (SAVE) plan and Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF). The new plan also proposes to forgive up to \$20,000 of the balance for those with "runaway interest" due to unpaid interest, regardless of their income.

Additionally, borrowers experiencing financial hardship or those enrolled in "low-financial-value programs" would also have their debt cancelled. After May 17, the Department of Education will move forward and begin implementing the relief plan unless it decides to make revisions based on the record number of 34,000+ public comments received to date.

The goal is for the new plan to be in place by fall 2024. However, legal challenges could certainly delay or outright derail implementation.

Even without Plan B, so far, nearly \$160 billion in student loan debt related to approximately 4.6 million borrowers has been forgiven under existing loan forgiveness programs such as SAVE, PSLF and Income-Driven Repayment Plans (IDRP). That forgiveness balance is estimated to be around 10% of all federal student loan debt currently outstanding.<sup>4</sup>

In summary, this story is still being written and the outcome is uncertain. Biden's battle for student loan forgiveness ensues and will likely continue to capture headlines in the months ahead.

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## L.A. City Council President Krekorian Places De León, Price Back on Committees Despite Scandals

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Despite facing separate scandals, Los Angeles City Council members Curren Price and Kevin de León on Thursday were preparing to return and serve on some committees.

Council President Paul Krekorian announced Wednesday that Price would serve on the civil rights, personnel, public safety, and trade and travel committees, and de León would serve on the energy and environment, housing and homelessness, trade, and transportation committees. De León would also serve on the Board of Referred Powers, which last met in 2022.

As the council president, Krekorian has the power to assign and structure the council's committees.

"It's a 15-seat council and there are 16 committees, each with three to seven members," according to statement from Krekorian's office. "With only 13 members working full-time, some members have been serving on five or six committees."

"Having two members of the council sitting idle while collecting

full pay was imposing on excessive workload on the other 12 and interfering with the work of the council," the statement continued.

Price, who represents the 9th District, encompassing neighborhoods of South L.A., asked to be excused from his committee duties in June 2023 while he prepared a response to his indictment. The councilman had been charged with embezzlement, perjury and conflict of interest that same month.

Price has vehemently defended himself and maintains he is innocent of any wrongdoing.

De León, who represents the 14th District, encompassing parts of Downtown L.A. and Eastside neighborhoods, was stripped of his committee duties by acting Council President Mitch O'Farrell in October 2022 following the release of a leaked audio recording featuring racist and derogatory remarks.

The councilman has apologized for his participating in that conversation, and is now running for a second term.

Both councilmembers issued

statements Wednesday in response to the Krekorian's action.

De León said, "These specific assignments are particularly critical for residents of my district."

Price said he was "deeply honored" to return to his committee duties.

"Amidst mounting concerns among Angelenos regarding significant issues such as family safety, the broad-reaching effects of the upcoming 2028 Olympics and the future of immigrant communities, I feel privileged to have the opportunity to address these pressing matters and numerous others impacting our residents," Price said in a statement.

Rob Quan, an organizer with Unrig L.A., told *The Los Angeles Times* that he was disappointed with Krekorian's action. Unrig LA is an organization that works to address corruption at City Hall.

Quan told *The Times* that it was "highly inappropriate" to put Price on a council committee that deals with the LAPD and called it "baffling" to place de León on several committees.



### Exhibition of Works by Matsumi Kanemitsu

"Matsumi Kanemitsu: Traction Avenue" will be on view from May 18 to June 29 at Louis Stern Fine Arts, 9002 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood.

Opening reception will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Louis Stern Fine Arts is pleased to present a selection of late works by influential Japanese American artist and educator Matsumi Kanemitsu (1922-1992). The works on view were created in the last years of the artist's life, during which he lived and worked in the historic Joannes Brothers Company Building at 800 Traction Ave., located in what is now known as Los Angeles' Arts District.

Expressing the complex human experience of natural forces in sumi ink, watercolor, and acrylic, these works embody both the splendor and the perils of a sunset in a scorching desert, the churning waves of a Pacific storm, or rivers of rain in a summer deluge. This body of work represents the culmination of the artist's prolific and diverse career and bears the legacy of his profound impact on cultivating a vibrant and thriving artist community in L.A.

