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It's all Ohtani at Dodger Stadium and City Hall.

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in the news



RACCOON DOG: Photo taken April 5 shows Japanese raccoon dogs (tanuki) at a zoo in Kochi in Kochi Prefecture, western Japan.

MISSILES FIRED: North Korea fired what are believed to be short-range ballistic missiles toward the Sea of Japan on Friday, the South Korean military said. Multiple projectiles were launched around 3:10 p.m. from the area surrounding the eastern port city of Wonsan and were estimated to have flown about 190 miles before falling into the sea, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. In Tokyo, Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said at a press conference that the suspected missiles had not entered Japan's exclusive economic zone, and no damage has been reported from the missile launches.

FINING CYCLISTS: Japan's parliament on Friday passed a bill that will permit police to fine cyclists for minor traffic violations, as authorities respond to an increase in accidents that has come in line with a boom in cycle commuting that began during the coronavirus pandemic. When the revised Road Traffic Act comes into force, police will be able to issue people aged 16 and older so-called blue tickets for about 115 relatively minor violations like ignoring traffic lights and stop signs. Before the change, cyclists were only able to be issued with red tickets for some 20 serious offenses, including riding while heavily intoxicated. The red tickets require investigations that can lead to criminal procedures, creating a burden for both police and the offender.

in the news

UC IRVINE PROTEST: Classes at UC Irvine returned to in-person instruction Friday following a tense period that saw hundreds of law enforcement officers descend on the campus to break up a pro-Palestinian encampment and occupation of a lecture hall in what Chancellor Howard Gillman called "a sad day for our university." Students and staff met remotely for classes on Thursday because of the encampments and demonstrations that disrupted campus activities and schedules. Classes met in-person Friday and university officials said "all employees should return to work as normal." During the Wednesday afternoon operation, 47 people, including two who identified themselves as UCI faculty members, were arrested. Officers and deputies from more than a half-dozen agencies cleared the Gaza Solidarity Encampment more than two weeks after it was established. Of those arrested, 19 were not affiliated with the university, two were employees and 26 were students, according to UCI. The encampment had been largely peaceful since it was established, but around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, protesters surrounded the Physical Sciences Lecture Hall, prompting campus police to request aid from OC sheriff's deputies and Irvine police, among other neighboring agencies, said Tom Vasich, a university spokesman.

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Yen-Dollar Rate

DOLLAR UP: The dollar was higher in trading Friday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market, finishing at 155.82-82 yen, up 1.41 yen from Thursday's close.



Courtesy of Derek Nakamura

A. Nakamura Company with (from left) Akimatsu Nakamura, Jitsuji Hori, and Murao Kobata. The building on Tuna Street is one of the last two surviving buildings from the Japanese American fishing village on Terminal Island and is now being considered for demolition by the Port of Los Angeles.

Save Tāminaru: The Fight to Preserve Terminal Island's JA Heritage

By EMMA RAULT
RANDOM LENGTHS NEWS

May is celebrated nationwide as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month and National Preservation Month. However, this May brings worrying news: the Port of Los Angeles is considering demolishing the last two surviving buildings from the Japanese American community that used to call Terminal Island home. This even though it would violate one of the five major goals in the port's Master Plan.

Nowadays, many people associate Terminal Island with endless stacks of containers. But it was once known as East San Pedro, home to a vibrant community of some 3,000 people, primarily Japanese immigrants and their American-born children.

They made their living fishing and canning tuna and sardines in a part of the island called Fish Harbor.

The national paranoia that followed Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 changed all of that. Suddenly, Japanese Americans were accused of being a national security threat.

A few months later, Terminal Island residents were evicted at gunpoint, forced to leave their homes within 48 hours.

Most were eventually sent to the Manzanar concentration camp in the remote Owens Valley desert, where they spent up to three years living behind barbed wire.

The Navy took over the island, bulldozed homes, businesses, and churches, and fenced off the area as government property. None of the islanders would ever go home again.

It is remarkable, then, that two buildings from the Japanese fishing village have survived. Located on the community's main drag at 700-702 and 712-716 Tuna St., they housed a dry-goods store called Nanka Shoten

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Photos by Arseno Garcia-Yu for Random Lengths

Derek Nakamura on Tuna Street. His great-grandfather's store is the further building in the background.



Members of the Terminal Islanders board at last year's picnic.

Terminal Islanders' Annual Picnic on June 9

The Terminal Islanders Club will host its annual picnic on Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at George Bellis Park (West Shelter), located at Knott and 8th Street in Buena Park.

There will be live entertainment, free food, youth games and races, a traditional mochi-maki and ondo dancing, plus an opportunity drawing with tickets available for \$5 each. Top prizes are \$500, \$300, and \$100, and other prizes include bags of rice and gift cards. The fundraiser will benefit the TI's yearly activities as well as help offset the picnic expenses.

