



Putting on a Sho
Ohtani named NL Player of the Week.

—page 2

121 YEARS OF COMMUNITY JOURNALISM

The RAFU SHIMPO

Established 1903 • www.rafu.com

NO. 34,227
COPYRIGHT 2024 / L.A. NEWS PUBLISHING CO.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

701 E. THIRD ST., SUITE 130, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013-1789
(213) 629-2231 • FAX (213) 687-0737

羅府新報



日本語欄

コンテンツ

トップニュース
(米国・日本・国際)
コミュニティー
スポーツ

産経新聞

japan-at-a-glance



GOVERNOR'S RACE: Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike makes a speech on Tokyo's Hachijo Island in the Pacific Ocean on June 22 during her campaign for the July 7 gubernatorial election in the Japanese capital.

DOLLAR AT NEW HIGH: The U.S. dollar briefly hit a two-month high close to the 160 yen line Monday in Tokyo, as stronger-than-expected U.S. economic data reduced expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates soon. However, market participants refrained from chasing the dollar after the threshold due to caution over a potential yen-buying operation by Japanese authorities. They conducted an apparent intervention on April 29 after the U.S. currency climbed to as high as 160.24 yen.

DUTY-FREE SALES: Duty-free sales at Japan's department stores in May rose about 3.3-fold from a year earlier to 71.8 billion yen (\$449 million), setting a new record for the third consecutive month, data by an industry body showed Monday. Overall same-store sales at 177 stores operated by 71 companies rose 14.4% from a year earlier to 469.2 billion yen, marking the 27th consecutive month of growth, driven by rising numbers of foreign visitors to Japan and increased purchases of luxury items, according to the Japan Department Stores Association.

in the news

ATTACKER SENTENCED: A 26-year-old man pleaded guilty June 21 and was immediately sentenced to four years in prison for abusing a baby in Costa Mesa. Michael Andrew Clark pleaded guilty to four felony counts of child abuse and endangerment, with sentencing enhancements for causing great bodily injury on a child younger than 5. Clark accepted a plea deal from Orange County Superior Court Judge Kazuharu Makino over the objections of prosecutors. Clark was given credit for 286 days in jail. According to letters supporting him in court records, Clark was formerly an Eagle Scout. On Oct. 17, 2023, Clark assaulted the infant, who remains hospitalized.

ALHAMBRA QUAKE: A magnitude 2.9 earthquake has struck near South Pasadena and Alhambra at 5:07 a.m. Monday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The magnitude was originally reported at 3.2. It was centered 2.7 miles southwest of South Pasadena and 3.1 miles southwest of Alhambra. It was about 6 miles deep. The quake was centered 3.7 miles northwest of Monterey Park and 3.8 miles northeast of Boyle Heights. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

correction

The start time for the 2024 GVJCI Matsuri Fundraiser was listed incorrectly in the June 15 edition. The festival will take place on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

INSIDE TODAY'S RAFU

Sports.....2
Calendar of Events.....3
Obituaries.....3
Classifieds.....3

Yen-Dollar Rate

DOLLAR UP: The dollar was higher in trading Monday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market, finishing at 159.68-69 yen, up .91 yen from Friday's close.

Light Show at Sun Valley Obon



Photo by MIKEY HIRANO CULROSS / Rafu Shimpō

The SpaceX launch from Vandenberg AFB took place just before 9 p.m. and brought a momentary pause to the raffle at the Valley Japanese Community Center's Obon festival on Sunday. For more see page 2.

TaikoProject Presents 'Rhythmic Relations 2024' at Aratani Theatre

TaikoProject returns to Little Tokyo to perform at the Aratani Theatre at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC) on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m. with its exuberant blend of innovative taiko drum-based music and choreography, for their annual taiko spectacular "Rhythmic Relations 2024."

This year's show, the group's 18th home concert, features Bombu Taiko, Kitsune Intermediates, and special guest Makana from Honolulu.

"We're excited to partner with JACCC to bring our show to Little Tokyo," says TaikoProject Executive Director Bryan Yamami, "and we're grateful to bring our taiko-slack key guitar collaborative music with Makana to our friends and family in L.A."

Makana has been described as "one of the greatest living slack key guitarists" by *Esquire Magazine*. His musical career began at age 9; he was taught by one of Hawaii's slack key guitar masters, Sonny Chillingsworth. Over the decades, he has jammed with Jake Shimabukuro, the Pahinui brothers, Willie K, and Jason Mraz.

TaikoProject has been captivating audiences since its founding in 2000, performing alongside such stars as Stevie Wonder, Alicia Keys, Jared Leto's Thirty Seconds to Mars and John Legend. The group has performed on the Academy Awards, at the Grammys, on NBC's "The Voice," and has been featured in numerous music videos. Recently, the group performed at the Coachella Art & Music Festival with Japanese girl band Atarashii Gakko, and for Ubisoft Forward 2024's "Assassin's Creed Shadows" game reveal.



PAUL GRACE

Slack key guitarist Makana

This spring, the ensemble toured to Arroyo Grande, Omaha, Morristown, N.J., Iowa City, Iowa, Lancaster, and Palm Desert.

The program includes traditional and contemporary works by all of the performing artists, as well as special taiko-slack key guitar collaborations developed specifically to premiere at "Rhythmic Relations 2024."

Ticket prices start at \$20; Reserved seating. Tickets are available at jacc.org

TaikoProject programs are supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, Los Angeles County Department of Arts & Culture, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, L.A. Arts Recovery Fund, The James Irvine Foundation, Sansei Legacy Fund, and individual BaseBeat donors.

LTSC Founders Receive UCLA Social Welfare Award

By KATHEE YAMAMOTO
RAFU CONTRIBUTOR

Bill Watanabe and Yasuko Sakamoto were honored with the 2024 UCLA Social Welfare Joseph A. Nunn Alumni Award at the Terasaki Budokan in Little Tokyo on June 8.