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### 'Enduring Patterns of Anti-Asian Sentiment' at Pacific Oaks College

In observance of AAPI Heritage Month, on Wednesday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dr. Dana Nakano, a fourth-generation Japanese American from Orange County, will discuss "Enduring Patterns of Anti-Asian Sentiment" at Pacific Oaks College.

Nakano, a sociology professor at CSU Stanislaus, recently published a book, "Japanese Americans and the Racial Uniform: Citizenship, Belonging, and the Limits

of Assimilation." Last year he contributed an article, "Patterns of Hate in Asian American History" to the special "Stop Asian Hate" edition of *The Rafu Shimpō*.



Dana Nakano

Pacific Oaks College is located at 45 Eureka St., Pasadena. The event includes lunch. Contact Pam Tajima Praeger at [tajimapraeger47@gmail.com](mailto:tajimapraeger47@gmail.com) to receive an RSVP link.

## Muratsuchi Calls for State Audit of Two Charter Schools

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance), chair of the Assembly Education Committee, together with Sen. Josh Newman (D-Fullerton), chair of the Senate Education Committee, Assemblymember David Alvarez (D-San Diego), chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, and Assemblymember Dawn Addis (D-Morro Bay), member of the Assembly Education Committee, has formally requested the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to approve a state audit of two California charter schools due to reported fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds.

The requested audit, if approved, will focus on Highlands Community Charter School (HCCS), based in Sacramento, and affiliated programs, the California Innovative Career Academy (CICA) and the HCCS school foundation known as the Doc Smith Legacy Foundation. The audit will also focus on the Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD) as the local educational agency authorizing and overseeing HCCS and CICA.

Recently, several current and former Highlands Charter School employees have reported potential fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds at HCCS to ABC10, a Sac-

ramento television news affiliate. These reports include alleged falsification of student attendance numbers, cronyism, nepotism, and misuse of public funds for luxury gifts for staff and students, luxury travel for staff, staff bonuses, and political contributions.

"The whistleblower complaints reported by ABC10 are deeply troubling and need to be fully investigated," stated Muratsuchi. "While adult education programs targeting immigrant and refugee communities are laudable, we want to make sure that public student enrollment funding is not being improperly used to pay for things like luxury travel and gifts for staff and students, as well as high-paying jobs for connected friends and family offering little to no educational services."

"This audit will also focus on whether Twin Rivers Unified was providing proper oversight over the operation of these two affiliated charter schools."

This audit request follows a 2018 State Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) audit of Highlands Community Charter School (HCCS), which found that "significant material weaknesses in the charter's internal control environment increase the probability of fraud and abuse."

HCCS and CICA are affiliated

K-12 charter schools that exclusively enroll adult students over age 22 to teach English language development, career and technical education, and coursework leading to a high school diploma. HCCS provides in-person classroom-based instruction, and CICA offers independent study, known as non-classroom-based instruction.

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee will hear the audit request at their May 14 hearing.

## OBITUARIES

### Susumu Ioki

Susumu Ioki, 95, resident of Culver City, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2024. Susumu was born on May 24, 1928, in San Leandro, California. He was predeceased by his wife, Miye, in 2011 and is survived by daughters, Diane (Patrick) Dempsey, Margie (Michael) Odanaka and Arlene Dootson; along with grandchildren, Ryan and Bridget Dempsey, Katherine Odanaka, and Erik (Escarlet) and Sachi Dootson.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4 p.m. at the Venice Free Methodist Church, 4871 S. Centinela Ave., Los Angeles. (Additional parking will be available at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.)

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Manzanar National Historic Site (National Park Service) or Venice Japanese Community Center.

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### Barbara Rich

Barbara Rich, a 100-year-old, Los Angeles, Calif.-born, resident of Bellflower, passed away on April 30, 2024. Per her request, no service will be held.

Predeceased by her husband, Warren R. Rich; she is survived by her son, Ken Rich; she is also survived by other relatives.

