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### japan-at-a-glance



**SOME CHOICE CHERRIES:** Photo taken on June 18 shows high-grade Aomori Heartbeat cherries, which fetched 500,000 yen (\$3,170) for a box of 15 at the season's first auction the same day at a wholesale market in Hachinohe in Aomori Prefecture, northeastern Japan.

**TOKYO GOVERNOR'S RACE:** Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike promised Tuesday to improve child-rearing policies, including helping reduce rent for families, as she detailed her campaign pledges ahead of an expected tough electoral challenge from the high-profile, opposition-backed Renho. Official campaigning for the gubernatorial race is scheduled to begin Thursday, with Renho, a House of Councillors member of the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, Koike's biggest rival. Koike, who became the first female Tokyo governor in 2016, said she plans to establish subsidies for painless childbirth and waive day-care fees for first children, instead of only for the second child onwards as is the current policy.

### in the news

**GORMAN FIRE:** Dangerous conditions, a combination of high winds and low humidity, are creating red flag warnings Tuesday in the area surrounding the wildfire near Gorman that has consumed more than 15,000 acres. Winds are expected to die down Tuesday, between 25 and 45 mph according to the National Weather Service, and could lead to the spread of the wildfire along the 5 Freeway corridor in north Los Angeles County. Despite strong winds and dry conditions, fire crews made significant progress in surrounding a massive brush fire in the Gorman area north of Los Angeles on Monday, with containment growing from 8% to 20%.

**CSULA ENCAMPMENT CLEARED:** Less than a week after protesters occupied and vandalized a campus building, a pro-Palestine encampment at Cal State Los Angeles has been dismantled and was no longer on campus Tuesday. California Highway Patrol officers moved in on the encampment early Monday afternoon. Campus spokesman Erik Frost Hollins told City News Service only seven people were still in the camp, and all of them voluntarily dispersed when police ordered them to vacate. He said there was no use of force by officers and no arrests were made.

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### Yen-Dollar Rate

**DOLLAR UP:** The dollar was higher in trading Tuesday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market, finishing at 158.13-14 yen, up .58 yen from Monday's close.

## JACL Announces 2024 Japanese American of the Biennium Awardees

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL National is pleased to announce three Japanese American of the Biennium Awards to be conferred during the 2024 National Convention, whose theme is "Looking into the Future Together," in Philadelphia.

The awards will be presented to: Dr. Satsuki Ina, in the category of education/humanities, for her years of dedication to supporting victims of oppression, her research on intergenerational trauma, and her use of storytelling and psychology in activism to make change.

Chief Judge Dana Makoto Sabraw, in the category of politics/public affairs/law, for his years of public service in the court system and his work to ensure the civil and human rights of those in the justice system.

David Ono, in the category of arts/literature/communications, for his amazing work in the field of journalism, his moving storytelling around the World War II history of the Japanese American community, and his dedication to supporting the Japanese American community broadly.

All three recipients will be honored at the Sayonara Gala, which will conclude JACL's annual convention on the evening of July 13. The recipients of the prestigious JACL Ruby Pin will also be recognized.

These awards are given to select individuals to recognize their contributions to the Japanese American community. The JACL National Board confers these awards with consultation from other leaders in the Japanese American community and past JACL leaders.

The 2024 JACL Convention will be held July 10-14 at the Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia and other venues, featuring joint programming with OCA and APIA Vote, including the 2024 Presidential Town Hall. To register to attend the convention or for tickets to specific events, including the Sayonara Gala, go to: <https://jacl.org/2024-jacl-national-convention>

Full registrations or Sayonara Gala tickets must be purchased no later than June 18.

Dr. Satsuki Ina truly embodies the definition of speaking truth to power. Over the course of her 30+ years of activism, she courageously speaks out, confronting authority, calling out injustices on their watch, and demanding change.

Her commitment to constantly addressing ways for a just society inspires many, young and old alike.

When she often commits to speak-

ing out courageously, it assumes risk that makes people uncomfortable, but has faith that the process is what makes people think to affect change. Case in point: She participated in protests at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss to defend the rights of undocumented migrant children and families. Her participation showed the powerful impact of multigenerational and grassroots activism and exemplified the moral authority to protest.

Based on her personal family experience of being born in the Tule Lake incarceration camp, Dr. Ina has made it her lifelong passion to research the long-term impact of incarceration trauma and its intergenerational impact. Her work was credited in an August 2023 published research project for the Fund for Global Human Rights by Devon Kearney on how intergenerational trauma affects the present and future of transitional justice. This shows how her work continues to influence the concepts of other projects.

Storytelling is the most important means of conveying a strong transformative message. With the recent release of her latest book, "The Poet and the Silk Girl," she continues to share stories to inform and inspire others to challenge our thinking, seek justice, and be the change we want to see.

Dana Makoto Sabraw was elected chief judge of the U.S. Courts for the Southern District of California in 2021 and continues to serve in that capacity. He was confirmed as a U.S. district judge in 2003. Previously, he served as San Diego County Superior Court judge (1998-2003) and as presiding judge of San Diego North County Municipal Court (1995-1998). After receiving his bachelor of science from San Diego State University, he graduated from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific in Sacramento.

Among his many honors and recognitions, Sabraw received the California State Bar's 2023 Bernard E. Witkin Award for Excellence, the San Diego County Bar Association's 2019 Outstanding Jurist Award, and was named Person of the Year in 2018 by *The San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Of probably the greatest relevance to the JACL with its civil and human rights agenda is the fact that Sabraw presided over the case of the U.S. government's separation of families at the U.S. border. It is he who ordered the government to stop separating families caught at the border and to reunite the 2,500

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Dana Sabraw



Satsuki Ina

## Toyota Shareholders Reappoint Chairman Toyoda Amid Testing Scandals

KYODO NEWS SERVICE

NAGOYA — Toyota Motor Corp. shareholders on Tuesday approved a proposal to re-elect Chairman Akio Toyoda to the board despite investment advisories urging a vote against him following a recent series of safety test scandals at the leading Japanese automaker group.