Both awardees graduated from UCLA with Master of Social Work degrees: Watanabe in 1972, Sakamoto in 1983.

Together with Evelyn Yoshimura, in 1979 they founded the Little Tokyo Service Center, whose goal is "to provide linguistically and culturally sensitive social services to the Little Tokyo community and the broader Japanese American community in Southern California."

Over the years, the LTSC has grown and expanded its reach to offer a range of programs that offer social welfare and community development services to assist low-income individuals and others in need, contribute to community revitalization and cultural preservation in Little Tokyo and the larger Japanese and Asian Pacific Islander communities.

Watanabe continued as LTSC's executive director for 32 years before retiring in 2012. Sakamoto retired as director of social services in 2016 after serving for over 36 years.

The UCLA Luskin Department of Social Welfare, which hosted the celebration, noted, "Their legacy includes the ongoing work of 120+ MSW interns, who were guided by their exceptional mentorship and embodiment of social work values and ethics."

Watanabe and Sakamoto were jointly nominated for the award by former UCLAMSW interns at LTSC, including current UCLA faculty members. Many, who call themselves "Billterms," were part of the celebratory program, paying tribute to the training, the enriching experience and the high standards that informed and inspired their own careers.

They noted, "Under Watanabe's 32 years at the helm, LTSC became a leader in community-based housing



Photo by KATHEE YAMAMOTO

Bill Watanabe, Yasuko Sakamoto and Dr. Joseph Nunn, UCLA Luskin Department of Social Welfare professor emeritus.

and economic development, working in partnership with various communities of color. LTSC programs include childcare, youth and family counseling, parenting classes, business development, and services for the elderly and non-English-speaking clients. They developed thousands of affordable housing units and saved and restored historic buildings in Little Tokyo, such as the Union Center for the Arts, resulting in Watanabe receiving the 2007 Preservation Hero Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation."

Sakamoto's many accomplishments include the fact that "with LTSC, she designed and developed five programs: Nikkei Family Counseling Program, Nikkei Tomodachi Program, Kosumosu Transitional Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Alzheimer's Support Group and Nikkei Helpline. In addition to her dedication at LTSC, Yasuko has published numerous articles on the Japanese American experience, mental health and other

social issues and she initiated a series of tofu cookbooks as a way to introduce healthy eating to a wide audience with funds raised going to emergency services and domestic violence counseling at LTSC. Yasuko has also been a speaker in Japan and in the U.S., presenting on topics related to caregiving, working with immigrants and domestic violence."

The ceremony's location at the Terasaki Budokan was meaningful, as LTSC spear-headed a 30-year effort to create the community recreation center, which has been open since 2020, with a ribbon-cutting in 2022.

Dr. Joseph A. Nunn, UCLA Luskin Dept of Social Welfare professor emeritus, for whom the award is named, presented the distinction to this year's awardees. His own six decades in the field of social work education have been honored regionally and nationally.

In accepting, Watanabe said, "The name of Joe Nunn is a very highly honored name in the School of Social Welfare at UCLA. And to receive this recognition is a very big deal for Yasuko and myself."

Sakamoto acknowledged the "collective effort" of staff, volunteers, the community and student social workers at LTSC.

She expressed special appreciation for Yoshimura, the third LTSC founding member, who was there that day. Yoshimura's own 40-year tenure at LTSC and her decades of work towards making the Terasaki Budokan a reality were honored last November with the dedication of the Evelyn Yoshimura Friendship Garden at the facility.

The selection of Watanabe and Sakamoto was announced as "two trailblazers whose life's work centered on making the Asian American and Pacific Islander community

Governor Signs Muratsuchi's Bill Aimed at Helping Transitional Kindergarten Students

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's (D-Torrance) AB 2268, which would exempt children enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) from being assessed using the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

According to Muratsuchi, the ELPAC is not developmentally appropriate for younger four-year olds and has not been proven valid and reliable for them, as required by state and federal law. AB 2268 ensures that children are not inappropriately assessed and can receive instruction and support based upon their true learning needs.

"I want to thank the governor for signing AB 2268," said Muratsuchi. "Currently, the state is evaluating our youngest English learner students with an assessment not designed for them, leading to an over-identification of our 4-year-olds as English learners. Educators around the state have expressed frustration with this requirement, reporting that the assessment does not yield useful information about children's language proficiency, and that it causes some of them considerable distress."

"This bill ensures our youngest learners have instruction and support based on their true learning needs.

The discussion to properly determine how to assess TK students now moves to the California State Board of Education."

"California is fortunate to be a leader in providing Transitional Kindergarten to our youngest learners," said Dr. Edgar Lampkin, California Association for Bilingual Education's (CABE) executive director. "CABE is appreciative of the governor's signature on AB 2268 to remove a barrier that was hindering the success of these young learners. This important measure will ensure the first educational experiences these students have will be positive and age-appropriate."

"As the parent of bilingual children and a dual language learner myself, I deeply appreciate Gov. Newsom, Assemblymember Muratsuchi, and California's legislators for supporting our young multilingual learners by championing AB 2268," said Patricia Lozano, executive director of Early Edge California. "This bill will create more supports tailored to their needs and strengths, so they can learn and thrive from the early years onward. AB 2268 sets our state on a path to find a more appropriate way to assess students and their development."

Please see Kindergarten, page 3

State Senator Criticizes L.A. Councilmember for 'Praising' Ho Chi Minh

CITY NEWS SERVICE

A state senator on Friday demanded that Los Angeles City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson retract a social media post that she says contains "glowing comments" about someone "who promoted the Communist takeover of Vietnam."

Sen. Janet Nguyen (R-Huntington Beach), who fled South Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon, asked Harris-Dawson in a letter to rescind his Instagram post about Ho Chi Minh, the president of North Vietnam from 1945 until his death in 1969, given his role in the Vietnam War.