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## Yoshiko Matsuda

Yoshiko Matsuda, 90-year-old, Kauai, Hawaii-born, resident of Sherman Oaks, Calif., passed away peacefully on April 26, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her son, Todd, and is survived by loving husband, Ikuo; son, Stuart (Michelle, nee Hoo); grandsons, Nate and Rick; granddaughter, Abby; and sister Fukuko Shimizu.

Honoring her request, no services will be held and she and the family would appreciate no flowers or koden.

For information regarding her Celebration of Life event, please email [byeyoshi426@gmail.com](mailto:byeyoshi426@gmail.com)

*Yoshiko Matsuda*

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The mission of the Nissin Foods USA scholarship is to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors to be enrolled for undergraduate study in two- or four-year institutions/universities and trade schools.

Up to two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students attending high school in Gardena, Calif. or in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania.

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### Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance by submitting their FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) alongside the application. SAR Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be taken into consideration.

- Applicants must have permanent resident status in Southern California or Lancaster County.

- Academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in programs focused on volunteerism and community service will be highly considered.

- A letter of recommendation is required.
- Transcript submission: minimum 3.0 GPA

### Application Process

- Application form can be accessed at: <https://www.nissinfoods.com/story/goodneighbor/>
- Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, June 14, 2024, at 5 p.m. PST. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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- Type or print legibly.

- If you have any questions about the application, email [goodneighbor@nissinfoods.com](mailto:goodneighbor@nissinfoods.com).
- Application should be submitted electronically by Friday, June 14, at 5 p.m. PST to Nissin Foods, USA at [goodneighbor@nissinfoods.com](mailto:goodneighbor@nissinfoods.com). A scanned copy may be submitted.

- Alternatively, the application may be mailed to 2001 W. Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, CA 90249. Must be postmarked by Friday, June 14.
- Applications emailed after 5 p.m. PST on this date or post-marked after this date if sent via U.S. mail will not be considered.

- Applicants will be notified if awarded a scholarship by July 2024.
- Nissin Foods will not be responsible for any lost applications.

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## Yeoh

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Discovery," "The Witcher: Blood Origin," "American Born Chinese" and "The Brothers Sun."

Biden praised Yeoh for shattering "stereotypes and glass ceilings to enrich and enhance American culture."

The other recipients were:

**Michael R. Bloomberg**, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and three-term mayor of New York City.

**Father Gregory J. Boyle**, founder and director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles.

**Rep. James E. Clyburn**, former assistant Democratic leader and majority whip in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Elizabeth Dole**, who has served as a U.S. senator, secretary of transportation, secretary of labor, and president of the American Red Cross.

**Phil Donahue**, journalist and television pioneer who pioneered the daytime issue-oriented talk show.

**Medgar Wiley Evers** (posthumous), who led the fight against segregation in Mississippi. After he was murdered in 1963 at the age of 37, his wife Myrlie continued to seek justice and equality in his name.

**Al Gore**, former vice president, U.S. senator, and member of the House of Representatives, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his action on climate change.

**Clarence B. Jones**, renowned civil rights activist and lawyer who helped draft Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

**John Forbes Kerry**, former secretary of state, U.S. senator, and

the first special presidential envoy for climate.

**Frank R. Lautenberg** (posthumous), five-term U.S. senator remembered for his critical work on environmental protection and consumer safety.

**Kathleen Genevieve Leducky**, the most decorated female swimmer in history. She has won seven Olympic gold medals and 21 world championship gold medals so far.

**Opal Lee**, an educator and activist known for her efforts to make Juneteenth a federally recognized holiday.

**Ellen Ochoa**, the first Hispanic woman in space and the second female director of NASA's Johnson Space Center.

**Rep. Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi**, who served as the 52nd speaker of the House and has represented San Francisco in Congress for more than 36 years.

**Jane Rigby**, an astronomer and the chief scientist of the world's most powerful telescope.

**Teresa Romero**, president of United Farm Workers and the first Latina to become president of a national union in the U.S.

**Judy Shepard**, co-founder of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, created in honor of her son who was murdered in one of the nation's most notorious anti-gay hate crimes.