At the annual shareholders' meeting at its headquarters in Aichi Prefecture, nine other board members, including President Koji Sato and Vice Chairman Shigeru Hayakawa, were also reappointed.

The scandals and the group's corporate governance were central themes at the meeting's question and answer session, attended by 4,656 people. Attendees were up by 882 from last year despite the rainy weather, showing a high level of interest in the matter among the shareholders.

Confronted with questions regarding his management, Toyoda defended his approach, saying he is making sure he leaves making deci-

sions up to a younger generation and that he only acts as an advisor.

"I will lead reforms as a person responsible for the whole group," the Toyota founder's grandson said.

Prior to the meeting, U.S. proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services recommended that shareholders oppose a company

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**Toyota Motor Corp. Chairman Akio Toyoda holds a press conference on June 3. Shareholders voted to reappoint Toyoda despite revelations that the company improperly obtained vehicle certifications for seven models.**

## Sadao Munemori Post 321 Presents Scholarship

The American Legion Sadao Munemori Post 321 presented its 24th scholarship in the name of Sadao Munemori to graduating senior YingJun Tan on April 26 at the Abraham Lincoln High School Junior ROTC awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

Cadet Col. Tan was the class battalion commander and will attend Harvard University, majoring in biology and pre-med. She was the Los Angeles Unified School District's top All-City Cadet Colonel. She also won awards as platoon drill team and rifle team commander, for marksmanship and having the highest cumulative academic grade point average for the entire battalion.

Coincidentally, her sister Yingyin Tan, who is now attending Caltech, was last year's scholarship awardee. Master Sgt. (retired) Herbert Harris and Sgt. First Class (retired) Jeffrey Page, Army instructors, conducted the awards program.

Munemori was a 1940 graduate of Lincoln High and is buried at



YingJun Tan and Sadao Munemori Post 321 Adjutant Carl Miyagishima.

Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles. On April 5, 1945, while serving with A Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, in

Seravezza, Italy, he became the first Japanese American Medal of Honor recipient of 23 awarded from World War II to the Vietnam War.



Photos by TRACY YOSHIDA

Members of Yonsei 30 gathered to clean the Japanese American War Memorial Court on May 18.

## Spit and Polish: Honoring Japanese American Soldiers for Their Sacrifice

By KELSEY IKEMOTO

On May 18, members of the Yonsei 30 team volunteered at the Veterans Memorial Court Alliance's Spit and Polish event. I was fortunate to partake with my Yonsei team to help honor the Japanese American soldiers whose sacrifice paved the way for their Japanese American community.

At the start, we were handed out various biographies of soldiers whose names were on the wall, because they had died in combat fighting for the United States. These biographies helped us to understand their life story and their impact in their service in World War II, the Vietnam War, Korean War, and other modern wars.

I first received the biography of the Ajitomi brothers, Matsuei and Tokio, who were born in Lahaina,

Hawaii and served America during World War II in the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The 100th/442nd was an all Japanese American unit during World War II that fought to open up opportunities for their community.

After absorbing the stories of the two brothers, I learned that Matsuei Ajitomi died by a bullet to the head during the battle at Alife, Italy. After Matsuei's death, Tokio Ajitomi struggled with the grief but persisted to serve, knowing a part of him was missing. Tokio courageously continued to fight in the war with resilience and bravery.

However, Tokio, while fighting in northeastern France, became a casualty from German machine gun artillery. I am fortunate to have learned about the Ajitomi brothers' story because it showed the importance of family through rigorous times, such

as war. I also have siblings so to hear about their emotional story really connected me to their legacy.

After connecting with the various soldiers' stories, our group was given the task to honor those who passed by helping to clean the memorial. These monuments have names engraved of all of the past Japanese American veterans that will be honored for their service and sacrifice.

We first power-washed the monuments then wiped them clean with miniature towels. Once completed, we went up to the classroom in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to listen to learn about the key events of different veterans' times in service.

In the beginning, Linda Taira, the niece of Masaru Taira, shared her journey to Italy in search of what happened at Hill 140 leading up to Masaru's passing away. She came in contact with the local Italians, who were intrigued with the 100th/442nd and their accomplishments against racial bias.

In her presentation, she explained how in the beginning, Masaru was determined to join his brother, Wilfred Taira, in the 3rd Battalion's 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Masaru volunteered to fight in World War II, where he was the message runner because of his young age. Wilfred's path varied from Masaru as he became a 442nd medic that took care of the wounds of numerous fighters.

The 442nd's goal was pushing out the German armies from Rome to the Arno River (northern Rome). The crucial Battle of Hill 140 at Castellina Marittima, a small city in Italy, would impact the 442nd's success, making it easier to achieve their goal.

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Before they started cleaning, the teammates learned about some of the stories of the soldiers whose names are inscribed on the monument.



## Sowing the Seeds of Hope

The Orange Coast Optimist Club and Tanaka Farms hosted the annual Walk the Farm charity event in Irvine on Saturday. Since 2011, the gathering has raised funds for farmers to rebuild, for agricultural students to receive scholarships, and for new farmers to receive much-needed assistance. Beneficiaries of this year's event include farming families on the fire-ravaged lands of Maui.



Photos by GWEN MURANAKA



## Screen Legend James Hong's 'Patsy Lee and the Keepers of the 5 Kingdoms' Now on VOD

Cast includes Hong, George Takei, Bai Ling and Gedde Watanabe.

Vision Films has announced the Transactional VOD release of the intergenerational, mystical, family fantasy "Patsy Lee and the Keepers of the 5 Kingdoms" on June 18 through an acquisition deal with Fairway Film Alliance.

The feature-length film is based on a story by star and producer James Hong and takes inspiration from the adventurous coming-of-age movies of the '80s. Written by Hong, Zack Ward (former child actor, "A Christmas Story") and Ace Underhill, the movie was directed by Ward, produced by Ward and Underhill, and executive produced by Hong and James Grossman.

Full of practical effects and puppetry from the best creatives in the business, the film also features an original score from songwriter, composer and producer of multi-platinum records and TV & film soundtracks, Michael "Fish" Herring.