The Terminal Islanders Club began in 1971, pioneered by a group of 23 former residents who wanted to keep in contact with their friends and neighbors. They held their annual picnic as an event where everyone could get together and talk about the good times. The first picnic began in the 1970s and had over a thousand participants. Since then, it has become a multigenerational gathering.

"We hope that you will join us in preserving the tradition," organizers said.

Terminal Islander items will be offered for sale: Year of the Dragon

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JANM Mourns the Passing of Margaret 'Marge' Wada

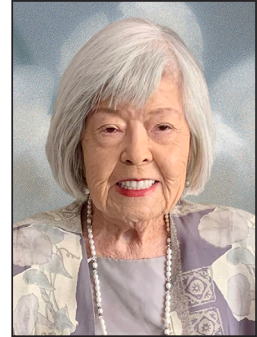
The Japanese American National Museum (JANM) mourns the passing of Margaret "Marge" Wada, a dedicated JANM volunteer for 23 years.

She worked for the State of California for 19 years and retired as a Manager II. At JANM she taught origami to students during school visits and supported staff with mailings and other projects. Her passion for dancing led to her to recruit and organize volunteers to dance in the annual Nisei Week street ondo.

During her time with the museum, she chaired the Events, Recognition, and Organizational Committee and co-chaired the External Relations Committee. In recognition of her service, she received JANM's Community Award, Administration Award, and Miki Tanimura Outstanding Volunteer Award — the highest honor given to a JANM volunteer for extraordinary service. "Marge embodied the spirit of

JANM through her leadership, compassion, and generosity," said Ann Burroughs, JANM president and CEO. "One of her most beloved memories was when George Takei gave her 800 valentine cards from around the world as part of the 'Mob Marge' program that was sponsored by 'Allegiance' in 2011. At 82, she was chosen because she was one of the last elderly survivors of the concentration camps at that time.

"The issuance of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942 and the subsequent experiences of wartime incarceration lent a bitterness to Valentine's Day for many camp survivors. The wealth of cards that Marge received showed the kindness and compassion that people wanted to reintroduce into mid-February. She will be dearly missed and always be remembered for her patience, organization, and benevolence."



Marge Wada

U.S. Ambassador Makes Rare Visit to Remote Japanese Isles Near Taiwan

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NAHA — The U.S. ambassador to Japan made a rare visit to two remote islands in the country's south near Taiwan in an apparent warning against China's increasing assertiveness in the surrounding waters.

"When you don't have deterrence, it's permission to economic coercion and aggression," Rahm Emanuel told reporters on Yonaguni Island, Japan's westernmost island about 62 miles east of Taiwan.

Emanuel, who later landed on Ishigaki Island about 80.7 miles east of Yonaguni, met with local mayors and observed Ground Self-Defense Force garrisons and Japan Coast Guard vessels, according to Japanese government sources. He also exchanged views with senior GSDF and JCG officers, the sources added. Yonaguni and Ishigaki are part of the southwestern Nansei island chain, which is strategically important due to its proximity to Taiwan, a potential geopolitical flashpoint.

With China viewing Taiwan as a renegade province to be reunified with the mainland, by force if necessary, Japan has been strengthening both its defense capabilities in the area and its security cooperation with the U.S. in the Indo-Pacific region.

The U.S. commitment to defending Japan ranges "from Yonaguni all the way to Wakkanai in Hokkaido," the northernmost of Japan's main islands, the envoy said. "While I am the first U.S. ambassador to ever visit Yonaguni, I will not be the last," he added.

Emanuel also told the reporters that it is "very wrong for China" to fish in nearby waters. Later that day, in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, he said, "While China bans Japanese fish, it doesn't ban Chinese fishing in Japanese waters."

The remarks came in the wake of China's import ban on all seafood products from Japan. The ban was implemented in response to Japan releasing treated radioactive wastewater from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the sea since August.

In Tokyo, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told a press conference that Emanuel visited the GSDF garrisons "at the ambassador's request."

The top government spokesman described the ambassador's trip as "meaningful" in gaining a "better understanding about (Japan's) various efforts to reinforce the defense posture over the Nansei Islands.

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Nishio Honored at State Capitol



Community leader and activist Alan Nishio was honored posthumously on May 13 during the State Legislature's celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (center) holds a portrait of Nishio and is joined by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (right) and Minority Leader James Gallagher.

Muratsuchi said, "I was honored to recognize, posthumously, Alan Nishio of Gardena as an honoree. Nishio, who passed away in December, was a leader of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations, which fought for reparations for Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated in American concentration camps during World War II. He also served as the president of the Board of Directors for the Little Tokyo Service Center for over 12 years and served 36 years as a member of the board."