A representative for Harris-Dawson said the councilman plans to respond to the senator directly, but did not offer any details.

Harris-Dawson's May 19 post,

which is still on his Instagram page, is a "This Day In History" message, briefly discussing perspectives on the Vietnam War by three people — Ho and American activists Malcolm X and Yuri Kochiyama.

The post says all three "interpreted the war from three completely different perspectives; each leader's strong opposition was a direct result of the oppression they experienced at earlier points in their lives."

"Ho Chi Minh first emerged as an outspoken voice for Vietnamese independence while living as a young man in France during World War I," Harris-Dawson wrote. "This experience shaped (Ho's) belief that peace could only be achieved without outside intervention."

In a statement from her office, Please see Ho Chi Minh, page 3



Courtesy Little Tokyo Service Center

Founding members of LTSC, Yasuko Sakamoto, Bill Watanabe and Evelyn Yoshimura, in 1980.

Please see LTSC, page 3

Sun-Drenched Celebration

The Valley Japanese Community Center held its 68th Obon festival Saturday and Sunday in Sun Valley. The weather was sunny and warm, but not unbearably hot, and visitors enjoyed all-time favorites like udon, teriyaki, sushi, roasted corn on the cob and homemade baked goods. In addition to the traditional Bon Odori dancing, attractions included martial arts demonstrations, tea ceremony and taiko performances.



Anything cold and refreshing was popular on the warm afternoon, including shave ice, as created and enjoyed by young participants Logan and Maya.



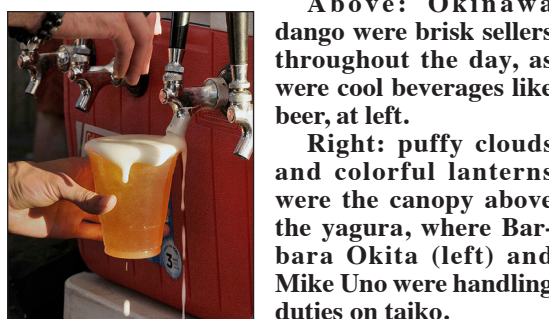
Stephanie Adachi keeps time for dancers during the Valley Japanese Community Center's 2024 Obon Festival in Sun Valley on Sunday.



Taking flight are Matthew Wong (left) and veteran of Obon dancing Marc Amba. Left, Rev. Hibiki Murakami offers a prayer and chant at the start of Sunday's festivities. In right photo, Jennifer Kajiki enjoys the dance with her traditional kachi-kachi castanets.



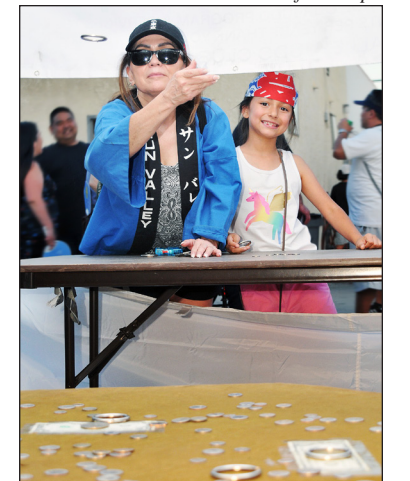
Photos by MIKEY HIRANO CULROSS / Rafu Shimpō



Above: Okinawa dango were brisk sellers throughout the day, as were cool beverages like beer, at left. Right: puffy clouds and colorful lanterns were the canopy above the yagura, where Barbara Okita (left) and Mike Uno were handling duties on taiko.



Dressed in traditional kimono, Christine Inouye adds to the rhythm of the music. At right, games such as the ring toss drew plenty of folks to try their luck.



BASEBALL: Ohtani Named NL Player of the Week for 2nd Time This Season

Dodgers star **Shohei Ohtani** has been named the National League Player of the Week, Major League Baseball said Monday, claiming the award for the second time this season with outstanding batting including homers in three straight games. Over the six-game span beginning June 17, the 29-year-old batted .458 with four home runs and 11 RBIs. The designated hitter blasted his NL-leading 23rd homer of the season on Saturday in a win over his former team, the Angels. Ohtani earned the weekly honor seven times in the American League while with the Angels, and his nine wins overall stand as the most among Japanese players ever to appear in the majors. He picked up the award three times last year as part of his second AL MVP-winning campaign. Josh Naylor of the Cleveland Guardians was named AL Player of the Week, hitting .400 with three homers and eight RBIs over six games. On Saturday, Ohtani homered for the third straight game – the second time he has done so this season – in

the Dodgers' 7-2 Freeway Series victory over the Angels. A day after blasting a 455-foot shot against his old team, Ohtani sent a fly ball 459 feet over right center field at Dodger Stadium. The two-run shot, off a 2-0 slider from right-hander Zach Plesac (1-1), put the hosts up 3-0 in the bottom of the third. Dodger starter Tyler Glasnow (8-5) struck out 10 over seven innings in which he allowed two runs, one earned, on two hits and no walks. Ohtani, who finished 1-for-4 with a walk, is third in the MLB home run race behind New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge (28) and Baltimore Orioles shortstop Gunnar Henderson (24). Among other Japanese players in MLB, **Seiya Suzuki** went 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored Saturday, as the Chicago Cubs designated hitter in an 8-1 win against the New York Mets. **Kenta Maeda** (2-4) was charged with the Detroit Tigers' 5-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox after allowing three runs on eight hits

over 4-2/3 innings while striking out five. On Sunday, Toronto Blue Jays pitcher **Yusei Kikuchi** took his seventh loss of the season after a 40-minute rain delay cut short his start in a 6-5 defeat to the Cleveland Guardians. Kikuchi (4-7) gave up four runs on eight hits in two-plus innings, striking out three and walking one in a 63-pitch outing at Progressive Field. The left-hander saw his ERA rise to 4.00. The first four Cleveland hitters of the third inning reached base against him. Zach Pop, who relieved Kikuchi when play resumed, allowed two of the inherited runners to score for a 4-3 Guardians lead. **Steven Kwan** and Josh Naylor each hit solo home runs for the Guardians an inning later to make it 6-3. "I'm disappointed that I had to exit the game early," Kikuchi said after the Blue Jays' sixth consecutive loss. "I wanted to turn the tide for the team. I think I have to review things such as my pitch sequence and habits." —Kyodo News



Wearing the Dodgers' new City Connect uniform, Shohei Ohtani tracks the flight of his home run against the Angels on Saturday.