Hong, whose illustrious career has spanned over 70 years in film and TV, including the "Kung Fu Panda" film franchise, "Everything Everywhere All at Once," and "Big Trouble in Little China," heads up the largely Asian cast featuring the voices of George Takei ("Star Trek") and Gedde Watanabe ("Sixteen Candles," "ER"), Bai Ling ("The Crow," "Lost"), and introduces newcomer Michelle Mao ("Metal Lords").

When Patsy Lee (Mao) discovers an ancient relic box, she has no idea that it will transport her, her grandfather (Hong), and her friends into a mystical world of vampires, goblin witches, talking turtles, and an evil sorceress (Ling) who will stop at nothing to get the box. Their only chance of returning home is to stop the sorceress before she finds the key to the 5 Kingdoms and destroys the entire world.

Lise Romanoff, CEO/managing director, shares, "This is a fun film for the entire family. Full of fantastical creatures and mysticism, it stars the legendary and fan favorite James Hong alongside an incredible cast including Bai Ling, George Takei, and a young group of talented actors that are ready to save the world!"

Hong says, "It was a great pleasure to have worked with such young and talented actors. It was as if I jumped into the midst of the making of that older film 'The Goonies.' Young talents have that wonderful quality of just abandoning themselves into the role. In acting with them, I couldn't help but just jump into their pace and world."

"Now and then, I would ad lib dialogue to them like: 'Let's go. It's time to save the world!' This typifies the feeling I had ... very exhilarating! I trust the audience will react the same way. They must see this wonderful feature film ... because it

will lift them up in spirit, love and adventure."

Ward adds, "This movie is my love letter to the '80s fantasy films I adored as a kid, like 'The Goonies,' 'Dark Crystal,' and 'Big Trouble in Little China.' I worked with Oscar-winning FX artists for years so I was able to combine the classic practical FX with new VFX and Unreal Engine world building digital technology to create a modern fairy tale with comedy and heart for the whole family."

The cast also includes Matthew Sato ("Imaginary"), Anna Harr ("Hot Seat"), Dante Basco ("Hook"), Dave Sheridan ("Scary Movie"), and Marisa Kapavik ("Daisy Belle").

"Patsy Lee and the Keepers of the 5 Kingdoms" is available on most cable/satellite providers in the U.S. and Canada, and major online platforms including Amazon Instant, Apple TV, Google Play, Vudu, and Vimeo, followed by DVD.

Vision Films is a leading independent sales and VOD aggregator specializing in the licensing, marketing, and distribution of over 800 feature films, documentaries, and series from some of the most prolific independent film producers in the world. It releases two to four films a month across theatrical, VOD, DVD, and television platforms. (visionfilms.net)

Fairway Film Alliance is a full-service independent film sales and production company of note founded by long-time indie film veteran Marty Poole, whose background includes 20 years of world sales and having written and produced a number of successful films. Produced titles include "Dakota" with Abbie Cornish, Lola Sultan, Tim Rozon, Patrick Muldoon, and William Baldwin, "Bernie the Dolphin 1 & 2" with Patrick Muldoon and Kevin Sorbo, "Army Dog" with Casper Van Dien, "Standing Still" with Amy Adams, Colin Hanks, Mena Suvari and James Van Der Beek, and "Protecting the King" with Peter Dinklage and Tom Sizemore. (www.fairwayfilmalliance.com)



Poster art for "Patsy Lee and the Keepers of the 5 Kingdoms," a labor of love for writer and star James Hong. Hong is one of the most prolific actors in Hollywood history, with more than 600 credits to his name.

## Fish on Father's Day Menu



Sarah Fukui spent last weekend fishing with dear old Dad, as she and Jerry Fukui took a three-day excursion aboard the *Excel* out of San Diego. Father and daughter (mostly daughter) teamed up to reel in this 76 lb. bluefin tuna, which by now is likely the main course on many plates.

## Spit and Polish

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Despite the success of their combat, Masaru, now 19 years old, was shot in a chaotic barrage. Wilfred saw Masaru injured and rushed to try and save him. No matter how hard Wilfred tried to save his brother, Masaru died in his brother's arms.

After Linda's journey of searching for her family's story and finding more about her uncle's passing, she was gifted dirt from the hill, omiyage or gifts from Italy, and a plaque honoring the 100th/442nd and all the Nisei that served, and most importantly in honor of Masaru Taira.

I connected with the true dedication shared amongst both the battalion and regiment, because of the first-hand cost of war and sacrifice for his community, family, and country. The death of Masaru opened my eyes, as he was not much older than I am, 16 years old, and to the fear of drafting at such a young age, as you are constantly risking your life everyday in fear of when, not what.

As we moved through the day, all the veterans shared their stories of grief, discrimination, and struggle. Two stories that impacted me greatly were those of David Miyoshi and Sam Fujinami.

David Miyoshi is a retired U.S. Marine Corps Captain veteran who shared his stories about his experience and constant struggle against discrimination. Prior to his enlistment, Miyoshi requested to complete his last year of college. Once accomplished, he enlisted to go to the Officer Candidate School (OCS), which resulted in his assignment to the Marines in the Vietnam War.

During his training, he faced discrimination as Lt. Hayes forced Miyoshi to "become the enemy." The lieutenant tasked him to get on his knees and start growling at all of his associates. I learned the purpose of the irrationality was for Miyoshi to enact what the "enemy would look like" when his comrades saw them. I listened to those words in shock. I was unable to fathom the humiliation and anger as a result of social inequities in everyday discrimination.

Despite the humiliation, Miyoshi pushed himself past his limits after that incident to climb the ranks, resulting in his first assignment on a ship set to sea. Miyoshi was an inspiration because he constantly faced an uphill climb but persisted to work hard to earn the honor of becoming a Marine Corps captain.

After the veterans shared their

personal stories, I asked Sam, a Vietnam War veteran that tragically lost a beloved M.I.A. friend: "What was the most important thing taken away from your time in service?"

Sam responded by saying he respected the various stories that each of his comrades shared. He mentioned how "everyone is from such different backgrounds since they come from anywhere in the world," which shows the cohesiveness of the diverse soldiers that served their country. Sam discovered the respect for his colleagues through the stories about individual sacrifices in various parts of their lives for the same purpose.