Alan Nishio

SUMO

Komusubi Onosato Wins Battle of Heavyweights Over Ozeki Kotozakura; Ura Stays Perfect

TOKYO—New komusubi Onosato underlined his championship credentials with an impressive victory over ozeki Kotozakura at the Summer Grand Sumo Tournament on Friday.

The 23-year-old rising star stayed one bout off the pace at 5-1 by winning the battle between two of the top division's most powerfully built wrestlers on Day 6 at Ryogoku Kokugikan.

Following a heavy collision, Onosato used his upper body to force Kotozakura (4-2) over the edge sideways before the ozeki could make use of a belt hold.

"My body moved well and I was able to fight more or less the way I planned," said Onosato, who is aiming to win his maiden Emperor's Cup at a record pace. "I'm just concentrating on each bout, one day at a time."

Fourth-ranked maegashira Ura (6-0) stands alone as the only unbeaten wrestler at the 15-day tournament after handing seventh-ranked Mita-

keumi (5-1) his first loss. The former komusubi cleverly executed a pulling overarm throw after being driven back to the edge by former ozeki Mitakeumi.

Ozeki Hoshoryu (4-2) forced out No. 3 maegashira Tobizaru (2-4) to log his fourth straight win after starting the meet with back-to-back losses.

Demotion-threatened "kadoban" ozeki Kirishima (1-5) continued to look out of sorts as he lost to No. 4 maegashira Oho (2-4) by hand pull-down.

Both sekiwake were among the day's losers, with Abi (3-3) thrust down by No. 2 maegashira Hiradoumi (2-4) and Wakamotoharu (3-3) falling in similar fashion to top-ranked maegashira Daieisho (5-1).

The May tournament is missing several big names through injury, including lone yokozuna Terunofuji, ozeki Takakeisho and March tournament winner Takerufuji.

—Kyodo News



Shohei Ohtani holds his proclamation from the Los Angeles City Council during the regular session at City Hall on Friday. The ceremony announcing May 17 as Shohei Ohtani Day was led by Councilmember John Lee and Council President Paul Krekorian, to Ohtani's left and right.



Ura used a clever overarm throw to topple Mitakeumi and stay unbeaten.

Day in the Life of a Hometown Hero

City Council honors, a coveted bobblehead and making a young dream come true comprise a very special 24 hours for Shohei Ohtani.

RAFU STAFF REPORTS / CITY NEWS SERVICE

"That's the Ohtani effect, for real," said a Dodgers staff member on Thursday, talking about the sell-out crowd that not only filled the stadium, but arrived much earlier than usual.

Lines of fans snaked around the parking lots long before the gates opened for the mid-week game against Cincinnati.

The sellout crowd of 53,527 was the largest in the major leagues thus far in 2024, and the biggest at Dodger Stadium since Sept. 20, 2019.

In addition to the chance to see the two most exciting players in baseball — Shohei Ohtani and the Reds' Elly De La Cruz — everyone was focused on the stadium

giveaway for the evening, the first Dodgers-issued Ohtani bobblehead doll.

It reportedly took all of 30 minutes to exhaust the supply of 40,000 of the coveted souvenirs, but this giveaway had an added twist: 1,700 of the Ohtani dolls were painted to show the superstar in the Dodgers' gray road uniform, as opposed to the home whites shown on the majority.

Given at random, the "Ohtani grays" became instant collectors' items. Even before the game began, several listings for the rarer item popped up on eBay, showing photos of the dolls with the baseball field in the background.

By late Friday afternoon, several auction listings were approaching the \$2,000 mark.

Meanwhile, the real-life Ohtani was making a truly priceless impact on one young fan.

In the press room underneath the stands, 13-year-old Albert Lee was being interviewed as a special guest of the team. The youngster from San Bernardino is pediatric patient at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, and has had to endure three open-heart surgeries.

His ticker might have skipped a beat when Ohtani strode into the room and shook Albert's hand. Stunned and in disbelief, the kid's jaw dropped as he searched for words.

"What the heck just happened?" Albert asked. "I couldn't even breathe for like 30 seconds."

The Dodgers and Ohtani orchestrated the moment as part of the team's ongoing outreach to communities across Southern California.

"If I was a child, I would be very happy as well," Ohtani said in a post-game press conference. "It's something that I kind of wanted to return."

It only got better for Albert, as Ohtani signed a kid-sized jersey for him and then took on the role of catcher when the boy threw the game's ceremonial first pitch.

As for the game, Ohtani went 0-for-2 with a walk and a strikeout on his first bobblehead night with his new team.

The other marquee player in the game did not disappoint, however. De La Cruz went 4-for-4 with a career-high four stolen bases as the Reds cruised to a 7-2 victory.