**James Francis Thorpe** (posthumous), the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal. He went on to play professional football, baseball, and basketball.

## Man Accused of Stealing Vintage Violins, Robbing Irvine Bank

CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 57-year-old man was scheduled to make his first appearance in federal court May 9 on charges of stealing expensive violins and robbing a bank in Irvine. Mark Meng was charged Tuesday with bank robbery and wire fraud, prosecutors said.

Meng is accused of a scheme "to steal high-end violins and resell them for his personal gain" from August 2020 through April of last year, according to an FBI affidavit.

Meng is accused of stealing an 1823 Lorenzo Ventapane violin valued at \$175,000; a 1903 Guilio Degani violin valued at \$55,000; a 1913 Caressa & Francois violin worth \$40,000; an 1870 Gand & Bernardel violin worth \$60,000; and a Francois Lott violin bow worth \$7,500, according to the FBI. He allegedly sold the stolen violins to a dealer in Los Angeles. Meng is also accused of robbing a

U.S. Bank branch at 4180 Barranca Parkway in Irvine about 1:20 p.m. April 2. Meng asked for \$18,000 with a note, but was given \$446, according to the FBI.

The robbery suspect, disguised by a bandana and sunglasses and with latex gloves, was seen in video surveillance making a dash after the stickup to a white minivan that matched the Toyota Sienna officers from Irvine saw at his home on April 11 that was registered to his girlfriend, federal officials said.

According to investigators, Meng allegedly contacted violin shops across the country to get an instrument on loan for a trial period, representing himself as a collector. After getting the violins on a trial basis he kept them longer than promised and then kited checks to the lenders, re-sent more checks that bounced or claimed he tried to mail the instruments back but they got lost in the mail, the FBI alleged.

## AAPI

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He noted that as a member of the AAPI community, it has always been "imperative for me to ensure that the AAPI community as a whole is recognized, respected and that those throughout the city who do the critical work of uplifting AAPI's voices are acknowledged for their dedication."

LAPD Interim Chief Dominic Choi, City Controller Kenneth Mejia and Capri Maddox, executive director of the L.A. Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, joined the celebration.

Mayor Karen Bass, who had been invited to the ceremony, did not make an appearance, though she posted on X, recognizing AAPI month.

"Los Angeles celebrates Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and recognized the contributions that AANHPI communities have made to the story of our city," Bass posted on social media. "As one of the most diverse cities in the world, L.A. continues to lift up the voices that represent us."

Daniel Tarica, general manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs, shared details about more events planned for the month, including:

- **Pottery Class, May 11.** Lee invites participants to a pottery class, where they will learn about AAPI Heritage Month and create this year's symbol, the dragon.

- **AAPI Community Days of Service, May 18.** a citywide effort to beautify and clean up neighborhoods. Various clean-ups are happening

around the city. In Council District 12, volunteers will be cleaning Limekiln Canyon Trail.

- **AAPI LA Market, May 19**, an annual market in Smorgasburg, featuring some of the best AAPI-owned eateries and brands in the city.

- **Accessing L.A.'s Koi Pond, May 20**, an event that gives an opportunity for small business owners to pitch their ideas to a panel of judges for feedback and advice on growing their businesses.

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# プロ野球 佐々木、耐えきれず5失点 最多123球でも2敗目

日本ハムが10日、地元エスコンフィールドでロッテに逆転勝ちし、連敗を3で止めた。ロッテは連勝が4でストップ。佐々木は5四球と制球を乱し、今季ワーストの5失点を喫した。

佐々木は耐えきれなかった。再三のピンチをしのぎ、3-1の六回も二、三塁を招いて2死にこぎ着けた。迎えた松本剛を2球で追い込み、フォークボールを決め球に選んだ。拾われた打球に力がかかったものの右前にぼとぼと、同点の2点打となり、続く郡司にも右前打を許して降板を告げられた。



六回途中で降板するロッテ・佐々木(手前) 共同

# フィギュア宇野が引退発表 「素晴らしい競技生活」

フィギュアの浅田真央さんに勝つ、アスケートで始めた。五輪で平野は個人の銀、北京は団体の銀、個人銅と計3個のメダルを獲得。世界選手権で23年連続で降板するロッテ・佐々木(手前) 共同



現役引退を発表した宇野昌磨。14日に記者会見する。共同

Table with 2 columns: 差 (Difference) and 率 (Rate). Rows include various numerical data points.