I would like to especially thank Ken Hayashi, the Veterans Memorial Court Alliance's president, for providing Yonsei 30 the opportunity to help give back to our veterans that fought for the future we now have.

All of the veterans shared that they felt as if the title of "hero" was not deserved. However, I know their sacrifice and diligence was for the welfare of our nation, but more importantly, our Japanese American community.

All of the veterans had respect for the 442nd soldiers who paved the way for our community with such impact. From their sacrifice came our ability to "buy houses, get jobs, and live with rights." Because of them, our community has flourished into a magnificent community.

Our purpose as listeners, especially Japanese Americans, is to keep these stories alive. So we know why the path is already paved for us. So that we know how these warriors sacrificed everything for a future they knew they might not see. So that we ensure respect amongst one another and strengthen our community.



Linda Taira (standing, right) shared the story of her uncle, Masaru Taira, who was killed on July 4, 1944 fighting in Italy. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on Nov. 2, 2011, along with the other veterans of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Photo by TRACI YOSHIDA

# RELIGION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Response from a Sansei Woman

Dear Editor,

As a Sansei woman, I am compelled to respond to the column by Judd Matsunaga, Esq. published in the May 4 edition of *The Rafu Shimpo*. I want to share my own thoughts and views in deep and lasting honor to my own Nisei mother.

I agree with Mr. Matsunaga that Nisei women have long been greatly overlooked and ignored for their many contributions to our society. I also appreciate Mr. Matsunaga's view to give deep and due respect to the Nisei generation, women as well as men — whether WWII veterans or not.

However, as a Sansei woman, I question how and why Mr. Matsunaga's column expressing understanding of and honor toward Nisei women and the Nisei generation turned into the denigration he expressed generally for women, whether Nisei or Sansei, and disrespect for the Sansei generation of which he is a part.

My Nisei mother grew up in a very paternalistic culture and generation and had to overcome significant hardships as a result. She was a good daughter, a good wife and a good mother when incarcerated in 1942. Being quiet and staying silent, being polite and self-controlled were not why she was a good daughter, a good wife and a good mother. I think we do great harm when we conflate outward behavior and the person.

Mr. Matsunaga's column does not honor my Nisei mother or the hardships she overcame in her paternalistic generation, nor does it foster allyship among women and mothers

of following generations.

Mr. Matsunaga states that the hard work of Nisei women paved the way for Japanese Americans to be deemed "the model minority." His assertion of the "model minority myth" as a positive idea demeans all minority groups. The myth, which I reject, asserts the dangerous notion that Asian Americans are "models." The subtext suggests that Asian Americans are all the same and that other minority communities of color are not models. It adopts a standard by which those in power take a position to judge and decide for all Asian Americans and others what it means and looks like to be "successful." The "model minority myth" pits communities of color against one another.

In addition, in his column, Mr. Matsunaga demeans Nisei and Sansei women both by perpetuating gendered stereotypes and criticizing Sansei women for their strength. He said the fact that some Japanese American women (Sansei) find themselves on the fast track to top-level executive positions means less "strength of character." He says that "Sansei women are not like their Nisei mothers (not meant in a good way) [although some] came close, e.g., quiet, pure in thought, polite, serene, and self-controlled. But the Nisei woman is disappearing and the JA community is diminished."

I think Mr. Matsunaga's above statement shows clearly the danger of conflating outward behaviors with the quality of person. Indeed, certain times and certain occasions call for silence, politeness, and serenity. Other

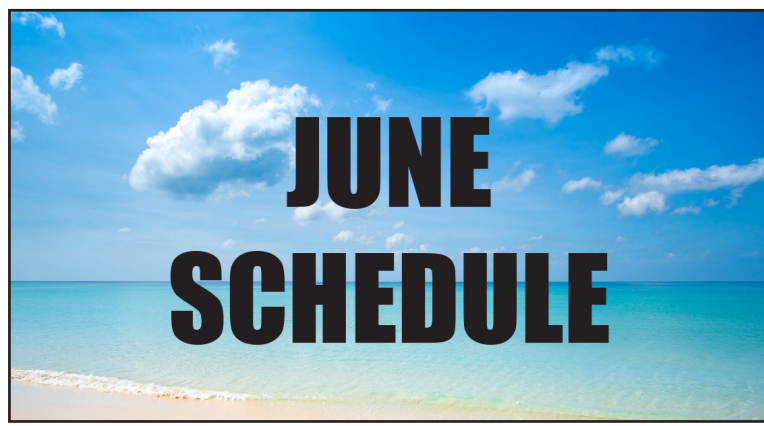
ers do not. Some of our Nisei mothers were strong, outspoken pioneers and most never hesitated to tell their children ways we should and could grow. I think in today's world, Sansei women can be anything they want to be, quiet or garrulous, married or single, mothers or not, workers behind the scenes or assertive leaders.

In 2024, I expect the Sansei generation has a greater understanding of and respect for each generation and the practices and different successes of one after another after another. Times have changed. Times are different. Each generation must meet the challenges of its own time and yet pave the way for more and different advances for the next generation to come.

As a Sansei woman, I say our generation must continue to move forward and resist going back to the roles, symbols and caricatures as well as the unpaid labor force many Nisei women played in prior times. The Sansei generation is called to prepare the way for future generations not by being quiet, staying silent, and deferring to those of higher stature or power but rather by emerging as empowered, educated Sansei women and men.

We must engage with one another and our many allies to dispel the myths of who we are and to courageously be ourselves. We will create a strong reality of who we are and what choices we have if we resist those who divide us and try to define us. Instead, we will discover and decide who we are and who we want to be.

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**Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple** 505 E. 3rd St, L.A. 90013, 213-626-4200. [hhbt-la.org](http://hhbt-la.org). Bishop Noriaki Ito. June 23 (Sun), 10 am—Sunday service, English sermon: Rev. Toyoshima, Japanese sermon: Rev. Nagamine. Service will be hybrid, in-person and via Facebook Live on Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple's Facebook page.