On Friday morning, it was the baseball star's turn to be honored, as the Los Angeles City Council proclaimed May 17 Shohei Ohtani Day, in honor of the popular slugger and in recognition of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Albert Lee, a 13-year-old pediatric patient at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, is stunned when his favorite player suddenly emerges.

Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember John Lee led the ceremony to recognize Ohtani and the "unifying" force the Dodgers have on the city.

Ohtani, speaking through interpreter Will Ireton, thanked the council for the proclamation. He also called it an "incredible honor" and felt humbled by the recognition.

"I also want to really thank the Dodgers organization for their continued support, as well as to the entire people in the city of L.A.," Ohtani said.

The council members also recognized Dodger leadership, including Stan Kasten, president and CEO; Andrew Friedman, president of baseball operations; front office executives Bob Wolfe, Lon Rosen and Brandon Gomes; and manager Dave Roberts, who were all in attendance.

"It was an enormous moment for this city earlier this year when the Dodgers were successful in completing the most important free agent acquisition, probably in baseball history, when they signed an athlete who has achieved things in professional baseball that no one has achieved since Babe Ruth," Krekorian said.

He added that Ohtani's presence is also important in further deepening the ties between the city and Japan.

"Simply put, Shohei has become part of the fabric of Los Angeles," Kasten said in a statement released by the team. "Since becoming a member of the Dodger family in December, Shohei has been everything we've hoped for and more. We are grateful for his accomplishments on the field, his warmth in the clubhouse and his character in all respects — and we congratulate him on this well-deserved honor."

Lee noted that with May being Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, it was fitting to recognize Ohtani and his contributions to the field of sports.

"It's such a privilege and thank you for everything that you're doing because we have people (Asian Americans) in politics, we have people in entertainment and all these different things — and now we have someone in sports," Lee said.

Most City Council members were clad in blue. Councilmember Traci Park donned her Dodgers jersey and hat, while Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez had the Ohtani bobblehead on his desk.

Ohtani signed a \$700 million contract with the Dodgers during the offseason after six years with the Angels. But since the season began, his on-field performance has been somewhat overshadowed by the firing and subsequent criminal charges against the slugger's former interpreter.

Ippe Mizuhara is accused of stealing nearly \$17 million from Ohtani's bank account to pay off illegal gambling debts and personal expenses such as dental work and purchases of baseball cards. He is expected to plead guilty next month to bank fraud and filing a false tax return.

Ohtani also made news in the offseason relating to his personal life, confirming on social media his marriage to Mamiko Tanaka, a former Japanese professional basketball player.

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The rarer, grey-uniform version of the Ohtani bobblehead doll — only 1,700 out of the 40,000 given away on Thursday — has caused a bidding frenzy in online auctions, with some expected to eclipse \$2,000.

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離婚後の「共同親権」導入

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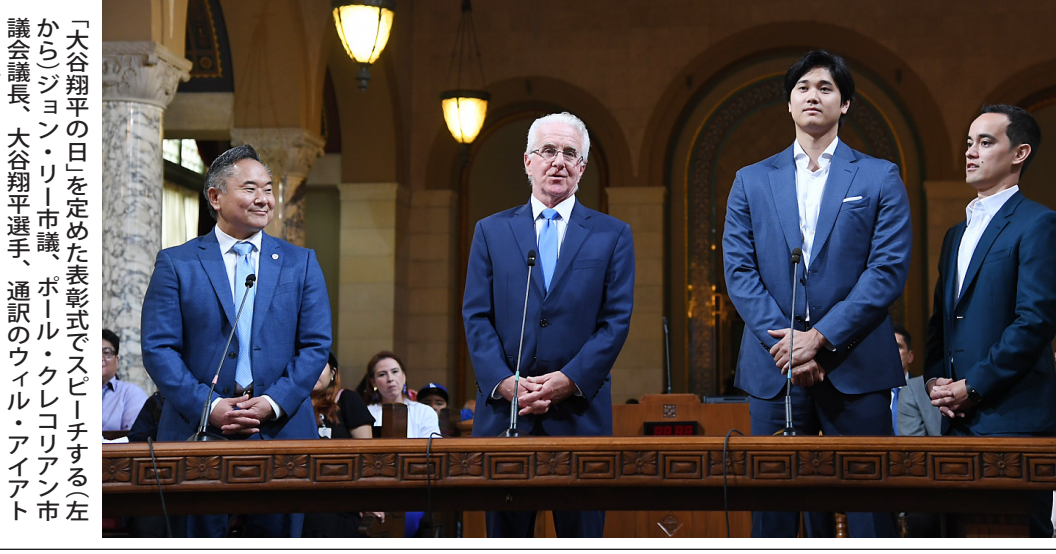
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