OLYMPICS

14-year-old Star Headed to Paris as Japan's Skateboarders Dominate

BUDAPEST.—Fourteen-year-old **Coco Yoshizawa** booked her ticket to the Paris Games as she led a Japanese sweep in the women's street skateboarding final of the Olympic Qualifier Series in Budapest on Sunday. With a place at the games on the line, Yoshizawa leapt from fourth to first place by nailing her final trick of the competition in the Hungarian capital. She totaled 270.29 points to edge reigning world champion Yumeka Oda on 268.52, with Funa Nakayama scoring 263.62 for third. Liz Akama, who clinched her Olympic spot in the previous day's semifinal, earned 262.50 for fourth. Nakayama also secured one of the three Olympic quotas amid fierce competition between Japanese athletes that saw both Oda and Tokyo Games gold medalist Momiji Nishiya miss out. Japan earlier swept the men's street podium, with Yuto Horigome winning the competition and earning a chance to defend his Tokyo Games gold medal. —Kyodo News

CLASSIFIEDS

THE RAFU SHIMPO® (USPS 454-140)

The Rafu Shimpō is published daily, except Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, federal holidays (excluding January 1), Dec. 31, Jan. 2, Jan. 3 and the Tuesdays following federal holidays that fall on a Monday (Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day), by Michael Komai at 701 E. Third St., Suite 130, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1789. Periodicals Postage Paid at Los Angeles, California: \$49 for three months; \$91 for six months; \$177 per year, in the United States, payable in advance in U.S. currency. Single copy: \$1. POSTMASTER: Send address change to The Rafu Shimpō, 701 E. Third St., Suite 130, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1789. Newspaper assumes no responsibility for care and return of unsolicited materials.

For information on how to place an English section Classified Ad in The Rafu Shimpō, please call (213) 629-2231, ext. #100 or fax (213) 687-0737, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Deadline is 11 a.m. two days in advance of publication date. Ads must be prepaid by cash, check or credit card (American Express, Mastercard, and Visa). Include your name and a daytime phone number. In compliance with federal equal employment opportunity, some ads under "Help Wanted" may designate "man or woman," although the use of such terms does not mean jobs are limited to male or female applicants.

SENIOR HOME CARE SERVICES

Holly Services provides excellent caregiving services to Los Angeles, OC, SD, HI, and Japan. From 4 to 24 hours Rates start at \$29/hr Call 626-333-6767 All the staff employed Bonded & business/workers' comp insured License #194700619

Hope International Homecare, Inc.

Japanese bilingual caregivers can cook, clean, provide personal care with all your home care needs. - Part time to 24 hr care - Companion care to Hospice Care We cover WLA, East L.A., Monterey Park, Orange County, San Fernando Valley, San Bernardino and Long Beach. (310) 782-7979 www.hi-homecare.com

SENIOR HOME CARE SERVICES

JAPANESE HOME CARE Japanese Caregivers available to cook, clean, drive, etc. We specialize in home exercise for Parkinson's Disease, Stroke & more. Doctor of Physical Therapy on staff. CARELIFE (310) 373-6030 www.carelifeinc.com Bonded & Insured

BEST CARE CONNECTIONS IN-HOME CARE SERVICES

JAPANESE CAREGIVER SERVICES info@bcc-la.com www.bcc-la.com CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSE: HCO#194700410 1-888-610-1160 (ENGLISH/JAPANESE)

SERVICES

ABC ROOFING—Since 1979. Free estimate, reasonable price. Guarantee. Lic #425672 (213) 380-9073 Japanese Tree Trimming Over 25 years experience pruning matsu, juniper, maple, kaki while dormant, and other artistic trees. Serving all of Southern California. Cal State Long Beach grad. TAKASHI TASH KUSHI (714) 821-4808 Leave message anytime or call after 6 p.m. Japanese is OK

SERVICES

TLC Renovation, Inc. Carpentry, plumbing, electrical & much more. Big or small jobs welcomed. 25 years experience.

Licensed General Contractor #538475 Bob Tanabe (818) 352-2233

FISH POND SPECIALIST

Fish pond construction repair & maintenance. Solve any problem in the fish pond. Guarantee water in the pond is clean & clear. In business since 1987. Please call or text David at (626) 353-4841 or leave a message.

GARAGE SALE

FREE 2022 KAWASAKI KLR 650 Adventure. It has a clean title and if you are interested please contact: smithstevan688@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT

ACCOUNTANTS: CPA firm seeks accountants. Hybrid schedule living within normal commuting distance of firm's offices in Torrance, CA. Salary: \$75,088/year. Send resume to: Attn: HR (Job #CA2011), Hotta Liesenberg Saito LLP, 970 W. 190th St. #900, Torrance, CA 90502.