**Jodoshu North America Buddhist Missions** P.O. Box 11068, Torrance, CA 90510, 213-346-9666.

**Koyasan Buddhist Temple** 342 E. 1st St, L.A. 90012, 213-624-1267. [www.koyasanbetsuin.org](http://www.koyasanbetsuin.org). June 23 (Sun), 10 am—Morning service.

**L.A. Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple** 815 E. 1st St, L.A. 90012, 213-680-9130. [nishi-hongwanji-la.org](http://nishi-hongwanji-la.org), Rimban William Briones. Services are back in-person. We do recommend that masks be worn while indoors.

**Long Beach Buddhist Church** 2360 Santa Fe Ave, Long Beach 90810, 562-426-4014.

**Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church** 144 S. Greenwood Ave, Montebello 90640, 323-721-5568. [montebelloucc.org](http://montebelloucc.org), [facebook.com/mpcucc](https://facebook.com/mpcucc). Please join us for online worship Sunday mornings at 10 am at "mpcucc" on Facebook Live or YouTube. For information about live online youth/young adult Bible study, please send a message to BJ Reyes at [summerkids@yahoo.com](mailto:summerkids@yahoo.com). 神は今も話しかけています。

**Orange County Buddhist Church** 909 S. Dale Ave, Anaheim 92804, 714-827-9590. [ocbuddhist.org](http://ocbuddhist.org). June 22 (Sat), 7 pm—BEC Japanese class (Zoom) (Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). June 23 (Sun), 8:30 am—Mindfulness service (in-person); 10 am—Sunday service (hybrid); 11 am—Adult discussion and Dharma School (in-person); no Dharma School until Sept 8. June 24 (Mon), 6 pm—BEC English class (Zoom) (Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra). June 25 (Tue): Office closed. June 26 (Wed), 7 pm—Zoom mindfulness service. June 27 (Thu), 9 am—Tai chi class (in-person). June 30 (Sun): No services.

**Pasadena Buddhist Temple** 1993 Glen Ave, Pasadena 91103, 626-798-4781. [pasadenabuddhisttemple.org](http://pasadenabuddhisttemple.org). Resident minister: Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs. June 20 (Thu), 1 pm—Tai chi chuan, start anytime (40 min); 7 pm—Obon dance practice, open to the

public, Jeannie Toshima teaching (one hour). June 22 (Sat), 1:30 pm—Meeting for families displaced by the 710 Freeway construction. June 23 (Sun), 10 am—Buddhist service, open to the public, Dharma message in English, "Everything Is Everything." June 25 (Tue), 11 am—Discussion class (40 min); 1 pm—Tai chi chuan as exercise, Chieng Man-Ching lineage (40 min); 6 pm—Meditation/Sutra chanting/vocal Nembutsu (45 min); 7 pm—Obon dance practice, join anytime, Jeannie Toshima instructing (one hour). June 27 (Thu), 1 pm—Tai chi chuan, start anytime (40 min); 7 pm—Obon dance instruction/practice, Jeannie Toshima leading (one hour).

**Senshin Buddhist Temple** 1311 W. 37th St, L.A. 90007, 323-731-4617. [senshintemple@gmail.com](mailto:senshintemple@gmail.com), [senshintemple.org](http://senshintemple.org).

**SNI Church (Seicho-No-Ie) South Bay Center** 14527 S. Vermont Ave, Gardena 90247.

**SNI Church (Seicho-No-Ie) Orange Center** 2225 E. Lincoln Ave, Anaheim, 92806, 714-776-5759.

**Union Church of L.A.** 401 E. Third St, L.A. 90013, 213-629-3876. [www.unionchurchla.org](http://www.unionchurchla.org). Email: [English@unionchurchla.org](mailto:English@unionchurchla.org), [Nichigo@unionchurchla.org](mailto:Nichigo@unionchurchla.org). Weekly worship is held at 11 am in-person and on Zoom.

**Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple** 12371 Braddock Dr. Cul-

ver City, 90230. 310-391-4351. [vhbt.org](http://vhbt.org). We are open for in-person Sunday and Tuesday morning services at 9:30 am, except for Sunday, June 23. Services are also conducted by Zoom as well. Please check our website, [vhbt.org](http://vhbt.org), for more information.

**W. Covina Buddhist Temple** 1203 W. Puente Ave, W. Covina 91790, 626-689-1040. [livingdharma.org](http://livingdharma.org). Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi. June 23 (Sun), On Sunday, June 23, Sunday service will be held at 10 am both in-person and online. Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Miyoshi. Discussion Class will follow. Please contact the temple ([wbtlivingdharma@gmail.com](mailto:wbtlivingdharma@gmail.com)) to receive a meeting ID and passcode to join the service online. June 20 (Thu), 7 - 8:30 pm—Bon Odori practice. June 25 (Tue), 7 - 8:30 pm—Bon Odori practice. June 27 (Thu), 7 - 8:30 pm—Bon Odori practice. We are having Bon Odori practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 pm.

**W.L.A. Buddhist Temple** 2003 Corinth Ave, L.A. 90025, 310-477-7274. Rev. Koho Takata and Rev. Koe Umezu. June 21 (Fri), 7 pm—Bingo. June 22 (Sat), 10 am—Shoshinge service; 11 am—Buddhism Beyond Mindfulness. June 23 (Sun), 10 am—Sunday service. June 25 (Tue), 7 pm—Obon dance practice. June 27 (Thu), 7 pm—Obon dance practice. June 30 (Sun), 10 am—Sunday service.

**Wintersburg Presbyterian Church** 2000 N. Fairview St, Santa Ana 92706, 714-740-9400. [wintersburg.org](http://wintersburg.org).

**Zenshuji Soto Mission** 123 S. Hewitt St, L.A. 90012, 213-624-8658. Check for details and schedule changes: [www.zenshuji.org](http://www.zenshuji.org). Zen Aerobics for Seniors and their family and friends on Sundays, 1 pm offered online Zoom and in-person when conditions are deemed safe. Call to confirm the schedule and check the website for additional classes.

### Hiroshi Kadomatsu



A funeral service for Hiroshi Kadomatsu, 86-year-old, Tokyo, Japan-born Issei who peacefully passed away on May 26, 2024, in Santa Monica, will be held Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 10 a.m. under the auspices of the Venice Hongwanji ABA at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Dr., Culver City. Additional parking will be available at Venice Japanese

Community Center, 12488 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles.