# 大相撲夏場所 新小結大の里、突き進むか 照ノ富士は強行出場

大相撲夏場所は12日に東京・両国国技館で初日を迎える。春場所を途中休場した一人横綱の照ノ富士は出場を決意。新入幕から2場所連続で11勝を挙げ、新小結に昇進した大の里にも古目を集める。

【ニューヨーク】大谷の直撃サインが入った。未使用ユニフォームも、2万ドル(約312万円)で落札された。売り上げは教育支援などを行う球団の慈善財団に入ると見られている。

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【パリ共同】飛び込みのバリ五輪テスト大会を兼ねたフランス・オープンが9日、パリ郊外サンディニで新設されたアクアティクスセンターで行われ、男子高飛び込みは17歳の玉井陸斗(15歳)が50.55点で優勝した。

# 井上尚、最強1位を奪回 ボクシング4団体統一王者

ボクシングの世界スーパースター4団体統一王者の井上尚(天橋)が、米専門誌「ザ・リング」が選定する全階級を通じて最強ランキング「パウンド・フォー・パウンド」で1位に輝いた。2022年6月に日本選手初となる1位に輝いた。井上尚は6日に東京ドームで行われた防衛戦でルイス・



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# 切磋琢磨の場 さらに充実を

関西将棋会館、今秋移転へ. Article about the Kansai Shogi Association's move to a new building. Includes a photo of Go player Takayanagi Hiroshi and a photo of a shogi match. Text discusses the association's history and the new facility's features.

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# 元通訳、虚偽の納税申告の罪も

## 日本に強制送還の可能性

【ロサンゼルス共同】大谷翔平選手の口座から約1700万ドル(約26億4400万円)を盗んで不正送金したとする銀行詐欺や虚偽の納税申告の罪を認め、司法取引に応じた元通訳、水原一平被告が14日、罪状認否のためロサンゼルス連邦地裁に出廷する。



大谷翔平選手(左)の通訳を務めた水原一平被告 (共同)

連邦地検によると水原被告は2021年11月ごろ、24年3月ごろ、違法スポーツ賭博で抱えた借金返済のため、大谷選手の口座から賭博の胴元側に不正に約1659万ドルを送金した。地検は8日、水原被告が22年の課税所得で約13万ドルと税務当局に報告し、大谷選手の口座から得た410万ドルが未申告だったとして虚偽の納税申告の罪にも問われると明らかにした。連邦地検は、大谷選手は送金を知らず、許可もしていないとして、被害者だと強調している。水原被告は大谷選手の口座開設を手伝った際に把握した暗証番号を悪用し、大谷選手を装い銀行に25回ほど電話した。野球カードの購入費約32万ドルや、歯の治療費約6万ドルも大谷選手の口座から支払ったとしていた。

罪状認否は当初、9日の予定だったが、連邦地検と弁護側が罪状認否前に追加手続きを踏む必要があるとして日程変更を連邦地裁に求めた。水原被告は銀行詐欺などの罪を認める司法取引に応じ、米メディアによると、米国籍を持っていない水原被告は日本に強制送還される可能性がある。水原被告は4月12日、身柄を拘束されて裁判所に初出廷した。大谷選手と胴元の接触禁止や、スポーツの提出、ギャンブル依存症の治療を受けることなどの条件を受け入れ、同日保釈された。