RAFU SHIMPO

Customer Service: (213) 629-2231 Contact us to place your advertising today!



eric akutagawa
a name you know and trust
Ask Me About
Compass Concierge!
310.890.1118
REALTOR® | BRE 042332
COMPASS

FD #808
FUKUI IS UNDERSTANDING
SINCE 1918
FUKUI MORTUARY
707 E. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-626-0441

FULL SERVICE
HOME CARE
JAPANESE CAREGIVERS
(213) 725-2273
WWW.PACECARELA.COM
CALIFORNIA LICENSE # 194700154

LIFE'S JOURNEY DOES NOT END
Green Hills Mortuary helps families honor life through celebration and remembrance.
• Serving families of all faiths, with special requests, and budgets
• Free advanced funeral planning
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 (310) 831-0311 | GreenHillsMortuary.com

Living Trusts
• Avoid Probate
• Stay in Control
• Trust Administration
• Power of Attorney
Protect Your Family!
800-403-6078
Judd Matsunaga
Attorney at Law
elderlawcalifornia.com

John Suga
Electrical & Plumbing
Lic. #B502655 C10 C36
Specializing in:
Solar/Bath & Kitchen Remodel/
Electrical Panel Upgrade
Tank-less Water Heater-Re-Pipe-Repairs & More
310-377-2077

Complete Fishing Tackle
626-797-8839
Johnny's SPORT SHOP
1402 Lincoln Ave. Pasadena CA 91103

IN THE HEART OF LITTLE TOKYO SINCE 1964
213 625 1122
BUNKADOONLINE.COM

KUBOTA
Sharing. Community. Legacy.
kubotamortuary.com

Serving the community over 70 years.
911 Venice Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90015
T: 213-749-1449
F: 213-749-0265
FD-929

YAMAGUCHI TERMITE CONTROL SERVICE
INSPECTION and ESTIMATES
TERMITE REPORTS and ESCROW
(323) 663-1161
STATE LICENSE NO. 6377

OYAMA PLUMBING
PAUL MIDDO
LICENSE # 758457
(323) 313-5392
RESIDENTIAL REPAIRS-REMODELING-REPIPING
INSURED

RAFU Event Calendar

We welcome submissions to our Events Calendar. Email information to gwen@rafu.com.

JUNE 25-28 — Fruit & Veggies Show: Art You Should Almost Eat at Giant Robot Store, 2015 Sawtelle Blvd, West Los Angeles. Closed Mondays, open 12-6 pm all other days. Info: (310) 478-1819, giantrobot.com.

JUNE 25 - JULY 20 — Kentaro Kawabata/Bruce Nauman at Nonaka-Hill, 720 N Highland Ave, Los Angeles. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-8 pm. Info: (323) 450-9409, gallery@nonaka-hill.com, http://nonaka-hill.com.

JUNE 25 — Screening of Yuriko Gamō Romer's "Baseball Behind Barbed Wire" and other short films, 4:45 pm at TCL Chinese 6 Theatres, Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue in Hollywood. Documentary about the role baseball played during the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans. Part of Dances with Films. Tickets: https://danceswithfilms.com/baseball-behind-barbed-wire/

JUNE 25 — Discover Nikkei's Nima Voices, Episode 16, 6-6:30 pm online. A conversation between Stan Kirk, researcher and writer of Japanese Canadian history, with guest host Yoko Murakawa, professor emerita at Keia University. Info: https://www.janm.org/events/2024-06-25/discover-nikkeis-nima-voices-episode-16-stan-kirk.

JUNE 26 — Jake Shimabukuro's Tradewinds & Rainbows Tour, 7:30 pm at Humphrey's Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego. Dinner packages available. Info: https://jakeshimabukuro.com/tour/

JUNE 27 — Asobi at JANM: Clay Knot and Object Workshop with Carrie Lau of Object-Matter, 7-9 pm at Japanese American National Museum, 100 N Central Ave, Little Tokyo. \$10 general, free for members. With cocktails and mocktails from Wolf & Crane, beer from Brewery Beer Company, drinks from Sanzo. Tickets: https://www.janm.org/events/2024-06-27/asobi-janm-clay-knot-and-object-workshop-carrie-lau-object-matter.

JUNE 27 — Jake Shimabukuro's Tradewinds & Rainbows Tour, 8 pm at Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard. With special guest Henry Kapono, featuring Jeff Peterson. Tickets: \$28, \$38, \$48, \$68, \$78 plus applicable fees. Info: https://jakeshimabukuro.com/tour/

JUNE 27 - JULY 21 — World premiere of "Unbroken Blossoms" by Philip W. Chung, directed by Jeff Liu, at David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 N Judge John Aiso St, Little Tokyo. Opening night: June 30. Showtimes: Monday and Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 2 and 8 pm; Sunday, 5 pm. An idealistic family man and a cynical, aspiring filmmaker are hired as the Chinese American consultants for "Broken Blossoms," Hollywood's first onscreen interracial love story... between a white actress and a white

actor in yellowface makeup. Info: (213) 625-7000, www.eastwestplayers.org/unbroken

JUNE 28 — Keiko Matsui, 7-8:30 pm at Spaghettini, 3005 Old Ranch Pkwy, Seal Beach. Featuring DW3, Steve Cole, Michael Lington. Info: (562) 596-2199, https://spaghettini.com/event/dw3-michael-lington-steve-cole-6-28-24/

JUNE 29 — Read & Run on the Road: Book Club Run of "Evergreen" with author Naomi Hirahara, 9am-12 pm in Little Tokyo and Boyle Heights. Registration 8:45 am. Start 9 am at San Pedro Firm Building, 112 Judge John Aiso St, Little Tokyo. Run 5.6-mile route inspired by "Evergreen." End: Post-run discussion at Mitsuru Grill and Café, 316 First St, Little Tokyo. \$35, not including lunch. Info/registration: https://chelseygrassfield.com.wordpress.com/2024/04/07/read-run-on-the-road-book-club-run-of-evergreen-with-author-naomi-hirahara/

JUNE 29 — Matsuri Fundraiser, 10 am-7 pm at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W 162nd St, Gardena. Food, entertainment, games, bingo, beer garden, white elephant sale, plant sale. Info: www.jci-gardena.org.

JUNE 29 — Inaugural Nikkei Wine Summit, 12:30-7:30 pm at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Panel discussion in Toshizo Watanabe Culinary Cultural Center, walk-around grand tasting in George J. Doizaki Gallery. Tickets: \$150. Must be 21+. Info/tickets: (213) 680-3700, jacc.org/nikkei-wine-summit-2024.