He is predeceased by his wife, Kazuko Kadomatsu; and is survived by his son, Robert (Kelly) Kadomatsu of La Mirada, Calif.; daughter, Amy (Robert Lopez) Kadomatsu of Edgewater, N.J.; grandchildren, Kyle and Ryan Kadomatsu and Paige Lopez; brothers, Kiyoshi and Yukio Kadomatsu of Japan; brother-in-law, Yasushi Udagawa; niece, Sandra (Brian Tsang) Matsumoto; nephews, Masahiko (Jolean) Matsumoto, Ken (Diane) Matsumoto, Hisashi (Cathie) Matsumoto, Eric (Heidi) Udagawa, Glen Udagawa; also survived by other nieces, nephews and relatives in the U.S. and Japan.

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### Kayoko "Kay" Kanomata

April 2, 1939 – May 18, 2024

Kayoko "Kay" Kanomata, 85-year-old resident of Montebello, passed away suddenly in her residence on May 18, 2024.

Born in Los Angeles, she moved with her parents to Japan before the war. She was a survivor of the A-bomb in Hiroshima. Returning to the U.S. after the war, she became an accomplished odori dancer under the tutelage of Madame Fujima Kansuma, attaining a professional certification and stage name of Fujima Kanko. On a tour of Japan, she met Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko, with whom she had a short audience. She met the royal couple a second time at Disneyland at the behest of Walt Disney. She made appearances in film and TV.

She was a proud alumna of UCLA and worked as a teacher for LAUSD for 37 years. She was proud of all the students she taught and nurtured, especially her Japanese dance students and her ESL students.

She is survived by her son, Yuzo John Kanomata; and relatives in Japan and the U.S. Preceded in death by her husband, Yasuyoshi "Ken" Kanomata.

Interment ceremony was held at Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Friday, June 14, 2024, with Reverend William Briones officiating.

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## OBITUARIES

### Hisae Kihara

Hisae Kihara passed away May 9, 2024, at 1:14 a.m. at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Born on Aug. 8, 1933, she was 90 years old. A talented artist and Japanese crafter, she was the owner of Kihara's Arts and Crafts in Gardena. Mrs. Kihara was a widow, her husband Rev. Join Kihara having passed away in 2007.

She expressed her gratitude for her many friends who loved her and provided support throughout her life and during her last days.

Her wishes included no memorial service. Her ashes will be scattered at sea. In lieu of gifts or flowers, please come to the Gardena Buddhist Church 2024 Obon Festival on August 3-4 to celebrate her memory.

### Status of Tule Lake Committee's Lawsuit

Dear Editor:

The Tule Lake Committee sued the Modoc Nation and the City of Tulelake over the sale by the county to the Nation of Tulelake Municipal Airport. On June 4, 2024, the Third District Court of Appeal affirmed the dismissal of the committee's lawsuit.

The Tule Lake Committee was formed to represent the interests of the survivors and descendants of the thousands of Japanese Americans imprisoned at Tule Lake during World War II. The Modoc Nation acquired the property as part of

its effort to restore to recover land confiscated by the U.S. government.

In 2018 Modoc County sold the airport to the Modoc Nation. Tule Lake Committee filed suit against the tribe and the county in 2020 to void the sale. The Superior Court ruled that tribal sovereign immunity to suit under federal law precludes lawsuits against Native American nations over the validity of contracts.

The Court of Appeal affirmed, holding that tribal sovereign immunity applies even though the contract concerns land — the airport — that was at the time on tribal or

reservation property. The Court of Appeal opinion is "not published" and cannot be cited as precedent in other cases.

Tule Lake Committee may seek review by the Supreme Court of California, but it is entirely discretionary with that court whether to accept a case for review; few petitions for review are granted.

Gerald Masahiro Sato

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**JULY 14** — Obon Festival, 1-7 pm at Sozenji Buddhist Temple, 3020 W Beverly Blvd, Montebello. Obon and Manto-e service at 1 pm; booths and bingo open at 2 pm; entertainment at 3:30 pm; Bon Odori at 4:30 pm; raffle drawing at 6:30 pm; closing ceremony at 6:45 pm. Dance practice July 3 and 10, 7:30-8:30 pm. Info (562) 619-5760, sozenjibuddhisttemple@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.

**JULY 20** — Nisei Week Baby Show, 9 am-3 pm at San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St, Pacoima. Tiny Tots (1 year-23 months): Registration 9-9:30 am, judging at 10 am; Romper Stompers (2 years-3 years, 11 months): Registration 11-11:30 am, judging at 12 pm; Jet Setters (4 years-6 years, 1 month): Registration 1-1:30 pm, judging at 2 pm. \$65 plus 3% transaction fee for SFVJACC. Info: babyshow@niseiweek.org.

**JULY 20** — Koto workshop and reunion in honor of NEA Heritage Award recipient June Kuramoto, 10 am-3 pm at Nishi Hongwanji, 815 E First St, Little Tokyo. Free but RSVP required. Info: The teamkotomoto@gmail.com or Team Kotomoto's Facebook page.

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**JULY 20** — Curator tour of "J.T. Sata: Immigrant Modernist," 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Japanese American National Museum, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Walkthrough with exhibition curator Dennis Reed and special guest, J. Paul Getty Museum curator Virginia Heckert. Tickets: https://www.janm.org/events/2024-07-20/jt-sata-exhibition-curator-tour-dennis-reed-and-virginia-heckert.

**JULY 20** — Obon Festival, 4-7 pm at Pasadena Buddhist Temple, 1993 Glen Ave, Pasadena. Taiko at 5pm, dancing at 5:30 pm. Dance practice Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 20 (except July 4). Info: (626) 798-4781, www.pasadenabuddhisttemple.org.

**JULY 20-21** — Obon Carnival, 12-7 pm at Zenshujii Soto Mission, 123 S Hewitt St, Los Angeles. Obon service (1:30 pm), food, entertainment, tea ceremony, Bon Odori. Info: (213) 624-8658, www.zenshujii.org.