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## 水原通訳事件、ドラマ化へ

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## ホームレス問題の対処提起

### LA市警副署長 多面的アプローチを

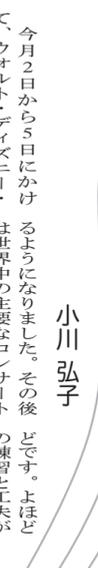
ロサンゼルス市警のブレイク・チョウ副署長が小東京実業組合(LTB)の65周年記念夕食会で、ロサンゼルス市のホームレス問題に対処するための、より包括的なアプローチを呼びかけた。ロサンゼルス市警のホームレス問題を「現代における最大の社会危機の一つ」と表現する。チョウ副署長は、「一般市民に安全について話すことが、ホームレス問題を最もよく語る」と述べ、「ホームレスの990年にロサンゼルス市警の予備捜査として法執行のキャリアをスタートし、1人々がメンタルヘルスサービスや薬物依存症治療を受けること、手助けを受けることを望んでいる」と語った。チョウ副署長はサンノゼ市警の予備捜査として法執行のキャリアをスタートし、1人々がメンタルヘルスサービスや薬物依存症治療を受けること、手助けを受けることを望んでいる」と語った。

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## 音楽の散歩道

小川弘子



今日2日から5日にかけて、ウオルト・ディズニー・コンサートホールにて、ポルトガル人の世界的なピアノリスト、マリア・ジョアン・ピリスが、グスタボ・ドゥタメが指揮するロサンゼルス・フィルハーモニック(LAフィル)との共演で、ベートーヴェンのピアノ協奏曲第4番を披露しました。私は3月に80歳になるとは、今年7月に80歳になるとは、とても思えないその演奏に、聴衆のみならず、指揮者もオーケストラのメンバーも、深い感銘を受けているのが伝わってきました。

ピリスは、小柄でもピアノニストとして非常に小さな手を持つ、手を広げても1オクターブしか届かないという、2018年からは、当時のマリア・ジョアン・ピリスの作品などは、聴くのは好きでも弾くことはできないと言っています。モーツァルト、ベートーヴェン、ショパン、シューマン、シューベルトなどがピリスの主要なレパートリーですが、それすらも、その小さな手でどうやって弾くのか、と思うほど周囲の理解を得て20年に及ぶ。今は、演奏する曲も共演者も、自分で選んでいるそうです。ドゥタメとLAフィルが彼女のお気に入りリストに入っていたことは、LAの音楽ファンにとってはラッキーでした。

今演奏したベートーヴェンのピアノ協奏曲第4番は、これも度々演奏してきた、いわばお得意の作品です。詳細はあまりに専門的になりすぎるので割愛しますが、指揮者であるドゥタメが全身全霊をこめてピリスの紡ぎ出す音に耳を傾け、その演奏に100パーセント寄り添う姿は、彼がどれほどこのピアノを尊敬しているかを感じさせました。近頃、熱狂的と言われている、心こもった温かい拍手が鳴りやまぬ中、ピリスがアンコールとして弾いたのは、ベートーヴェンのピアノソナタ第8番「悲愴」第2楽章。ゆつたりとしたテンポの、しっとりとした曲は、華やかなこと好まず、演奏を通じて聴衆とのつながりを何より大切にしている。

おがわひろこ 神戸大学教育学部音楽科卒、同大学院修士課程修了。声楽、器楽、合唱、バレエなどのピアノ伴奏者、および合唱指導者。現在、南加日系合唱連盟会長。ミュージック・ペンクラブ・ジャパン会員。



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米首脳は「単独でも戦う」

イスラエル首相が反発 ラファ作戦地域拡大承認か

【エルサレム、ワシントン共同】パレスチナ自治政府が最南部ラファへの侵攻を計画するイスラエルのネタニヤフ首相は、9日の声明で「必要ならば単独でも戦う」と述べ、本格侵攻すれば武器支援を断ると警告した米国の反発に、米ニューズサイト、アキオスの記者によると、イスラエル戦時中は9日夜、ラファでの軍による作戦地域の拡大を承認した。

イスラエルとイスラム組織ハマスによる戦闘休止と人質解放を巡る交渉で、9日に交渉は合意に至らず、9日に終了した。米当局者はCNNテレビに「一時中断」との認識を示した。文官調整やラファ侵攻を巡るせめぎ合いは続いているようだ。アキオスの記者によると、戦時内閣は交渉で合意を目指す努力を継続するよう指示した。