JUNE 29 — West Covina Buddhist Temple Obon Festival, 3-9 pm at East San Gabriel Valley Japanese community center, 1203 W Puente Ave, West Covina. Manto-E service at 6 pm, Kishin Daiko at 6:30 pm, Bon Odori from 7-9 pm. Games for kids, food, exhibits, vendors. Dance practice on June 25 and 27 from 7-8:30 pm. Info: (626) 689-1040, wcbt.livingdharma@gmail.com, https://livingdharma.org.

JUNE 29 — Summer Festival, 3-10 pm at Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center, 1766 Seabright Ave, Long Beach. Ondo dancing (6:30 pm), taiko, Japanese foods, games, opportunity drawing. Info: (562) 754-8226, lbjapanesecc@gmail.com, lbjcc.org.

JUNE 29 — Okaeri Matsuri, 4-9 pm at Terasaki Budokan, 249 S Los Angeles St, Little Tokyo. A community festival that gathers the Nikkei LGBTQ+ community to celebrate queer joy, inspired by Japanese summer festivities. Includes odori/dancing, performances, games, food, raffles. Free but registration required: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/okaeri-matsuri-registration-887272795817?aff=oddtcreator. Info: info@okaeri.org. Dance practice June 26, 6-8 pm at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 815 E First St, Little Tokyo.

JUNE 29 — Okinawa-style Bon Dance workshop and potluck (all

ages; no experience necessary) at Okinawa Association of America's monthly Nuchaashii Gathering, 4-6 pm at OAA Center's Yamauchi Bldg., 16500 S Western Ave, Gardena. RSVP: tinyurl.com/nuchaashii24, (310) 532-1929. In-person attendance highly encouraged. Free admission with one potluck dinner dish. On-site parking available behind the buildings off 165th Pl. For long-distance community members, the gathering will also be online via Zoom. Every last Saturday (in-person potluck every month, hybrid every other month).

JUNE 29 — East West Jazz All-Stars, 7:30 pm at Live from La Costa, Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Rd, Carlsbad. Featuring Michael Paulo (saxophone), Tia Carrere (vocals), June Kuramoto (koto), Daniel Ho (guitar/ukulele), Kimo Cornwell (keyboards), David Inamine (bass), Fred Schreuders (guitar). Tickets: \$60-\$75. Info: https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/apaulomusic/2914/event/1374454

Through JUNE 29 — "Matsumi Kanemitsu: Traction Avenue" at Louie Stern Fine Arts, 9002 Melrose Ave, West Hollywood. A selection of late works by influential artist and educator Matsumi Kanemitsu (1922-1992). Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm; Saturday, 11 am-5 pm. Info: (310) 276-0147, info@louissternfinearts.com, www.louissternfinearts.com.

JUNE 29-30 — San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Obon Festival on Saturday, 4:30-10 pm, and Sunday, 4:30-9 pm at San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Branford St, Pacoima. SFVJACC club demonstrations, displays on local JA history, cultural arts, bingo, raffle, taiko, Obon Odori (Saturday at 7 pm, Sunday at 6:30 pm). Info: (818) 899-4030, https://www.sfvhbt.org/obon-festival/

JUNE 29 - JULY 21 — Anime Exhibition showcasing 100 works by Wakayama Prefecture students following the theme "Four Seasons" at George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Hours: Tuesdays-Sundays, 12-4 pm. Info: www.jacc.org.

JUNE 30 — Japanese Summer Festival, 10 am-7 pm at Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance. Food, traditional performers, artists, dance teams, dance contest and more. Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 children under 12, free for children under 3 and seniors over 65. Presented by Bridge USA. Info: www.bridgeusa.com.

JUNE 30 — Mahjong Mistress and Japanese American Cultural & Community Center present Summer Golden Hour, 4-8 pm at Toshizo Watanabe Culinary Cultural Center and James Irvine Japanese Garden, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. Mahjong lessons, light bites and drinks. Must be 21+. Cost: \$25. Tickets: https://my.jacc.org/fy24-performing-arts/063024-mmjacc-

OBITUARY

Clayton Gene Mizufuka

A Celebration of Life was held on June 13, 2024, for the late Clayton Gene Mizufuka. The 73-year-old, Los Angeles-born, resident of Kihei, Maui, Hawaii passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joey Mizufuka; son, Justin (Michelle) Mizufuka; daughter, Courtney (Aaron) Mizufuka-Oda; grandchildren, Aria Joy Mizufuka and Dylan Yuichi Mizufuka-Oda; brothers, Ron (Linda) Mizufuka and Curtis (Janice) Mizufuka; brother-in-law, Robert (Sharon) Matsuura; nephews, Riki Matsuura, Scott (Jill) Mizufuka and their son, Miles; Eric (Shion) Mizufuka and their children, Kaylee, Leah, and Emi; nieces, Kelli (Erick) Eda, Jamie (Neil) Dam and their children, Lachlan and Skye.

summer-golden-hour

JULY 4-7 — 2024 Anime Expo at L.A. Convention Center, 1201 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles. Each year, Anime Expo brings together fans and industry from Japan, the U.S., and all over the world for the largest celebration of Japanese pop culture in North America, featuring the best in Japanese entertainment, music, fashion, and video games. Registration: 4 days, \$150; Thursday, \$75; Friday, \$80; Saturday, \$85; Sunday, \$70; child pass (6-13), \$40; 4-day military special offer, \$125. Info: www.anime-expo.org.

JULY 6 — Bon Odori at Senshin Buddhist Temple, 1311 W 37th St, Los Angeles. Hatsuban at 4:30 pm; Bon Odori at 7 pm; Omairi in Hondo and Sento Shogon at 9 pm; Otoki and Horaku at 9:30 pm. Info: (323) 731-4617, https://senshintemple.org.