**JULY 20-21** — Obon Festival, Saturday 2-8:30 pm and Sunday 2-8 pm at Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 Dale Ave, Anaheim. Taiko at 4 and 6 pm. Bon Odori at 6:30 pm. Free parking with shuttle service, 1:30-9 pm at Magnolia High School, 2450 W Ball Rd, Anaheim. Info: (714) 827-9590, www.orange-countybuddhist.org/obon.

**JULY 20-21** — Obon Festival at Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 12371 Braddock Dr, Culver City. Bon Odori practice Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 pm, June 26-July 15. Info: (310) 391-4351, https://vhbt.org.

**JULY 21** — Reading of "You Are Cordially Invited to the End of the World" by Keiko Green, 12 pm at Boston Court Pasadena, 70 N

Mentor Ave, Pasadena. Part of Boston Court's New Play Reading Festival. Info/tickets: (626) 683-6801, BostonCourtPasadena.org.

**JULY 27** — "Let's Dance," Greater LA JACL scholarship and chapter fundraiser mini-dinner/dance, 6-9 pm at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W 162nd St, Gardena. Live music and DJ by Asian Persuasion, line dancing led by Toru Nagao, raffle drawing. Dinner/dance: \$35 by July 20, \$45 at door. Dance only: \$25 by July 20, \$35 at door. Table of 8 (advance only): \$280 for dinner/dance, \$200 for dance only. Info: (310) 634-9032, greaterlajacl@gmail.com.

**JULY 27-28** — Obon Festival, 3-9 pm at Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple, 505 E Third St, Little Tokyo. Food, games, bingo, farmer's market, taiko, cultural performances, music including Happyfunsmile. Obon/Hatsubon service 1 pm Sunday. Manto-e services 5:30 pm both days. Bon Odori 6:30 pm both days. Info: (213) 626-4200, hhbt-la.org.

**JULY 27-28** — Obon Festival, Saturday 4-10 pm, Sunday 3-9 pm at West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple, 2003 Corinth Ave, West LA. Food, games, live music. ABA Sonics 4:30 pm, WLA Taiko 5:30 pm, Dharma service 6 pm, Obon dancing 6:30 pm both days. Dance practice June 25 and 26, July 2, 9 and 11 at 7 pm. Info: (310) 477-7274, www.wlabt.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, skateboarding, comic book, graphic arts, and vinyl toy culture. Tickets: https://www.janm.org/exhibits/jt-sata.

**Through SEPT 1** — "J.T. Sata: Immigrant Modernist" at Japanese American National Museum, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. Early works by James Tadanao Sata (1896-1975), who created some of the most adventurous photographs made in America in the 1920s and '30s. Tickets: https://www.janm.org/exhibits/jt-sata.

**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.

**Through NOV 3** — "Yes, Kawaii Is Art — Express Yourself" at Japan House Los Angeles, 6801 Hollywood Blvd, Level 2, Los Angeles. Artist Sebastian Masuda takes an in-depth look at the origins of the colorful kawaii style, its development and its profound cultural significance. Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 am-7 pm; Saturday-Sunday, 11 am-8 pm. Free. Info: (800) 516-0565, info@japanhousela.com, japanhousela.com.

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children already apart. The best description of Sabraw came from San Diego Superior Court Judge Joan Weber, who served with him in the Superior Court. She said, "Judge Sabraw is brilliant, has excellent judicial temperament, and lawyers love being in his courtroom. He's a gentleman to every person who walks into his courtroom. I believe that's because he's such a quality human being."

**David Ono** - 2024 J.A. of the Biennium (Art/Literature/Communication)

After 25 years at ABC7, the verdict is in on **David Ono**. He is the Tom Hanks of the nightly news.



David Ono

Ask leaders of Japanese American organizations about Ono, and his years of devoting his time and talents to community come to mind. Since landing a key position with Los Angeles' ABC7 Eyewitness News in 1996, Ono has reached beyond his anchor desk to become an award-

winning filmmaker, discovering untold stories of people and events around the world.

"He has become a staple of the Nisei Week Coronation and a testament to community service," commented James Okazaki, past Nisei Week Festival chairman. "As emcees, he and Tamlyn Tomita are a perfect pair."

Okazaki explains that he was particularly moved by the sensitivity captured in Ono's documentary "Legacy of Heart Mountain," which chronicled the stories of the people who were held in the Wyoming concentration camp during World War II. Okazaki's relatives were at Heart Mountain for three and a half years.

Born in Japan to a Caucasian father and Japanese mother, Ono took his mother's maiden name sometime in the 1990s. His father was in the military and served in Japan for several years. The family moved to Texas, where Ono grew up in San Antonio, largely among Latinos, and attended the University of North Texas.

"The first time I heard the term 'hapa' was in college when a friend

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from Hawaii used that term," he recalled. "'What's that?' I asked. She said, 'You are. You have the look.'" It wasn't until he was hired by station KQVR in Sacramento that Ono began connecting with the Japanese American community.

He is doing pieces on race in America and continuing to explore new aspects of the story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Battalion and the long-hidden role Nisei linguists played in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during World War II.

The truth is: Ono is more than an anchorman. In 25 years as a broadcast journalist, he has given a new dimension to the profession. And, yes, he's also a good guy.

(Excerpt from "More Than an Anchorman: ABC7's David Ono Celebrates a Milestone" by Ellen Endo, *Rafu Shimpo*, Oct. 9, 2021)

### Toyota

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proposal to reappoint Toyoda, saying the long-time top executive was responsible for recent safety data rigging at group companies.

Another U.S. proxy adviser, Glass Lewis, also recommended rejecting the reappointment of the chairman for the same reason, as well as Hayakawa, questioning his performance as chair of a meeting that decides executive personnel appointments.

Toyoda's reappointment was

widely anticipated given his popularity among individual investors and the company's record profits in the last fiscal year, as well as years of cross-shareholdings with its business partners.

At the meeting, Sato pledged the world's biggest auto group would improve compliance while apologizing for its vehicle test fraud cases in Japan.

"We are trying to reform the foundation of our corporate culture," Sato said.