核戦略部隊は「戦闘準備」 プーチン氏、欧米けん制

【ワシントン共同】ロシアの大統領府は、核戦略部隊が戦闘準備に入ったと発表した。プーチン氏は、世界規模の衝突を防ぐために手段を尽くすが、われわれを脅かす者は許さない」と主張し、欧米を念頭に「いかなる国家や同盟の排他的な要求も拒否する」と強調した。プーチン政権は欧米の脅威から国を守る国民の愛国心に訴え、侵攻を正当化してきた。

五輪、仏国内でリレー開始

パリ聖火、華々しい式典

【マルセイユ（フランス）共同】ギリシャのオリムピアで採火されたパリ五輪の聖火が8日、巨大帆船で運ばれてフランス南部マルセイユに到着し、9日に国内リレーが始まった。セーヌ川で行われ、約15万人の観衆が参加した。聖火は、フランス空軍の輸送機でパリに運ばれ、エッフェル塔の頂上で炎を消す。この日は、パリ五輪の公式開会式も行われ、フランスの国歌が演奏された。

中国主席が欧州歴訪

温度差利用し切り崩し図る

【北京時事】中国の習近平国家主席は10日、フランス、セネガル、ハンガリーの3カ国を歴訪の日程を終えた。習政権は米国への対抗上、欧州との関係を重視。欧州では経済安全保障の観点から中国への警戒感が広がるが、習氏は各国の対中姿勢の温度差を利用し、個別の切り崩しを図った。中国の補助金によって同国製電気自動車（EV）

原爆正当化「受け入れられぬ」 上川外相、米政府に見解伝達

上川陽子外相は10日、衆院外務委員会で、オースティン米国防長官らが広島長崎への原爆投下を2次世界大戦を終わらせたとの見解を示したことに、適切ではない、受け入れられぬと述べた。核兵器の使用は国際法の精神にそぐわないと米側に申し入れたことにも明らかにした。無所属の松原仁氏は8日、上院議院出立委員会の小委員会などで、原爆投下は多くの命を奪い、病氣や障害などを残した。上川外相は「原爆投下は多くの命を奪い、病氣や障害などを残した。上川外相は「原爆投下は多くの命を奪い、病氣や障害などを残した。」

AUKUSで日本と協力を 米上院超党派議員が法案提出

【ワシントン共同】米上院の超党派議員は8日、米英豪の安全保障枠組みAUKUS（オーストラリア、アメリカ、イギリス）の第2段階の交渉を後押しし、台湾への柱である先遣能力分野での追進は行わなかった。米上院の超党派議員は8日、米英豪の安全保障枠組みAUKUS（オーストラリア、アメリカ、イギリス）の第2段階の交渉を後押しし、台湾への柱である先遣能力分野での追進は行わなかった。

究極の2番バッター

地元のAスポーツマンの話題は言うまでもなく大谷選手だ。ところで打順は2番である。自分が野球少年だった昭和時代は、常勝巨人軍の王と長嶋選手に憧れて誰もが3番か4番打者を目指した。上川外相は「原爆投下は多くの命を奪い、病氣や障害などを残した。」

米10州が温室ガスでEPA提訴

【ワシントン共同】米国の共和党内の司法長官と電力業界団体は9日、バイデン政権の気候変動対策の一環として環境保護局（EPA）が先月発表した、火力発電所を対象とした温室効果ガス排出規制の差し止めを求め、10州の連邦高裁に提訴した。同規制は新設される火力発電所を対象とし、2032年末までに温室効果ガス排出を90%削減するよう義務付けた。発電所は二酸化炭素（CO2）回収・貯留（CCS）技術の導入が求められる。CCSを設置できない石炭火力は稼働停止に追い込まれる見込み。EPAは先月発表した。火力発電所を対象とした温室効果ガス排出規制の差し止めを求め、10州の連邦高裁に提訴した。



2023年3月13日、サンディエゴの原子力潜水艦の前で共同会見を開き「AUKUS」について演説した（左から）アルパニージー豪首相、バイデン大統領、スナク英首相（共同）

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