JULY 6 — Keiko Matsui and Naje, 7 pm at Thornton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Rd, Temecula. Info/tickets: (951) 699-0099, www.thorntonwine.com.

JULY 7 — Tanzo: Art & Forge Expo, 11 am-4:30 pm at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S San Pedro St, Little Tokyo. A rare opportunity to view historic, museum-quality samurai swords, featuring master blacksmiths Yo Kurosaki and Yoshimi Kato. New knife releases, free engravings, live knife-forging demonstrations. Culinary offerings include sake tasting (must be 21+) and five-course dinner prepared by an all-star chef team, including Peter Duong, Gary Matsumoto and JACC Executive Chef Chris Ono, with Seisuke Knife team's Chef David Phu and Chef Wallace Wong. Admission: \$35 general, \$10 children under 18. Dinner: \$165 (includes tax and service fee). Info: https://jacc.org/events/tanzo-art-forge-expo/

JULY 13 — Naomi Hirahara to discuss her book "Evergreen," 2-3 pm at Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S Altadena Dr, Pasadena. Venue info: (626) 744-7266. Author info: www.naomihirahara.com.

JULY 13 — Temecula Wine and Music Festival, 3 pm at Monteleone Meadows Ranch, 35245 Brigg Rd, Murrieta. Featuring Michael Paulo (saxophone), Pamela Williams (saxophone), Yuko Mabuchi (piano), David Garfield (piano), Kanzaki (saxophone), Ron King (trumpet), Kimo Cornwell (keyboards), David Inamine (bass), Darryl Walker (vocals/saxophone), Robbie Wyckoff (vocals), Tateng Katindig (keyboards), Land Richards (drums), Tony Moore (drums), Darryl Williams (bass), Fred Schreuders (guitar) and more. Wine,

music, food vendors, live and silent auction items with all proceeds going to charity. Info: saxhawaii@aol.com, https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/apaulomusic/2914/event/1376139

JULY 13-14 — Obon Festival, 3:30-8:30 pm at Nishi Hongwanji, 815 E First St, Little Tokyo. Food booths, game booths, white elephant sale, farmer's market, bingo, entertainment. Bon Odori 6:30-8:30 pm. Dance practice: July 7, 11 a.m.-12:30 pm in Kaikan; June 25 and July 10, 7-8:30 pm in West Lot. Info: (213) 680-9130, www.nishihongwanji-la.org.

JULY 13-17 — Hayao Miyazaki's "Princess Mononoke" at selected theaters. July 13 at 3 pm (subtitled), July 14 at 3 and 7 pm (dubbed), July 15 at 7 pm (subtitled), July 16 at 7 pm (dubbed), July 17 at 7 pm (subtitled). Part of Studio Ghibli Fest 2024. Theater locations and tickets: www.fathomevents.com.

JULY 14 — Obon Festival, 1-7 pm at Sozenji Buddhist Temple, 3020 W Beverly Blvd, Montebello. Obon and Manto-e service at 2 pm; booths and bingo open at 1 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 practices 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.

Through AUG 4 — "Refashioning" at UCLA's Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd, Westwood. Fashion-forward exhibition featuring transdisciplinary artists and fashion designers Concept Foreign Garments New York (CFGNY) and Tokyo-based Wataru Tominaga. Free admission. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 11 am-6 pm; Friday, 11 am-8 pm. Closed Mondays and national holidays. Info: (310) 443-7000, hammer.ucla.edu.

Kindergarten

Continued from page 1

By 2025-26, California will become the state with the largest universal preschool program in the nation with the expansion of California's Transitional Kindergarten program. The state is home to the most significant percentage of children ages 0-5 who speak or are exposed to multiple languages in their homes. Emerging bilingual students entering TK must be appropriately identified and supported in ways that promote their unique linguistic and cultural assets.

The ELPAC requires a child to be able to write letters, read, and write simple words. TK students typically navigate the early stages of language development, including beginning to master pre-literacy skills, such as recognizing letters and sounds. Using assessment instruments designed and intended for older students can lead to placing TK students on educational tracks that may not correspond to their abilities and needs.

Ho Chi Minh

Continued from page 1

Nguyen called on Harris-Dawson to withdraw the comments, "given that the dictator implemented policies that suppressed human rights and led to immense suffering." She said promoting the Communist takeover of South Vietnam led "to a catastrophic war and millions of deaths."

Nguyen argued that Ho "terrorized millions of South Vietnamese during the takeover," causing the U.S. to get involved in a 20-year war.

The senator described Harris-Dawson's remarks as "tone-deaf," coming on the heels of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declaring April 30 as Jane Fonda Day in the county — a recognition the board later shifted to April 8 after complaints that April 30 coincides with Black April, which commemorates the Fall of Saigon.

LTSC

Continued from page 1

thrive, in Los Angeles and beyond... for their decades of leadership in strengthening ethnic neighborhoods and training generations of social workers who would carry on a legacy of service."

In speaking of her experience as a "Billtern," Dr. Susan Lares-Nakaoka, director of field education in UCLA's Department of Social Welfare, recalled, "I was an intern working with Bill 25 years ago — the things I learned from him stick with me today. He was visionary, he was generous in sharing leadership and decision-making power and he showed me the importance of always doing the right thing. I think about his wisdom and his gentle but powerful leadership all the time."