Toyota's truck-manufacturing subsidiary Hino Motors Ltd. admit-

ted to cheating on emission and fuel efficiency data in 2022, and its small-car-making unit Daihatsu Motor Co. said the following year that safety data had been manipulated for most of its cars.

In January this year, affiliate Toyota Industries Corp. revealed that engine data had been falsified for years. This month, Toyota said it did not fully follow government standards for collision and other vehicle tests and also rigged engine output data for seven of its models.

The transport ministry has ordered a shipment ban on three of the affected models currently on the market.

All the affected models were rolled out when Toyoda was in his previous role as president.



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都知事選公約 小池氏、子育て支援拡充 「七つの約束」と蓮舫氏

東京都知事選(20日告示、7月7日投票)で3選を目指す小池百合子知事(71)と、立候補予定の蓮舫参院議員(56)が18日、それぞれ記者会見し公約を発表した。小池氏は子育て世代の家賃負担の軽減や無痛分娩への助成制度新設を掲げた。蓮舫氏は少子化対策や行政改革、多様性の尊重など7項目にわたる「七つの約束」を示した。

オンラインで会見した小池氏は「子育て、教育にお金の使えない東京を改善する」と述べ、現行では第2子から無償化されている保育料について、女性に比べて、第1子にも拡充する考えを示した。日本のジェンダー・ギャップ指数の世界的な順位は低いとして、女性活躍基本条例制定を目指す。高齢者対策として認知症の専門病院を設けるとした。江戸の文化を世界遺産にする構想も明らかにした。

一方、蓮舫氏は「若い人が諦めないで、若者世代の収入を増やして生活を安定させること」が少子化対策につながることを強調し、国と協力して非正規労働者の格差解消に取り組むことや、新たな条例を創設して都と契約する企業に働き手への待遇改善を要請するとした。自身の専門分野とした行政改革に関し「都の予算を方ラス張りしたい」と述べた。公営補助金の支払先を原則として公開し、都が行方事業への評価を強化する方針を示した。



オンラインで記者会見し、知事選公約を発表する東京都の小池百合子知事(左)と蓮舫参院議員(右)。18日午前、都庁。

能登地震犠牲者282人に熊本上回り平成以降3番目

石川県は18日、能登半島地震の「災害関連死」として、新たに22人を認定することを決めた。地震の犠牲者は家屋の倒壊などによる直接的な死亡230人、既に認定された関連死30人と合わせて計282人となり、2016年熊本地震(1995年)に次ぐ規模となる。

取り組むが重要になる。県は18日、災害関連死に関する七尾、輪島各市との合同審査会を開き、医師や弁護士らで構成する委員が計26人を審査し、七尾市3人、輪島市19人、それぞれ関連死と認め、熊本上回るとした。県によると、来週輪島市と七尾市以外の自治体への申請分を審査し、7月以降、各市町で月1回のペースで審査を続ける方針だ。

石川県によると、18日時点で能登半島地震の行方不明者は輪島市の3人、負傷者は重傷と軽傷を合わせて1207人、死者は2471人が避難生活が続いている。被災地では熱中症や食中毒、仮設住宅での孤独死など

提供することも掲げた。事業認可した都の対応に批判が出ている明治神宮外苑の再開発は「いつか立ち止まる」と明言した。蓮舫氏は憲民主義に離党届を提出し、18日に承認された。都知事選には他に広島県安芸高田市の石丸伸二前市長(41)、元航空幕僚長の田母神俊雄氏(75)ら50人以上が出馬を予定している。(共同)

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「ワシントン共同」11月の米大統領選で再選を目指すバイデン大統領は18日、ホワイトハウスで演説し、米国籍の配偶者を持つ不法移民の強制送還を断る新たな救済措置を法的に重要な政策だと訴



記者会見で東京都知事選の公約を発表する蓮舫参院議員。18日午後、東京都港区。

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熱中症で多数死亡 大巡礼中、気温51度超 サウジ 中にも暑さの影響による十人以上の死亡を確認したと明らかにした。気象当局によると、メッカの聖モスクでは17日の気温が51.8度に達した。保健省によれば16日だけで2700件以上の熱中症事例が報告された。

インドネシア保健省当局者は17日、ハジジ期間中に少なくとも3人の熱中症患者を含む136人のインドネシア人巡礼者が死亡したことを明らかにした。ヨルダン外務省も16日、「猛烈な熱波により14人が死亡した」と発表した。

ハート形の大きな粒が愛らしい高級サクランボ品種「ジュノハート」が18日、青森県八戸市の市中央卸売市場で初競りにかけられ、上級ブランド「青森ハート」15粒入り1箱に50万円の最高値が付いた。1粒当たり3万円超の市洋菜店が仲卸業者を通じて競り落とすと、市場は大きな拍手に包まれた。

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### 初の日系ワインサミット開催 北加から17園参加 29日、JACCで飲み比べ

小東京の日本文化会館(JACC)は29日(土)午後12時半から7時半まで、北カリフォルニアを拠点とする日系のワイン生産者、経営者、ワイン関係者らによる親睦組織「日系ワイン&バイイング」による「日系ワインサミット2024 日本魂が宿るアメリカワイン」を開催する。

### LA支部が春の例会 星野さんをしのぶ 29日、富弘美術館を囲む会

「富弘美術館を囲む会」ロサンゼルス支部は、4月に逝去した星野富弘さんの詩画に触れる春の例会を29日(土)午後2時から4時まで、ガーデナのニューガーデナホテル (1641 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.) で催す。



針を固めている。星野さんは不慮の事故で手足の自由を失い、闘病生活の中で口を筆をくわえて時と絵画の創作活動を始めた。その作品は多くの人を励まし、感動を与えている。星野さんの詩画が好きで、興味のある人の参加を呼びかけている。参加費は、一般5ドル、会員無料。

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交流への寄与が、ポーランドさんは米国での日本文化普及への貢献が認められた。叙勲祝賀会は南加州系商工会議所(南加州)が毎年主催し、日系社会の諸団体が後援している。南加州系商工会議所会頭の竹花晴夫さんが、叙勲者の代表として、祝辞と謝意を述べた。

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