都知事選 「首都の顔」に望むのは 初の週末 異例乱立、政策勝負を

東京都知事選は22日、告示後初の週末を迎えた。少子高齢化や災害対策など課題が山積する中、過去最多56人が乱立し、選挙ポスター掲示場の枠が足りないなど異例の事態も、買い物客や観光客らでにぎわう街では、政策勝負を求めた。候補者乱立に困惑したりする声も聞かれた。有権者は何を望むのか。「首都の顔」を選ぶ戦いは、7月7日に投票開票される。



候補者の演説に耳を傾ける有権者ら。23日午前、東京・東横線

23年海外直接投資2%減 経済減速、地政学的緊張

【シネーブ共同】国連貿易開発会議(UNCTAD)は、世界の海外直接投資額が2023年は前年比2%減の1兆3318億ドル(約210兆円)だったとする報告書を20日、発表した。世界経済の減速や貿易摩擦、地政学的緊張が要因で、24年も海外投資は厳しい状況が続くと予測した。

中国の対内直接投資は1632億ドルと前年から14%の大幅減だった。グリンズパン事務局長は声明で「投資は単なる資本移動ではなく、より公平で持続可能な世界の追求だ」と述べ、各国に海外投資の推進を訴えた。

UNCTADは1991年から毎年、世界や地域の投資動向を分析した「世界投資報告書」を発表している。

NASAに賠償請求 宇宙から破片、自宅破壊 (ワシントンAFP時事) 国際宇宙ステーション(ISS)から脱落した宇宙ごみ(破片)が、フロリダ州ネプールの住民が航空宇宙局(NASA)を相手取り、8万ドルの損害賠償を求め訴訟を提起した。破片は70センチメートル、重さは約100グラムで、3月8日に家を直撃。当時、子供が家に居た。NASAは、子供が家に居たことを認め、2021年にISSから脱落した古いパッチの台の一部だと認めた。代理人は「依頼人はこの出来事で被ったストレスや衝撃に対する十分な補償を求めている」としている。

英会話、先生は対話型AI 能登地震で児童学習に一役 早大、関西大でも導入 (AI) 対話型人工知能(AI)を使った英会話学習の先駆者として、早稲田大学や関西大学が一部の授業に導入している。英会話の先生は対話型AIで、児童の発音や文法をリアルタイムでチェックし、適切なフィードバックを提供する。また、英会話の先生は対話型AIで、児童の発音や文法をリアルタイムでチェックし、適切なフィードバックを提供する。

「エキメノポリス」が開発した英会話AIと対話する大学受験生=5月、東京都新宿区 (共同) AIは受験生の英会話能力を6段階の下から2番目に判定し、語順や発音の間違いに注意し、適切なフィードバックを提供する。また、英会話の先生は対話型AIで、児童の発音や文法をリアルタイムでチェックし、適切なフィードバックを提供する。

文化芸術分野で年収格差 女性半数超が2百万円未満 (共同) 文化芸術分野の年収格差が顕著な傾向にある。調査によると、女性では半数以上が年収200万円未満である。また、男性でも年収200万円未満の割合は約3割に達している。

政府、AI兵器で立場公表 「人間関与、責任を重視」 (共同) 外務省は24日、人工知能(AI)を使った自律型致死兵器システム(LAWS)を巡る日本政府の「基本的な立場」をホームページで公表した。新興技術の軍事利用について「人間の原則を維持し、責任ある形で進められることを重視する」と表明。国際人道法を順守できない兵器の開発を抑制する意向を示している。

約1万4千カ所あるポスター掲示場の一部には政治団体の活動により、同じ人物のポスターなどが多数張られた。秋葉原付近の掲示板上には、女性キックボクサーを名乗る人物の絵柄が並ぶ。仕事で訪れた自営業の女性(75)は「こんな違反じゃないか、とみんな疑問に思っているのでは」と首をかしげた。

「エキメノポリス」が開発した英会話AIと対話する大学受験生=5月、東京都新宿区 (共同) AIは受験生の英会話能力を6段階の下から2番目に判定し、語順や発音の間違いに注意し、適切なフィードバックを提供する。また、英会話の先生は対話型AIで、児童の発音や文法をリアルタイムでチェックし、適切なフィードバックを提供する。

文化芸術分野で年収格差 女性半数超が2百万円未満 (共同) 文化芸術分野の年収格差が顕著な傾向にある。調査によると、女性では半数以上が年収200万円未満である。また、男性でも年収200万円未満の割合は約3割に達している。

政府、AI兵器で立場公表 「人間関与、責任を重視」 (共同) 外務省は24日、人工知能(AI)を使った自律型致死兵器システム(LAWS)を巡る日本政府の「基本的な立場」をホームページで公表した。新興技術の軍事利用について「人間の原則を維持し、責任ある形で進められることを重視する」と表明。国際人道法を順守できない兵器の開発を抑制する意向を示している。

約1万4千カ所あるポスター掲示場の一部には政治団体の活動により、同じ人物のポスターなどが多数張られた。秋葉原付近の掲示板上には、女性キックボクサーを名乗る人物の絵柄が並ぶ。仕事で訪れた自営業の女性(75)は「こんな違反じゃないか、とみんな疑問に思っているのでは」と首をかしげた。

産経電子版 産経新聞が日本時間で毎朝夕届きます！ 進化した電子新聞 好きなデバイスで紙面が読める 電子版限定の特別面を掲載 原則フルカラー対応 電子版で使える！ 便利な機能 バックナンバー90日 スクラップ機能 地域ページ切替自由 記事キーワード検索

CHIBA RESTAURANT 7515 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hollywood (818) 765-9119

藍レストラン JAPANESE RESTAURANT (626) 799-0534 1013 Fair Oaks Ave., S. Pasadena, CA 91030

健康一番 健康器具、健康食品も掲載広告をチェック あなたのニーズにあった商品をお探し下さい

優秀な人材を探しています 素晴らしい仕事を望んでいます (213) 629-2231 Fax (213) 687-0737 701 E 3rd St #130 Los Angeles CA 90013-1789

SuperLotto Plus 6月22日(土) 実施分 ●当り番号 (7・36・37・38・43) ●メガナンバー (8)

クラシファイド申込書 広告料金は基本4行(48文字分のスペース)で1週間31冊です。1行増す毎に75セント追加になります。2週間55冊、1カ月96冊。

クラシファイド申込書 (空白欄) (空白欄) 氏名: 住所: 電話: () 掲載期間: (お支払い方法) Payable to: The Rafu Shimpo

